



Get a flower for Mom and tournament experience or chess warm-up on May 13,
Then compete for your School Grade Champion title on June 3

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Meyonohk Elementary wins team championship for third consecutive year

Due to the strong and perfect-score performances of the two highest-rated players in the School Team Championships on April 22, Meyonohk claimed the 2018 title. Brothers Brendan and Alexander Tan each won all four of their games while Prisha Shrestha and Terry Li also scored points to give Meyonohk a 13.5 to 10.5 victory over runner-up G.P. Nicholson School.

It all came down to the last round when both teams were tied, 10-10, but Meyonohk dominated the match between the two schools, 3.5 to 0.5.

St. Albert school, Ecole La Mission was the champ among the lower rated school teams. (Results below right)



Meyonohk Champs



Runner-Up G.P. Nicholson

Grade championships promise big battles on chess boards

On June 3 at Greenfield Hall, scholastic chess players will battle their school grade competitors, meaning if you are a grade 2 player you will only face others in grade 2. All competitors, Grades 1 through 9, will receive either a top place trophy or chess medal.

Since the skill levels and chess ratings of players can vary widely, The Roving ChessNuts allows for two sections of competition, each with equal awards, in

any grade having eight or more players.

In some grades, chess ratings can range over a 1000 points difference with the higher rated being players who usually have more tournament experience and who may be taking extra lessons or receiving higher level coaching. The lower-rated players may have just joined chess this school year.

Organizers are recommending that beginners in school programs Page 2

Elementary School Team Results

1st Overall: **Meyonohk Team Members:** Brendan Tan, Alexander Tan, Prisha Shrestha and Terry Li - Score **13.5**

2nd Overall: **GP Nicholson Team:** Pranavan Mahendran, Trustan Vander Leeuw, Jason Shen and Michelle Enkhtaivan - Score **10.5**

3rd Overall: **Earl Buxton Team:** Andrew Xiao, Daniel Xie, Armaan Patel and Frank Xia - Score **9.0**

4th Overall and 1st among lower-rated teams: **Ecole la Mission Team:** Caleb Casorso, Caleb Bennett, Ethan Munger and Gabriel Morissette - Score **8.0**

5th Overall: **Stratford Elementary Team:** Gabriel Toyhacao, Jasmyn Lobo, Dana Lee and Matei Lupu - Score **7.5**

6th Overall: **Windsor Park Team:** Eric Jin, Vasily Melnikov, and Alexander Melnikov - Score **5.5**

7th overall: **Meyonohk #2 Team:** Jotis Kung, Brianna Dayman, Jothymius Kung and Gabriel Qian - Score **5.0**

8th overall: **Frere Antoine Team:** Brody Wallebeck and Liam Chalifoux - Score **4.0**

Individual Round Robin Sections Results

Section A: 1. Shreyas Prasanna, 3.0; 2. Tetyana Shelevach, 2.0; 3. Anu Purevjamts, 1.0; 4. Carter Brinkman.
Section B: Aedan Lobo, 2.5; 2. Nolan Putz, 2.0; 3. Kai Riley, 1.5; 4. Emerson Brinkman
Section C: 3-way tie first: Arthithan Murallidaran, Dylan Xie and Ben Zhu, 4.0 each; 4. Aiden Lee, 1.5; 5. Vihaan Patel, 1.0; 6. Tejas Mahabeer, 0.5



Have Fun! Learn & Play Chess!

Chess Activities

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 Chess-Nuts' e-mail contact list so you get newsletters, updates on school programs and other information. To subscribe, e-mail: rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca or call: 780-474-2318.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday evening classes (6:30) at Greenfield Hall, 3803 114 Street; Saturday mornings at Roving ChessNuts, 12019 76 Street: These classes are filled but you can be placed on a waiting list in case a spot opens or another class is formed. There is likely going to be a short session of new player classes in late May and June at Greenfield Hall Call 780-474-2318 or e-mail for further information.

Sunday, May 13, at Greenfield Hall: Popular Mother's Day Tournament where each player gets a flower to take home to Mom and draw prizes are usually ones to share with Mom (Think chocolate)! More details and how to register below! As of May 2, about 20 players have registered for this tournament.

Sunday, June 3, at Greenfield Hall: School Grade Championships: Play only against players in your own school grade! Details and how to register below! As of May 2, over 20 students, grades 1 through 6, had registered; junior high players, where are you?

Sunday, June 24, at Greenfield Hall: Hurrah! End of School Year Tournament with Hot Dog Party!

Watch for details, online registration and updates for the tournaments on the website and in next week's Chess Teasers. Website carries players list for tournaments.

Reserve 2018 Summer Dates:

July 1: **Chess Promotion on Canada Day**

July 3 to 6: **Chess Camps at Roving ChessNuts**

August 27 to 31: **Chess, Fitness and Fun Camps at Greenfield Hall** Check www.rovingchessnuts.com & future newsletters for updates, new events and online registration for events, plus details on school programs and classes



Ecole La Mission players were champs for their effort at the Elementary Team Championships among teams with lower- average ratings.

Grade championships ... from front page

get some tournament experience before entering the June 3 Grade Championships. Playing in a big tournament for the first time can be nerve-rattling. Perhaps using chess clocks for the first time and facing players who you do not know as school or class mates can be distractful and take attention away from finding your best moves.

An opportunity to gain tournament experience is the

May 13 Mother's Day Flower Tournament at Greenfield Hall, 3803 114 Street. This tournament will feature round-robin play among similar-rated players (usually ratings are influenced greatly by experience). Officials at the Mother's Day tournament will also have a better chance to help new tournament players with questions and problems.

There may also be a smaller weekly tournament at Greenfield Hall in late May on Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. which could help players without tournament experience.

Two Great Chess Tournaments coming up!

Enter both now or before May 8 and save \$5!



Mother's Day Flower Tournament May 13, 2018

Greenfield Hall, 3803 114 Street, Edmonton • Sign-in 12:30 to 12:45 p.m.

Every player gets a flower to take home to Mom, plus is eligible to win some draw prizes that are meant to share with Mom (think chocolate!).

Chess awards: first place trophy and runner-up medals for all players in round-robin sections of similar rating. Good event to get in your first tournament experience before ...

Grade Level Championships June 3, 2018

Greenfield Hall, 3803 114 Street, Edmonton • Sign-in 12:30 to 12:45 p.m.

Open to players in Grades 1 through 9. In Grades having more than 8 entrants with a wide-range of ratings, the competition will be divided by ratings into Open Section and Section B categories. Trophies and medals awarded in both sections with all players getting an award. Players, unless their school grade level has fewer than four players, will only compete against players from their own grade.



Enter online or via e-mail: Registration link at www.rovingchessnuts.com or rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca

Entry Fee: \$25 per event, \$50 for both, or \$45 for both if entered and paid before May 8.

(Second child same family \$20 per event, \$40 for both or \$35 for both if entered and paid before May 8)

Cheques for entries can be submitted through school programs, Roving ChessNuts' classes, or at Roving ChessNuts, 12015 76 Street, Edmonton, T5B 2C9. Card payments can be phoned to 780-474-2318 weekdays, 8:30 to 4:30. Entering early and pre-payment much appreciated as it makes for a better tournament - players can be placed in proper sections, players receive more publicity as their names appear in the registered players list posted at www.rovingchessnuts.com, shorter line-ups at sign-in, and helps organizers with provision of awards, draw prizes, and tournament souvenirs. **Any questions? Please contact Roving ChessNuts.**

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