

Roving ChessNuts CHESS Teasers

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

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We welcome the new 2018 - 2019 Scholastic Chess Season!



Just hanging out with Chess buddies!

Actually the hanging out was actually the Dead Man's Hanging fitness match between opponents after their chess game.

During the Commando Chess Tournament held at the Roving ChessNuts' Giant Summer Camp at Greenfield Hall in late August, opponents in each round of chess games had to then compete in a fitness activity. Often the winner of the chess game was not the winner of the fitness event, and there were some half-point draws in the fitness events as well.

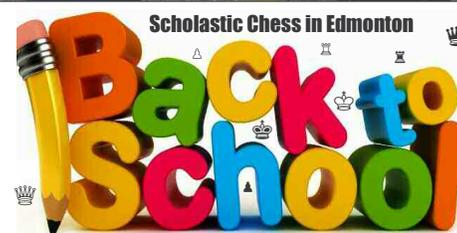
Participants ranged from Kindergarten to high school grades with the majority being Division 2 elementary guys. But the few girls did very well with Tetyana Shelevach winning the top-rated round robin early in the week and Vanessa Rodriguez winning two medals for Commando Chess and fitness achievements.

Displays of sportsmanship and helping others were common occurrences throughout the five-day camp.

More photos and competitive results in this issue of Chess Teasers



**Roving ChessNuts
Fall Classes
are beginning
September 10
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Scholastic Chess in Edmonton
Sunday, September 23
Greenfield Hall
3803 114 Street

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These participants show off the trophies and medals they won during the Roving ChessNuts Giant Summer Camp which attracted over 30 participants to Greenfield Hall during the last week of August before school started. The awards were earned in the Commando Chess Tournament held one afternoon and also for fitness achievements during the entire week. Additional awards for some participants will be given out now that Chess'n Math rating reports for hundreds of games during the week of lessons and playing have been posted. The week featured a lot of fun for participants, instructors and organizers. All participants are praised for the efforts they put into their learning, playing and fitness activities.

Chess Activities

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 classes, plus other information. To subscribe, e-mail: rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca or call: 780-474-2318.

Free evaluations of chess skills at the Roving Chess-Nuts, 12015 76 Street and sometimes at Greenfield Hall. Necessary for proper placement in classes, coaching sessions and competitions. Appointments necessary and usually held on weekends or some weekday evenings ... phone or e-mail. Get your child started the right way!

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday evening classes (6:30) at Greenfield Hall, 3803 114 Street; Saturday mornings at Callingwood Recreation Centre, 2nd floor, 17740 69 Avenue: Various levels of classes which start September 10, September 12, September 15 and September 18. You must apply to join these classes and some are filled or nearly filled. Call or e-mail.

Sunday afternoon, September 23: Back to School open scholastic tournament at Greenfield Hall. Link to details and online registration on website.

Sunday afternoon, October 21: Tournament at Greenfield Hall.

Sunday, November 4: Tournament at Greenfield Hall.

Sunday, November 25: Tournament at Greenfield Hall.

Sunday, December 9: Holiday Treats Tournament at Greenfield Hall

January and February, 2019: Likely to be two tournaments each month with sites being Greenfield Hall, Callingwood Rec Centre and Beaumont Public Library, watch for details in future newsletter

Sunday, March 10: Chess with the Oil Kings at Rogers Place featuring School Team Championships and Round Robins for Individuals not on a school team.

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



Chess Camp Scenes

At the Roving ChessNuts' Giant Summer Camp, there were fitness competitions including seeing who could throw various weighted balls the furthest, and some breaks from the chess lessons and boards meant hanging out on the Greenfield Hall playground structures.



Commando Chess played August 30 - Recognized Players

Overall First Place - Toby Li

Overall Top Chess Player - Alex Wang

Overall Fitness Top Scorer - Jack Campbell

Section B Top Chess Player - Daniel Nazarov

Gold Medals - Vanessa Rodriguez and Nishan

Abulike;

Silver - Jayden Li, Jerry Nie, Scott Tang and

Lucas O'Keefe

Students taking chess classes need a chess set at home to practice with between weekly classes;

While clocks are not necessary unless you are playing in tournaments, a clock can help make home games less time-consuming and fairer



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Tournament Chess Pieces with pouch & vinyl board

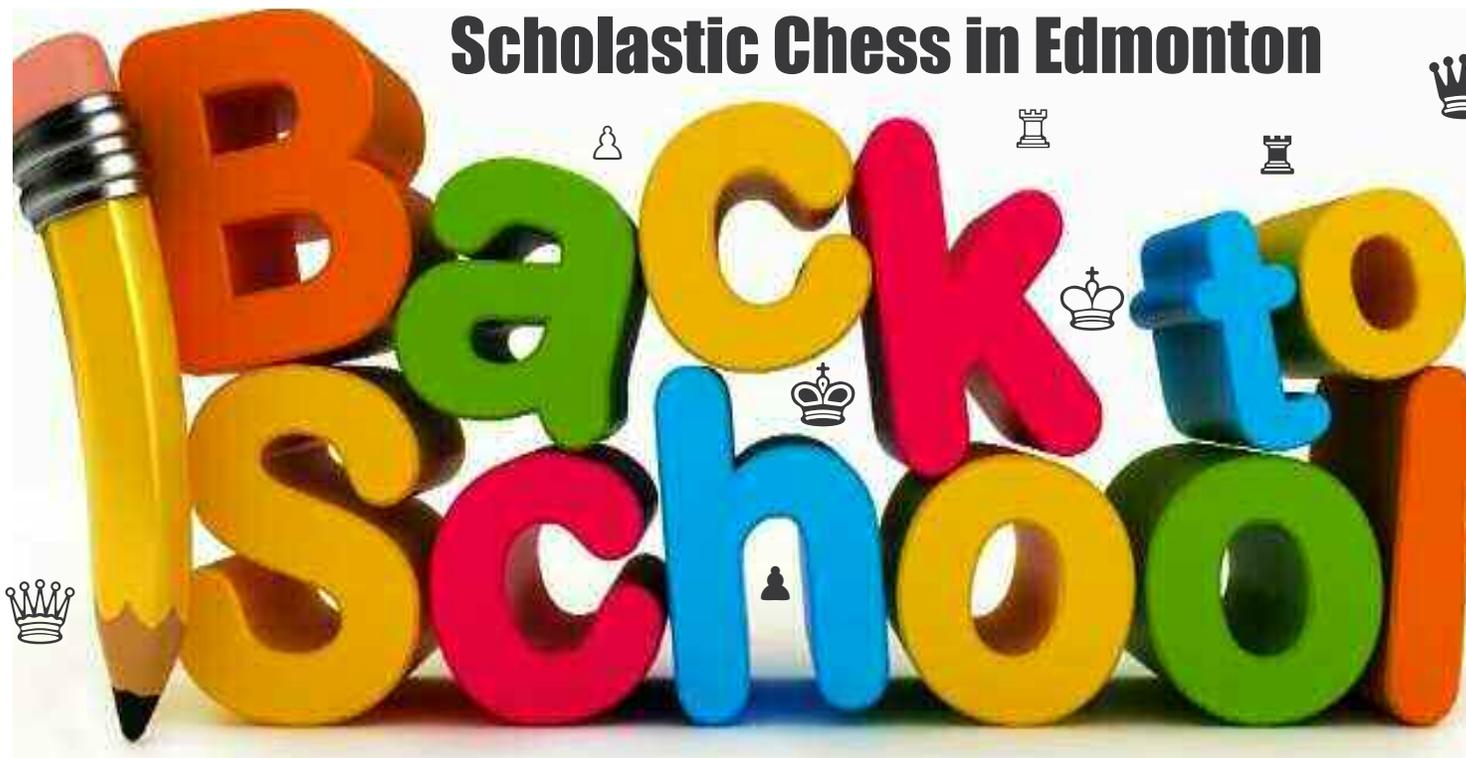
RC student price: **\$23⁰⁰+GST = \$24.15**

Available at **Roving ChessNuts**
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These pieces are used in classes and tournaments; Green squares on board, red or blue pouch Reg. price 29⁹⁵

Scholastic Chess in Edmonton



**Sunday,
September 23**

Tournament

**Greenfield Hall
3803 114 Street**

Round Robin format of similar chess ratings among all levels of players*
Trophy for first and medals for all other players in each section

Entry fee: \$25 • \$10 less for 2nd player same family

Payment by cheque to Roving ChessNuts given at class or school program or mailed to
 12015 76 Street T5B 2C9 or prepay by credit card by calling 780-474-2318

All players involved in minimum of three games

Sign-in time at Greenfield Hall: 12:30 to 12:45 p.m. - Competition likely to last until 3 p.m.

List of registered players and other updates at www.rovingchessnuts.com

Further information available by phoning [780-474-2318](tel:780-474-2318) or email: rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca

* Players without an established chess rating and unknown to Roving ChessNuts programs should arrange an evaluation for proper placement in competition by phone or e-mail. Unrated players and new players in Roving ChessNuts school programs and classes should ask their instructor if they are ready to enter a tournament. Must know all legal moves and how to checkmate!

Other information for Players and Parents regarding tournaments

1. Usually within 24 hours after you register online, the player's name will appear in a Registered Players List posted on the home page of www.rovingchessnuts.com. In the last week before the tournament, the players list will be updated frequently and if players are divided into sections according to ratings or other factors, players will be listed in the probable section of competition subject to changing due to additional entries, drop-outs or other factors. A player should definitely check the website before coming to the hall to see the final listing to see what table section they should go to after signing in. The officials on site do not have time to tell each player what section he or she will be playing in.

2. To withdraw from an event in which you are listed as a participant, you must email: rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca at least six hours before sign-in time or call 780-474-2318. After that call or text 780-554-7280. Failure to do so could result in forfeit of prepaid entry fee, forfeit of first round game (meaning loss of rating points) because the participant is expected to be there, or other penalties.

3. For tournaments, you are expected to arrive at the playing site 15 minutes prior to scheduled starting time or during the posted sign-in time period.. If you are going to be later than sign-in time, you should phone or text 780-554-7280 to say you will be late and at approximately what time you will arrive. If your arrival time will be within 15 minutes after the start, you may still play in the first round but you may have lost time on your clock.

4. Parents: We can not predict the exact ending time of most tournaments. With clock use, each round of games with a few minutes break between could take one hour, so a minimum of three games starting at 1 p.m. could take until 4 p.m. and then there is a possibly of tiebreak games or if a round-robin of six players was held that means a possible 5 hours plus any tiebreak games, so 6 p.m. could be the ending. But scholastic players usually do not use all their clock time and the lower-rated and younger sections often are done within 90 minutes. So we usually suggest that parents expect a tournament starting around 1 p.m. to end between 2:30 and 3 p.m. for lower-rated and younger sections and between 3:00 and 3:45 p.m. for higher-rated and older players.

5. Usually results of the tournament are posted on www.rovingchessnuts.com the evening of the tournament or the next morning and the Chess'n Math rating report of the event is available late in the following week and can be found by clicking on the Chess'n Math logo on the home page of the ChessNuts.

Chess players show off their fitness



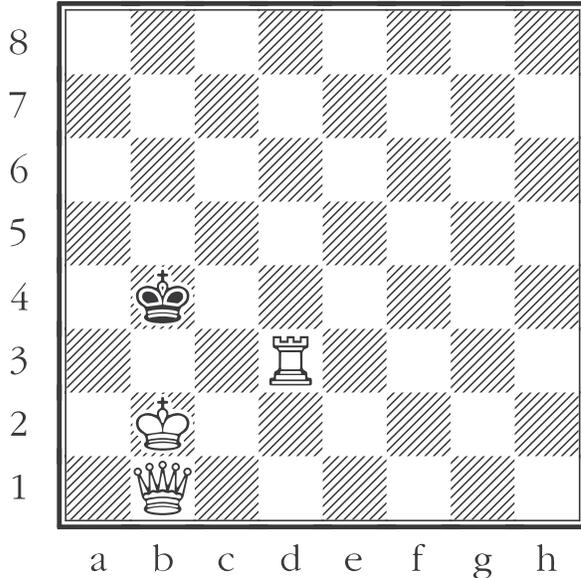
During the Roving ChessNuts' Giant Summer Chess Camp, participants did a lot of running while playing soccer, competing in races and doing a bit of interval training in the Greenfield Park fields. There were also some other fitness activities including a plank competition and sprints during the Commando Chess event.

Victor Merritt, who besides playing chess, is also a dedicated young gymnast, out-did all the other players by holding the plank position for 10 minutes, three minutes longer than the next best and over eight minutes longer than those needing to improve their strength.

Camp participants winning medals for their fitness performances were Victor Merritt, Stefan Zelko, Scott Tang, Nishan Abulike, Alex Zhu and Vanessa Rodriguez.

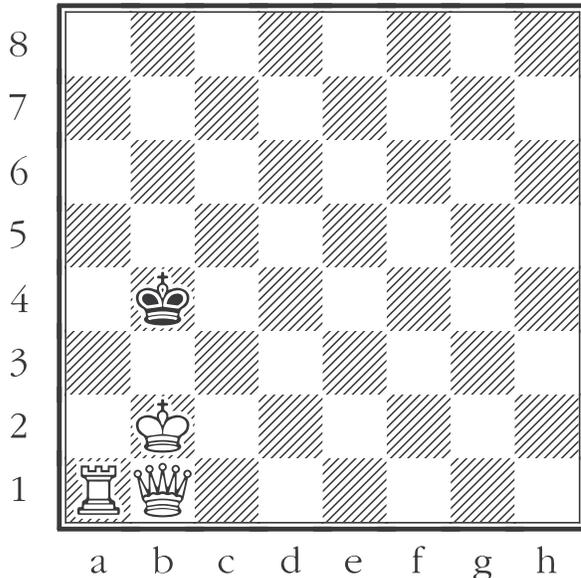


White moves, checkmates in two



White **Black**
 1. _____ 1. _____
 2. _____

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Players learn opening theories during a lesson and put those lessons to use by competing in games rated by the national Chess' n Math Association based in Montreal. During this summer camp, 240 games were rated.



American Grandmaster challenges World Champ Magnus Carlsen for world chess title in November

From Inside the Games website

The World Chess Federation (FIDE) has announced reigning world champion Magnus Carlsen and challenger Fabiano Caruana have signed contracts to take part in the World Chess Championship Match in London.

The title bout is scheduled to take place in the capital city from November 9 to 28.

The College, located in Holborn, will be the venue for the match.

"I am very grateful for Magnus and Fabiano for making signing the contracts an efficient process, and also happy with how these contracts evolve: they reflect the fact that chess had truly become a professional sport, and both players are professionals," said Ilya Merenzon, FIDE President.

"We are looking forward to working with both players and hope that the match will become an event of the century."

Norway's Carlsen will hope to secure

a fourth straight world title at the event.

He first claimed the title in 2013 when he overcame India's Viswanathan Anand in Chennai, before beating his opponent again the following year in Sochi.

Carlsen's last victory came against Russia's Sergey Karjakin in New York City in 2016.

Caruana will be his next challenger after the American emerged as the winner of the FIDE Candidates tournament.

Details from other sources

Fabiano Caruana is age 25 and a USA Chess Federation member. His current rating is 2784 and became the challenger by winning the 2018 candidate title. Some chess analysts say he has a 20 to 1 shot at being the next world champion.

Magnus Carlsen was born November 30, 1990 in Norway and is rated 2,839. He has the highest FIDE rating in history - 2882 which came in 2014. He became a Grandmaster at age 13.

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