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BC Chess Federation

HERE AND THERE

BC Elite Invitational 1 (August 29-30)

A new organization, a new event. The weekend of August 29-30 saw BC Elite Invitational 1, the first tournament organized by [BC Chess Masters](https://bcchessmasters.com/about.html), “a non-profit run by active members of the competitive chess scene looking to bring about change and growth to the greater chess community.” (See <https://bcchessmasters.com/about.html> for their mission statement.) The name (Invitational) and location (Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport) were the same as the recent series of events run by Lulu Island Chess; the format, three Classical games of 50 + 10 on the Saturday followed by two at 90 + 30 on Sunday, attracted a total of twenty-six players. In the Open Section the two top-ranked masters found the field of ambitious juniors tough going and neither completed the event, which allowed Aadit Arya and Viktor Musakhanyan to tie for first with 4.0/5. Six(!) players tied for third on 3.0 points: Zhengyu Chen, NCM Samuel Lu, CM Barath Subramanian Suresh, Aiden Zichee Leong, Nathan Yi-Hsin Yang, and Henry Fan. The U2000 Section suffered from a lack of entries (seven in total); Martin Lorenz, John David Moje and Andrew Li were the top three finishers. [Standings](#)

Festival International de l'Apogée 2026 (August 22-30)

The last European event for Karson Lu was the Apogee Festival in the village of Caissargues, near Nîmes in Southern France. The eighty-player A Group, restricted to those over 1900, included nine grandmasters and eleven international masters. One feature of the event was a significant prize fund for female players, with the top female prize being the same as the top open prize (5000 Euros). This attracted players such as former world champion GM Anna Ushenina (Ukraine) and GM Nana Dzagnidze (Georgia). The overall winner was French GM Pierre Laurent-Paoli whose 7.5/9 was a full point ahead of the five players who tied for second; Karson finished with 3.0 points from eight games. [Crosstable](#)

Fraser Valley Rapid 24 (August 29)

The twenty-fourth in the series of Fraser Valley Chess Academy rapid tournaments, a.k.a. the Abbotsford Rapid, was held in conjunction with the Abbotsford Chess Club at the Central Heights Church in Abbotsford. Forty-nine players turned out for the six-round Swiss at 15 + 10 in three sections, two of them age restricted. The [Open Section](#) had three clear winners each separated by a half-point, with Robin Hayer in first place on 5.5/6 followed by Ryan Li and Warren Wiebe.



(photo by [Chess Maps](#))

Pamuda Indiketi Hewage and Dulansa Hewa Liyanage both scored 5.0 points to top the [U14 Section](#) with Shauryaveer Kharb and Aarav Saran tied for third, while Kyler Bruntlett finished first in the [U10 Section](#), Gurman Singh Sidhu was second and Liam Khang Pham and Devin Damsithu Premadasa shared third. Robin Hayer was also the winner of the [Blitz](#) event, Kriyaansh Banatwala placed second and Brock Shields, Tianyou Huang, and Warren Wiebe tied for third. Seventeen players participated. Photos by [Neelesh Jain](#)

UBC Summer Open (August 22-23)



For their latest event Lulu Island Chess travelled to the Point Grey Peninsula, specifically the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre at UBC, for the UBC Summer Open, six rounds of fast classical chess (50 + 10) over two days. Of the twenty-eight players in the [Open Section](#) eighteen were rated over 2000 and eight over 2200; after the smoke had cleared it was FM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang who finished at the top of the crosstable having given up just a single draw. CM Zachary Liu was clear second a half-point behind, pushing himself over 2300 for the first time, closely followed by the trio of CM Neil Doknjas, Minjun Koo, and newcomer Fabian Dat Trinh. Gary

Hilares Chavez achieved a perfect score in winning the [U1800 Section](#), two full points ahead of Pratik Pushkarna, Martin Lorenz, and Andrew Li who tied for second. Ties were also the order of the day in the twenty-one player [U1300 Section](#) where Aathitja Ahilan, Michael Cruz, and Christopher Lifvenborg all finished with 5.0 points. Twenty-five players chose to compete in the adjunct [Blitz](#) event; NM Leo Qu eked out a narrow victory over NCM Samuel Lu, CM Zachary Liu, and FM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang.

Bellevue Chess Classic (August 15-16)



The second major Washington tournament in two weeks, one hundred and fifty-one players participated in the [Bellevue Chess Classic](#) which also included, like the previous weekend, several BC players: Samuel Lu, Kanish Raj Sathish Raj, Mahish Raj Sathish Raj, CM Barath Subramanian Suresh, Yaswitha Suresh, Jordan Szeto, and Martina Szeto. GM Vladimir Belous lived up to expectations by taking clear first overall with 5.0/6 points in the Tiglon Open, while CM Barath Subramanian Suresh tied for fifth with 4.0 points. (The Washington Chess Federation likes to give sections descriptive names; some readers may recall Bryce Tiglon from Interamat contests a number of years ago – he is now a grandmaster.) Of the other prizes, Martina Szeto won a best-dressed award in the Seirawan U1800 Section on the Saturday, while in the adjunct Blitz event NCM Samuel Lu placed clear third behind FMs Stephen Willy and Megan Lee and also picked up an upset prize, as did Yaswitha Suresh. [USCF crosstables](#)

Seafair Chess Classic (August 8-9)

Co-hosted by the Washington Chess Federation and the Seattle Chess Club, the [Seafair Chess Classic](#) was held at the Lakeside Upper School in north Seattle and attracted eighty-one players, including from this province Echo Fang, CM Barath Subramanian Suresh, Yaswitha Suresh, Jordan Szeto, Martina Szeto, NCM Aiden Yin, and CM Andrew Yin. Despite being considerably higher rated than anyone else, GM Vladimir Belous did not have everything go his way, drawing

his last two games in tying for first in the Championship Section with CM Vidip Kumar Kona, CM Rafael Palathingal, James Wei, and Jeffrey Wei – they all scored 4.0/5. Elsewhere Yaswitha Suresh tied for first in the Rising Unrated Section, also with 4.0 points, while NCM Aiden Yin, CM Andrew Yin, and Martina Szeto all finished with 3.0 points in their respective sections.

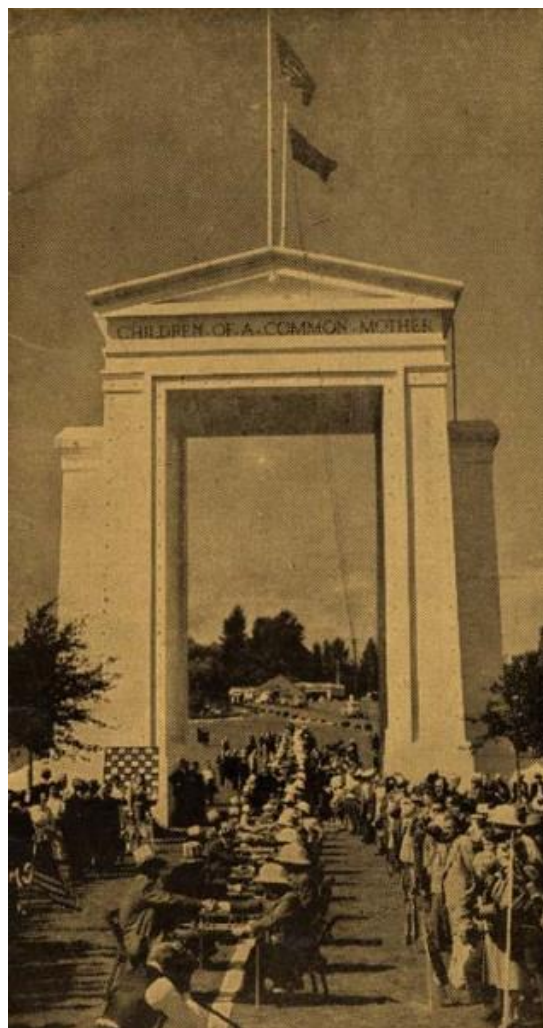
BC – WA MATCHES

(See also <https://www.bcchesshistory.com/bcwam.html>)

This year marks the eightieth anniversary of the first BC-WA competition and as this year's event is happening this weekend a retrospective is in order.

Chess competition between cities in BC and Washington has been going on since as early as 1898 (Victoria and Seattle) and has notably included telegraph matches between Nelson and Spokane (1910/11) and a series of events pitting Vancouver against Seattle, but it was not until 1946 that the first match occurred at a province/state level. This was held at Mount Vernon on March 24 with an American victory, followed on July 13 by a second match held as part of the Vancouver Diamond Jubilee celebrations in which the Canadians won. Two more matches followed in 1947; for a discussion of the chronology of these early events see [Bulletin 386](#).

The matches soon developed into two sections, an "A" division consisting of the first thirty boards, plus a flexible "B" division which comprised all the remaining players. There were separate trophies for the two divisions, that for the "A" division being a miniature replica of the Peace Arch created by D.E. Purrott of Vancouver and first awarded at the August 1947 event. That year also marked the largest number of participants, one hundred and sixty-six players on eighty-three boards! The matches continued throughout the 1950s, but by the end of the decade both sides were experiencing difficulty attracting players, and as a consequence the "B" competitions suffered. In the early 1960s Washington in particular was having trouble fielding enough players for the thirty-board "A" division (a result of the rising popularity of open Swisses), and in late 1963 B.C. wrote to Washington "to suspend the annual matches until such time as interest in Washington for these events should increase." [BCCF AGM Minutes, September 28, 1963]. It was suggested that a Washington annual Swiss event, the Peace Arch Open, substitute for the match, the individual scores of BC and Washington players counting toward a combined total, but this was not implemented.



At the Peace Arch, August 1947



The Peace Arch Trophy along with the plate used as a prize in the “B” division. Photo by Jursevskis Miervaldis – the original is tiny, hence the blurriness on enlargement.

Millar, Charles Frederick – Hebert, F.E. [D02] BC-WA m Blaine, 17.08.1947

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 d5 3.a3 e6 4.e3 Be7 5.b3 0–0 6.c4 c6 7.Bb2 Ne4 8.Bd3 Qc7 9.0–0 Nd7 10.Nbd2 Ndf6 11.Ne5 Rd8 12.Qc2 Nxd2 13.Qxd2 c5 14.Rac1 Bd6 15.f4 b6 16.Bb1 Bb7 17.Qc2 Ne4 18.Rf3 f5 19.Rh3 Rf8 20.Qd1 Rf6 21.Bxe4 fxe4 22.Qh5 Rh6 23.Qg4 Rxh3 24.Qxe6+ Kf8 25.Nd7+ Qxd7 26.Qxd7 Rxe3 27.Qxd6+ Kg8 28.Qe6+ Kh8 29.dxc5 Rg8 30.c6 Bc8 31.Qxd5 Rxb3 32.Rb1 Rd3 33.Qxe4 Rgd8 34.Qe5 Rg8 35.h4 Rg3 36.Kh2 Rg4 37.h5 h6 38.g3 Kh7 39.Qe4+ g6 40.Qe7+ 1–0

Taylor, Jack – Neale B. [A29] BC-WA m Mount Vernon, 18.06.1950

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Be7 7.d3 Be6 8.0–0 h5 9.Nxd5 Bxd5 10.e4 Be6 11.h4 Bg4 12.Be3 Bf6 13.Qb3 Rb8 14.Rac1 0–0 15.Qc3 Qd7 16.b4 Rbc8 17.Rfd1 Rfe8 18.Rd2 a6 19.a3 Bh3 20.Kh2 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Qg4 22.Nh2 Qg6 23.Nf3 Qg4 24.Rg1 Ne7 25.Nxe5 Ng6 26.Nxg4 Bxc3 27.Rc2 Bxb4 28.Nh6+ gxh6 29.axb4 Ne5 30.Rc3 Nc6 31.Rb1 Re5 32.Bc5 Rd8 33.f4 Re6 34.Be3 f5 35.Kf3 Red6 36.Ke2 Kf7 37.b5 axb5 38.Rxb5 fxe4 39.dxe4 Nd4+ 40.Bxd4 Rxd4 41.Rxc7+ Kf8 42.Rxh5 Rxe4+ 43.Kf3 Re6 44.Rf5+ Kg8 45.Rc3 Kg7 46.Rb5 b6 47.g4 Rd1 48.f5 Rf1+ 49.Kg2 Ree1 1–0

Jursevskis, Miervaldis – Zemgalis, Elmars [B03] BC-WA m Mount Vernon, 19.08.1956

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6 5.exd6 exd6 6.Be3 Be7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Ne2 Nb4 9.Nbc3 0–0 10.0–0 Re8 11.Bb1 Nxc4 12.a3 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Nc6 14.Nf4 Bg5 15.Qh5 g6 16.Nxg6 Bxe3+ 17.Kh1 Qg5 18.Ne7+ Rxe7 19.Qxh7+ Kf8 20.Bg6 Ke8 21.Qg8+ Kd7 22.Bf5+ Re6 23.Qxf7+ Ne7 24.Bxe6+ Kc6 25.Qe8+ Kb6 26.Rf5 a6 27.Rxg5 1–0



The 1961 match: Duncan Suttles and Elod Macskasy, Gerry Neufahrt observing, Jack Taylor on the far left

Pupols, Viktors – Macskasy, Elod [E70] BC-WA m Washington, 16.07.1961

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 d6 5.Bg5 Bg7 6.e4 a6 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.f4 h6 9.Bh4 Nh5 10.Nge2 g5 11.fxg5 hxg5 12.Bxg5 Ne5 13.Kd2 Rg8 14.Be3 b5 15.Nc1 Bg4 16.Qf1 b4 17.N3e2 Qa5 18.Kc2 Qa4+ 19.b3 Qa3 20.Rb1 0–0–0 21.Qf2 f5 22.Ng3 Nxd3 23.Kxd3 Nxg3 24.Qxg3 fxe4+ 25.Kc2 Bd4 26.Qe1 Rdf8 27.Bxd4 cxd4 28.Rb2 e3 29.Kb1 Bf5+ 30.Ka1 Be4 31.Rg1 Rf4 32.Rf1 Rgf8 33.Rxf4 Rxf4 34.g3 Rf2 35.Re2 d3 0–1

1976 Bicentennial Match

To celebrate the American Bicentennial cross-border chess matches were held at ten different locations, five in the United States and five in Canada. The majority of these events took place on September 26, but the match played in Vancouver occurred on June 18, this so as to take advantage of the players from both countries arriving for Vancouver 1976 (a.k.a. the First Paul Keres Memorial), which began the following day. The Vancouver match was not strictly a BC-WA contest as there were out of province/state participants on both sides, but these were relatively few in number. The American players won by a two-point margin, [16.5-18.5](#). Despite the setback in Vancouver Canada won the overall match 133.5-93.5. One BC player contributed twice to this victory: Bruce Harper. He played board one in the Vancouver match on June 18, and later won his game on board two in the Brockville, Ontario match on September 26!

Matches between champions

The Chess Square at Park Royal shopping centre in West Vancouver was officially inaugurated on 30 June 1984; to celebrate the first anniversary of this occasion the BC and Washington champions played a match at the Chess Square, co-sponsored by the BCCF and Park Royal. These matches continued on an annual basis until 1993, although it should be noted that there were occasional substitutions, the respective champions not always being able to attend.

	Date	B.C. Representative	Score	WA Representative
1985	June 30	Nigel Fullbrook	0.5-1.5	Jeremy Silman
1986	December 6	David Ross	1.5-0.5	Matt Edwards
1987	June 13	David Ross	1.5-0.5	Bobby Ferguson
1988	June 4	Tom O'Donnell	1.5-0.5	Matt Edwards
1989	July 8	Gary Basanta	1.5-0.5	Viktors Pupols
1990	October 27	Brian McLaren	0.5-1.5	Neil Salmon
1991	July 7	Nicholas Spears	0.0-2.0	Neil Salmon
1992	July 11	Jonathan Berry	0.0-2.0	Elena Donaldson
1993	July 10	Jonathan Berry	1.5-0.5	Corey Russell

(Bob Ferguson is the current governor of Washington State)



Jeremy Silman versus Nigel Fullbrook, 1985

Ross, David – Ferguson, Bobby [E00] BC-WA m West Vancouver (2), 13.06.1987

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 c5 5.Bxb4 cxb4 6.Bg2 a5 7.Nf3 0–0 8.0–0 Qc7 9.Nbd2 d6 10.a3 Nc6 11.Rc1 bxa3 12.bxa3 e5 13.e3 Bg4 14.Qb3 Rfe8 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Nxf3 Nd7 17.Rb1 Rab8 18.Rfd1 Na7 19.Rdc1 h6 20.Qd1 b6 21.Nh4 g6 22.Qc2 Kg7 23.Be4 Nf8 24.Bd5 Qd7 25.Kh2 Nc6 26.Rd1 Qc7 27.Qa4 Ne7 28.Bg2 Qd7 29.Qb3 g5 30.Nf3 e4 31.Nd2 f5 32.Qb5 Qe6 33.Qa4 Neg6 34.Rb5 Nd7 35.Rdb1 h5 36.Qd1 h4 37.g4 fxe4 38.Rxe4 g3+ 39.fxe4 hxe4+ 40.Rxe4 Nf6 41.Rb5 d5 42.Kg1 Qd6 43.Qe1 Qxa3 44.cxd5 Rbc8 45.Qf2 Rc1+ 46.Kh2 Qd6 47.Qf5 [Time] 1–0

INTERMAT

Since 1991 our international cross-border chess rivalry has been played out as a scholastic match: twenty-four students per side (twenty-six since 2006, including kindergarten), two for each grade, play two games, one against each of their respective grade opponents. [Results](#)



The 2011 teams

Hufnagel, Eric – Meng, Fanhao [C45] Intermat 13th Burnaby (1.10), 06.12.2003

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.e5 Qe7 7.Qe2 Nd5 8.c4 Ba6 9.b3 g6 10.Bd2 Bg7 11.f4 0–0 12.Nc3 d6 13.Rd1 dxe5 14.f5 gxf5 15.Qh5 Nxc3 16.Bxc3 Qc5 17.Be2 Rad8 18.Rxd8 Rxd8 19.Qxf5 Qe3 20.Qc2 Bh6 21.Rf1 e4 22.Ba5 Bc8 23.Qc3 Rd3 24.Qf6 Rd1+ 0–1

The Modern Series

December 6, 2003 saw the renewal of the annual BC–WA adult chess matches, but on a much more modest scope than previously – just ten boards, but no less competitive for that. The series lasted until 2007 with honours being split, two BC wins, two Washington wins and one drawn match. [Results](#)

Koons, Nat – Yoos, Jack [E92] BC-WA m Burnaby (1.2), 06.12.2003

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0–0 6.Be2 e5 7.Be3 c6 8.d5 Na6 9.Nd2 Ne8 10.g4 Kh8 11.Bd3 Nc5 12.Bc2 cxd5 13.cxd5 a5 14.Qe2 b6 15.h4 Ba6 16.Qf3 f5 17.gxf5 gxf5 18.exf5 Qd7 19.Bg5 Rc8 20.a4 Nf6 21.Bxf6 Rxf6 22.Kd1 Rcf8 23.Nde4 Nxe4 24.Bxe4 Qd8 25.Kc2 Bc8 26.Qd3 Bxf5 27.Rae1 Qc7 28.Kb1 Bh6 29.Re2 Bc8 30.Nb5 Qd8 31.f3 Bf5 32.Rc2 Bxe4 33.fxe4 Rf3 34.Qc4 Be3 35.Rc3 Bc5 36.Qe2 R3f4 37.h5 Qg5 38.Rch3 Rf2 39.Qd3 Qg2 40.R3h2 Rxb2+ 41.Ka1 Qxh2 0–1



2006, left to right: Nigel Fullbrook, Dragoljub Milicevic, Roman Jiganchine, Lucas Davies, Alfred Pechisker, Roger Patterson, Joe Leung (captain), Dan Scoones, Noam Davies, Bindi Cheng

Scheveningen/Swiss Events

The adult matches were again revived in 2017 using a Scheveningen format, ten players on a team split into “A” and “B” divisions, each team member playing all members of the opposing team in the same division. Starting in 2019 all the players competed in an individual Swiss, equal numbers from both sides, with the proviso that members of the same team would not be paired against each other. Individual scores were combined to produce the team totals, as suggested for the Peace Arch Open in the early 1960s. [Results](#)

Cheng, Bindi (2490) – Bragg, David R. (2280) [A21] BC-WA A Victoria (1.1), 13.01.2017

1.Nf3 d6 2.c4 e5 3.Nc3 Be6 4.d4 Nd7 5.d5 Bg4 6.g3 Bxf3 7.exf3 g6 8.h4 Nh6 9.g4 f5 10.Bg5 Qc8 11.Bh3 fxe4 12.fxe4 Nf7 13.Be3 g5 14.Ne4 Be7 15.hxg5 Qd8 16.Bg2 Nf8 17.Qb3 b6 18.0–0–0 a6 19.f4 exf4 20.Bd4 Ne5 21.Bxe5 dxe5 22.d6 cxd6 23.g6 Nxg6 24.c5 Rc8 25.Kb1 bxc5 26.Qe6 Kf8 27.Nxd6 Bxd6 28.Rxd6 Qe8 29.Qf5+ Kg7 30.Qf6+ Kg8 31.Bd5+ 1–0



The 2019 players

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

BC-WA Challenge Match

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

Langley Open

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

RCC Elite Championship

Richmond, September 13, [Details](#)

Victoria Autumn Rapid

Esquimalt, September 13, [Details](#)

Langley Chess Club Championship

Langley, September 14, etc., [Details](#)

Simultaneous Display with FM Lucas Yao

Vancouver, September 14, [Details](#)

Vancouver Chess Festival #15

Vancouver, September 18-19, [Details](#)

Greater Vancouver Chess Tournament 11

Burnaby, September 26-27, [Details](#)

RCC Elite Rapid

Richmond, September 27, [Details](#)

RCC Elite Championship

Richmond, October 4, [Details](#)

Thanksgiving Open

Surrey, October 9-12, [Details](#)

BC Women's Championship

Surrey, October 10-12, [Details](#)