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BC Chess Federation

HERE AND THERE

Langley Chess Club by Paul MacDonell (Langley Chess Club TD)



Foreground, Kai Johannes Kwabi / Brian Davidson, behind them Anthony Varga / Héctor Falcón

Kai Johannes Kwabi scored a perfect 5.0 out of 5 to win the last Langley Chess Club CFC Classical event of 2024. He's off to another great start in our first tournament of 2025, having survived a losing position against veteran Brian Sullivan in round 1 (January 13) and picking up a second win against Brian Davidson in round 2 (January 20).

Kwabi, Kai Johannes (1788) – Sullivan, Brian (1548) [B90] 2025 Winter Classic Langley Chess Club (1), 13.01.2025

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 b5 7.a4 b4 8.Nce2 Nxe4 9.Qd3 Bb7 10.Qc4 a5 11.c3 d5 12.Qb5+ Qd7 13.cxb4 axb4 14.f3 Nd6 15.Qxb4 e5 16.Nb3 Nf5 17.Bc5 Ne3 18.Rc1 Na6 19.Qb6 (Mr. Sullivan missed 19...Nc4!) d4 20.Bxf8 Kxf8 21.Nc5 Nxc5 22.Qxc5+ Kg8 23.Qxe5 Nxf1 24.Rc7 1–0

We have fifteen players registered in our current tournament. One third are new to the Club and three have never played any rated events before. (Both Club members and non-members are eligible to play in our CFC-rated events.)



Brian Sullivan (left), well-known local player and Stephen Poissant (unrated) face off in round 2 (January 20)

In addition to our Classical tournament, we are hosting unrated Blitz Tournaments on Monday February 3 and March 3, 2025. And we have confirmed that there will be at least one National Master at both events. It should be a good mix of rating levels from unrated on up with about twenty participants expected in each event. Current CFC membership is not required. Itching to try out some wild gambit? Give it a try! No ratings points at stake in these fun yet competitive events.

Again, in March, another five-round Monday night CFC Classical tournament will start. Like all our events, entry fees are low (affordability is an important goal for the Club), but we will still offer prizes. For details on planned events please visit <https://langleychess.com/events/schedule>

Blitz Fuel Invitational GM B (January 16-20)

IM Max Gedajlovic recently took part in a norm event in New York City sponsored by [Blitz Fuel](#), “The Official Energy Drink of Chess” – nothing to do with the time control which was a standard 90 minutes with a 30-second increment. GM Mark Paragua (Philippines) scored 6.5/10 to win the event just ahead of Dambasuren Batsuren (Mongolia); Max tied for fourth to sixth with IM Joseph Levine and FM Tanitoluwa Adewumi (both U.S.A.), all finished with 50%. Max is now in Budapest for two more norm events, more news next issue. [Standings](#)

Narayanan, Samrug (2422) – Gedajlovic, Max (2391) [C79] Blitz Fuel Inv GM B New York (6.1), 19.01.2025

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.Re1 Bd7 7.c3 g6 8.d4 Bg7 9.h3 0-0 10.Bc2 Nh5 11.Bg5 Qe8 12.Nbd2 exd4 13.cxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bxd4 15.Nc4 Bg7 16.e5 Be6 17.exd6 Qb5

18.Be7 Qxc4 19.Bb3 Qf4 20.g3 Nxg3 21.Re3 Nf5 22.Rf3 Qe5 23.Bxf8 Bxf8 24.Bxe6 fxe6 25.dxc7 Qxc7 26.Rc1 Rd8 27.Qe1 Qd6 28.Qe4 Nd4 29.Rfc3 Bh6 30.Rb1 b5 31.Kg2 e5 32.Rd1 Rf8 33.f3 Qf6 34.Qg4 Nf5 35.Rdd3 Bf4 36.Kf1 e4 37.Rd7 Qxc3 38.Qxf4 Ne3+ 0-1

Victoria Championship (January 3-5) by Paul Leblanc
NM Roger Patterson Repeats as Victoria Champion, Six Time Winner

The annual [Victoria Championship](#) was held at the Commonwealth Recreation Centre over the weekend of 3-5 January 2025. Roger Patterson will again have his name engraved on the Victoria Cup, having previously won in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2024. He won all five games.



NM Roger Patterson (left), Victoria Cup, organizer Paul Leblanc; Colin Sargent, clear second with 4.5 out of 5.



Sangam Shrestha (left) won the [U1500 section](#) with a last-round win against Ned Taylor (right),

Ishan Tripathi and Matthew Shamas tied for top unrated. The women's prize was split between Kayla Gray and Darya Byelashova from Gig Harbor, Washington. The tournament attracted a good turnout of sixty-six players. TD was NA Marc Moisan.

Goodbye 2024 FIDE Open (December 28-30)



With a number of BC's masters playing out-of-province over the Christmas holidays (see below), this allowed experts and class A players a shot at the top prizes in the Fraser Valley Chess Academy's final tournament for 2024. Along with being FIDE rated, there was also the added attraction of playing in a nine-round blitz event in between the six rounds of the main event. Held at the FVCA home location in Langley, the forty-two player [Classical Open](#) was won by Bingfei Wang of Ontario who racked up five wins in a row before acquiescing to a draw in the last round. Tied for second were Kai Zhongkai Zhang, Ryan Leong, T G M Peiris, Henry Yang, and Yanchen Zheng. And twenty-six braved the [Blitz tournament](#) where Ryan Leong crushed the field with 9.0/9, followed by Bingfei Wang, Aniket Kathpal, Samuel Lu, and Kai Zhongkai Zhang.

North American Open (December 26-30)

The thirty-fourth edition of the North American Open took place at the Horseshoe Casino Resort in Las Vegas during the Christmas break. A number of players from this province participated, including CM Jorge Nunez Asencio, Severo Caluza, Evan Geng, Eric Jin, Markus Li, Karson Lu, Erwin Mok, FM Ethan Song, Jordan Szeto, Martina Szeto, Joanne Wangluo, May Wangluo, Nathan Ping-Yang Wu, CM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang, Aiden Yin, Andrew Yin, and Jasper Zhang. In the Open Section GM Brian Escalante (Peru) completed a double Swiss gambit, losing his first two games then winning the remaining seven to claim sole first place and \$10,300, a half-point ahead of the nine players who tied for second with 6.5 points. The only Canadian winner was Markus Li who tied for ninth place in the U1300 Section. [Tournament website](#) [USCF crosstables](#)

Calgary International (December 26-30)

Previous editions of the Calgary International, now in its fifteenth year, have generally taken place during the summer, but for the last two summers Calgary has hosted major events (CYCC/Canadian

Open, North American Junior) so again this year the International was held at the Calgary Chess Club during the Christmas break. The twenty-player field included three grandmasters, Razvan Preotu (Canada), Vladimir Georgiev (North Macedonia), and Dimitri Komarov (Ukraine but living in Edmonton), also three players from this province, current and former BC champions FM John Doknjas and CM Neil Doknjas, and IM Leon Piasetski.



Razvan played uncompromisingly, agreeing no draws but winning the tournament with his 7.0-2.0 score. John Doknjas, who was one of the players who beat Preotu, tied for second along with Georgiev and Tymur Keleberda, while Neil Doknjas shared fifth place and also the top junior prize with Anand Rishi Chandra. Leon Piasetski finished with 2.0 points from six games. [Standings](#)

Doknjas, John (2280) – Preotu, Razvan (2475) [B15] Calgary int 15th Calgary (8.1), 30.12.2024

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.c3 Bd6 7.Bd3 0–0 8.Qc2 Re8+ 9.Ne2 h5 10.Be3 Nd7 11.0–0–0 Nf8 12.Kb1 Be6 13.c4 Rc8 14.a3 Ng6 15.Ng3 b5 16.Nxh5 bxc4 17.Bxc4 Bxc4 18.Qxc4 Qa5 19.Ng3 Rb8 20.Ka2 Rb4 21.Qxc6 Reb8 22.Bc1 Bf4 23.Rhe1 Bxc1 24.Re8+ Rxe8 25.Qxe8+ Kh7 26.Rxc1 Qd5+ 27.Ka1 Rxd4 28.Qc6 Nf4 29.Qxd5 Rxd5 30.Rc7 a5 31.Ne4 Kg6 32.g3 Rd1+ 33.Ka2 Nd3 34.Kb3 f5 35.Nc5 Rc1 36.Na6 Rh1 37.Rc2 Rxh2 38.Kc4 Ne1 39.Re2 Nf3 40.b4 axb4 41.axb4 Rh1 42.Rb2 Ne5+ 43.Kd5 Kf6 44.Re2 Rd1+ 45.Kc5 Rc1+ 46.Kb5 g5 47.Nc5 Nc4 48.Nd7+ Kg7 49.Ne5 Nd6+ 50.Kb6 Rb1 51.Kc6 Ne4 52.f3 Nxg3 53.Rg2 f4 54.b5 Kf6 55.Nd7+ Ke7 56.b6 Nf5 57.Rd2 Nh4 58.Re2+ Kd8 59.Nf6 Rc1+ 60.Kb7 1–0

Chandra, Anand Rishi (2161) – Doknjas,Neil (2262) [B67] Calgary int 15th Calgary (8.2), 30.12.2024

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 Bd7 7.Qd2 a6 8.0–0–0 e6 9.f3 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Be7 11.Kb1 b5 12.h4 0–0 13.g4 Qc7 14.h5 b4 15.Qxb4 Rab8 16.Qd4 Rfc8 17.Bxa6 e5 18.Bxf6 exd4 19.Bxd4 Bf6 0–1

Grand Pacific Open by Paul Leblanc

Victoria Chess is pleased to announce that GM Dimitri Komarov (FIDE flag Ukraine), now residing in Edmonton, will be our feature guest at the [2025 Grand Pacific Open](#). In his chess career he has played or met every world chess champion from Botvinnik to Gukesh!

2024 BCCF Person of the Year by Paul Leblanc, BCCF President

I am pleased to announce that your Executive has chosen Stephen Wright as 2024 BCCF person of the year. Stephen was cited for hard work, dedication and assistance rendered to the BCCF. This included maintaining our excellent newsletter and BC chess history page as well as mentoring our increasing number of arbiters and organizers.

I would also like to acknowledge six other people who were nominated for the award:

- Professor Eduardo Azmitia for his help in staging the BC Championship at a wonderful venue, Capilano University Lonsdale campus;
- Jingyun (Ryan) Yang for winning the Canadian Junior Championship
- Penny Pham for representing Canada at the 2024 Olympiad
- and promotion of junior chess in BC;
- Ryan Leong for organizing innovative tournaments and working with youth;
- Scott Morgan for improving the BCCF website and for timely and efficient work to keep the site up to date;
- Umang Banatwala for creating the successful Fraser Valley Chess Association and bringing chess to new and exciting venues.



Fraser Valley Classical 1 (January 18-19)



Held at the Christian Life Assembly Church in Langley, FVCA's first classical (50 + 10) event of the year attracted only fifty-five participants, perhaps the result of an increasingly saturated tournament schedule? Be that as it may, the fourteen-player [Open Section](#) included just one master, Yidong Chen, and unsurprisingly he placed first with a perfect score of 6.0/6. Reece Harms was clear second, Bowen Wu third and Daniel Zhu the top U1800.

In the [U1600 Section](#) there was three-way tie at the top of the crosstable between Dey Indranil, Sion Park, and Jordan Szeto, each scoring 5.0 points. And there was a two-way tie for first in the [U1100 Section](#) involving Akshit Bedi and Kriyaansh Banatwala, also on 5.0 points, while Azlaan Saad and Mingyang Zheng split the third prize.

After the three rounds of classical chess each day there was also an eight-round [Blitz Tournament](#) with four rounds played each evening. Yidong Chen won this as well but gave up a game to Daniel Zhu, Ameet Kumar Dalal was second, and third was a tie between Zhu and Kai Zhongkai Zhang; twenty-seven participated. [Fraser Valley Classical 2](#) is coming up on the weekend of February 22-23.

The Draw Offer and The Resignation by Nick Beqo

The Fraser Valley Classical I tournament that happened on the weekend of January 18-19 was another successful six round, three-section event of Fraser Valley Chess Academy. It was great to see so many children participating, most of them rated around 1800-1900 ELO, but playing chess at 2200 ELO level. They know their openings well, they are tactically sharp, and none of them is an easy opponent. I just wish that certain juniors have a better understanding of ethic play.

Beqo, Nick [2079] – NN [E37] Fraser Valley Classical 1

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 The Classical Variation of the Nimzo-Indian Defence. **4...d5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 Ne4 7.Qc2 Nd7!?** Interesting choice. I was expecting c5, Nc6, or castles. **8.Nf3 c6 9.Bf4 O-O 10.e3 h6 11.Bd3 f5** Black is playing a Stonewall setup. **12.h4 a5 13.c5** Not the best move but I like space. In case Black will try b6 then c6 will turn into a backward pawn and will be a target for me. The most principled move would be castling but in this position my king is safe in the centre and I may need to use the h-file for my rook. **13...a4** Black wants to stop the possibility of b4-b5. **13... b6** would be the best try for Black but not an easy decision to make because after **14. cxb6 Qxb6 15. Rc1** White is still better. **14.Ne5 Qa5+ 15.Ke2 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Bd7** (if **16...b6 17. Bc7**) **17.f3 Nf6 18.Rag1 h5?** This is a mistake and now White has a +3.4 advantage, but Black wants to stop g4. The best was probably **18...b6** but after either **Bc7** or **g4** White has a decisive advantage, i.e., **19.g4!** (or even **19.Bc7 Rac8 20.Bxb6 19...fxg4 (19...bxc5 20.g5 c4 21.Bxf5 exf5 22.gxf6** White is winning) **20.fxg4 Be8 21.h5** winning for White) **19.Rh3** The engine gives **19.g4!** as a decisive blow but I did not bother calculating lines because Black is totally paralyzed and has no counterplay, hence I decided to keep exerting pressure. As Magnus Carlsen said once, humans crack under pressure and make mistakes. Besides, when you pass sixty, you get lazy and rely more on intuition than in calculations. By the way, the engine's winning idea is the exchange sacrifice **19...fxg4 20.fxg4 Nxf3 21.Rxf3** followed by **Bh7** and **h5-h6**. **19...Kf7** Not the best move but it is not easy to find a good move in this position. Black is totally busted. **20.Rg3 Rfc8 21.Rg5 Rh8 22.Rh1** **22. g4!** wins faster, after **Rxh4** there is no check on h2, but again, what's the rush? **22...Rag8**



In this position Black offered a draw. **23.Rh3 Rh6 24.Rhg3 g6** Now that Black weakened the dark squares even more I told my rooks, "Thanks for visiting, job well-done, now i need you on the queenside". According to GM Yasser Seirawan a chess player should talk to the pieces (smile).

25.Rh3 Nh7 26. Rgg3 Nf6 27.Rh1 Rc8 28.Rb1 Ra8 29.Qc3 Bc8 30.Rh3 Rh8 31.Rhh1 Bd7 32.Qc2 Bc8 33. g4! Rg8 34.g5 Gaining even more space. **34...Nd7 35.Bd6** Black's pieces are running out of breath. **35...Re8 36.Qc3 Nf8 37.Rhc1 Bd7 38.Ra1 Ra7 39.Rcb1 Rc8 40.Qc1** My Queen is heading to meet with the Black King. **40...Rca8 41.Qg1 Bc8 42.Qg3 Qd8 43.Bc7 Qe8 44.Bb6 Nd7** If Black tries **44...e5** White quietly plays **45. Kf2 45.Qc7 Qe7 46.Bxa7 Rxa7 47.Qxc8**



In this position I had 14 minutes on the clock, whereas Black is down to 4 minutes, down a whole Rook and in zugzwang, considerably lower-rated than me, and we are playing in the Open Section. I was expecting his resignation but to my surprise, he kept playing. **47...Nf8 48.Qb8 Ra5 49.Qe5 Kg8 50.b4 axb3 51.Rxb3 Nd7 52.Qc7 Ra7 53.Rxb7 Rxb7 54.Qxb7 Kf7 55.Qxc6 Nb8 56.Qc8 Qa7 57.Qh8 Nd7 58.Qh7+ Ke8 59.c6 Qb6 60.Qxd7+ Kf8 61.Qb7 Qa5 62.c7 Qc3 63. c8=R+ Qxc8 64.Qxc8+ Ke7 65. Rb1 e5 66. Qc7+ Ke6 67. Rb6# 1-0**

As my opponent was a talented young chess player, I felt it important to offer some advice on ethical behavior during matches, as this had been an ongoing issue in our games. I conveyed this information respectfully and discreetly, ensuring not to disturb other players. Unfortunately, his mother misinterpreted my intentions and reacted negatively without seeking clarification from me. This experience has led me to conclude that I should limit my advice to students within my coaching program.

Greater Vancouver Tournament #7 (January 11-12)



Organized by the Penny Chess Club at the Bonsor Recreation Complex in Burnaby, Greater Vancouver Open #7 followed the well-honed formula of previous events (four sections, three rounds of 50 +10 on the first day followed by two 90 + 30 games on the Sunday). The [Premier Section](#) included nine players rated over 2000 among the thirty entrants. A number of draws between these players left a four-way tie for first between Ryan Leong, IM Van Thanh Nguyen, CM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang, and NM Niccolò Baldeschi on 4.0 points; Ryan Leong executed a Swiss Gambit by losing in round one before winning the rest of his games. There were also junior trophies in CYCC age and gender categories, these went to Karson Lu, Elliot McCallum, Samuel Lu, Zhengyu Chen, and Biaobiao Boyong Guo.

The [U1800 Section](#) saw second-ranked Barath Subramanian Suresh place first with a perfect score, while a full-point behind Vincent Mu, Krishnav Nair, Jaydon Yuan, Dasha Doroshenko, and Henry Fan tied for second; Junior trophies were awarded to Xavier Zhang, Aiden Zhu, Lahan Thathmira Wickramasinghe, Zi Tian Chen, Lucas Chen, Tiffany Trang Tran, Anny Peng, and Sophia Doroshenko. A similar pattern emerged in the [U1300 Section](#), with Xin Yuan scoring 5.0/5 and Adam Dai, Ishdeep Singh, Gabriel Golliak, and Anurav Kansal sharing second. Yuhong Chen, Alistair Cheung, Dakshesh Singh, Yuvraj Jouble, Rachel Jayawardena, and Vicky Yin won trophies. Finally, the [U800 Section](#) was won by Ken Chen with 4.5 points just ahead of Yaswitha Suresh, Aung Swan Pyae, and Jayden Pang; Hyunsuh Seo, Noah Beck, Nathaniel Leung, Junsuh Seo, Amaira Soni, and Sahana Saravanan were the trophy winners. There was a total of one hundred and fifty-four participants.

Chen, Yidong – Nguyen, Van Thanh [B22] Greater Vancouver 7 Burnaby (4.1), 12.01.2025

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.d4 Nf6 6.Be2 Nc6 7.0–0 Qd8 8.Be3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Bd7 10.Nxc6 Bxc6 11.Qxd8+ Kxd8 12.Rd1+ Kc8 13.c4 Ne4 14.Bf3 Be7 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Rxd2 Rd8 18.Rxd8+ Bxd8 19.Rd1 Bb6 20.Bd4 Bxd4 21.Rxd4 a5 22.Rd3 a4 23.Kf1 Rb8 24.b3 Kc7 25.Ke2 axb3 26.axb3 c5 27.Kd2 Ra8 28.Kc3 Ra2 29.Rf3 f6 30.h4 Kd6 31.h5 f5 32.Kd3 g5 33.hxg6 hxg6 34.g4 Ke5 35.gxf5 exf5 36.Rg3 Kf6 37.f3 Rh2 38.Rg1 Rf2 39.Rg3 f4 40.Rh3 Kf5

41.Kc3 Re2 42.Rh8 Re3+ 43.Kc2 Rxf3 44.Rc8 Re3 45.Rxc5+ Kg4 46.Rc6 g5 47.b4 f3 48.Rf6 Re4 49.Kd3 Rf4 50.Rh6 f2 51.Rh1 f1Q+ 52.Rxf1 Rxf1 53.Ke4 Re1+ 54.Kd5 Kf5 0-1

New Year Open 2025 (January 2-4)



The New Year started off with a bang at the Lounge of the Bethany Baptist Church with a nine-round Classical Open, albeit using what is becoming the norm for 'slow' games in many events, 50 + 10 (the absolute minimum to have a game rated regular). The event attracted one hundred and eighty players in three sections. The [Open](#) included a dozen players rated over 2000 and was won by two of the more successful players in 2024, FM John Doknjas and CM Jorge Nunez Asencio, who tied for first with 7.5/9. Alone in third was IM Bindi Cheng but he had an usual path to that placing; he won all his games on the first and third days, including victories against both the subsequent winners, but on the Friday he forfeited a game and took two half-point byes, leaving himself a half-point off the pace. Henry Yang was clear fourth, while CM Neil Doknjas, IM Raymond Kaufman, Yidong Chen, and Justin Xu tied for fifth.

The thirty-eight player [U1500 Section](#) saw Carter Lam take the top spot with 7.5 points, a half-point ahead of Alex (Guo Xi) Yu. Tied for third was Owen Cranswick and Jesse Law, while fifth was split between Kyle Huang, Watson Wang, and Kanav Vinayak. In the [U800 Section](#) trophies went to Amine Abouzaid, Ethan An, Avery Leung, Morgan Zhou, and Kriyaansh Banatwala. And in the almost ubiquitous adjunct [Blitz Tournament](#) IMs Van Thanh Nguyen and Bindi Cheng tied for first with 8.0 points each, IM Quang Long Le was third and alone in fourth was Ryan Tomilin – forty-five players competed.

Justin Xu – Doknjas, John (2271) [E11] New Year op Richmond (5.2), 03.01.2025

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.Bf4 b6 10.Nbd2 Nh5 11.Be3 Bb7 12.Nb3 Rc8 13.Rfd1 Nhf6 14.Rac1 Ba6 15.c5 Bb5 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bxf6 Nxf6 18.e3

Ba4 19.Qc3 bxc5 20.dxc5 Ne4 21.Qd4 Bxb3 22.axb3 Bf6 23.Ne5 Nxf2 24.Kxf2 Qc7 25.Ra1 Bxe5
26.Qa4 Bxb2 27.Ra2 Qe5 28.Qxa7 Ra8 29.Qxa8 Rxa8 30.Rxa8+ Kh7 31.Bf3 Bc1 32.Rd3 Qf5
33.Ke2 e5 34.Rd1 Qc2+ 35.Ke1 Bxe3 36.Be2 Qf5 37.Rd3 Qf2+ 38.Kd1 Qg1+ 0–1

**Nunez Asencio, Jorge (2284) – Kaufman, Raymond (2178) [D28] New Year op Richmond (5.1),
03.01.2025j**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 c5 6.0–0 a6 7.Qe2 cxd4 8.Rd1 Nc6 9.exd4 Be7
10.Nc3 Nb4 11.Ne5 0–0 12.a3 Nbd5 13.Rd3 b5 14.Bb3 Bb7 15.Rg3 Re8 16.Bh6 g6 17.Ne4 Nxe4
18.Qxe4 f5 19.Nxg6 fxe4 20.Ne5+ Bg5 21.Bxg5 Kf8 22.Bh6+ Ke7 23.Rg7+ Kd6 24.Nf7+ Kc6
25.Nxd8+ Raxd8 26.Rxh7 Kb6 27.Bg5 Rc8 28.h4 a5 29.Rh6 a4 30.Bd1 Rc6 31.Bh5 Rf8 32.Re1
Rc2 33.Rxe6+ Ka7 34.Re2 Rxe2 35.Bxe2 b4 36.axb4 Rc8 37.Bd1 Nxb4 38.Bxa4 Nd3 39.Be3
Nxb2 40.d5+ Kb8 41.Bc6 1–0

2024 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 2024, along with a few other highlights. In recent years the list has lengthened considerably (new organizers hosting more events) – this year the trend has only increased ...

Championships:

BC Open – Bindi Cheng	BC Senior – Brian McLaren
BC Active – Bindi Cheng	BC High School Team Championship – U Hill
BC Championship – John Doknjas	BC Junior – Jingyun (Ryan) Yang
BC Women's Championship – Lia Rathburn	

Independent Events:

New Year Open – Jorge Nunez Asencio
UBC Rapid – Kate Jiang, Brandon Zhu, Eduardo Moura
Grand Pacific Open – Adam Adriaanse, Leo Qu, Malek Omid, Bindi Cheng
Intermat – 29.0-23.0 for BC
Okanagan Open – Craig Bacon
BC-Alberta Match – 25.5-14.5 for BC
Stan Rogers Memorial – Zachary Liu
Paul Keres Memorial – Neil Doknjas and Gergely Szabo
Kelowna Open – Graham Swett and Curtis Sleypen
BC-WA Match – 52.0-23.0 for BC
World Chess Day Championship – Jorge Nunez Asencio and Nick Beqo
BC Day Open – Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux
Kitsfest Rapid and Blitz - Bram Van Der Velden; Suren Ghazaryan (blitz)
Langley Open – John Doknjas
Western Canadian Open – Niccolò Baldeschi and Yidong Chen
Chigorin Chess Club Invitational – Grigoriy Morozov

Recurring events by organizer:

Quesnel Rapid Open – Shridham Sharma
Quesnel Chess Nuggets Rapid November – Justin Aney

Fraser Valley Rapid 10 – Jorge Nunez Asencio
Fraser Valley Rapid 11 – Jorge Nunez Asencio
Fraser Valley Rapid 12 – Jorge Nunez Asencio
Fraser Valley Rapid 13 – Jorge Nunez Asencio and Zachary Liu
Okanagan Valley Rapid 1 – Ameet Kumar Dalal
Okanagan Valley Rapid 2 – Ameet Kumar Dalal

Lulu Island Junior Winter Rapid – Kate Jiang
Lulu Island Rapid – Vicente Lee Jr.
Lulu Island Summer Rapid – Neil Doknjas; Jorge Nunez Asencio (blitz)
Lulu Island Fall Rapid and Blitz – Raymond Kaufman and Jorge Nunez Asencio
Christmas Blitz Championship – Bindi Cheng

Greater Vancouver 4 – Quang Long Le
EMA Classical 1 – Van Thanh Nguyen and Yidong Chen
EMA Classical 2 – Jingyun (Ryan) Yang
Greater Vancouver 5 – Van Thanh Nguyen
Greater Vancouver 6 – Quang Long Le

RCC Elite Championship #3 – Bindi Cheng, Zachary Liu and Jingyun (Ryan) Yang

Vancouver Chess Festival 5 – Jingyun (Ryan) Yang; Vicente Lee Jr. (Rapid)
Vancouver Chess Festival 6 – Bindi Cheng and Keith MacKinnon; Leo Qu (Rapid)
Vancouver Chess Festival 7 – Bindi Cheng; Vicente Lee Jr. and Maximilian Mueller (Rapid)
Vancouver Chess Festival 8 – Jingyun (Ryan) Yang, Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj, Justin Xu, Justin Gao
Vancouver Chess Festival 9 – Ethan Song and Jingyun (Ryan) Yang

Victoria Championship – Roger Patterson
Chess in the Park – Raymond Manguerra
Chateau Victoria Rapid – Peter Mingrone
World Chess Day Rapid – Peter Mingrone
Chateau Victoria Rapid II – Peter Mingrone
Jack Taylor Memorial – Ray Kaufman and NM Zachary Liu
Victoria Holiday Inn Rapid – Peter Mingrone

WV Rapid January – Roman Jiganchine
WV Rapid March – Luc Poitras and Roman Jiganchine
WV Rapid May – Yidong Chen

Selected events outside this province:

Central Florida Chess Club Winter Open – Raymond Kaufman
Canadian Junior Championship – Jingyun (Ryan) Yang
Chess.com Crazyhouse Championship – Janak Awatramani

COMING EVENTS: see listings at [CFC](#), [BCCF](#) and [Northwest chess](#) websites

Fraser Valley Rapid 14

Langley, February 1 [Details](#)

Vancouver Island Rapid Chp and Open

Victoria, February 1 [Details](#)

RCC Elite Championship

Vancouver, February 1-2 [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](#)

RCC Elite Championship

Vancouver, March 9 [Details](#)

March Classic Tournament

Langley, March 10 onwards [Details](#)

BCYCC

Burnaby, March 22-23 [Details](#)

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Grand Pacific Open

Victoria, April 18-21 [Details](#)

Paul Keres Memorial

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Canadian Youth Chess Championship

Surrey, July 8-11 [Details](#)

Canadian Open

Surrey, July 12-18 [Details](#)