

CJCC December Newsletter

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November was a busy month for juniors in chess. The Alberta Junior Championship, one of the largest junior tournaments across Alberta, took place this month. The CJCC hosted many other events, such as our monthly chess school and Remembrance Day tournament. Events hosted by the CCC were also attended by our juniors, helping them improve chess play. Take a look at what happened in the past month.

Remembrance Day Tournament

November 4, 2017

The Remembrance Day Tournament was the monthly tournament for the month of November. Players were separated into three sections: Novice, Intermediate, and Open. 65 players participated in this tournament! Congratulations to all our winners!

Open	Intermediate	Novice
1st: David Buslig 2nd: Prerana Manoj 3rd: Maxim Bryuzgin 4th: Jerry Ming 5th: Roni Gutin Matan Gutin	1st: Dulguun Bayarsaikhan 2nd: Braden McMahon Max Wang Bastian Benner 5th: Manish Samy Avery Li Nehaan Merali	1st: Aayush Kolharkar 2nd: Daniel Suchand Alexander Nikolov Jerry Yuen Tomisin Omotoso 6th: Ethan Liu Brendan Guilfoile Maya Kowalczewski

Final standings can be found at <https://www.calgaryjuniorchess.com/CJCC/event/Result/6782>.

November Chess School

November 12, 2017

Our third month of Chess School continues to receive massive amounts of players. We hope to see the number of young chess students continue to rise!

As always with each chess school, we hold a tournament at the end of the lessons. This is instructive for our chess players, as they can apply the skills they learned directly to the board.

Congratulations to our first place winners Kevin Qin (Open), Dominic Knoll (Intermediate), and Mark Zhang (Novice). For more information on standings, please visit :

<https://www.calgaryjuniorchess.com/CJCC/event/Result/6783>

Alberta Junior Championship

November 18 - 19, 2017



Players from all over the province came to the Alberta Junior Championship to play in two days of tough games. Players in the championship section fought it out in order to receive a \$1000 travel grant to the Canadian Junior Championship. Players in other sections of Open, Intermediate, Beginner and Girls also fought hard to win their games, hoping to place high. There were many memorable games, all well fought. Congratulations to those who won, and good luck to everyone in future tournaments!

Championship Section Winners Ian Zhao, Mark Ivanescu, and Anand Chandra

This year, players in the girls section had a chance to receive a \$500 travel grant to the SPF Girl's Invitational in St. Louis. This is a girls only chess tournament that promotes the increasing participation of girls in chess. Run by the Susan Polgar Foundation, this tournament provides opportunities for girls to improve their chess and become more involved in the chess community. Only five girls participated in the girls section the Alberta Junior Championship, so we hope more girls will get involved with this excellent sport.



Girls Section with their trophies

Standings:

Championship	Girls
1st: Ian Zhao	1st: Lucy Chao
2nd: Mark Ivanescu	2nd: Prerana Manoj
3rd: Anand Chandra	3rd: April Cao

During the Alberta Junior Championship, there were many interesting games. Although most games were well fought out, there were two games that ended in a draw by agreement in the first few moves. Although players were not at fault, it is a good idea to play a game to the best of one's ability, as tournaments are not about winning; they are about gaining more experience on the board.



U800 (left) and U1300 (right) Sections

Standings:

Open	U1300	U800
1st: Aditya Raninga	1st: Dulguun Bayarsaikhan	1st: Michael Garyayev
2nd: Paul Wang	2nd: Khino Tolentino	2nd: Ben Swertz
3rd: Julian Lau	3rd: Jinghui Bai	3rd: Daniel Liu
4th: Maxim Vasic	4th: Kaaden Rumancam	4th: Advait Pradhan
5th: Andrew Xu	5th: Parth Sheth	5th: Jerry Yuen
6th: Kevin Qin	6th: Braden McMahon	6th: Samir Sharma

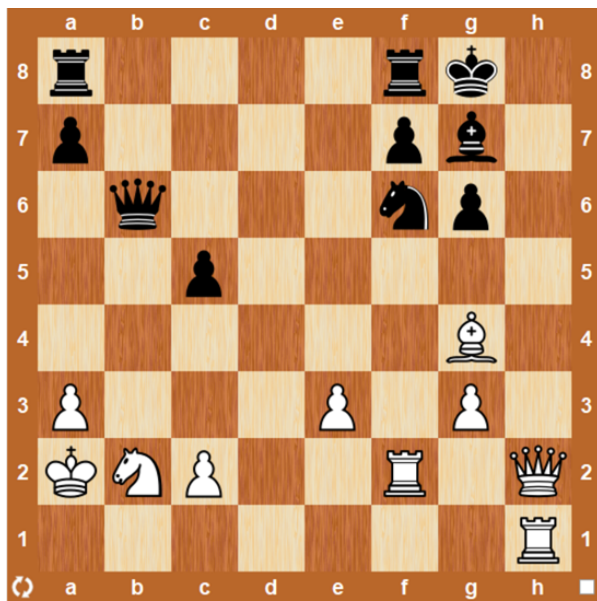
Southern Alberta Open

November 25 - 26, 2017

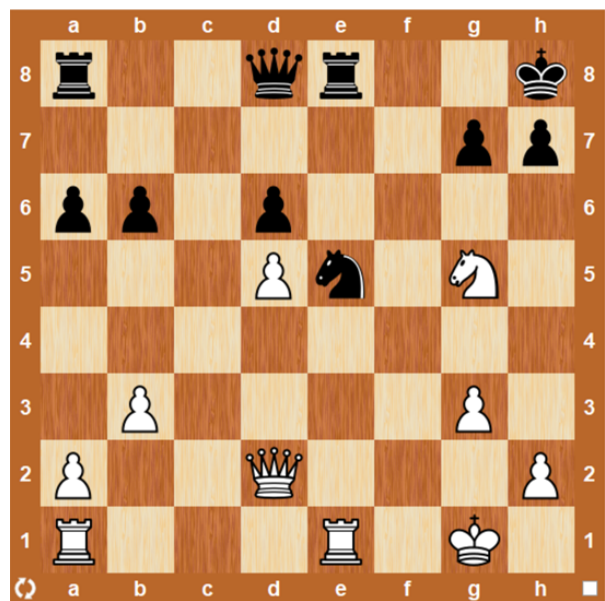
The CCC's Southern Alberta Open was open to both junior and adult players, making competition much harder than the CJCC's conventional tournaments. This can be a great learning experience for many higher level players, as playing people with different styles and skill levels will greatly improve play. Many of our juniors attended, and some even won cash prizes! Congratulations to Ian Zhao, Andrew Chen, Anand Chandra, and Hemant Srinivasan for their achievements.

Final standings can be found at http://calgarychess.com/WORDPRESS/?page_id=10703.

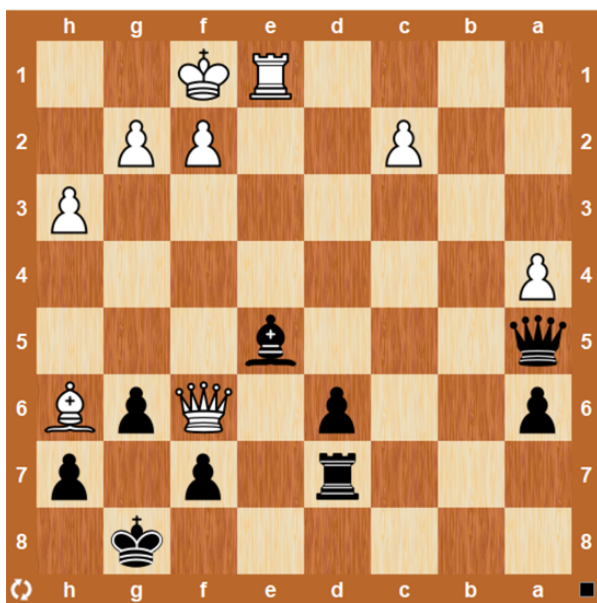
Monthly Puzzles (Solutions on back page)



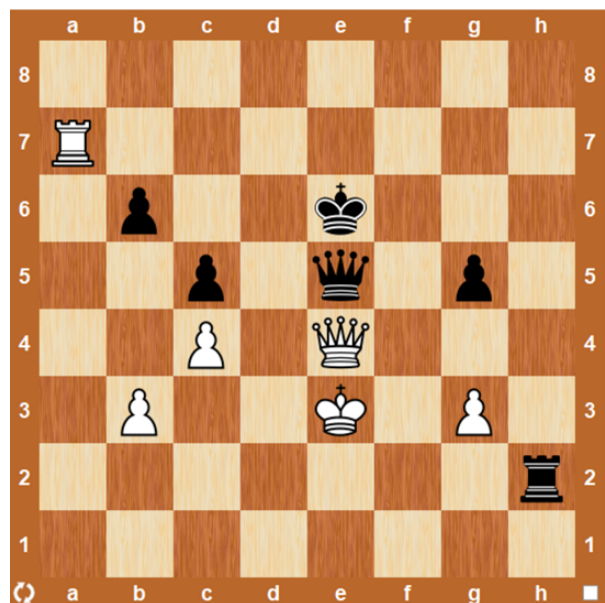
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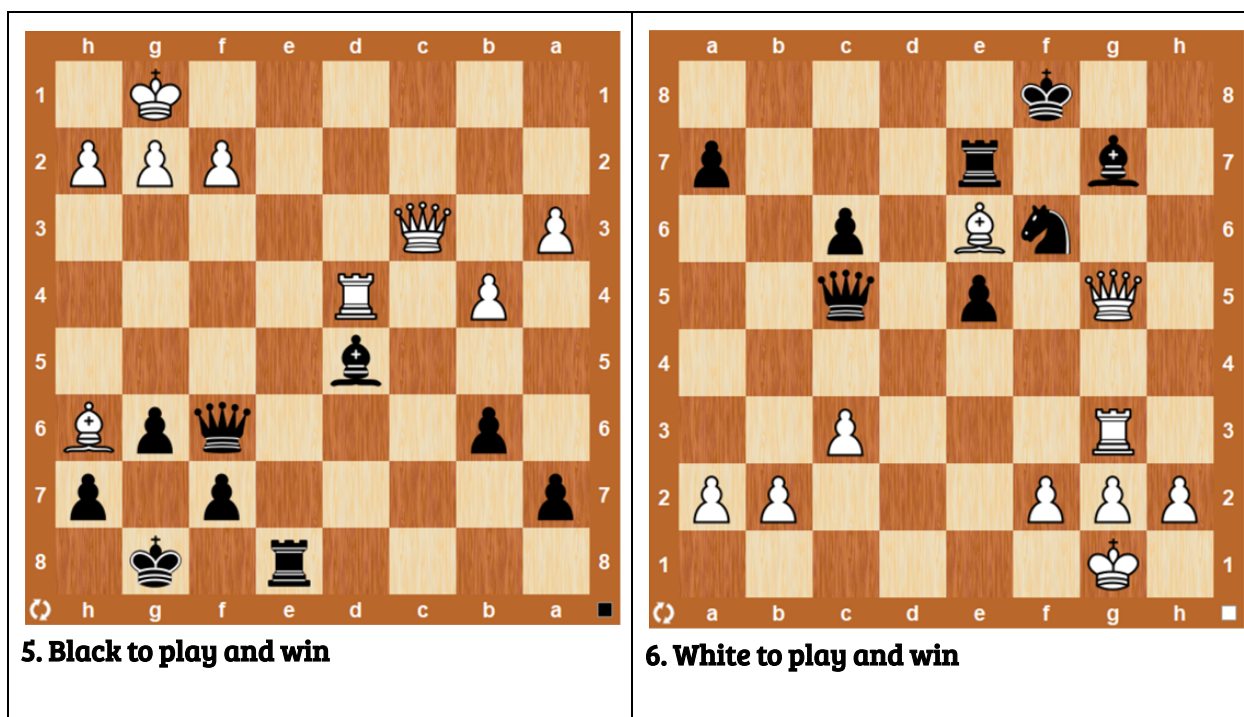
2. White to play and win material



3. Black to play and win material



4. White to play and win material



Upcoming Events

Christmas Tournament

Saturday, December 2, 1:00-5:00 PM

The Christmas tournament is one of our monthly tournaments, to be held on December 2nd, 2017. Players will be separated into three sections: Novice, Intermediate, and Open. Winners and runners up in each section will receive a trophy, and all others 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/6784>.

Christmas Party and Chess School

Sunday, December 17, 1:00-5:00 PM

The Chess School is a great opportunity for players of all levels to improve their game. Like the Christmas tournament, players are divided into four groups based on experience. They will be given lessons by some of Calgary's best players. The CJCC Christmas party and a Bughouse tournament will follow, with door prizes! Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be provided.

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

<http://www.calgaryjuniorchess.com/CJCC/event/event/6785>.

Calgary Chess Club:

CCC Christmas Parties

December 5 at 7:00pm, December 9 at 6:00pm

This year the CCC will have two Christmas parties. Details can be found at:

http://calgarychess.com/WORDPRESS/?page_id=6974

http://calgarychess.com/WORDPRESS/?page_id=10719

2017 December XMAS Active

December 12 to December 19, Every Tuesday

Information about this tournament is posted at:

http://calgarychess.com/WORDPRESS/?page_id=10708

Monthly Puzzle Solutions:

1. 1. Rxf6 Bxf6 2. Qh7#
2. 1. Rxe5 Rxe5 2. Nf7+ Kg8 3. Nxd8
3. 1... Qxe1+ 2. Kxe1 Bxf6
4. 1. Re7+ Kxe7 2. Qxe5+
5. 1... Qxd4 2. Qxd4 Re1#
6. 1. Qxf6+ Bxf6 2. Rg8#