

# Roving ChessNuts CHESS Teasers

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**News, Photos,  
and Notices  
for Students involved  
in Roving ChessNuts'  
Instructional Programs  
and S.A.C.K. Events**

## Warm-up Tournament for Regionals this Sunday!

Last call for Sunday's regular monthly tournament which can be used as a warm-up for the Northern Alberta Regional Chess Challenges (March 14 challenge for Junior and Senior High players; March 21 for Elementary players).

Sunday's tournament is also an alternative for players who can not play on either March 14 or 21 since it is required to play in a regional challenge in order to qualify to enter the Alberta

Chess Challenge on April 17.

Entries for the March 7 tournament which is part of Grand Prix Chess or \$12 entry fee for others, will be taken until 12 noon Saturday or could close sooner if the limit of 64 registrations are received sooner. As of Thursday evening, entries were over 40.

Although vouchers were not handed out at school programs, this Sunday's tournament will be free to any student playing in their first tournament outside of a school program, compliments of the Society of Alberta Chess Knights. If you wish to receive this free entry, just put "first time" in the comment box when you register online at: [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com).

Players are reminded that the Society operates a snack concession during the tournaments with proceeds going towards chess development.



Scene from Team Match #4

## Elementary School Team Match #4



## Northern Alberta Regional Chess Challenge for Junior and Senior High Players

**Grades 7 thru 12 - You must play in a regional challenge to qualify for Alberta Challenge**

**Sunday, March 14, Edmonton Chess Club, 10840 124 Street**

**You MUST register online by Friday, March 12**

Go to: [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com)

When registering, in the comment section of the registration form, please put your current school grade, birth date and full name of your school



Prizes based on entry fees collected from each grade and \$100 added to prize fund by Klondike Office Furniture and George Sponga.

All levels of players eligible to win prizes, including players involved in their first tournament outside of a school program.

**Top player at each Grade level will carry Champ title for one year  
Top 50% or so players in each Grade level will advance to Alberta Chess Challenge on April 17**

**Champ at each Grade level at Alberta Challenge is sponsored to go to Montreal in May to represent Alberta at Canadian Challenge**

**Stay updated on who is playing in your Grade and the Cash Prize fund by regularly checking at: [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com)**

## Upcoming Chess Events

Pre-register your participation in Edmonton scholastic events at [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com) by completing the online form. E-mail [rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca](mailto:rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca) or call 780-474-2318 for more information.

**Friday Night Chess Craze at Roving ChessNuts** (7:15-9:15 for advance players) Apply online.

**Saturday Morning Knights Club** (9:30 to Noon for new and beginning players) at Roving ChessNuts, 12013 76 Street. New beginning players should call 780-474-2318 to book an evaluation appointment for Saturday morning.

**Wednesdays Advance Class with Ivan Gonzalez** at the Roving ChessNuts, 7:00 to 8:45 p.m., has drop-in spots available.

*For the above three classes, please apply online at [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com)*

**Sunday, March 7 - Regional Warm-Up Tournament & regular Scholastic and Grand Prix tournament** at Edmonton Chess Club. Open to all students, K - G 12. If this is your first tournament, call 780-474-2318. You must register online before Noon Saturday, although entries will be cut when 64 is reached and as of March 4 afternoon over 40 registrations had been received: [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com) and then show up at the club before 12:20 p.m. Competitions usually go to 2:15 to 3:30 p.m., depending on round robin section of play.

**Sunday, March 14 - Regional Junior and Senior High Chess Challenge** for Grades 7 through 12. Offering cash prizes and qualifier to advance to Alberta Chess Challenge on April 17. See notice in this issue of Teasers.

**Sunday, March 21 - Edmonton Regional Chess Challenge for Grades 1 through 6** (to qualify for Alberta Challenge) Details and registration information will be posted at [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com) on March 8. Advance warning that Grades 1 to 3 entrants will begin their competition at 11 a.m. on this date while older Grades will have staggered starting times beginning at 12:30 p.m.

**March 29 to April 1 - Roving ChessNuts chess camps** during spring break

**Saturday, April 17 - Alberta Chess Challenge**

**Sunday, April 25 - Northern Alberta School Team Championships**

**Sunday, May 9 - Regular Scholastic Mother's Day Tournament**

**Sunday, June 13 - Regular Scholastic Pre-Father's Day Tournament**

**A Sunday in late July or mid August - Borden Park Outdoor Chess and Family Barbecue**

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

# Roving ChessNuts Chess Teasers



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## School Team Match #4 Results from February 28

Organized by Roving ChessNuts. Directed by Bruce Thomas, Rob McCullough, Howard Louie, Derek Thomas, Andy Hess

### Section A Results (top six teams by average of players' ratings)

1. **New Horizons Team A:** David McCullough, Noah Hoffner, Ian McCullough, Ryan Jensen, Adam Mawani - 18.5 points (Gold)
2. **Westbrook A:** Tony Yang, Richard Mah, Rayden Lin, Mark Nie, Mehrshad Sahebsara - 12.5 points (Silver)
3. **New Horizons Team B:** Allan Stanilus, Austin Hesse, Marcela Louie, Kevin Stanilus, Brody Shandro, Tosin Kuye, Ayush Namboothiri - 9.5 points
4. **Garneau:** Jakob Kaiser, Alex Broughton, Vinh Nguyen, Ethan Brown, Jady Buchanan - 9 points (Consolation Bronze as highest team among the lowest-average rating)
5. **Westbrook B:** Poplar Wang, David Yao, Ethan Chew - 0.5 points
6. **Greenfield** failed to field team at last minute

### Section B Results (bottom six teams by average of players' ratings)

1. **Malmö Elementary:** Ibrahim Elmallah, Dimitri Trofimuk, Santiago Pellicer-Cohen, Adam Omar, Austin McConnell - 18 points (Gold)
2. **Good Shepherd:** William Wei, Andrew Fedori, Thomas Brownrigg, Samuel Sarris - 13.5 points (Silver)
3. **Grandin:** Luciano DiBlasi, Evan Wood, Lucas Lemay - 10.5 points.
4. **Leo Nickerson:** Jimmy Paradis, Branden Fee, Luke Harmon, Gabriel Forbes, Aaron Forbes - 9.5 points (Consolation Bronze as highest team among the lowest-average rating)
5. **McKernan:** Dennis Situ, Rown Ley, Sebastian Ley, Soheyl Makiabady - 9 points
6. **Earl Buxton:** Aidan She, Kareen Hamdon, Stephen Shen - 5.5 points

