



Saskatchewan at Last

The 28th edition of the Canadian Chess Challenge (CCC) was held at the University of Regina, Saskatchewan for the first time. With this year's event being in Saskatchewan, the CCC has now been hosted by all 10 Canadian provinces.

Format

The CCC is a 10-team Round Robin. The provincial champions from Grade 1 to Grade 12 form their province's team. These provincial teams play their counterparts on the 9 other provincial teams vying for the team championship title and for the individual national championship titles of their respective grades.

The 2016 CCC ran on the Sunday (rounds 1-6) and Monday (final 3 rounds) of the May long weekend: May 22-23, 2016. Time control was 25 mins + 5 sec delay.

*Song & Awatramani;
gift bag;
Larry B. on the mike.*



Hospitality

The key CCC Organizers, Laurie Lintott, Narom Sing, and Simon Li, arranged for players and families to enjoy the University of Regina's modern and spacious accommodations. Each unit had 3-4 separate bedrooms where 2-3 people could stay in one bedroom and share 2 separate bathrooms, a large living room, and full kitchen with fridge, microwave, and stove.

The CCC Organizers also planned a Blitz tournament, where BC's **Janak Awatramani** and Ontario's **Michael Song** tied. After the playoff game, Janak Awatramani won first place. This was followed by a nice Welcome

BBQ dinner and some after dinner fun — outdoor laser tag! Players were given **gift bags** full of goodies like chocolate chess pieces, chess erasers, chess pencil, souvenir 2016 CCC booklet, and CCC scorebook, as well as their **CCC certificate**.



Opening Ceremony

During the opening ceremony, Chess'n Math Executive Director Larry Bevand introduced all the players as each team was paraded in by bagpiper Erin, with their Grade 12 player leading the way and carrying their provincial flag. Once all 10 teams were at their boards, Don MacKinnon sang "O Canada". Chief Arbiter Jeff Coakley announces tournament rules and pairings, and Round 1 begins.





As a goodwill gesture, players exchange provincial pins and shake hands at the start of each the game.

Pairings and Results

The pairings are random except for the final round where the pairings are fixed based on last year's team standings. For this year, that meant Team Ontario (last year's winners) and Team Quebec (last year's 2nd place team) met in the final round, which resulted in a tied match 6 - 6. The tiebreak was the cumulative team points, which gave **Team Ontario** the team championship title once again. **Team Quebec** came second, **Team BC**

won third place, Team Alberta came fourth place, and the home Team Saskatchewan finished 5th place: their best ever result! The best maritime province was Newfoundland & Labrador.

Adam Dorrance¹²

Larry Bevand presented Nova Scotia's Adam Dorrance with a cheque for \$1,200 to recognize his **participation in 12 CCCs**, from Grade 1 to Grade 12, and **winning the championship 8 times**. Per Larry Bevand:

"Adam Dorrance of Nova Scotia, took part in his last Canadian Chess Challenge. He has represented his grade every year from Grade 1 to Grade

12! Not only that, he has won the National competition for his grade eight times! Chess'n Math honoured the occasion by awarding Adam a special plaque and at the same time we presented him with a cheque for \$1,200...\$100 for each year he took part at the National level."

Larry Bevand & Adam Dorrance





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T-Shirts

There was a three-way tie for the Best T-Shirt: Newfoundland & Labrador, Quebec, and Saskatchewan. The three provinces split the \$200 cash prize evenly. Votes for the Best T-shirt are normally voted on by Team Captains. Next year, the players will be allowed to vote for the **Best T-Shirt**.



Bughouse

After the main CCC tournament, the Bughouse tournament had 2 sections, where the Open section was won by **Janak Awatramani** and **Jeremy Hui**; and the U1200 section was won by **Leo Qu** and **Lucian Wu** – all of whom are from BC.



Thanks to...

- Chess'n Math's Larry Bevand and Christian Lacasse;
- Chief Arbiter Jeff Coakley;
- CCC Organizers Laurie Lintott, Narom Sing, and Simon Li;
- the many volunteers from Saskatchewan;

- the many sponsors — especially to major sponsor, the City of Regina;
- **Chris Dawson** from Newfoundland and Labrador, the man behind the timely on-line updates for the Canadian Chess Challenge's results and stats.



Team	ON	QC	BC	AB	SK	MB	NL	NB	NS	PEI	TB	Total										
ON	X	X	6	0.5	10	1	11.5	1	11	1	12	1	11	1	10.5	1	11.5	1	12	1	95.5	8.5
QC	6	0.5	X	X	8.5	1	11	1	10	1	10.5	1	11	1	11	1	10	1	12	1	90.0	8.5
BC	2	0	3.5	0	X	X	9.5	1	11.5	1	11.5	1	11	1	10.5	1	12	1	12	1	83.5	7
AB	0.5	0	1	0	2.5	0	X	X	9	1	8.5	1	8	1	9.5	1	10	1	9.5	1	58.5	6
SK	1	0	2	0	0.5	0	3	0	X	X	6	0.5	7.5	1	7.5	1	8.5	1	7	1	43.0	4.5
MB	0	0	1.5	0	0.5	0	3.5	0	6	0.5	X	X	6.5	1	6	0.5	7	1	8.5	1	39.5	4
NL	1	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	4.5	0	5.5	0	X	X	7.5	1	9	1	6.5	1	40.0	3
NB	1.5	0	1	0	1.5	0	2.5	0	4.5	0	6	0.5	4.5	0	X	X	6.5	1	9	1	37.0	2.5
NS	0.5	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	3.5	0	5	0	3	0	5.5	0	X	X	6.5	1	28.0	1
PEI	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.5	0	5	0	3.5	0	5.5	0	3	0	5.5	0	X	X	25.0	0

links

Results and Stats

<http://www.chess-challenge.chess-math.org/national/results/2016/English/index.xml>

more photos:

<https://www.facebook.com/Chessn-Math-Association-Alumni-123643812058/>



Top Teams

1. Ontario
2. Quebec
3. BC
4. Alberta
5. Saskatchewan

(clockwise from top left)

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GRADE 1

1. ALEX JIKAI YAN
2. RYAN YANG
3. ANDREW KSENYCH



GRADE 2

1. ANTHONY ATANASOV
2. KEVIN ZHONG
3. DANIEL WANG



GRADE 3

1. MAX CHEN
2. RICHARD Q. ZHENG
3. VISHRUTH SHARMA

- ## GRADE 4
3. LUCIAN WU
 1. NAMEER ISSANI
 2. HARUAKI OMICHI



GRADE 5

3. NEIL DOKNJAS

1. QUIYU HUANG

2. MAX ENGLAND



1. NICHOLAS VETTESE 2. WENXUAN ZHONG 3. LEO QU 4. IAN ZHAO 5. ALEXANDER SASATA

GRADE 6



GRADE 7

- 1. EUGENE HUA
- 2. GABRIEL PHILIP TINICA
- 3. ETHAN LOW

GRADE 8

- 1. MAILI-JADE OUELLET
- 2. JOSHUA DOKNJAS
- 3. DEREK MA
- 4. JEFF WANG



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3. MATTHEW GENG

1. RICHARD CHEN

2. ANANDA SAHA



GRADE
9

2. JOSEPH BELLISSIMO

1. ZIYUAN (SAM) SONG

3. JASON CAO



GRADE
10



GRADE
11

2. MICHAEL SONG

1. JANAK AWATRAMANI

3. OLIVIER KENTA CHIKU-RATTE



GRADE
12

3. ADAM DORRANCE

1. JEREMY HUI

2. ZEHN NASIR