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BC Chess Federation

HERE AND THERE

Kelowna Open (June 15)

After the glory years of George Hara and Wally Steinke chess in the Interior was largely dormant for a long time, but the general growth in chess since the pandemic is now being matched by an upsurge in the Okanagan. Various events have lately taken place in Salmon Arm, and now forty-two players have participated in the Kelowna Open, for at least half their first Quick-rated event. Held at the Kelowna Library with Grant Rice, Berry de Groot, and Maïke Haase as TD/organizers, the tournament was five rounds of game/15. Graham Swett and Curtis Sleyphen finished at the top of the crosstable, giving up just a single draw each (but not to each other, they didn't play). Tied for third were James Bridger, Luke Campbell, Robert McBain, Zachary Chruszcz, and Richard Bridger. [Standings](#)

Lulu Island Summer Rapid and Blitz (June 8)



Held a couple of weeks before the actual solstice and barely a month after Lulu Island Chess's previous rapid event, the Summer Rapid attracted some sixty-nine players to the lounge of Bethany Baptist Church in Richmond. Thirty-three of these were in the [Open Section](#), including a dozen rated over 2000. BC champion CM Neil Doknjas continued his impressive string of results by finishing first with 5.5/6, giving up the draw to second-placed IM Max Gedajlovic. FM John Doknjas and Leo Qu tied for third. Ethan Low was clear first in the [U1400 Section](#), while Tommy To and newcomer Yuhong Chen tied for second. And if six rounds of rapid chess wasn't enough, the day ended with a nine-round [blitz tournament](#) (unrated). Here CM Jorge Nunez Asencio, who had

lost to the top two finishers in the rapid, gained some measure of revenge by taking first place with 8.5(!) points. Neil Doknjas was second on 7.5/9, while Yidong Chen was third a further point back. Watch for the nine-round [BC Day Open](#) coming up at the beginning of August.

2nd BC Interschool Championship (June 1-2)

Run by the Fraser Valley Chess Academy, the BC Interschool Championship was actually three events in one, all hosted at Trinity Western University, with the junior participants competing for both individual and school prizes. The tournament drew a whopping two hundred and fifty-nine players, many of them competing in a rated event for the very first time. [Section A](#), consisting of those in grades 1-4, was a six-round rapid event on Saturday with a time control of 15 + 10. There were one hundred and twenty players which meant finding an individual winner in six rounds was not possible. In the end Aiden Yin and Aiden Zhu tied for first with perfect scores, while Barath Subramanian Suresh, Kai Zhongkai Zhang, Lucas Yao, Daniel Zhu, Andrew Yin, Samuel Lu, and Noah Li tied for third with 5.0 points.

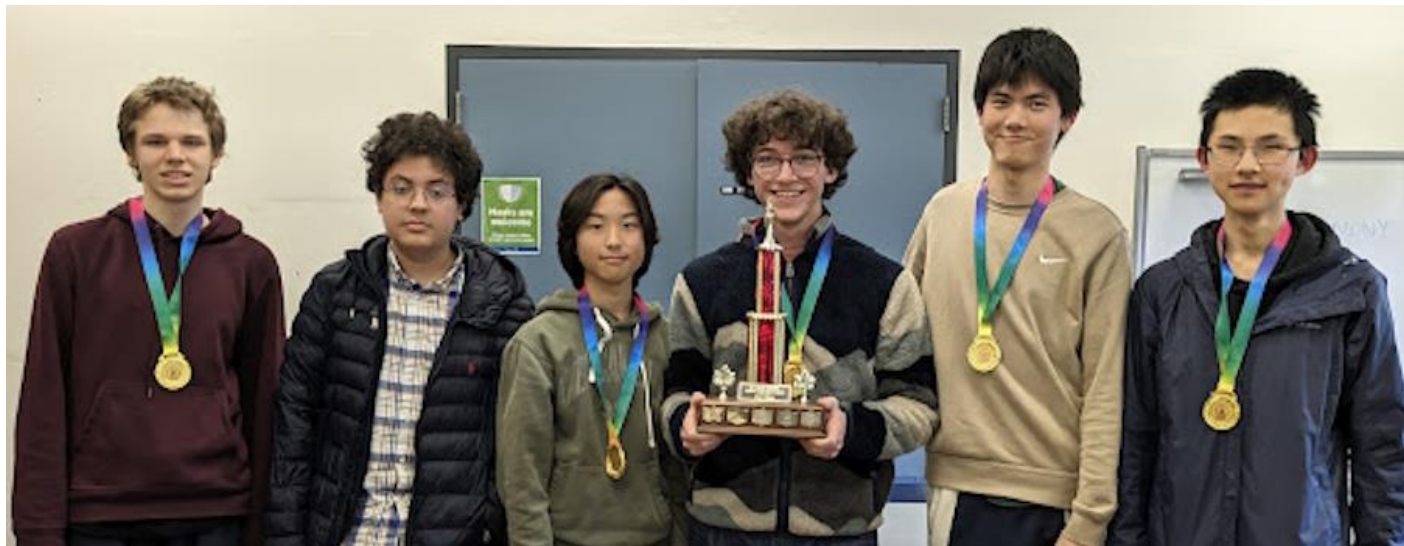
Those in grades 5-8 were in [Section B](#) and contested six games at a regular time control of 55 + 5, spread over both days of the weekend. Here there was a clear winner in the ninety-nine-player field in the person of NM Zachary Liu, but having a 500+ point rating cushion over your nearest rival helps. Tied for second were Sion Park, Christian Grecu, Beck Wang, Lucas Chen, Jasper Zhang, Edric Gong, and Sparsh Gandhi – all scored 5.0/6. [Section C](#) comprised forty players in grades 9-12 who competed in a twelve-round Blitz tournament (5 + 2) on the final Sunday. NMs Ethan Song and Jingyun (Ryan) Yang shared top honours with 11.0/12, two and a half points(!) ahead of Kai Johannes Kwabi who was third. School results are not available to us. [Short video](#)

BC Junior High School Team Championship (June 1) by Alexandra Amini



On June 1, 2024, the BC Junior Chess Association (BCJCA) held its annual BC High School Chess Championship tournament, a provincial-wide competition that attracts more than two hundred of the most talented high school chess players. Regional qualifiers occurred from February to April

2024 with fifty participants representing the top ten high school chess clubs meeting at Kensington Community Center in Vancouver. The high school chess clubs that made it to the championship tournament this year are: David Thompson Secondary, École Riverside Secondary, Esquimalt High School, Elgin Park Secondary, Gladstone Secondary, Lord Byng Secondary, McMath Secondary, New Westminster Secondary, University Hill Secondary, and West Vancouver Secondary.



Congratulations to University Hill Secondary for garnering the trophy as the 2024 High School Chess Championship winners. Second place goes to New Westminster Secondary for their exceptional performance and third place goes to David Thompson Secondary for their phenomenal teamwork! Special thanks to all the Lower Mainland high school chess clubs and their members for participating in this year's BCJCA BC High School Championship tournament.

BCJCA's next event will be its CFC-rated 2024 BC Junior Chess Rapid to be held at BCIT's Burnaby campus location on June 29, 2024. More information about the tournament or future BCJCA events can be found on its website at: <https://bcjca.ca> or on its instagram account.

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The BCJCA is a student-led organization representing sixty-plus secondary school chess clubs from across British Columbia with the goal of bringing together high school chess players through tournaments and to promote a more connected high school chess community. For more information, contact: Email: info@bcjca.ca; Instagram: @bcjrchess; Website: <https://bcjca.ca>

JtM National Training Program for Canadian Youths: Application for CFC Subsidy Starts
<https://www.chesscanada.info/forum/showthread.php?6456-JtM-National-Training-Program-for-Canadian-Youths-Application-for-CFC-Subsidy-Starts>

Deadline date: July 24, 2024

The Chess Federation of Canada will provide a \$500 subsidy to a select few junior players to be used towards the tuition for the National Youth Training Program provided by the Juniors to Masters Chess Academy (JtM). Successful applicants will receive the \$500 CFC subsidy and will be responsible to pay the remaining portion of their tuition, i.e., pay \$500 + GST/HST.

Term covers sixteen group training sessions during September to December 2024. Skype

recordings will be made available if at all possible so that those who miss a group session due to a chess tournament will not miss out on the great learning. Format: weekly online group training: master lecture (1.5 hrs.) + training games (approx.1 hr.).

There are limited spots available for players to apply. Every serious player with a committed goal can apply. Serious junior players who are willing to commit to this intensive online group training can submit their application form. Successful applicants will be notified in August 2024.

BC SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (June 21-23) by Paul Leblanc



Chess friends forever (photo by Yufang Xie)

The twelfth annual [BC Senior Championship](#) was held on the weekend of 22-23 June, 2024. It was a five-round Swiss with a classical time control of game in 90 minutes with 30 second increments. Pre-tournament favourites were Arpak Worya (2180), looking for his fifth BC Senior championship, Mayo Fuentesbella (2179) looking for his fourth championship and Eduardo Moura (2166).



The championship was held in the Bakerview Room at the Surrey Comfort Inn (photo by Eduardo Moura)

A noteworthy player was Gerry Forbes, an expert player returning to chess after a twenty-three-year absence. All were denied the championship by former BC Champion Brian McLaren. The tournament was sponsored by the BCCF, Victoria Chess and Neale Monkhouse. The prize fund was \$1,500 with an additional travel grant of \$1,000 to the highest finisher to attend the Canadian Senior Championship to be held in Calgary August 3 to 5.



(photo by Eduardo Moura)

In the final Round, a draw on board one between Eduardo Moura and Jose Kagaoan allowed the winner on board two to capture the championship. Brian McLaren prevailed over Philip Harris to finish clear first with 4.5 out of 5. Jose Kagaoan, Eduardo Moura and Jason Williamson tied for second place at 4.0 out of 5. Harris tied Richard Ingram for the top U1800 prize at 3.5 out of 5.



TD Brain Davidson, U1500 winner Emmanuel Pangilinan, organizer Paul Leblanc; co-winner of the U1800 prize Richard Ingram (photos by Scott Morgan); U1200 winner Peter Gibson (photo by Reza Sardari)

Leblanc, Paul (1674) – McLaren, Brian (1979) [D31] BC sen Surrey (2), 22.05.2024
 [Stockfish]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e3 b5 6.a4 Bb4 7.Bd2 a5 8.g3 8...axb5 Bxc3 9.Bxc3 cxb5
 10.b3+/- 8...Bb7 8...Nf6=/+ 9.Bg2!= Qb6 10.0-0 The position is equal. 10...Nf6 Inhibits Ne4.
 11.Ne5 Nbd7



12.Nxd7N Better is 12.Qf3; predecessor: 12.f4 0-0
 13.Qe2 Nxe5 14.fxe5 Nd5 15.Bxd5 exd5 16.Rf4 Bxc3
 17.bxc3 bxa4 18.Rh4 ½-½ (46) Skarphedinsson,I
 (1673)-Tirziman,R (1963) Reykjavik 2022
 12...Nxd7=/+ 13.Qh5 g6 Better is 13...0-0 14.axb5
 Bxc3-/+ 14.Qg5 14.Qf3=/+ 14...Be7-/+ 15.Qf4 15.Qh6-
 /+ might work better. 15...b4-+ 16.Ne4 0-0 17.Rfc1
 Ba6 18.Bf1 18.Be1 was necessary. 18...f5 19.Ng5 e5
 20.dxe5 Bxg5 21.Qxg5 Nxe5



Hoping for ...Nf3+. 22.Qf4 Prevents Nf3+. 22...Rae8
 23.Rc2 Rf7 24.Bg2 c3 25.bxc3 b3 26.Qd4 c5 0-1

McLaren, Brian (1979) – Fuentebella, Mayo (2179) [B24] BC sen Surrey (3.1), 22.05.2024
 [Stockfish]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.Be3 b6 7.Qd2 Bb7 8.Nh3 8.Nge2+/- 8...a6
 8...d6=/+ deserves consideration. 9.0-0 Nge7 10.Bh6 0-0 11.Rae1N Predecessor: 11.Bxg7 Kxg7
 12.Rae1 d5 13.exd5 exd5 14.Nf4 Nd4 15.Nd1 Qd7 16.Ne3 Rfe8 17.c3 1-0 (48) Danchevski,O
 (2346)-Zlatkov,A (1704) Skopje 2018 11...Re8 11...Qc7= 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Nf4 13.f4+/- 13...Nd4

Against f5+ 14.Nd1 d5 15.c3! Nb5 16.e5 Qd7 17.g4 d4 18.c4 Bxg2 19.Nxg2 Na7 20.f4 Nac6 21.Nf2 Ng8 22.Ne4



22...f6? 22...Rf8+/- 23.exf6+ Nxf6 24.h3 White must play 24.Nxf6+-- Kxf6 25.f5 24...Rf8 24...Nxe4+/- 25.Rxe4 Qd6 25.a3 25.Ng5+/- Rae8 26.Qe2 25...a5 26.Qf2 26.Ng3+/- 26...Rae8 Better is 26...Nxe4 27.Rxe4 Kh8 27.Qg3 27.Ng3!+/- 27...Nxe4 27...e5! = was preferable. 28.Rxe4+/- Qd6 29.Qe1 White should try 29.Rfe1+/- 29...Re7! = 30.Rf2 e5! 31.Rfe2 Rfe8 31...Ref7 = 32.f5+/- Rf8 33.Nh4 Kg8 34.Qg3 Rg7 And now ...gxf5 would win. 35.Rf2 Rgf7 36.Ree2 Kh8 Better is 36...a4 37.Kf1 gxf5 38.Nxf5 Qg6 Better is 38...Qf6



39.Qg2! White is more active. 39...h5 39...h6+/- 40.Qe4+-- hxg4? 40...Qe6 is more resistant. 41.Ke1 Qg6 41.hxg4 Rh7 42.Rh2 Rff7 43.Kg1 Qf6 44.Rxh7+ Rxh7 45.Rh2? 45.Rf2+-- Qg6 46.Qf3 45...Rxh2+/- 46.Kxh2 Nd8! 47.Kg3 47.Kg2+/- is more appropriate. 47...Nf7! = The position is equal. 48.Qa8+ Kh7 49.Qh1+ Kg8 50.Qa8+ Kh7 51.Qh1+ Black escapes into a draw. 1/2-1/2

EMA CLASSICAL 1 (June 15-16)

The latest classical event from the [Penny Chess Club](#) was held at the [EnrichMind Academy](#) on Kingsway in East Vancouver. The capacity of the site was eighty players, which was soon reached; the format, as in previous events, was three rounds at 50 + 10 on the Saturday followed by a further two rounds of 90 + 30 on the Sunday. In the sixteen-player [Premier Section](#) over half were rated over 2000, including two IMs and two NMs, but of the latter four only one made it onto the podium. Perhaps as a result of the faster time control there were two significant upsets in the first round, as Brian Yang beat the house IM Quang Long Le and NM Zachary Liu lost to Joey Xu. After the first day top-ranked Vietnamese IM Van Thanh Nguyen had also given up two draws and it was sixth-ranked Aiden Leong who led the field, just ahead of NM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang and Yidong

Chen. Round four saw the all-IM clash, won by Nguyen, while the other top boards were drawn. In the last round Nguyen and Chen both won their games to tie for first, while previously leader Leong had to settle for clear third.



The [U1800 Section](#) attracted thirty-three players and was won by Liam Tu with 4.5 points, a half point ahead of Zhengyu Chen and Lucas Yao who finished second and third respectively on tiebreak. And the thirty-one player [U1000 Section](#) featured the only perfect score of the event as Aryav Alope racked up five wins in a row; Milan Boko, Ruiyang (Ryan) Gu, Entong Tian, and Zhibo Zhang (in tiebreak order) were a point behind. If you missed your chance this time, [EMA Classical 2](#) will happen on the weekend of August 10-11.



The clash of the IMs

1914 BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAMPIONSHIP

The astute reader will recall that the first B.C. Closed Championship was held in 1916. So why are we discussing a championship two years before that date? The first B.C. *individual* championship did indeed occur at Easter 1916 (despite later published reports of there being a [B.C. champion in 1915](#)), but 'championship' was the term used by newspapers of the time for a series of 1914 team matches. For example, the *Victoria Daily Colonist* of February 20, 1914:

As a result of a challenge received from Vancouver by the local Chess Club, the first of two matches to decide the championship of British Columbia has been arranged to take place on Saturday evening next. The matter has been under the consideration of both clubs for some time past and a keen interest is being taken in the event.

At the time the Victoria Club was the senior club in B.C., having been founded in 1892 and won its spurs by drawing a telegraph match with [San Francisco in 1895](#). There had been various clubs in Vancouver at an even earlier date, but the then current Vancouver Chess Club had only existed since March of 1913. Despite being much younger than the Victoria C.C., the Vancouver club had been bolstered by the waves of immigration which had occurred in the previous five years and could boast a number of strong players from the old country. The challenge was thus to determine which club held the supremacy in British Columbia, much as the 1895 matches had tried to make the same determination for the Pacific Coast as a whole. The contest was conceived as two matches; the first took place at the Camosun Club Building in Victoria on 21 February 1914 with a playing session from 8-11pm, at which point any unfinished games would be adjudicated.

Vancouver 5.5 2.5 Victoria

1 B.A. Yates	½ ½	F. Parsons
2 R.G. Stark	1 0	A. Gibson
3 A. Stevenson	1 0	J.T.L. Meyer
4 R.C. Haines	1 0	A. Gonnason
5 C. Birmingham	0 1	W. Marchant
6 A.C. Hope	1 0	J.S. Benson
7 A. la C. Evans	1 0	M. Enke
8 G.W. Melhuish	0 1	H.J. Sanders

Vancouver won the first match handily; three of the games were published, with brief annotations, in the chess column of the *Vancouver Daily News Advertiser*.

Gibson, A. - Stark, Robert G. [B30] Team match Victoria (2), 21.02.1914

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Unusual, and of doubtful value. **3...e6 4.Bxc6** This exchange rather favours Black. **4...bxc6 5.Nc3 d5 6.exd5** This gives Black too free a game. 6.d4 should have been played. **6...cxd5 7.d3 Bd6 8.0-0 Rb8 9.Re1 Nf6 10.Rb1 0-0 11.Bg5 a6 12.b3 Bb7 13.d4 Rc8 14.Ne2 Be7 15.c3 Ne4 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Rc1 cxd4 18.cxd4 Rxc1 19.Nxc1 Rc8 20.Ne5 Qh4 21.g3 Qe7 22.Ned3** A weak move. 22.Ne2 might have been played, but Black has all through had much the superior position. **22...Qf6 23.Nf4 g5 24.Nh3 Rc3 25.Re3? Nxf2** A good move. **26.Nxf2 Rxe3 27.Ng4 Qf3 28.Nxe3 Qxe3+ 29.Kf1 a5 30.Kg2 Ba6** Good again, preventing White moving his N. **31.h3 f5 32.Qg1 Qd2+ 33.Kf3 33.Kh1** would give a little more trouble, but White is

hopelessly shut in. **33...e5 34.dxe5 d4** Excellently played by Mr. Stark, taking full advantage of White's weak opening and never giving him the slightest chance of victory. **0-1**

Stevenson, Archibald - Meyer, John T.L. [C27] Team match Victoria (3), 21.02.1914

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 0-0 5.f4 exf4 6.Bxf4 d6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Be6 9.Bb3 Bd4 If he intended exchanging he should have played Bb4 on his third move. **10.Nf3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 c5 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.c4 Qc7 14.Qe1 Ne8** A mistake, losing the exchange. **15.Be7 f5 16.Bxf8 Nxf8 17.exf5 Bxf5** Giving White an overwhelming attack; better to have abandoned the P and played 17...Bf7. **18.Nh4 Bd7 19.Qe7 Nf6 20.Nf5 Ne6 21.Nxh6+ gxh6 22.Rxf6 Rf8 23.Rg6+ Kh8 24.Rxh6+** And mate next move. **1-0**

Evans, Alfred La C. - Enke, Max [C02] Team match Victoria (7), 21.02.1914

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Not good. **3...c5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.b3 Qb6** 5...cxd4 should have been played and if 6.Nxd4 (if 6.Bb5 Bd7 and White e-pawn is left weak.) **6...Nxe5 6.Be3 Bd7 7.Bd3 cxd4 8.Bf4 Rc8 9.0-0 h6 10.c4 g5 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Bg3 Bg7 13.Re1 Nge7 14.a4 a5 15.Bb5 Nf5 16.Bxc6 Rxc6 17.Na3 g4 18.Nh4 h5 19.Nxf5 Bxf5 20.Nb5 Bc2 21.Nd6+ Rxd6** A bad blunder. If he had played 21...Kf8 followed by 22...d3 he should win. **22.exd6+ Kd7 23.Qxc2 d3 24.Qxd3 Bxa1 25.Qf5+ Kd8 26.Bh4+ f6 27.Bxf6+ Bxf6 28.Qxf6+ Kd7 29.Qxh8 Qxd6 30.Qe8+** He must lose the queen. **1-0**

The return match took place at the Little Brown Inn in Vancouver two weeks later. "Contrary to expectations the Capitals won comfortably, in fact the match was a series of disasters for Vancouver similar to those suffered by Victoria a couple of weeks ago." [*Vancouver Daily Province*, 9 March 1914]

Victoria 5.5 3.5 Vancouver

1 W. Marchant	0 1	B.A. Yates
2 F. Parsons	½ ½	R.G. Stark
3 M.A. Fredricson	1 0	R.C. Haines
4 J.T.L. Meyer	1 0	A. Stevenson
5 E. Gibson	1 0	E. Lacaille
6 W. Gonnason	0 1	A. Frazer
7 R. Sanders	0 1	C. Birmingham
8 M. Enke	1 0	C.J. Baker
9 F. Berson	1 0	A. la C. Evans

Marchant, William - Yates, Bertram A. [D41] Team match Vancouver (1), 07.03.1914

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c5 5.cxd5 5.Bg5 is the usual move. **5...Nxd5** 5...exd5 should have been played, as White could have replied by 6.e4 with the more open game. **6.e3 Nc6 7.Be2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.a3 a6 10.h3 b5 11.Nxd5 Qxd5 12.dxc5 Qxc5 13.b4 Qb6 14.Bb2 Bb7 15.Qb3 Rad8 16.Rfd1 Bd6 17.Qc3 f6 18.Qb3 Bc8 19.Rac1 Kh8 20.Rd3 20.Nd4** would have retained White the better position. There seems nothing to be gained by the line taken. **20...e5 21.Rdc3 Ne7 22.Qc2 Bb7 23.Rd1 Bb8 24.Ne1** Weak play. In fact, White's last three or four moves seem objectless. **24...e4** From now on Black assumes the offensive. **25.Rc1 Nd5 26.Rc5 Qd6** Winning the exchange. **27.g3 Ba7 28.Ng2 Bxc5 29.bxc5 Qe6 30.Bd4 Bc6 31.Bg4 f5 32.Bd1 Rf7 33.Bh5**

Rb7 34.Qb2 Qh6 35.Be2 Qxh3 36.Rd1 Re8 37.Be5 Qh6 38.Bd6 Qf6 39.Qb3 Nc3 40.Rd2 Nxe2+ 41.Rxe2 a5 42.Rd2 b4 43.Bf4 Qc3 Forcing the exchange of queens or winning material. **44.Qxc3 bxc3 45.Rc2 Rb3 46.Kh2 Rxa3 47.Bc7 Ba4 48.Rc1 Bb5 49.Bxa5** Desperation. He might have resigned. **49...Rxa5 50.Rxc3 g5 51.Ne1 Re6 52.Nc2 Be2 53.g4 Bxg4 54.Nd4 Rh6+ 55.Kg2 f4 56.Rc1 Bh3+ 57.Kg1 f3 58.c6 Bg2 0-1**

The return match having resulted in the victory of the latter [Victoria], making one each, it will be necessary to play again to decide the supremacy. The Vancouver chess players were under the impression that they had rather an easy task, perhaps they suffered from overconfidence. Personally, I think there is not much to choose between the teams, but expect Vancouver to win the odd event. [*Daily News Advertiser*, 15 March 1914]

Originally the deciding match was to be played around Easter, but a search of various newspapers does not reveal any chess event around that time. Instead, there is a reference in the *Daily Colonist* to the telegraph match played on 14 November 1914 as being the "third of a series of inter-city matches." On this basis we conclude that this contest was the deciding match; the chess season normally was in the autumn and winter, so it is quite conceivable that the third match was delayed until after the summer. By that point the First World War had begun, which may have been a factor, plus playing by telegraph would eliminate the problem of one team having to play away from home. Be that as it may, Vancouver won the telegraph match with two wins and five draws.

Vancouver 4.5 2.5 Victoria

1 B.A. Yates	1 0	Gibson
2 R. Stark	½ ½	Parsons
3 A. Stevenson	½ ½	Marchant
4 R.C. Haines	1 0	Meyer
5 R. Dickson	½ ½	Sanders
6 E. Lacaille	½ ½	Patrick
7 H. Dobrin	½ ½	Gonnason

Lacaille, Edouard - Patrick, King S. [C33] Telegraph match (6), 14.11.1914

It is refreshing to see a King's Gambit played in a match instead of the usual dull modern play. **1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Bc4 Qh4+ 4.Kf1 d6 4...d5** is considered better. **5.Nc3 Bg4 6.Nf3 Qh6 7.d4 Ne7 8.e5 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nbc6 10.Bxf4 Nxd4 11.Qf2 g5 12.Bg3** 12.Bxf7+ might have been played. Then follows 12...Kd8 13.exd6 Nef5 14.dxc7+ Kc8 15.Bg3 or 15.Be5. **12...Ndf5 13.Ne4 Bg7 14.Bb5+ c6 15.Nxd6+ Nxd6 16.exd6 Nd5 17.Re1+ Kd8 18.Bc4 Nf4 19.h4 Bxb2 20.Bxf4 gxf4 21.Rh3 Qf6** Owing to time being up abandoned as a draw. Personally, I should have been sorry to see any other result; both players having shown so much skill, and ingenuity, in dealing with the numerous dangerous situations which occurred at almost every move in the game. The best local game I have seen for some time. Players could not have a better chess lesson than thinking over each move played. ½-½

Of the players, [Yates](#), [Enke](#), [Gonnason](#), [Lacaille](#), and [Dickson](#) have been covered elsewhere; King Sorab Patrick (1873-1949) was a civil engineer, Archibald Campbell Hope (1870-1942) an architect, Robert Geoffrey Stark (1886-1929) was a broker, John Thornton Ludwig Meyer (1849-1935) a real estate agent, George William Melhuish (1880-1938) a building manager, Archibald Stevenson (1874-1966) blended teas for Spencers Ltd. [Alfred la Combre Evans](#) (1885-1916) was a

bookkeeper who joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force in July 1915 and was killed in the war seventeen months later; William Marchant (1854-1935) originally ran an import business but at the 10 time of the matches was a customs inspector. He subsequently entered municipal politics and served as Mayor of Victoria 1921-1922.

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

BC Junior Chess Rapid

Burnaby, June 29

[Details](#)

BC-WA Match

Richmond, June 29-30

[Details](#)

Fraser Valley Rapid 12

Langley July 6

[Details](#)

World Chess Day Rapid

Esquimalt, July 20

[Details](#)

World Chess Day Championship

Langley Township, July 20-21

[Details](#)

BC Day Open

New Westminster, August 1-5

[Details](#)

EMA Classical 2

Vancouver, August 10-11

[Details](#)

Kitsfest Rapid and Blitz

Vancouver, August 10-11

[Details](#)

GM Arturs Neiksans Simul

Lichess, August 25

[Details](#)

Langley Open

Langley, August 31 – September 2

[Details](#)

RCC Elite Championship #3

Richmond, September 15

[Details](#)

Vancouver Chess Festival #8

UBC, September 28-29

[Details](#)

Fraser Valley Rapid 13

October 5

[Details](#)

BC Women's Open

North Vancouver, Oct 12-14

[Details](#)

Western Canadian Open

North Vancouver, Oct 12-14

[Details](#)