

# Girls rock at Candy Cane Tournament

## Win three of top four sections; along with other top three finishes in other sections

Boys always dominate open scholastic tournaments in Edmonton. There are usually 5 or more boys for each girl in Edmonton tournaments, although this chess season more females are involved and the ratio is getting close to 4 to 1.

At the November Chess Blast tournaments, girls were mostly shut out of top three finishes in every round robin. A special award based on rating gains at the tournament was dominated

by boys while no female player actually gained any rating points and the female prize was awarded to Aywen Ko because she won 50% of her games.

At the December 10 Candy Cane Tournament at Greenfield Hall, the 12 girls among the 54 entrants, turned the tables on the male players, winning four of 11 sections of play, capturing three second places, and tying for third place in two sections.

Since the four girls taking first places - Tetyana Shelevach, Anu Purevjamts, Michelle Enkhtaivan and Dana Lee - won their sections without losing any games, it is likely that one of them will get the most-rating-points-gained awards for this tournament after the national Chess'n Math Association publishes the event's rating report later this week.

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### Results of Candy Cane Round Robin Sections:

**Section A:** 1. Garrick Johnson, 2.5; 2. Nathan Thunder, 2.0; 3. Ethan Chin, 1.5; 4. Andrew Xiao, 0.0.

**Section B:** 1. Tetyana Shelevach, 3.0; 2. Max Pankewitz, 1.5; 3. Eric Jin, 1.0; 4. Nick Pkhovelishvili, 0.5.

**Section C:** 1. Anu Purevjamts, 3.0; 2. Terry Li, 2.0; 3. Aike Siraki, 1.0; 4. Shreyas Prasanna, 0.0.

**Section D:** 1. Michelle Enkhtaivan, 3.0; 2. Trutan Vander-Leeuw, 2.0; 3. Aedan Lobo, 1.0; Caleb Menard, 0.0.

**Section E:** 1. Pranavan Mahendran, 3.0; 2. Aywen Ko on tiebreak, 2.5; 3. Pascal Lacroix tiebreak, 2.0; 4. Armaan Patel tiebreak, 1.6; 5. Ashwin Shreekumar, 0.0.

**Section F:** 1. Jason Pan on tiebreak, 4.0; 2. Brianna Dayman tiebreak, 3.0; 3-4 tied. Timothy Nguyen and Jasmyn Lobo, 2.0 each; 5. Viktor Merritt, 0.0.

**Section G:** 1. Eric Johnson, 4.0; 2. Brody Walleback, 3.5; 3. Caleb Casorso, 3.0; 4. Syenne Ko, 2.5; 5. Kartik Jindal, 1.5; 6. Lazarus Knorren, 0.5.

**Section H:** 1. Emerson Brinkman, 5.0; 2. Alex Qu, 4.0; 3-4 tied. Frank Xia and Cindy Wu, 2.0 each; 5-6 tied. Owen Pankewitz and Isaac Hsung, 1.0 each.

**Section I:** 1. Dana Lee, 4.0; 2. Benjamin Zhu, 2.5; 3. Preston Russell, 1.5; 4-5 tied Alexa Stewart and Meshach Emke, 1.0 each; 6. Tushar Kalia, 0.0.

**Section J:** 1. Jie Xu, 4.0; 2. Grier Ferdinand on tiebreak, 3.5; 3. Liam Cerbas tiebreak, 2.5; 4. Alex Schlender, 1.0; 5. Aiden Lee, 0.0.

**Section K:** 1. Caleb Tauber, 3.5; 2. Zihan Dai, 3.0; 3. Zhakai Herdsman, 2.0; 4. Caleb Hsung, 1.5; 5. Elise Ogg, 0.0.



Section A



3 of 4 Players  
Section B

### Welcome 2018 Chess Camps

at the Roving ChessNuts 12019 76 Street, Edmonton  
Full Day (8:30 to 5 p.m.) Half Day (8:30 to 12:30 or 1 to 5 p.m.)  
Thursday & Friday, January 4 & 5, 2018  
(Limited enrollment, priority to full-day students)



(Full-Day players must bring a bag lunch; a.m./p.m. snacks provided)

Two instructors on hand so both beginners and experienced players rated up to 1000 will benefit from these camps

Full Day: \$45 plus GST Both Full Days: \$80 plus GST

Half-Day: \$27 plus GST Two Half Days: \$45 plus GST

15% discount  
2nd player same family

Dropoffs accepted as early as 8 a.m.; pick-up until 5:20 p.m. / Students should bring water bottle and footwear for outside breaks, weather permitting.

E-mail [rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca](mailto:rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca) or call 780-474-2318 to register for camps, specify date and times; or ask for further details

## Female players excel ...

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The Candy Cane Tournament offered the top four sections of players cash prizes for first place, so female players won 75% of the prize fund of \$220. Cash prizes are usually awarded only in the top sections where the players are often older and usually have invested money and time in taking chess classes or extra professional coaching.

The Candy Cane event also featured the participation of about 10 players who were unrated and/or gaining their first or second tournament experience.

Officials, Derek Thomas, Prayus Shrestha and Bruce Thomas donned Santa and elf caps and expressed delight at the conclusion of the Sunday afternoon that all players showed good sportsmanship and many of the experienced tournament players continued to show progress in their skills.

This tournament also had extra pre-holiday joy attached due to the hotdog lunch and snacks, treat bags and extra draw prizes.

### Santa telegrams

The event started with a telegram from Santa explaining that on a test run of his reindeer sleigh to Norway, he had played World Champ Magnus Carlson and lost, so he didn't show up Sunday because he wasn't ready to compete against the talented Edmonton scholastic players.



Greenfield Hall had some holiday decorations added as chess players gathered to battle over the boards.

Entrants were also eligible to win draw prizes, including chess books, chess camp vouchers and at least 10 Lindt chocolate products. All players and any of their siblings on hand also got a candy cane treat package after their hotdog lunch.



## Chess 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](http://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](mailto:rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca) If you have questions, call: 780-474-2318.

**December into early January:** Roving ChessNuts' various classes and school programs will be entering their winter sessions lasting to February or March. Many are expected to be filled with returning students, but e-mail your interest and we will try to accommodate newcomers!

**December 19: Family Chess Workshop** at Greenfield Hall. This Tuesday evening, 6:30 to 7:45, event is open to parent and player, and shows how parents can help children with chess practice and exercises at home between classes in schools and other venues. E-mail [rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca](mailto:rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca) to register. Cost is only \$10 per family. Past Family Chess workshops have shown that players having someone to help them at home, show better progress in developing their skills.



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These pieces are used in classes and tournaments

**\$23.00+GST**

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**Roving ChessNuts**

**January 4 and 5: Full and Half Day Chess Camps at Roving ChessNuts,** 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.. (See front page.) Please e-mail [rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca](mailto:rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca) to indicate your interest. See notice on front page. Enrollment limited so register ASAP.

**January 13: Tournament at Beaumont Public Library,** 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; open to Beaumont and Edmonton players. Online details and registration starts later this week.

**January 28:** (note: change from January 21 from last newsletter) **Sunday afternoon scholastic tournament at Greenfield Hall;** watch for details. Sign in by 12:45 p.m..

**February 25:** (note: change from February 11 from last newsletter) **Sunday afternoon scholastic tournament at Greenfield Hall;** watch for details. Sign in by 12:45 p.m..

**March 11: Giant Scholastic Tournament at Rogers Place!** This will include both school team and individual competitions in association with an Edmonton Oil Kings hockey game honouring scholastic chess players!

Regularly check [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com) & future newsletters for updates and online registration for the above events plus activities such as school team matches, girls only club and other scholastic chess activities for Grades K to 12!