

# LAST CALL FOR CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT ON SUNDAY!

Registration extended until Noon, Saturday, for December 11 Pizza Lunch, Awards and Tournaments

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### Scholastic Chess Schedule

Society of Alberta Chess Knights & The Roving ChessNuts

To be notified of any changes or updates to this schedule, e-mail: [rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca](mailto:rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca) and you will be sent updated schedules and details of events by e-mail. ECC in the listings stands for Edmonton Chess Club at 10840 - 124 Street. RC stands for Roving ChessNuts at 12013 76 Street. **Register online for tournaments: [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com)**

**Friday evening, December 9** - Alberta Recreational Chess League tournament, 7 p.m. at Roving ChessNuts, 12013 76 Street. Cash prizes. Open to first 16 players - call 780-474-2318 to enter.

**Sunday, December 11** - Scholastic Christmas Tournament at ECC, starting with free pizza slice lunch and awards ceremony. Register online before noon Saturday; no entries accepted after 12 noon Saturday.

**Friday evening, December 16** - Alberta Recreational Chess League tournament - See details under December 9 listing.

**Saturday Morning, December 31** - End of 2011 Scholastic Tournament at RC. Watch for details.

**Sunday Afternoon, January 1** - First Tournament of 2012 at RC. Watch for details.

**School Holiday Break** - Watch for details for chess camps, lessons, beginners tournaments between January 2 and 6.

**Sunday, January 15** - Welcome 2012 Scholastic Tournament at ECC. Usual format of round-robin sections according to chess rating.

**Sunday, January 29** - Elementary School Team Match at ECC.

**Sunday, March 18** - Edmonton Regional Challenge

Grade 1 Champ Andi and other grade level champs and runners-up from the Northern Alberta Scholastic Championships in November will be recognized along with Grand Prix players at Sunday's Christmas Tournament.



Society of Alberta Chess Knights

Over 30 players have registered for Sunday's Scholastic Christmas Tournament at Edmonton Chess Club, 10840 124 Street. Entries will be limited to about 64 due to the size of the club.

This tournament will be special as it will be preceded with a pizza slice lunch being served between 12 noon and 12:30 p.m., followed by awards being given out to the champs and runners-up from the Northern Alberta Scholastic Championships and the 2010/11 Grand Prix Chess Program.

All Northern Alberta champs and runners-up should attend along with the three dozen 2010/11 Grand Prix players to get their trophies, medals and certificates. And family members are also invited to the free pizza lunch, juice and treats. There are also additional draw prizes and candy canes being handed out to tournament players.

You must register for the tournament online at: [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com) by 12 noon Saturday - since food, prizes and other things have to be planned ahead of time, there definitely will not be any entries accepted after that time. Players should check the website Sunday morning to make sure their name is on the players lists and what section they will play in. They then must show up at the club by 12:30 p.m. to enjoy the free lunch; if not coming for the lunch, then they must sign in by 1:00 p.m. The entry fee is \$15; Grand Prix players have prepaid their entry.

Players may still join the Grand Prix for 2011/12 season and save on entry fees, be eligible for awards and special events, and to receive a t-shirt. T-shirts will be ordered after new Grand Prix registrations are taken at the Christmas tournament.

The Christmas tournament is also expected to introduce some internet play with Fort McMurray players registered for the tournament. The top three sections of higher rated players will be playing for cash prizes while the lower-rated round-robin participants will compete for medals and ribbons.

The Society of Alberta Chess Knights would appreciate any parent who would like to help with Sunday's event at the concession table or lunch to contact Bruce, 780-474-2318. Any family wishing to bring any dessert treats to share is welcome to do so.

### Adults, students, families can join recreational league

Alberta Recreational Chess League has been started to cater to adults who want to play recreationally and are not interested in competing in the major CFC-rated tournaments featuring titled players and long-time controls that mean major commitments of time and study to adequately compete. Adults if rated by

the CFC must have a rating below 2000 to join. Chess'n Math which rates all scholastic players is now rating adults in arrangements made between C'n Math, Roving ChessNuts and Society of Alberta Chess Knights.

The League is also meant to allow scholastic players to benefit from playing adult players

which tends to slow their games down and makes chess a little more serious.

The current tournaments are held Fridays, 7 p.m., at The Roving ChessNuts, but after the holiday break may switch to another evening. Call 780-474-2318 or see details: [www.rovingchess.com](http://www.rovingchess.com).