



## Chess Activities

The following scholastic chess competitions and activities in Edmonton and area are subject to change. Keep updated: regularly check: [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 classes, plus other information. To subscribe, e-mail: [rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca](mailto:rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca) or call: 780-474-2318.

**Free evaluations of chess skills at the Roving ChessNuts, 12015 76 Street, and sometimes at Greenfield Hall Wednesday evenings and Callingwood Rec Centre Saturday mornings.**

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!

**Classes Monday thru Wednesday evenings at Greenfield Hall are mostly filled. There are openings for Saturday morning classes at Beaumont Public Library and Callingwood Rec Centre.** You must apply to join these classes. Please call or e-mail.

**Sunday afternoon, October 21: Tournament at Greenfield Hall.**

**Sunday, November 4: Tournament at Greenfield Hall.**

**Sunday, November 25: Tournament at Greenfield Hall.**

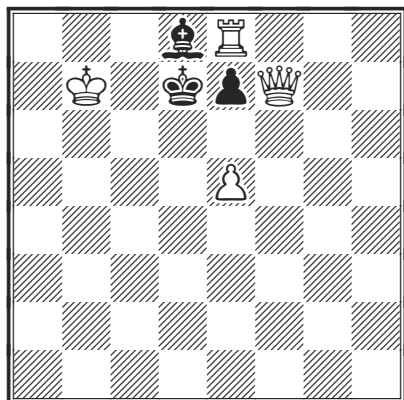
**Sunday, December 9: Holiday Treats Tournament at Greenfield Hall**

**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.

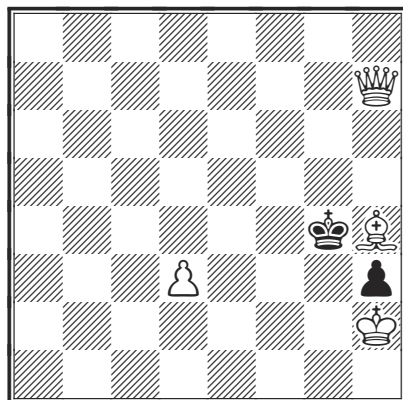
Check [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com) & future newsletters for updates, new events and online registration for events, plus details on school programs and classes

White moves, checkmates in two



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**Black** 1. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Back to School Tournament



## Albertans lead Canadian Teams at 2018 Chess Olympiads

Both teams finish ahead of expectations

Alberta's only home-grown Grandmaster Eric Hansen of Calgary was the highest-rated member of Canada's Open Team at the 2018 Chess Olympiad in Batumi, Georgia, while Women's International Master Agnieszka Matras-Clement of Leduc played Board 1 (highest rated) for the Canadian Women's Team.

The Olympiads are held every two years and this year's event attracted 150 teams in each of the Open and Women's divisions, representing countries or specific chess federations. About 4,000 top chess players participated, mostly Grandmasters in the open division.

In the 11-round competition, Canada's Open Team was ranked 28th at the start, but finished in 23rd place after winning six matches. China won the Open, followed by the United States and Russia. All three teams' final place was determined by tiebreak as each country had won 8 matches, drawn two and lost one each.

Meanwhile, the Canadian Women were ranked 40th at the start and finished 38th after winning six matches, drawing one and losing four. China took the women's title, followed by Ukraine and host country Georgia.

Interesting notes for the two Alberta players were that in the first round when the women's team played Uganda, Agnieszka played and beat the actual Queen of Katwe, not the actress, from the chess movie of the same name about how chess elevated a girl from her life in the slums. Eric had a losing game against former world champ Anand of India.

Some of the Olympiad games played by the Albertans were featured in lessons at Roving ChessNuts classes while the event was occurring in late September and early October.