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HERE AND THERE

Maritime Chess Festival (October 9-12)

One of the featured players in this year's Maritime Chess Festival in Summerside, PEI was BC's IM Raymond Kaufman who participated in three events. First up on the Friday evening was the thirty-six player [Maritime Rapid Championship](#), won by GM Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux and IM Mark Plotkin with 4.5 points each, Raymond tied for third a half-point back with WGM Maili-Jade Ouellet, CM Dzmitry Kalinin, and Jerjis Kapra. On Sunday evening the [Cavendish Farms Maritime Blitz Championship](#) took place, consisting of seven double-rounds (games with both colours against the same opponent). Here Rodrigue-Lemieux was pipped at the post by Plotkin, finishing with 12.5 points to Plotkin's 13.0. Tied for third was Jorge Moreno and a former BC resident, NM Ian Martinovsky, while Raymond tied again with WGM Maili-Jade Ouellet, also FM Calix Marchand and Imran Nabiev on 10.0 points. The [Maritime Open Championship](#) was held over the entire weekend and resulted in another tie between Rodrigue-Lemieux and Plotkin, this time on 5.5/6. Maili-Jade Ouellet and Calix Marchand tied for third while just behind them was Martinovsky; Raymond finished with 2.5/4.

Grandmaster Chess Center (October 8-12)

A new organization in the Pacific Northwest, the [Grandmaster Chess Center](#) is headed by GM Vladimir Belous (co-winner of this year's Keres) and offers lessons and tournaments so far in the Bellevue region of Washington State. Their first three events took place over the Canadian Thanksgiving Day weekend, consisting of two invitational norm round robins and a Swiss event. For an IM norm event at least three IMs or GMs are required; in the [IM A](#) section these roles were taken by IMs Roman Pyrih (Ukraine) and Canadians Quang Long Le and Tymur Keleberda (from Edmonton, the current Canadian Junior Champion). Roman was the highest rated and duly won the section with 7.5/9, Long was clear second on 6.5, and Tymur finished with 5.0 points, just behind American FMs Patrick Liu and Ted Wang. [IM B](#) was headed by Vladimir Belous himself, joined by IMs Sebastian Lukas Kostolansky (Slovakia) and Michael Lee (USA); WIM Bich Ngoc Pham and CM Barath Subramanian Suresh were among the 'seekers' from this province. Sebastian also scored 7.5 points in claiming first place, Michael was clear second and Washington FM Nikash Vemparala clear third. Organizing must be harder than playing because Vladimir lost three games in finishing with 5.0 points; one of those losses was to Penny who scored 4.0 while Barath ended with 3.5. Alongside the two norm events there was also a thirty-three player [FIDE-rated Swiss](#), won by the highest rated in the field, Matthew Wilber, with 5.5/7. Among the five players tied for second was Lulu Island Chess's NM Ryan Leong.

Le, Quang Long (2357) – Liu, Patrick (2341) [A13] GM Chess Center Fall Norm inv IM A Bellevue (6.2), 11.10.2026

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.0–0 Bd6 5.c4 0–0 6.b3 e5 7.d4 e4 8.Ne5 Re8 9.Nc3 c5 10.e3 Nc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.cxd5 cxd4 13.exd4 Bb4 14.Bd2 Qa5 15.Qc1 Ba6 16.Re1 cxd5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.Qxc3 Qxc3 19.Bxc3 Bd3 20.Bf1 Reb8 21.b4 Bxf1 22.Kxf1 Nd7 23.a4 Nb6 24.b5 Nc4 25.Reb1 f5 26.Ke2 Kf7 27.Bb4 g5 28.Bc5 f4 29.a5 f3+ 30.Ke1 a6 31.bxa6 Rxb1+ 32.Rxb1 Rxa6 33.Bb4 Ra7 34.Ra1 Rb7 35.Bd2 Ra7 36.a6 Nb2 37.Bxg5 Nd3+ 38.Kd2 Nxf2 39.Bf4 Nd3 40.Bb8 Ra8 41.a7 Nb2 42.Ke3 Nc4+ 43.Kf2 Nb6 44.g4 Nc8 45.h4 Nb6 46.g5 Nd7 47.Rb1 Nf8 48.Rb5 Ke6 49.h5 Nd7 50.Rb7 Nf8 51.g6 hxg6 52.h6 g5 53.h7 Nxh7 54.Rxh7 Kf5 55.Kg3 Kf6 56.Rd7 g4 57.Kf2 Ke6 58.Rd6+ 1–0

Belous, Vladimir (2473) – Pham, Bich Ngoc (2179) [A13] GM Chess Center Fall Norm inv IM B Bellevue (3.2), 09.10.2026

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3 d4 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.0–0 Bc5 6.e4 e5 7.d3 Nf6 8.Nh4 h6 9.a3 a5 10.Nf5 g6 11.Nh4 Be7 12.Qe1 Nh5 13.Nf3 Be6 14.Nbd2 a4 15.Kh1 Bg5 16.Rb1 b6 17.b4 axb3 18.Nxb3 Qe7 19.Nbd2 Bd7 20.Rb5 f6 21.Ng1 Na5 22.Rb1 Ba4 23.Qe2 Nb7 24.f4 Nc5 25.Ndf3 exf4 26.g4 Ng7 27.Nxd4 0–0–0 28.Ngf3 h5 29.e5 hxg4 30.Nxg5 fxg5 31.Qxg4+ Nf5 32.Nxf5 gxf5 33.Qf3 Qh7 34.h3 Rxd3 35.Qa8+ Kd7 36.e6+ Ke7 37.Qa7 Qxh3+ 0–1

Pham, Bich Ngoc (2179) – Suresh, Barath Subramanian (1897) [D36] GM Chess Center Fall Norm inv IM B Bellevue (8.2), 12.10.2026

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Bd3 0–0 9.Qc2 Ne8 10.Bg3 Nd6 11.Nge2 Re8 12.0–0 Bf8 13.Rae1 a5 14.Bf4 Na6 15.a3 Bd7 16.Ng3 b5 17.e4 b4 18.Na4 bxa3 19.bxa3 Nb5 20.Be3 Nxa3 21.Qa2 dxe4 22.Nxe4 Be6 23.Qa1 Bd5 24.Bc1 Nb5 25.Ng3 Nb4 26.Bb1 Bc4 27.Rxe8 Qxe8 28.Nb6 Bxf1 29.Nxa8 Bc4 30.Bd2 Qxa8 31.Nf5 Be6 32.Nxg7 Bxg7 33.Bxb4 Bxd4 34.Qa4 Bxf2+ 35.Kh1 Qd8 36.Bxa5 Qd4 37.Qc2 Bf5 38.Qc1 Qa1 39.Be1 Bxe1 0–1

1st Azeri Chess Academy Open (October 5-10)



Another American educational facility, another tournament. The Azeri Chess Academy is located in Houston, Texas and recently held a [FIDE-rated Swiss](#) which included ten GMs and five IMs among its twenty-six player field, also from this province young FM Lucas Yao. The overall winner was one of the academy's coaches, GM Vasif Durarbayli (Azerbaijan), whose 6.5/9 was just ahead of IM Krzysztof Raczek (Poland) and Liam Putnam (USA) who tied for second. An IM norm was achieved by American Siddharth Singh who beat Durarbayli in the first round; Lucas finished with 3.0 points.

Yao, Lucas Mason Pin Qia (2037) – Vivekananthan, Anish (2401) [B56] Azeri Chess Academy op 1st Houston (5.9), 08.10.2026

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.f3 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.Be3 0–0 9.Qd2 a5 10.Bb5 Be6 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Nb4 13.c4 e4 14.0–0 exf3 15.Rxf3 Ne4 16.Qe2 a4 17.Nd4 a3 18.Bc1 Nc5 19.bxa3 Nba6 20.Bb2 Bf6 21.Raf1 Be5 22.Nf5 Bxb2 23.Qxb2 f6 24.Rg3 g6 25.Qe2 Kh8 26.Qg4 Qc7 27.Nh4 Qg7 28.Qh3 Kg8 29.Nf5 Qc7 30.Rf4 Qb6 31.Qxh7+ 1–0

PCC Rapid Tournament (October 4)

Held at Pizzeria Lucida in New Westminster, the latest Penny Chess Club rapid attracted thirty-seven players for five rounds of 10 + 5. The original intention was to have three sections, but the [Premier and U1600](#) were combined due to a lack of entries for the former. Larry Yang and Siyona Singh drew with each other and won the rest of their games in tying for first at the top of the crosstable with Ella Wu a half-point back. In the [U1000 Section](#) Firo He scored a perfect 5.0/5 while Ethan Wang and Badral Uuganbadrakh tied with 4.0 points each.

RCC Elite Championship (October 4)

The Richmond Chess Champions' October classical event (four rounds of 50 + 10) attracted fourteen players in two sections. Wuran Guo won the [U1500](#) with 3.5 points, Ziheng Yang was second and Boslan Hong and Shichun Wang tied for third, while Brendan Lee was victorious in the [U900 Section](#), Lucas Zhou and JayJay Zhang tied for second.

UBC Rapid 1 (October 4)



(photo by [Neelesh Jain](#))

Amid all the other events happening on October 4, competitive chess also returned to UBC in the shape of a rapid tournament. NMs Leo Qu and Yidong Chen held a substantial rating advantage over everyone else in the [Open Section](#) and duly placed first and second with 5.0/6 and 4.5 points respectively, but perhaps weren't as dominant as one might expect (the inherent randomness of rapid chess?). Tied for third with 4.0 points were Daniel Frank, Gyuwon Lee, and Joshua Rubin. The six players in the [U1500 Section](#) competed in a round robin plus an extra game to bring the total to six. Nico Reyes scored a perfect 6.0/6, well ahead of Harry Chen with 3.5 and Neelesh Jain on 3.0, boosting his rating by almost 200 points.

LIC Invitational 7 (October 3-4)



(photo by [Chess Maps](#))

Held like other events in the series at the Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport in Richmond, the seventh edition of the Lulu Island Chess Invitationals included thirty-seven players among its three sections. In the [Open Section](#) NCM Samuel Lu scored 4.5/5; despite not playing the last round, this still left him in clear first place with a performance rating of 2433 and a rating gain of 123 to achieve a lifetime high of 2228. Tied for second a half-point back were Ashton Taylor, CM Karson Lu, and Viktor Musakhanyan; Karson also gained 120 points for a lifetime high of 140. The [U2000 Section](#) was won by Jesse Law with 5.0 points, some distance ahead of Josiah Lo, Dahlia Quinn, and Spencer Cetinic who all tied for second on 3.5. In the [U1500 Section](#) there were three clear winners, Karl Aguirre, Alexander Wu, and Yaswitha Suresh respectively.

RCC Elite Rapid (September 27)

A total of sixteen players participated in the RCC's September Elite Rapid (five rounds of 15 + 10), split into three sections. The [U1800](#) and [U1300](#) were both round robins, with the top three in each being May Wangluo, Wuran Guo, and Lakshay Upneja and Shichun Wang, Lucas Zhou, and Zachary Feng respectively. There were only four players in the [U850 Section](#) so they competed in a double-round robin minus a round; the top three were Lucas Wang, Leo Qiu, and Hao-Rong Zhang. Watch for the [UBC Fall Open](#) on October 23-25.

109th BC CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP (October 9-12)



Doknjas, Chen, Nones, Jiang, Liu, Morozov, Yang, Xu (photo by [Chess Maps](#))

This year's BC Championship took place at the same site as last year, the Fraser Valley Chess Academy in Langley, but of the eight participants only three took part in 2025 (Chen, Doknjas, and Morozov). All except one of the players from qualifying events accepted their invitations this year, resulting in only three names being drawn from the ratings list:

NM Yidong Chen (Langley Open)
CM Neil Doknjas (BC Closed)
WCM Kate Jiang (BC Junior)
CM Zachary Liu (BC Open)

FM Grigorii Morozov (Keres Memorial)
NM Teodulfo (Jojo) Nones II (ratings list)
NM Justin Xu (ratings list)
FM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang (ratings list)

This contributed to the average rating for the tournament being 2316, the highest ever, although whether this is a meaningful statistic is open to debate. Neil was the defending champion and also won in 2023, Grigorii was a three-time previous champion 2017-2019. Half the field were juniors (Kate, Zachary, Justin, and Ryan), with Neil only recently leaving that category. New to the Closed were Jojo and Justin.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1	Chen, Yidong	2291	*	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	4.5
2	Yang, Jingyun (Ryan)	2378	½	*	½	½	1	1	½	½	4.5
3	Liu, Zachary	2299	½	½	*	½	½	½	1	1	4.5
4	Morozov, Grigorii	2402	0	½	½	*	1	½	1	1	4.5
5	Doknjas, Neil	2383	½	0	½	0	*	1	1	½	3.5
6	Xu, Justin	2247	½	0	½	½	0	*	½	½	2.5
7	Nones II, Teodulfo (Jojo)	2315	½	½	0	0	0	½	*	1	2.5
8	Jiang, Kate	2217	0	½	0	0	½	½	0	*	1.5

It soon became evident that many of the contenders were evenly matched, resulting in a large number of draws (sixteen out of twenty-eight games, although most were hard fought) and ties for the lead.

Progressive scores

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 Chen	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.5
2 Yang	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.5
3 Liu	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.5
4 Morozov	0.0	0.5	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.5	4.5
5 Doknjas	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.5	3.5
6 Xu	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	2.5
7 Nones	0.5	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.5
8 Jiang	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5

After three rounds half the field shared the lead with 2.0 points, trailed by Ryan who was having a slow start and Grigorii who lost a sharp French Tarrasch to Yidong in the first round. Neil lost to Ryan in round four and Grigorii won in both rounds four and five, leaving a five-way(!) tie for first going into the last day of competition. All the round six games were drawn (although Zachary had a winning position when he split the point), leading to the delayed blood-letting of round seven. Yidong, Ryan, and Zachary won to ensure their share of first place, leaving Grigorii and Neil as the last game between the initial leaders. Neil reached a rook ending with an extra rook pawn but Grigorii unbalanced the position sufficiently that Neil went astray, leaving Grigorii to join Yidong, Ryan, and Zachary (in tiebreak order) as co-champions. The only decisive game between the four was the Yidong-Grigorii encounter in round one.

This is the first time the BC Championship has resulted in a four-way tie. In [1969](#) Peter Biyiasas, Alan Ludgate, and Ray Kerr tied for first; in those days the BC Championship was a qualifier for the Canadian Championship so the tie necessitated playoffs which went in favour of Biyiasas. Twenty years ago Howard Wu, Brian McLaren, and Jonathan Berry shared first place in the [2006](#) Championship, which also featured a five-way tie going into the final round. Arguably this remains the most even competition, as only 2.0 points separated first from last place.

Chen, Yidong (2291) – Morozov, Grigorii (2402) [C07] BC ch 109th Langley (1.2), 09.10.2026

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0–0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.Re1 Qc7 12.Bf1 Bd7 13.Qf3 Bd6 14.Nf5 Bxh2+ 15.Kh1 Be5 16.Nxg7+ Ke7 17.Qa3+ Kd8 18.Bg5 Kc8 19.Rxe5 Qxe5 20.f4 Qd4 21.c3 Qe3 22.Bxf6 Bc6 23.Bd4 Qxf4 24.Bb6 Qd2 25.Qe7 Qd7 26.Qf6 Rg8 27.Kg1 a5 28.c4 Ra6 29.c5 Qd5 30.Rc1 e5 31.Rc2 Kb8 32.Rf2 Rxb6 33.cxb6 e4 34.Qxf7 Qxf7 35.Rxf7 Bd5 36.Re7 Bxa2 37.Re8+ Rxe8 38.Nxe8 Kc8 39.Bb5 Kd8 40.Kf2 Ke7 41.Ke3 Bf7 42.Nc7 Kd6 43.Kd4 e3 44.Be2 Kc6 45.Na8 Bd5 46.g4 h6 47.Kxe3 Kc5 48.Bd1 Be6 49.Ke4 Kd6 50.Kd4 Bd5 51.Nc7 Bg2 52.Ne8+ Kc6 53.Nf6 Kxb6 54.Ng8 Bh3 55.Nxh6 Bxg4 56.Nxg4 Kb5 57.Kc3 Kc5 58.Ba4 b5 59.Bxb5 Kxb5 60.Kb3 1–0

Morozov, Grigorii (2402) – Doknjas, Neil (2383) [E11] BC ch 109th Langley (7.4), 12.10.2026

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 c5 5.g3 Qb6 6.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 7.Qd2 Qxd2+ 8.Nbxd2 b6 9.dxc5 bxc5 10.Nb3 d6 11.Rd1 Ke7 12.Bg2 Bb7 13.Na5 Be4 14.Nh4 Bxg2 15.Nxg2 Rc8 16.Nf4 Nc6

17.Nxc6+ Rxc6 18.f3 Ra6 19.a3 Ra4 20.Rc1 Nd7 21.Nd3 Nb6 22.b4 Rxa3 23.bxc5 dxc5 24.Kf2 Rc8 25.Ra1 Nxc4 26.Rxa3 Nxa3 27.Ra1 Nb5 28.Ra5 c4 29.Ne5 Rc5 30.Nxc4 Rxc4 31.Rxb5 Kd7 32.Ke3 Kc7 33.Kd3 Rc6 34.h4 a6 35.Rg5 g6 36.Ra5 Kb6 37.Ra2 Rc5 38.g4 f6 39.e4 a5 40.f4 h6 41.Rb2+ Kc7 42.Kd4 Rc6 43.e5 f5 44.h5 gxh5 45.gxf5 exf5 46.Kd5 a4 47.e6 a3 48.Ra2 Rc3 49.Ke5 Re3+ 50.Kxf5 Kd6 51.Rd2+ Kc5 52.Kf6 Kc4 53.e7 Re4 54.f5 Kb3 55.Rd4 Re2 56.Rd3+ Kb2 57.Rd2+ Rxd2 58.e8Q a2 59.Qe5+ Kb3 60.Qe3+ Kc2 61.Qa3 Kb1 62.Qb3+ Kc1 63.Qc3+ Kb1 64.Qxd2 a1Q+ 65.Kg6 Qh8 66.Qb4+ Kc2 67.Qc4+ Kd2 68.f6 h4 69.Qb4+ Ke2 70.f7 1–0

BC WOMENS' CHAMPIONSHIP (October 10-12)

Two years the format of the Womens' Championship was changed from an invitational round robin to an open Swiss where players above 1800 received free entry. This year's edition attracted one fewer than last year, ten entrants, and again there was only one player above 1800 compared to three in 2024. Why this was the case is hard to judge; maybe the somewhat remote location was a factor, or the lack of strong opposition.

Dahlia Quinn (right) was the highest rated and duly claimed the championship with a 5.0/6 score after defeating relative newcomer Charlotte Prokscha in round three. Prokscha was second a half-point back, while last year's champion Sofia Vigurs was undefeated but gave up too many draws. Tying for fourth were Karen Chen and Anny Peng. [Crosstable](#)

Prokscha, Charlotte (1766) – Quinn, Dahlia (1820) [A23] BC wom ch Langley (3), 11.10.2026

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 d5 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.d3 Bb4 7.Qb3 Nc6 8.Bd2 Be6 9.Qa4 0–0 10.a3 Be7 11.Nf3 h6 12.0–0 Qd7 13.Rfc1 Ng4 14.Na2 f5 15.h3 e4 16.hxg4 exf3 17.Bxf3 fxg4 18.Bg2 Rf5 19.Bc3 Raf8 20.Be1 a5 21.e3 Bd6 22.d4 Qf7 23.Qc2 Bxg3 24.fxg3 Rf1+ 0–1



(photo by [Neelesh Jain](#))

THANKSGIVING OPEN (October 9-12)

Completing the 'Langley Chess Festival' was a seven-round FIDE rated open Swiss which attracted forty-eight players in two sections. The [Open Section](#) included seven players rated over 2000 but it looked like top-ranked NCM Aadit Arya was headed for victory after scoring 4.5 points in the first five rounds. However, he lost to Kai Zhongkai Zhang in round six who was subsequently defeated by Ashton Taylor in the last round, leaving Ashton to claim first place with 5.5 points, just ahead of Zhengyu Chen and Kai Zhongkai who tied for second. Matvey (Matt) Loktionov gave up just two draws in winning the [U1500 Section](#) with 6.0/7, Sidhek Singh Sandhu was second and Vipul Danny Rajamani third.

Taylor, Ashton (2127) – Zhang, Kai Zhongkai (2053) [A49] Thanksgiving op Langley (7.1), 12.10.2026

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0–0 5.0–0 d6 6.Re1 Nbd7 7.e4 e5 8.c3 b6 9.Nbd2 Bb7 10.a4 Re8 11.Qc2 a5 12.d5 Qe7 13.b4 Rec8 14.b5 h6 15.Bh3 Rf8 16.Ba3 Nh7 17.c4 Bc8 18.Nf1 Ndf6 19.Bxc8 Raxc8 20.Ne3 Nh5 21.Rad1 Qd7 22.Qe2 N7f6 23.Ng2 Qh3 24.Qf1 Ng4 25.Ngh4 Qxf1+ 26.Rxf1 Kh7 27.h3 Ngf6 28.Nd2 Ng8 29.Kh2 Ne7 30.Ng2 f5 31.f3 f4 32.g4 Nf6 33.Ne1 g5 34.Nd3 Nd7 35.Kg2 Ng6 36.Kf2 Nh4 37.Ne1 Rfe8 38.Ng2 Nxd2 39.Kxd2 Nf8 40.Nb3 Nd7 41.Bb2 Bf6 42.Bc3 Ra8 43.Rh1 Kg6 44.h4 Rh8 45.Be1 Kg7 46.Bf2 Be7 47.Rdg1 Rag8 48.Kf1 Kf7 49.Rg2 Kg7 50.Rgh2 Nf6 51.Be1 Ra8 52.hxg5 hxg5 53.Rxh8 Rxh8 54.Rxh8 Kxh8 55.Nxa5 Kg7 56.Nc6 Kf7 57.a5 bxa5 58.Bxa5 Ne8 59.Ke2 Kf8 60.Kd3 Kf7 61.Kc2 Kf8 62.Kb3 Kf7 63.Ka4 Kf8 64.Bxc7 Nxc7 65.Ka5 Na8 66.b6 Nxb6 67.Kxb6 Bf6 68.Kc7 1–0

GREATER VANCOUVER CHESS TOURNAMENT 11 September 26-27



Organized as always by the Penny Chess Club and held at the Bonsor Recreation Complex in Burnaby, the eleventh edition of the Greater Vancouver Chess Tournaments stayed true to the pattern of previous events with four sections, three rounds of 50 +10 on the first day followed by two 90 + 30 games on the Sunday. Of the [Premier Section's](#) thirty-three players ten were titled and six were rated over 2200, but after the first day it was IM Raymond Kaufman at the top of the field, everyone else had lost at least a half point. In round four Raymond drew with NM Yidong Chen, allowing top-ranked FM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang and FM Lucas Yao to join him in the lead, but in round five Raymond defeated Ryan while WIM Penny Pham defeated Lucas, leaving Raymond in clear first place with 4.5/5 while (in tiebreak order) Penny, Yidong, and CM Zachary Liu tied for second. Raymond also won GVCT 10 with the same score. As usual there were also junior trophies in CYCC age and gender categories, these went to Siyona Singh, Anny Peng, Evelyn Lou, Boyong Guo, Zachary, Lucas, and Daniel Zhu.

The other sections saw similar winning scores. Orven Ortiz and Zi Tian Chen were first and second respectively in the [U1800](#), both finishing with 4.5 points, just ahead of Karen Chen (third), Jose Prem, and Aryav Aloke on 4.0/5. Junior trophies went to Sophia Doroshenko, Yunqing Zhang, Yaswitha Suresh, Stephan Schwarz, Aryav, Mingyang Zheng, Ziheng Yang, and Oscar Yulang Shi. The [U1300 Section](#) saw three players tie for first with 4.5/5, in tiebreak order Andy Wu, Kennedy Rojas, and Alistair Cheung. Yuanqing (Emily) Xiu, Sherlyn Pang, Rachel Yan, Jamie Francheska Nones, Joanna Yan, Benjamin Elischer, Yik Long Yiu, Adam He, Sherwin

Pang, and Gaius Chen were the winners of junior trophies. Finally, the only perfect score was achieved in the [U800 Section](#) by Eviatar Lichtenstein, Oliver Suen was clear second, and Isaiah Hong, Dhaneesha Adith Premathilake, Winston Lau, Youxian Chen, and Alexander Law tied for third with the trophy going to Isaiah. Araina Agrawal, Chloe Li, Jarvis Lai, Youxian, Winston, and Dhaneesha won junior trophies. There was a total of one hundred and eighty-one participants overall. The next Greater Vancouver Chess Tournament will be on [November 21-22](#).

Kaufman, Raymond (2332) – Yang, Jingyun (Ryan) (2384) [A14] GVCT 11 Burnaby (5.1), 27.09.2026

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.0–0 0–0 6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 Nc6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.d4 Be6 10.Nc3 Rc8 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Rc1 Qe7 13.Na4 Ba3 14.Bxa3 Qxa3 15.Nc5 b6 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Ng5 Qd6 18.e4 Rcd8 19.exd5 exd5 20.Re1 Rde8 21.Rxe8 Rxe8 22.Bxd5+ Nxd5 23.Qh5 Re5 24.Qxh7+ Kf8 25.Qh8+ Ke7 26.Qxg7+ Ke8 27.Nf7 Qe6 28.Nxe5 Nxe5 29.Rc8+ Qxc8 30.Qg8+ Kd7 31.Qxd5+ 1–0

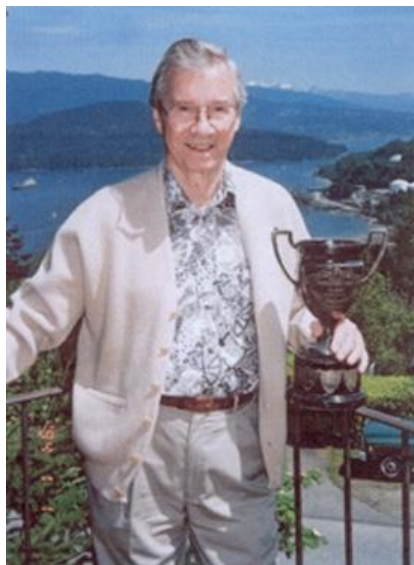
BC CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES

There have been a total of five trophies which have served as emblems of chess supremacy in this province. The current trophy has been in use since 1956, and the individual plaques on it only go back to 1944. But the first BC Championship was in 1916, so what trophies were used before the current one?

The first trophy was the Bowser Shield, which was awarded at the initial competition in 1916. The Premier at the time was William John Bowser (1867-1933), so presumably he paid for the trophy or it was named in his honour. The winner also received a small gold medal. By 1923 John Ewing had won the championship six times and in recognition the Shield was presented to him on a permanent basis. To provide a replacement for the Bowser Shield, in 1925 Ewing donated the Ewing Cup, won that year by Max Enke. Despite the previous arrangement with Ewing, it was common practice at the time that if a player won a championship three years in a row, they were given permanent possession of the trophy. This feat was accomplished by Charles Millar in 1934, and he offered the Millar Cup in exchange.



Ewing Cup



Jursevskis with Spencer Cup



Ed Percy Trophy

The Millar Cup was permanently won by Leo Duval in 1943, and its replacement was undertaken by Chris Spencer (1868-1953, President of David Spencer Ltd., which operated a chain of department stores on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland until they were sold to the Eaton Company in 1948). Miervaldis Jursevskis was given the Chris Spencer Cup in 1956, at which point the present trophy came into use; the plaques from the Chris Spencer Cup (i.e., 1944-1956) were copied onto it, which is why the current trophy is younger than the earliest events it commemorates.

In 1957 the new piece of hardware was referred to as the Ed Percy Trophy, Edmund Percy (1902-1987) being a Vancouver jeweller. Presumably he donated or was otherwise responsible for the trophy, although any other connection to chess remains hidden.

The next potential permanent winner of the trophy was Dr. Macskasy in 1960, but by then the policy had been discontinued, as the BCCF found too many trophies were being taken out of circulation. The Ed Percy trophy has remained in use ever since, although around 1994 a bottom tier was added to the base as there was insufficient room for new plaques on the original base. The Chris Spencer Cup remains in the possession of the Jursevskis family, the Ewing Cup now resides in Calgary with one of Charles Millar's granddaughters, but the fate of the other previous trophies is unknown.

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