

Largest monopoly tourney

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Canada's best Monopoly player is coming to Pembroke to aid Algonquin College raise money for the proposed Renaissance Square campus.

Ottawa's Will Lusby will be competing in College-Opoly, an event dubbed as the Ottawa Valley's largest Monopoly tournament, on Saturday, March 6 at the Pembroke Armourie.

The tournament will feature up to eight teams competing for the right to take on Mr. Lusby who last year became the Canadian Monopoly King when he defeated 47 of the best

Monopoly players in Canada at the nationals in Montreal. He will hold the title for the next four years.

"Every game is different and anything is possible when you play Monopoly," Mr. Lusby said during a kick-off ceremony at the campus Wednesday. "I'm sure there will be stiff competition at the Pembroke tournament and I look forward to the challenge."

Monopoly has been a popular game since its introduction in 1935. Today, it is the most popular board game in the world and it is estimated that 750 million have played Monopoly.

Lusby said he first got interested in playing as a youngster, however, he realized it was competitive when he saw an advertisement for a major Monopoly tournament at the Eaton's Centre. Competitive Monopoly is slightly different in that properties are sold quicker and rents are paid faster. So games can wrap up in a half hour.

"At home, you know everyone you are playing with. On the circuit it's pretty competitive but there is camaraderie," explained Mr. Lusby. "Everyone's there to win but you're also there to have a good time."

Pembroke Campus Fundraising Monopoly Tournament – College-Opoly



FIRST TEAM:
Scotiabank's Pembroke Branch is the first team to register in the tournament. They met the Canadian Monopoly champ and picked up a few strategies when he was at the Pembroke Campus recently.

The registration fee for the tournament is \$5,000 for a team of four and includes the opportunity to win prizes.

This includes winning your team's registration fee back

if one player from your team beats the Monopoly Champion and two other players at the final table during the championship game. Other prizes include a private gourmet meal for 10 people at the campus served by the college's Cook Apprenticeship program.

College-Opoly begins with a marquee match at 5 p.m. where players will be invited to learn the rules and strategies of tournament Monopoly under Mr. Lusby.

The tournament commences at 7 p.m. with each player competing against players from opposing teams. At the end of the 75-minute game, points will be calculated for each player using the standard Monopoly point system.

The top three teams with the highest number of points will then choose a team representative to participate in the championship game with the Canadian Monopoly champion. Mr. Lusby does have one piece of free advice to his challengers:

"Don't be afraid to take risks and make trades," he said. "The game is all about trading."

General admission is \$15 and includes complimentary food and the chance to play friendly Monopoly matches.

Charitable receipts will be issued to all teams and individuals who participate in the tournament by the Pembroke Campus Foundation.

For more information, check the new campus' website at <http://www.algonquincollege.com/pembrokenewcampus> or by contacting the capital campaign office at 613-735-4700 ext. 2842.