

Celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday!



# Canada Day 2017 1867

**Come play chess  
at Millwoods Park's  
Canada Day Festivities**  
66th Street & 23rd to 28th Ave  
**Saturday afternoon, July 1,**  
starting 1 p.m. on west side of grounds  
**Fun tournament with fun prizes  
if enough scholastic players enter**

## Roving ChessNuts CHESS Teasers



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



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### Congratulations to:

Paul Le, Sam Hoekman,  
Hastings Radbourne, Anu Purevjamts,  
Blake Howells, Harrison Doyle, Shreyas  
Prasana and Alex Qu

**Winners of their competitive sections  
at 2017 Father's Day Tournament**

And to Simon Cui for winning the event's  
Grand Draw Prize:

\$50 Home Depot Card for his Dad!

*Results and photos on Pages 2 & 3*



Father's Day Tournament  
Section B



A chess promotion at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village's Vintage Day on June 25, saw a few Edmonton players battle in a tournament and three of them struck a pose by an antique hearse. The two zombies on the left side did not compete!

### Your CHESS Calendar

The following scholastic chess competitions and activities in Edmonton and area are subject to change. Best way to 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:

e-mail: [rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca](mailto:rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca)

To subscribe to the e-mail contact list. If you need clarification or have further questions, you can always call:

**780-474-2318**

In the below schedule: RC means Roving ChessNuts facility, 12015/19 76 St. while Greenfield means Greenfield Community Hall, 3803 114 Street.

- Saturday, July 1: Millwoods Canada Day Chess** promotion begins 1 p.m.
- July 3 to 7: Chess Camps** at RC, only a few spots left, 780-474-2318
- July 3 and 5: Evaluations of new players** 9 - 11 a.m. by appointment, 780-474-2318
- Weds., July 12, 7 p.m.: Family Chess** at R.C.; parents and students learn together
- Sunday, July 23 afternoon: Family Chess Picnic** at Greenfield with tournament
- Weds., Aug. 2, 6 p.m. Evaluation new players** at Greenfield, appointment, 780-474-2318
- Wed. Aug 2: Open Tournament** at Greenfield, register online after July 2, sign-in 6:30
- August 14 to 18: Second week of Chess Camps** at R.C. See details Page 4.
- August 21 to 25: Last week of Chess Camps** at R.C. See details Page 4.
- Weds., Aug. 30, 6 p.m. Evaluation new players** Greenfield, appointment, 780-474-2318
- Wed. Aug 30: Open Tournament** at Greenfield, register online after Aug 4, sign-in 6:30

Watch the website: [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com) for some **FLASH Chess Mini-Tournaments** in late July and August on Saturday or Sunday mornings at various parks/playgrounds around Edmonton!

- September 9: Saturday Knights Classes** begin weekly at RC. Watch for details
- September 11: Monday Classes** begin weekly at Greenfield. Watch for details
- Tues., September 12: Possible evening of Evaluations** at Greenfield by appointment
- Sept. 13: Wednesday Classes** begin weekly at Greenfield. Watch for details
- Sept. 17: Sunday afternoon Back to School Tournament** at Greenfield
- Week of Sept. 18: First week of many Roving ChessNuts school programs**
- Saturday, Sept. 23: Afternoon Training Tournament** at R.C.

For practice and games, use ..

**Tournament Chess Pieces  
with pouch & vinyl board**

RC student price: **\$23.00+GST**

These pieces are used in classes and tournaments



**DGT1001 Chess Clock**



**\$41.95+GST**

Clocks make for fairer games  
and more games!

These items, chess books  
and other chess  
merchandise available at  
**Roving ChessNuts**

**780-474-2318  
12015 76 Street**

*So more time  
to learn  
and play  
Chess!*





## Father's Day event attracts about 50 scholastic players; some in their first competition

At Greenfield Hall on June 18, there were eight sections of round-robins with players of similar ratings.

Notable victors were Hastings Radbourne of Grande Prairie in Section C, first-time tournament player Blake Howells in Section E, and Harrison Doyle coming out of "retirement" in Section F.

More than a dozen draw prizes to share with fathers were awarded, too.



*Be modest in your victories, a good sport in your defeats!*

If you know a child or family who would like to get involved in scholastic chess and learn to play the game properly either for recreation or sport, pass on this evaluation information to them. It may give them a lifelong skill in the world's oldest, most respected game.

## Evaluating your child's chess abilities

Roving ChessNuts 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](mailto:rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca) to arrange an evaluation or if you require further information**



Thanks!  
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## Father's Day Tournament Results

Officiated by Derek Thomas,  
Bruce Thomas, Prayus Shrestha

**Section A:** 1. Paul Le, 4.5+; 2. James Windram, 3.5; Tied 3-4-5: Steven Walter, Nathan Thunder, Alex Han, 1.0 each.

**Section B:** 1. Sam Hoekman, 4.0; 2. Ethan Chin, 3.5; 3. Garrick Johnson, 2.5; Tied 4-5 Nick Pkhovelishvili, Andrew Xiao, 2.0 each; 6. Pranav Sabapathy, 1.0.

**Section C:** 1. Hastings Radbourne, 5.0; 2. Tobi Li, 3.5; 3. Dehai Yu, 2.5; Tied 4-5 Eric Zin, Gabriel Toyhacao, 1.5 each; 6. Carter Brinkman, 1.0.

**Section D:** 1. Anu Purevjamts, 4.0; 2. Terry Li, 4.0+; 3. Michelle Enkhtaivan, 3.0; 4. Pranav Karthikeyan, 3.0+; 5. Pranavan Mahendran, 2.0; 6. Simon Cui, 1.0.

Results continued on Page 3



Section A of the Father's Day Tournament featured the highest rated players involved in the Tournament. The five players were all over 1000. James Windram (left) and Paul Le tied for first in the regular round-robin, so they played a long tie-break game while the three other players went home, thus were not available for this photo. Paul got a victory in the tiebreak to claim the bigger trophy and some more rating points.





Father's Day Tournament  
Section E



Father's Day Tournament  
Section F



Father's Day Tournament  
Section H

## Special activities planned for this summer

The Chess Calendar on Page 1 lists a variety of old and new activities and events for which more details may be needed by players and parents relatively new to Roving ChessNuts and local scholastic chess activities.

Being revived this summer is the Family Chess Picnic and outdoor tournament scheduled for July 23 at Greenfield Community Hall and grounds. About 10 years ago, this annual event was popular with some summers attracting tournaments of over 25 players and followed by outdoor games, barbecue and potluck picnic, attended by other family members. They were really fun and while the Roving ChessNuts provided the barbecued items, many families would bring a dish or dessert so the cultural diversification of our scholastic chess community was on display and also delicious. Other games played by all ages included soccer, frisbee football, bocci and for some reason on the hot days, a lot of water guns and water blasters would show up!

These events were usually held in various city parks, but sometimes had to be re-scheduled due to weather and one year the mosquitoes were almost unbearable, so this summer we are going to be at Greenfield Hall so we can go inside if rainy or buggy or have lots of outdoor activities plus playground.

Details and online registration for this tournament and family picnic will be posted following the Canada Day weekend.

### Outdoor chess around the city

A new activity in late July and during August will be Flash Chess Mini-Tournaments at various parks and playgrounds in different parts of the city. Besides chess, there may also be some running or other sports activities.

Time and place will be posted on the website on the Monday before a Saturday or Sunday 9:30 a.m. starting time and registration will be by e-mail. Up to 12 players can join.

Watch for more details on the website of these and other events and activities.

## Father's Day results continued ...

**Section E:** 1. Blake Howells, 4.0; 2. Matei Lupu, 3.0+; 3. Brianna Dayman, 2.0; 4. Nicholas Do, 2.0+; 5. Viktor Merritt, 1.0; 6. Caleb Menard, 0.0.

**Section F:** 1. Harrison Doyle, 4.0; 2. Ethan Do, 4.5+; 3. Eric Johnson, 3.5; Tied 4-5 Seth Howells, Emerson Brinkman, 1.5 each; 6. Thomas Schwabe, 1.0.

**Section G:** 1. Shreyas Prasana, 4.0; 2. Tied three ways after tiebreaks: 4.0 each+ Evan Spyrapoulos, Seth Brown, Armaan Patel; 5. Alexa Stewart, 1.5; 6. Marina Lalic, 0.5.

**Section H:** 1. Alex Qu, 3.5; 2. William Gao, 4.0+; 3. Peter Stretch, 3; 4. Liam Cerbas, 2.0; Tied 5-6: Dana Lee, Frank Xia, 1.5 each; 7. Wangxin Yu, 1.0; 8. Tobias Oliver-Poulsen. 0.5.

+ means player won a tiebreak game



Saturday Knights classes at the Roving ChessNuts ended June 24 with some games and coaching outside and hotdogs and other treats being given to students in the two weekly classes. Some were more interested in the hotdogs than final games.

The popular Saturday morning classes will resume the first Saturday after Labour Day weekend. Students will receive registration forms during the summer while prospective new students should e-mail their interest to [rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca](mailto:rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca)



### Family Chess are workshops for parent and child to learn together!

The Chess Calendar on Page 1 has several dates mentioning Family Chess. These are 90-minute workshops and playing sessions where tips are given to parents or other adult family members to help with home exercises/practices and better games enjoyed by all. Cost is \$5 per person, snack provided!

**June 30 Update:** July Camps mostly filled. Phone if interested. August Camps mainly for intermediate/higher rated players

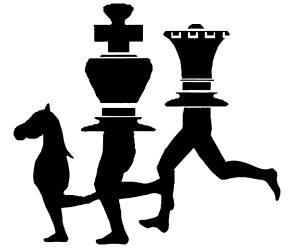
# Summer Chess Camps 2017

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.)

**Mondays through Friday** Dropoffs accepted as early as 8 a.m.; pick-up until 5:20 p.m.

**July 3 to 7 • August 14 to 18 • August 21 to 25**



**Roving ChessNuts**

Mail: 12015 - 76 Street NW  
Edmonton, AB T5B 2C9  
780-474-2318

**(Limited enrollment of 12 students, priority to full-day)** (Full-Day players bring a bag lunch; a.m./p.m. healthy snacks provided to all)

- Two instructors on hand so both beginners and experienced players rated up to 1200 will benefit from these camps.
- Ages 8 and above recommended; younger students may be accepted if older sibling also enrolled or if they are already experienced players who have proven themselves able to take classes.
- Raw beginners not knowing legal moves or basic concepts such as checkmate must first be evaluated at least two weeks prior to their first camp. The evaluation will also include basic chess teaching materials which should be studied prior to first day of camp. Evaluations are FREE and last about 30 minutes; additional time for an actual lesson in conjunction can be arranged.
- Students who have NOT been involved in a Roving ChessNuts school program or class or previous camp (or not having a national chess rating) should also be evaluated so we can better know what help they need in developing their chess skills and make sure they do understand game concepts.
- Weather permitting each camp day will feature 60 to 90 minutes of either soccer skills and play or running/fitness activities and testing. Students should bring water bottle, appropriate footwear and outdoor wear. Water cooler, fridge, microwave available.
- All participants must sign and abide by a code of conduct related to sportsmanship, behaviour and chess etiquette.
- All new participants will receive a national Chess'n Math rating, a discount voucher for entry in a scholastic chess tournament and a camp chess souvenir.

**Full Day: \$45 plus GST FULL WEEK \$180 plus GST**

**Half-Day: \$28 plus GST FULL WEEK Half Days: \$115 plus GST**

Family Discounts applied for 2 or more students; Discounts also available for three or four full or half days

Payment can be made by cheque, credit card, debit card or cash and must be arranged at time of enrollment. Refund, minus \$15 administrative fee can be requested for cancellations received two weeks prior to start of camp. In case of illness or other reasonable absence, credit can be extended to other camp dates or other Roving ChessNuts programs and classes.

E-mail [rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca](mailto:rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca) or call **780-474-2318 to register**

for camps, specify date and times; or for further details

or go to [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com) for links to online registration

or fill out the below form and bring to Roving ChessNuts, 12015/19 76 Street, Edmonton

**Educational benefits of Chess:**  
<https://gardinerchess.com.au/educational-benefits-of-chess/>

## Registration for 2017 Summer Chess Camp

Please print clearly. Fill in a sheet for each student.

Your Choice of Camp Dates during the weeks of July 3 to 7 inclusive; August 14 to 18 inclusive; August 21 to 25 inclusive. Camps subject to minimal enrollment. Should a camp not be proceeding you will be notified at least two weeks prior to start date.

Circle Your Choices:

Week of July 3 to 7: FULL WEEK FULL DAYS HALF DAY MORNINGS HALF DAY AFTERNOONS

If only specific days of this week, please list actual dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Week of August 14 to 18: FULL WEEK FULL DAYS HALF DAY MORNINGS HALF DAY AFTERNOONS

If only specific days of this week, please list actual dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Week of August 21 to 25: FULL WEEK FULL DAYS HALF DAY MORNINGS HALF DAY AFTERNOONS

If only specific days of this week, please list actual dates: \_\_\_\_\_

If presenting in person, fees can be calculated at that time; or else let us know your choices and we will provide you an invoice.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (M/D/Y): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best e-mail for updates and notices: \_\_\_\_\_ (NOT shared and used only for scholastic chess purposes)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Any information that instructor and supervisors should know about the student (severe allergies, learning difficulties, etc.)

**CALCULATED AMOUNT OF CAMP FEES OR INVOICE AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Cheques preferred, payable to: Roving ChessNuts**

**Credit Card payment shows on statement as "SCOPE PRINTING"**

Cheque attached \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If enrolling an additional child, please put registration forms together and issue one cheque or one card payment.

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