

CJCC March Newsletter

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February was an eventful month in the chess community. Many important events and tournaments were held this month, such as the Alberta Youth Chess Championship, and the Calgary Chess Challenge.

Valentine's Day Tournament

February 3, 2018

The Valentine's Day Tournament was our monthly tournament for the month of February. We encourage all of our junior players to come out and play in these monthly tournaments to hone their chess skills! These tournaments are considered "active" tournaments, meaning the time control is relatively short. Usually, this will be around 20-25 minutes. This means that these games will be relatively short and fast paced, which is great for anyone who doesn't have much time to spare. Chess should be about having fun, and these tournaments do exactly that.

Details about the Valentine's Day tournament can be found at:

<https://www.calgaryjuniorchess.com/CJCC/event/Registration/7701>.

Calgary Chess Challenge

February 10, 2018

The Calgary Chess Challenge was the qualifier for the upcoming Alberta Chess Challenge to be held in March. Sections were based off of grade, going from grades 1 to 12 in this tournament. The winners received a free entry to the provincials, in addition to travel fund to offset transportation costs.

Congratulations to:

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| Liam Birchall | (Grade 1) | Avery Li | (Grade 7) |
| Jerry Ming | (Grade 2) | Ian Zhao | (Grade 8) |
| Quinten DeBuck | (Grade 3) | Maxim Vasic | (Grade 9) |
| Manish Samy | (Grade 4) | Aditya Raininga | (Grade 10) |
| Hemant Srinivasan | (Grade 5) | Andre Tolentino | (Grade 11) |
| Paul Wang | (Grade 6) | Maria Gallemaso | (Grade 12) |

February Chess School

February 18, 2018

The second chess school of the year saw many players attending. Chess School is a great opportunity for players to learn new skills and to play with others.

Alberta Youth Chess Championship

February 24 & 25, 2018



Top to bottom: U14, U12, & U16 Sections

The Alberta Youth Chess Championship took place over two days at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel. It was a hard fought tournament, with tiebreaks for some of the older sections lasting until the late evening. The winners of this tournament will now be representing Alberta in the upcoming Canadian Youth Chess Championship in Québec City. Expenses of the trip will be covered up to \$1000 for all winners. There will be tough competition in the Canadian Youth Chess Championship, but we hope our players can prove that they aren't going to be easy to beat.

Congratulations to our winners in all six sections;

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| Jerry Ming | (U-8) |
| Anand Rishi Chandra | (U-10) |
| Mark Ivanescu | (U-12) |
| Ian Zhao | (U-14) |
| Aditya Ranninga | (U-16) |
| Reuben Lee Miller | (U-18) |

We wish them all luck in the coming tournament in Québec City, which will take place in July.

For more information about the AYCC, please visit:
<http://albertachess.org/2018AYCC.php>



Top Left & Top Right: U8 Section
Bottom: U10 Section

Monthly Puzzles (Solutions on back page)



1. White to play and mate in 1



2. Black to play and mate in 1



3. White to play and mate in 1



4. White to play and mate in 2



5. White to play and mate in 2



6. White to play and mate in 3

Upcoming Events

St. Patrick's Tournament

Saturday, March 3, 1:00-5:00PM

The St. Patrick's tournament is one of our monthly tournaments, to be held on March 3rd, 2018. Players will be separated into three sections: Novice, Intermediate, and Open. Winners and runners-up in each section will receive a trophy, and everyone will also receive a prize! The tournament will take around 4-5 hours, and is a good way to have fun playing chess.

To help us start on time, please register online at

<http://www.calgaryjuniorchess.com/CJCC/event/event/7703>.

March Chess School

Sunday, March 18, 1:00-5:00 PM

The Chess School is a good opportunity for players of all levels to improve their game. Like the monthly tournaments, players are divided into groups based on experience. They will be given lessons by some of Calgary's best players. A small tournament will follow, with prizes for everyone!

To make the registration process more efficient, please register online at

<http://www.calgaryjuniorchess.com/CJCC/event/event/7704>.

Alberta Chess Challenge

Saturday, March 24, 10:00AM-4:00 PM

The Alberta Chess Challenge will be hosting players from all over Alberta. The tournament is divided into 12 sections based on grade. Section winners will represent team Alberta at the 2018 Canadian Chess Challenge. The ACA will provide a \$650 travel grant to help offset expenses for travel to St. John's, Newfoundland for the May 19-21 tournament.

The entry fee is \$30 if pre-registered online by noon, Tuesday, March 20; it will be \$35 afterwards and on-site. The entry fee includes a light lunch. Please note that lunch will be guaranteed only to players who pre-register online by noon, Tuesday, March 20.

You can register for this tournament at <http://www.albertachess.org/2018ACC.php>.

Steinitz-Menchik Classic

March 10 & 11, each day starts at 10:00AM

The Calgary Chess Club is holding a tournament open to both adults and juniors. The time control will be 90 minutes for the game, plus a 30 second increment per move. More information can be found at <http://calgarychess.com/tournaments-2/steinizt-menchik-chess-classis/>.

Monthly Puzzle Solutions:

1. Bf7#
- 1... Be1#
1. Bg6#
1. Nf7+ Kg8 2. Qh8#
1. Nc6+ Nxc6 2. Qe8#
1. Qf7+ Kd6 2. Qd5+ Ke7 3. Qe5#