

# VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

TREMENDOUS SUCCESS OF VCS STUDENTS AND ALUMNI IN MAJOR BC TOURNAMENTS

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## March Tactics Challenge Winners Announced!

Congratulations to the champions of our March Tactics Contest! Alex Pan and Josiah Lo clinched the top spots with stellar performances. Asees Kaur grabbed 3rd place, followed by Rockwell Chan and Chelsea Tang in 4th and 5th, respectively.

Prizes were awarded as follows:

- **1st Place:** Alex and Josiah each received a VCS hoodie, a chess set, and 5 Chess Heroes cards.
- **3rd Place:** Asees Kaur took home a hoodie and 3 cards.
- **4th Place:** Rockwell Chan earned a T-Shirt and 2 cards.
- **5th Place:** Chelsea Tang got a T-Shirt and a card.

Special accolades to Sofia Vigurs as the top female competitor and Avery Yao as the best U6 participant, each earning a T-Shirt and 1 Chess Heroes card for their exceptional results.

A big thank you to all participants. Your dedication inspires us!

Meanwhile, our April Tactics Challenge is in full swing, and we're eagerly awaiting our next champion. Join the competition and show us your tactical prowess!

## VCS TRIUMPHS AT GRAND PACIFIC OPEN 2024

The 17th Grand Pacific Open in Victoria, BC, saw VCS students excel among BC's top chess talent from March 29 to April 1, 2024. Our students showed remarkable skill, with Ryan Bole Yu winning Gold in the U2000 category, Jordan Zhu in U1500, and Tiago Ferraz securing 2nd in U1100.

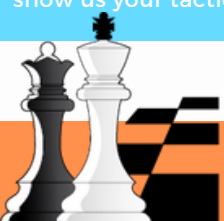
These successes reflect VCS's commitment to excellence in chess education. Congratulations to our winners and all participants for their outstanding performance and sportsmanship. We're proud of you and look forward to more achievements! Learn more [here](#)

## DAILY PUZZLES CHALLENGE | APR 6-30

Solve daily puzzles from Apr 6-30 to earn a special VCS-themed medal. For rapid chess improvement, daily chess puzzle-solving is the way to go.

## SPRING TERM CLASSES START ON APR 6TH

Log into your VCS parent account, click on 'Class Schedule & Registration', and select [group classes](#) for your children.



**CELEBRATING VCS EXCELLENCE:  
STELLAR WINS AT BCYCC 2024**



**FEATURED STUDENT: KARSON LU**

Karson Lu's recent accomplishment as the Grade 1 Regional Champion serves as compelling evidence of his exceptional aptitude and diligent work ethic. He has also been invited to represent BC at the upcoming BC vs Washington Inter-mat. Karson consistently participates in online, in-person tournaments and camps, winning numerous awards, displaying a keen desire for continuous learning and growth. Currently advancing through the pre-Bishop class, Karson's promotion to the esteemed Bishop class underscores his progress and promise as a talented chess player. Furthermore, his affable nature, and exemplary sportsmanship have earned him widespread admiration and affection. We eagerly anticipate a bright future for Karson brimming with promise and potential!

**VCS CHESS FESTIVAL | APR 13-14**

Following our series of successful events, VCS eagerly invites you to our 7th Festival on April 13-14. We're thrilled to host the event at UBC's Ponderosa ballroom, where you'll have the chance to join three International Masters in a celebration of competitive chess. Seize the opportunity to play alongside chess elites and share in the excitement of the game. [Register here.](#)

**ONLINE REGIONAL QUALIFIER | APR 6**

Don't miss your final shot at qualification for the 2024 BC Chess Challenge! The upcoming Online Regional on April 6th presents the ultimate opportunity for individual players to secure their place in the prestigious provincial event set for April 14, 2024. Scoring 2.5 out of 5 points or more guarantees entry, with the top three contenders in each grade receiving medals for their achievements. Secure your spot now by signing up [here!](#)

**BC CHESS CHALLENGE | APR 14**

Qualified through a Regional event, a 2023 BC Team member, or by rating? Join us at UBC for this year's BC Chess Challenge. Secure your spot by [registering online today.](#)

**NATIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAM**

The new semester of the National Preparation Program kicks off on April 20. Participants will be organized by skill level, engaging in thematic tournaments, endgame studies, dynamic lessons, and puzzle solving to achieve peak performance. [Register now](#) to secure your spot.

**SUNDAY CHESS CLUB | WEEKLY**

The Sunday Chess Club, featuring free play, a tactics contest, a rapid & blitz tournaments with analysis, welcomes participants of all skill levels. **Enroll as a group class in Spring for a substantial discount when combined with other group classes.** Pizza is on us, adding a flavorful twist to the experience. [Sign up online now!](#)