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Strong start to the season for Robotics71 teams

Comox Valley, B.C. - Comox Valley Schools Robotics71 teams had very strong showings in their first competition of this school year at Shawinigan Lake School. The younger team 7842P ended up with a stunning come from behind victory to win the tournament, while senior team 7842X took home design and sportsmanship awards.

Tournament winners team 7842P's players Zander Hole, Ryan White, Elliott Patterson and their alliance partners team 6264B from Shawinigan were in third place after the qualifying round. However, they ended up upsetting senior team 7842X and their alliance partner team 1022x from Claremont Secondary in the tournament finals to win the tournament.

Senior team 7842X's players Katie Brown, Andrew Phillips, Nicholas Horel and Noah Doeschner-Fretts led the tournament throughout the qualifying rounds. They also took top spot in the Robot Skills Challenge. However, 7842X along with their alliance partners team 1022X from Claremont, ended up losing in the finals.

Robotics71 is a district-wide after school robotics program based out of Highland Secondary School offered to all Comox Valley Schools students in grades 8-12. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., allowing students from other schools time to arrive.

Robotics incorporates mechanics, coding, driving skills and teamwork. Providing students with a solid foundation of skills for futures in STEAM fields like engineering, automation, and computer science.

The tournament on Saturday, January 15 at Highland Secondary School is postponed until further notice.

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Learn More:

Robotics71: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/robotics71/>

A backgrounder follows with pictures prepared by Steve Classen, trades & ADST coordinator for SD 71.

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BACKGROUDNER

Team 7842P (Tournament Champions)



Members of Team 7842P (from left: Elliot Patterson, Ryan White, Zander Hole with Shawnigan alliance partners)

Team 7842X (Tournament Finalists, Design Award, Sportsmanship Award, Robot Skills Champion)



Members of Team 7842X (from left: Katie Brown, Noah Doeschner-Fretts, Nicholas Horel, Andrew Phillips with Claremont alliance partners)

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