

Six players receive first awards for 2016/17 chess season

Back to School Tournament on Sunday, September 17, kicked off the Edmonton Scholastic Chess Season (September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018).

During the 2016/17 season, the Ratings Recognition program was launched in a minor way with public recognition given to players who reached certain levels of rating under the national Chess'n Math Association system for scholastic players.

To be eligible for the season's top awards of trophies, a player with a minimum rating of 800 had to participate in at least 8 open Chess'n Math rated tournaments of 17 held in Edmonton during the previous chess season. Points were awarded if they finished in the top three places of

their section of the tournament.

Alex Wang was awarded a trophy for top junior high player and top point producer among all school grades, including five tournament sectional victories.

Nick Pkhovelishvili was recognized for not only being top point producer among elementary players, but also for being the most active player, entering 16 of the eligible tournaments.

Andrew Xiao was runner-up to Pkhovelishvili.

On the female side, Anu Purevjants was top elementary student based on points, followed by her school mate Michelle Enkhtaiwan. Both girls attend G.P. Nicholson School.

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Derek Thomas of Roving ChessNuts awards Anu Purevjants a trophy for being top elementary female player during 2016/17 chess season.

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Back to School tournament: Many trophy and medal winners



The first tournament of the new scholastic chess season was held at Greenfield Hall on Sunday, September 17. Results were:

Section A: 1. Alex Wang, 3.0; 2. Sam Hoekman, 2.0; 3. Andrew Xiao, 1.0; 4. Garrick Johnson, 0.0.

Section B: 1. Nick Pkhovelishvili, 2.0; 2. tiebreak. Eric Qiu, 2.5; 3. on tiebreak. Toby Li; 1.5; 4. Eric Jin, 1.0.

Section C: 1. Tetyana Shelevach, 2.0; 2. tied. Max Pankewitz, and Jason Shen, 2.0 each; 4. Anu Purevjants, 1.0.

Section D: 1. Ryan Chen, 2.0; 2 on tiebreak Aike Siraki, 2.5; 3 on tiebreak, Connor Dong, 1.5; 4. Michelle Enkhtaiwan, 1.0.

Section E: 1. tiebreak. Caleb Menard, 4.0; 2 tiebreak. Leo Wang 3.0; 3 tiebreak. Timothy Nguyen, 2.0; 4. Kylie Neth, 0.0.

Section F: 1. Armaan Patel, 3.0; 2. Shreyas Prasana, 2.0; 3. Alex Qu, 1.0; 4. Dana Lee, 0.0.

More tournament photos and results on back page

Richard Roberts Memorial Scholastic Tournament Sunday, October 15, Greenfield Hall, Edmonton

Richard Roberts, a teacher and principal for decades and an instructor with the Roving ChessNuts for more than a dozen years in Edmonton and St. Albert, lost a battle to cancer in June at age 74. Richard is likely the teacher and retired teacher who taught more children how to play chess properly than any other educator in Alberta. He was also an amateur athlete who was a great role model for students with his attitude of being mentally and physically fit. He set many Alberta age-group records in track and field events as well as masters swimming. Some of his provincial swimming records were set last spring while undergoing treatments for cancer.

For **online registration** for this Grades K to 12 memorial tournament go to www.rovingchessnuts.com Individual players will be eligible to win trophies (1st, 2nd, 3rd) and runner-up medals, plus top players in two rating categories will have their names added to annual trophies. There will be numerous draw prizes and all players will receive a Souvenir Scorebook and other items. Bonus points awarded for **Rating Recognition Program** to eligible participants in this event. List of registered players and updates for this event will be found on the above website starting October 1.

The tournament will be **swiss format with all players guaranteed four games, followed by any tiebreaks for top places.**

Entry Fee prior to 6 p.m. Friday, October 6: \$25 (\$15 2nd player same family)
then \$30 (\$20) until deadline 6 p.m. Friday, October 13

Sign-in time at Greenfield Hall on October 15: 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.

No entries accepted on Oct. 15
Any entrant without a chess rating should arrange an evaluation



Other details available with online registration and with updates on www.rovingchessnuts.com

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Section G: 1. Peter Stretch, 3.0; 2 on tiebreak. Owen Pankewitz, 2.5; 3 on tiebreak. William Gao, 2.0; 4 on tiebreak. Frank Xia, 1.5.

Winning the chess book draw prizes donated by Roving ChessNuts were: Connor Dong, Andrew Xiao and Ryan Chen.

This event was organized by the Roving ChessNuts and directed by Derek Thomas, Prayus Shrestha and Bruce Thomas.

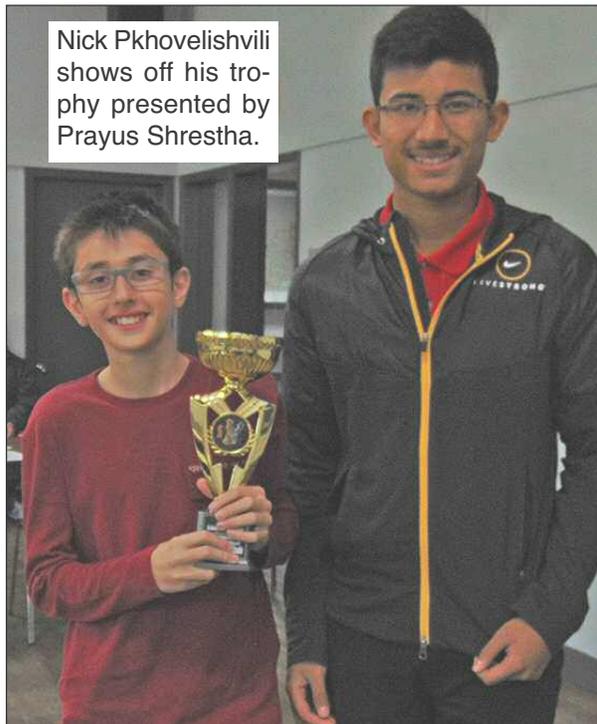


Section A in action

Rating Recognition program ... continued

Receiving a special trophy award was Sam Hoekman who was a contender for top participant during the 2016-17 chess season, but also is the first Chess Ambassador which recognizes players who help promote chess. Sam for the past two years has been teaching youngsters how to play chess at playgrounds in his neighbourhood and encouraging them to get involved in learning and playing scholastic chess.

The Rating Recognition program also will be awarding certificates for players achieving an 800 rating in both tournaments and school chess programs during 2016-17, along with other certificates for best progress and other achievements. For example, Haywood Huang and Terry Li received rating certificates at their first fall class at Meyonohk Elementary School. Ratings of 1000, 1200 and over 1400 will also be recognized. Similar to Chess Teasers issues last winter, future issues of this newsletter will print photos and names of other rating recognition awards and certificates.



Nick Pkhovelishvili shows off his trophy presented by Prayus Shrestha.



Other Chess Dates to Remember ...

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, October 15: Richard Roberts Memorial Tournament** See front page
- Sunday, October 28: Small School Team Tournament** Specific schools will be invited.
- Sunday, November 5: Afternoon Tournament** at Greenfield Hall.
- November 9 & 10: Fall School Break Chess Camps** at R.C. and/or at Greenfield.
- December 10: Sunday Afternoon Christmas Tournament**
- March 11: Giant Scholastic Tournament** at Rogers Place!

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