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BC Chess Federation

Best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year!

Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

North American Youth (December 18-23)



(photo: Team Canada parents)

Open to players from Canada, the United States, and Mexico, the North American Youth is the continental version of the WYCC, with the same divisions into sections by two-year age groups and open/girls. This year the tournament took place in Dulles, Virginia (just west of Washington, D.C.) and included a large contingent of Canadians, among whom were Justin Jialin Gao, NM Zachary Hankun Liu, WCM Gillian Xi-Lin Mok, FM Ethan Song, CM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang, Aiden Yin, Andrew Yin, Sofia Vigurs, and Daniel Zhu from this province. The Canadians made their presence felt: Aaron Mendes and Laksshana Deepak placed first in the U18O and U14G Sections respectively, while Gillian Xi-Lin Mok (U16G), Anaïs Chloé Fiset (U14G), and Ashley Qian (U12G) won silver. Also among the winners were two players from Washington State, Erin Bian (U16G) and Ted Wang (U12O), who both won gold. [Results](#)

**Mok, Gillian Xi-Lin (1809) – Diaz Bartolo, Elizabeth Schahraza (1945) [B13] NAYCC U16G
Dulles (3.8), 19.12.2024**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nf3 e6 7.a3 Be7 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Bf6 12.Bf4 Qa5 13.Qc2 g6 14.Rfe1 Bg7 15.Ne5 Ne7 16.Ng4 Nd5 17.Bd2 Qc7 18.Qc1 Bd7 19.c4 Nf6 20.Ne5 Bc6 21.Bg5 Qd6 22.Be3 Nd7 23.Nxc6 bxc6 24.Be4 Rac8 25.Ra2 Qc7 26.Qd2 Rfd8 27.Qe2 Nf6 28.Bf3 Ne8 29.Rd1 Nd6 30.d5 exd5 31.cxd5 c5 32.Rc2 Qa5 33.Rdc1 c4 34.Bf4 Re8 35.Qd1 Nb5 36.d6 Red8 37.d7 Rc5 38.h4 c3 39.Bg5 f6 40.Be3 Rc7 41.Qd5+ Kh8 42.Be2 a6 43.Qe6 Rcx d7 44.Bb6 Qxa3 45.Bxd8 Rxd8 46.Bxb5 axb5 47.Rxc3 Qf8 48.Rc8 1-0

Yang, Jingyun (Ryan) (2139) – Song, Ethan (2315) [E14] NAYCC U18 Dulles (3.4), 19.12.2024

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.e3 Be7 6.Bd3 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.b3 0-0 9.Bb2 Re8 10.Rc1 a6 11.Qe2 c5 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Rfd1 Bf6 15.Bf5 Rc8 16.dxc5 Bxb2 17.Qxb2 Rxc5 18.b4 Rc7 19.Qd4 Nf6 20.Qf4 Rce7 21.Nd4 Re5 22.Nf3 R5e7 23.Nd4 Re5 24.h3 Qe7 25.Nf3 Rxf5 26.Qxf5 Ne4 27.Qf4 Nd6 28.e4 Qd7 29.e5 Nb5 30.a4 Nc7 31.Qe3 Na8 32.a5 Qb5 33.axb6 Nxb6 34.Nd4 Qd7 35.Nb3 Qb5 36.Na5 Bc8 37.Qc5 Bd7 38.Re1 h6 39.Qd4 Na4 40.Rc7 Bf5 41.Rb7 Qd3 42.Qxd3 Bxd3 43.Rd1 Bg6 44.Nc6 Nc3 45.Rd2 Kh7 46.f4 Rf8 47.Rb8 Rxb8 48.Nxb8 Be4 49.Nxa6 Kg6 50.g4 h5 51.Nc5 Bf3 52.Rd3 Ne2+ 53.Kf2 hxg4 54.hxg4 Bxg4 55.b5 Nxf4 56.Rg3 Kf5 57.b6 1-0

Blendz Christmas Online Blitz (December 21) by Joe Roback

A big thanks to the Blendz organizers, players, and donors for supporting our fourth annual Blendz Christmas tourney. Another fun turnout w/ some epic games!

Winners:

- 1.) sannam2019 - \$25cdn
- 2.) Benyamin_93 - \$15cdn (After playing four years in a row he finally came in 2nd. Great job!)
- 3.) luluislandchess - \$10cdn

Best performance/games - khaledrezk - \$10

Our gratitude goes out to the generous donors: William Campbell - \$50, Blendz Club - \$10

In honour of [Patrick Osborne Shedly](#). RIP

Patrick's been a part of the group for decades. Friendly character w/ a big heart who can always be seen playing his guitar. Stalwart and protective of the group. One time a drunkard harassed the group and he took it upon himself as security evicting him out of the cafe...lolz. Moments like that showed his character as he was formidable in life as he was on the chess board with a polished game. He'll be joining the ranks playing up there now. Rest easy Patrick.



We wish everyone in the chess community happy holidays!
See ya next year! [Blendz Chess Club • lichess.org](#)

Christmas Blitz Championship (December 14)

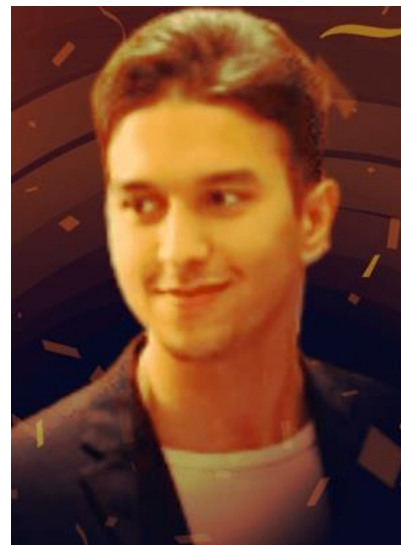


Organized by [Lulu Island Chess](#) at their usual event location, the Lounge of the Bethany Baptist Church in Richmond, the Christmas Blitz happened to coincide with a power failure which left the tournament hall without artificial lighting. Undeterred, the championship proceeded using just natural light (the schedule was from noon until 4pm) as forty-nine players competed in the fifteen round Swiss event; the time control was 3 + 2. There were seven players rated over 2000 (CFC Quick rating, in some cases quite different from regular ratings) and with a couple of exceptions they gravitated to the top of the single section. IM Bindi Cheng gave up but three draws enroute to taking first place with 13.5/15; Leo Qu and Jorge Nunez Asencio were second and third with 12.5 and 12.0 points respectively. Zachary Liu, Niccolò Baldeschi, and Justin Xu tied on 10.5 points for fourth place. Jaydon Yuan and Zachary Liu were the top players under 1700 and both saw substantial increase to their ratings, along with Leo Qu, Justin Xu, Ryan Golchin, and Pengsen Fang, among others. [Crosstable](#)

Chess.com Crazyhouse Championship (December 6)

In 2024 the online platform Chess.com ran a series of monthly Community Championships, each involving a different chess variant. The last of these was [Crazyhouse](#), a two-player version of bughouse where (like Shogi) captured pieces can be dropped into the game as one's own. The eight finalists qualified via arena-style tournaments earlier in the week for a double-elimination Knockout between Bartłomiej Zdybowicz, NM Jalen Wang, IM Mark Plotkin, GM Jeffery Xiong, FM Roe Aroesti, GM Lars Oskar Hauge, GM Andrew Tang, and BC's NM Janak Awatramani (right). Janak won the Winners Final against Plotkin after previously defeating Xiong and Zdybowicz; in the Grand Final he met the winner of the Losers bracket, Lars Oskar Hauge, whom he defeated 4.5-2.5 to win the championship.

[Chess.com report](#)



European Excursions



(photos by Niklesh Jain (Chessbase India) and Lourdes Porta)

Some players with a BC connection recently took part in tournaments in the Barcelona region of Spain. IM Leon Piasetski, FM Marcel Milat (left), and junior Elliot McCallum (right) were all part of the field for the [5th El Llobregat Open](#) (November 29 – December 8), named for Catalonia's second-largest river which flows into the Mediterranean south of Barcelona. The one hundred and fifteen participants included eighteen GMs and twenty-seven IMs; the winner after ten rounds was GM Yahli Sokolovsky (Israel) with 8.0 points, just ahead of GM Savva Vetokhin (FIDE) on 7.5. Marcel scored 3.5 from the seven games he did play, Elliot found the going tough, just two draws from nine games, Leon left after one played game. On December 1 a charity [Blitz](#) event took place in solidarity with the [Artcai Dragon](#), who visits hospitals to raise the spirits of children suffering health issues. Here Elliot finished in a tie for second with 6.0/7, a half-point behind winner Guiseppe Enmanuel Boyer Censore. Finally there was the [Sunway Sitges Open](#) (December 12-22), now in its eleventh year. Two hundred and sixty-six players, seventeen GMs, twenty-one IMs ... GM Savva Vetokhin was the winner this time, placing first on tiebreaks over GM Ido Gorshtein (Israel), they both scored 8.0 points. Top Canadian was IM Anthony Atanasov (7.0 points), Elliot Finished with 3.0 points.

Salinas Tomas, Daniel (2360) – Milat, Marcel (2156) [A13] Elllobregat op 5th Sant Boi de Llobregat (1.38), 29.11.2024

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 b5 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.b3 c5 5.c4 a6 6.0–0 e6 7.Bb2 Be7 8.d3 0–0 9.e4 d6 10.Qe2 bxc4 11.bxc4 Nbd7 12.Nc3 Rb8 13.Nd2 Ne5 14.f4 Nc6 15.Nf3 Nd7 16.Nd1 Ba8 17.g4 Bf6 18.g5 Nd4 19.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 20.Nxd4 cxd4 21.Qh5 f6 22.h4 Nc5 23.Nf2 fxg5 24.fxg5 Qa5 25.Bh3 Qd2 26.g6 h6 27.Ng4 Qxd3 28.Rf7 Rxf7 29.gxf7+ Kh7 30.Nxh6 Qe3+ 0–1

US Masters (November 27 – December 1)

Held over the American Thanksgiving weekend at the Charlotte Chess Center, the US Masters was part of the 2024 FIDE Circuit and qualified as a 'Super Swiss,' meaning that the normal federation requirements for norms was waived. The two hundred and sixty-four player field

included forty-seven grandmasters, led by world number two Fabiano Caruana. There were a number of players from Canada who included Johan Aljo, FM John Doknjas, CM Neil Doknjas, IM Max Gedajlovic, NM Zachary Liu, and CM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang. Caruana did win the event with 8.0/9 despite losing to the player who finished second, Greek GM Nikolas Theodorou, in round six. Best Canadians were IMs Anthony Atanasov and Mark Plotkin from Ontario who scored 6.5 each; Max Gedajlovic finished with 5.5 points, ahead of John Doknjas and Ryan Yang on 5.0. [Crosstable](#)

Gedajlovic, Max (2377) – Antipov, Mikhail (2602) [D35] US Chess Masters 2024 Charlotte (2.6), 28.11.2024

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be6 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 c6 8.Nf3 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.Be5 Ng7 12.h3 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Qc7 14.a3 Rd8 15.Rc1 Be7 16.Qc2 a6 17.Kf1 Qb8 18.b4 0–0 19.Ne2 f6 20.h4 g4 21.Nf4 f5 22.Nxe6 Nxe6 23.Bxf5 gxf3 24.Bxe6+ Kg7 25.Qc3 fxe2+ 26.Kxg2 Kh8 27.Qd4 Rde8 28.f4 Bf6 29.Bg4 Rg8 30.Kf3 Rxe5 31.fxe5 Bxe5 32.Qd3 Rxe4 33.Kxg4 Qg8+ 34.Kh5 Qf7+ 35.Qg6 Qf3+ 36.Qg4 Qf7+ 37.Qg6 ½–½

Chigorin Chess Club Invitational (November 4 – December 1)

Now in its fifth year, the [Chigorin Chess Club Invitational](#) was again organized by Konstantin Pyraev as a double round-robin at a time control of 25 + 10 using the facilities of the [lichess.org](#) platform. The first half was played on various days in November, with the second cycle of games all occurring on December 1.

		1	2	3	4		
1	Morozov, Grigoriy	2407	* *	0 1	1 ½	1 1	4.5
2	Kaufman, Raymond	2299	1 0	* *	1 0	1 1	4.0
3	Pechisker, Alfred	2206	0 ½	0 1	* *	1 1	3.5
4	Trochtchanovitch, Pavel	1939	0 0	0 0	0 0	* *	0.0

Leaving aside Trochtchanovitch's unfortunate performance, the results between the top three players were entirely symmetrical with one exception, the draw (the only one in the event!) between FM Grigoriy Morozov and NM Alfred Pechisker. This gave Grigoriy his margin of victory in winning the event for a second year in a row and third time overall; IM Raymond Kaufman was second, Alfred third. The following game was awarded the brilliancy prize:

Kaufman, Raymond (2299) – Morozov, Grigoriy (2407) [C05] Chigorin CC inv lichess.org (5.1), 01.12.2024

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 Qb6 8.a3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Na5 10.Bd3 Nb3 11.Rb1 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Nf3 Qb6 14.b4 a5 15.bxa5 Qxa5+ 16.Kf1 Bc5 17.h4 b6 18.h5 h6 19.Rh4 Ba6 20.Rg4 0–0 21.g3 Qc3 22.Bxa6 Rxa6 23.f5 exf5 24.Rb3 Qa5 25.Bd2 fxe4 26.Bxa5 Rxa5 27.Qxd5 gxf3 28.Qxd7 f2 29.Rf3 Raa8 30.Qf5 Ra7 31.g4 Rd8 32.Kg2 Rd1 33.Rxf2 Bxf2 34.Qc8+ Kh7 35.Qc2+ Kg8 36.Qxd1 Bc5 37.a4 Ra8 38.Qd7 Kf8 39.a5 Kg8 40.a6 b5 41.Qc6 1–0

Morozov, Grigory (2407) – Kaufman, Raymond (2299) [E10] Chigorin CC inv lichess.org (2.1), 04.11.2024

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 a6 4.g3 b5 5.b3 Bb7 6.Bg2 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Be7 8.Nc3 Ne4 9.Nxe4 Bxe4 10.0–0 0–0 11.Bc3 d6 12.Qd2 f5 13.Ne1 Nd7 14.f3 Bg5 15.e3 Bb7 16.f4 Bxg2 17.Qxg2 Bf6 18.Qc6

Qe7 19.Nd3 bxc4 20.bxc4 Kh8 21.Rab1 e5 22.dxe5 dxe5 23.Bb4 Qf7 24.Bxf8 Rxf8 25.Qxc7 exf4 26.Nxf4 Be5 27.Qc6 Bxf4 28.exf4 Nf6 29.Rb7 Qh5 30.Qd6 Rg8 31.Rb8 1-0

Victoria Holiday Inn Rapid (November 24) by Paul Leblanc

Can anyone stop Peter Mingrone?



Peter Mingrone (left) defeated Amir Tirehkar (right) in the decisive fifth round game. Austin Beech vs Roger Patterson in background. (Right) Neal Liu holding the top unrated prizes

Forty-three players gathered at the Holiday Inn on Elk Lake Drive in Saanich on November 24 for a five-round CFC rated rapid tournament. For the fourth consecutive rapid tournament, Peter Mingrone scored a perfect 5.0-0.0, extending his game winning streak in rapid tournaments to 22.0-0.0.

The top U1400 prize was shared by Anders Palmgren and Richard Doyle at 4.0-1.0. Jesse Bateman took the U1100 prize, also at 4.0-1.0. Top unrated was Neal Liu of Nanaimo, also at 4.0-1.0. The TD was Michael Beaulieu and the organizer was Paul Leblanc. [Crosstable](#)

32nd World Senior (November 17-28)

Held on the Portuguese island of Porto Santo (near Madeira in the North Atlantic), the World Senior is held in categories for over fifty and over sixty-five, also a women's section. Six Canadians made the trip, IM David Cummings, FM Victor Plotkin, Yves Morin, and David Filipovich in the 50+ Section and IM Leon Piasetski and Undriadi Bengawan in the 65+. GMs Alexander Shabalov (USA) and Michal Krasenkow (Poland) tied for first in the 50+ Section with 8.5/11, Shabalov getting the nod on tiebreak; best Canadian was Victor Plotkin with 6.5 points. 8.5 was also the winning score in the 65+ Section, achieved by GM Rainer Knaak (Germany); Leon Piasetski finished with 5.0 points but didn't play the last two games. [Results](#)

Piasetski, Leon David (2171) – Legky, Nikolay A (2338) [E04] World sen 32nd 65+ Porto Santo (3.4), 19.11.2024

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.g3 a6 5.Bg2 dxc4 6.a4 Nc6 7.0–0 Rb8 8.a5 b5 9.axb6 cxb6 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Ne5 Ne7 12.Nxc4 Bxf4 13.gxf4 0–0 14.Ne5 a5 15.Qd2 Bb7 16.Bxb7 Rxb7 17.Rc1 Nf5 18.e3 Nh4 19.f3 Nd5 20.Qf2 Nf5 21.Re1 Rc7 22.Na3 Nb4 23.Rad1 Ne7 24.e4 Ng6 25.Qg3 Qf6 26.f5 exf5 27.Nxg6 Qxg6 28.exf5 Qc6 29.f6 g6 30.d5 Qc5+ 31.Kh1 Nxd5 32.Rxd5 Qxd5 33.Qxc7 Qxf3+ 34.Kg1 Qxf6 35.Qe5 Qc6 36.Nb5 Rd8 37.Nc3 Qc4 38.Re4 Qd3 39.Qc7 Qd2 40.Qxb6 Qg5+ ½–½

Charlotte Fall GM ALTO (November 22-26)

Just before the US Masters (above) IM Max Gedajlovic participated in a norm event, one of several which occurred under the auspices of the Charlotte Chess Center in North Carolina. Max was in the second section, named GM ALTO – why such a section was wanted/necessary is unclear, but "ALTO" stood for "At Least Twenty-One," meaning every player was at least twenty-one years old. Also taking part was Canadian WGM Maili-Jade Ouellet. GM Titas Stremavicius (Lithuania) won the ten-player round-robin with 7.0/9, a full point and a half ahead of GM Guha Mitrabha (India) and Maili-Jade Ouellet who tied for second; Max was clear fifth with 4.5 points. No one made a GM norm but Maili-Jade Ouellet's score was good for an IM norm. [Tournament page](#)

Mitrabha, Guha (2511) – Gedajlovic, Max (2377) [D36] Charlotte Fall GM ALTO Charlotte (3.3), 23.11.2024

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Bd3 0–0 9.Qc2 Ne8 10.Bg3 Nd6 11.Nge2 Re8 12.0–0 Bf8 13.Rae1 a5 14.Nf4 Na6 15.a3 Nc7 16.f3 Ne6 17.Nfe2 b5 18.e4 Nc4 19.Bf2 Ba6 20.Rd1 b4 21.axb4 axb4 22.Nb1 Qb6 23.b3 Na3 24.Qd2 Red8 25.Bxa6 Qxa6 26.e5 c5 27.dxc5 d4 28.Nxa3 Qxa3 29.Qc2 Bxc5 30.Rd3 Rac8 31.Qb1 Qa8 32.Kh1 Qd5 33.Bh4 Re8 34.f4 Bf8 35.Bg3 g6 36.f5 gxf5 37.Qd1 Bg7 38.Rff3 Qe4 39.Nxd4 Nxd4 40.Rxd4 Qxd4 41.Qxd4 Rc1+ 42.Qg1 Rxd4 43.Kxg1 Bxe5 ½–½

World Cadet (November 15-26)



(photo: Team Canada parents)

Following hard on the World Youth (U14, U16, U18) in Florianopolis, Brazil was the World Cadet (U8, U10, U12) in Montesilvano, Italy which saw the participation of nineteen players from Canada

including two from BC, Daniel Zhu (U8 Open) and Lucas Yao (U10 Open). Best Canadian results were by Calix Marchand who finished 17th in the U12 Open, Zhihan (Samuel) Xu, formerly of North Vancouver, who achieved the same place in U08 Open, and Daniel Zhu, who finished 16th in the same section. [Canadian results](#)

Pham, Han Nam (1912) – Zhu, Daniel (1656) [B53] FIDE World Cadet U8 Montesilvano (2.2), 16.11.2024

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.Qh4 Qc7 13.Nxe5 Rfd8 14.Ng4 Nxc4 15.Bxe7 Rxd1+ 16.Rxd1 Nh6 17.Bd6 Nf5 18.Qxh7+ Kxh7 19.Bxc7 Rc8 20.Bg3 Bxc2 21.Rd7 Kg6 22.Ne2 Bc6 23.Nf4+ Kf6 24.Rd2 g6 25.Nd3 Kg7 26.Nb4 Be4 27.c3 Rc4 28.Nc2 Bd5 29.b3 Rc5 30.c4 Bc6 31.Na3 Nxc3 32.hxg3 Rh5 33.Kb2 Rf5 34.Nc2 Re5 35.Kc3 f5 36.Nd4 Be8 37.b4 Re1 38.c5 Kf6 39.Nc2 Rb1 40.Ne3 Bb5 41.Rd6 Bc6 42.Rd2 g5 43.Nc4 Rc1+ 44.Kd4 Bd5 45.Ne3 Bc6 46.Rb2 e5+ 47.Kd3 f4 48.gxf4 gxf4 49.Nc2 Kf5 50.Na3 a6 51.Kd2 Rh1 52.Nc4 e4 53.Kc3 Rh3+ 54.Kc2 Ba4+ 55.Kd2 Rd3+ 56.Ke1 Rd1+ 57.Ke2 f3+ 58.Ke3 Rd3# 0–1

Yao, Lucas Mason Pin Qia (1687) – Zilincan, Tomas (1778) [C01] FIDE World Cadet U10 Montesilvano (11.48), 26.11.2024

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bf4 Bd6 5.Qd2 Ne7 6.Nc3 c6 7.0–0–0 b5 8.Bd3 a5 9.Nge2 a4 10.f3 Qc7 11.Rhe1 Nd7 12.Bg5 f6 13.Bf4 Nb6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Qf4 Qb4 16.a3 Qa5 17.Qd6 Bd7 18.Nf4 Nbc8 19.Rxe7+ Nxe7 20.Re1 0–0 21.Rxe7 Be8 22.Qe6+ Kh8 23.Qf5 g6 24.Qh3 Qd8 25.Qxh7# 1–0

Greater Vancouver Open #6 (December 7-8)

Following the format of previous events (four sections, three rounds of 50 +10 on the first day followed by two 90 + 30 games on the Sunday), Greater Vancouver Open #6 was organized by the Penny Chess Club at the Bonsor Recreation Complex in Burnaby and attracted one hundred and sixty-nine players. Half of the twenty-six players in the [Open Section](#) were rated over 2000 including three IMs, and it was IM Quang Long Le who gave up the fewest points (just a single draw) in claiming clear first with 4.5/5. A half-point behind was Niccolò Baldeschi, while four players tied for third, in tiebreak order CM Jorge Nunez Asencio, NM Keith MacKinnon, IM Van Thanh Nguyen, and Johan Aljo. These tournaments also award trophies for the best boys and girls in each section by two-year age brackets; for the Open, these went to CM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang, Biaobiao Boyong Guo, NM Zachary Liu, and Lucas Yao.

Geraldo Barbosa Landre won the [U1800 Section](#), also with 4.5/5, while Daniel Zhu and Weijia Huang placed second and third on tiebreak ahead of Zhengyu Chen and Kyle Daniel, they all scored 4.0 points. Junior trophies went to Karson Lu, Barath Subramanian Suresh, Jaydon Yuan, Ryder Hsu, Shaunavon Mu, Joanne Wangluo, and Sofia Vigurs. The [U1300 Section](#) saw another 4.5/5 on top, scored by Evan Bao. Five players tied with 4.0 points but after tiebreaks Kendrick Rojas was second and Rafael Ken third while Krishnav Nair, Yuran Ma, and Vincent Mu shared in the money. Che Rao, Markus Li, Arvav Aloke, Aarush Sharma, Evelyn Lou, Anny Peng, and Siyona Singh were awarded trophies. And there was a three-way tie for first in the sixty-two player [U800 Section](#) with, you guessed it, 4.5 points, resolved in favour of Mark Karaivanov, Gerry

Bonggao, and Tom Aloni third. Junior trophies went to Rockwell Chan, Alistair Cheung, Samuel Wang, Matteo Hrbacek, Yaswitha Suresh, Claire Li, and Anika Soni. [Tournament website](#)
[GVCT #7](#) is coming up soon on the weekend of January 11-12.

Nguyen, Van Thanh (2460) – Aljo, Johan (2177) [D35] Greater Vancouver Tournament #6 Burnaby (2.1), 07.12.2024

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nc3 b6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.d4 Bd6 7.Nb5 Be7 8.Qc2 c6 9.Nc3 0–0 10.Bd3 Re8 11.0–0 Bd6 12.h3 Qe7 13.b3 Ne4 14.Bb2 Nd7 15.Ne2 Bb7 16.Rad1 Rad8 17.Nf4 Qf6 18.Qc1 Qh6 19.Bb1 g5 20.Nd3 f6 21.a4 Nf8 22.Ba3 Bb8 23.Bxf8 Rxf8 24.b4 Rf7 25.Nh2 Qf8 26.Rfe1 ½–½

Le, Quang Long (2408) – Nunez Asencio, Jorge (2342) [A11] Greater Vancouver Tournament #6 Burnaby (5.1), 08.12.2024

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 c6 3.Bg2 d5 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.cxd5 Bxf3 6.Bxf3 cxd5 7.Nc3 e6 8.d3 Nc6 9.0–0 Bd6 10.Nb5 Be5 11.d4 Bb8 12.e3 0–0 13.Bd2 a6 14.Nc3 Qe7 15.Rc1 Bd6 16.Na4 Rac8 17.Qb3 Rc7 18.Bg2 Nd7 19.Nb6 Nxb6 20.Qxb6 f5 21.Rc3 Rfc8 22.Rfc1 Nd8 23.Bf1 Qd7 24.a4 Kf7 25.Bd3 Ke7 26.a5 Rc6 27.Qb3 Nf7 28.Kg2 g5 29.f3 Rxc3 30.bxc3 f4 31.e4 Bb8 32.exd5 exd5 33.g4 Nh6 34.Qb1 Rh8 35.Re1+ Kf8 36.Bxa6 Nxg4 37.Qxb7 Qxb7 38.Bxb7 Nf6 39.Bc1 Kf7 40.Ba3 Re8 41.Rxe8 Kxe8 42.a6 Kd7 43.Bc5 Kc7 44.Be7 1–0

Vancouver Chess Festival #9 (November 23-24)



Held like the previous events at the Ponderosa Ballroom on the Point Grey campus of UBC, Vancouver Chess Festival #9 followed the same format as edition #8 in September: a two-day Classical tournament with a time control of 50 + 10 (now in five sections), a Regional Qualifier for the Chess Challenge on Sunday, and a seven-round Blitz event on Saturday evening. The twenty-five player [Classical Open](#) included two IMs but both finished outside the prizes. Instead, it was junior rivals FM Ethan Song and CM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang who were the class of the field, drawing each other but beating everyone else to share the first and second prizes with 4.5/5 each. NMs

Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj and Alfred Pechisker, Ryan Leong, and Justin Gao shared the remaining prizes on 3.5, a full point behind the winners.

As it turns out all the other sections had clear winners, in each case with 4.5 points. In the [U1800 Section](#) Weijia Huang came first, Tiago Ferraz and Jofrel Landingin shared second, Zhengyu Chen was clear fourth and Barath Subramanian Suresh, Xavier Zhang, and Chase Shu split fifth. Top female was Purevikham Ganbat. Alex (Guo Xi) Yu won the [U1400 Section](#) (a repeat from Festival #8), Ethan Low and Timothy Coish tied for second and Chelsea Tang was the top female (also a repeat). The [Classical U1000](#) saw Swayam Ghanghas at the top of the crosstable while Edward Yu, Che Rao, and Iris Ip split the remaining prizes. Finally, Aiden Heer, Dylan Yuan, Jameson Yang, and Yaswitha Suresh were awarded VCS signature medals in the [U600 Section](#). A total of ninety-four players participated in the Classical sections.

The [Blitz](#) attracted a total of forty-four players in two sections. The Open was won by Jingyun (Ryan) Yang, whose 6.5/7 was a half-point ahead of Harry Wang in second. Third was shared six(!) ways by Zachary Liu, Justin Gao, Ryan Leong, David Yao, Pengsen Fang, and Ansun Zhong Hua Zhou. Lahan Thathmira Wickramasinghe and Wyatt Velez tied for first in the U1400 Section, Kevin Glibert was second. And for those interested in the Chess Challenge [Regional](#), results can be found at the Vancouver Chess School.

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

New Year Open 2025

Richmond, January 2-4
[Details](#)

Victoria Championship

Victoria, January 3-5
[Details](#)

Greater Vancouver Tournament

Burnaby, January 11-12
[Details](#)

Winter Classic

Langley, January 13 - February 24
[Details](#)

Fraser Valley Classical 1

Langley, January 18-19
[Details](#)

Lulu Island Chess Classical 1

New Westminster, January 25-26
[Details](#)

Fraser Valley Rapid 14

Langley, February 1
[Details](#)

Vancouver Island Rapid Chp and Open

Victoria, February 1
[Details](#)

February Blitz

Langley, February 3
[Details](#)

Okanagan Valley Rapid #3

West Kelowna, February 8
[Details](#)

Vancouver Chess Festival #10

UBC, February 8-9

[Details](#)

BC Open

Burnaby, February 15-17

[Details](#)

Fraser Valley Classical #2

Langley, February 22-23

[Details](#)

Lulu Island Chess Classical 2

New Westminster, March 1-2

[Details](#)

March Blitz

Langley, March 3

[Details](#)

BC Corporate Chess Challenge

Langley, March 9

[Details](#)

BCYCC

Burnaby, March 22-23

[Details](#)

Fraser Valley Rapid #15

Langley, April 5

[Details](#)

Vancouver Chess Festival #11

UBC, April 12-13

[Details](#)

Grand Pacific Open

Victoria, April 18-21

[Details](#)

Paul Keres Memorial

Langley, May 17-19

[Details](#)

Canadian Youth Chess Championship

Surrey, July 8-11

[Details](#)

Canadian Open

Surrey, July 12-18

[Details](#)