

Roving ChessNuts CHESS Teasers

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Grade 1 participants at the Alberta Chess Challenge on April 9



Grade 8 participants at the Alberta Chess Challenge in Red Deer

**Other Alberta Chess Challenge Photos
can be viewed at www.rovingchessnuts.com**

Players may still join the following Roving ChessNuts classes at 12013 76 Street:
Mondays, 7 to 9 for Junior and Senior High School Students;
Wednesdays, 7 to 8:45 for variety of playing levels;
Fridays, 7:15 to 9:15, advanced players;
Saturdays, 10 to noon for beginners.

New players should call 780-474-2318 to register or send e-mail to: rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca www.rovingchessnuts.com

Alberta champs determined

Over 100 players, Grades 1 through 12 battled in Red Deer on April 9 for provincial champ titles for each grade.

The winners were: Grade 1 Ian Zhao, Grade 2 Kaixin Wang, Grade 3 Patrick Tolentino*, Grade 4 Andre Tolentino, Grade 5 Jakob Kaiser, Grade 6 Diwen Shi*, Grade 7 Dennis Situ*, Grade 8 Yuekai Wang*, Grade 9 Tony Cai, Grade 10 David Zhang*, Grade 11 Jeff DeGuzman, and Grade 12 Raymond Ong. (*designates 2010 champ.)

While the majority of players came from Edmonton and region, Calgary saw an increase of entrants this year and Medicine Hat and Grand Prairie were represented.

Last call for team championship match

Westbrook Elementary School players seem to be eager to win back the elementary school team championship title as it had at least one full team registered by Thursday while other schools, including defending champ New Horizons, were lacking players.

The team match occurs this Sunday, May 1, at Edmonton Chess Club with players needing to register online (www.rovingchessnuts.com) by Saturday 12 noon and then sign in at the club, 10840 - 124 Street, by 12:50 p.m. on Sunday. The entry fee for this team match is \$12 which includes a slice of pizza, juice and snack following the competition.

The history of the Elementary Team Championships, organized by The Roving ChessNuts extends back to the early 2000's when Delwood Elementary held the title for a few years, and then Westbrook took over for three years before New Horizons took over in 2009 and 2010.

Westbrook began the current school year series of team matches with a victory, but in a late February match, New Horizons scored a 14.5 to 9 points win.

As of Thursday, while Westbrook had a full team of five players plus three members for a B team, New Horizons, Gameau, Glenora, and Malmo were looking for more players. Gameau came in third in the last team match.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 1 - Elementary School Team Championship and Pizza Party at Edmonton Chess Club, 10840 124 Street. Register online for your school team (5 players per team) and then sign in before 12:50 p.m. on May 1. Entry fee is \$12 and includes a pizza party of pizza, juice, snack after the competition. There will be school trophies and individual medals to win, along with draw prizes.

Sunday, May 15 - Society of Alberta Chess Knights regular scholastic tournament of round-robin sections at Edmonton Chess Club. First 60 players registering online will play. Entry fee is \$15. (Grand Prix Chess participants have prepaid this event). Sign in on May 15 at the club by 12:50 p.m.

May 21 - 23 - Canadian Chess Challenge is being held in Victoria, B.C. Good luck to the 12 Alberta team players.

Sunday, June 12 - Pre-Father's Day Scholastic Tournament at Edmonton Chess Club.

Sunday, July 24 - Borden Park Outdoor Chess Festival and Chess Family Barbecue