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BC Chess Federation

HERE AND THERE

Langley Chess Club Championship (September 8 – October 6)



(photo by [Chess Maps](#))

The annual championship of the Langley Chess Club took place on five consecutive club nights at their usual home, the Brookwood Senior Centre in Langley. Sixteen players competed but in the end it was defending champion James Kerry who tied for first with Nijat Ibrahimov – they drew with each other and won the rest of the games. Third place was shared between newcomer Kateryna Shuturmynska and veteran Brian Sullivan. [Standings](#)

Fraser Valley Rapid 18 (October 4)

Three years have yet to pass and FVCA have run their eighteenth rapid tournament (the first was on December 3, 2022). This time round there was only one player over 2000 in the [Open](#), three-time former BC Champion FM Grigori Morozov, but he did not have everything his own way. Second-ranked Yao Lucas, rated almost 500 points lower, matched Morozov win for win and managed to draw their individual game to tie for first with Morozov on 5.5/6 and share the top two prizes. At a considerable distance in third place were Chris Mackay, Bingda (Brady) Li, and Rishab Ganesh, each scored 4.0 points. The thirty-one player [U1500 Section](#) included three unrated



(photo by [Chess Maps](#))

players who were all prize winners: Allain Era was first with 5.5 points, Tyler Hun was second a half-point back, and Martin Diaz, Volodymyr Soloshenko, and Dyllan Garcia were third. And in the [U1100 Section](#) fully half of the thirty players were newcomers. Noah Gordon was first with a perfect score, Haoyang (Rowan) Lei, Wenle Haung, and Seungheum Cho tied for second, and Rudwin Suresh Rathinam and Dominic Garcia received medals, as did the other prize winners in the section. There was a total of seventy-seven participants. Watch for [Fraser Valley Rapid 19](#) on December 21.

RCC Elite Rapid (September 28)

The Richmond Chess Champions alternate open events with classical (game/60) or rapid (game/30) time controls. For their rapid tournament on September 28 the turnout was smaller so there were only two sections. The [U1600 Section](#) saw newcomer Fermin Labarca claim the first prize with 4.5/5, just ahead of Morgan Zhou and Ryan Malone, while Mingrui Wen was perfect in the [U800](#), Eden Ho second and Arvin Mingjun Li third. There were twenty participants.

World Cadet (September 19-30)



This year's [World Cadet Championships](#), the lower three age groups (U08, U10, U12) from the former WYCC events, were held in Almaty, Kazakhstan where over eight hundred and fifty youth from eighty-eight countries competed for championships in their respective age groups. Among these participants were ten from Canada including Karson Lu from BC. Recent winner of the U08 category of the NAYCC, here Karson (right) tied for second with 8.5/11, finishing fifth on tiebreaks and only losing to eventual winner Adinur Adilbek (Kazakhstan) – congratulations! The other high finish by a Canadian was that of Ramesan Raunak Amit (U12O), who placed sixth in the problem-solving championship.



**Lu, Karson (1760) – Dede, Omer Taha (1740) [D31]
World Cadet U08O Almaty (11.3), 30.09.2025**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 a6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 c6 6.e3 Bd6
7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.Bd3 Nf6 9.h3 0–0 10.Nf3 Re8 11.Ne5 Nbd7
12.f4 Nf8 13.0–0 N6d7 14.Qd2 f6 15.Nf3 Nb6 16.Kh1 Be6
17.g4 g6 18.f5 Bf7 19.fxg6 hxg6 20.Rg1 Kg7 21.Nh4 Qe6 22.Rg3 Nh7 23.Qc2 Nf8 24.Ne2 Re8
25.Nf4 Qe8 26.Re1 Rd7 27.Rgg1 Re7 28.Qf2 Nbd7 29.Qg3 Kh8 30.Nf5 Re4 31.Nd6 Qe7 32.Bxe4
dxe4 33.Qh4+ Kg8 34.Nf5 Qd8 35.Qh6 Ne6 36.Nxe6 Qf8 37.Ne7+ Qxe7 38.Qg7# 1–0

Okanagan Valley Rapid 5 (September 20)



(photo by [Chess Maps](#))

The latest FVCA-facilitated event at the Okanagan Regional Library in West Kelowna drew a total of thirty-four players, evenly split between two sections. The only player rated over 2000 in the [Open](#) was Harms Reece, who despite a first-round bye won the rest of his games to claim the first

prize with 5.5/6, a full point ahead of the field. Next was the first of several arbiters who demonstrated they also know how to push wood (plastic) – Aniket Kathpal, who was clear second on 4.5 points. A further half-point behind were Kriyaansh Banatwala and Zachary Chruszcz who split the third-place money. The [U1500 Section](#) saw Sachin Prabha overcome a 500-point rating deficit to sweep the section with a perfect score. Two more arbiters were also among the prize-winners, Kyle Van Dijk was clear second with 5.0 points while Umang Banatwala tied for third with Ankit Kundra, Cyrus Siew, and Rivith Uyangoda.

BC Championships

It's that time of year again – the [BC and Women's Championships](#) will be held this weekend, along with a Thanksgiving Open tournament.

The field for the Closed and how they qualified:

Yidong Chen (Langley Open)
John Doknjas (defending Champion)
Neil Doknjas (Keres Memorial)
Raymond Kaufman (ratings list)

Keith MacKinnon (ratings list)
Grigorii Morozov (ratings list)
Lia Rathburn (BC Open)
Tristan Taylor (ratings list)

All the action takes place at the Fraser Valler Chess Academy in Langley. The Closed begins on Friday October 10 at 6pm, with the following rounds at 10am and 4pm each day (9am and 3pm on Monday); the Women's starts on the Saturday morning, as does the Thanksgiving Open.

BC JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (September 27-28)



(photos by [peterzqd](#))

As noted in the BCYCC report last March, the previous long-time organizer of BC's two major junior events (the BCYCC and the BC Junior), the Chess2Inspire Association, has retired from that role. Into the breach stepped the Penny Chess Club, who undertook to organize this year's BC Junior Championship. Held at the Firefighters Banquet and Conference Centre in Burnaby, which happens to be across the road from the previous site, the Burnaby Recreation Centre, the overall format and structure of this year's event was very similar to previous years, the main difference being more prizes awarded.

The [Open Section](#) attracted eighty-eight players, more than double from last year despite the rating cut-off being the same (1300). Perhaps the CFC rating adjustment had something to do with it, but that number of players stretches the capacity of a five-round Swiss. The section included thirteen players over 2000 but it was WCM Kate Jiang who came through with a clutch win in a complex rook ending in the last round to place clear first with a perfect score (she previously tied for first in 2022). Top-ranked Zachary Liu tied for second with Minjun Koo and Dasha Doroshenko was the top girl. Class winners included Xavier Zhang, Zhiheng Luo, Ansun Zhong Hua Zhou, and Zoya Singh (U1800), and Ikshaan Singh, Ka Kan Siu, Yuvraj Joubble, and Sofia Vigurs (U1500).

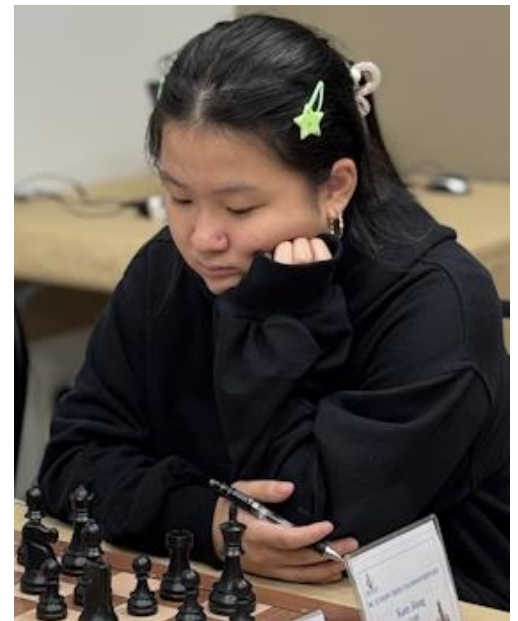
Top prize winners in the [Reserve Section](#) were Alistair Cheung, Andy Wu, Mingyang Zheng, and Yunqing Zhang; Kabir Behlim and Yik Long Yiu tied for first in the [Booster Section](#), the top girls were Ella Wu and Echo Fang. Total participation in all sections was one hundred and ninety-three players. [Tournament website](#)

Chen, Zhengyu (2122) – Yang, Nathan Yi-Hsin (2034) [B15] BC jun Burnaby (4.1), 28.09.2025

1.e4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.d4 c6 4.h3 d5 5.e5 h5 6.f4 Nh6 7.Be3 Qb6 8.Rb1 Nf5 9.Bf2 a5 10.Nf3 Qc7 11.a4 b6 12.Be2 Ba6 13.0–0 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 e6 15.g4 hxg4 16.hxg4 Nh6 17.Ng5 Nd7 18.Bg3 Nf8 19.b4 axb4 20.Rxb4 Nd7 21.Qf3 Qc8 22.Kg2 Rb8 23.Qd3 Nf8 24.Rfb1 Qc7 25.Kf3 Rb7 26.a5 b5 27.a6 Ra7 28.Rxb5 Nd7 29.Rb7 Rxb7 30.Rxb7 Qc8 31.Nxe6 fxe6 32.Qxg6+ Ke7 33.Qxg7+ Nf7 34.f5 c5 35.Bh4+ Rxh4 36.f6+ Ke8 37.Qg8+ 1–0

Jiang, Kate (2109) – Chen, Zhengyu (2122) [D00] BC jun Burnaby (5.1), 28.09.2025

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 c5 6.dxc5 Nc6 7.a3 Bxc5 8.Nf3 b5 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.Bg2 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Bd6 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Qe2 b4 14.Nd1 bxa3 15.bxa3 Bc6 16.g5 Bb5 17.c4 Bxc4 18.Qb2 Rb8 19.Qd4 e5 20.Qd2 Nd7 21.Nc3 Nc5 22.Ne4 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 0–0 24.Bd3 Qe7 25.0–0 Qxg5+ 26.Kh1 Rb2 27.Bxh7+ Kxh7 28.Qxb2 Bxf1 29.Rxf1 e4 30.Rg1 Qf6 31.Qxf6 gxf6 32.Rc1 Re8 33.Rc7 Kg6 34.Rd7 Re5 35.Rd6 a5 36.Ra6 d4 37.exd4 Rd5 38.Kg2 Kg5 39.Kg3 Rb5 40.a4 Rb3+ 41.Kg2 Rb2 42.Kf1 f5 43.Rxa5 Kf4 44.h4 Rb1+ 45.Ke2 Rb2+ 46.Kf1 Kg4 47.h5 f4 48.h6 Kf3 49.Kg1 Rb1+ 50.Kh2 Kxf2 51.Rb5 Rc1 52.Rc5 Rb1 53.Rb5 Rc1 54.Rb2+ Kf3 55.h7 Rc8 56.Kg1 Rc1+ 57.Kh2 Rc8 58.Kg1 e3 59.a5 Rh8 60.a6 Rxh7 61.a7 Rh8 62.Rb8 Rh5 63.a8Q+ Ke2 64.Qa2+ 1–0



Kate Jiang

VANCOUVER CHESS FESTIVAL #12 (October 4-5)

Now in its twelfth edition, the Vancouver Chess Festival took place as previously in the Ponderosa Ballroom at UBC and like earlier events combined three separate tournaments, a Classical event, a Chess Challenge Regional for scholastic players, and a Blitz tournament. New this time was an increase in the number of Classical sections from four to five with the introduction of a U2100, this partly reflecting the higher ratings of many players from the CFC ratings adjustment at the beginning of the year. The twenty-two player [Open Section](#) included sixteen players rated over

2000, led by Canadian Open co-Champion FM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang. Ryan did not disappoint, giving up just a single draw in finishing clear first with 4.5/5. Second was a visitor from the Czech Republic, FM Matous Eret, who finished just ahead of the trio of NM Justin Xu, Ryan Leong, and Nathan Ping-Ying Wu who split the remaining prizes. The new [U2100 Section](#) included twenty-six players and was won by sixth-ranked Andrew Yin on 4.5, closely followed by Joshua Rubin and Arpak Worya who tied for second and Alex Yu and Jofrel Landingin who tied for fourth. Joanne Wangluo was the best female. Anush Sankaran won the [U1700 Section](#) with the same ubiquitous 4.5 point score, Daniel Musakhanyan and Andrew Ferguson tied for second and Chelsea Tang was best female – there were thirty-five participants. The [U1300 Section](#), half the size, was won by Amir Malmir with, you guessed it, 4.5 points, Clayton Persinger was clear second a half-point behind while Ben Kohavi and Andrew Li split the third prize. Yunqing Zhang was the best female. Finally, Travis Bleackley achieved the only perfect score in winning the [U900 Section](#), Raymond Sui was second, and Ryan Li third; prizes in this case were VCS Signature Medals. A total of one hundred and thirty players took part in the Classical portion of the festival.

The [Blitz tournament](#), a seven-round Swiss at 3 + 2, took place on the Saturday evening with fifty-five participants. Not otherwise playing in the Classical were FM Ethan Song and WCM Kate Jiang, who finished first and second respectively in the Open Section; third place was shared between IM Raymond Kaufman, NMs Yidong Chen, Zachary Liu, and Mayo Fuentebella, Reece Harms, and Zhengyu Chen. The U1400 Section saw Raymond Sui increase his haul by winning first place, this despite forfeiting a game through absence. Austin Liao, Pranav Budhiraja, and Henry Fan split the other prizes. Chess Challenge Regional #1 [results](#).

ARBITER'S CORNER #3 – Draws by Brian Davidson

Arbitering at this summer's Canadian Open, I noticed some confusion about how to offer a draw. Let's try to shine some light on the rules.

Something I have seen lately is players, mostly young ones, making a draw offer by extending their hand to their opponent to shake, unaccompanied by any offer. This is not a draw offer, and sometimes gets misunderstood to mean the player is resigning. Player A sticks out their hand and Player B shakes it. Player A circles "draw" on their scoresheet, and Player B circles that they have won. The correct procedure is a player makes a move on the board, asks the opponent for a draw, then starts his/her opponent's clock.

Often this is done wrong, and the player asks for a draw before they make a move. If your opponent does this, tell them to make a move first. The draw offer stands until the player moves, whether the move is a blunder or brilliant. If the offer is refused, the players are to write = on the scoresheet to indicate where the offer was made, and they must do that for each draw offer.

When a player wants to claim a draw by three-fold repetition, they write their move but don't start the clock. They pause the clock and call the arbiter and say they intend to play the written move which will make a third repetition of the position. When this happens, I ask the opponent if they want a draw, as the act of claiming a repetition is an official draw offer. Often the opponent will agree to a draw, as they would have found a different move if they wanted to continue and a good move was available. If they refuse the offer, we set up a board in a quiet place and play through the game, counting the repeated positions. If the position is shown not to have occurred three times, the penalty is three minutes are added to the opponent's time, and the game resumes.

Remember that asking for a draw is one of the few things you're allowed to say to your opponent – so say it and leave the handshake for after the game.

A VANCOUVER CHESS SET

There is seldom mention of the chess sets upon which we practice our hobby in these pages, but there are a few notable examples in BC museums. The Museum of Vancouver has as part of its collection a set which belonged to the late Harry Logan and his wife Gwyneth.



This is a Regency style set, among the most popular before it and all others were eclipsed by now ubiquitous Staunton style pieces. The wooden pieces themselves are workmanlike rather than elaborate, a playing set rather than one for show, and the horse heads on the knights are varnished differently – perhaps they were added at a later date to replace the top of what were originally turned-style pieces similar to the bishop (to avoid the expense of hiring a carver for the head).

Harry Logan had a storied life in academia and beyond – the following is a biographical sketch included in the Logan Family fonds at the UBC Archives:

"Professor of Classics at the University of British Columbia for many years, Harry Tremaine Logan was born on March 5, 1887, in Londonderry, Nova Scotia. He was educated at Vancouver High School; McGill University (Honours Classics, 1908); Oxford University (1908-11), where he was a British Columbia Rhodes Scholar; Presbyterian College (McGill, 1911-12); and New College Edinburgh (1912-13), where he studied Theology. Harry Logan and Gwyneth Murray met in Oxford in 1909 and were engaged to be married in 1911, when Logan returned to Canada. They were married in 1916, shortly after the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders arrived in England. Gwyneth Murray was born in 1888 in Oxford, England, daughter of Sir James Murray, the editor of the *Oxford English Dictionary*. She briefly attended the predominantly Anglican Oxford University but by 1911 had moved to Cambridge University where she felt more at home because of her Congregationalist upbringing. At Cambridge Gwyneth Murray studied mathematics and physics, and also taught at the Perse School for Girls from 1912 to 1916.



Logan taught Classics at McGill University College of British Columbia from 1913-15 until his career was interrupted by war service. He later returned to Oxford where he received his Master's degree in 1919. Harry and Gwyneth moved to Canada in 1919. She became an author and homemaker while he began teaching at the University of British Columbia where he was successively Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor of Classics and Head of the Department of Classics until 1952. Professor Logan left the University of British Columbia in 1936 to become Principal of the Prince of Wales Fairbridge Farm School, Vancouver Island, where he remained until 1945. In 1946 he became Acting General Secretary of the Fairbridge Society in London, England, and Secretary between 1947-49. He returned to the University of British Columbia in 1949. His many activities with the University include his senate membership (1930-48); Member of the Board of Governors (1941-46); Trustee of the BC Canteen Fund; Editor, *UBC Alumni Chronicle*; and, notably, author of the history of the university, *Tuum Est* (1958).

During World War I Logan served as a trooper in the King's Colonial Cavalry and King Edward Horse in Oxford (1908-11). He was later with the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders of Canada and Canadian Machine Gun Corps (1915-18) as, successively, Lieutenant, Captain, and Major. He was mentioned in dispatches and won the Military Cross. In 1919 he prepared the official history of the Canadian Machine Gun Corps. He later commanded the 12th Canadian Machine Gun Brigade, Vancouver (1924-27), and the UBC Contingent, Canadian Officers Training Corps (1928-30), as Lieutenant Colonel. Harry Logan died in 1971 and Gwyneth died in 1979."

As stated, Gwyneth Nesta Lilian Murray was the youngest daughter of the renowned Scottish lexicographer Sir James Murray; we can add that the eldest of Sir James' eleven children was [Harold James Ruthven Murray](#) (1868-1955), a name well-known to chess historians as the author of *A History of Chess*, still considered the standard work in the field despite being published in 1913. So H.J.R. Murray was Harry Logan's brother-in-law.



Family group circa 1892: Sir James Murray and his wife seated in the centre, Harold seated next to his father, Gwyneth sitting on the ground in front of her mother

We do not have any details of the provenance of this set before it was acquired by Logan; the Museum of Vancouver website unhelpfully notes it “was used in Vancouver during the 1920s.” Knowing Logan's connection to H.J.R. Murray, it is fun to speculate on the set's age and how it came into the former's possession – picked up in France during his war duty, or earlier (or later) in England or Canada, or a family heirloom, or a gift from his illustrious brother-in-law? Unfortunately, these questions cannot be answered, at least not by the sources readily available to this writer.

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

Thanksgiving Open

Langley, October 11-13 [Details](#)

LIC Fall Rapid

New Westminster, October 18 [Details](#)

Jack Taylor Memorial

Victoria, October 24-26 [Details](#)

RCC Elite Championship

Richmond, October 26 [Details](#)

Salmon Arm Rapid

Salmon Arm, October 26 [Details](#)

Langley Fall Classic

Langley, October 27 onwards [Details](#)

BCJCA High School Blitz #2

Burnaby, November 1 [Details](#)

BC Junior Winter Rapid

Langley, November 1 [Details](#)

RCC Elite Rapid

Richmond, November 2 [Details](#)

LCC Blitz Tournament

Langley, November 3 [Details](#)