

PHOTOS: Local chess club hosts holiday tournament

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The Rapid City Area Scholastic Chess Club hosted a Holiday “Chess Nut” Tournament on Saturday at the Canyon Lake Activity Center in Rapid City.



John McGrath (from left), Eli Wright, Brogan McGrath, Jonas Heilman, Jackson Giuseffi, Sydney Giuseffi and Ben Utecht stand with tournament director Nathan Walstrom after placing in the Holiday "Chess Nut" Tournament on Saturday at Canyon Lake Activity Center in Rapid City. The Rapid City Area Scholastic Chess Club hosted the event after starting to meet again in early November.

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Brogan McGrath earned first place in the K-12 group at the Holiday "Chess Nut" Tournament on Saturday. McGrath started playing chess online three years ago and now attends the Rapid City Scholastic Area Chess Club's weekly meetings at the Rapid City Public Library. McGrath said what he enjoyed the most about the tournament was seeing his friends, but when it comes to the game itself, he said his favorite part is "being able to practice and teach yourself."

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Tournament director Nathan Walstrom, who is also president of the Rapid City Area Scholastic Chess Club, hands a trophy to Sydney Giuseffi on Saturday at Canyon Lake Activity Center in Rapid City. Giuseffi placed third in the K-6 group.

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Children take a break as the Holiday "Chess Nut" Tournament wraps up on Saturday at Canyon Lake Activity Center in Rapid City.

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Jackson Giuseffi applauds fellow chess players on Saturday at Canyon Lake Activity Center in Rapid City.

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Ben Utecht walks up to receive the Sportsmanship Award at the Holiday "Chess Nut" Tournament on Saturday at Canyon Lake Activity Center in Rapid City.

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Jackson Giuseffi receives a trophy after placing first in the K-6 group at the Holiday "Chess Nut" Tournament on Saturday at Canyon Lake Activity Center in Rapid City.

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John McGrath receives a trophy after placing third in the K-12 group at the Holiday "Chess Nut" Tournament on Saturday at Canyon Lake Activity Center in Rapid City.

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Eli Wright receives a trophy after placing second in the K-12 group at the Holiday "Chess Nut" Tournament on Saturday at Canyon Lake Activity Center in Rapid City.

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