

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #487

Your editor welcomes any and all submissions – news of upcoming events, tournament reports, and anything else that might be of interest to BC players. Thanks to all who contributed to this issue. To subscribe, send me an e-mail (swright2@telus.net); if you no longer wish to receive this Bulletin, just let me know.

Stephen Wright



BC Chess Federation

HERE AND THERE

Fraser Valley Rapid 23 (July 26)



(photo by [Chess Maps](#))

Held a week later than originally scheduled due to the World Cup final on July 19, there were sixty participants in the [twenty-third edition](#) of the Fraser Valley Rapids. Top ranked in the Open Section was CM Roman Jiganchine who was 200+ points higher rated than anyone else in attendance; it was not a huge surprise that he won the first prize with a perfect 6.0/6. Second was Ameet Kumar Dalal on tiebreak over Andrew Ferguson, they both scored 4.5 points.

The other two sections were age based, and also featured perfect scores by the winners. For the U14 Section first was Matvey Loktionov ahead of Noah Li and Jovan Gill, while in the U10 Section the top three places were taken by Pamuda Indiketiheewage, Liam Khang Pham, and Aarit Singal. Roman did not stay for the adjunct Blitz tournament so the two other prize winners from the Open, Ameet Kumar Dalal and Andrew Ferguson, tied for first with 6.0/7 scores, a full point ahead of Norman Verdon, Kriyaansh Banatwala, and Vipul Danny Rajamani who tied for third. More photos by [Neelesh Jain](#). Watch for [Rapid 24](#) in Abbotsford on August 29.

RCC Elite Championship (July 25-26)

Twenty-one players entered the second [RCC Elite Championship](#) of the month; in this case the top eight players were divided into two quads and played six game double round robins, rather than the five-round Swiss of the third section. In the Open Quad the combatants finished in strict rating order: Aadit Arya place first on 4.5 points ahead of Zhengyu Chen, Ryan Golchin, and Joanne Wangluo. Aidan An was winner of the U2000 Quad with the same score, Warren Chung from Woodinville, WA was second followed by May Wangluo and Robert McBain. Finally, there was a baker's dozen in the U1500 Section, won by Oscar Yuilang Shi with a perfect 5.0/5 while Ziheng Yang and Ian Chen tied for second.

Northern BC Summer Rapid (July 18) by Prince George Chess Club



We had a full house of chess players at the July 18 CFC-rated [Rapid Tournament](#) at Great White Toys and Comics! It was a fantastic day filled with interesting and surprising games, friendly competition, and new connections. Congratulations to our top three finishers: Andrew M., Sean F., and Alex B.

Our next event is an Open All-Ages Unrated Chess Tournament at the Prince George Public Library Bob Harkins branch on August 8. To register, call the library at 250-563-9251 ext. 100 by Wednesday, August 5 at 7:30 p.m. Please note that drop-in spaces are not guaranteed, so early registration is encouraged. Interested in future Prince George Chess Club tournaments, events, and weekly meetings? Follow our [Prince George Chess Club Facebook](#) page or join our Facebook group to stay up to date with everything happening in our local chess community. We hope to see you at the board!

European Excursions

'Tis summer and the European tournament circuits beckon – so far three BC juniors have taken up the challenge. Elliot McCallum was a participant in the [6th La Plagne Chess Festival](#) (July 4-10), whose Master Section attracted one hundred and thirty-four players to the La Plagne ski resort in the French Alps. Top ranked was GM Pa Inian, part of a contingent of twenty-eight Indian players, who duly placed first with 7.5/9, a half-point in front of Ukrainian IM Danyil Mosesov; Elliot finished

with 4.0 points. Next we move to the Iberian Peninsular where Karson Lu took part in the [26th Sant Martí Open](#) (July 13-21) in Barcelona. The one hundred and seventeen player field included eight GMs and six IMs and was won by Norwegian GM Johan-Sebastian Christiansen with 8.0 points, a full point ahead of GM Brandon Jacobsen (USA), IM Alex Villa Tornero, and GM Hipolito Asis Gargatagli (both Spain); Karsen scored 5.0/9. Staring at the same time was a brand new tournament, the [1st Fuxan Os Ventos](#) in Lugo (July 13-19). Lugo is a city in Galicia, northwestern Spain; "Fuxan Os Ventos" is a Galician phrase that translates as "Let the winds blow" or literally "Blowing winds." The name is inspired by a famous historic Galician folk music group of the same name. Aiden Leong was among the ninety-four players in this inaugural edition of the event. For some reason top-ranked GM Aryan Tari (Norway) withdrew with 2.5/3; the eventual winner was Spanish GM David Larino Nieto with 7.5 points while Bulgarian GM Vladimir Petkov placed second. Aiden performed slightly above his rating in scoring 5.0 points.

60th Canadian Open (July 11-17)



(photos by John Upper)

Now in its sixtieth year, the inaugural Canadian Open was in Montreal in 1956 but for the first decade or so the tournament was held every two years, which along with a few skipped years (notably 2020 and 2021 for obvious reasons) means we are celebrating sixty years rather than seventy-one. Held in the Ottawa neighbourhood of Nepean, this year's edition consisted of two hundred and sixty-eight players in four sections. There is always the eternal debate between single section or several; the intention with multiple sections was to give better chances for norm seekers, but as it turns out there were too few foreign players in attendance to provide realistic norm possibilities.

Eighty-five competed in the [Open Section](#), including from this province IM Quang Long Le, CM Zachary Liu, Aiden Hao-Ting Lu, WIM Bich Ngoc Pham, IM Leon Piasetski, CM Barath Subramanian Suresh, CM Bohan (Henry) Yang, and FM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang. There were seven GMs and eight IMs headed by Icelandic GM Vignir Vatnar Stefansson, but he gave up too many draws (six) en route to a final score of 6.0/9. Surprise leader after five rounds was fifteenth-ranked Toronto FM Koosha Jaferian with 4.5 points; despite losing in round six he remained a half-point out of first place for the remainder of the event, finally placing third. Top-ranked Canadian GM Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux put himself in the driver's seat by winning in rounds five to seven (including against Long Le in a complex game which could easily have gone the other way) but was eventually caught by GM Titas Stremavicius (Lithuania) in the last round who won the

tournament on tiebreak after he and Rodrigue-Lemieux both scored 7.0/9. This means Shawn has now tied for first in the Canadian Open three times in the past five years, he also claimed the Canadian Closed title back in April. Joining Koosha a half-point back were FM Calix Marchand, GM Bator Sambuev, and IM Artiom Samsonkin, the latter's first event for some time. Top woman was Penny Pham (right) who was part of the group with 6.0 points, closely followed by her husband Long with 5.5.



7.0 points was also the winning score in the [U2100 Section](#), achieved by Louis Fillmore and Aba Nassif; Mathieu Duval was clear third and top BC player was Nathan Yi-Hsin Yang with 5.0. The [U1900 Section](#) had a clear winner in Tyler Lagace, Venkata Saket Reddy Kola, Matteo Lillo, and WCM Lily Zhou tied for second and Larry Yang from Burnaby was alone in fifth. In the [U1600 Section](#) Selena Zou was the class of the field, her 8.0/9 first place being one and a half points ahead of Oliver Mao, Mathieu Lalonde, Pierre Maheux, and Anastasia Auger who tied for second. And the [U1300 Section](#) saw the classical tournament's only perfect score (albeit with a forfeit win in the last round) achieved by Greg Khachatryan, Liam Lamothe and Nathan Lueck were respectively second and third, and BC's Yaswitha Suresh was fifth as part of the group with 6.0 points. Eighty-seven players entered the adjunct open [Blitz](#) tournament. Here Vignir Vatnar Stefansson easily took first with 9.0/9, a full two points in front of GM Petro Golubka, FM Stephen Willy, and Shabd Dembla who tied for second. BC's Zachary Liu finished with 6.5 points, Barath Subramanian Suresh with 6.0. Historical [Canadian Open crosstables](#)

Jaferian, Koosha (2406) – Stremavicius, Titas (2555) [C17]

CAN op 60th Ottawa (3.4), 12.07.2026

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Ba5 6.Qg4 Ne7 7.dxc5 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 0-0 9.Bd3 Nd7 10.Nf3 Nf5 11.a4 Nxc5 12.Ba3 b6 13.0-0 Bd7 14.Nd4 Rc8 15.Nxf5 exf5 16.Bxf5 Bxf5 17.Qxf5 Re8 18.Bxc5 Rxc5 19.Rfe1 g6 20.Qd3 Qc7 21.Qd4 Rxc3 22.Qxd5 Rc5 23.Qd4 Rxe5 24.Rxe5 Qxe5 25.Qxe5 Rxe5 26.f4 Rc5 27.Ra2 Kg7 28.Kf2 h5 29.Ke3 Kf6 30.Kd4 Kf5 31.c4 Ra5 32.g3 Kg4 33.Ke4 Kh3 34.Kf3 Rc5 35.Rc2 Ra5 36.Ra2 Rc5 37.Rc2 a6 38.Rb2 Rc6 39.a5 bxa5 40.Rc2 a4 41.Ke4 a3 42.Kd5 Rb6 43.Ra2 Rb2 44.Rxa3 Rd2+ 45.Kc6 Rc2 46.c5 Kxh2 47.Kb6 f6 48.c6 Rb2+ 49.Kxa6 Rc2 50.Kb7 Rb2+ 51.Kc8 g5 52.Rc3 1-0

Le, Quang Long (2444) – Rodrigue-Lemieux, Shawn (2640) [A26] CAN op 60th Ottawa (6.3), 14.07.2026

1.Nf3 d6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 e5 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.d3 f5 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.Nd5 Qf7 11.b4 0-0 12.Rb1 Nd8 13.b5 Ne6 14.Nd2 g5 15.e3 Bd7 16.Nb4 Rab8 17.a4 Kh8 18.a5 g4 19.a6 f4 20.Bd5 f3 21.axb7 Qh5 22.Bxe6 Bxe6 23.h4 Bf6 24.Kh2 Bxh4 25.Rh1 Bf6+ 26.Kg1 Qg6 27.Ne4 Rxb7 28.Nxf6 Rxf6 29.e4 Qg5 30.Qc1 Qxc1+ 31.Rxc1 Kg7 32.Ra1 Rf8 33.Kf1 c5 34.Nc6 Bd7 35.Ra6 Bxc6 36.Rxc6 Rb6 37.Rc7+ Rf7 38.Rc8 a6 39.Rh4 axb5 40.Rxg4+ Kh7 41.cxb5 Rxb5 42.Kg1 Rb1+ 43.Kh2 Rf1 44.Rgg8 Rxf2+ 45.Kg1 Rd2 46.Rh8+ Kg6 47.Rcg8+ Kh5 0-1

Chiku-Ratte, Olivier-Kenta (2501) – Pham, Bich Ngoc (2331) [D37] CAN op 60th Ottawa (8.8), 16.07.2026

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 0–0 6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.a3 Nc6 9.Qc2 Re8 10.b4 Bf8 11.Bg3 e5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.cxd5 Nxb4 14.axb4 Bxb4+ 15.Nd2 Qxd5 16.Qa2 Rd8 17.Qxd5 Rxd5 18.Bc4 Bxd2+ 19.Ke2 Rc5 20.Bxf7+ Kxf7 21.Kxd2 Rd5+ 22.Ke2 e4 23.Rhc1 Bg4+ 24.f3 exf3+ 25.gxf3 Be6 26.Rab1 Rd7 27.Bc7 Bd5 28.e4 Bc6 29.Ba5 Re8 30.Rc5 g6 31.h4 Bxe4 32.fxe4 b6 33.Rc4 bxa5 34.Rb5 Re6 35.Rxa5 Rb6 36.Rca4 Rbb7 37.Ke3 h6 38.Ra6 Kg7 39.Re6 Rb3+ 40.Kf4 Rf7+ 41.Ke5 Rb5+ 42.Kd4 a5 43.Ra6 Rh5 44.R4xa5 Rxh4 45.Ra7 Rh1 46.Rxf7+ Kxf7 47.Ra6 h5 48.Ke5 Kg7 49.Kf4 Rf1+ 50.Kg3 Rg1+ 51.Kf2 Rg5 52.Kf3 h4 53.Ra7+ Kh6 54.Ra8 Rg3+ 55.Kf4 g5+ 56.Ke5 Kh5 57.Kd4 h3 58.e5 Rg1 59.Rh8+ Kg4 60.e6 Re1 61.Rh6 Kg3 62.Rh5 g4 63.Kd5 h2 0–1

Stremavicius, Titas (2555) – Preotu, Razvan (2589) [E90] CAN op 60th Ottawa (9.2), 17.07.2026

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0–0 6.Bd3 Bg4 7.Be2 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 Nfd7 9.h4 Nc6 10.Be3 e5 11.d5 Nd4 12.h5 c5 13.hxg6 hxg6 14.Qd2 Qa5 15.Rc1 a6 16.Bh6 b5 17.Bg4 Qd8 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qh6+ Kf6 20.Bxd7 Qxd7 21.f4 Qg4 22.fxe5+ dxe5 23.0–0+ Ke7 24.Qg7 Qg5 25.d6+ Ke6 26.Rce1 Rae8 27.Nd5 Kxd6 28.Rf6+ Ne6 29.Rd1 Rd8 30.b3 Qh4 31.Rxe6+ 1–0

RCC Elite Championship (July 11-12)

The first of the RCC Elite Championships for July attracted a score of players, split almost equally into two sections. In the first ([U2000](#)) Martina Szeto was ranked sixth but swept the field, taking a half-point bye and beating the next four finishers to score 4.5/5, achieving a performance rating of 2038 and gaining 250 rating points in the process. Robert McBain was second with 3.5 points, just ahead of Bahman Movaqar, Ethan Jun Low, and brother Jordan Szeto on 3.0. Conversely, in the [U1500 Section](#) the two highest-rated players finished at the top of the crosstable, with Vipul Danny Rajamani in first place and Branson Hong and Aiden Keung tied for second.

THE BCCF FOUNDATION by Paul Leblanc

Perhaps some of you have not heard of the BCCF Foundation. The purpose of this article is to make its history and rationale more widely known to BCCF members.

The origin of the BCCF Foundation goes back to 1983 when the BCCF made the decision to set up an investment fund with revenue from life memberships and donations. Contributions started in 1985. I have the original receipt book and constitution. The first life member was Mr. John Prentice, co-founder of Canadian Forest Products and President of the Chess Federation of Canada from 1955 to 1971. Mr. Prentice was an officer of the Order of Canada and a vice-president of FIDE. The second life membership was purchased by Paul Brown, who had been BCCF president in 1975. The third life member was Rodolfo Planas, a well-known and well-loved player who resided in Kelowna, BC. There is a list of still living life members on the BCCF website.

The BCCF Foundation is modeled on the Chess Foundation of Canada, a much larger trust fund that manages the CFCs investments. The source of the funds in both cases is derived from the sale of life memberships and the income from the investments is handed over to the Federations

each year. Each has a group of trustees who oversee the management of the funds. The trustees are elected at the BCCF AGM with one of the three trustee positions coming up for election each year. At the moment, my fellow trustees are Roger Patterson and Howard Wu.

The founder of the BCCF Foundation was Mrs. Lynn Stringer who managed the investments from 1983 to 2009. Lynn retired as Chairman of the Foundation that year although she stayed on as a trustee for two years while handing over her responsibilities to me.

In 2008 the decision was made to stop selling life memberships. This was part of a re-organization of the BCCF membership fees that saw the elimination of BCCF annual dues in favour of a fee levied on tournaments. Today only three of the life members are still active players – Brian McLaren, Mau-Seng Lee and Joe Oszvald.

From time to time the BCCF contributes small amounts to the Foundation in years when there is a budget surplus. Occasionally, we receive donations although we are not a recognized charity and are unable to issue tax receipts. You may wish to consider the BC Chess Foundation in your estate planning.

It should be noted that the title “BCCF Chess Foundation” was never legally adopted. In 2009 the BCCF adopted the more correct term “BCCF Investment Committee” and formalized the procedure for electing trustees.

The Foundation trustees manage a modest investment portfolio of about \$100,000 (as of 2026) which contributes approximately \$3,000 in dividends and interest to the BCCF operating budget each year.

1958 CANADIAN OPEN

A trivia question: how many BC players have won the Canadian Open? By my count there are five, possibly six. The five for certain are Elod Macskasy (1958), Duncan Suttles (1973), Gordon Taylor (1982), Raymond Kaufman (2018), and Jingyun (Ryan) Yang (2025). The sixth possibility is Pascal Charbonneau; when Pascal tied for first at the Open in Montreal in 2002 he was in the midst of changing coasts (Vancouver to Baltimore), so it's not clear to me where he was actually considered to be resident when the tournament happened. In any case, this time I want to concentrate on Elod Macskasy, who won the second Canadian Open (the first was won by Larry Evans in 1956) in Winnipeg in 1958. Macskasy had arrived in BC the previous summer after fleeing the Hungarian Uprising and immediately challenged the hegemony of the reigning BC chess king, Walter Jursevskis. He won a match against Jursevskis by the score of 3.5-1.5, played in that year's B. - Washington match, and lost a short match to Frank Anderson 0.5-1.5 (Anderson was in BC for the Canadian Championship). In the subsequent 1957-58 season Macskasy won the Vancouver city championship (an event he won some many times he was simply given the trophy) and the BC Championship; thus, by the summer of 1958 Macskasy had taken over the number one spot on the West Coast but was little known elsewhere in Canada.

We take up the story in excerpts from the report Kent Oliver wrote for the August/September 1958 issue of *Canadian Chess Chat* ([crosstable](#)):

"With the push of pawn to king four Alderman Slaw Rebchuck officially started this eight-day battle in the city of Winnipeg, August 23rd (right). There were forty-four entries, somewhat fewer than had been anticipated, but this number was compensated for by an unexpectedly large entry of very strong players. Among these were: Larry Evans, winner of the First Canadian Open; I. Zalusky, the runner-up in the Montreal Open; Paul Vaitonis; Curt Brasket, champion of Minnesota; Abe Yanofsky; Dr. Elod Macskasy, a newcomer to Canada who is reported to have once beaten Smyslov [in a clock simul in 1947 - ed.]; G. Madlener from Holland; and a good showing of outstanding American players.



The fourth round began to give a slight indication of the eventual outcome of the tournament. Vaitonis beat Evans, Macskasy beat Abe Yanofsky, Brasket beat Fischheimer and Harry Yanofsky beat Moran.... In the other leading game, Macskasy was likewise faced with a King's Indian Defence. Abe Yanofsky tossed in a pawn sacrifice along with it early in the middlegame, but it came to naught. The game was adjourned after fifty moves and, on resumption of play, Macskasy won with the extra pawn.

Macskasy, Elod – Yanofsky, Daniel A. [E66] CAN op 2nd Winnipeg (4), 08.1958

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Na5 9.Nd2 a6 10.Qc2 Rb8 11.Rb1 e5 12.a3 b6 13.b4 Nb7 14.Nb3 Qc7 15.bxc5 Nxc5 16.Nxc5 bxc5 17.Rxb8 Qxb8 18.Bd2 Nd7 19.Rb1 Qc7 20.Na4 Bb7 21.Bf1 f5 22.Nb6 Nxb6 23.Ba5 f4 24.Bh3 Bc8 25.Bxc8 Qxc8 26.Rxb6 fxc3 27.hxc3 Qg4 28.Rxd6 e4 29.Rd8 Rxd8 30.Bxd8 e3 31.Bc7 exf2+ 32.Kxf2 Qh3 33.Qe4 Qh2+ 34.Qg2 Bd4+ 35.Kf1 Qh6 36.Bf4 Qf8 37.Qf3 Qf5 38.Kg2 Qd7 39.Bh6 Qe7 40.Qg4 Kf7 41.Bg5 Qe8 42.Qf3+ Kg7 43.e3 Bc3 44.Qf4 Kg8 45.Bh6 Be5 46.Qe4 Qb8 47.Bf4 Qb2+ 48.Kh3 Bxf4 49.exf4 Qd2 50.Qe6+ Kg7 51.Qe7+ Kg8 52.f5 Qh6+ 53.Qh4 Qc1 54.Qd8+ Kg7 55.Qe7+ Kh6 56.Qh4+ Kg7 57.Qe4 Qf1+ 58.Kh4 gxf5 59.Qf4 Qd3 60.Kh5 Kf6 61.Qd6+ Kf7 62.Qe6+ Kf8 63.Qf6+ Ke8 64.Qh8+ Ke7 65.Qxh7+ Kf6 66.Qh6+ Ke7 67.Qe6+ Kf8 68.Qf6+ Ke8 69.Qe5+ Kf7 70.Qc7+ Kf6 71.Kh6 Qd2+ 72.Kh7 Qh2+ 73.Kg8 f4 74.Qxf4+ Kg6 75.Qg4+ Kf6 76.Qh4+ 1-0

The fifth round produced one of the most exciting and crucial games in the whole tournament. This was the battle between Macskasy and Vaitonis. Here Vaitonis played a King's Indian Defence and obtained a better game as a result of Macskasy's poor handling of the opening. Then Vaitonis won a pawn in the middlegame and continued to press his advantage until he got into time trouble. With thirteen moves to make in about eight minutes, he blundered away a won game by falling into a trap which he saw soon after the losing move. (Vaitonis moaned audibly and perhaps some of the onlookers did too.) Threat of mate brought about his resignation on the thirty-eighth move. By this stage, consequently, Macskasy was beginning to look like a sure winner.

Macskasy, Elod – Vaitonis, Paul [E74] CAN op 2nd Winnipeg (5), 08.1958

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 c5 7.d5 Qa5 8.Bd2 Re8 9.Nf3 e6 10.0-0 Qb6 11.Bd3 exd5 12.exd5 Bg4 13.Na4 Qc7 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Nbd7 16.Qd1 Ne5 17.Bf4 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 Re4 19.Be3 b5 20.Nc3 bxc4 21.Qd1 Re7 22.Qe2 Rb8 23.Qxc4 Rxb2 24.Rab1 Rb6 25.Bf4 Qb8 26.Be3 Reb7 27.Rxb6 Rxb6 28.Re1 Rb4 29.Qa6 h6 30.a4 Rb6 31.Qe2 Nd7 32.Ne4 Rb4 33.Bf4 Rb2 34.Qe3 Rb3 35.Qc1 Ne5 36.Bxe5 Bxe5 37.Qxh6 Qb4 38.Nf6+ 1-0

Brasket, Curt – Macskasy, Elod [B11] CAN op 2nd Winnipeg (6), 08.1958

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ gxf6 6.Bc4 Bg4 7.Ne5 fxe5 8.Qxg4 e6 9.0-0 Qf6 10.d3 Qg6 11.Qe2 Nd7 12.f4 Rg8 13.Rf3 Bc5+ 14.Kh1 0-0-0 15.Bd2 Qh5 16.Re1 Rg7 17.fxe5 Rdg8 18.Bf4 Rxd2 19.Qxd2 Rxd2 20.Kxd2 Bd4 21.c3 Bxe5 22.Bg3 Bxg3 23.Rxd3 Ne5 24.Bb3 Ng6 25.Kh1 Qf5 26.Kg1 Nf4 27.Rf1 Ne2+ 28.Kg2 Nxd3 29.Rxf5 Nxf5 30.Kf3 Kd7 31.d4 Ke7 32.Bc2 Nh4+ 33.Kg4 Ng6 34.Kg5 f5 35.h4 Kf7 36.Bb3 h6+ 37.Kh5 Kg7 0-1

The seventh round greatly reinforced Macskasy's chances of winning the Canadian Open through his tie with Evans. Evans played a Grünfeld Defence and allowed Macskasy to seize the initiative early in the middlegame. By the time of the endgame each player was left with two pawns and a knight. Macskasy's early initiative was beginning to pay off and it looked like he had better chances. Finally, though, it was impossible for him to find a winning continuation and a draw was agreed upon.

Macskasy, Elod – Evans, Larry [D70] CAN op 2nd Winnipeg (7), 08.1958

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nb6 6.h3 g6 7.Be2 Bg7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.0-0 Be6 10.Re1 Qc7 11.Ng5 Bc4 12.Bxc4 Nxc4 13.Qe2 Nb6 14.e5 h6 15.Nge4 Na6 16.Qg4 Qd7 17.Qh4 g5 18.Qh5 f5 19.Nc5 Nxc5 20.dxc5 Nc4 21.h4 Qe8 22.Qe2 Nxe5 23.hxg5 hxg5 24.Bxg5 Qf7 25.Bh6 Ng6 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.Rad1 Rad8 28.f4 Qf6 29.Qf2 Kf7 30.g3 Rh8 31.Rxd8 Rxd8 32.Rd1 Rxd1+ 33.Nxd1 Qe6 34.b3 Qd5 35.Nb2 Ke8 36.Nc4 Kd7 37.Qe3 Qd1+ 38.Kf2 Qc2+ 39.Qe2 Qxe2+ 40.Kxe2 Nf8 41.Kd3 Ne6 42.Ne5+ Kc7 43.b4 a5 44.a3 axb4 45.axb4 Ng7 46.g4 fxg4 47.Nxg4 b6 48.cxb6+ Kxb6 49.Kc4 e6 50.Ne5 Nf5 51.Nd7+ Kc7 1/2-1/2

Macskasy played Fischheimer in the eighth round. Fischheimer was faced with a Centre Counter Gambit and lost the initiative in the opening. Macskasy thereupon pressed his advantage until he reached an endgame where his bishop was more active than Fischheimer's knight. Then, playing beautiful chess, he made a subtle pawn sacrifice and was able to force his opponent's resignation on the sixty-sixth move.

Fischheimer, Daniel – Macskasy, Elod [B01] CAN op 2nd Winnipeg (8), 08.1958

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.Bc4 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nh6 7.Qf3 0-0 8.h4 Nc6 9.h5 Ne5 10.Qf4 Nxc4 11.Qxc4 Nf5 12.hxg6 hxg6 13.Nge2 Nxe3 14.fxe3 e5 15.Qh4 Qxh4+ 16.Rxh4 c6 17.Rb4 f5 18.Kd2 Bf6 19.a4 Be7 20.Rb3 Rb8 21.Na2 Be6 22.c4 f4 23.exf4 exf4 24.Nd4 Bg4 25.Nc3 Rfd8 26.Re1 Bc5 27.Nf3 Bf5 28.Ne4 Be3+ 29.Ke2 Kg7 30.Rh1 b6 31.Ra3 Bc5 32.Raa1 Re8 33.Nfg5 Bg4+ 34.Kd2 Be3+ 35.Kc3 Rh8 36.b4 Rbd8 37.Rae1 Bd4+ 38.Kc2 Bf5 39.Nd6 Rxh1 40.Nxf5+ Kf6 41.Ne4+ Kxf5 42.Rxh1 Rh8 43.Rxh8 Bxh8 44.Kd2 Be5 45.b5 c5 46.Ke2 g5 47.Nd2 Bc3 48.Ne4 Be5 49.a5 g4 50.a6 Bc7 51.Nc3 Ke5 52.Nd5 Bd8 53.Kd2 Kd4 54.Nxf4 Bg5 55.g3 Ke5

56.Ke3 Bh6 57.d4+ cxd4+ 58.Ke2 Bxf4 59.gxf4+ Kd6 60.f5 g3
61.f6 g2 62.c5+ Ke6 63.Kf2 d3 64.c6 d2 65.c7 g1Q+ 0-1

With the final round coming up the only danger for Macskasy was a tie for first place - if he should get a loss in his last game and Evans get a win. But the final round saw Macskasy clinch the title. Playing Harry Yanofsky, he came out with a Philidor's Defence and reached the middlegame with equal chances. After twenty-five moves Harry offered him a draw and he accepted. The thirty-nine-year-old math instructor at the University of British Columbia was the new Canadian Open Champion. [Unfortunately, Macskasy's games from rounds nine and ten appear not to have been published.]

Prize winners:

E. Macskasy, \$1,000	D.A. Yanofsky, \$150
L. Evans, \$600	H. Yanofsky, \$50
P. Vaitonis, \$400	R. Lebel, \$50
C. Brasket, \$150	H. Ridout, \$50

The tournament was directed by P.G. Haley of Calgary using Harkness controlled pairings. Mr. J.G. Prentice of Vancouver was assistant tournament director. It is interesting to note that the top five players ended up having played a complete round robin with each other and that the winner played the second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth place finishers. One of the highlights of the tournament was the outstanding showing made by twelve-year-old Irving [sic] Lipnowski of Winnipeg, who scored 4.5."



When the hotbed of Canadian chess was the Mathematics Department at UBC: Professors Macskasy and Divinsky

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

Summer Champions Open

Langley, July 30–August 3, [Details](#)

GM Samy Shoker Simul

Nanaimo, August 1, [Details](#)

BC Day Weekend Open

Victoria, August 1-3, [Details](#)

Vancity Chess at KitsFest

Vancouver, August 8-9, [Details](#)

Langley Short August Quads

Langley, August 10, 17, 24, [Details](#)

Fraser Valley Rapid 24

Abbotsford, August 29, [Details](#)

BC-WA Challenge Match

Richmond, September 5-7, [Details](#)

Langley Open

Langley, September 5-7, [Details](#)