

# Scholastic Chess Schedule for the rest of 2011

Society of Alberta Chess Knights & The Roving ChessNuts

To be notified of any changes or updates to this schedule, e-mail: [societyofchessknights@shaw.ca](mailto:societyofchessknights@shaw.ca) and you will be sent updated schedules and details of events by e-mail. Also if you know of another family which might like to get involved in scholastic chess, please have them contact us and we will put them on the list as well.

**Sunday, July 17 - Hermitage Park Outdoor Chess and Family Picnic** - register before 9 p.m. Friday at: [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com) Flyer can be seen on website.

**Sunday, August 14 - Grand Prix Pro** (Top half of GP players by rating)

**Sunday, August 21 - Grand Prix Amateur** (Bottom half of GP players)

**Monday to Friday, August 22 to 26 - Roving ChessNuts Chess Camp** for all levels of players, but full-week students must be rated above 1300; lower rated players encouraged to come in afternoons. Special sessions for beginners under Grade 2. E-mail [rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca](mailto:rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca) for a flyer and to indicate your interest in attending.

**Sunday, September 11 - Back to School Scholastic Tournament** at Edmonton Chess Club (ECC)

**Sunday, September 25 - Grand Prix Final** for 2010/11 at ECC

**Sunday, October 2 - Win a Turkey for Thanksgiving Tournament** at ECC

**Friday evening, October 14 - Jr./Sr. High Only Tournament** at ECC

**Sunday, October 23 - Elementary School Team Match #1** at ECC

**Saturday/Sunday, November 5 & 6 - Alberta Junior Championship** in Calgary

**Sunday, November 13 - Northern Alberta Scholastic Championship**

**Friday evening, November 25 - Elementary School Team Match #2**

**Friday evening, December 2 - Jr./Sr. High Only Tournament** at ECC

**Sunday, December 11 - Scholastic Christmas Tournament** at ECC

**Saturday Morning, December 31 - End of 2011 Scholastic Tournament**

## Last call for Sunday's Outdoor Chess with Family Barbecue and Picnic

Register before 9 p.m. Friday so we can plan food

While showers are in the forecast, the chess picnic site at Hermitage Park does have a canopy over the chess tables so we will proceed unless there is an absolute downpour and wind-driven rain.

Besides the chess tournament starting at 1 p.m., there will be other outdoor games and then The Roving

ChessNuts will serve hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers and drinks. Each chess player family will be asked to bring a potluck salad or dish, or a snack, fruit or dessert.

Past years, this event has been great fun and has featured some good eating.

Wrap-up time is usually 5 p.m.

**Register at: [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com)**

An e-mail will be sent about what to bring to the picnic

## Roving ChessNuts CHESS Teasers

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### Alberta players low in number, but high in quality playing

Although the number of young people playing chess in Alberta has been growing, the total number of competitive players is small compared to the larger provinces of Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia.

However, Alberta is proving to be powerhouse at the higher levels of junior competition.

In May at the Canadian Chess Challenge in Victoria, Alberta bumped Quebec in their match-up and ended up in third place behind Ontario and British Columbia.

Now a very small number of Alberta players participated earlier this month in the Canadian Youth Chess Championships (CYCC) in Ontario, but ended up taking two national titles and having the remaining players placing high up in the standings.

In the six age competitive age groups divided into girls and boys division, there were a total of 242 players, with the majority being from Ontario and only eight from Alberta.

Richard Wang of Edmonton was the highest rated among the 36 competitors in the Under Age 14 Open and took first place with five wins and two draws for 6 points.

David Zhang of Calgary won the Under Age 16 Open by a half-point with four victories and three draws. He was

the 6th ranked players among 23 in that category.

Nick Kalaydina of Calgary was one of two Alberta females in the CYCC and she tied for 1st but ended by tiebreak formula to be third out of 14 competitors in the Girls Under Age 16. She scored 5.5 out of a possible 7 points.

In the Under Age 10 Open, Patrick Tolentino of Calgary finished in 6th place with a 5/7 score. There were 40 players in that age group.

Patience Tram of Calgary was fifth out of seven competitors in the Girls Under Age 14 section. She scored two points.

Kaixin Wang of Edmonton got a 4/7 score in the Under Age 8 Open and finished 11th out of 24 players although he was ranked 20th in rating.

Jamil Kassam of Edmonton also finished in 11th place in the Under Age 12 Open which had 45 players.

In the oldest category, Under Age 18 Open, Alberta Junior Champ David Miller of Grande Prairie finished in fifth place among the nine players. Miller scored 4.5/7 and had been ranked as eighth by rating.

Six of the Alberta players had won their age group at the Alberta competition and were sponsored at the CYCC by casino funding from the Alberta Chess Association.

#### Roving ChessNuts

#### Chess & More Boot Camp

Chess/Run/Chess/Run/Chess/Run/Chess

Friday, July 22, 1 to 5 p.m., Rundle Park

Between rated chess for medals, participants will be given running tips and will have to do a training run to their next game. Each participant should bring a water bottle, proper footwear and clothing for running for that afternoon's weather along with sun screen and bug spray (extra bug spray will be available and applied as necessary; snack will be provided as well).

Participants must be Age 9 or Over; Parental Waiver Required

**\$7.00 per participant** - Maximum of 12 participants

Register online by 12 Noon July 20: [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com)

or call 780-474-2318 for more details or to register