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HERE AND THERE

Goodbye 2023 FIDE/CFC Open (December 28-30)

To close out 2023 the Fraser Valley Chess Academy chose to offer a long time control tournament along with a bonus blitz event. Held over three days in one section, the Open consisted of six rounds, two per day, at the standard 90 + 30, while the blitz was interspersed between the classical rounds, three games a day, for a total of nine games. In a first for the FVCA, in addition to being CFC rated each event was also FIDE rated. Other tournaments took place at the same time in Calgary and Las Vegas (see below), meaning some of the usual contenders for top prizes were engaged elsewhere and allowing the next tier of players a shot at the podium.

The thirty-two player [Open](#) saw a three-way tie for first, all of whom are relative newcomers to the BC chess scene: Bhell Ortiz, Alejandro Gonzalez Bringas, and Maximilian Müller have only been playing here since September. Leo Zhou and Bowen Wu tied for fourth with 4.5 each, the former gaining some 180 rating points. Bhell also came out on top in the [Blitz](#) but this time clear first with 8.0/9, Orven Ortiz was a distant second on 6.5, while Alejandro, Maximilian, Reece Harms, Aniket Kathpal, and Owen Cranswick tied for third – the latter two achieved triple-digit rating gains.

14th Calgary International (December 26-30)

Held at the Calgary Chess Club and organized and directed by Vlad Rekhson, the international aspect of this year's Calgary International was provided by Cuban GM Camilo Ernesto Gomez Garrido, the only one of the players who doesn't actually live in Canada. The other marquee player was fellow GM Dimitri Komarov, still representing Ukraine but since last summer a resident of Edmonton. The remainder of the seventeen-player field were mostly from Alberta, although there were two BC participants, CMs Neil Doknjas and Jorge Nunez Asencio. After nine rounds the two grandmasters finished at the top of the [crosstable](#): Gomez Garrido gave up three draws in finishing first with 7.5 points, while the veteran Komarov had an additional two draws and placed second. Tied for third on 6.0 points were Doknjas and Nunez Asencio; Neil had no draws at all, but did have the satisfaction of beating Jorge in the penultimate round. One surprising aspect of the event was each grandmaster won a game by forfeit. This led to the unusual but legal situation of Gomez Garrido being paired against the same opponent twice: their round eight result was a forfeit which is not considered a game in terms of either opponent nor colour, hence they could be paired together again in round nine (a draw).

Nunez Asencio, Jorge (2266) – Khodjimatov, Sherzod (2131) [D35] Calgary int 14th Calgary (6.2), 29.12.2023

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.Nf3 Ne4 9.Bf4 Bb4 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.Bxe4 dxe4 12.Nd2 f5 13.0–0 Nb6 14.a3 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Nb3 0–0 17.Nc5 Kh8 18.b4 Rf6 19.f3 exf3 20.Rxf3 Rf7 21.Raf1 h6 22.N3e4 Qe7 23.Ng3 f4 24.Qb3 Bg4 25.Rxf4 Rxf4 26.Rxf4 Qg5 27.Nge4 Qh5 28.Ng3 Qg5 29.Nce4 Qg6 30.Qf7 Qxf7 31.Rxf7 a5 32.h3 Be6 33.Rxb7 Nc4 34.Nc5 axb4 35.axb4 Bg8 36.e4 Bh7 37.Re7 Ra1+ 38.Kh2 Ne3 39.Re8+ Bg8 40.Nf5 Nxf5 41.exf5 Kh7 42.Nd7 Bf7 43.Nf8+ Kg8 44.Rd8 g5 45.fxg6 1–0

Nunez Asencio, Jorge (2266) – Doknjas, Neil (2255) [D37] Calgary int 14th Calgary (8.2), 30.12.2023

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 0–0 6.e3 b6 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Nxd5 Qxd5 9.Bd3 Qa5+ 10.Ke2 Ba6 11.a3 c5 12.b4 Bxd3+ 13.Qxd3 Qa4 14.Rhc1 Nd7 15.Bg5 Bxg5 16.Nxg5 g6 17.Qc2 Qb5+ 18.Qc4 Qxc4+ 19.Rxc4 b5 20.Rc2 cxd4 21.exd4 Nb6 22.Rc5 Nd5 23.Rac1 Rfb8 24.g3 a5 25.bxa5 Kg7 26.Kf1 Rxa5 27.Rb1 h6 28.Ne4 Rxa3 29.Rcxb5 Rxb5 30.Rxb5 Ra4 31.Rb7 Rxd4 32.Nd6 Ne3+ 33.Ke2 Rxd6 34.Kxe3 g5 35.Rb4 h5 36.h4 g4 37.Rb5 Kg6 38.Rg5+ Kh6 39.Ra5 Rb6 40.Rc5 f6 41.Ra5 Kg6 42.Ra3 e5 43.Rc3 Ra6 44.Rb3 Kf5 45.Rc3 Ke6 46.Rb3 f5 47.Rb8 Ra3+ 48.Ke2 Kd5 49.Rb5+ Kd4 50.Rb4+ Kc5 51.Rb8 f4 52.gxf4 exf4 53.Rh8 Kd4 54.Rxh5 f3+ 55.Kd2 Ra2+ 56.Ke1 Ra1+ 57.Kd2 g3 0–1

Doknjas, Neil (2255) – Khodjimatov, Sherzod (2131) [C70] Calgary int 14th Calgary (9.3), 30.12.2023

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nge7 5.c3 Ng6 6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4 Be7 8.0–0 0–0 9.f4 b5 10.Bc2 Bb7 11.Be3 d6 12.Nd2 Re8 13.Qh5 Bf6 14.Rad1 Qc8 15.N4f3 Nd8 16.f5 Ne5 17.Nxe5 dxe5 18.g4 g6 19.Qh6 Bg7 20.Qh4 c5 21.f6 Bf8 22.Rf3 Qe6 23.Rh3 h6 24.Rf1 Bc8 25.Rf5 Qb6 26.Bxh6 1–0



Round 9: Chandra-Nunez Asencio, Doknjas-Khodjimatov

33rd North American Open (December 26-30)

The [North American Open](#) has always been an attractive proposition for BC players seeking a chess fix during the holidays, and this year some two dozen players from this province made the journey to Las Vegas for a chance to compete for the \$130,000 guaranteed prize fund. These players included Luis Eduardo Azmitia, Severo Caluza, Yakiv Hrabarchuk, Eric Jiang, George Kosinski, Quang Long Le, Aiden Leong, Jeffrey Liu, Zachary Hankun Liu, Elliot McCallum, Siobhan McCallum, Penny Pham, Andrew Yu Qiu, Peter Yong Qiu, Ethan Song, Haoze (Dennis) Wang, Jason Williamson, Charles Wu, Nathan Ping-Ying Wu, Nicholas Pei-Chang Wu, Jingyun (Ryan) Yang, Aiden Yin, Andrew Yin, and Jasper Zhang. Held at the Horseshoe Casino Resort (formerly Bally's), the tournament consisted of eight sections with seven rounds for all sections except the open which had nine.

Top-rated in the Open Section was American GM Grigoriy Oparin who lived up to his ranking by winning his first six games and drawing the rest to claim first place with 7.5/9, a half-point ahead of GMs Praveen Balakrishnan and Fidel Corrales Jiminez (both representing USA) and Koustav Chatterjee (India). Top Canadian was IM Quang Long Le who tied with fourteen others on 6.0 points, worth \$180; Aiden Leong, Ethan Song, and Jingyun (Ryan) Yang all scored 50%. WIM Penny Pham was the highest-rated in the U2300 Section but two losses left her with 5.0 points, tied for eleventh and just out of the prizes; Nathan Ping-Ying Wu was also part of the same tie. 5.0 points were also achieved by Eric Jiang in the U1900 and Yakiv Hrabarchuk in the U1700 but only the latter won money, \$28.57 as part of a fourteen-way tie for tenth place. There was also a ten-round blitz tournament in two sections, the Open won by Iranian GM Ehsan Ghaem Maghami with 9.5/10(!), a point and a half ahead of those tied for second who included Ontario IM Artiom Samsonkin. IM Quang Long Le on 7.5 points and clear seventh was out of the money, but WIM Penny Pham scored a half point less but won \$116.67 (a share of the U2300 prizes). [USCF crosstables](#)

Christmas Rapid (Langley, December 24)

'Twas the night before Christmas, and the Fraser Valley Chess Academy hosted their last rapid event of the year: despite the holiday rush thirty-two players found the time to compete in six rounds of 15 + 10. There were four players over 2000, including Luc Poitras participating in his first rated tournament since 2009 (he has of course organized and played in many unrated events in the interim), but it was Nick Beqo and Mayo Fuentesbella who tied for first with 5.0 points each, Mayo giving up two draws to Bhell and Orven Ortiz but beating Nick in the last round. Tied on 4.5 points were Bhell, Zachary Liu, and Lebron Clement; the latter, playing in only his third tournament, has a regular rating under 700 but achieved an initial quick rating from this event of 1868 – go figure. [CFC crosstable](#)

Blendz Memorial Blitz (December 23) by Joe Roback

Saturday, December 23rd, 2023 marked the third annual Blendz Memorial Blitz tournament in honour of Jun Bandong, Rob King & Uncle Alex. Congratulations to the 2023 winners:

1st: Retro23 aka GM Camilo Ernesto Gomez - \$40	2nd: ivana1234 - \$25
3rd: Kaizen_Chess_Academy - NM - \$15	4th: LEECHESS6100 - IM - \$10
Best Performance under 1800 - AladarGtx22 - \$10	



Official tournament results [here](#). For exciting upcoming events (GM simuls and cash prize tournies) join our Blendz Chess Club [here](#). Thank you to the generous donors: Louie, Terry, Mayo, Clem, Willie, Angelika, and everyone else who supported us.

North American Junior (December 19-23)

Junior championships have lost much of their prestige to the more recent youth contests (i.e., U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18), but they still exist as a separate event, open to any player under the age of twenty. The North American Junior, restricted to players from Canada, the US, or Mexico, was held initially in Kitchener, Ontario in 2014 and 2015. This year the tournament was hosted by Dulles, Virginia (part of the Washington metropolitan area) and as a continental championship offered direct titles and norms as part of the prizes. There were one hundred and thirty-six entrants in the two sections, and among the seventeen Canadians were CM Neil Doknjas and Elliot McCallum from BC. Top ranked in the [Open Section](#) was two-time U.S. Women's Champion IM Carissa Yip, who completed an unintentional Swiss gambit by losing in the first round but still won the event and gained a grandmaster norm by winning all her remaining games. FM Erick Zhao (USA) was second with 7.5 points, while a further half-point back were Canadians FM Daniel Xu and IM Nicholas Vettese, third and fourth respectively after tiebreaks. After five rounds Neil was tied for first with 4.5/5 but lost his next two games to finish sixth on tiebreak. Elliot scored 3.0 points.

Montes Orozco, Miguel Angel (2155) – Doknjas, Neil (2255) [E05] North American jun Dulles (5.3), 21.12.2023

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0–0 6.0–0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bc6 10.Bg5 Nbd7 11.Nc3 h6 12.Bf4 Bd6 13.Rfd1 Qe7 14.a5 Rfd8 15.Qb3 Rab8 16.Qc2 Bxf4 17.gxf4 Nf8 18.e3 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Ng6 20.Na4 Nh4 21.Bh1 Nd5 22.Ra3 Kh8 23.Kf1 Rg8 24.Qd2 g5 25.fxc4 Qxc4 26.e4 Nf4 27.Rg3 Qb5+ 28.Ke1 Nfg2+ 29.Bxc4 Nxc4+ 30.Rxc4 Rxc4 31.Qxh6+ Kg8 32.Nc3 Rg1+ 33.Kd2 Qxb2+ 34.Kd3 Rxd1+ 35.Nxd1 Qb1+ 36.Kd2 Qxe4 37.Qg5+ Qg6 38.Qe5 Rd8 39.Ne3 Rd7 40.Qf4 c5 41.d5 Kh7 42.Kc1 Qh6 43.Qe4+ f5 44.Qe5 Rxd5 45.Qc7+ Kg6 46.Qxb7 Qg7 47.Qb3 c4 48.Qxc4 Qa1+ 49.Kc2 Qd4 50.Qxa6 Rc5+ 0–1

17th SPICE Cup (December 17-22)



Sponsored by Webster University and the Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence, the [SPICE Cup](#) is an annual event providing strong competition and norm possibilities to aspiring players. Held at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Chesterfield, a suburb of St. Louis, the nine-round tournament attracted fifty-two participants including six GMs and eleven IMs. Somewhat surprisingly the only Canadians in attendance were from BC: IM Max Gedajlovic, NM Ethan Song, CM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang, and Zachary Hankun Liu. The overall winner was thirteen-year-old prodigy IM Andy Woodward from Texas with 7.0 points, while GMs Aram Hakobyan (Armenia) and Yasser Quesada Perez (Cuba) tied for second with IM Safal Bora (USA), Max was best Canadian, tied for seventh with 5.5 points.

McConnell, Sullivan (2191) – Song, Ethan (2171) [B23] SPICE Cup 17th Chesterfield (8.17), 21.12.2023

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.Nge2 e6 6.0–0 a6 7.a4 d5 8.exd5 exd5 9.Ba2 Bd6 10.d3 Bg4 11.h3 Bxe2 12.Nxe2 Ne6 13.Ng3 Bc7 14.Re1 Qd6 15.c3 0–0 16.Bd2 Rae8 17.Qf3 h5 18.Re2 h4 19.Nf1 Re7 20.Rae1 Rfe8 21.Bb3 b5 22.axb5 axb5 23.Bc2 b4 24.Bb1 bxc3 25.bxc3 d4 26.Ba2 dxc3 27.Bxc3 Ng5 0–1

Gedajlovic, Max (2390) – Sheehan, Ethan (2339) [B53] SPICE Cup 17th Chesterfield (9.10), 22.12.2023

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.Bg5 e6 9.0–0–0 Be7 10.Rhe1 0–0 11.e5 dxe5 12.Nxe5 Qxd4 13.Rxd4 Bxg2 14.Rg1 Bc6 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.Ne4 Nd5 17.Bh6 g6 18.Bxf8 Kxf8 19.c4 Nf4 20.Nc3 e5 21.Rd7 Ne6 22.Rgd1 Nd4 23.Rb7 g5 24.b4 a6 25.Na4 Rd8 26.c5 a5 27.bxa5 Ra8 28.Nb6 Rxa5 29.Nd7+ Ke8 30.Nxe5 Rxc5+ 31.Kb1 Rxe5

32.Rxd4 Bc5 33.Rd2 Ba3 34.Kc2 c5 35.Kb3 Bc1 36.Rc2 Bf4 37.h3 Re1 38.Kc4 h5 39.Kxc5 h4
40.Rb3 Ke7 41.a4 Ra1 42.Kb5 f5 43.Rc4 Bd2 44.Rb2 Be1 45.Re2+ Kf7 46.Rc7+ Kf6 47.Rc6+ Kf7
48.Re5 Bd2 49.Rxf5+ Ke7 50.Re5+ Kf7 51.Rd5 Rb1+ 52.Ka6 Bf4 53.Rd7+ Ke8 54.Rh7 1-0

NEW YEAR OPEN (January 4-6)



Chess fans didn't have long to wait for the first tournament of the New Year. Organized by Ryan Leong/Lulu Island Chess at the Bethany Baptist Church in Richmond, the New Year Open gave players the opportunity to play nine rounds of classical chess over three days by adopting the minimum time control allowed by the CFC for regular rating, 50 +10. Eighty-seven entrants in two sections took up the challenge. In the fifty-player [Open Section](#) fully a quarter of the participants were rated over 2000 but it was CM Jorge Nunez Asencio who dominated the field, winning his first five games and beating his closest rival Jingyun (Ryan) Yang in round 7 before coasting home to take the first prize with 7.5 points. Ryan tied for second with three other players a full-point behind: Leo Qu, Johan Aljo, and Ashton Taylor. Both Johan and Ashton pushed their ratings into the mid-2100s. The [U1400 Section](#) also had the same distribution of winners at the top – Jordan Zhu was clear first with 7.0 points, just ahead of Tai Belke, Zack Zhou, Ryder Hsu, and Daniel Zhu tied for second. And for those for whom nine rounds of classical chess was not enough, the tournament ended with seven double rounds of [blitz](#). Here young guns Ethan Song and Ryan Yang led the way, tying for first with 11.0/14; a point behind were Bhell Orvin and Yidong Lu, closely followed by IM Vicente Lee Jr. and Zachary Liu. Forty-four players participated. Watch for the [Junior Winter Rapid](#) on February 3.

Nunez Asencio, Jorge (2376) – Li, James S. (2056) [D43] New Year op Richmond (3.1), 04.01.2024

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.Rab1 g6 12.b4 a6 13.a4 Ne6 14.Bh4 Ng7 15.b5 axb5 16.axb5 Bf5 17.bxc6 bxc6 18.Ne5 Rc8 19.Na4 Bxd3 20.Nxd3 Ne4 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Rb6 Qd6 23.Rc1 Qa3 24.Nac5 Nxc5 25.Nxc5 Nf5 26.Ra6 Qb4 27.Nd3 Qb5 28.Rxc6 Nd6 29.Rc5 Qb7 30.Rb1 Qe7 31.Nf4 Qe4 32.Rc1 Rxc5 33.dxc5 Nc8 34.Qxe4 dxe4 35.Nd5 Kf8 36.Nf6 Re5 1-0

Taylor, Ashton (1982) – Yang, Jingyun (Ryan) (2242) [D90] New Year op Richmond (2.2), 04.01.2024

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.d4 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.g3 Nxc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.Bg2 Nc6 9.0–0 cxd4 10.cxd4 Bf5 11.e3 0–0 12.Nh4 Be6 13.Rb1 Bxa2 14.Rxb7 Bd5 15.Ba3 Bxg2 16.Nxg2 Re8 17.Qa4 Qd5 18.Rb5 Qd7 19.Rc5 Ne5 20.Qxd7 Nxd7 21.Rc7 Nb6 22.Rxe7 Rxe7 23.Bxe7 a5 24.Nf4 a4 25.Ra1 Bf8 26.Bxf8 Kxf8 27.Kf1 Ke7 28.Ke2 Kd6 29.Kd3 g5 30.Ne2 f5 31.f3 Kc6 32.Nc3 h5 33.h4 f4 34.exf4 gxf4 35.g4 hxg4 36.fxg4 Rh8 37.h5 Kd6 38.Ke4 Rf8 39.Kf3 Rc8 40.Ne4+ Kd5 41.h6 Kxd4 42.h7 Ke5 43.Rh1 Rh8 44.Rh5+ Kd4 45.Nd6 a3 46.Nb5+ Kc4 47.Nxa3+ Kb4 48.Rb5+ Kxa3 49.Rxb6 Rxh7 50.Kxf4 Rf7+ 51.Ke5 Rg7 52.Kf5 Rf7+ 53.Kg6 Rf1 54.g5 Rg1 55.Kf6 Ka4 56.g6 Ka5 57.Rb3 Ka4 58.Rb7 Ka5 59.Kf7 Rf1+ 60.Kg8 Ka6 61.Rf7 Rg1 62.g7 Kb6 63.Kf8 Kc6 64.g8Q 1–0

Yang, Jingyun (Ryan) (2242) – Qu, Leo (2220) [B13] New Year op Richmond (5.2), 05.01.2024

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Bxf3 9.gxf3 Nb6 10.Be3 e6 11.0–0–0 Rc8 12.Kb1 Be7 13.d5 exd5 14.Bh3 Ra8 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Rxd5 Qb8 17.Bd7+ Kf8 18.Bf4 Qxf4 19.Rf5 Qxf5+ 20.Bxf5 Nd4 21.Qxb7 Rd8 22.Be4 Ne6 23.Rc1 g6 24.Bd5 Rxd5 25.Qxd5 Kg7 26.Re1 Rd8 27.Qb7 Kf6 28.Qxa7 Rd5 29.Qa8 Rd8 30.Qe4 Kg7 31.f4 Bf6 32.f5 Nc5 33.Qc2 Rd5 34.fxg6 hxg6 35.Rd1 Rh5 36.a4 Na6 37.Qc4 Nc5 38.a5 1–0

Aljo, Johan (2064) – Taylor, Ashton (1982) [E73] New Year op Richmond (5.5), 05.01.2024

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0–0 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 c6 8.g4 cxd5 9.cxd5 Qa5 10.f3 Ne8 11.Qd2 f5 12.gxf5 gxf5 13.Bh6 f4 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.h4 Nd7 16.h5 Nc5 17.0–0–0 b5 18.Bxb5 Rb8 19.h6+ Kh8 20.Qe2 Nc7 21.Bc4 Rb4 22.a3 Rb6 23.Nh3 Ba6 24.Rhg1 Rf7 25.Qg2 Rb8 26.Bxa6 N7xa6 27.Ng5 Re7 28.Qh3 Rf8 29.Ne6 Nxe6 30.dxe6 Qb6 31.Rg2 Qc5 32.Rdg1 Qe3+ 33.Kb1 Qd3+ 34.Ka1 Nc5 35.Rg7 Nb3+ 36.Ka2 Qc4 37.Rxe7 Nd2+ 38.Ka1 Nb3+ 39.Kb1 Qd3+ 40.Ka2 Nd4 41.Qf1 Qc2 42.Qd1 Qf2 43.Rgg7 Rb8 44.Rxh7+ Kg8 45.Reg7+ 1–0

2023 IN REVIEW

The end/beginning of the year is often a time for reflection and review of the events that occurred in the previous twelve months. With this in mind, here is a list of BC tournament winners for 2023, along with a few other highlights. Last year at this time I noted the 2022 list was considerably longer than previous lists (new organizers hosting more events) – this year the trend has only increased ...

Championships:

BC Open – Mayo Fuentebella, Jorge Nunez Asencio, Keith MacKinnon
(2022) BC Women’s Championship – Joyce Zhang
BC Active Championship – Raymond Kaufman
BC Championship – Neil Doknjas
BC Women’s Championship – Joyce Zhang
BC Senior Championship – Arpak Worya, Reza Sardari
BC High School Team Championship – University Hill
BC Junior Championship – Jingyun (Ryan) Yang

Independent Events:

UBC Rapid – Kate Jiang, Brandon Zhu, Eduardo Moura
Grand Pacific Open – Omid Malek, Quang Long Le, Tymur Keleberdra
Intermat – 28.0-22.0 for BC
Okanagan Open – Mark Gulbinowicz
BC-Alberta Match – 26.5-18.0 for BC
Stan Rogers Memorial – Jose Prem
Paul Keres Memorial – Georgi Orlov, Neil Doknjas
Lulu Island Rapid – Mayo Fuentebella
SFU Summer Open – Jingyun (Ryan) Yang, Neil Doknjas, Kate Jiang
Canada Day Open – Raymond Kaufman
BC-WA Match – 26.5-23.5 for BC
Langley Open – Jorge Nunez Asencio
Chigorin Chess Club Invitational – Grigoriy Morozov

Recurring events by organizer:

Fraser Valley Rapid 2 – Mayo Fuentebella
Fraser Valley Rapid 3 – Jorge Nunez Asencio
Fraser Valley Spring Break Rapid – Jorge Nunez Asencio
Fraser Valley Spring Break Classical – Andrew Yu Qiu, Mark Linnick
Fraser Valley Women and Senior Open – Katrina Shearon, Mayo Fuentebella
Fraser Valley Rapid 4 – Jorge Nunez Asencio
Fraser Valley Rapid 5 – Zachary Liu
Summer Classical Open and Blitz – Ryan Leong
Fraser Valley Rapid 6 – Mayo Fuentebella
Fraser Valley Rapid 7 – Zachary Liu
Fraser Valley Rapid 8 – Jorge Nunez Asencio
Halloween Chess Festival – Zachary Liu
Fraser Valley Rapid 9 – Sion Park (U1400)
Christmas Rapid Open – Besnik Beqo, Mayo Fuentebella
Goodbye 2023 FIDE/CFC Open – Bshell Ortiz, Alejandro Gonzalez Bringas, Maximilian Mueller

Greater Vancouver 1 – Quang Long Le
Greater Vancouver 2 – Jorge Nunez Asencio, Nathan Ping-Ying Wu, Zachary Liu
Greater Vancouver 3 – Raymond Kaufman, Penny Pham

Vancity Rapid January – Vicente Lee Jr.
Vancity 2022 Rapid Championship – John Doknjas
Vancity Rapid February – Jorge Nunez Asencio, Johan Aljo
Vancity Rapid March – Leo Qu
Vancity Rapid May – Jorge Nunez Asencio, Neil Doknjas
Vancity Rapid June – Jorge Nunez Asencio
Vancity Rapid July – Mayo Fuentebella, Jose Kagaoan
Vancity Chess at Kitsfest – John Doknjas, Joshua Doknjas
Vancity Rapid October – Jorge Nunez Asencio
Vancity Rapid Fall – Neil Doknjas
Vancity 2023 Rapid Championship – John Doknjas

Vancouver Chess Festival 1 – Mayo Fuentebella, Kevin Low; Max Gedajlovic (Rapid)
Vancouver Chess Festival 2 – Arpak Worya; Vicente Lee Jr. (Rapid)
Vancouver Chess Festival 3 – Jingyun (Ryan) Yang; Vicente Lee Jr. (Rapid)
Vancouver Chess Festival 4 – Vicente Lee Jr.; Keith MacKinnon (Rapid)

Victoria Championship – Howard Wu
Esquimalt Rapid – Ian Cordon
St-Jean Baptiste Rapid – Alexander Webb
Lynn Stringer Memorial – Jingyun (Ryan) Yang, Zachary Liu
Chess in the Park – Jeff Reeve
Jack Taylor Memorial – Jason Williamson

WV Rapid July – Baris Erturk
WV Rapid August – Zachary Liu
WV Rapid November – Raymond Kaufman
WV Rapid December – Zhengyu Chen

Selected events outside this province:

Gulf Coast New Year's Open – Raymond Kaufman
World School Championships, U07 – Elliot McCallum
National Chess Challenge – BC
Canadian Open, U1600 Section – Jeffrey Liu
Banff Open – Raymond Kaufman (2nd after Armageddon game)
SCC Adult Swiss – Paul Leblanc

UPCOMING EVENTS

See the listings at the [CFC](#) and [Northwest chess](#) websites as well as the [BCCF](#)

Tri-Cities Junior Rapid #1

Port Coquitlam, January 20
[Details](#)

Vancouver Chess Festival 5

UBC, January 27-28
[Details](#)

BC Open

Burnaby, February 17-19
[Details](#)

Greater Vancouver #4

Burnaby, January 20-21
[Details](#)

Fraser Valley Rapid #10

Langley, February 3
[Details](#)

Tri-Cities Junior Blitz #3

Port Coquitlam, February 21
[Details](#)

Victoria Championship

Sidney, January 20-21
[Details](#)

Lulu Island Winter Junior Rapid

Richmond, February 3
[Details](#)

Vancouver Chess Festival 6

UBC, February 24-25
[Details](#)