



Meyonohk wins first team match

With Halloween decorations and lollipops to enjoy along with chess, the Meyonohk Elementary team celebrated October 28 with a victory over Stratford Elementary in the first team match of the school year.

Members of the winning team were Board 1 Leo Li, 2 Terry Li, 3 Brianna Dayman, 4 Owen Lee and 5 Martin Lee. Brianna won the trophy as Meyonohk's top scorer, winning all three of her match games. In the match held at The Roving ChessNuts, Meyonohk scored 10 points while Stratford scored 5 points.

Meyonohk who had held championship team status during the 2015/16 and 2016/17 scholastic season will next take on George P. Nicholson School prior to the Christmas break. A team championship match is expected to be held in March.

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A few costumed players battled at the Beaumont Public Library Roving ChessNuts class on Saturday, October 28. Besides the games, more than a dozen students also enjoyed some Halloween treats.



The Beaumont class and library, along with instructor Prayus Shrestha will be hosting an open scholastic chess tournament the afternoon of January 13. While the tournament will give priority to scholastic players in Beaumont, it is expected that up to 20 players from south Edmonton will also be able to compete. Details and registration for the tournament will become available in December.



Every player gets treats at the December 10 Sunday afternoon Holiday Tournament at Greenfield Hall!

Details and Registration to be posted November 8

November Break 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, November 9 & 10, 2017

How can I Improve my tournament results?

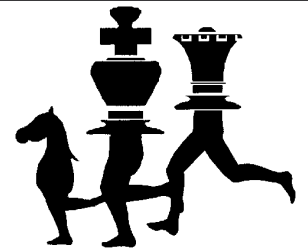
is the topic of these camps with emphasis on how to plan your strategy and successfully ending a game

(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

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E-mail rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca or call **780-474-2318** to register for camps, specify date and times; or for further details



A small but energetic group of young female chess players met at the Roving ChessNuts on October 29 to organize the Girls Only Program which will combine chess learning and playing with other activities that are enjoyed by elementary and junior high girls.

During the afternoon, the girls learned about improvising for public speaking or theatrical purposes and they also played chess. The group decided they wanted to meet perhaps twice a month, learn more about chess and also gain experience or knowledge about other activities. Since the meeting, some other girls have expressed interest in joining and a date - probably on a Sunday afternoon - is expected to be announced soon about the next session.

Chess Instructors / Chess Supervisors required for 2017/18 school year

Roving ChessNuts has a growing number of opportunities to teach chess or supervise children with chess games. Supervisors must be good chess players and able to supervise younger children as they learn legal moves and how to checkmate. Perfect well-paid parttime work for retired teachers and university students having noon hours and after school availability or weekday evenings.

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The score was close in the first two rounds of play, but a third round saw the above Stratford Elementary team suffer a loss to Meyonohk Elementary in the first school team match of the 2017/18 scholastic chess season. Members of the Stratford team were Board 1 Jasmyn Lobo, 2 Matei Lobo, 3 Isabelle Der, 4 Arthur Jiang and 5 Dana Lee. Dana received a trophy for being her team's top scorer who won all three of her games.

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

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

If you need clarification or have questions, call: **780-474-2318**.

Sunday, November 5: Afternoon Tournament at Greenfield Hall.

November 9 & 10: Fall School Break Chess Camps at R.C.

November/December: Command Chess returns for Boys, Grades 4 to 6! BUT we need to see some boys actually express interest by sending an e-mail to rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca by November 11. The event is likely to be held on a Sunday morning or early afternoon and consists of participants playing a game of chess and then performing a physical activity such as a shuttle run, standing jump, throwing event. There will be five games and five physical tests with points awarded in both. There will be trophies and medals for top combined scores as well as runners-up in just chess and just athletic endeavors. This event will be held indoors and take up to three hours.

December 10: Sunday Afternoon Christmas Tournament at Greenfield Hall. This is usually one of the biggest Edmonton scholastic tournaments of the year. Lots of door prizes which all players are eligible for; treats served during the event and, of course, trophies and medals to be won in battles over the chess board! Entries will be limited to about 60, so it will be important to register early. Details and online registration to be posted and e-mailed on November 8.

January 13: Tournament at Beaumont Public Library, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; open to Beaumont and Edmonton players.

March 11: Giant Scholastic Tournament at Rogers Place!

Other 2018 winter/spring dates to be posted in coming issues

Evaluating your child's chess abilities

Roving ChessNuts have since 2001 been teaching people of all ages how to play chess by international rules and in a manner that gives them the skills and educational benefits to gain respect from their opponents and other chess enthusiasts. Tactics, strategies, proper openings, middle game knowledge and how to properly finish a game are taught through lectures, coaching and hands-on practice, study materials and serious play.

For students in Grades 4 and higher who already play recreationally, evaluations are needed if they wish to enter a tournament for the first time and do not have a recognized chess rating. The evaluation is needed to determine in which section of the competition they should be placed so they have a chance for success. We do not want keen but untutored young chess players to be crushed in a competition and lose interest in the sport.

These older students may also need to be evaluated to determine which class level they should be in based on their current knowledge and skills.

Prospective students and tournament players below Grade 4 and as young as four-years-old need to be evaluated to determine if they have the maturity to handle the individual competitiveness of chess, the attention and focus to both learn and play, and the ability to work with peers and children of other ages in a learning and competitive environment.

Evaluations are held at no charge by appointment at the Roving ChessNuts' training facility in northeast Edmonton and if possible, the best time for younger children is 8:30 a.m. Saturdays just prior to a 9 a.m. beginners class at the same location. If the child feels comfortable and the evaluator feels the child would be a suitable student, the child may stay for the first class so that his or her group interactions can also be observed.

Evaluations other days and times can be arranged and are also free of charge, ranging from 30 to 45 minutes. Besides determining the current chess knowledge of the prospective student, an initial basic lesson or coaching tips for players beyond basics may occur.

Call **780-474-2318** or e-mail rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca
to arrange an evaluation or if you require further information



Players/Parents invited to become Chess Ambassadors! Call 780-474-2318



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