

FALL &  
PRE-HALLOWEEN

**CHESS**

For Students  
Grades K - 12

**EVENT**



**Sunday, October 21**

**at Greenfield Hall 3803 114 St. Edmonton**

With a large number of new students joining us during the summer and at the start of the school year, we expect many beginning players at this and other fall tournaments. Remember to qualify to play individually or on your school team at the Rogers Place chess event next March, you will have had to play in at least two open tournaments to establish your rating. Competitions are organized so that beginners face each other, not higher rated players.

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 2:45 to 3:15 p.m.

List of registered players and other updates at [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com)

Further information available by phoning

**780-474-2318** or email: [rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca](mailto: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!

# Roving ChessNuts CHESS Teasers

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

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*The 2018 - 2019 Scholastic Chess Season is now well underway!*



**Back to School  
Tournament**

**Section C**

## Back to School Tournament kicks off 2018/19 chess season

September tournaments after the start of the school year usually have various degrees of participation. The 2018 version on September 23 at Greenfield Hall mustered enough players for five round-robin divisions of either four or six players.

Directed by The Roving ChessNuts, highlights included Eric Jin, the lowest rated player in the top section, winning the trophy while his younger brother Linus playing in his first tournament, topped the lowest beginners' section. Caleb Menard in Section B was the only other player besides Eric Jin to get a perfect score.

It is expected that upcoming fall tournaments will see higher attendance, particularly as record number of students are being seen in Roving ChessNuts programs both in schools and non-school venues.

### Full Results of the Back to School Event:

**Section A:** 1. Eric Jin, 3.0; 2. Shreyas Prasanna, 2.0; 3. Anu Purevjamts, 1.0; 4. Huatong Zhang.

**Section B:** 1. Caleb Menard, 3.0; 2. Pranavan Mahendran, 2.0; 3. Michele Enkhtaivan, 1.0; 4. Artie Murallidaran.

**Section C:** 1. Kai Riley, 3.5; 2-3 tied Scott Tang and Viktor Merritt, 3.0 each; 4. Nuno Gao, 2.5; 5. Caleb Casorso, 2.0; 6. Andrew Wang, 1.0.

**Section D:** 1. Glenn Bi, 4.0; 2. Nedavya Singla, 3.5; 3. Daniel Nazarov, 2.5; 4-5 tied Frank Xia and Daniel Strungaru, 2.0 each; 6. Emerson Brinkman, 1.0.

**Section E:** 1. Linus Jin, 4.5; 2. Liam Dalton, 4.0; 3. Jamal Virani, 3.0; 4. Manny Peria, 2.0; 5. Miles Zacharko, 1.0; 6. Daniel Wang, 0.5.



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More Back to School Photos on Back, along with calendar of events

**Lessons and Rated Games at Callingwood Rec Centre**

**Saturday mornings, 9 to 11:30** 2nd floor, 17740 69 Avenue

Call 780-474-2318 or e-mail [rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca](mailto:rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca) for more information



**Section E**

## 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.**

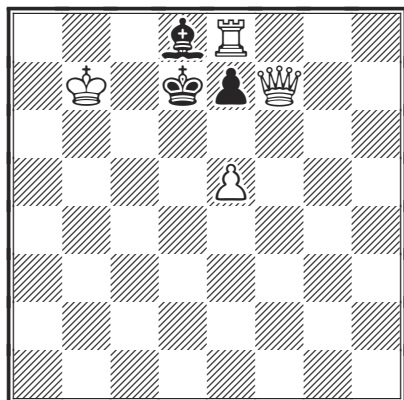
**Sunday, December 9: Holiday Treats Tournament at Greenfield Hall**

**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.

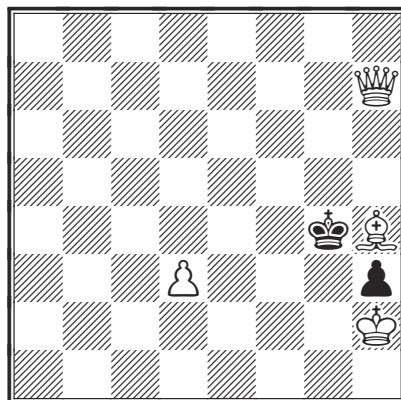
Check [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com) & future newsletters for updates, new events and online registration for events, plus details on school programs and classes

White moves, checkmates in two



**White** 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
**Black** 1. \_\_\_\_\_

White moves, checkmates in two



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

## Back to School Tournament



**Section B**



## 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.