

## BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #481

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### HERE AND THERE

#### **PCC April Rapid and Meetup** (April 26)



The latest Rapid (five rounds of 10 + 5) and Meetup organized by the Penny Chess Club attracted thirty-two players in three sections. The top four players, led by Joshua Emiliano Garduno Huerta from Mexico, constituted the [Premier Section](#) and played a double-round robin. With a 400-point rating cushion Joshua won the event but did give up draws to second-place Joshua Rubin and third-place Gyuwon Lee. The other two sections were both won with perfect scores: in the [U1600](#) this was accomplished by Chiqing Zhang ahead of Aiden Hellmuth, Marc Kuo, and Brandon Ng, while Elara Bissonnette racked up 5.0/5 in the [U1000 Section](#), Sam Zhao was clear second, and half of the remainder of the field tied for third: Ethan Wang, Derek Faerber, Shiwei Li, Nivaan Pradeep, and Ian Lu. The next such event is on [May 24](#).

#### **RCC Elite Championship** (April 26)

Meanwhile, in Richmond the April edition of the RCC Elite Championship was taking place (four games at 50 + 10). Top-ranked by a considerable margin, Yuran Ma did give up a draw in the first round of the [U1800 Section](#) but won the rest of his games to claim first prize; Yude Lin and Xinyuan Guo tied for second/third. In the [U900 Section](#) Xiankun Li beat the player with the highest rating, Siyang Chen, in achieving a perfect 4.0/4, Siyang was clear second, and Ocean Zhang and Jirbiel Cortes tied for third.

## LIC Invitational 5 (April 25-26)



Following in the footsteps of previous editions, the Fifth Invitational event from Lulu Island Chess retained the same location and overall format but allowed for the participation of team members from the upcoming InterMat who might be rated below 1400. The [Open Section](#) saw yet another win by NM Yidong Chen whose 5.0/6 was sufficient to edge out organizer NM Ryan Leong by half a point. Third place was shared by Barath Subramanian Suresh, Zhengyu Chen, and Samuel Lu. James Fu was the winner of the [U2000 Section](#) with 4.5 points, just ahead of Joanne Wangluo, Moses Li, and Aiden Zhu. And in the [U1700 Section](#) Andrew Li came out on top with the same 4.5/6, Ella Wu was clear second, and Sage Wu and Aaron Gu tied for third. A total of thirty-six players participated. [Invitational 6](#) is coming up at the end of May.

## Okanagan Valley Rapid 6 (April 25)



It was back in September 2024 when Okanagan Valley Rapid 1 took place, and less than twenty months later we have number 6: these tournaments have certainly done much to build up and encourage chess in the Kelowna region. This time there were forty players split neatly into two sections of twenty each. The [Open Section](#) had one player over 2000, Zachary Burrows, who unsurprisingly won all his games to place first; Temesgen Abraha was clear second a full point behind, while Alp Topcu, Clayton Kichuk, and Jerritt Cloney tied for third with 4.0 points. In the [U1400](#) fully half the players were competing in their first CFC event, and it was one of these, Nuoyi Wang, who won the section with a perfect score, Matthew Parmiter was second on 4.5, and Hao Wang, Reece Levesque, Hargun Singh, and Liam Wilkinson shared third. And the post-event [Blitz](#) was won by Zachary Burrows with Alp Topcu second and Ankit Kundra third. [Okanagan Valley Rapid 7](#) is scheduled for June 20.

### **Fraser Valley Rapid 21** (April 12)



(photo: [Chess Maps](#))

Two rapid events on the same day, both including youth sections serving as CYCC qualifiers. In Langley, the [Open Section](#) of Fraser Valley Rapid 21 attracted twenty players, headed by NMs Yidong Chen and Zachary Liu. Unsurprisingly they tied for first, drawing with each other and winning the rest of their games. Tied for third 1.5 points behind them were Angelo Landingin and newcomers Raghav Sharma and Sarthak Gulati, they all scored 4.0 points each. There were two junior sections; the [Under 12](#) was won by Tyler Hun with a perfect score, followed by Kriyaansh Banatwala and Noah Li who tied for second and Azlaan Saad and Anirudh Annal who tied for fourth. In the [Under 8 Section](#) Echo Fang topped the field with 6.0/6, Aarit Singal was clear second with 4.5 and Kyler Bruntlett and Yoojun Lim tied for third a further half-point back. A total of forty-five players participated in the junior sections. Additionally, many of these players chose to compete in the adjunct [Blitz](#) event. Zachary Liu again tied for first, this time with Angelo Landingin, their totals of 6.0/7 were a point ahead of the logjam on 5.0 points which included Wahid Sabet, Daniel Yu Ang Zhu, Andrew Ferguson, and Jofrel Landingin.

## **RCC Elite Rapid** (April 12)

Meanwhile, at the same time in Richmond an RCC Elite Rapid was taking place. There was a three-way tie for first in the [U1800 Section](#) between Xavier Negron, Andrew Li, and May Wangluo on 4.0 points each, while the [U1000 Section](#) saw Audrey Yu and Jirbiel Cortes at the top of the crosstable, followed by Ocean Zhang, Giulio Aloisi, and Ryan Chen who tied for third. And Paul Huynh and Daniel Deng tied for first in the [U12 U14 U16 U18 Section](#), followed by Yude Lin, Miguel Martinez Romero, and Panshul Mishra Jaiman.

## **2026 BCCF AGM**

The BC Chess Federation will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Sunday, May 17, 2026.

Location: Richmond Curling Club. 5540 Hollybridge Way, Richmond BC, V7C 4N3

- Meeting will be in the upstairs skittles room of the venue.

Time: 3pm or immediately following Round 3 of the Keres Memorial Tournament.

Agenda: Send any discussion items to be added to the agenda to BCCF President Paul Leblanc at: [pc-leblanc@shaw.ca](mailto:pc-leblanc@shaw.ca)

Voting: All eligible (please see below for eligibility requirements) BCCF members are welcome and encouraged to participate in voting on agenda discussions.

### Eligibility:

- Must be at least 14 years of age.
- Must be current BCCF member (one event played, organized or directed within the past year), **OR** current CFC member, **OR** lifetime BCCF member.
- Must **sign in** prior to the AGM to confirm above requirements.

New sign in requirement for all members who wish to vote on agenda discussions. Sign in sheets and coordinators will be present at the entrances to the meeting.

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## **VANCOUVER CHESS FESTIVAL #14** (April 18-19)



Vancouver Chess Festival #14 continued with the same format as previous festivals this season with separate tournaments: a five-round classical over two days, a seven-round blitz on the Saturday evening, and this time the Provincial Chess Challenge on the Sunday. The Classical also

had the same five sections as the thirteenth edition, with 400-point sections below the Open starting at U2100. The big difference was the site, the Bonsor Recreation Complex rather than the Ponderosa Ballroom at UBC.

The nineteen-player [Open Section](#) included fourteen above 2000 and seven with titles, but it was top-ranked IM Long Le who carried the day, accepting a perfunctory draw in the last round to take home the first prize with 4.5/5. NMs Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj and Roman Jiganchine split the second and third prizes, while FM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang, NM Zachary Liu, and Aiden Yin tied for fourth.

Ties were the order of the day in the [U2100 Section](#) as NM Mayo Fuentebella, Mark Linnick, Emilian Holmgren, and Natan Grunau all scored 4.0 points to tie for first, Ryder Hsu, CM Arpak Worya, and Moses Li shared fifth place, and Dasha Doroshenko, Joanne Wangluo, and Zoya Singh split the Best Female prize. Alexandre Tanguay was the clear winner of the [U1700 Section](#) ahead of David Wait, Ryan Zhou, and Charlie Tang with Anika Soni as the Best Female. Newcomer Shekib Faizi had a perfect score in winning the [U1300 Section](#), Karl Aguirre and Garrett Sheh tied for second and Yaswitha Suresh was the Best Female. And in the [U900 Section](#) Emery Ning also scored 5.0/5, Torres Zhang was clear second and Zhou Fang was third on tiebreak. A total of one hundred and forty players participated in the Classical Sections.

The Blitz tournament, a seven-round Swiss at 3 + 2, took place on the Saturday evening with a total of fifty-one participants, including one from Berlin, Germany. There were three titled players in the [Open Section](#) who all finished at the top of the crosstable: FM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang claimed first place with 6.0/7, while NMs Yidong Chen and Zachary Liu split the remaining two prizes a half-point back. In the [U1400 Section](#) there was a three-way tie for first, between Tiago Moy, Raymond Sui, and Yaswitha Suresh.

The BC Provincial Chess Challenge was held on the Sunday, five rounds of 15 + 10. Some one hundred and thirty-six players competed in grade sections to determine the champions for this year and who will represent BC at the National Chess Challenge, coming up in Winnipeg on the Victoria Day weekend. The following are the trophy winners for this year - congratulations to all!

Kindergarten – Ares Jin, Bryan Wang, Marcus Ma  
Grade 1 – Oscar Yulang Shi, Yaswitha Suresh, Emery Ning  
Grade 2 – Rudwin Sureshrathinam, Sage Wu, Aiden Hellmuth  
Grade 3 – Karson Lu, Zixuan Eddie Yang, Lucas Chen  
Grade 4 – Evelyn Lou, Josiah Lo, Charles Zhang  
Grade 5 – Casey Fan, Ryan Li, Haochen Tong  
Grade 6 – Barath Subramanian Suresh, Lucas Yao, Samuel Lu  
Grade 7 – Larry Yang, Ethan Low, Mark Karaivanov  
Grade 8 – Nicholas (Pei-Chang) Wu, Nathan Yi-Hsin Yang, Niko Chen  
Grade 9 – Zachary Chruszcz, Zichun Xiao, Ansun Zhou  
Grade 10 – Daniel Dou, Dennis Haoze Wang, Tristan Patterson  
Grade 11 – Aadit Arya, Joey Xu, Emilian Holmgren  
Grade 12 – Nathan Ping-Ying Wu, Shaunavon Mu

Many thanks to organizer Maxim Doroshenko, the arbiters, volunteers, parents and players for making the event a success. [Crosstables](#)

## ANNOTATIONS BY SHAKESPEARE

Tired of all those funny little arrows and mathematical symbols that pass for annotations in the informants? Here are some prose annotations by the Bard of Avon – well, actually he didn't write these lines specifically to accompany a game of chess. The various quotations were chosen by Victoria player Cyril F. Davie to illustrate one of his own games; they were first published in the July 1916 issue of the *British Chess Magazine*.

### Davie, C – York, J [C39]

- 1.e4** "Take a trumpet, herald; ride thou unto the horsemen on yon hill: if they would fight with us, bid them come down, or void the field." [*Henry V*: IV, vii]
- 1...e5** "The sum of all our answer is but this: we would not seek a battle, as we are; nor, as we are, we say we will not shun it: so tell you master." [*Henry V*: III, vi]
- 2.f4** "If guilty dread have left thee so much strength as to take up mine honour's pawn, then stoop!" [*Richard II*: I, i]
- 2...exf4** "And I accept the combat willingly." [*Henry VI/2*: I, iii]
- 3.Nf3** "To horse, you gallant princes! Straight to horse!" [*Henry V*: IV, ii]
- 3...g5** "Let's consult together against this greasy knight." [*Merry Wives of Windsor*: II, i]
- 4.h4** "How now, young man! Mean'st thou to fight today?" [*Troilus and Cressida*: V, iii]
- 4...g4** "Pursue him, ho! Go after!" [*King Lear*: II, i]
- 5.Ng5** "The Prince of Cumberland! That is a step on which I must fall down, or else o'erleap, for in my way it lies." [*Macbeth*: I, iv]
- 5...h6** "...you waste the treasure of your time with a foolish knight." [*Twelfth Night*: II, v]
- 6.Nxf7** "For thousand Yorks he shall not hide his head, but boldly stand and front him to his face." [*Henry VI/2*: V, i]
- 6...Kxf7** "...the extreme peril of our case, the peace of England and our person's safety, enforced us to his execution." [*Richard III*: III, v]
- 7.d4** "We will have vengeance for it, fear thou not." [*Romeo and Juliet*: III, v]
- 7...d5** "'Tis not sleepy business, but must be looked to speedily and strongly." [*Cymbeline*: III, v]
- 8.Bxf4** "The archbishop is the King's hand and tongue, and who dare speak one syllable against him?" [*Henry VIII*: V, i]
- 8...dxe4** "Such noble fury in so poor a thing." [*Cymbeline*: V, v]
- 9.Bc4+** "An't please your grace, the two great cardinals wait in your presence." [*Henry VIII*: III, i]

**9...Kg7** "I do not like their coming. Now I think on't, they should be good men, their affairs as righteous; but all hoods make not monks." [*Henry VIII*: III, i]

**10.Be5+** "I advise you ... that you read the cardinal's malice and his potency together; to consider further that what his high hatred would effect wants not a minister in his power. You know his nature, that he's revengeful, and I know his sword hath a sharp edge; it's long and 't may be said it reached far, and where 'twill not extend thither he darts." [*Henry VIII*: I, i]

**10...Nf6** "You, Lord Archbishop, whose see is by a civil peace maintained, whose head the silver hand of peace hath touch'd, whose white vestments figure innocence the dove and very blessed spirit of peace, wherefore do you so ill translate yourself out of the speech of peace that hears such grace, into the harsh and boisterous tongue of war; turning your books to graves, your ink to blood, your pens to lances, and your tongue divine to a loud trumpet and a point of war?" [*Henry IV/2*: IV, i]

**11.0-0** "Up to the eastern tower whose height commands as subject all the vale, to see the battle." [*Troilus and Cressida*: I, ii]

**11...Be7** "Call forth the holy father." [*Richard III*: V, i]



**12.d5** "Hath no man's dagger here a point for me?" [*Much Ado About Nothing*: IV, i]

**12...Rf8** "Hang out our banners on the outward walls; the cry is still 'They come': our castle's strength will laugh a siege to scorn." [*Macbeth*: V, v]

**13.Qe2** "I would remove these tedious stumbling-blocks and smooth my way upon their headless necks; and, being a woman, I will not slack to play my part in Fortune's pageant." [*Henry VI/2*: I, ii]

**13...Bc5+** "Look, when the holy legate comes apace, to give us warrant from the hand of heaven, and on our actions set the name of right with holy breath." [*John*: V, ii]

**14.Kh1** "How much, methinks, I could despise this man, but that I am bound in charity against it!" [*Henry VIII*: III, ii]

- 14...e3** "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy." [*Hamlet*: II, i]
- 15.Qd3** "Why appear you with this ridiculous boldness before my lady?" [*Twelfth Night*: III, iv]
- 15...h5** "So that, by this, you would not have him die." [*Henry VIII*: III, i]
- 16.Rf5** "... there stand I in much peril." [*Othello*: V, i]
- 16...Bxf5** "I shall deal with him that henceforth he shall trouble us no more." [*Henry VI/2*: III, i]
- 17.Qxf5** "Ay, my lord cardinal, how think you by that? Were it not good your grace could fly to heaven?" [*Henry VI/2*: II, i]
- 17...Qe8** "Woman, do what thou canst to save our honours." [*Henry VI/1*: I, ii]
- 18.Bd3** "Stand thee by, friar." [*Much Ado About Nothing*: IV, i]
- 18...Kg8** "I should think this a gull, but that the white-bearded fellow speaks it: knavery cannot, sure, hide himself in such reverence." [*Much Ado About Nothing*: II, i]
- 19.Qg5+** "No devil will fright thee as much as she." [*Love's Labour's Lost*: IV, iii]
- 19...Kh8** "Then come, o'God's name, I fear no woman." [*Henry VI/1*: I, ii]
- 20.Bxf6+** "Certainly the cardinal is the end of this." [*Henry VIII*: II, i]
- 20...Rxf6** "Now, by God's mother, priest, I'll shave your crown for this, or all my fence shall fail." [*Henry VI/2*: II, i]
- 21.Qxf6+** "Hamlet, thou art slain; no medicine in the world can do thee good, in thee there is not half an hour of life." [*Hamlet*: V, ii]
- 21...Kg8** "Upon his royal face there is no note how dread an army hath enrouned him." [*Henry V*: IV, pro]
- 22.Nc3** "Give me another horse." [*Richard III*: V, iii]
- 22...Nd7** "Let's raise the siege. Why live we idly here?" [*Henry VI/1*: I, ii]
- 23.Qg5+** "And, when I spy advantage, claim the Crown, for that's the golden mark I seek to hit." [*Henry VI/2*: I, ii]
- 23...Kh8** "Foul wrinkled witch, what makest thou in my sight?" [*Richard III*: I, iii]
- 24.Qh6+** "I'll do, I'll do, and I'll do." [*Macbeth*: I, iii]
- 24...Kg8** "Have done thy charm, thou hateful withered hag!" [*Richard III*: I, iii]
- 25.Qh7+** "Here must I kill King Pericles." [*Pericles*, I, iii]

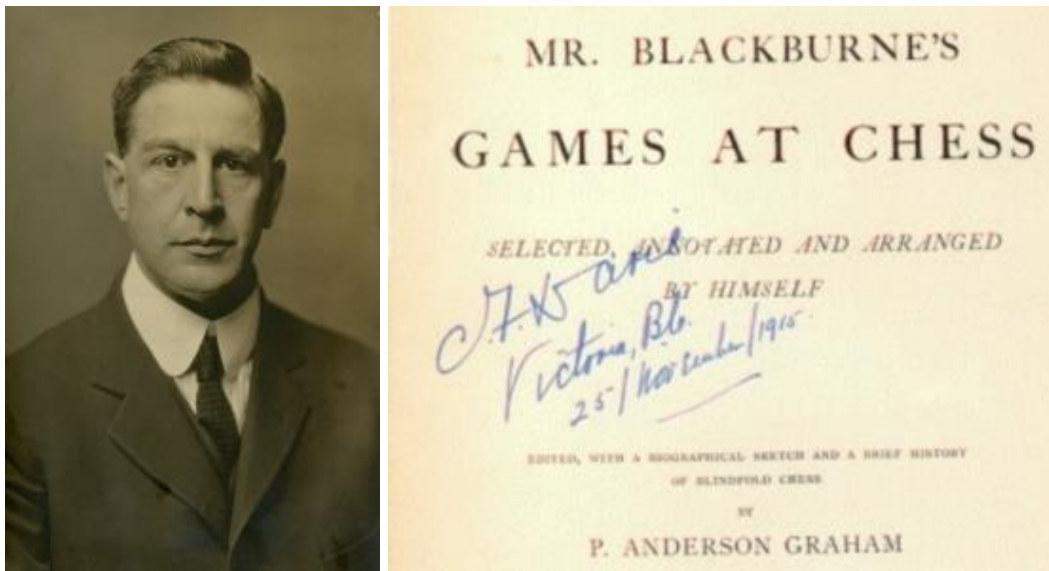
**25...Kf8** "I pray you all, tell me what they deserve that do conspire my death with devilish plots of damned witchcraft, and that have prevailed upon my body with their hellish charms?"  
[*Richard III*: III, iv]

**26.Rf1+** "But yet, poor Claudio! There is no remedy, come, sir." [*Measure for Measure*: II, i]

**1-0** "All good people, pray for me! I must forsake ye. The last hour of my long weary life is come upon me. Farewell." [*Henry VIII*: II, i]

**DAVIE, CYRIL FRANCIS, K.C.** (January 30, 1882 - February 18, 1950)

Born in Victoria, into one of the province's most important political families: his father, Alexander E.B. Davie, was B.C. premier 1887-1889, while his uncle Theodore held the same office during the years 1892-1895. Davie studied law at Ottawa University and was called to the bar in B.C. in 1907. In 1924 he entered politics, serving as the Conservative MLA for Cowichan-Newcastle until 1933; for the last three years of this term he was also Speaker of the House. From 1929 to 1931 Davie chaired a royal commission on health insurance and maternity benefits, and became a strong advocate for state health insurance. After 1933 he retired to private law practice in Duncan. Davie was the author of *Common Law and Statutory Amendment in Relation to Contributory Negligence in Canada*, as well as a prolific contributor to the *Canadian Bar Review*.



Davie's signature on the title page of his copy of Mr. Blackburne's Games of Chess, subsequently owned by Nathan Divinsky

This literary bent was also evident in Davie's chess activities: he wrote a chess column in the *Victoria Daily Colonist* from 1916 until his political career forced him to hand over the reins to Thomas Piper, and was also a contributor to the *British Chess Magazine*. It is not known when he learnt to play chess, but in 1914 Davie took a course of instruction from Piper. It appears he was a good student, for two years later he won the first Victoria City Championship by beating William J. Barker in a match (apparently this also marked the first time chess clocks were used in Victoria).

However, it was in the field of correspondence chess that Davie made his most important contributions. In April 1916 he formed the Canadian Branch of the Chess Amateur Correspondence League, which ran various tournaments for both American and Canadian players. Davie's connection with the league did not last long: he allowed the CACL (Canadian Branch) to be

part of the merger which led to the formation of the Correspondence Chess League of America in 1917. He withdrew from any role in the new organization, on the grounds that since there were so few players in Western Canada, control would be better exercised from further east. Despite this short tenure, he inaugurated the first Canadian correspondence championship (won by R.W. Worsley of Yorkton, Saskatchewan), as recognized and continued now by the Canadian Correspondence Chess Association.

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

**BC High School Championships**

Burnaby, May 10, [Details](#)

**50<sup>th</sup> Paul Keres Memorial**

Richmond, May 16-18, [Details](#)

**Fraser Valley Rapid 22**

Langley, May 24, [Details](#)

**PCC Rapid and Meetup**

Vancouver, May 24, [Details](#)

**RCC Elite Chess Rapid**

Richmond, May 24, [Details](#)

**LCC Puzzle Night**

Langley, May 25, [Details](#)

**LIC Invitational 6**

Richmond, May 30-31, [Details](#)

**LCC Summer Short Quads**

Langley, June 1, 8, 15, [Details](#)

**BC Senior Championship**

Surrey, June 5-7, [Details](#)

**LIC 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rapid**

New Westminster, June 6, [Details](#)

**Greater Vancouver Tournament 10**

Burnaby, June 13-14, [Details](#)

**LIC Classical 5**

New Westminster, June 20-21, [Details](#)

**Okanagan Valley Rapid 7**

Kelowna, June 20, [Details](#)

**RCC Elite Chess Rapid**

Richmond, June 21, [Details](#)