

# VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

CONGRATS ON ANOTHER FANTASTIC YEAR!

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Left: Team BC player Gillian Mok in her National Champion shirt  
Right: Tom Qin, top volunteer with over 100 hours

## NEW! Richmond Classes

We're thrilled to inform you that our Level #1 and #2 groups at our Richmond location are set to commence on **July 9th!** It's not too late to register your child; simply follow this [link](#) to secure their spot.

We will also be running 5 new groups in Richmond this fall - registration is already [open!](#)

## VCS CHESS FESTIVAL

VCS is delighted to announce the forthcoming Vancouver Chess Festivals scheduled to commence in Fall 2023! Anticipate engaging weekends brimming with intense competition, and an unwavering passion for the game of chess. The festivals will include classical time controls, a rapid event and a blitz, with sections for all levels. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

- September 16-17
- October 21-22
- November 11-12
- December 9-10

The events will all be FIDE/CFC/CMA rated with high guaranteed prize funds! Registration for the September events is open and spaces are limited so [sign up now!](#)



## QUADS ARE STILL ON!

Quads are still running every week this summer - there's a quad for every player! Check out the full schedule [here](#)



### FEATURED STUDENT: ALEKSANDR SKORNIAKOV

Aleksandr is a remarkable student in our Pre-Knight class. One notable aspect of Aleksandr's commitment to learning is his exceptional homework completion and performance rate of 100%. He consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic and takes his chess studies seriously. His consistent effort is truly commendable and showcases his unwavering determination to excel in the game.

He has actively participated in weekly quads demonstrating his commitment to test his skills against other players. He recently achieved a significant milestone by winning his first chess trophy at the monthly class championships. Aleksandr possesses an exceptional competitive spirit and a strong desire to win. His focus, concentration, and ability to adapt to different playing styles make him a formidable opponent, and there is no doubt that he will continue to achieve great success in his chess journey.

### SUMMER CAMPS | WEEKLY

VCS is excited to present week-long camps once again this summer holiday, with full day camps taking place every week online. Participants will be split into groups based on their levels, and will learn new openings, tactics, and endgame technique. The camps will include lessons, fun tournaments, thematic games and game analysis with our coaches. If you're looking for a fun way to spend your summer holidays, make some new friends and improve your chess skills, this is the perfect event for you! Register [online](#).

### IN-PERSON PROMOTION QUALIFIER | JULY 22

This is an event designed to help students gain the necessary experience and rating points (CFC & CMA) needed for a promotion to the next level. Participants will play 5 games of G25+5 against players of a similar strength. Registration is open [online](#).

### IN PERSON ADVANCED COURSE | FALL 2023

We are delighted to announce the introduction of our new in person Advanced Chess Program, which will commence this fall at VCS, Jericho Shopping Centre, under the guidance of our Director, Maxim Doroshenko. This program has been meticulously tailored for students with CMA/CFC ratings starting from 1000 and above. Details can be found [here](#) - send us an email to reserve your spot in this exciting program.

### THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE 2023 YEAR-END PICNIC PARTY!

This year's party was a huge success, thanks to all the families, coaches and staff who attended and participated in all the fun events. We had a knockout blitz tournament, students vs. coaches, a great potluck picnic, and a warm welcome and celebration for the National Champions who represented BC at the Canadian Chess Challenge this year. Thank you to all students, parents, coaches and alumni for your continuing support - we wish everyone a safe and happy summer!

Check out the video summary of the event [here](#)!

