

FRIDAY NIGHT CHESS BONANZA at Greenfield Hall

This will be an almost weekly event during the rest of the school year, allowing only **keen players rated 800 and over** to get in serious rated games, plus participation in at least one learning exercise each session by different instructors/coaches.

The first Bonanza will be held Friday, **January 11**, 6:30 to 9:00. Other Fridays will be **January 25, February 15 and 22**, (Teachers' Convention day-time Chess Camp at Greenfield Hall on February 28 and March 1) **March 15 and 22, April 5, 19 and 26**. A total of nine sessions and all sessions will be a minimum of two hours - times will be discussed at first two sessions. (A reminder e-mail will be sent to each student player/parent the Monday of the week there is a Friday night Bonanza.)

There will be at least two tournaments held during the nine sessions with trophies, medals or other prizes being awarded, and at least one but more likely two rated games being played each Friday. Players will be expected to record most games or at least opening moves depending on time control. Although some extra fun and fitness activities will be held during some Bonanzas, this program is meant to improve chess through good competition and learning situation. Behavior problems or lack of serious effort could cause suspension or expulsion.



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Drop-in Fee \$15
payable each Friday attended
or purchase a punch card
for all nine sessions or five or more
sessions to receive
\$2 discount
for each session purchased
(10% discount for 2nd same family)

Remember your rating must be 800 or over - siblings who have not reached that rating are not allowed to attend - so that's an incentive to achieve that rating!

Richard Roberts Memorial Scholastic Tournament #2

Sunday, January 20, 2019 at Greenfield Hall, 3803 114 Street, Edmonton Sign-in 12:30 p.m.

This tournament is held each chess season in recognition of the late Richard Roberts who instructed thousands of students in Roving ChessNuts classes over a dozen years. Cancer claimed him at age 74, about two weeks after his final class of the school year in June 2017. Prior to joining the ChessNuts, he was a retired teacher and principal. Besides being an avid chess player he also was a life-long recreational athlete and he set many provincial age-group records in swimming and track and field events.



First R.R. Memorial Tournament winners were Caleb Menard (left) in the under 800 rating section and James Windram in the over 800 rating section. Over 50 players competed.

Online registration link at www.rovingchessnuts.com

along with updates about this event and a list of registered players. Register as soon as possible to get your name on the list and if you wish to prepay entry on card via phone 780-474-2318 or cheque handed to instructor at RC classes/school programs. This lessens line-up at sign-in. Swiss format of a minimum of three games for all players using clocks; four games for leaders after three rounds plus any tiebreak games for trophies. All players get a chess medal if they miss out on a trophy. All players also eligible for draw prizes!

Three sections of play:

- Over 800-rated: 1st to 3rd trophies**
- 500- to 799-rated: 1st to 3rd trophies**
- Unrated to 499-rated: 1st to 3rd trophies**

Each section may be limited to 20 players, so all the more reason to register early!

Medals
to all other
finishers

Entry fee: \$30 • \$20 for 2nd player same family • 3rd \$10

Deadline for entering 6 p.m. January 17 but entries could close when 60-plus players are registered!

Register online at: www.rovingchessnuts.com
or call 780-474-2318 to prepay by card or questions



Other information for Players and Parents regarding tournaments

1. Usually within 24 hours after you register online, player's name will appear in a Registered Players List posted on the home page of www.rovingchessnuts.com. In the last three days before entries close, the list will be updated frequently with players divided into sections according to ratings and other factors. Sections are subject to change due to additional entries, drop-outs or other factors. A player must check the website before coming to the hall to see final listing for table section they should go to after signing in. Final players lists will also be posted at the hall.

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) or other penalties.

3. 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't predict the exact ending time of tournaments. Scholastic players usually do not use all their clock time but if there are longer games and tiebreak games, the tournament may go beyond projected finish time.

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 usually available later in the week and can be found by clicking on the Chess'n Math logo on the home page of the ChessNuts.



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Good Luck to All Participants in This Event! (as of Jan. 9 - over 20 players)