

1st Almonte Open

An EOCA Grand Prix



The opening event of the 2016-2017 Eastern Ontario Grand Prix takes place at the Gatehouse of the Historic Mill of Kintail, just minutes outside of Almonte, Ontario. Enjoy a weekend of chess in an idyllic setting within a conservation area. Between rounds visit the R Tait Mackenzie museum, or enjoy hiking the several nature trails.

Event Date: August 27 – 28 2016.

Place: The Mill of Kintail Gatehouse, 2854 Concession 8, Almonte, Ontario, K0A 1A0

Type: Regular Swiss Open, U1900, U1600, pairings in single section with class prizes

Rounds: 5 rounds — Saturday @ 9am, 2pm and 7pm; Sunday@ 9am and 2pm.

Time Control: Game/90 minutes plus 30 seconds/move increments.

Prizes: \$500 minimum prize fund guaranteed. Sections and prizes are based on entries and may change.

Entry Fee: \$50 if pre-registered, \$60 at site. Amateur entry is \$30. Amateur entrants are not eligible for cash prizes. **Free entry for GMs/WGMs & IMs/WIMs.**

CFC or FQE membership is required. A limited number of clocks and sets will be provided, so please bring your own equipment.

Requesting byes: A maximum of two ½ point byes can be given in the first three rounds.

Organizer: Garland Best

Tournament Director: Garland Best

Registration options:

1. Cheque by August 15, 2016, payable to: Garland Best, PO Box 1245, Almonte, On, K0A 1A0
2. Register in person at the RA Chess Club, August 18 or August 25, 7:00-7:30 PM
3. Register on-site between 7:30 AM and 8:30 AM

Additional Information

Directions From Ottawa: Follow the 417 West to exit 155, March road. Turn left onto March Road, towards Almonte. Drive through Almonte to County Rd 29. Turn right onto County Rd. 29 Travel 3 km to Clayton Rd. Turn left onto Clayton Rd, and drive 1.4km to Concession 8. Turn right on to Concession 8 and travel 1.7km. The Mill of Kintail will be on your right.

Directions from Kingston: Take Highway 15 North to Carleton Place. Turn right onto Highway 7 towards Ottawa. After 700m turn left onto County Rd 29. Travel for 16km along County Rd 29, past Almonte, to Clayton Rd. Turn left onto Clayton Rd, and drive 1.4km to Concession 8. Turn right on to Concession 8 and travel 1.7km. The Mill of Kintail will be on your right.

Overnight Lodging: Almonte has several B&Bs. They include the following:

- Almonte Riverside Inn, 81 Queen St: call 613-461-2745
- Menzie House Bed and Breakfast, 80 Queen St: call 613-256-8055
- Celtic Rest B&B, 138 Spring St,: call 613-256-5059

Other lodgings can be found at <http://exploremississippimills.ca/listings/mississippimills/where-to-stay>

Where to Eat: Snacks and drinks will be offered on site as well as sandwiches for lunch between rounds 1 and 2 and rounds 4 and 5. Almonte offers a variety of dining options for meals, including the following:

Coffee, Tea Houses and Sandwiches

- Baker Bob's
- Equator Coffee
- Robins Nest Tea Room
- Palms Coffee Shop

Fast Food:

- Subway
- Milanos Pizzeria
- Tim Hortons

Family Restaurant and Pub food:

- The Superior Restaurant
- Mama's Place
- The Barley Mow

Fine Dining:

- El Postino
- Mill St. Crepe Company
- Heirloom Café and Bistro