

## BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #456

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### HERE AND THERE

#### **1000GM Labor Day Super Swiss** (August 30 – September 3)

The latest Super Swiss hosted by the 1000GM organization was held at the Holiday Inn in San Jose over the Labour Day weekend. In contrast to the previous event on the Memorial Day Weekend (see [Bulletin #452](#)) there was only one Canadian in the field this time, IM Leon Piasetski. He joined forty-four other titled players and norm seekers, including a dozen grandmasters and six international masters, led by American GM Christopher Yoo. In the end the tournament was won by GMs Yasser Quesada Perez (Cuba), Fidel Corrales Jimenez (formerly Cuba but now USA), and Arman Mikaelyan, all with 6.5 points. Leon had an almost symmetrical outing, losing in the first round but winning two at the end after a string of draws to finish on 5.0/9. [Standings](#)



**Piasetski, Leon (2167) – Biyiasas, Theodore (1970) [A11] 1000GM Labor Day Super Swiss San Jose (7.16), 2024** (Theodore Biyiasas is the son of former BC and Canadian Champion GM Peter Biyiasas and the late WIM Ruth Haring, former USCF President.)

1.c4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 5.Qc2 Bg4 6.Ne5 Bh5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Qb6 9.Nxd5 Qxb3 10.axb3 cxd5 11.Bb5+ Kd8 12.d4 f6 13.Nd3 e6 14.Bd2 Nc6 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Bb4 Bg6 17.Bxf8

Rxf8 18.Nc5 Ke7 19.Kd2 Rfb8 20.Ra4 a5 21.Rha1 Rb5 22.Kc1 e5 23.b4 exd4 24.exd4 Re8  
25.bxa5 Kd6 26.b3 Rbb8 27.Kd2 Re7 28.Re1 Rxe1 29.Kxe1 Bc2 30.a6 Bf5 31.Rb4 Kc7 32.a7 Ra8  
33.Rb7+ Kd6 34.Rxg7 1–0

### **GM Neiksans Online Simul** (August 25) by Joe Roback

A big thanks to GM Arturs Neiksans for hosting a private simul with [Blendz Chess Club • lichess.org](https://www.blendzchessclub.com) along with the players who participated. Hope everyone had fun! Almost a clean sweep of games by Levy Rozman's coach with one lucky draw from a mysterious BC player! 😊 Pictured is a position with a surprise resource for Black (the BC Player):



### **arturchix (1500) – westvan007 (1025) [D34] Simul with Blendz Chess Club lichess.org, 25.08.2024**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Nf6  
7.0–0 Be7 8.Nc3 0–0 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Na4 Be7 11.Be3 Ne4  
12.Nd4 Qd6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Qxd6 Bxd6  
16.Bc5 Bxc5 17.Nxc5 Bh3 18.Rfd1 Rfe8 19.Rd4 Rab8 20.b3 Bf5 21.Kg2 g5 22.Rc1 Kg7 23.Kf1 e3  
24.Rc3 exf2 25.Kxf2 Re5 26.e4 Bg4 27.Ke3 Rbe8 28.Ra4 R8e7 29.Ra6 Rf5 30.Rxc6 Rf3+ 31.Kd4  
Rf2 32.a4 Rd2+ 33.Kc4 Rxh2 34.b4 Rb2 35.b5 h5 36.Rb3 Rxb3 37.Kxb3 h4 38.gxh4 gxh4 39.Rd6  
Re5 40.Kb4 h3 41.Rd2



41...Kh6 (41...f5 42.exf5 Re2) 42.a5 Kg5 43.b6 axb6  
44.axb6 Kh4 45.b7 Re8 46.Na6 Rxe4+ 47.Kc5 Re8  
48.b8Q Rxb8 49.Nxb8 Kg3 50.Nc6 h2 51.Rxh2 Kxh2  
52.Nd4 Kg3 53.Kd6 Kf4 54.Ke7 Bh5 55.Kf6 Ke4  
56.Nc6 Kd5 ½–½

The next event that we're organizing is the fourth annual Blendz Memorial online cash prize tourney (free entry) – Saturday, December 21.

Register: [Blendz Memorial Blitz Tourney Arena](https://www.blendzchessclub.com)  
[#mflhvhQv • lichess.org](https://www.lichess.org/#mflhvhQv)

### **2024 Toronto International Bughouse Tournament** (August 24-25)

The above event was advertised on [ChessTalk](https://www.chesstalk.com): a weekend of bughouse at Wycliffe College in Toronto with the participation of two-time World Bughouse Champion GM Awonder Liang who was also donating a \$5,000 prize fund. One of the listed marque players was former BC junior star Janak Awatramani, hence our interest. We gather the tournament did take place, but the organizer

has not seen fit to make the results generally available – the following quote is taken from the above ChessTalk thread: “GM Awonder Liang and Janak Awatramani won the team event on Saturday. I think Janak Awatramani won the event with random teammates [on Sunday].”

[lichess announcement](#) [event website](#)

## **European Excursions**

**IM Max Gedajlovic** ended his summer in Budapest by participating in the [One Week GM B](#) (August 14-20) norm tournament held in the third week in August. There was a three-way tie for first between FM Lev Zverev (FIDE flag), IM Gilbert Elroy Tarigan (Indonesia), and GM Valeriy Aveskulov (Ukraine), all with 6.0 points. Max’s event did not go so well, finishing with 3.5 points and eighth place, although he did beat the two tail-enders.

### **Gedajlovic, Max (2378) – Johnson, Joshua (2277) [D12] Budapest One Week GM B Budapest (1.1), 14.08.2024**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Nxg6 hxg6 8.Bd2 Nbd7 9.Qb3 Qc7 10.cxd5 exd5 11.0–0–0 a5 12.Qc2 Be7 13.h4 0–0–0 14.Be2 Ne8 15.g3 Kb8 16.Kb1 Ndf6 17.g4 Nd6 18.f3 Nd7 19.Be1 Rde8 20.Bg3 Qd8 21.e4 Nb6 22.Qb3 Ka7 23.g5 Ndc8 24.a3 Bd6 25.Bf2 Bc7 26.Bd3 Qd6 27.Rhf1 Ne7 28.Rc1 Kb8 29.Ne2 Nec8 30.Qc3 Na4 31.Qc2 Nab6 32.Qd2 a4 33.Qc2 Qh2 34.e5 Qg2 35.Bg3 Ne7 36.Rh1 Nf5 37.Bxf5 gxf5 38.Qd3 Nc4 39.Bf4 Ba5 40.Ka2 Qf2 41.Rh2 1–0

Having played in Switzerland and Greece, CM Ethan Song’s final European event was in Germany, Open-A of the [Dortmund Sparkassen Chess Trophy](#) (August 10-18). The one hundred and ninety-three player field included thirteen GMs, thirteen IMs, and 23 FMs, yet it was eleventh-ranked Nico Zwirs (Netherlands) who was the clear winner with 7.5/9, a half-point ahead of GMs Korobov, Svane, Gavrilescu, Sokolovsky, Romanov, and Sumets. Ethan won four, drew four, and lost only once for a total of 6.0 points; this was enough to push his FIDE rating over 2300 so he is now an FM – congratulations!

### **Song, Ethan (2269) – Vaganian, Rafael A. (2452) [C07] Sparkassen op A 51st Dortmund (5.12), 16.08.2024**

Older readers should recognize Black’s name – among other exploits he was a Candidate at the 1988 World Chess Festival in Saint John and Soviet Champion in 1989.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Bc4 Qd8 7.0–0 Nc6 8.Nb3 Nf6 9.Qe2 a6 10.Rd1 Qc7 11.Nbxd4 Nxd4 12.Rxd4 Bc5 13.Rh4 b5 14.Bd3 Bb7 15.a4 b4 16.Bf4 Qe7 17.Be5 h6 18.c3 bxc3 19.Bxc3 0–0 20.Re1 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 Nd5 22.Qg3 Nxc3 23.Rxh6 Bxf2+ 24.Kxf2 Qc5+ 25.Kf1 Rfd8 26.bxc3 Rxd3 27.Qxd3 gxh6 28.Qg3+ Kf8 29.Qf4 Ke7 30.Qh4+ Ke8 31.Qf6 Rd8 32.Rb1 Qc4+ 33.Kg1 Qxa4 34.Rf1 Rd7 35.Qh8+ Ke7 36.Qxh6 Qe4 37.Qf6+ Ke8 38.Qh8+ Ke7 39.Qf6+ Ke8 40.h4 Qg6 41.Qxg6 fxc6 42.Rf6 Rd3 43.Rxe6+ Kf7 44.Rxa6 Rxc3 45.Kh2 Kg7 46.g3 Rb3 47.Kh3 Rb4 48.Ra5 Rc4 49.Ra7+ Kg8 50.Kg2 Rc3 51.Kf2 Rb3 52.Re7 Ra3 53.Re3 Ra4 54.Kf3 Kg7 55.Re4 Ra5 56.g4 Kf7 57.Kf4 Kf6 58.Rb4 Kf7 59.g5 Kg7 60.Rb7+ Kg8 61.Rd7 Ra4+ 62.Ke5 Rxh4 63.Kf6 Ra4 64.Rg7+ Kh8 65.Rxg6 Ra6+ 66.Kf5 Ra5+ 67.Kg4 Ra1 68.Rb6 Kg7 69.g6 Rg1+ 70.Kf3 Rxg6 71.Rxg6+ Kxg6 1/2-1/2

**Song, Ethan (2269) – Beisteiner, Joachim (2089) [C95] Sparkassen op A 51st Dortmund (8.25), 17.08.2024**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0–0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0–0 9.h3 Nb8 10.d4 Nbd7 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Bc2 Re8 13.Nf1 Bf8 14.Ng3 a5 15.b3 c5 16.d5 g6 17.Be3 Qc7 18.Nd2 Ba6 19.Qe2 Reb8 20.Rec1 Nb6 21.Bd3 a4 22.b4 Nfd7 23.a3 c4 24.Bc2 Bg7 25.Ndf1 Nc8 26.Qd2 Ne7 27.Nh2 Qd8 28.Rf1 Kh8 29.f4 Ng8 30.f5 f6 31.fxg6 hxg6 32.h4 Ne7 33.h5 Qe8 34.Qe2 Bc8 35.Rf2 Rb7 36.Raf1 Ng8 37.hxg6 Qxg6 38.Nf5 Bf8 39.Rf3 Nb8 40.Rg3 Bxf5 41.Rxg6 Bxg6 42.Qg4 Kg7 43.Rf3 Ne7 44.Rg3 Nd7 45.Nf3 Kf7 46.Qe6+ Ke8 47.Rxg6 1–0

**Aiden Leong** travelled from Serbia to Plovdiv to compete in the [Georgi Tringov Memorial](#) (August 11-18), held in honour of the Bulgarian grandmaster who lived from 1937 to 2000. The A Group (over 2000) contained fifty-seven players and was won by untitled Egehan Yildiz (Türkiye) with 7.0/9, while GMs Viacheslav Tilicheev (Serbia), Ivajlo Enchev and Vasil Spasov (both Bulgaria) and FM Murtez Ondozi (Kosovo) were a half-point behind. Aiden finished with 5.0 points, which when combined with his previous European event in Serbia has resulted in him gaining 200 FIDE rating points.

**Stoinev, Metodi (2156) – Leong, Aiden (1861) [B11] Georgi Tringov mem 46th Plovdiv (2.10), 12.08.2024**

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.h3 Bxf3 5.Qxf3 Nf6 6.Be2 e6 7.0–0 Nbd7 8.d4 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Nxe4 10.Qxe4 Nf6 11.Qd3 Bd6 12.Rd1 0–0 13.c4 h6 14.Qf3 Qe7 15.Bd3 Rad8 16.a3 Bc7 17.Be3 Rfe8 18.Rd2 e5 19.dxe5 Qxe5 20.g3 Ne4 21.Bxe4 Rxd2 22.Bxc6 Qxb2 23.Bxe8 Qxa1+ 24.Kg2 Rd8 25.Bxf7+ Kh8 26.Qxb7 Bb8 27.Bxa7 Bxa7 28.Qxa7 Qe5 29.Bd5 Rb8 30.a4 Rb2 31.Qf7 Kh7 32.h4 h5 33.Bf3 Kh6 34.Bd5 Ra2 35.Qa7 Ra1 36.Qb6+ Kh7 37.Qc6 Re1 38.Bf3 Kh8 39.Qg6 Ra1 40.Be4 Kg8 41.Bd5+ Kh8 42.Be6 Rg1+ 43.Kf3 Qc3+ ½–½

On the penultimate day of the tournament, theoretically a rest day, a rapid event took place (time control of 10 + 5), this in honour of [Haralampi Vanev](#) (August 17). Vanev was a prominent citizen of Plovdiv and an annual memorial tournament has been held every year since his death in 2000. The nine-round, one hundred and forty-player event ended in a ten(!)-way tie for first – see the link above; Aiden scored 5.5 points.

Lastly, **Elliot McCallum** finished a full summer on the Iberian Peninsula with three more tournaments, the [Oviedo Open](#) (August 5-11), the [6<sup>th</sup> Sant Adrià Open](#) (August 11-19), and the [25<sup>th</sup> Sants Open](#) (August 23 – September 1). In these events he scored 4.0/9, 3.5/9 and 5.0/10 respectively; in total for the summer Elliot has gained some 160 FIDE rating points, with Sants yet to be rated.

**Mccallum, Elliot (1787) – Prada Villagrasa, Pau Manel (2022) [B12] Sant Adrià op 6th Barcelona (2.10), 12.08.2024**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 e6 7.Bg5 Qb6 8.Nd2 c5 9.c3 Nc6 10.Ngf3 c4 11.Qc2 Nh6 12.0–0 Nf5 13.b3 cxb3 14.axb3 Rc8 15.Qd3 a5 16.Rfb1 Be7 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.Ra4 Rhd8 19.Nf1 Qc7 20.Ne3 g6 21.Qd2 b5 22.Nxf5+ gxf5 23.Qg5+ Kd7 24.Raa1 Rh8 25.Qf6 Rcf8 26.c4 bxc4 27.bxc4 Nb4 28.Rxb4 axb4 29.cxd5 b3 30.dxe6+ fxe6 31.Qg7+ Kc8 32.Ra8+ Kb7 33.Ra7+ 1–0

## **North American Junior Chess Championship** (August 14-18)

The upper U20 tier to the U8-U18 youth championships, the North American Junior is a continental version of the World Junior, limited to players from Canada, the United States, and Mexico (although none participated from the latter country this year). Direct titles and norms are available, making the competition that much more intense. The event is relatively new, having first been held in Kitchener, Ontario in 2014, and has returned to Canada several times; this year the host city was Calgary, meaning BC players did not have to cross the continent to participate.

The tournament quickly developed into a race to see if anyone could catch American IM Ming Lu, who won his first seven games to build up a one and a half point lead over the trailing pack, seven players with 5.5 points. He did lose in round eight to FM Samrug Narayanan (USA) but won again in the last round to secure first place. Narayanan was clear second and IM Jason Liang was third on tiebreaks ahead of Canadians FM Aaron Reeve Mendes, IM Johnathan Han, and CM Max Chen. BC players challenged for the top spots several times but ultimately finished well off the pace – best scorers were CM Neil Doknjas, CM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang, and NM Zachary Liu all with 5.5 points, just ahead of Nathan Ping-Ying Wu and Shaunavon Mu with 5.0. [Standings](#)

## **10th Rencontres Internationales des Échecs Francophones** (August 13-20)

Since 2013 the Francophone Chess Association has hosted an annual major event, the RIDEF, which includes competitions to determine Francophone champions. This year the tournament took place at the Université Laval in Quebec City and the one hundred and twenty-three participants included IM Raymond Kaufman, WCM Gillian Mok, and Erwin Mok. After nine rounds the overall winners were GM Gabriel Flom (France) and FM Erick Zhao (USA) with 7.5 points, while recent BC visitor GM Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux was one of those who tied for third. Raymond finished with 6.0, Gillian and Erwin did not play the last round but scored 4.0 and 3.5 points respectively.

[Tournament website standings](#)

### **Kaufman, Raymond (2140) – Ouellet, Maili-Jade (2318) [B30] Francophonie ch 10th Quebec (5.3), 15.08.2024**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.d3 Qc7 6.e5 f6 7.Qe2 fxe5 8.Nxe5 Ne7 9.0–0 d6 10.Nc4 Nf5 11.c3 Be7 12.Bg5 0–0 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.f4 Ng6 15.Qe3 Bd7 16.Nbd2 Rae8 17.Rae1 e5 18.fxe5 Rxf1+ 19.Rxf1 d5 20.Qxc5 dxc4 21.Nxc4 Be6 22.d4 Rf8 23.Rxf8+ Nxf8 24.Na5 Bd5 25.c4 Ne6 26.Qb4 Be4 27.Qd2 Qd8 28.Nb3 Qh4 29.Qf2 Qg4 30.h3 Qd1+ 31.Kh2 Qd3 32.Qe1 Qc2 33.Nd2 Nxd4 34.e6 Bxg2 35.Kxg2 Qg6+ 36.Qg3 Kf8 37.Qxg6 hxg6 38.Nf3 Nxe6 39.b4 g5 40.Ne5 Nd4 41.Kf2 Ke7 42.a4 Ke6 43.Nf3 Nc2 44.b5 cxb5 45.cxb5 Kd5 46.Nxg5 Nd4 47.Ke3 Nf5+ 48.Kd3 Ne7 49.Kc3 Kd6 50.Kc4 Nc8 51.a5 g6 52.Kd4 Kc7 53.Ke5 Kd7 54.Ne6 Ke7 55.Nd4 Kd7 56.Kd5 Nd6 57.b6 axb6 58.axb6 Nb7 59.Ne6 Kc8 60.Nc5 Nd8 61.Ne6 Nf7 62.Nc5 Nd8 63.Ke5 Nc6+ 64.Kf6 Nb4 65.Kxg6 Nd5 66.b7+ Kc7 67.h4 Ne7+ 68.Kf7 Nc6 69.h5 Kb6 70.h6 1–0

### **Groleau, Gilles (2024) – Mok, Gillian (1763) [C68] Francophonie ch 10th Quebec (5.24), 15.08.2024**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d4 exd4 6.Qxd4 Qxd4 7.Nxd4 Nf6 8.0–0 Bd7 9.Re1 0–0 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.c3 Bc5 13.b4 Bb6 14.Nb3 Rhg8 15.N1d2 Bh3 16.g3 f5 17.Nc4 Ba7 18.exf5 Bxf5 19.Rad1 Rd5 20.Rxd5 cxd5 21.Ncd2 Bh3 22.Re5 f5 23.Nd4 c6 24.Nxf5 Rf8

25.Nd4 Rf6 26.N4b3 b6 27.Re8+ Kc7 28.Re7+ Bd7 29.Kg2 c5 30.Nf3 Kd6 31.Re1 Bh3+ 32.Kxh3 Rxf3 33.Re3 Rxf2 34.Re8 cxb4 35.cxb4 b5 36.Ra8 Rf7 37.Nc5 d4 38.Rd8+ Kc6 39.Rxd4 Bxc5 40.bxc5 Kxc5 41.Rd8 Rf2 42.Rh8 Rxa2 43.Rxh6 b4 44.Rh8 Ra5 45.Rh6 b3 0-1

### **Kitsfest Rapid and Blitz** (August 10-11)



For the second year in a row Vancity Chess was part of the annual Kitsfest, a festival of volleyball, basketball, and other outdoor sports along with music and activities held at Kits Beach. Tables were set up in the shade near the entrance and two ‘formal’ tournaments were conducted along with much casual chess as passersby sat down for a game at their leisure. The [rapid championship](#) took place on the Saturday and attracted forty entrants. The Open Section included several local masters but it was visiting CM Bram Van Der Velden (Netherlands) who took the first place with 5.5/6, a point ahead of CM Neil Doknjas and Tristan Taylor in second and third. Michael Cunanan, Shaun Good, and Anthony Wong were the winners in the U1400 Section. The [blitz tournament](#) on Sunday saw a number of registered players not turn up but sixty-one did participate; after ten rounds Suren Ghazaryan was the winner with 9.0 points, just ahead of Ryan Leong and Ashton Taylor.

### **B.C. Championships** (October 11-14)

It's that time of year again – the BC Championship and [Women's Open](#) will be taking place on the upcoming Thanksgiving weekend. The field for the Closed is as follows:

Johan Aljo (Langley Open)  
John Doknjas (ratings list)  
Neil Doknjas (BC Champion)  
Raymond Kaufman (Keres)

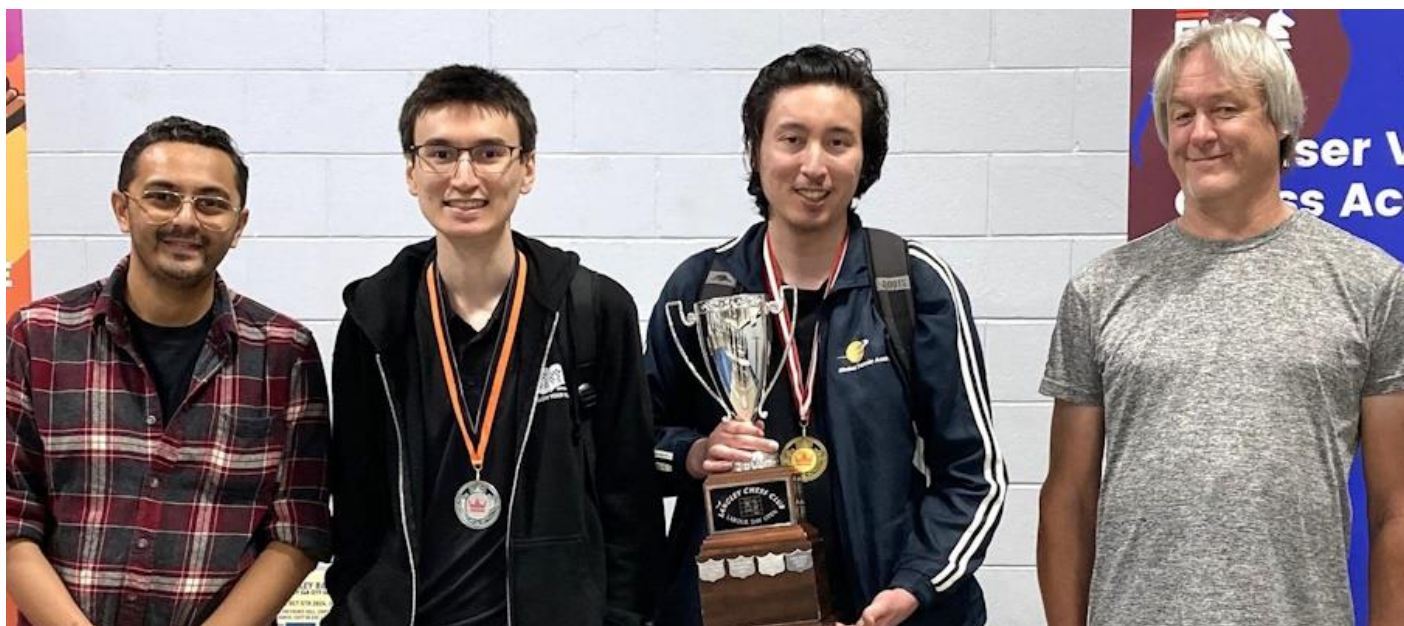
Keith MacKinnon (ratings list)  
Nguyen, Van Thanh (ratings list)  
Leo Qu (GPO)  
Jingyun (Ryan) Yang (BC Junior)

This year the Women's tournament is not an invitational round robin as usual but an open Swiss, with the proviso that participants must be BC residents. There is also an adjunct six-round Swiss, the [Western Canadian Open](#), for everyone else. All the action takes place at [Capilano University Lonsdale](#) in the Shipyards district of North Vancouver on the Thanksgiving Day weekend (October 11-14). So come and see some of BC's best players or join in the action yourself!

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## LANGLEY OPEN (August 31 – September 2)

This year's Langley Open, the seventeenth since the former Labour Day Open moved from Victoria to Langley in 2006, was co-organized by the Fraser Valley Chess Association and the Langley Chess Club. Also new this year was the location – the Douglas Park Community School in downtown Langley, rather than the previous Brookwood Senior Centre. This allowed for greater participation than at Brookwood, and indeed a new attendance record was set at one hundred and thirty-nine players. Langley also used to be one of the few major tournaments in one section, but this year there were three to accommodate the players. The thirty-nine player [Open Section](#) included a dozen players over 2000 and four former or current BC Champions; after three rounds a race had developed between three of those champions, FM Grigorii Morozov, FM John Doknjas, and CM Neil Doknjas, all with perfect scores. In rounds four and five John beat both his co-leaders which left him a point ahead of the field going into the last round. Here he was unable to overcome a determined Henry Yang but the draw guaranteed him first place with 5.5/6. Neil defeated Grigorii to finish clear second while there was a four-way tie for third between (in tiebreak order) Johan Aljo, Henry Yang, Yidong Chen, and Zachary Liu, the BC Championship qualifying spot going to Johan. The other two sections also featured clear winners with 5.5 points. In the [U1700 Section](#) James Kerry and Zhengyu Chen were neck and neck going into the last round but Zhengyu lost to Ryan Golchin, leaving James first, Ryan second and Zhengyu third on tiebreak over Jordan Zhu and Mark Gulbinowicz; forty-seven players participated. Finally, the fifty-four player [U1000 Section](#) was won by Tamás Burik ahead of Trevor Ho and William Meyer, Jerry Fan was the top unrated.



The first and second place finishers flanked by organizers Umang Banatwala (left) and Brian Davidson (photo by Victoria Doknjas)

**Roback, Joe (2067) – Morozov, Grigorii (2416) [C02] Langley op Langley (2.1), 31.08.2024**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.a3 Bd7 7.b4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Rc8 9.Be2 a5 10.b5 Nxd4  
11.Nxd4 Rxc1 12.Qxc1 Qxd4 13.Qc3 Bc5 14.0–0 Ne7 15.Ra2 Qxc3 16.Nxc3 Bd4 17.Rc2 Bxe5  
18.Na4 Nf5 19.Rb1 Ke7 20.Bd3 Nd4 21.Rcc1 Bf4 22.Rc5 Bd6 23.Rc3 e5 24.Nb6 Be6 25.Rd1 e4  
26.Bf1 Be5 27.Rcc1 Rd8 28.Re1 f5 29.Red1 f4 30.Re1 g5 31.f3 Nb3 32.Rcd1 e3 33.Na4 h5  
34.Rd3 d4 35.Nb2 g4 36.Be2 Bd6 37.fyg4 Bxa3 38.Na4 hxg4 39.Bxg4 Bxg4 40.Rxb3 Bb4 41.Ra1  
d3 42.h3 d2 0–1

**Doknjas, John (2384) – Morozov, Grigorii (2416) [C02] Langley op Langley (4.1), 01.09.2024**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.a3 Bd7 7.b4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Rc8 9.Bb2 Na5 10.Nbd2  
Nc4 11.Nxc4 dxc4 12.Rc1 Qa6 13.d5 exd5 14.Qxd5 Be6 15.Qe4 Ne7 16.h4 Bd5 17.Qf4 b5 18.Nd4  
h5 19.Be2 Rh6 20.0–0 Qb7 21.e6 fxe6 22.Qg5 g6 23.Bf3 Bxf3 24.Nxf3 Rh7 25.Rc2 Bh6 26.Qg3  
Rf7 27.Ng5 Bxg5 28.Qxg5 Qd5 29.Qh6 Qe4 30.Rcc1 Qf4 31.Qh8+ Kd7 32.Qc3 Nd5 33.Qc2 g5  
34.a4 Nxb4 35.Qd1+ Nd3 36.axb5 gxh4 37.Ra1 Ke8 38.Qxh5 Rc5 39.Qh8+ Rf8 40.Qg7 Rg5  
41.Qb7 [Time.] 1–0

**Doknjas, Neil (2369) – Doknjas, John (2384) [B90] Langley op Langley (5.1), 02.09.2024**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 Ng4 7.Bc1 Nf6 8.Be3 Ng4 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bc1  
Nf6 11.Bd3 e5 12.Nde2 b5 13.Ng3 Bb7 14.Qe2 Nbd7 15.a3 g6 16.h4 h5 17.Bg5 Qc7 18.Rd1 Bc6  
19.f3 Nh7 20.Bc1 Be7 21.Nf1 0–0 22.Bh6 Rfb8 23.Ne3 Qd8 24.g3 Bf8 25.Bxf8 Ndx8 26.Ncd5 Nf6  
27.c3 a5 28.Kf2 Bxd5 29.exd5 b4 30.Bb5 bxc3 31.bxc3 e4 32.a4 exf3 33.Qxf3 N8d7 34.Kg2 Ne5  
35.Qf4 Rc8 36.c4 Ra7 37.Rhf1 Nfg4 38.Nxg4 Nxg4 39.Rde1 Re7 40.Re4 Rcc7 41.Rfe1 Re5  
42.Rxe5 Nxe5 43.Qd4 Re7 44.Re4 Ng4 45.Kf3 Rxe4 46.Qxe4 Qf6+ 47.Qf4 Qb2 48.c5 Qf2+  
49.Ke4 Qc2+ 50.Bd3 f5+ 0–1

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**EMA CLASSICAL 2 (August 10-11)**





In terms of format and organization EMA Classical 2 was an exact carbon copy of EMA Classical 1 held last June. Hosted by the [Penny Chess Club](#) at the EnrichMind Academy on Kingsway in East Vancouver, the tournament consisted of three rounds at 50 + 10 on the Saturday followed by a further two rounds of 90 + 30 on the Sunday. Attendance was similar to the last event, seventy-six players (just four short of capacity). The big difference was in the [Premier Section](#), which shrank from sixteen players in June to just eight. There were no players rated below 2000 in the section this time, likely due to a number of other events held around the same time period. Perhaps due to the volatility of the faster time control top-ranked IM Van-Thanh Nguyen gave up two draws on the first day, allowing second-ranked Jingyun (Ryan) Yang to cruise to victory with 4.5 points, albeit with a first-round forfeit win. Due to the vagaries of the pairings Ryan played few of the other top finishers, but a five-round Swiss is not designed to handle eight or later seven players. Van-Thanh was second on 3.5 and WIM Penny Pham claimed third on tiebreak ahead of Zachary Liu and Yidong Chen.



The other two sections each had thirty-four players. It is not often that the twenty-fifth ranked player in an event places first, but such was the case with Tiago Ferraz in the [U1800 Section](#). Rated a lowly 1060, Tiago drew with the veteran Jofrel Landingin and won the rest of his games to tie with Jofrel on 4.5 points, coming first on tiebreak and in the process raising his rating to 1400. There was a four-way tie for third between Reuben Miller, Barath Subramanian Suresh, Ryder Hsu, and Zhengyu Chen with Reuben getting the nod after tiebreaks were applied. And Augustine Jung was the clear winner of the [U1000 Section](#) with 4.5/5, Kanish Raj Sathish Raj was second and Ishdeep Singh third, Kevin Gao also scored 4.0 points.

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

### **Lulu Island Chess Fall Rapid and Blitz**

Richmond, September 21

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### **Chateau Victoria Rapid II**

Victoria, September 22

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### **RCC Elite Championship #3**

Richmond, September 22

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### **Okanagan Valley Rapid 1**

West Kelowna, September 28

[Details](#)

### **Vancouver Chess Festival #8**

UBC, September 28-29

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### **Fraser Valley Rapid 13**

Langley, October 5

[Details](#)

### **BC Women's Open**

North Vancouver, October 12-14

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### **Western Canadian Open**

North Vancouver, October 12-14

[Details](#)

### **Greater Vancouver Chess Tournament 5**

Burnaby, October 19-20

[Details](#)

### **Jack Taylor Memorial**

Victoria, October 25-27

[Details](#)

### **West Vancouver Rapid Chess**

West Vancouver, November 3

[Details](#)

### **BC Junior Championship**

Burnaby, November 16-17

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### **Vancouver Chess Festival #9**

UBC, November 23-24

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### **West Vancouver Rapid Chess**

West Vancouver, December 1

[Details](#)

### **Greater Vancouver Open #6**

Burnaby, December 7-8

[Details](#)

### **RCC Elite Championship #5**

Richmond, December 8

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