

Scholastic Chess Schedule

Society of Alberta Chess Knights & The Roving ChessNuts

To be notified of any changes or updates to this schedule, e-mail: societyofchessknights@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.

Friday, November 11 - The Warm-Up Tournament for 1 p.m. is filled, but there are openings for the last Warm-Up Tournament at the Roving ChessNuts, starting 7 p.m. Entry fee is \$7; cash prizes. Players in this tournament should be rated below 1300. Register online www.rovingchessnuts.com

Sunday, November 13 - Northern Alberta Scholastic Championships - see flyer on website. Registration deadline has been extended to 9 p.m., November 11. Final list of players for each grade will be posted online Saturday morning. No entries accepted on November 13. Championships are being held at Edmonton Chess Club.

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

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

Sunday, December 11 - Scholastic Christmas Tournament at ECC - usually one of the biggest tournaments of the year with lots of Christmas treats to be won by draws and via the chess board. Watch for details.

Saturday Morning, December 31 - End of 2011 Scholastic Tournament at RC or ECC.

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

Friday evening, January 27 - Junior/Senior High Only Tournament at ECC or RC.

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

Sunday, March 18 - Edmonton Regional Challenge

Saturday, April 21 - Alberta Chess Challenge in Red Deer (School grade competition leading to National.)

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Championships need more players; Sunday's event is school grade level competition

New registration deadline of Friday, November 11, 9 p.m.

Go to: www.rovingchessnuts.com

Just over 40 players have so far entered the Northern Alberta Scholastic Championships being held this Sunday, November 13, at Edmonton Chess Club, 10840 124 Street, with staggered starting times in the morning and early afternoon.

Due to a late start of Roving ChessNuts school programs, attendance at monthly tournaments to date and now Sunday's event have been below average. Last year 87 players competed in the Championships, although there was no entrant in Grade 9. So far for Sunday's event, Grades 10 and 12 have no entrants, and Grades 1, 4, 8 and 11 have only one or two players.

Last year the championships began offering two prize competitions in school grades having 12 or more players and Grades 4, 5 and 6 had amateur sections for lower-rated players and pro sections for the highest rated players. Right now only Grade 6 is close to having two sections. If a grade has only one competitor that player will be declared champ but will be given some

games to play in grades above or below.

"This still remains a good event for beginning players to get involved and gain experience and we have held off on trophy ordering because we still want to recognize as many players as possible - so even a very low rated player in some grades will have a chance to win a trophy or at least a chess medal," reports organizer Bruce Thomas.

An awards ceremony for both the Championships and the 2010/11 Grand Prix Program will be held at the December 11 Christmas Tournament so that these players will have a larger audience to recognize them.

At least two beginning players from Fort McMurray are competing on Sunday and besides all the Edmonton players, there will be some from Sherwood Park and Strathcona County.

All players must be registered by 9 p.m. Friday and then must sign in at the club at the following times:

- Grades 1 thru 4 sign-in by 10:20 a.m.
- Grades 5 thru 7 sign-in by 12:20 p.m.
- Grades 8 thru 12 sign-in by 1:20 p.m.



Fort McMurray chess gets started

The Roving ChessNuts and Society of Alberta Chess Knights (SACK) were behind school presentations, workshops and scholastic and adult tournaments November 4 and 5 in Fort McMurray. These events kicked off local organizer Jina Burn's hopes to get chess in schools and a club for all ages in the city.

Roving ChessNuts

**Openings in evening
classes on Mondays,
Wednesdays & Fridays;
Saturday morning
beginner's class is filled
but evaluations of new
players are still being
done 9:30 and 12 noon**

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