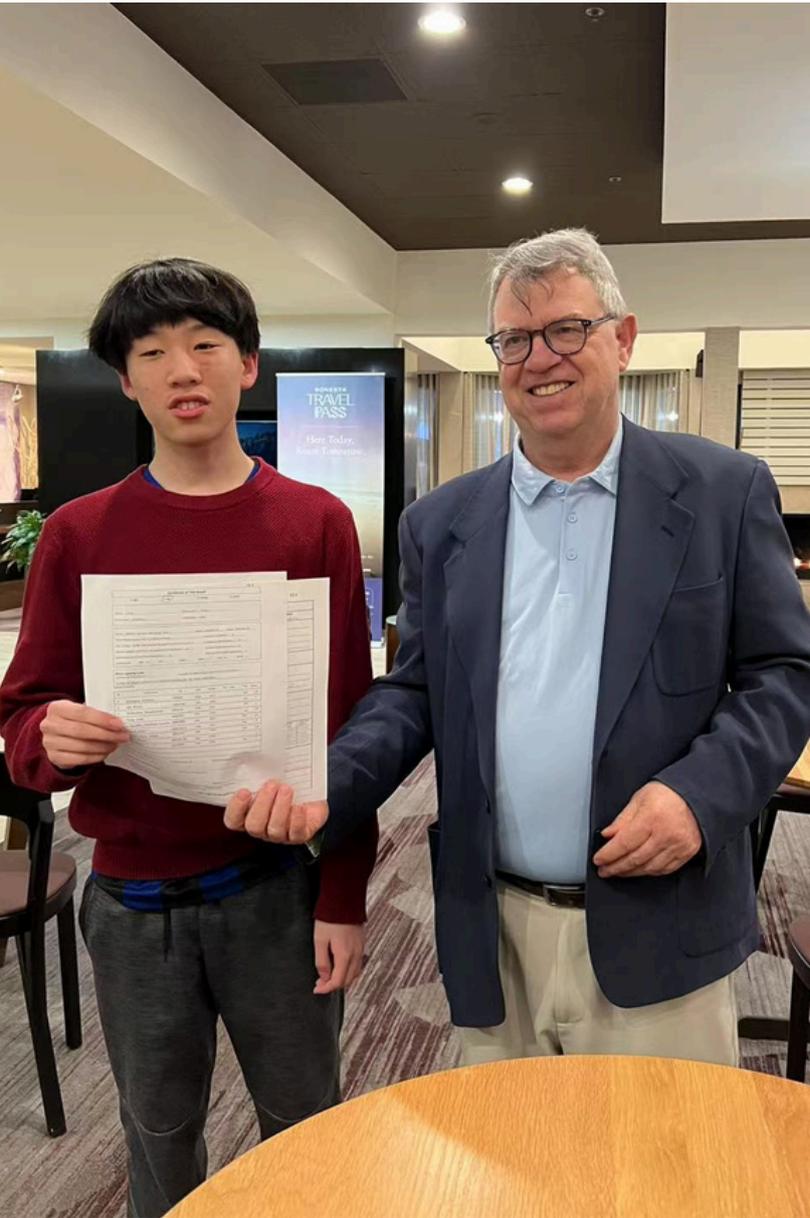


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☀️ ETHAN SONG MAKES HISTORY! ☀️

We are incredibly proud to share a major milestone in the journey of our long-time student, alumni, and now assistant coach – Ethan Song!

At the end of March, in yet another prestigious norm tournament organized by the Pacific Northwest Chess Center in Seattle, Ethan delivered an outstanding performance. Facing a field that included three Grandmasters, Ethan held his own with draws against all of them and scored 6.0/9, earning his first IM norm! 🎯🔥

Standings & Pairings

This remarkable achievement puts Ethan alongside our most celebrated alumni and students, including Junior World Champions Elliot McCallum and Karson Lu. Together, they represent the highest level of success in Vancouver Chess School's history.

From his early days in class to inspiring students every week at our Sunday Chess Club, Ethan has always been a model of hard work, humility, and passion. His journey shows our students what's possible with dedication – and his presence continues to motivate the next generation of players.

👉 2 more norms and a FIDE rating of 2400+ stand between Ethan and the IM title. But knowing him for over 10 years, we have no doubt – Ethan will become a Grandmaster one day.

Let's cheer him on as he climbs the steps to greatness! 🏆👤

Summer Term Registration Open.

Enroll Now!





FEATURED STUDENT: STEPHANIE WU

Stephanie Wu has been making swift progress through our classes, earning the respect of both students and teachers. A consistent top performer in our monthly tactic contests, she has won several medals in our tournaments. Her promotion to the Bishop class is imminent, a testament to her dedication and hard work.

Beyond her tournament success, Stephanie has been refining her game with meticulous opening preparation using the new system feature, complementing her studies with beautifully handwritten notes. Her passion for improvement and disciplined approach make her a role model for aspiring players in our community. We look forward to seeing her continued success in the Bishop class and beyond!

SUMMER CAMPS | JULY - AUGUST 2025

Looking for a fun, educational, and action-packed experience for your child?

Our in-person chess camps blend skill-building with creativity and excitement – perfect for Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced players!

☀️ **What's Included:**

- ✓ Group lessons by skill level
- ✓ Daily chess training & analysis
- ✓ Friendly tournaments
- ✓ Super Chess Trivia & themed challenges
- ✓ Fun games, puzzles, and team play
- ✓ Pizza lunch included every day! 🍕

🏆 Students take a level test at the end and receive a certificate – many complete a full level in just one week!

SPRING BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP | MAY 11

Join us for 9 rounds of blitz (3+2) on May 11, 5:00-7:30 PM! Open to K-12 players, CFC Quick & CMA rated. Fast games, sharp tactics, and a fun challenge await.

🌟 Light snacks & refreshments provided.

Limited spots—[register now!](#)

👤 VCS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP - CYCC QUALIFIERS!

Mark your calendars!

- June 14, 2:00-7:00 PM: U6, U8, U12
- June 15, 2:00-7:00 PM: U10, U14, U16, U18

Both events serve as official CYCC Qualifiers—a key step toward national championships!

✓ CFC Quick & CMA rated

✓ Great competition & exciting prizes

Take your shot at qualifying—[register early to secure your spot!](#)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP PERFORMERS IN THE APRIL TACTICS CONTEST!

Linara Wickramasinghe delivered an outstanding performance, finishing 1st in the competition with an impressive 2160 points! She was closely followed by Lahan Wickramasinghe in 2nd and YouJia Ye in 3rd. Isaac Yu and Stephanie Wu rounded out the Top 5 with strong results.

A special shoutout to Dasha Doroshenko, the Top Female Player, and to Emery Ning, who earned the Top U6 Player title! Both will receive extra Chess Heroes cards for their achievements.

Fantastic effort by all players—keep pushing forward, and we'll see you at the next event!