

VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK IN 2022!

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2021 Dec 12 VCS Promotion Qualifier Series (Under 800 CMA)



CONGRATULATIONS TEAM BC

A big congratulations to the Team BC members who participated in the first ever BC-New Brunswick match on December 5th 2021. Team BC won convincingly with a 30.5-17.5 score. Team captain Antonia Bonnis did an excellent job guiding this team, and great sportsmanship was displayed on both sides. Well done Team BC!



PAWN ENDGAME WORKSHOP | JAN 19

VCS is excited to present a new workshop series beginning in January 2022 on Pawn Endgames. Legendary World Champion Jose Capablanca stated that 'to improve at chess you should in the first instance study endgames', a statement eloquently summing up the importance of this final phase of the game. Studying endgames has been proven to have a positive impact on all aspects of a player's game, for all levels of players.

BC Chess Federation President and endgame expert Stephen Wright will run the workshops in a dynamic format, with thematic endgame tournaments, solving puzzles and other activities. Students will receive a certificate of completion at the end of each semester.

Registration is now [open](#)!



WINTER TERM STARTS JANUARY 4 2022 REGISTER [HERE](#)



DECEMBER IN REVIEW: PROMOTION QUALIFIER

The latest promotion qualifier series tournament was a success, with 23 participants in the above CMA800 group and 18 in the below CMA800 group. Ryan Golchin and Henrik Guo won the Open and U1000 sections respectively with convincing clear first place, while Thiago Martins won the U800 section and Seo-Joon Choi won the U600 with a perfect 7/7. Congratulations to all players!

RYAN GOLCHIN VS. GM EVGENY BAREEV



As the clear winner of the top section of the December Promotion Qualifier series, Ryan Golchin will be going head to head against Grandmaster Evgeny Bareev in a 3-game rapid match. Good luck Ryan!

REGIONAL QUALIFIER #2 | JAN 23

The second qualifier of the 2021-2022 Chess Challenge season is taking place on January 23. All students scoring 2.5/5 or higher will qualify for the Provincial Championships this spring. This is a great chance to play highly ranked players and meet new friends. These are some of our most popular events and frequently sell out so sign up [here](#) to save your space.

MONTHLY CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

The next monthly class championship is taking place on January 29, 2022. Students will play 5 rounds of G20+5 games against opponents of a similar level, giving everyone good tournament experience in longer time controls. This tournament is an excellent chance to gain rating points and earn a promotion to the next level. Details can be found [online](#) - sign up now!

NATIONAL PREPARATION CAMP | JAN 15

The next semester of the National Preparation Program is beginning on January 15, with weekly workshop sessions designed to help students attain maximum results in the upcoming tournament season. Students will be grouped according to their level, and will be taught by former National Champions who know what it takes to be successful at the National level. The lessons include opening repertoire, tactics training and endgame study. Registration and details are [online](#).

PRO-D DAY CAMPS | JAN 17

VCS is offering a morning Pro-D day camp online for students of all levels. Campers will learn opening repertoire, train tactics and play fun tournaments according to their level. Details and registration can be found online [here](#).



Did you place in an online tournament in 2020 or 2021? Trophies will be handed out at the Jericho office on:

January 23, 30, 1-4pm
February 6, 13, 1-4pm