

Roving ChessNuts CHESS Teasers

NEWS, RESULTS, UPCOMING EVENTS, PHOTOS AND INTERESTING STUFF
MAINLY ABOUT SCHOLASTIC CHESS IN EDMONTON & CHESSNUTS ACTIVITIES

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Dead of Winter Chess
Section C



Results of the Dead of Winter Chess Tournament held January 28 at Greenfield Hall were in the January 29 Chess Teasers, along with photos of players in Sections A and B. Here are more photos from the competition.

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Busy scholastic chess season now underway

School programs and other Roving ChessNuts classes are mostly filled for the winter sessions and new learning opportunities are being held this month and early March to prepare players for the Chess Face-off at Rogers Place on Sunday afternoon, March 11.

The aim of Roving ChessNuts instructors and organizers is to get as many players as possible prepared to do their best at the Rogers Place event.

While first-time open tournament players, particularly those in early elementary school grades, are welcome to enter the competition, they should have experience in using a chess clock and playing against opponents they do not know - unlike in school programs and chess classes where the games are among friends and schoolmates.

Also because tournament officials and others can not give advice during games, a player can find him- or herself in trouble if they know they are winning a game but they do not know how to perform a simple checkmate or promote a pawn so they can go on to win.

Training tournaments, workshops and camps are being offered during February and early March so all players gain experience and knowledge to be more competitive on March 11.

These activities are being offered at both the Roving ChessNuts and Greenfield Community Hall.

Those in beginning chess classes in schools in Edmonton, St. Albert and Sherwood Park should check with their instructors about their ability to participate in the Chess Face-off at Rogers Place.

Details and Entry/Order Form for Chess Faceoff at Rogers Place with Edmonton Oil Kings

See Pages 3 and 4

Checkmating Quotes

“The beauty of chess is it can be whatever you want it to be. It transcends language, age, race, religion, politics, gender and socioeconomic background. Whatever your circumstances, anyone can enjoy a good fight to the death over the chess board.”

Grandmaster Simon Williams



Tournament Chess Pieces with pouch & vinyl board

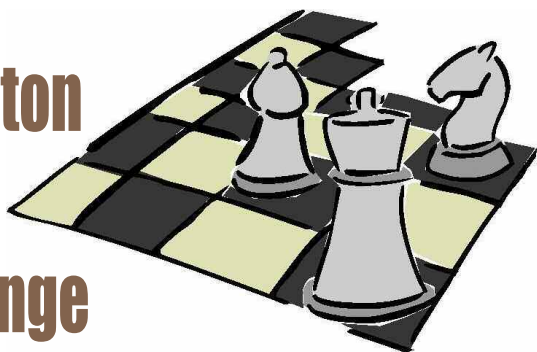
RC student price: **\$23.00+GST**
 These pieces are used in classes and tournaments

Available at **Roving ChessNuts**

12015 76 Street, Edmonton
 Arrangements can be made for delivery to school programs or Greenfield Hall classes

- WHO:** Chess players in grades 1-12.
- WHAT:** Rapid tournament, leading up to the Alberta Chess Challenge.
- WHEN:** Saturday, February 17th @ 12:00 p.m. (check in 11:15 - 11:45)
- WHERE:** The Edmonton Chess Club - #204 10840 124 Street
- WHY:** Because it's fun!

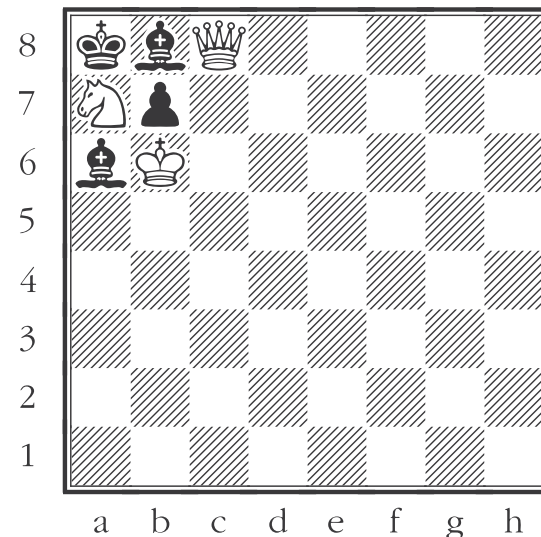
2018 Edmonton Chess Challenge



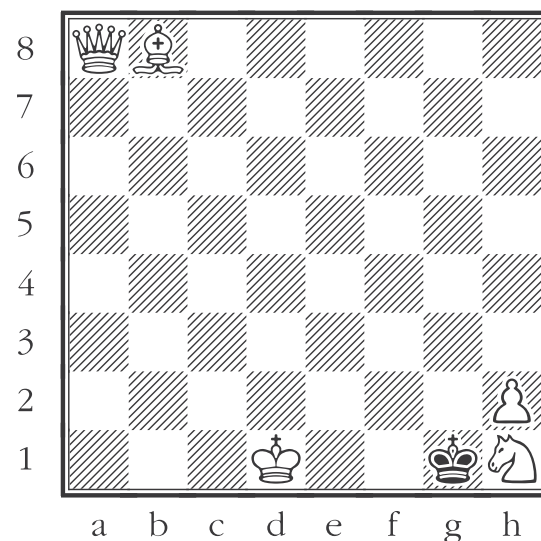
Time control: 25 minutes/game + 5 second delay. \$10 entry fee, paid on-site.
 Top finishers in each grade earn a medal. Playing sections primarily by grade.
To register and for full details, go to <http://albertachess.org/2018ECChall.php>
 NOTE: Registrations will not be accepted on-site!

Solve these end-game problems to improve your ability to checkmate!

White to Move and Checkmate in two moves



White to Move and Checkmate in two moves



Answers in next week's Teasers

Edmonton Girls Only Scholastic Chess Group Invitation to Roving ChessNuts Workshop featuring **Agnieszka Matras-Clement**

Alberta's Highest Rated Female Player • Third in 2017/18 Canadian Women's Championship

Sunday, February 18, 2018 at Roving ChessNuts, 12019 76 Street, Edmonton

Starting 1:00 p.m. Three hours of learning and playing chess

Limited enrollment of female players with tournament experience with preference given to those already entered in March 11 Chess Faceoff at Rogers Place (with Oil Kings game included after tournament)

Fee: \$10 • Call 780-474-2318 to reserve spot & pay fee (Entry in March 11 event also available by phone)



Chess Activities Calendar

The following scholastic chess competitions and activities in Edmonton and area are subject to change. Keep updated: regularly check the website: www.rovingchessnuts.com

Make sure you are on ChessNuts' e-mail contact list so you get newsletters, updates on school programs and other information. To subscribe, please e-mail: rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca or call: **780-474-2318**.

February: Roving ChessNuts' winter classes underway -

Limited number of seats available for Saturday Knights classes at 12019 76 Street while weekday evening classes at Greenfield Hall are mostly filled. Evaluations still being held Saturdays, 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. for new students. Any student wanting to join these classes should apply by e-mail; if new, please book an evaluation first.



Thursday, February 8: Training session for first time tournament players at **Greenfield Hall, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.** \$10 fee. Two instructors on hand to help players learn how to play in a tournament, use clocks and be able to checkmate. Please use back entrance to hall.

Friday, February 9, 7 p.m.: Training for first time tournament players, 12019 76 Street.

Other training sessions are being arranged during February, along with special workshops to get players ready for the individual and school team competition March 11 at Rogers Place. Also during February, invitations will be sent to interested school class players showing progress to attend a Roving ChessNuts class at either the northeast training facility or Greenfield Hall in order to meet and compete against opponents other than those involved in their school classes. Facing a variety of opponents and facing that challenge is essential to develop chess skills.



Sunday, February 18: Girls Only Workshop - invitational only although a few seats may be available - if you have not received an invitation, apply by e-mail or phone 780-474-2318. (More details on Page 2)

March 1 & 2: Teachers' Convention Chess Camps at Roving ChessNuts. Limited enrollment. E-mail or phone to reserve a spot. Chess Camp details will be available on February 8.

March 11: Giant Scholastic Tournament at Rogers Place! See this page and back for details and entry information.

Check www.rovingchessnuts.com & future newsletters
for updates, new events and online registration for tournaments
plus information on school programs and classes



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Orders can be placed by e-mail or phone;
delivered to students in school programs or classes

Important information for parents regarding Chess Faceoff at Rogers Place

This could be Edmonton's biggest chess event of the year and will allow thousands of people outside of the chess community to know that scholastic chess exists and has been students playing competitively for individual and school team awards. It will be a thrill for the young players to be in Rogers Place, Edmonton's number one sports facility, as a chess athlete, not just a spectator! And after proving themselves at the chess boards, the players and their families can enjoy an Edmonton Oil Kings Junior Hockey game against the Kootenay Ice.

To be involved, parents must enter their chess players as soon as possible and no later than March 3. See Page 4 for details and order form. Payment must accompany entry/order form as tickets for entering the Oil Kings Game have to be distributed. No entries or payments can be made on March 11.

1. Because this event is being held at Rogers Place and there could be thousands of people in the facility during the tournament and by game time at 4 p.m., 14,000 or more people in the facility, it is essential that our chess players be supervised at all times. While chess officials will be responsible for supervision in the tournament play area, we will need accompanying parents to help supervise in the informal play area between games and escorting children to bathrooms.


2. There will also be other youth activities happening outside the chess area. Parents will have to make sure their chess players do not go and join these activities and then be absent from their chess games! When they are done all their games, they will be told to be with their parent(s) but be ready to report back to the chess area **by 3:20 p.m.** for awards ceremonies and afterwards players, parents and others having hockey tickets will proceed to enter the arena and sit in **Section 109**. Once inside the arena, players will no longer be under the supervision of the chess organizers and officials, although they will also be seated in the chess Section 109 and can be approached by any player or chess family having a problem.

3. Regularly check for updates about the Faceoff at www.rovingchessnuts.com and the listing of registered players.

4. Chess families are welcome to have other relatives and friends join in purchasing Oil Kings game tickets through our package and they, too, can sit in Section 109. But we would ask that non-chess players and their families getting involved do not arrive until about 3:15 p.m. for the chess awards ceremony. Space may be limited during the tournament. Any proceeds from the Faceoff are going to be channelled to future chess activities in Edmonton and area.

5. Players and their families are responsible for getting themselves to and from this event. There is no parking associated with the entry/ticket package. Please plan ahead regarding this aspect so you are not late for the tournament start nor late for the awards/game if part of the family is coming later.

6. Parents wishing to join the crew involved in setting up/taking down & supervision should send an e-mail to rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca. Depending on duties assigned, credit towards future chess activities given.



EDMONTON OIL KINGS
ORDER FORM
 Tournament spaces are limited, book quickly.
DEADLINE FOR ORDERS: SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

Chess Entry & Ticket Order Form
for Chess Faceoff at Rogers Place with the Oil Kings

Chess player(s) name(s): _____
 Others same family: _____
 School Name & Grade Level: _____
 Phone No. _____
 E-Mail _____

If chess player is not currently rated by the national Chess'n Math Association or not involved in a current Roving ChessNuts program, parent must contact us to arrange evaluation to determine placement in competition. Please E-mail rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca or phone **780-474-2318**.

Please Note: It is mandatory for supervision purposes that at least one adult accompanies player(s) from the same family to the tournament and hockey game. Other parents and siblings could arrive closer to hockey time, about 3:30 p.m. to join chess player. All players must be signed in for the competition by 12:50 p.m. or could forfeit first round game. Minimum of 3 games each player.

Entry and Ticket Packages

Single player entry & ticket \$35 X 1	Additional player same family \$30 X	Adult Hockey Ticket(s) \$25 X	Under 18 Sibling or Friend Ticket(s) \$23 X
\$35	\$	\$	\$

Total \$ _____
 Price includes taxes & fees
 All entries and ticket orders must be paid for when ordered! Orders can be placed by phone and tickets can be held for pick-up prior to or at tournament on March 11. No payments at tournament!

Payment method: Credit/Debit Card Cash
 Cheque payable: Roving ChessNuts
 Cheques can be given to instructors at school or other chess classes or to Roving ChessNuts, 12015 76 Street, Edmonton, AB T5B 2C9; Cards can be called to 780-474-2318. Roving ChessNuts location hours: Weekdays 8:30 to 4:30, Saturdays 9 to 1, or by appointment for evaluations and payments.

Updates on event: www.rovingchessnuts.com
DEADLINE for orders: Saturday, March 3, 2018

This form can also be printed from www.rovingchessnuts.com and updates and players list are also on the website




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SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018
CHESS SIGN-IN AT 12:30 PM AT ROGERS PLACE
OIL KINGS VS. ICE GAME AT 4:00 PM



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