

# Alberta Chess Report



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## Richard Wang takes Bronze at the WYCC

Richard earns the first Canadian medal at the WYCC since 1986! The rest of the players from Alberta also put in great performances, all of them finishing with 50% or better.

## Alberta Junior

Simon Ong organized an excellent event, complete with a Reserve section, complimentary snacks as well as broadcasting the games live on the internet. David Zhang is the new Alberta Junior champion!

## Edmonton International

From December 17-21 Edmonton will be holding their 4<sup>th</sup> Edmonton International Chess Festival. Side events include lectures and the WBX Team Tournament (December 20-21). The International section will feature live broadcast of all games. Visit their website for more info.

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## 2010 Alberta Chess Tournaments

\* = a Road Warrior event

DATE	NAME	ORGANIZER	LOCATION
Jan 8-10	*Schleinich Memorial	Tony Ficzer	Calgary
Jan 16-17	University Battle of Alberta	Simon Ong	Calgary
Jan 30-31	*Trumpeter Classic	Tim Pradzinski	Grande Prairie
Jan 31-Feb1	ACA Casino	Tony Ficzer	Calgary
Feb 13-14	AYCC Championship	Roy Yearwood	Calgary
Feb 20-21	*Northern Alberta Open	Micah Hughey	Edmonton
Feb 21	St. Albert Regional Chess Challenge	David Ludwig	St. Albert
Mar 13-14	*March of Kings	Tony Ficzer	Calgary
Mar 21	Edmonton Regional Chess Challenge	Bruce Thomas	Edmonton
March	Peace River Regional Chess Challenge	Bruce Thomas	Peace River
March	Medicine Hat Regional Chess Challenge	Bruce Thomas	Medicine Hat
March	Jasper / Hinton Regional Chess Challenge	Bruce Thomas	Jasper/Hinton
March	Red Deer Regional Chess Challenge	Bruce Thomas	Red Deer
March	Calgary Regional Chess Challenge	CJCC/Simon Ong	Calgary
March/April TBA	*Lethbridge Open	Paul Viminitz	Lethbridge
Apr 2-4	*Alberta Closed	Micah Hughey	Edmonton
Apr 3-4	*Alberta Reserves	Micah Hughey	Edmonton
Apr 3-4	*Alberta Women's	Micah Hughey	Edmonton
Apr 17	Alberta Chess Challenge Finals	Bruce Thomas	Edmonton
May 1-2	*Over / Under 1800	Vlad Rekhson	Edmonton
May 20-24	*Calgary International Open	Tony Ficzer	Calgary
June 5	Alberta Active Championship	Roy Yearwood	Calgary
June 20-21	*Edmonton International Qualifier	Vlad Rekhson	Edmonton
July 28-Aug 2	*5th Edmonton International Chess Festival	Vlad Rekhson	Edmonton
Aug 21	Battle of Alberta	Jim Daniluk / Micah Hughey	Red Deer
Aug 21	Junior Battle of Alberta	Roy Yearwood / Richard Pua	Red Deer
Sept 4-6	*Battle At The Border	Jamin Gluckie	Lloydminster
Sept 18-19	*Medicine Hat Open	Dr. Bill Taylor	Medicine Hat
Oct 9-11	*Alberta Open	Ford Wong	Calgary
Oct 22-24	*Edmonton Fall Sectional	Vlad Rekhson	Edmonton
Nov 6-7	Alberta Junior	Richard Pua	Edmonton
Nov 20-21	*Southern Alberta Open	Tony Ficzer	Calgary
Dec 4	Christmas Youth Open	Roy Yearwood	Calgary
Dec 18-19	*WBX Team Tournament	Vlad Rekhson	Edmonton

## 2010 ACA Meeting Schedule

Jan 24	ACA Budget Meeting	Mike Sekuloff	Red Deer
May 9	ACA Board Meeting	Mike Sekuloff	Red Deer
August	ACA Board Meeting - ONLINE	Mike Sekuloff	Email
Oct 10	ACA AGM	Mike Sekuloff	Calgary
Nov 28	ACA Board Meeting (2011 Planning)	Mike Sekuloff	Red Deer

# 4<sup>th</sup> Edmonton International Qualifier

By Vlad Rekhson

The new tradition of the Edmonton International tournaments is foreshadowed by the annual qualifier event.

This tournament serves as a way of giving the general chess community a chance to qualify for the big event, as well as a fund-raiser for the International since half the entry fees are used for that purpose.

This year's tournament attracted 17 players, 7 of whom had ratings over 2000. The three top favourites were masters: Dale Haessel (Calgary), Rob "the Rocket" Gardner (Edmonton) and Keith MacKinnon (North Battleford, Saskatchewan). While Dale managed to qualify for the main event every year and "the Rocket" participated twice, Keith never had a chance to participate in the Edmonton International, only missing the qualification spot by half a point last year.

From relatively early on, it became clear that first place will be decided among the three masters. While Keith drew the talented Richard Wang, Rob and Dale were perfect after the first two rounds. In round 3 Dale managed to beat "the Rocket" setting up the penultimate round match-up with Keith. Dale tried to force an early draw; however, Keith managed to win the crucial game, giving him the lead going into the last round. In it, Keith had black against Rob while Dale had white against Aaron "Ironman" Sequillion. Because Keith beat Dale, Keith knew that he would win on tie-break in case they would wind up with the same amount of points. As a result, Keith only needed a draw with "Rocket". Rob on the other hand needed to win and hope for Dale not to beat "Ironman." Rob declined an early draw offer going for the win, but it seemed like after Rob saw that Dale was winning, something gave in and he lost.

As a result Keith MacKinnon becomes Saskatchewan's first ever representative at the Edmonton International and with an average field of 2432 FIDE, boy does he have his work cut out for him!

Keith has taken the time to annotate the following game.

**MacKinnon,Keith (2255)**  
**Haessel,Dale (2290)**  
**Petroff Defence [C43]**

Notes by Keith MacKinnon

This game was played in the fourth round, and since I was half a point behind Dale in the standings, I knew that I would need to win in order to have a shot at qualifying for the Edmonton International.

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♗f6**

The Petroff Defence is usually played when Black is happy with a draw (as was the case in this game).

**3.d4 ♗xe4 4.♗d3 ♗c6!?**

At first glance, it might seem as if Black has forgotten about his hanging Knight on e4, but if White tries to win it, Black gets a satisfactory position.

**5.dxe5**

5.♗xc4 d5= forces White's Bishop back after which Black plays ...e4 forking the Bishop and Knight; 5.d5!? ♗c5 6.dxc6 e4= and Black is doing well.

**5...d5**

5...♗c5 is a less common way of playing this position for Black.

**6.exd6 ♗xd6**

Here my opponent offered a draw. I was playing for the win, so I definitely wasn't going to accept the early offer of peace.

**7.♗c3 ♗e6 8.♗f4 ♗e7 9.♖d2 ♖d7 10.0-0 0-0-0 11.♖e3**

The last few moves have been quite normal for both sides, but this move might seem strange to some. The basic idea is to play ♗b5 and ♗e5.

**11...a6**

This is a good move which I hadn't considered too seriously. I figured that Black would play ...♗b8 which has been played previously in this position.

**12.♖he1**

A natural move which develops my least active piece.

**12...♗b8 13.♗e4!? ♗f6**

Black needs to get active, so this is a good try.

**14.♗g5!?**

14.♗xd6 cxd6 15.♗d5± would have been a better way of playing for White. Black gets an isolated pawn, and White still has more space.

**14...♗b4?!?**



14.♗g5 would have been a strong move, were it not for 14...h6 15.♗xe6 fxe6 which basically equalizes for Black. Dale's idea with 14...♗b4 was a bit too ambitious.

**15.♗xd6! cxd6 16.♗xe6 fxe6?**

Dale was already in mild time trouble, and this move gives White a nearly winning position. 16...♖xe6! 17.♗d5 (17.a3 ♗a2+ 18.♗xa2 ♖xa2 19.c3 and White has a small advantage, but the position is pretty unclear after 19...d5; 17.♖b6?! d5 18.♖xb4 ♗xc3 19.♖xc3 dxe4=) 17...♗xd5 18.♖xd5±.

**17.♖b6 ♗xc3 18.bxc3 ♗c6?**

18...♗d5 was a better try, but it still leaves White clearly on top after 19.♗xd5 exd5 20.♖xd5 ♖hf8 21.c4±; 18...♗xa2+? loses quickly to 19.♗b2±.

**19.♗xc6 ♖xc6 20.♖xc6 bxc6 21.♖xe6**

The rest isn't too difficult.

**21...♗c7 22.♖d4 ♖hf8 23.f3 ♖f5 24.♖b4**

Maybe not the best move but tough to face in time pressure. White threatens 25.♖c7+ ♖d7 26.♖b7+ ♗xb7 27.♖xd7+ followed by ♖xg7+.

**24...♖d7 25.♖e8 ♖b5 26.a4 ♖b6?**

It's important to stay alert even when the position is lost, since this move makes White's life quite a bit easier.

**27.♖c8+! ♗xc8 28.♖xb6 ♗c7 29.a5 ♖e7 30.♖xa6 ♗b7 31.♖b6+ ♗c7 32.♖b4 1-0**

And Black resigned. I felt that I played this game pretty well, and I managed to win my last round as well to finish first and qualify for the Edmonton International.

## Alberta Open & AGM

By Tony Ficzer

As tradition would have it, the 2009 Alberta Open was held over the Thanksgiving weekend. This year it was Edmonton's turn to host the event. Ford Wong was the tournament organizer, but at the last minute work got in the way and he asked me if I would be willing to direct. No problem.

The tournament accommodated 35 players at the Edmonton Chess Club, down considerably from last year's turnout of 48 when it was held in Calgary. It was interesting to see that over one half of the players came from outside of Edmonton. Calgary had the largest number of players (outside of Edmonton), but there were entrants from Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, La Crete, and Saskatchewan. There were several players noticeably absent from the Edmonton scene. Maybe it was a case of turkey madness!

The top was strong with visiting IM Ihor Nester of Poland joining the tournament. It was just a coincidence that he was in town for Alberta's premier open event, so why not play. Edmonton's Vladimir Pechenkin was the highest rated Albertan in the tournament, ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> just behind Nester. Of course these two players met in the fifth round, and it was Pechenkin who emerged

victories, defeating Nester with the black pieces, then drawing with Rob Gardner in the last round to capture clear first with 5/6. Tied for 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> were IM Nestor, FM Huber and Rob Gardner with 4.5/6.

Adie Todd and Tim Pradzinski split the first and second spots in the U2000 class with 3.5/6. The final prize in this section saw a logjam with seven players at 3/6.

David Miller claimed the top Under 1700 prize scoring 2.5/6. Eoin Dunne won the biggest upset prize with his first round win against Aaron Sequillion.

All in all the event ran without a hitch.

The annual ACA AGM was held on the Sunday between rounds three and four. Several new board members were elected, and Mike Sekuloff decided to repeat as president for another term. Here are the board members for 2009-2010. Note that "new" means this person is new to the board for 2010, but may have served in previous years:

President: Mike Sekuloff  
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 Director: Dale Haessel  
 Director: Geoff Newton  
 Director: Vlad Rekhson  
 Director: Roy Yearwood (new)

Director: Richard Pua  
 Director: Aaron Sequillion  
 Director: Tom McKay  
 Junior Coordinator: Bruce Thomas



Tim Pradzinski



Adie Todd



David Miller



IM Ihor Nester vs. FM Vladimir Pechenkin in round 5. Roy Yearwood vs. Zhizhao Li

# Southern Alberta Open

By Tony Ficzer

The 2009 edition of the Southern Alberta Open was a great success in many ways. The Calgary Chess Club is an excellent venue providing very good playing conditions. The players were perfect from start to finish, no major problems reared their ugly heads. We even went live on the top three boards throughout, and I think I've mastered the scary DGT boards!

For this year's tournament, I thought it would be a nice touch if I made a website for the event. Nothing too fancy, just some place where fans and players could go to check pairings, results, view a few pictures and watch a few games. I will do this again in future tournaments when possible. Maybe I can convince the Calgary Chess Club to purchase some DGT boards, or perhaps invest in a few MonRoi devices. We will see.

A total of 27 players registered, 12 of them from out of town. Edmonton sent down the largest contingent of players (6), while Grande Prairie also provided a couple players. Lloydminster, La Crete and even Sudbury Ontario were represented. The turnout was a little on the low side and would have been better had it not been opposed to the WYCC. We probably would have reached 30 players if it had not been for this minor conflict.

The top was strong again, as it is with many Alberta tournaments. The fact that the SAO is also a qualifier to the Alberta Closed is part of this reason. However, the masters didn't do so well this time around. In the final round, Dale Haessel played Kim Nguyen with the White pieces, but it was Kim who snatched the win when Dale played inaccurately. Kim snuck up from behind to take clear first, a good chunk of the money and a spot in the 2010 Alberta Closed with 4.5/5. Congratulations Kim! Dale had to settle for 2<sup>nd</sup> with 4/5. Hafiz Karmali, Roy Yearwood and Vlad Rekhson split 3<sup>rd</sup> prize at 3.5/5. Mavros Whissell played solid throughout but faced still completion as he had to play both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers of the tournament. He finished out of the cash, but seemed to have a good time anyway. Mavros would be a welcome addition to the Alberta chess



Mavros Whissell vs. Simon Ong

scene.

Aaron Sequillion who recently dipped under 2000 (how convenient) squealed his way to top honors in the U2000 section with 3/5. Six other players split the rest of the money in this section at 2.5/5. I am seriously considering using tie-breaks to determine clear winners for the prize fund (like they do in Europe) however I feel I will meet with some stiff resistance if I try this.

Eoin Dunne claimed the Top U1700 prize as well as the biggest upset in the tournament (second tournament in a row Eoin has done this, one day his rating will catch up with him) with 2/5. Phil Holmstrom took 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1.5/5 while Mike Scholz claimed 3<sup>rd</sup> with a single point.

Thanks go to the Edmonton Chess Club for loaning the DGT boards for the event. Thanks also to Jim Daniluk who provided much needed support to the TD for the entire tournament. Roy Yearwood also needs to be thanked for getting me there on Saturday morning as well as providing some very nice plaques to the top 3 finishers in the Open and Under 2000 sections (courtesy of the Calgary Chess Club). It was a pleasure to run this event.



Dale Haessel vs. Kim Nguyen in the final round



# Road Warrior UPDATE

The *Squeeler* Sequillion has clinched top spot for 2009. Second and third are still up for grabs. The final event takes place in Edmonton at the Edmonton International/WBX Team Tournament.

Here are the top 30 after the Southern Alberta Open.

1	Aaron Sequillion	Edmonton	49.5
2	Roy Yearwood	Calgary	39.5
3	Chris White	La Crete	39.0
4	David Miller	Grande Prairie	37.0
5	Tim Pradzinski	Grande Prairie	28.0
6	Nicholas Moloney	Calgary	24.0
7	Rick Pedersen	Edmonton	22.0
8	Mike Zeggelaar	Edmonton	21.5
9	Rob Gardner	Edmonton	21.0
10	Ali Razzaq	Edmonton	19.0
11	Shanker Raman	Calgary	18.5
12	Chris Kuczaj	Calgary	18.0
13	Jim Daniluk	Calgary	18.0
14	Terry Chaisson	Lloydminster	16.5
15	Mike Scholz	Calgary	16.0
16	Phil Holmstrom	Edmonton	16.0
17	Arthur Milne	Calgary	15.5
18	Bill Bentley	Calgary	15.0
19	Ford Wong	Edmonton	14.0
20	Paul Vimitz	Lethbridge	13.0
21	Micah Hughey	Edmonton	12.0
22	Paul Usselman	Calgary	12.0
23	Adie Todd	Calgary	11.0
24	FM Dale Haessel	Calgary	11.0
25	IM Edward Porper	Edmonton	10.0
26	Peter Pisanski	Lethbridge	10.0
27	FM Vladimir Pechenkin	Edmonton	10.0
28	Daniel Kazmaier	Calgary	10.0
29	Richard Pua	Edmonton	9.0
30	Eoin Dunne	Calgary	9.0



## 2009 Remaining Road Warrior Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Dec 17-21	4th Edmonton International Chess Festival	Edmonton
Dec 19-20	WBX Team Tournament (part of EICF)	Edmonton

# Alberta Blitz Championship

By Tony Ficzer

The University of Calgary laid claim to the title of this event. Adie Todd and Monica Sommerville organized what turned out to be a great tournament. It was held at the MacEwen Student Centre. A total of 25 players, both student and non-student came out to play. At least 3 masters were in attendance as well. The format was a double round robin.

Daniel Kazmaier took clear first with 15.5/16, giving up a single draw to Juraj Pivovarov in the second round. Roy Year-



Jean Francois Wen vs. Daniel Kazmaier

wood grabbed 2nd getting points from everyone except Daniel. Jean Francois Wen came out of retirement (chessically speaking) and took 3rd. Sadly, this marks the last Calgary event for some time for Nicholas Moloney who left for Germany the week after this event finished. Nicholas is a class act all the way and will be missed by everyone in Alberta who crossed his path. Best of luck in Germany Nicholas!

Nicholas leaves us with the following words:

*I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the Alberta chess community. I only started playing tournament chess again in January after a 6 year break from the game, and I'm happy that chess has once again become an active part of my life. Chess is fundamentally a social activity, with both players searching for a vision of the truth according to their own logic and tastes. In fact, during the course of a game there is an additional opponent: the inherent objective truth. Even though you may have beaten your opponent, you may not have beaten the position. Part of the enduring fascination of chess is that each individual has their own interpretation on unveiling this objective truth, and chess is rich enough that we are still arguing over the best approach. Computers now subject our intuition to ruthless rigor,*



*and I think it is revealing that the quality of grandmaster chess has generally improved over the last twenty years as a result. Chess is one of the best mediums I know for exploring the interface between subjectivity and objectivity.*

*The Alberta chess community is small, but it is well-organized and friendly. Very friendly. Chess is already fun and interesting by itself, but to play it in such a welcoming and encouraging environment makes it more appealing. Chess has taken me to Grande Prairie, Edmonton, Red Deer, into schools, and round and round in circles in a simultaneous display. Many of the friends I made during my two year stay in Calgary are from chess. My only regret is that I didn't join the chess scene sooner. It was a pleasure to participate in this community.*

Nicholas Moloney

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Tot
1	Daniel Kazmaier	2257	2/16	1.5/8	2/2	2/3	2/11	2/4	2/7	2/9	15.5
2	Roy Yearwood	2146	2/17	2/24	0/1	1/4	1.5/6	1/3	2/11	2/12	11.5
3	Jean Francois Wen	2000	2/22	1.5/6	2/12	0/1	2/13	1/2	.5/4	2/11	11
4	Alex Yam	2158	2/19	2/14	1/11	1/2	2/7	0/1	1.5/3	.5/6	10
5	Graham Sadoway	1505	1/B	1/B	1/B	1/B	2/14	1/6	1/12	2/13	10
6	Christopher Demers	2261	2/7	.5/3	2/9	1/11	.5/2	1/5	1/13	1.5/4	9.5
7	Samer Louise	1774	0/6	2/20	2/24	2/10	0/4	2/9	0/1	1/8	9
8	Juraj Pivovarov	1976	2/21	.5/1	1/15	.5/13	0/9	2/17	2/19	1/7	9
9	Avelino Angelo Tolentino	unr.	2/13	1/12	0/6	1.5/15	2/8	0/7	2/10	0/1	8.5
10	Eoin Dunne	1587	0/11	2/21	2/14	0/7	0/15	2/18	0/9	2/16	8
11	Nicholas Moloney	2248	2/10	2/15	1/4	1/6	0/1	2/12	0/2	0/3	8
12	Jim Daniluk	2080	2/20	1/9	0/3	2/17	2/16	0/11	1/5	0/2	8
13	Tony Ficzer	1802	0/9	2/25	1.5/16	1.5/8	0/3	2/15	1/6	0/5	8
14	Bob Macfie	1790	2/23	0/4	0/10	2/18	0/5	1/16	1/20	2/19	8
15	Simon Ong	1842	2/18	0/11	1/8	.5/9	2/10	0/13	0/16	2/24	7.5
16	Raymond Ong	1626	0/1	2/22	.5/13	2/19	0/12	1/13	2/15	0/10	7.5
17	Curtis Goforth	1501	0/2	1/23	2/25	0/12	1/20	0/8	2/24	1/18	7
18	Robert Goforth	1300	0/15	1/19	1/20	0/14	2/24	0/10	2/21	1/17	7
19	Michael Wanless	1504	0/4	1/18	1/23	0/16	2/21	2/20	0/8	0/14	6
20	John Morrey	1500	0/12	0/7	1/18	2/24	1/17	0/19	1/14	1/21	6
21	Cameron Goforth	1301	0/8	0/10	0/22	1/25	0/19	2/24	0/18	1/20	4
22	Rob Park	1499	0/3	0/16	2/21	1/23	U---	U---	U---	U---	3
23	Armand Liggayu	unr.	0/14	1/17	1/19	1/22	U---	U---	U---	U---	3
24	Monica Sommerville	1172	2/B	0/2	0/7	0/20	0/18	0/21	0/17	0/15	2
25	Kieth Goforth	1302	1/B	0/13	0/17	1/21	U---	U---	U---	U---	2



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# Alberta Junior Chess Championship

By Tony Ficzero

Organized by Simon Ong at the Calgary Chess Club on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, the 2009 Alberta Junior was a huge success. Simon added a Reserve section this year to allow more players to participate. This turned out to be a good idea as he received more entries in the Reserve section than in the Championship section. One small problem was the fact that the tournament was held too close to the WYCC as there were 5 Albertans who would make the trip to Turkey the day after the Alberta Junior. Only one of those players (David Zhang) braved this event and the WYCC.

When Simon organizes a tournament, he goes that extra mile to see that everything is done to perfection. The night before the tournament started, Simon and his crew decorated the tournament hall, set up all the boards and even made table cards for each and every player who would be there. When I arrived on Saturday morning it was like I had walked into the wrong building. I hardly recognized the club as it looked too good! The Calgary Chess Club provided food and beverage over the weekend to make the tournament experience as enjoyable as possible for all players.

The opening ceremonies were conducted by Simon. He used a powerpoint presentation to go over the format and tournament rules. This was especially important because there were many inexperienced players in the Reserve section who had never played in a tournament of this caliber.

The Championship section was made up of six players, and the format was a round robin. All of the games were broadcast over the internet using the Edmonton Chess Club's DGT boards. I had designed a small website to broadcast the games, and publish the pairings, standings and photos. Former Albertan Jan Lazo provided commentary on the games in progress over the Calgary Chess Club Yahoo newsgroup.

Simon also formed an Appeals Committee to handle any disputes that might arise. In my experience, there are always a few problems when players are inexperienced as was the case in the Reserve section. As a matter of fact there were several disputes over the course of the tournament from



The Tournament Hall before the action started

that section. All disputes were handled promptly and efficiently and most went unnoticed by the other players. The committee was made up of myself, Aveleno Tolentino and Bob Macfie.

David Zhang emerged victorious to claim the prize money and a spot in the 2010 Canadian Junior. At this point in time, the Chess Federation of Canada has not received a formal bid to host the event. Calgary had considered running it, but decided not to as no suitable date could be found that would benefit both the organizers and the players. David scored 4/6, going undefeated and drawing with Yuekai Wang and David Miller. Nicka Kalaydina and Yuekai Wang split 2nd-3rd with 3.5/6. David Miller finished with 3/6 which was a good result given the completion. Diwen Shi scored 2/6 while newcomer Naveed Virji gained valuable experience against these well seasoned juniors. Congratulations David!

The Reserve section had 12 players and in the end, Raymond Ong (yes, Simon's brother) captured clear 1st with 5/5! Yaroslav Babich claimed 2nd with 4/5 losing only to Raymond. Krishneel Singh, Chenxi Zhao and Andre Angelo Tolentino each scored 3/6 which was good for a share of 3rd place.

The closing ceremonies were fun to watch as almost everyone got something. Simon

had also made a PowerPoint presentation for the closing ceremonies as well! Simon did an outstanding job from start to finish, and has proved to be a big asset for Calgary and Alberta junior chess. I have been to a number of junior events across the country and I can say with confidence that this event was the best junior tournament I have ever attended. I hope that Simon continues to organize and promote chess as long as he is able to. We need more dedicated and enthusiastic organizers like him.

To view more photos and other tournament info, visit the tournament website at [www.albertachess.org/AJ09/Home.html](http://www.albertachess.org/AJ09/Home.html).

Roy Yearwood has annotated the following instructional game from the Reserve section.

**Xu, Bill**  
**Zhao, Chenxi**  
**Two Knights Defence [C55]**  
*Notes by Roy Yearwood*

1.e4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.♙c4 d6  
 5.0-0 g6 6.d3 ♙g7 7.♙e3 0-0 8.♞d2 ♙e6

Black could have addressed the threat created with White's last three moves by playing 8...♞e8, when White's next move could be met with 9...♙h8, retaining the fianchettoed Bishop.

9.♙h6 ♙xh6





The exchange of Bishops was inevitable, but Black should have let White initiate it. For example, after 9...♞e8, 10.♗xg7 ♔xg7, the Black King inherits the Bishop's vigil over the f6 and h6 squares. It's a good location for his majesty, but it's a better deal for Black when White has to pay the moving cost, measured in time. Arranging this move is much more difficult after 9...♗xh6.

**10.♞xh6 ♘g4 11.♗xc6?? ♘xh6**

People have large blind spots when it comes to retreating moves (especially of the aggressive variety) and Knight moves. White has fallen victim to a two-for-one special. Some of you may wish to stop reading now, as White is never permitted a fighting chance after this, no matter how slight. If, however, you still hang the occasional piece or miscalculate simple combinations more often than you'd like, you may want to hang around a bit longer.

**12.♗c4 a6**

The goal of this move, to force the exchange of White's Bishop for the Knight on c6, was commendable. A sizable material advantage becomes more significant with every piece exchanged. The execution may have been lacking, however. While not ideal, 13.a3 would let White hold onto that Bishop. Black can force the issue by instead playing 12...♗a5. White doesn't score any real concessions after either 13.♗d5 c6 14.♗xf7+ ♘xf7 15.b4 or 13.♗b5 a6 14.♗a4 b5 15.b4 bxa4 16.bxa5, but 13.♗d5 c6 14.b4 cxd5 15.bxa5 d4 16.♗d5 gets a Knight to an annoying outpost on d5 at the expense of the isolated pawn on a5. While that's no game saver

here, it might be worth keeping in mind for other games.

**13.♗d5 b5 14.♗b3 ♗a5 15.♗xc7??**

The outpost on d5 wasn't worth a piece.

**15...♗xb3!**

It's good to win a piece. It's even better to force the exchange of even more material while winning that piece. Black would be happy to trade rooks here with 16.♗xa8 ♗xa1. White sensibly declines this option.

**16.axb3 ♞xc7 17.♗g5 ♞e7 18.♗f3 ♞c7 19.♞ac1 ♗g4 20.♞f1 d5**

I'm told this was a touch-move error. There's a lesson in that too: always be sure of what piece you will be touching before you do so. The passed pawn this leaves White could be a headache.

**21.exd5 ♞c5**

Black will regain his pawn, as the Queen attacks both d5 and f2. White doesn't have time to defend them both.

**22.c4?**

The pawn on d5 is not important. Lines of attack against the King are. White had two ways to defend f2, but 22.♞f1 confines the Rook to a passive post. The active defence is 22.♞d2, when 22...♞xd5 23.♞cd1 (or 23.♞e1 -- whatever it takes to counter ... e4-e3, exploiting the pinned d-pawn to open other lines) is the best White can find.

**22...♞xf2+ 23.♗h1 h5**

Black's goal was to bring this pawn to h3, looking to break into the White King's corner office. This could work in the long run, even if White plays h2-h3 and Black is forced to bring the other kingside pawns up to assist, but White still has a couple of major pieces sitting back at base. Shouldn't he be looking to bring them into the game, rather than trying to win with just two pieces attacking four? One possibility is 23...♞xb2, which threatens the ...♗f2+ fork (or ...♗e3, now that ♗d2 would leave the ♞ on c1 undefended) and also to whittle away the pawns closing files his rooks could use. After 24.♗g1 bxc4, Black will wind up with a passed pawn on either the a or e-file. Another instructive example is 24.♞b1? ♗f2+ 25.♗g1 ♗xd1 26.♞xc2 ♗xc2 27.♗xc5 ♞fe8 28.d4 ♞xc5! (returning some material to reign in White's pawn mass), 29.dxe5 bxc4 and White's passed d-pawn can no longer find support.





28...♖e7!

Another good move, much better than giving the Knight a strong outpost with 28...f6? 29.♘c6. Black may be able to allow that after he's played ...♗e5+, when Knight and Queen provide good backup for the passed pawn, but I'd rather get the rooks into play first.

29.♘e4?? ♗xe4 30.♖bd1 ♘f4 31.♖f2 ♗f5 32.d6 ♖ad8 33.g3?? ♗c5??

White cannot afford to loosen the defensive wall in front of his King. After 33...♗xh3+ 34.♔g1 ♗xg3+ 35.♔f1 ♘h3, it can't be far to mate, for example 36.♖c2?? ♗g1# or 36.♖fd2 ♗f3+ 37.♔e1 ♖fe8+ and mate next move.

34.♖xf4 ♖xd6 35.♖e1 ♖d2+ 36.♔h1 ♖fd8 37.♖ef1 ♖d1

Black's f-pawn doesn't matter; an exchange of Rooks allows for a quick finish.

38.♖xf7 ♖xf1+ 39.♖xf1 ♖d2 40.b4 ♗c6+ 41.♔g1 ♗g2# 0-1

Obviously, both need to become more alert to the danger of leaving threatened pieces hanging without compensation. Less obvious, but no less important, is the need to make better use of the Rooks. Black could have tried to bring into play sooner. White could have made more active use of his – a failing Black could have tried to exploit with 23...Qxb2.



However, Black could still have stumbled badly at this point: 23...♘e3?? 24.♖g1?? ♘xg2 25.♖cf1 (25...♖xg2?? ♗xf3) 25.♗c2 looks good for him, but 24.♖d2 would trap the Queen. Black should still win easily (he'll be up a rook), but he can't afford to be as careless with White's passed pawn (s).

24.♖f1

The more active 24.♖d2 is better.

24...♗c5 25.h3 ♘f2+ 26.♔h2 ♘xd3

27.♖b1

White has again opted for the passive defence, but 27.♖c2 ♗b4 doesn't bode well either, especially once the Black Knight can be shifted to c5.

27...e4!

Good move. The b8–h2 diagonal opens for play against the King, the Knight on d3 is supported, and White's defender on f3 is driven from his post.

28.♘g5



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The ACA is looking for volunteers for the next ACA Casino. The Casino will be held at the Calgary Casino (1420 Meridian Road NE) on January 31 & February 1. Food and transportation costs are covered by the ACA. Come on out and support chess in Alberta!

It's worth the gamble!!!

# BEYOND ALBERTA

## World Youth Chess Championships

The WYCC was held in Antalya, Turkey, from November 11-23. Canada sent a team of 21 players this year, in which 5 were from Alberta.

Many of the games were broadcast daily on the official tournament website. The only problem was that the games didn't start until 1 am here in Alberta. I did watch a couple of games and managed to watch most of Richard Wang's last round game before falling asleep at my computer. Pairings and results were also available and there were a number of others who participated and tried to keep us updated on their own personal blogs. There was no shortage of news from the tournament.

Playing your best chess far from home

presents many challenges. You may not like the food, and the time change can make it difficult to adjust your internal clock. Being a distance from your friends and family can also affect your play. It seems that the WYCC is always held in a far away land so Canadians have little choice but to travel thousands of miles to participate.

Be that as it may, Albertans posted some excellent results this year. Most notable was Edmontonian Richard Wang who brought home a bronze medal in the Under 12 section. Richard scored 8.5/11 to take 3rd place on tie-break. If I am not mistaken, this is the first medal Canada has scored at the WYCC since 1986 when Jeff Sarwer brought home the gold in the Under 10 section, and Julia Sarwer brought home the gold in the Girls Under 10 section. Richard's achievement is simply outstanding and all Albertans and Canadians

should be proud of his result.

Both Thomas Kaminski and David Zhang competed in the Under 14 section. This was David's first experience at the WYCC, and he performed better than expected, finishing with 6/11. Thomas was right on his heels with 5.5/11. Both of these results are very promising. Both players finished at 50% or over and I am sure both of them will be back at the WYCC in the years to come.

Eric Hansen and Victor Kaminski represented Alberta and Canada in the Under 18 section. This section was extremely strong with at least 5 GMs and 16 IMs plus a host of FMs. Eric is no stranger to the WYCC and put in a very credible performance in Vietnam in 2008. At that time, Eric was playing in the Under 16 section and tied for 2nd, placing 5th on tiebreaks. None the less, Eric finished with 7/11, good enough for 16th place in the section. Victor also put in a very solid performance in this section, finishing with 5.5/11. Note that all Alberta players finished with 50% or higher. Way to go guys!

The Calgary Chess Club was able to provide some funding for the 4 Calgary players, as well as provide a trainer. IM Miodrag Perunovic of Serbia was on hand to support the players with pre-game prep and post game analysis. This courtesy was also extended to Richard Wang as well.

Congratulations to all participants at this year's WYCC!

2009 WYCC - Turkey				Alberta Player Results			
Section	Last	First	FIDE	Points	Seed	Place	Players
U 12	Wang	Richard	2044	8.5	27	3	142
U 14	Kaminski	Thomas	2112	5.5	35	61	138
U 14	Zhang	David	1998	6	63	59	138
U 18	Hansen	Eric	2409	7	23	16	104
U 18	Kaminski	Victor	2235	5.5	57	52	104



Richard Wang on the podium at the awards ceremony at the WYCC after receiving his bronze medal

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## The Alberta Chess Association Annual General Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2009, 2:30 pm (Between rounds 3 & 4 of the Alberta Open)  
Edmonton Chess Club, #204 10840-124 St

### **Present:**

Roy Yearwood, Tim Pradzinski, Ford Wong, Bruce Thomas, Richard Pua, Paul Usselman, Ali Razzaq, Phil Holmstrom, George Sponga, Vlad Rekhson, Micah Hughey, Tony Ficzer, Mike Sekuloff

Call to Order and introduction of Officers –President

Mike called meeting to order at 2:41, and announced the board.

Reading last minutes. Tony read All in favour, passed

### **Reading of the Minutes of the last AGM – Secretary:**

Rick Pedersen (secretary) was not present, so Tony Ficzer read the minutes from the last AGM.

Micah motioned to approve the minutes without any changes. Vlad Rekhson seconded. All were in favour.

### **President's Address – President:**

Mike said we have insurance and that if anyone had any questions they could contact Tony on the ACA toll free line.

Mike wanted to show some appreciation to 3 individuals who have done very much for chess. He thanked Vlad Rekhson, Micah Hughey, and Bruce Thomas for their hard work and dedication to chess in Alberta. Mike then presented each of them with a Tim Horton's gift card.

### **Financial Report and Statement – Treasurer:**

Richard Pua did not have a report ready, and gave a brief account on the bank balances from both the Revenue and Casino accounts. Richard said he was unable to do his position as Treasurer as he did not have enough time to commit to the position. Most of his job revolved around writing cheques, going to bank and working with Tony. Richard said the Treasurer's position involves a considerable amount of work. Richard thanked Tony for his help. It's much easier to assume the Treasurer's position and he hopes someone will take up the job.

Tim Pradzinski asked if we had \$70k in the Casino account. Richard said yes, as we received a casino cheque recently. Our next casino will be Jan-Feb 2010.

Roy Yearwood asked when the financial statements will be assessable. Richard said Tony has been putting them together. Tony said they should be ready by the end of October.

Paul Usselman asked if we have an auditor. Tim said we just need two people who will provide an internal audit.

Ford Wong said he and John Quiring had done this in the past.

Roy Yearwood mentioned that we haven't had an external audit recently. Tim said we don't need it.

Roy Yearwood said we can't accept the Treasurer's report.

Micah made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Vlad Rekhson seconded. All were against the report. The financial report was not approved.

Tony will complete the financials and post them on the ACA website at the end of October, or at the latest, the first week of November.

### **Old Business – President:**

No old business was brought up.

### **New Business – President:**

Mike asked for any new business. No items were presented.

### **Executive Director's Report – Executive Director:**

Tony read the Executive Director's report.

Mike Sekuloff motioned to accept the report. Vlad Rekhson seconded.

All were in favour.

### **Election of Officers and Directors:**

Micah Hughey took the chair.

**President:**

Vlad nominated Mike Sekuloff  
 Micah nominated Vlad, he declined  
 Phil nominated Micah, he declined  
 Mike Sekuloff was declared president by acclamation

**Treasurer:**

Vlad nominated Phil Holmstrom. Phil asked how much work was required. Richard told him that there are lots of cheques each month, some deposits, etc. Tim said the treasurer needs to do all financial reporting for ASRPWF.  
 Phil accepted  
 No other nominations  
 Phil was acclaimed Treasurer

**Directors:**

Micah nominated Tim, he declined  
 Aaron nominated **Ali Razzaq**, he accepted  
 Micah nominated **Vlad Rekhson**, he accepted  
 Vlad nominated Ford Wong, Ford declined  
 Tony nominated **Roy Yearwood**, he accepted  
 Tim nominated **Richard Pua**, he accepted

Mike declared nominations closed. Elections over.

Mike will fill Ali in on where we meet and other details.

Adjournment

Micah made a motion to adjourn, Tim seconded. All in favour  
 Meeting adjourned at 3:33 pm.

## 2010 Schleinich Memorial

January 8-9-10  
 Calgary Chess Club  
 274-3359 27<sup>th</sup> Street NE

**Sectional Tournament**

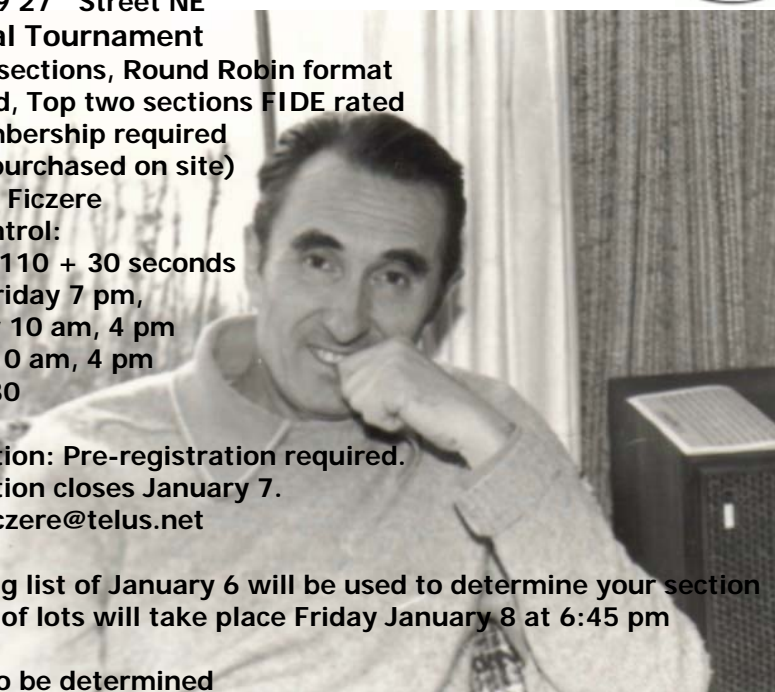
6 player sections, Round Robin format  
 CFC rated, Top two sections FIDE rated  
 CFC membership required  
 (can be purchased on site)

TD: Tony Ficzero  
 Time Control:  
 Game in 110 + 30 seconds  
 Times: Friday 7 pm,  
 Saturday 10 am, 4 pm  
 Sunday 10 am, 4 pm  
 Entry: \$30

Registration: Pre-registration required.  
 Registration closes January 7.  
 email [tficzere@telus.net](mailto:tficzere@telus.net)

The rating list of January 6 will be used to determine your section  
 Drawing of lots will take place Friday January 8 at 6:45 pm

Prizes: To be determined



## University Battle of Alberta

January 16-17  
 Calgary Chess Club  
 274-3359 27<sup>th</sup> Street NE

Open to all University & College students,  
 professors & staff and all CFC members!  
 CFC & FIDE Rated

Format: 5 round swiss  
 Time Control: G/90 + 30 seconds  
 Registration: All teams (players) must sign-in  
 by Saturday, January 16, 9:30 am at the Calgary  
 Chess Club.

Round Times: Saturday: 10 am, 2:30 pm, 7 pm;  
 Sunday: 10 am, ASAP

Award Ceremony Sunday 4 pm  
 ½ pt. byes available in Rnds 1-4 if notified before  
 the start of Rnd 1.

Byes do not count towards team's score!  
 Entry: \$30 or \$20 University student/staff.  
 Special price for first time University student/  
 staff: \$10 + \$20 CFC Tournament fee or \$41  
 full CFC membership

Team Captains:  
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 UofA: Katlan and Georgia [chem\\_kat@hotmail.com](mailto:chem_kat@hotmail.com),  
[gdavies@ualberta.ca](mailto:gdavies@ualberta.ca)

Non university players contact Simon Ong to  
 register [simong89@gmail.com](mailto:simong89@gmail.com)  
 Full details available on ACA website by  
 December 15. [www.albertachess.org](http://www.albertachess.org)



This is the first Road Warrior event for 2010!  
 Visit the ACA website to view advanced registrations  
 & updates at [www.albertachess.org](http://www.albertachess.org)

## WHERE TO PLAY CHESS IN ALBERTA!

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<p><b>Calgary Junior Chess Club</b> #274, 3359-27th St. NE (Parma Tech Centre, North Building) Contact: Simon Ong Email: simong89@yahoo.ca Website: www.geocities.com/calgarychess4juniors/home.html</p>	<p><b>Hanna Chess Club</b> United Church on Centre St. Contact Jon, 403.854.3412</p>	<p><b>Sherwood Park</b> Second Cup on Baseline Road Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to closing time Contact: Les Jones, 780.467.7393</p>
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## Upcoming Tournaments & Events

DATE	NAME	ORGANIZER	LOCATION
Dec 19-20	WBX Team Tournament	Vlad Rekhson	Edmonton
Jan 8-10	Schleinich Memorial	Tony Ficzere	Calgary
Jan 16-17	University Battle of Alberta	Simon Ong	Calgary
Jan 30-31	Trumpeter Classic	Tim Pradzinski	Grande Prairie
Jan 31-Feb1	ACA Casino	Tony Ficzere	Calgary
Feb 13-14	AYCC Championship	Roy Yearwood	Calgary
Feb 20-21	Northern Alberta Open	Micah Hughey	Edmonton

## WBX Team Tournament

Part of the EICF  
 December 19-20  
 Edmonton Chess Club, #204, 10840 124 st.

TD: Aaron Sequillion

**Time Control:** Game in 90 minutes plus 30 seconds increment from move one

**Round Times:** Saturday 10am, 2pm, 6pm, Sunday 10am , ASAP (2pm)

Official registration will begin at 9:15am Saturday morning

**Fee:** 120\$ per team. Discounts for juniors and FIDE titled players. \$10 per junior (18 and younger) and \$20 per FIDE title. FIDE titles must play in at least 3 games to be eligible for discount

This tournament will be CFC and FIDE rated

CFC membership required, can be purchased at site

**Prizes:** 1st place team, 2nd place team, 1st place brd 1, 1st place brd 2, 1st place brd 3

Format subject to changes

If you wish to play but are unable to find a team, email aaron\_sequillion@hotmail.com

Advanced registration preferred. You can either contact me by email or by leaving a message on the ECC voicemail (780) 424-0283

This is the final *Road Warrior* event for 2009!

## 4<sup>th</sup> Edmonton International Chess Festival

December 17-21 2009

Visit the ECC\ACA websites for details

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### TOP 40 CFC RATED ALBERTANS

As of December 2, 2009

1	Porper, Edward	2518
2	Hansen, Eric	2494
3	Pechenkin, Vladimir	2414
4	Gicev, Blagoj	2386
5	Huber, Gregory	2330
6	Haessel, Dale	2328
7	Kaminski, Victor	2315
8	Reeve, Jeff	2306
9	Haynes, Nicolas	2296
10	Gardner, Robert J.	2295
11	Peter, Steven	2294
12	Li, Zhichao	2280
13	Neven, Knut	2266
14	Ristic, Nenad	2262
15	Kazmaier, Daniel	2257
16	Moloney, Nicholas	2248
17	Kaminski, Thomas	2223
18	Rehson, Vladislav	2216
19	Hughey, Micah	2209
20	Booker, Brad	2188
21	Robichaud, Martin	2186
22	Yearwood, Roy	2163
23	Nguyen, Kim	2158
24	Grumic, Sasa	2154
25	Kalisvaart, Peter	2146
26	Zhang, David	2088
27	Pedersen, Rick	2084
28	Perron, Sean	2081
29	Karmali, Hafiz	2081
30	Monaghan, Jim	2080
31	Gorelik, Lev	2076
32	Purewal, Sardul	2061
33	Willis, Bradley J.	2053
34	Stark, Mark	2022
35	Sequillion, Aaron	2011
36	Tot, Nandor	1997
37	Pua, Richard	1963
38	Regimbald, Adrien	1954
39	Newton, Geoff	1944
40	Wihnon, Jason	1929

### TOP 10 FIDE RATED ALBERTANS

As of December 2, 2009

1	Porper, Edward	2445
2	Hansen, Eric	2409
3	Pechenkin, Vladimir	2372
4	Kaminski, Victor	2235
5	Peter, Steven	2234
6	Reeve, Jeff	2230
7	Huber, Greg	2217
8	Ristic, Nenad	2203
9	Haessel, Dale	2201
10	Neven, Knut	2180



# 2010 Trumpeter Classic

[www.gpchessclub.com](http://www.gpchessclub.com)



A Registered Road Warrior Event!

An Alberta Chess Association Sponsored Event!

Where:

## Sandman Hotel

(Next to Earl's)  
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Grande Prairie, Alberta  
(780) 513-5555

When:

**January 30 - 31, 2010**

### \$40 Entry Fee, \$30 for Juniors

CFC Membership Required  
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FREE Entry GM's, IM's and Defending Champ

## Nicholas Moloney

**5 Rounds, Swiss Pairing System**

**Time Control: Game in 90 minutes  
+ 30 sec per move from move 1**

**Register: 8:45 AM to 9:45 AM  
Saturday Morning (On Site)**

Sat - Round 1 - 10:00 AM  
Sat - Round 2 - 2:30 PM  
Sat - Round 3 - 7:00 PM

Sun - Round 4 - 9:00 AM  
Sun - Round 5 - 1:30 PM

### \$700 Prize Fund

... plus some Awesome Door Prizes!  
(Prize Fund Based on 20 Adult Entries)

### Special Events This Year

Friday Night Speed Chess Tournament

Date: January 29, 2010 (Friday Night)  
Time: 8:00 PM at the Sandman Hotel

Register: 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM (On Site)

Time Control: Game in 5 minutes

\$10 Entry Fee (\$200 Prize Fund Guaranteed)

\$100 (1st) \$60 (2nd) \$40 (3rd)

This tournament will be limited to 10 players  
as this will be a Round Robin tournament.

Note: If more than 10 register, we will take  
the top 10 highest rated players.

Car Pool Cash Incentive Program

If you car pool with 3 or more chess  
players (who play in the Trumpeter  
Classic), the Grande Prairie Chess  
Society will help with the high cost  
of gasoline and snacks!

Edmonton - \$50 per car  
Calgary - \$75 per car  
Other cities must call (\$75 max per car)

For more info, call Tournament Organizer, Tim Pradzinski at (780) 518-2281