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### **Robotics71 teams continue strong showings at Comox Valley tournament**

**COMOX, VALLEY B.C.** – Comox Valley Schools Robotics71 teams continue to dominate at Vancouver Island Vex Robotics competitions. The most recent successes were at the first major tournament of 2022 on Saturday, February 12 at Highland Secondary, which saw 25 teams from across Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands competing.

Senior team 7842X's players Katie Brown, Andrew Phillips, Nicholas Horel and Noah Doeschner-Fretts once again took the top spot in the Robot Skills event and were Tournament Champions with their alliance partner, 1022X from Claremont Secondary. 7842X also won the "Excellence Award" which is the award based on top judged overall performance at the tournament, as well as their presentation of the engineering process, coding, and building of their robot.

Teams 7842A (Nate Paromchuk, Zach Patry and Mikayla Roddam) and 7842D (Thomas Bourgault, Loki Motai, Brennan Kneeland) were also in the finals for the day, but could not take down the 7842X senior team.

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

The next tournament will be the Vancouver Island Regional Championship held at Shawnigan Lake School on March 5. Teams will compete for a coveted spot in the Vex World Robotics Championship in Dallas Texas, where teams from all over the world take part in April.

<https://www.roboticseducation.org/vex-robotics-world-championship/>

A backgrounder follows with pictures.

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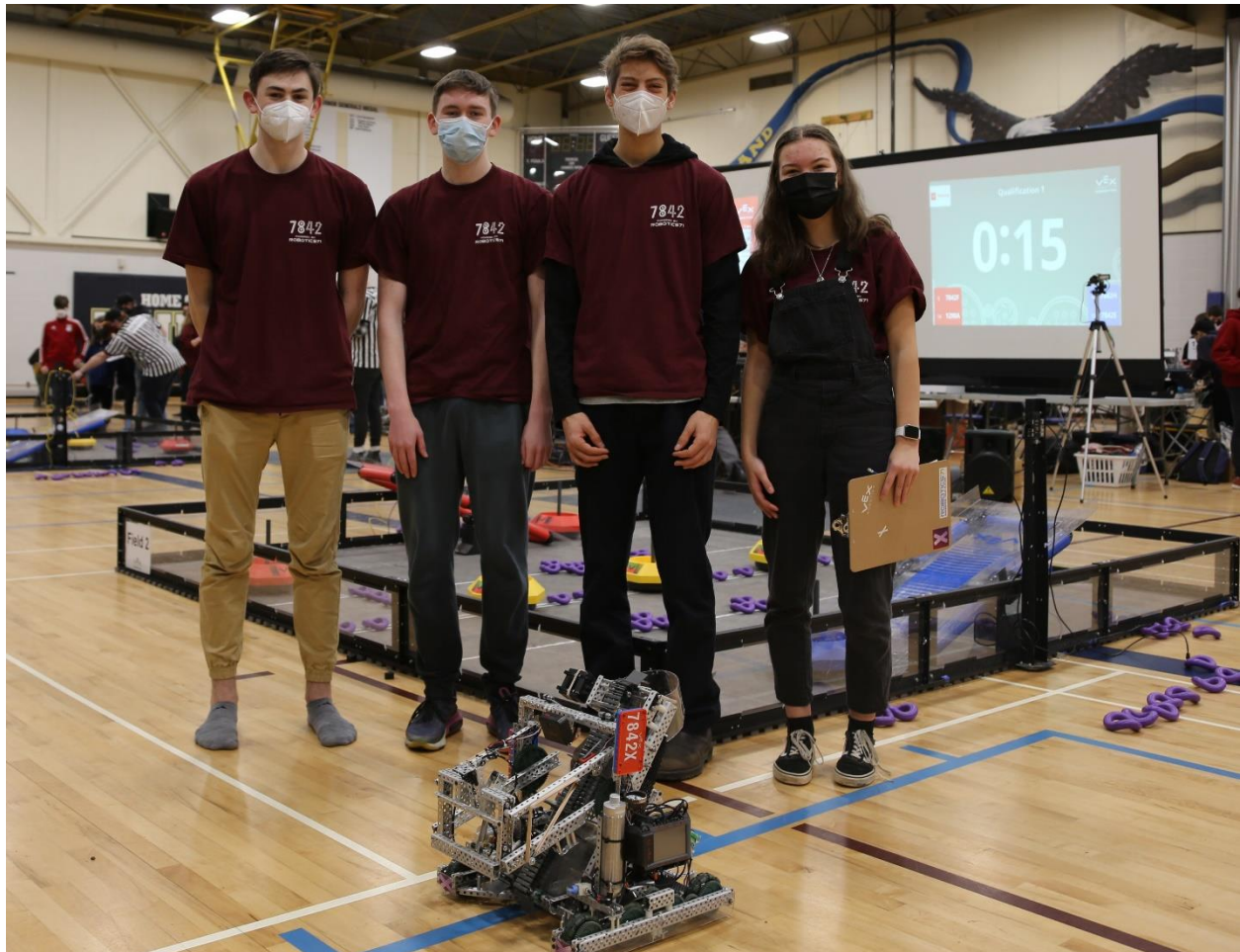
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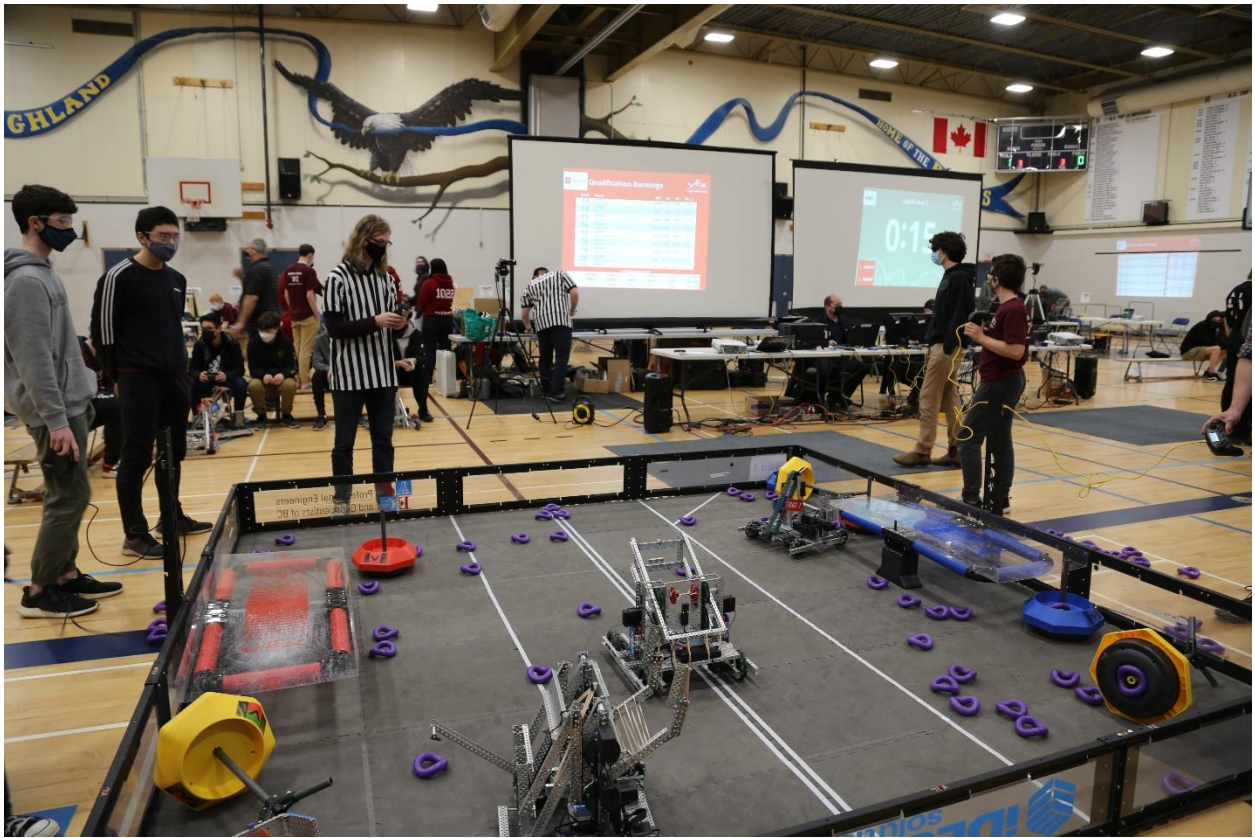
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### **BACKGROUNDER**

From far left: Nicholas Horel, Andrew Phillips, Noah Doeschner-Fretts, Katie Brown. Tournament Champions, Robot Skills Champions and winners of the Excellence Award.



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