

PAWNWISE

THE ATLANTIC ALL-AGES CHESS FESTIVAL



2022 **HALIFAX**
NOVA SCOTIA

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY | JULY 29 - AUGUST 2

IN TRIBUTE



Harold Uuetoa [left] is presented a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011 by Ken Cashin, President, Chess Nova Scotia

Harold Uuetoa

Harold Uuetoa, a veteran of Nova Scotia chess, died in March 2021 at the age of 89. Harold immigrated to Canada from Estonia in 1949/50, settling in Herring Cove, Nova Scotia. A lobster fisherman by day, he was a connoisseur of chess by evening. He was also a strong player. He won the Nova Scotia Open in 1958 & 1963 and the Maritime Chess Championship in 1964.

Harold's dedication to chess was lifelong. He attended the weekly meetings of the Bluenose Chess Club for over 60 years and has played in more tournaments in Nova Scotia than any other player. He intended to play at Pawn Wise.

Chess Nova Scotia honours his memory.



Greetings

from the Mayor



As Mayor of Halifax and on behalf of Regional Council, I am delighted to welcome all players, game enthusiasts and spectators to *Pawn Wise: The Atlantic All-Ages Chess Festival*.

The largest chess event ever held in Nova Scotia, with players from across the country and around the globe, promises to be exciting, providing everyone with a rewarding experience. We are proud to host this top-notch competition featuring two tournaments, *The Canadian Seniors Chess Championship* and the inaugural *Nova Scotia Mayflower Open*, here in Halifax.

I wish to recognize the commitment and dedication of Chess Nova Scotia and acknowledge, with gratitude, the many organizers, sponsors, supporters and Saint Mary's University, for your valuable contributions ensuring the success of this significant event.

Enjoy the unique all-ages experience, I wish you all success as you compete and I trust your visit will be truly memorable.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Savage". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single blue stroke.

Mike Savage
Mayor



Welcome to Pawn Wise: The Atlantic All-Ages Chess Festival 2022!

As president of Chess Nova Scotia, I am honoured that you have chosen Halifax, Nova Scotia, to play chess this summer. I am especially pleased to welcome players from across Canada and indeed the world!

With Pawn Wise 2022, we hope to put Nova Scotia on the map as a venue for major chess events in the years to come. Pawn Wise will be the largest and most significant chess event ever held in Nova Scotia. It is also the first time that a chess event in Canada has been presented on the theme that chess is an all-ages sport.

For this reason, we have reserved Sunday evening for a keynote address by Shruti Patelia, York University, on Healthy Aging: Mastering the Right Moves!

We are also inviting the general public on Saturday and Sunday to explore chess at all levels and ages at our free Chess Open House!

We are confident that Festival goers will be glad they visited Nova Scotia this post-pandemic year. Céad Míle Fáilte – A Hundred Thousand Welcomes!

Ken Cashin, President
Chess Nova Scotia

SPECIAL GUEST



Aman Hambleton, Canadian Grandmaster

Aman Hambleton is Nova Scotia's first native-born Grandmaster, awarded the prestigious title in 2018. Canadian accolades include: National Under-18 Champion (2010), equal 1st at the Canadian Chess Open (2017), Canadian Olympic team member (2014, 2018), and coach of the Canadian Women's Olympic Team (2017).

Aman works full-time as a member of Chessbrah, the popular online chess entertainment channel on Twitch/tv founded by fellow Canadian GM Eric Hansen.

Other Notable Players

Chess Nova Scotia is also honoured to welcome GM Eduardas Rozentalis of Lithuania, winner of over 50 international tournaments and the top player registered for the inaugural Nova Scotia Mayflower Open. Distinguished players in the Canadian Seniors event include IM Jean Hébert (QC), IM Leon Piasetski (BC), IM David Cummings (ON), and IM Brian Hartman (ON). All have represented Canada at the World Chess Olympiad.

In the Atlantic region, National Master, Adam Dorrance, Nova Scotia, leads a group of nine former or current provincial champions registered for play.

There are nine Nova Scotia youth champions playing as well. At the Canadian Youth Chess Championship 2022, Calix Marchand, 10, and Michelle Zhang, 9, were crowned national champions, respectively, in the Under-10 Open and Girls sections. Calix also won gold for Grade 4 at the Canadian Chess Challenge 2022. Jerjis Kapra won bronze for Grade 11 at the same event and recently achieved the requirements for the title of National Candidate Master.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Shruti Patelia, Doctoral Candidate, York University

Shruti Patelia is a researcher and student at the School of Kinesiology & Health Science, York University, ranked among the top 25 such schools in the world. Her interest in preventive health care for older adults began as a volunteer at the Toronto Rehabilitation Centre. Her research focuses on how we can thrive and continue to develop throughout our adult lives, notably through sport and chess.

Her presentation, Healthy Aging: Mastering the Right Moves, will also address stereotypes related to chess and aging.

OFFICIALS



Roger Langen, Festival Coordinator

Roger Langen, Secretary, Chess Nova Scotia, learned chess as a university student in Newfoundland, founding the Newfoundland & Labrador Chess Association in 1969. To help promote the game, he organized the 1970 Canadian Chess Open in St. John's, Newfoundland, won by Bent Larsen, and gave simultaneous blindfold exhibitions, playing 21 games in 1972. Roger has won the Newfoundland Chess Open seven times (1969-72, 1974, 2017-18), the Atlantic Invitational Closed 1999, and most recently, the Nova Scotia Open (2019).



Chris Felix, Tournament Director

Chris Felix is Vice President, Chess Nova Scotia, and President, Nova Scotia Scholastic Chess Association. After learning chess at 12, he quickly became a regular competitor on the local chess scene, loving the logic of chess analysis and the thrill of competition. With over 17 years of experience teaching chess, Chris continues his efforts at sustainable growth for chess in Nova Scotia for residents of all ages. Chris is no stranger to gaming circles, enjoying other board & strategy games. He is also a well-known competitive video game player.



Alex Relyea, Chief Arbiter

Alex Relyea is an International Arbiter and National Tournament Director for USChess. He has presided at numerous national events, including the U.S. Junior Open (2004), U.S. Open & Women's Championships (2007, 2018), Senior Master's Championship (2014), and U.S. Blind Championship (2018-21). He is former Chair of the USChess Ethics Committee and the Tournament Director Certification Committee. Alex has directed 276 tournaments, in 756 sections. He currently resides in Bedford, New Hampshire.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Saint Mary's University:

McNally Theatre Auditorium – MM 113

Skittles Room – MM 227

Chess Open House – MM 224 (11-5, July 30–31)

July 29

3:00 – 4:30 PM On-site registration

5:00 – 6:00 PM Opening Ceremony

6:30 PM Round 1

July 30

10:00 AM Round 2

6:00 PM Round 3

July 31

10:00 AM Round 4

7:00 PM Public Lecture: Shruti Patelia, York University
Healthy Aging: Mastering the Right Moves

August 1

10:00 AM Round 5

6:00 PM Round 6

August 2

11:00 AM Awards Luncheon

12:30 PM Closing Ceremony

Format – 6-round Swiss

Time Control – 40/105 + G/30 + 30-second increment starting from move 1

Rated CFC and FIDE

Prizes

80% of entry fees + \$2500 in Chessable and Chess 24 products

Guaranteed 1st prize in each event: \$1,000.00

Note: Foreign players in CSCC sections cannot claim first prize

Gift Cards

A lottery to distribute Nova Scotia gift cards will be announced.

Please be advised

All players must abide by Government of Nova Scotia and SMU

Covid-19 protocols

HERITAGE OVER THE BOARD



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REEDS OF SUMMER



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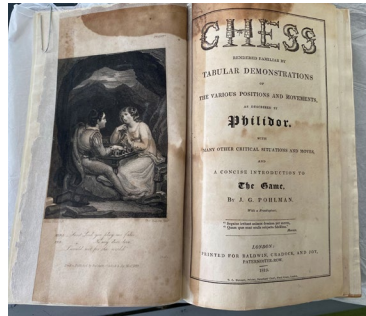
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Chess, Tabular Demonstrations, by François-André Philidor

London: Baldwin, Cradock, and Joy, Paternoster-Row, 1819. First edition. 460 pp. Restoration by Ruth Legge of Legge Conservation Services, Wolfville, Nova Scotia. Fair condition. Offered as prize. Donation by Roger Langen.

NOVA SCOTIA CRAFTSMEN



Gordon Marshall, Woodturner

Gordon Marshall, the artisan behind the Pawn Wise wood trophies, is a lifelong resident of Nova Scotia. He lives outside Halifax in the small community of Upper Tantallon, near picturesque Peggy's Cove. Gordon has worked with wood throughout his adult life, enjoying the creativity, the smells, the feel, but mostly, "the calming effect it brings to an otherwise hectic life." Gordon was a Juried Member of Craft Nova Scotia for 15 years prior to retirement in 2021.



Stephen Parsons, Artisan Woodworker

Stephen Parsons learned his craft, he says, "at the feet of my father, an accomplished woodworker in the province of Newfoundland." After moving to West Chezzetcook on Nova Scotia's Eastern Shore, Stephen and his partner, Mary Elizabeth, turned a hobby into an artisan business, Chez Craft. Stephen's innovative design ideas and skilled approaches in flatwork, joinery, CNC fabrication, and lathe production helped to create a unique, Nova Scotia-themed "Sable Island Knight Chess Set," named after the long-maned horses that live wild on Sable Island..



David Carter, Communication Designer

David Carter is an exhibit and interpretation specialist. He provided design consultation services for the display of trophies, Sable Island Knight Chess Set, and vintage chess books in the foyer of the McNally Theatre Auditorium. David is also recognized as an expert in the material history and Nova Scotia origins of another game of strategy, ice hockey, and by his *nom de plume*, Holmes Hockey Heritage Detective.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS



Farhana Kanth, Vice President, Nova Scotia Scholastic Chess Association

Farhana Kanth is an Honorary Director of Chess Nova Scotia and a core member of the Organizing Committee for the Pawn Wise chess festival. More importantly, she is a proud mother of two chess players. "Having seen firsthand the tremendous impact chess has had on my own children, I am passionate about growing chess in Nova Scotia, so that other children and families can benefit as well."

With the support of a dedicated team (including other parents), Farhana has provided leadership in building a solid foundation for the growth of chess in Nova Scotia. "With Pawn Wise we are taking chess to the next level and invite players from around the country and the world to be a part of our chess story!"

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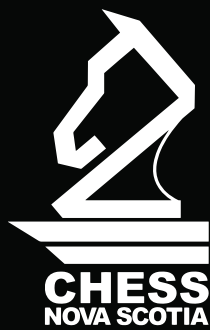
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