



VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

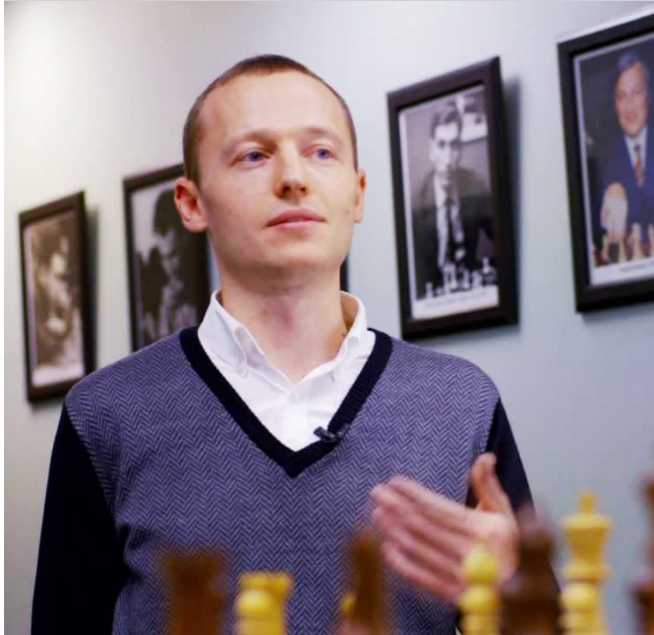
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Maxim Doroshenko

Director of Vancouver Chess School
BCCF Junior Coordinator

Our school's mission is to provide professional chess education of the highest quality for students of all age groups and chess levels. As Director of the Vancouver Chess School, it is my honour to be a part of BC chess community; to contribute to the growth, development and success of our young chess players.

It is also my honour to work with a team of devoted instructors, who are not only chess enthusiasts, but constantly challenge our students to grow and become successful in chess and in life.

In the past 2.5 years since I founded the Vancouver chess school, we have built a unique, well-structured chess education system that offers a range of services including: group and private lessons; online practice, evaluation and test system.

Our software was custom designed to facilitate the learning process. It is user friendly for both the kids and their parents.

We have also introduced a comprehensive

tournament system that is helping our students to apply their skills acquired in class and progress in the fastest way possible.

Being the first "full time" chess school in Vancouver we have significantly increased the number of chess players in the city and created a whole new generation of strong chess players who are competing on the local, national and international chess scenes.

As a school and a part of the chess community, we strive to improve our service quality and to assist our students to achieve the highest results in their study and tournaments.

I hope you will find this monthly bulletin providing useful information and keeping you up to date with our news as we highly value your support to make your child's chess education successful.

Thank you.

Maxim Doroshenko

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



MY CHESS STORY.

My name is Sherry Tian. I was born in Beijing on July 2005. As my mum said, I was a little bit “weird” and different from other kids since very early age. While most girls liked beautiful dresses and enjoyed playing with their Barbie dolls, I was fascinated with collecting and analyzing little rocks on the roadside. While not so good at speaking out, I preferred to be alone and wonder most of the time. For quite a while, my parents were worried about me for those differences.

When I was three years old, my parents brought me to Vancouver

as new immigrants. After overcoming the language barrier, I gradually got used to life here and liked the new environment. Comparing to China here I had more time to take part in various extra school activities, such as swimming, skating, drawing, writing, piano classes, basketball, badminton, hiking, etc. Ever since, I became more active and open-minded with more confidence to challenge myself.

Just like the world chess champion Magnus Carlsen when he was very young, I had no idea about Chess in my early childhood until I was 8 years old. Once during a long and boring flight, my mum let me play a Chess game on her IPAD. After trying it, I immediately fell in love with Chess and found the 10 hours in the sky not boring at all!

In February 2014, I formally started my Chess learning at Vancouver Chess School. With the coaching and great support from my teachers, I made a lot of progress and obtained trophies and medals. While studying Chess, I not only learned how to solve problems in different situations, but also became more patient and mentally strong. At the very beginning, I was afraid of players with higher rating and did not dare to face them. But lately I became more confident to challenge them and raise my level.

Now, Chess is an integral part of my life. Every day, I manage to read chess books, do puzzles, or play chess online. During weekends, I always drag my dad to play chess with me. Ha Ha!! Winning over my dad is one of my top objectives! Because of me, my friends showed their interest to this intelligent and fun game. They said I was so COOOOL when defeating those boys on the chess table. I truly hope more and more girls will like chess like me, and wish I could one day be a winner at the World Olympic Chess Championships!! ■

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

DOUBLE PASSION FOR CHESS.

My sons Ping and An started playing chess because of a teacher in their school. He loved chess himself and allowed students to play it in the classroom when they finished their work.

A year later, we happened to see the announcement about a tournament held by Vancouver Chess School in Lansdowne Mall. Boys joined the Simul and had a very good time. A few months later, we went to the school for an assessment with the school Director, Maxim. The assessment took two full hours; I was really impressed and signed Ping and An up for chess classes right away.

This turned out to be the beginning of something which became an important part of my boys' life. Besides having classes and joining the Friday Quads, they started participating in bigger tournaments on weekends where they get to socialize with kids from all over Vancouver and made friends with older boys who are playing at more advanced level. My boys also enjoyed playing in tournaments such as the Grand Pacific Open, which is held once a year in Victoria and is almost like a chess carnival, because the games last until midnight.

As a parent I must admit that Chess saved me a lot of time during the teachers' strike, because Ping and An were spending their



time practicing and playing chess online. I believe that Chess is a good game because it provides children with some challenge. It also demands careful calculation and serious thinking. Ping and An get very excited every time when their ratings go up. They also feel encouraged when the teachers notice that they have made some "good moves" in a tournament.

My boys learn to be patient as they understand that they might make mistakes if they rush. Since last semester they have also been organizing chess tournaments in their own classes at their elementary school. It was amazing to see them doing the pairing for their classmates. ■

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



ARTIN'S CHESS CHALLENGE.

Artin was born in 2008 in Iran. He is a grade 1 student at Hollyburn Elementary school and has been learning to play chess since the age of 4.

When Artin was still in kindergarten his teacher noticed that he had a rare logical and mathematical thinking. She advised that chess was the best tool for him to develop his strength.

In Iran Artin has been studying and playing chess at Amir Kabir Chess Institute until we brought him to Vancouver in June 2014.

As we came to Vancouver we started searching for a good chess school and found out Vancouver Chess School was the most professional chess school in the city.

Playing chess in tournaments for Artin means to learn to challenge himself and his opponents, to win trophies and medals and find new friends with similar interests.

As parents we noticed that playing chess has improved Artin's math and enabled him to get more concentration on his lessons in school.

He practices chess by playing online and solving chess puzzles. Artin wants to be Chess Master and achieving World Championship in the future.

So far, he has taken 3rd place in Esfahan-Iran Championship Competition at the below 6 in 2014. ■

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

NORTH AMERICAN OPEN DEC 26-30, 2014. LAS VEGAS.

Congratulations to our students **Daniel Chen** and **Ethan Low** with their outstanding performance in the prestigious event - North American Open, which took place in Las Vegas on Dec 26-30. Daniel (U1500) and Ethan (U1700) tied for the 4th and 7th places in their sections and won \$811 and \$245.45 respectively. Way to go!

Final Standings

2015 B.C. CHESS CHALLENGE QUALIFIER - BURNABY REGIONAL

Congratulations to our students for winning top prizes in their sections.

2015 B.C. Chess Challenge Qualifier - Burnaby Regional
Final Standings

[2015 B.C. Chess Challenge Qualifier - Burnaby Regional Final Standings](#)

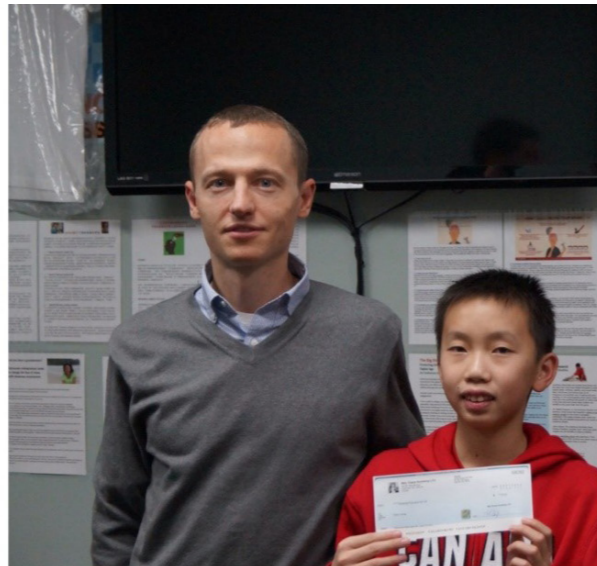


TOURNAMENT RESULTS

VANCOUVER WEST OPEN #3

Vancouver West Open #3 marked a successful turnout of 24 players in the Open section. NM [Mayo Fuentebella](#) (2307 CFC, 1997 BC Closed Champion) edged out some strong competition for a clear 1st place finish for \$600. In his gracious benevolent style, Mayo offered a draw to rising star Kevin Low in the last round to retain his lead in the standings. [Alisher Sanetullaev](#) placed clear 2nd for the \$250 prize. There was a 4-way tie for third place between [Davaa Ochir Nyamdorj](#), [Joe Roback](#), [Jofrel Landingin](#), and [Kevin Low](#) (\$37.50). The U1500 prize included a 3-way split between [Matthew Ehrenreich](#), [Ryan Leong](#), and [Kevin Li](#) (\$75).

Vancouver West Open #3 Final Standings: [Open Section](#), [Junior Section](#)



2015 B.C. CHESS CHALLENGE QUALIFIER - FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL

Congratulations to our students for winning top prizes in their sections.

[2015 B.C. Chess Challenge Qualifier - Fraser Valley Regional Final Standings](#)

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

FRIDAY QUADS WINNERS

# QUAD/DATE	JAN-9-2015	JAN-16-2015	JAN-23-2015	JAN-30-2015
Quad #1	Jason Shao	Daniel Chen	Daniel Chen	Daniel Chen
Quad #2	Andrew Xu	Ryan Wang	David Yuan	Andrew Xu
Quad #3	Anthony Zang	Elvin Sun	Bill Wang	James Yao
Quad #4	Elvin Sun	Colby Liu	Marc Yuan	Jason Qian
Quad #5	Daniel Zhang	Artin Hajhosseinlou	YiWang Wang	Yiwang Wang
Quad #6	David Liu	Stanley Wu	Stanley Wu	Vincent Guo
Quad #7	Benjamin Cooknagy	Paul Le	Paul Le	Jason Chen
Quad #8	Stanley Wu	Veronica Guo	Max He	George Deng
Quad #9	Henry Wong	Jerry Zhang	Jacob McBride	Sophia Yu
Quad #10	Emily Warman	Lincoln StJohn	Ethan YuBo Wang	Antonia Bonnis
Quad #11	Kevin Nie	Annie Cai	Emily Warman	Gavin Li
Quad #12			Owen Huang	Carlo Robles
Quad #13				Austin Liu

VANCOUVER RAPID TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Vancouver Rapid is a Team Chess Championship held in Vancouver every year. The competitions consist of two stages. During the first stage the teams are playing Round robin or Swiss system tournament against each other (depending on the quantity of teams). In the end of qualification tournament, the strongest teams take part in the final play off to identify a sole winner. The first year was victorious for Vancouver Chess School that was represented mainly by the VCS teachers. Starting the 2014, the VCS team consists exclusively from VCS students.



The VCS team for 2015 will be formed based on the CFC rating. **Top 10 CFC rated players** (on Sep-01-2015) from our school will be invited to join the team in September 2015.

TOP 10 CFC/CMA

TOP 10 CFC/CMA RATED PLAYERS FROM OUR SCHOOL AS OF FEB 1, 2015.

#	NAME	CFC RATING
1	Kevin Low	1815
2	Maven Zheng	1547
3	Ethan Low	1514
4	Joseph Dobrzanski	1367
5	Victor Zheng	1365
6	James Li	1349
7	Daniel Du	1348
8	Ryan Leong	1340
9	Kevin Li	1308
10	An Yu	1250

Check your CFC rating
<https://www.vanchess.ca/rating-cfc>

#	NAME	CMA RATING
1	Kevin Low	1805
2	Ryan Leong	1588
3	James Li	1549
4	Maven Zheng	1530
5	Ethan Low	1501
6	Joseph Dobrzanski	1499
7	Daniel Chen	1479
8	Kevin Li	1412
9	Leslie Min	1402
10	Dylan Fox	1395

Check your CMA rating
<https://www.vanchess.ca/rating-cma>

PARENT-TEACHER

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE MEETING SCHEDULE

AGENDA

- In class performance
- Homework
- Tournament performance
- Upcoming tournaments and tests
- VCS website updates
- Q & A

GROUP	DATE	TIME
Pawn #1	Feb 19	4pm – 4:30pm
Pawn #2	Feb 18	5pm – 5:30pm
Pawn #3	Feb 25	5pm – 5:30pm
Pawn #4	Feb 14	2pm-2:30pm
Pawn #5	Feb 18	3:30pm-4pm
Pawn #6	Feb 14	10:30am-11am
Pawn #7	Feb 16	4pm – 4:30pm
Pawn #8	Feb 20	4pm – 4:30pm
Pawn #9	Feb 21	10:30am-11am
Knight #1	Feb 16	5pm – 5:30pm
Knight #3	Feb 20	4:30pm-5pm
Knight #4	Feb 23	4pm – 4:30pm
Knight #5	Feb 17	6:30pm-7pm
Bishop #1	Feb 19	6:30pm-7pm
Rook #1	Feb 20	7pm – 7:30pm
Rook #2	Feb 23	7pm – 7:30pm

ONLINE TEST SCHEDULE

ASSESSMENT NOTICE:

Dear parents,
Your children are now finishing the last module of their programs. In order to ensure that your children are ready to promote to the next level of study, we will be administering an online test to assess their skill level.

Here are the important details of the testing:

#	GROUP	NEXT PROGRAM	DATE SENT	DUE DATE
1	Pawn #1	-> Knight	Feb 12	Feb 26
2	Pawn #2	-> Knight	Feb 11	Feb 25
3	Pawn #3	-> Knight	Feb 11	Feb 25

- Please set aside at least 60-90 minutes to finish the test. The test must be done in one sitting.
- One mistake is allowed in each position. The test consists of 30 quizzes and positions to play.
- In order to successfully pass the test, your final score has to be greater or equal to 75%.
- To avoid technical interruption, please use these internet browsers: Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox.
- After your children log into their account, you can find the new "Tests" page. Go to the "Tests" page, and click "Start" to begin the test. Please note that the test cannot be stopped or paused until it is done.
- Once the test is completed, you can see the test status (passed/try again later) and your children's performance percentage.
- We will notify you if your children will be recommended to advance to the Next level, via email or directly by your coach.
- Your certificate of program completion and test report will be available on your account after the test is passed successfully.

Thank you for your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Maxim Doroshenko

Director, Vancouver Chess School

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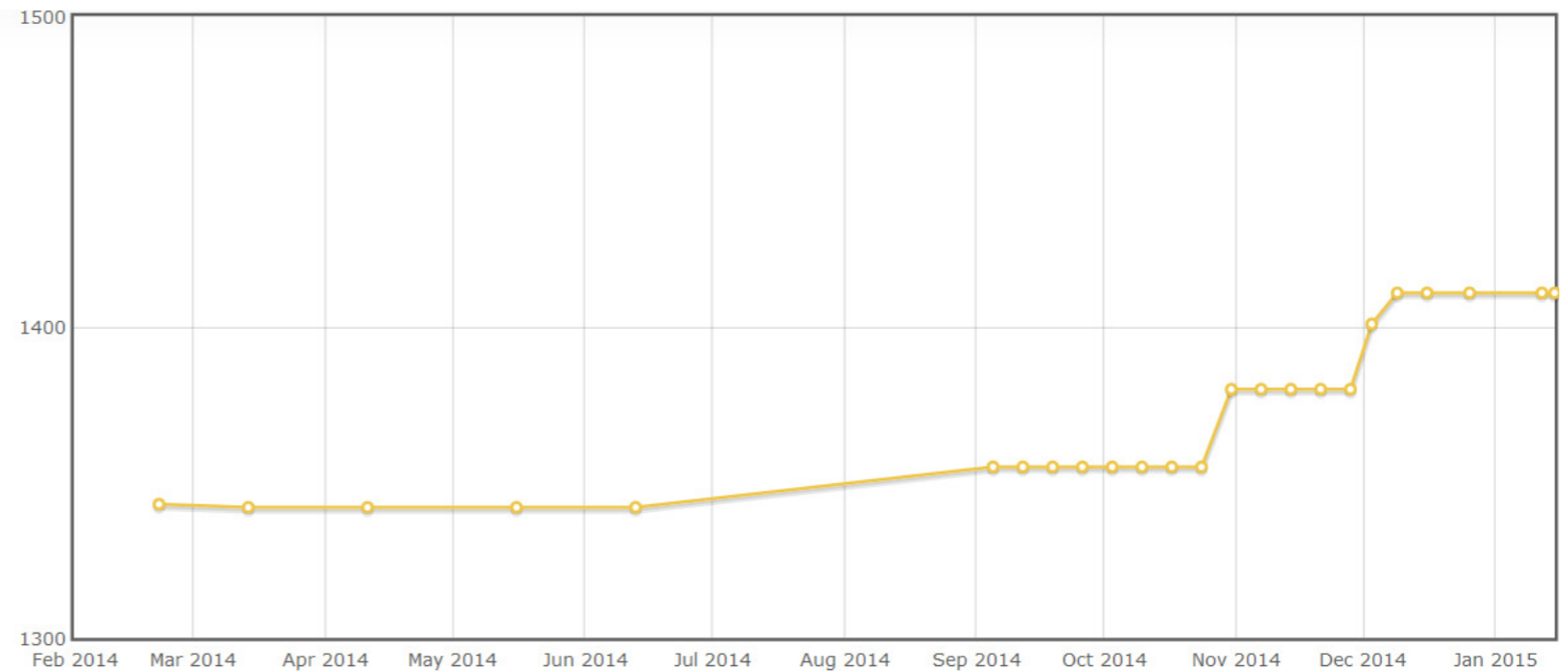
RECOMMENDED MINIMUM RATING TO ADVANCE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

PROGRAM	RATING
Pawn->Knight	600 (CMA)
Knight->Bishop	1100 (CMA)
Bishop->Rook	1500 (CMA)
Rook->Queen	1800 (CMA)
Queen->King	2000+ (CMA)

WEBSITE UPDATES

RATING

I am excited to share with you the information about our new feature on the VCS website. It is automatic rating update and progress chart. Now each rating system CMA (<http://www.vanchess.ca/rating-cma>) and CFC (<http://www.vanchess.ca/rating-cfc>) will be updated once a week, on Friday and Wednesday respectively. Rating changes and dynamics can also be present in an easy-to-read chart format, so as a parent you will have a better grasp of your child's performance progress.



PLAY VS COMPUTER

This new feature is now available for Pawn Level (Semester #1-2) students only. There are four computer players of different chess strength available. This feature provides a very good practice opportunity for beginner level students.

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GROUP CLASSES MY LESSONS MY TOURNAMENTS **PLAY VS COMPUTER** GAMES

WEBSITE UPDATES

All games played against computer are stored on student's account and available for further viewing and analysis.

PLAY VS COMPUTER



Simba (400)



Spiderman (500)



Kung Fu Panda (600)



Superman (1000)

Please select Computer player

Time control

Color

BATCH REGISTRATION FOR FRIDAY QUADS TOURNAMENTS.

Now the system allows parents to add several upcoming Friday Quads tournaments in one-step only. Please see below the example.

#	Date	Time	Event	Location	Format	Price	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	2015-01-23	19:00:00	VCS Friday Quads 週五循环赛	Vancouver Chess School	For all Grade P - 12	\$10 (\$15 effective September 2015)
				Section: <input type="text" value="Friday Quads"/>	Payment: <input type="text" value="\$ 10.00, Friday Quads"/>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	2015-01-30	19:00:00	VCS Friday Quads 週五循环赛	Vancouver Chess School	For all Grade P - 12	\$10 (\$15 effective September 2015)
				Section: <input type="text" value="Friday Quads"/>	Payment: <input type="text" value="\$ 10.00, Friday Quads"/>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	2015-02-06	19:00:00	VCS Friday Quads 週五循环赛	Vancouver Chess School	For all Grade P - 12	\$10 (\$15 effective September 2015)
				Section: <input type="text" value="Friday Quads"/>	Payment: <input type="text" value="\$ 10.00, Friday Quads"/>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	2015-02-13	19:00:00	VCS Friday Quads 週五循环赛	Vancouver Chess School	For all Grade P - 12	\$10 (\$15 effective September 2015)
				Section: <input type="text" value="Friday Quads"/>	Payment: <input type="text" value="\$ 10.00, Friday Quads"/>		

VCS FRIDAY QUADS 週五循环赛

Registration ▾

Registration

Registration for several events

y 23, 2015

Time

07:00 PM-09:30 PM

VCS TOURNAMENTS OUTLOOK

Vancouver Chess School is committed to provide quality education and to promote chess participation in the Lower Mainland. Starting September 2014, we are organizing a series of chess tournaments that would provide opportunities for different levels of players to

enrich their tournament experiences. All tournaments are open to public, and are held at Vancouver Chess School. Seating is limited. Please pre-register on our website. Here is a summary of different categories of tournaments:

TOURNAMENT	WHO IS ELIGIBLE	RATING SYSTEM	TIME CONTROL	FORMAT	TOTAL TIME (approximate)	FEE \$	PRIZE	UPCOMING EVENTS	REGISTRATION
Friday Quads	Open to all age groups & chess levels. No rating requirement	CMA	Rapid	Round Robin	3-4 rounds 7:00-9:30pm	10	Medals for winners with perfect score	Feb 6/13 20/27 Mar 6/27	Register here
VCS Monthly Active (Open Section)	Above 1200 CMA/1100 CFC	CMA	25/5	Regular Swiss	6 rounds 10am-5pm 1 day (Weekend)	25	Guaranteed first prize of \$250	Feb 22	Register here
VCS Monthly Active (Junior Section)	Below 1200 CMA/1100 CFC. K-12	CMA	25/5	Regular Swiss	5 rounds 10am-4pm 1 day (Weekend)	25	Trophies/Medals	Feb 22	Register here
Vancouver West Open (Open Section)	Above 1100 CFC	CFC & CMA	60	Regular Swiss	6 rounds 2 days (Weekend)	50-60	Guaranteed first prize of \$600	Mar 7-8	Register here
Vancouver West Open (Junior CFC Section)	Above 800 CMA & Below 1100 CFC K-12	CFC & CMA	60	Regular Swiss	6 rounds 2 days (Weekend)	50-60	Trophies/ Medals	Mar 7-8	Register here
Vancouver West Open (Junior CMA Section)	Below 800 CMA. K-12	CMA	25/5	Regular Swiss	5 rounds 1 day (Weekend)	25	Trophies/ Medals	Mar 8	Register here
BC Chess Challenge	K-12. No rating requirement	CMA	25/5	Regular Swiss	5 rounds 1 day (Weekend)	25	Trophies/ Medals	Feb 15 Mar 1	Register here
VCS Chess Camps	Open to all chess levels. K-12				Weekdays			Mar 9-20	Register here
Pro-D Chess events	Open to all chess levels. K-12	CMA	25/5	Round Robin	3 rounds (Weekdays)	40	Trophies/ Medals	Feb 19 Apr 27	Register here

VCS TOURNAMENTS OUTLOOK

Please find registration and tournament details here <http://vanchess.ca/events?events%5B0%5D=13>



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VANCOUVER WEST OPEN TOURNAMENT #4

MARCH 7-8/2015

<p>5 rounds G25/5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CMA Rated Section - Rating below 800 <i>Juniors only</i> <p>1 DAY EVENT</p>	<p>6 rounds G60</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CFC Rated Section - Rating from 800-1100 CFC <i>Juniors only</i> <p>2 DAYS EVENT</p>	<p>6 rounds G60</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open Section - Rating above 1100 CFC <i>Adults & Juniors</i> <p>2 DAYS EVENT</p>
<p>Vancouver West Junior Open</p>		<p>Vancouver West Open</p>

SIGN UP NOW, THE SPACE IS LIMITED!

VCS TOURNAMENTS OUTLOOK

Please find registration and tournament details here <http://vanchess.ca/events?events%5B0%5D=13>

<p>FRIDAY QUADS ONGOING WEEKLY TOURNAMENT</p>		
<p>EVERY FRIDAY 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3-4 CMA rated games - Time control: Rapid - Open to all players Children and their parents are both welcome. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Let your kids have fun by playing chess with their friends and classmates - Earn a rating and track your performance - Reinforce the lessons learned in weekly classes through practice - Take a chance to relax on a Friday night, while your kids play in the tournament 	
<p>ENTRY FEE \$10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chess sets and clocks are provided. - Please bring your own scorebook. 		

VCS TOURNAMENTS OUTLOOK

Please find registration and tournament details here <http://vanchess.ca/events?events%5B0%5D=14>



ACTIVE TOURNAMENTS

MONTHLY EVENTS

OPEN SECTION

Guaranteed first prize of \$250

- 6 rounds 25/5
- CMA rated
- Rating above 1200 CMA

Adults & Juniors

1 day event

JUNIOR SECTION

Trophies / Medals

- 5 rounds 25/5
- CMA rated
- Rating below 1200 CMA

Juniors only

1 day event

ANNUAL EVENTS

Active Grand Prix

Cash prize & Perpetual Trophy



Junior Active Grand Prix

Perpetual Trophy

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VCS TOURNAMENTS OUTLOOK

Please find registration and tournament details here <http://vanchess.ca/events?events%5B0%5D=8&>

PRO-D DAY
FEB 19 | APR 27, 2015
 9:30 AM - 3 PM

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT
 CMA RATED QUAD TOURNAMENT
 3 ROUNDS 25/5
 BASIC CHESS KNOWLEDGE IS REQUIRED

FUN ACTIVITY
 BLITZ
 BUGHOUSE
 SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION

BEFORE AND AFTER CAMP CARE IS AVAILABLE
 For details and registration visit www.vanchess.ca/events

VCS TOURNAMENTS OUTLOOK

Please find registration and tournament details here <http://vanchess.ca/events?events%5B0%5D=15>

BC CHESS CHALLENGE 2015



BC Chess Challenge, Mar 01st, 2015.
Those who score **2.5 points** or higher.

The **Winners of BC Chess Challenge** will form **Team BC.**

1 day event, K-12
Regular 5-round Swiss,
25/5, CMA Rated

<p>Vancouver Regional Sun. Nov 30, 2014</p> <p>Vancouver Chess School 252-4255, Arbutus St., Vancouver</p>	<p>Burnaby Regional Sun. Jan 11, 2015</p> <p>Chaffey-Burke Elementary School 4404 Sardis St., Burnaby, BC</p>	<p>Fraser Valley Regional Sat. Jan 31, 2015</p> <p>Comfort Inn & Suites Surrey #8255-166 St., Surrey, BC</p>	<p>Vancouver Regional #2 Sun. Feb 15, 2015</p> <p>Vancouver Chess School 252-4255, Arbutus St., Vancouver</p>
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