

## BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #458

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### HERE AND THERE

#### **Quesnel Chess Nuggets Rapid November** (November 16)

Another [rapid event](#) in Quesnel, as reported by Kirk Morgan: “We had six players in total. Five men and one woman. After five hard fought rounds and much fun! Congratulations to: First: Justin Aney 4.0 points; Second: Robert Orlaw 3.0 points; Third: Nick Campbell 3.0 points.” The [Quesnel Chess Nuggets](#) have been meeting on Friday nights at K-Max Games and Videos.

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Mersin Open** (November 10-16)

IM Bindi Cheng recently took part in the [Mersin Open](#), Mersin being a city on Türkiye’s south coast, roughly on the same meridian as the east end of Cypress. The entire tournament had some four hundred and fifty participants but in the A Section (apparently for those rated 2000 and up) there were sixty-four. The field included six GMs and five IMs and apart from Bindi there was only one other North American player, former US champion Alex Yermolinsky. The overall winner was GM Sergei Lobanov (FIDE) with 7.0/9, while top-ranked GM Vitaliy Bernadskiy (Ukraine) was among the five players tied for second a half point back. Bindi did not have a great event, finishing on 50% and only playing one opponent above 2100.

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Banff Open** (November 9-11)



The 2024 Banff Open was one player shy of last year's record turnout at one hundred and thirty participants, including from this province Gilles Bruneau, Zachary Chruszcz, Andrew Court, Kevin Goodman, Conor Haran, IM Raymond Kaufman, Moses Li, NM Zachary Liu, Aiden Hao-Ting Lu, Oakley Pankratz, Dejan Radic, Marko Radic, Nathan Ping-Ying Wu, Joanne Xu, and Joey Xu

The [Open Section](#) included four IMs and twenty-two players over 2000 and after six regular rounds resulted in a four-way tie for first between IMs Olivier Kenta Chiku-Ratte and Jean Hébert, FM Tymur Keleberda, and NM Anand Rishi Chandra, each scoring 4.5/6. However, in Banff Armageddon games (White having more time but Black having draw odds) are used to determine an individual winner. After playoffs Anand Chandra emerged as the 2024 Banff Champion, repeating his victory from last year. Raymond Kaufman and Zachary Liu were among those who tied fifth a half-point off the pace. Elsewhere Kevin Goodman won the [O1600 Section](#) with a perfect score and Andrew Court tied for second in the [U1600](#).

**Liu, Zachary Hankun (2133) – Bahmani, Amir Mohammad (2217) [A20] Banff op Banff (3.6), 10.11.2024**

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.0–0 0–0 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Be5 9.Nf3 Bf6 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.a3 Nc6 12.Re1 Nb6 13.Qc2 Bg4 14.Ne4 Bf5 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.Qb3 Na5 17.Qb5 Nac4 18.Bg5 Qg6 19.Bf4 c6 20.Qb4 Be4 21.b3 Bxf3 22.Bxf3 Ne5 23.Bg2 Qh5 24.Rad1 Ng4 25.h3 Nf6 26.e4 Nfd7 27.Qc3 f6 28.Bd6 Re6 29.a4 Rae8 30.g4 Qh6 31.Bg3 Ne5 32.a5 Nc8 33.f4 Nf7 34.h4 Ncd6 35.Qb4 Nb5 36.Rd7 Nfd6 37.f5 Re5 38.Rxd6 Nxd6 39.Qxd6 R5e7 40.Qd1 g6 41.g5 ffg5 42.f6 Rf7 43.Qd2 Qh5 44.Qxg5 Qxg5 45.hxg5 h6 46.e5 hxg5 47.Be4 Kh7 48.Kg2 Rd7 49.Rh1+ Kg8 50.Bxg6 Rd2+ 51.Kf3 Rf8 52.Kg4 Rb2 53.Rf1 Re2 54.Kxg5 c5 55.Kf5 Rd8 56.Rh1 Re3 57.f7+ 1–0

**Bahmani, Amir Mohammad (2217) – Kaufman, Raymond (2177) [B59] Banff op Banff (4.8), 10.11.2024**

1.e4 c5 2.Ne2 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Be3 Be7 9.0–0 0–0 10.Bf3 a5 11.a4 Nb4 12.Nd5 Nfxd5 13.exd5 Bf5 14.Rc1 Rc8 15.c3 Nd3 16.Rc2 Bg5 17.Bg4 Bxg4 18.Qxd3 f5 19.Bxg5 Qxg5 20.f3 Bh5 21.f4 Qd8 22.Qe3 Rc4 23.Nd2 Rxa4 24.fxe5 f4 25.Qh3 Bg6 26.Qe6+ Kh8 27.b3 Bxc2 28.bxa4 dxe5 29.Nf3 Bd3 30.Rc1 Bc4 31.Qxe5 Qxd5 32.Qe7 Rc8 33.Rb1 Ba6 34.Re1 h6 35.Nd4 Qc5 36.Qf7 Qf8 37.Qg6 Rxc3 38.Ne6 Qe7 39.Rd1 Rc8 40.h4 Bc4 41.Nxf4 Qe3+ 42.Kh1 Qxf4 0–1

**BC Junior Chess Winter Rapid (November 10)**

The latest rapid event by the BC Junior Chess Association attracted a total of seventy players in two sections. The [Open Section](#) had only ten players and was won by Aiden Leong with 5.5/6, Minjun Koo and Kaiqi Qin tied for second. The much larger [U1400 Section](#) also had an individual winner, Karson Lu, who had a perfect score, but five players tied for second: Ryan Li, Samuel Gao, Sky Cui, Sion Park, and Alex Kubanek.



## Okanagan Valley Rapid 2 (West Kelowna, November 9)



Following on from the inaugural event at the end of September, [Okanagan Valley Rapid 2](#) drew a total of nineteen players to the West Kelowna Library for five rounds of rapid chess. As with the previous event the winner was Ameet Kumar Dalal – this time he improved his score to a perfect 5.0/5. Second and gaining over two hundred rating points in the process was Karim Elbably, while third was shared between Jensen Irvine and veteran Wayne Kort. If you're in the area, [Okanagan Rapid #3](#) is coming up on December 14.

## World Youth Championships (October 29 – November 9)



This year's [WYCC](#) (world championships by U14, U16, and U18 categories) were held in Florianópolis, Brazil (otherwise known as Floripa; see previous bulletins for BC participation in the last two editions of the annual Floripa Open). The competition featured five hundred and twenty players from sixty-two countries including Canada, who sent fifteen players, among them BC's

David Eirew. None of our Canadians were highly-ranked within the sections and the final results reflect this, although some improved on their initial tournament rankings by ten places or more. Best individual results were those of Hanxi (Hancy) Jiang who finished tenth in the U16G Section and WCM Anais Chloe Fiset (U14G), Jonath Joseph (U16), and Arnav Mane (U14) who made significant rating gains. David was in the tough U18 Section which included a GM, eighteen IMs, and nineteen FMs; his 3.5/11 final score was slightly above his rating prediction.

**Guarin Fonseca, Nobel Alfredo (2062) – Eirew, David (1700) [D04] FIDE WYCC U18 Florianopolis (2.40), 30.10.2024**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 c6 4.Bd3 Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.c4 e6 7.Nbd2 Nbd7 8.Qc2 Bd6 9.0–0 0–0 10.Rb1 Rc8 11.b4 b5 12.c5 Bb8 13.Bb2 Ne4 14.Ne5 f5 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.f4 g5 17.Nxe4 fxe4 18.Be2 Bxe2 19.Qxe2 gxf4 20.exf4 Qg7 21.Bc1 Rf7 22.Rb3 Rcf8 23.Kh2 Kh8 24.Rg3 Qh6 25.Qg4 Rg7 26.Qxg7+ Qxg7 27.Rxg7 Kxg7 28.Be3 e5 29.g3 exf4 30.gxf4 Rf6 31.h4 Bc7 32.Kh3 Kg6 33.Rg1+ Kf7 34.Rf1 Ke6 35.Kg4 Rg6+ 36.Kh3 Kf5 37.Bf2 Bxf4 38.Bg1 Rg3+ 39.Kh2 Rf3+ 40.Kg2 Rxf1 41.Kxf1 Kg4 42.Bf2 Bg3 43.Bxg3 Kxg3 44.Ke2 Kg4 45.a4 a6 0–1

**Langley Chess Club Unrated Blitz** (November 4)

The Club held an exciting non-rated Blitz Tournament on November 4. Sixteen players participated, and after seven rounds NM Brian McLaren (right, at the Canadian Senior) and George Omojola were tied at 6.5 each. A play-off game resulted in a McLaren victory with the White pieces. A small cash prize went to the winner, and a pocket chess set went to our second-place finisher.

The Langley Chess Club is one of the oldest active clubs in Canada, and we have re-structured to ensure many more years ahead. Starting in 2025, the Club will be open on the first Monday of the month (except on holidays) for casual play and Special Events (like our recent November 4 Blitz tournament). But we will continue to offer CFC rated Classical games at an affordable price for Club Members and non-Members. [Details](#)



**BC Junior Winter Rapid Championship** (November 2)

The second edition of Fraser Valley Chess' BC Junior Winter Rapid Championship took place at the Christian Life Assembly Church in Langley with the seventy participants divided into three sections. In [Kindergarten – Grade 3](#) Chi Eden scored 5.0/6 to claim first place, just ahead of Ethan An and Tyler Hun. Barath Subramanian Suresh gave up a single draw in winning the [Grade 4-7 Section](#), Kai Zhongkai Zhang and Bingda (Brady) Li were close behind with 5.0 points each. And Zachary Liu had a large ratings cushion in the [Grade 8-12 Section](#) and unsurprisingly came first with a perfect score; he was followed 2.0 points behind by Daniel Zhu, Bowen Wu, and Chris Mackay.



## **RCC Elite Chess Championship** (November 2)



As previously this RCC Elite Championship consisted of two parallel events, one CFC rated for both adults and juniors, the other CMA rated for juniors alone. In the [Open Section](#) Ryan Leong and Yidong Chen both scored 3.5/4, Minhao (Billy) Wu was third on tiebreak over Pengsen Fang and Joanne Wangluo was the top girl. Alex (Guo Xi) Yu had a perfect 4/4.0 in winning the [U1300 Section](#), May Wangluo and Trevor Ho tied for second and Martina Szeto top girl. In the [CMA](#) portion, Yucheng Liu and Avery Leung tied for first in the U800 Section, Anthony Wang was third and Nicole Jayawardena top girl, while the U500 saw Victoria Zeng finish with a perfect score, Luffy Xing and Martin Lai Tong Pak were second and third and Rachel Jayawardena was the top girl.

## **31<sup>st</sup> ProAm Copa Clarin** (October 19-27)

Returning to South America, IM Leon Piasetski took part in this year's [Clarín Cup](#) tournament in Villa Martelli (on the outskirts of Buenos Aires) which attracted one hundred and thirty players, including five GMs and ten IMs. Four players tied for first with 7.0/9, in tiebreak order IM Lucas Coro, IM Pablo Ismael Acosta, GM Federico Perez Ponsa, and GM Leonardo Tristan (all Argentina)

## **Uruguay Interdepartmental Team Championship** (October 11-13)

Before the above event in Argentina Leon played one rated game in Uruguay, in a team competition called the [Interdepartmental Championship](#), the nineteen departments being the Uruguayan equivalent of provinces. Held in Punta del Este (a coastal city to the east of Montevideo), the event pitted eighteen teams in a five-round Swiss; teams could include up to six players but only four played at a time. Montevideo Gripe won the event on tiebreak over Lavalleja; Leon, playing for Maldonado A, only participated in one game but won it:

**Manteiga, Franco (2006) – Piasetski, Leon David (2169) [A40] Interdepartmental Team ch Punta del Este (2.1), 12.10.2024**

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 f5 6.e4 fxe4 7.f3 e5 8.Nh3 d6 9.Nf2 exf3 10.Qxf3 Qf6 11.Qg3 Bf5 12.Be2 Nd7 13.0-0 Qe7 14.Bg5 Qg7 15.Qf3 h6 16.Bh4 Ndf6 17.g4 Bd7 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Qxe4 g5 20.Bg3 0-0-0 21.Qf3 h5 22.gxh5 g4 23.Qf7 Qxf7 24.Rxf7 Rxh5 25.Rxd7 Rxd7 26.Bxg4 Rg5 27.Bxd7+ Kxd7 28.Rb1 b6 29.a4 Ne7 30.a5 Rg4 31.axb6 axb6 32.Rxb6 Rxc4 33.Rb7+ Ke8 34.Rb8+ Kf7 35.Rb6 Nf5 36.Rb3 Kf6 37.Kf2 Kg5 38.Ke2 Kg4 39.Kd3 Ra4 40.Rb8 Kf3 41.Rf8 c4+ 42.Kd2 Ke4 43.Rf6 Ra2+ 44.Kc1 Rg2 45.Kb1 Rd2 46.Kc1 Rxd5 47.Rg6 Kd3 48.Be1 Ke2 49.Bg3 Rd3 50.Kc2 Ne3+ 51.Kb1 Nd1 52.Rg4 Nxc3+ 53.Ka1 Rd2 0-1

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**BC JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP** (November 16-17)

Held once more under the auspices of the [Chess2Inspire](#) organization at the Bonsor Recreation Complex in Burnaby, the BC Junior Championship kept the same format as in recent years: a Championship Section (rated over 1300 CFC), a Reserve Section (rated over 700) and a Booster (under 700 or unrated). All sections employed a time control of 50 + 10 on the Saturday and 90 + 30 on Sunday. The forty-two player [Champion Section](#) included three masters and five players over 2000 but FM Ethan Song and NM Zachary Liu gave up costly draws in rounds two and three respectively and couldn't achieve a decisive result in the last round, allowing CM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang and Justin Xu to tie for first with 4.5/5. Ryan was first on tiebreak, thus repeating as Champion and qualifying for the 2025 BC Closed. Joanne Wangluo was the Top Girl, Aadit Arya and Zhengyu Chen were First and Second U1800 while Haoze (Dennis) Wang and Sining Lou claimed the U1500 prizes.



The [Reserve Section](#) attracted seventy-seven entrants but had a single individual winner in Jesse Law who achieved a perfect score. There was also a sole winner in second, Markus Li, who scored 4.5 points. Sofia Vigurs was the Top Girl, Aryav Aloke and Benjamin Yuan were the U1000 prize winners, and Martina Szeto was the Top Girl U1000. Seventy players participated in the [Booster Section](#) where there were in total twenty-one prizes. Josiah Lo, Rockwell Chan, Qianhui Wang, Darren Li, and Mingyang Zheng placed First to Fifth respectively, while Top Girls overall were Genevieve Tang and Nicole Jayawardena. For U500 Bryan Viet Tran, Jia Jerry, Azlaan Saad, Morgan Zhou, and Hanjin Yang were the place winners, and Nicole's sister Rachel Jayawardena was the Top Girl, while for unrated players Matthew Manzano, Daniel Luo, Nathan Chan, Simon Kuhl, and Mason Chow won the place prizes and Anika Soni and Caroline Chen were the Top Girls.

Many thanks to all the organizers and volunteers who helped make the event happen: Ron Hui, Lara Lo, Michael Lo, Ryan Lo, An Yu, and Ping Yu. Thanks also to Curtis Lister of the Burnaby Junior Chess for taking care of the skittles rooms and all the players and parents. [Standings, Results and Photos](#)

### **Arya, Aadit (1781) – Yang, Jingyun (Ryan) (2305) [B23] BC jun Burnaby (5.2), 17.11.2024**

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 e6 4.Nf3 a6 5.d3 b5 6.g3 b4 7.Nb1 d5 8.Nbd2 Nf6 9.e5 Nd7 10.Bg2 Be7 11.0–0 Qc7 12.Qe2 a5 13.Rf2 Ba6 14.Nf1 c4 15.d4 c3 16.Qe3 cxb2 17.Bxb2 Nb6 18.N1d2 g6 19.Rc1 h5 20.h3 a4 21.Bf1 Bxf1 22.Rfxf1 Na5 23.Qd3 Nac4 24.Ba1 Nxd2 25.Nxd2 Nc4 26.Rb1 Nxd2 27.Qxd2 Qc4 28.Rb2 Rc8 29.Rf2 Qc3 30.Qxc3 Rxc3 31.Kg2 h4 32.Rf3 a3 33.Rb3 Rxc2+ 34.Rf2 Rxf2+ 35.Kxf2 hxg3+ 36.Kxg3 Kd7 37.Bc3 bxc3 38.Rxc3 Rb8 39.Rc2 Rb2 0–1

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### **JACK TAYLOR MEMORIAL (October 25-27) by Paul Leblanc**

The 44<sup>th</sup> edition of the Jack Taylor Memorial took place in Victoria on the weekend of 25-27 October. This tournament celebrates [Jack Taylor](#) who won the BC Championship five times between 1929 and 1953. The Jack Taylor Memorial was first held in 1973 under the name BCCF Diamond Jubilee and won by GM Peter Biyiasas. Several previous winners competed this year: Paul Leblanc 1989 and 2012; NM Roger Patterson 2007, 2013, 2014 and 2015; NM Zulfikar Sali 2018; IM Raymond Kaufman 2019; Zachary Liu 2022; Jason Williamson 2023

The tournament was held at the Commonwealth Recreation Centre in Saanich. It was the first time for any chess tournament at this venue and it proved popular with the players with ample free parking, an on-site café and good playing conditions. The Premier section was FIDE rated for the first time. Seventy-four players took part, playing one round Friday night and two rounds on each of Saturday and Sunday at a time control of Game in 90 with 30 second increments. Most players were pleased with this more traditional time control. About two thirds of the players were from Vancouver Island. The mix of adults and juniors was more balanced than most of the mainland tournaments that are heavily weighted with juniors.

Turning to the chess results, IM Ray Kaufman and NM Zachary Liu shared first place in the [Premier Section](#). Ray defeated his most dangerous rival, NM Zulfikar Sali in round four then settled for a half-point against Zachary in the last round, both finishing with 4.5 out of 5.



The [U1300 Section](#) was dominated by Andrew Murray, a local player in only his second rated tournament. He was undefeated at 5.0-0.0. The tournament was organized by Victoria Chess with NA Marc Moisan as Tournament Director. The prize fund was \$3,000.



IM Kaufman and NM Liu kick off the final round on board one. Looking on is Christopher Cole who traveled from Utah for the event



U1300 Section winner Andrew Martin (left) and Micah Chow on board one of round five

**Williamson, Jason (1918) – Kaufman, Raymond (2312) [B58] Jack Taylor mem Victoria (3.1), 26.10.2024**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Be2 e6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Qd2 0-0 9.g4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 e5 11.Qd1 Be6 12.g5 Ne8 13.h4 Nc7 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Qa5+ 16.Bd2 Qxd5 17.Bf3



Qb5 18.a4 Qd7 19.h5 d5 20.g6 fxc6 21.hxc6 hxc6 22.Rg1 Bh4 23.Rxc6 Qf7 24.Rxe6 Qxe6 25.Bg5 e4 26.Bg4 Bxf2+ 27.Ke2 Qe5 0-1

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## GREATER VANCOUVER TOURNAMENT #5 (October 19-20)



Organized by the Penny Chess Club, the fifth edition of the Greater Vancouver Chess Tournament took place the weekend after Thanksgiving and was held at the Bonsor Recreation Complex in Burnaby. A total of one hundred and eighty-one players participated, split as in previous events into four sections. As before, there were three rounds of 50 +10 on the first day followed by two 90 + 30 games on the Sunday. The twenty-three player [Open Section](#) included two IMs, one WIM, three CMs, and a total of twelve players over 2000 but it was top-ranked IM Van Thanh Nguyen who came out on top, taking first place with 4.5/5. Tied for second were Bellevue junior Ted Wang and Yidong Chen who both beat higher-rated opponents in the last round (CM Jorge Nunez Asencio and IM Raymond Kaufman respectively) – Ted placed second on tiebreak. There were also trophies for best boys and girls in each section by two-year age brackets; for the Open, these went to Elliot McCallum, Lucas Yao, NM Zachary Liu, Aiden Hao-Ting Lu, and CM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang).

The [U1800 Section](#) was won by Bicheng Zhang with a perfect score, while Boyong Guo and Daniel Zhu placed second and third on tiebreak ahead of Jaydon Yuan, they all scored 4.0 points. Junior trophies went to Xavier Zhang, Barath Subramanian Suresh, Larry Yang, Ryder Hsu, Shaunavon Mu, Sofia Vigurs, and Dasha Doroshenko. Tommy To won the [U1300 Section](#), also with a perfect score; four players tied with 4.0 points but after tiebreaks Krishnav Nair was second and Denis Boko third while Evan Geng and Vincent Mu 'just' received money. Tyler Hun, David Song, Edric Gong, Sparsh Gandhi, Yunhao Tan, Evelyn Lou, Anny Peng, and Siyona Singh were awarded trophies. And there was a four-way tie for first in the seventy-six player [U800 Section](#), resolved in favour of Lucas Lau, Jason Zhu, and Dakshesh Singh respectively, although Kevin Hughes shared in the prize money. Junior trophies went to Sherwin Pang, Adam He, Eli Goodman, Jake Cao, Pranav Nair, Adele Yang, Tiffany Trang Tran, and Sherlyn Pang. [Tournament website](#) [GVCT #6](#) is coming up on the weekend of December 7 and 8.

**Yang, Jingyun (Ryan) – Nguyen, Van Thanh [B42] Greater Vancouver Tournament #5 Burnaby (5.1), 20.10.2024**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Nb3 Ba7 7.0–0 Ne7 8.Bf4 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Bg3 Nc6 11.a3 0–0 12.N1d2 f5 13.Nf3 Qf6 14.c4 Nde7 15.Qe2 Ng6 16.Bd6 Re8 17.c5 e5 18.Bc4+ Be6 19.Bxe6+ Rxe6 20.Qc4 Kh8 21.g3 Ree8 22.Rae1 e4 23.Nfd4 Nge5 24.Qd5 Rad8 25.Rd1 Nxd4 26.Nxd4 Rxd6 27.cxd6 Bxd4 28.d7 Rd8 29.Qxb7 Rxd7 30.Qb4 Nd3 31.Qa5 h5 32.Kg2 Bxb2 33.Qa4 Qe6 34.Qc2 Bf6 35.Qc8+ Kh7 36.Rb1 f4 37.h3 fxg3 38.Rb8 Nf4+ 39.Kxg3 Qxh3+ 40.Kxf4 Qf3# 0–1

**Nunez Asencio, Jorge – Wang, Ted [E70] Greater Vancouver Tournament #5 Burnaby (5.2), 20.10.2024**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Bd3 0–0 6.Nge2 Nbd7 7.0–0 e5 8.d5 a5 9.Bc2 Nc5 10.b3 c6 11.f3 cxd5 12.exd5 Nh5 13.g4 Nf4 14.Nxf4 exf4 15.Bb2 h5 16.gxh5 Bh3 17.Kh1 Qg5 18.Rf2 Qxh5 19.Qd2 Bf5 20.Raf1 Rfe8 21.Qxf4 Bxc2 22.Rxc2 Nd3 23.Qd2 Ne1 24.Rc1 Nxf3 25.Qg2 Nh4 26.Qf2 Nf5 27.Qf3 Qh4 28.Qf2 Qh5 29.Qf3 Qh6 30.Rg1 Re3 31.Qf2 Rae8 32.Rce1 Qh3 33.Rxe3 Rxe3 34.Nd1 Rf3 35.Qe2 Rf1 36.Qg2 Qxg2+ 37.Kxg2 Rxd1 0–1

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**FROM JUBILEE TO MEMORIAL**



Facing the camera, Alan Hill and Peter Biyiasas at the second Diamond Jubilee Open, 1974 (photo by Jonathan Berry)



Jack Taylor

In 1973 the BCCF organized a tournament to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the federation. Held in New Westminster on the five days between Christmas and New Year's (two rounds a day), the event attracted a total of sixty-three players including the then Canadian Champion, Peter Biyiasas. Curiously it appears the BCCF got the date of its anniversary wrong; all available contemporary sources indicate the federation was founded in 1916, so one wonders on what basis the earlier date was commemorated. Possibly there was confusion/conflation with the founding of the Vancouver Chess Club. The Diamond Jubilee Open was held annually for the next six years, attracting a maximum of sixty-four players in 1975 but by 1978 the attendance had dropped to just eighteen and the tournament was discontinued. Six years later plans were made to resurrect the tournament at the Kerrisdale Community Centre in August 1984 and early adverts called the event the Diamond Jubilee Open. However, in September of 1974 Jack Taylor, former five-time BC



Champion, had passed away at the age of sixty-seven. To honour his memory a trophy had been donated for the winner of the Diamond Jubilee Open, although when exactly this happened is not clear. By the time the Kerrisdale event took place the tournament name had been changed to the Jack Taylor Memorial, commemorating the dedicatee of the trophy. Tony Berrocoso, Gerry Forbes and Nigel Fullbrook tied for first in a field of thirty-two, but it was not until the tournament was transplanted to Victoria in 1987 under the care of Lynn Stringer that the Jack Taylor Memorial became the annual event we know today.



Not great quality, but this is the only photograph your editor has of the Diamond Jubilee Open trophy.

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

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

UBC, November 23-24

[Details](#)

### **Victoria Holiday Inn Rapid**

Saanich, November 24

[Details](#)

### **RCC Elite Championship** (Juniors)

Richmond, November 29/December 6

[Details](#)

### **West Vancouver Rapid Chess**

West Vancouver, December 1

[Details](#)

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

Burnaby, December 7-8

[Details](#)

### **RCC Elite Championship** (Open)

Richmond, December 13/20

[Details](#)

### **Christmas Blitz Championship**

Richmond, December 14

[Details](#)

### **Okanagan Valley Rapid #3**

West Kelowna, December 14

[Details](#)

### **Blendz Christmas Online Blitz**

Lichess, December 21

[Details](#)

### **Chess 960 Christmas Open**

Langley, December 22

[Details](#)

### **Goodbye 2024 FIDE Open**

Langley, December 28-30

[Details](#)

### **New Year Open 2025**

Richmond, January 2-4, 2025

[Details](#)

### **Fraser Valley Classical 1**

Langley, January 18-19, 2025

[Details](#)

### **Lulu Island Chess Classical 1**

New Westminster, January 25-26, 2025

[Details](#)

### **Grand Pacific Open**

Victoria, April 18-21

[Details](#)

### **Canadian Youth Chess Championship**

Surrey, July 8-11, 2025

[Details](#)

### **Canadian Open**

Surrey, July 12-18, 2025

[Details](#)