



# Alberta Chess Report



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## Schleinich Memorial

John Schleinich was one of the ACA's founding fathers, as well as a key organizer in Calgary through much of the 70's & 80's. This year the Schleinich introduced a new organizer in the way of Simon Ong (*pictured right*). Simon may be a rookie when it comes to organizing CFC events, but his work ethic is impressive. A total of 29 players competed in the 5 section round robins. Both Arthur Milne and Stephan Vasilev submitted annotated games. Coverage starts on page 3.



## Roving Chess Nuts & SACK reports

Bruce Thomas gives a report on the scholastic chess scene in his neck of the woods. There is plenty of activity this year as the "Nuts" plan on organizing team matches at the elementary and junior high levels, as well as organize the AYCC, Canadian Chess Challenge Regional's & Provincial finals, all while providing instruction to a wide number of schools throughout the province. SACK (Society of Alberta Chess Knights) will be starting a new rural initiative where schools can get instruction via internet technology. This approach is the first of its kind in Canada and perhaps North America.

## University Battle of Alberta

This was the first University Battle of Alberta with plans to hold another one next year. Organizer Simon Ong who had run a successful Schleinich only a few weeks before did a good job pulling in bodies to make this a memorable event. Three of Alberta's institutes of higher learning fielded teams: UofA, UofC, UofLeth. To round out the field, Simon allowed two other teams to compete and then have the tournament FIDE rated as well. Full report on page 11.



## 2008 Road Warrior

Another year, another Road Warrior. The winner for 2008 was the same person from 2007. Chris White of La Crete gathered 35 points (same as in 07) to claim the title of Road Warrior. Second place went to Roy Yearwood, again, who accumulated 33.5 points (one point less than in 07). Roy played in every RW registered event. Finishing 3rd with 21.5 points was Micah Hughey, edging out last years 3rd place winner, Rick Pedersen who finished 4th. For 2009 there has been one modification to the rules. Read page 8 for details.



## WBX Team tournament

The organizers of the "Week Before Christmas" tournament decided to try something different this year. Instead of running a swiss, or even a sectional, they decided to run a team competition. Each team consisted of 3 players with an average team rating of 1900 CFC. Full report by Vlad Rekhson on page 13.



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## ACA 2009 Budget Meeting

The ACA Board met again in Red Deer on January 11 to hammer out the 2009 budget. Attendance was excellent as all but one board member was present, and there was representation from SACK (Society of Alberta Chess Knights).

The minutes of the meeting will be posted on the ACA website when they become available.

Probably the most interesting proposal that was passed was the one from SACK which deals with using the internet to provide instruction to rural areas throughout Alberta. Details of this proposal can be found in this issue of the ACR in the Rural Outreach article.

## Community Spirit Cash Box program

In an effort to raise funds from the community, the ACA board approved the purchase of up to 65 donation boxes which will be deployed throughout Calgary and Edmonton at a variety of locations. The donation boxes will be deployed starting in the second week of February in Calgary, while the boxes for Edmonton will be hitting the streets in March.

The Community Spirit program will either match all donations dollar for dollar, or will pay us a percentage of all donations collected throughout 2009. At this point, the Executive Director has ordered 50 donation boxes, and has designed an insert which will encourage donations and educate the community about the ACA.

The ACR will provide updates in each issue regarding the progress of this initiative.

## 2009 Canadian Junior on hold

The Calgary Junior Chess Club, who had submitted a successful bid to the CFC for the 09 Canadian Junior have made a request to the Chess Federation of Canada to change the dates of this event. After realizing that their selected dates this February would not be in the best interest for all Canadian juniors, they decided to submit a new bid with a date in late July or early August. This left the tournament open to other bids, and to date, the CFC has received a second bid for this event. We will provide more details on the status of the 2009 Canadian Junior when they become available. Watch the news section on the website for updates.

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## 2009 Schleinich Memorial

By Simon Ong

The Schleinich Memorial Sectional held in Calgary attracted 29 players of various ages from Calgary and Edmonton. Sections were broken into round-robins. Section A, B, C, and E consist of six players and section D consists of five players. I could have added myself into section D but I might have lost to some of our best Calgary Junior Chess Club players: Tony Cai, Nicka Kalaydina, and Raymond Ong. Section A was won by one of Alberta's newest FIDE masters, Dale Haessel and Calgary dark horse, Stephen Vasilev. Haessel recovered from his loss in the first round against Erik Tam and scored full points in the next four rounds. Haessel is not only good in chess, but he is an excellent bughouse player as well. Vasilev used his unusual openings against all his opposition with the exception of Haessel. Vasilev's irregular chess opening includes the Grob's Attack, the Orang-utan, and the Borg defence. Erik Tam scored three points in the first three rounds including his upsets against Haessel and Lazo. Tam's three points streak was ended by Vasilev in round 4. He could of won a share of first prize but he could not get the full point in his last round game against Yearwood. Calgary Junior Chess Club's second highest rated junior, Jan Edmund Lazo, could not score full points and suffered a draw against Richard Pua. Afterwards, Lazo analyzed his games with his opponents and learned much during the post-mortem, and gained lot of experiences from this tournament.

Calgary Junior David Zhang and Edmontonian Rick Pedersen were the winner of section B. The last game to finish in this tournament was the game between Pedersen and Daniluk. Daniluk tried his best to score a full point so he could share first prize with Zhang. However, he was down a pawn in a like bishop/pawn endings which ended in a draw. The draw was enough for Pedersen to share first prize with Zhang.

Section C winner, Aaron Sequillion, went undefeated at +3. Sequillion is especially good in playing sectional tournaments. I remember he won four straight sectional tournaments (Schleinich, ECC Spring, ECC May, and June Sectional) in 2007. Sequillion had improved a lot since the last

time we played each other in the June Sectional. Following behind Sequillion's 4.0 points effort was runner-up Brian Miller at 3.0.

The winner of section D was not the top seeds, Bob Macfie and Shanker Raman. It was another Calgary Junior, Tony Cai who scored an undefeated 3/5. Cai could have lost his last game against Raymond Ong, but Ong offered the draw and Cai quickly accepted. Second place went to Bob Macfie who scored 2.5/5. If Nicka Kalaydina could win her last game against Shanker Raman, then she would have shared second place.

Section E consisted of CFC unrated juniors. This was the first time they had ever played in an regular tournament with a time control of 90 minutes plus 30 seconds increment. They abandoned their playing habit of playing quick moves and used their time to plan out their moves. The overall winner was Stanley Wang who scored a perfect 5/5, including upsets against Wei and Akhverdiev. Artyom Akhverdiev was the runner-up who scored 3.5/5. The second runner-up went to Kevin Zhao who scored 3/5. The bottom finishers were the Tolentino brothers, but they are very young (under 8 years old) and are gaining valuable experience. The 2009 Under-8 Alberta Youth Chess Champion may be one of the Tolentino brothers.

This was my first time directing an ACA open tournament. I wanted the tournament to look professional like many of the international tournaments held here in Alberta. I heard many compliments about the set-up of the tournament. The problem I heard from many players in this tournament was the noise level from the skittle room. I did my best as tournament director to control the noise level and it would be great if players could keep the noise down and show respect to players who are still playing. I hope the noise level will not be a problem in future tournaments. If you have any suggestions as to how I could improve in my way of directing an tournament, then please email me [simong@yahoo.ca](mailto:simong@yahoo.ca) Overall, this was an excellent tournament with a great turnout. Thanks goes to the Organizer Jim Daniluk for phoning Calgary Chess Club players to get them to

play in this tournament and posting the details on both the Calgary/Edmonton newsgroups. Also, thanks to Stephan Vasilev for closing the club. And, of course, I would like to say thank you to all the players that came out. I hope everybody had fun in this tournament!! Also, congratulations to all the sectional winners.

Simon Ong

Tournament Director

2009 Schleinich Memorial

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Art Milne submitted the following game from this event.

e4 Nc6!? is an interesting opening option which requires very careful treatment by Black and White which the aspiring expert does well to familiarize himself with. A case in point is my game with Artur Wojtas in the recent Schleinich Memorial.

**Wojtas, Artur (1914)**

**Milne, Art (1883)**

**B00 2009 Schleinich Memorial (Rnd 5)**

*Notes by Art Milne*

**1.e4 Nc6**

**2.Nf3**

Considered the most promising continuation, though the alternative d4 is not without sting: 2... e5 3 de Nxe5 4. Nf3 Ng6? - 4... Nxf3+ followed by 5... Qf6 is mandatory and approximately equal. 5. Bc4! Be7 6. Qd5 and Black could reset the pieces in Zhang-Milne 2008.

**2. ...d6**

Thematic.

**3.d4 Bg4**

Wojtas-Yearwood is 3...Nf6 4 Nc3 Bg4 5 d5 and after 5...Nb8?! Roy never recovered the loss of time and space-a similar theme to my game.

**4.d5!**

This is a very direct attempt to roll Black off the board, and it very nearly succeeds.

**4. ...Nb8?**

A very serious loss of time. The enduring problem is that White will reply to Black's inevitable attempt to stake a position in the centre with ...e5 with de ...fe and Black will be saddled with an inferior centre;(4... Ne5!?! is a difficult to evaluate move in which it is evident that White has all the fun and Black can hardly be blamed for eschewing this highly tactical forcing line the White side of which is preferred by expert Stefan Vasilev over the board: 5. Nxe5! Bxd1 6 Bb5+ c6 7.dc Qa5+ 8.Nc3

0-0-0! 9. Nc6! Qc7 10. Nd5! Qc8 11 Be3! and the reader can satisfy himself that Black is reeling up a Q for a piece). To be recommended here is 4...Bxf3! (Watson) 5. Qxf3 Ne5 6. Qb3 Qc8 7. f4 Nd7! (and not 7... Ng6 and Black's dark-squared B will have a hard time getting out of the box without compromising Black's position on the centre) 8 c4 Nf6 9. Nc3 g6 10 Bd3 Bg7 11. 0-0 0-0 and while it is clear that while White retains a significant spatial plus it is also clear that Black is not getting rolled quickly. The game continued:

**5.Be2 Nf6 6.Nc3 e5**

The incriminating break, but how is Black to avoid it and can it be said that it is any better deferred?. An alternative is a later ... c5 combined with due preparation by ...Nc6 and fianchettoing the KB where dc e.p. results in quite an acceptable small centre for Black while White's failing to take on c6 hopefully leaves Black with a Benoni-type formation where the White pieces are not well geared to the thematic e5 break. But are they demonstrably not? 6...Bxf3 7 Bxf3 Nd7 8 Be2 and f4 and it still takes some doing before White is ready to roll . . The Wojtas- Milne game continued:

**7.dxe6 Bxe6**

Black attempts to mitigate the effect of the reduction of his centre with ...fe but this represents the second piece Black has moved twice in the opening.

**8.Nd4 Qd7 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6?!**



Why not instead 10... Qxc6?? keeping the pawn structure intact and vacating the d7 square for the Nb8 or B? Black though it would be useful to keep White piece out of d5. And indeed Qxc6 is met by the immediately disastrous 11.Bb5 ending the game on the spot.

**11.Re1 Be7 12.Bf3 0-0 13.e5 Ne8**

The second abject retreat by a N and the third by a piece in this game-but 13...ed saddles Black with the enduring positional and tactical weakness of the doubled c pawns.

**14.Bf4 f6?**

Weakening the whole e file and crating major tactical weaknesses.

**15.exd6 cxd6 16.Bxc6**

Overloading the Q.

**16. ...Qxc6 17.Rxe6 Qd7 18.Rxe7!**

**1-0**

And White picks up the unprotected Ra8 after Qd5+. All in all a dismal effort by Black and not a poster boy advertisement for the Nc6 system.

To recapitulate: 1.e4 Nc6 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 Bg4 4. d5!? is a major effort to refute Black's choice of opening. The preferred course appears to be 4...Bxf3 5 Qxf3 Ne5 6 Qb3 Qc8 where Black is hanging tough.

Stephan Vasilev sends us the following gem.

**Tam, Erik (1993)**

**Vasilev, Stephan (2091)**

**B00 2009 Schleinich Memorial (Rnd 4)**

*Notes by Stephan Vasilev*

**1.e4 g5**

This daring opening is called The Borg Defense, which is The Grob(1. g4) spelled backwards, but it's also known as The Basmaniac Defense after the British IM Michael Basman. People who play The Grob and The Borg are often called Grobmaniacs or Basmaniacs. Subconsciously, I have joined that group with a few games of my own - that's what working in the gambling industry does to you! :)

**2.d4 h6 3.Nc3**

"Batsford Chess Openings" by G. Kasparov and R. Keene gives the following line: 3.Bd3 d6 4. Ne2 c5 +/-

However, a much more challenging and interesting option is 3.h4 putting pressure on the g5 pawn right away. IM Eric Hansen played like that against me last year on the Calgary Closed event and won convincingly: ...

**3...d6 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.f3 Bg7 6.Be3**

My opponent chose a harmonious set-up for his pieces in a B07 - Pirc Defense style. The online database has three games from this position - all white wins! In those games black chose 5... c6 and then b5, which is a nice tempo, but it plays right

into white's hands and does not put any pressure on the center. No wonder they all lost! They had almost nothing to show for their weakened king's side... I came with a different idea: play the position in an E-83 - King's Indian/Samish style with moves like Nc6, a6, Rb8, b5(tempo!) and then e5 at the right time. This way I could attempt the b5 push and also the possibility of closing the center or simply putting pressure on the d4 pawn.

**6...Nc6 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4**

Preventing my future b5 pawn push but weakening my queen side pawn structure.

**8...Rb8 9.Nge2 Bd7**

Keeping my options open and eventually supporting the b5 "sidekick".

**10.g4**

Here, 10.0-0 is also possible followed by some slower positional play(Karpov's style). Erik's move was more aggressive and prepared 11.h4 by making sure that I was not going to answer with pawn to g4. At this point, I felt that something needed to be done in the center or I was risking getting "avalanched" on the king's side. When the center is closed any attack on the flanks feels more like a minor bruise than a major blow.

**10...e5 11.d5 Ne7**

Much better! Now, black is able to transfer the knight on the g6 square where it can control the h4, and more importantly, the f4 square. If Erik was not careful and allowed me to put my knight on f4 then I would have a perfect shield on my king's side so that I could castle there without much concern.

**12.h4**

It's now or never for this move.

**12...gxh4 13.g5?**

It seems that this overly-aggressive pawn sacrifice was the wrong move in white's plan. My Shredder Classic program finds this as the key moment when the game turns into my favor, banking on my extra h-pawn to deliver the win. Instead of this pawn sacrifice, Shredder gives the following possible line for white: 13.Rxh4 b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.Bd3 b4 16.Na2 c5. On 13.Rxh4, I was going to continue with 13... Ng6 14.Rh2 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bb3 and then decide if I had to push my h-pawn to h5 or simply give it up and play on the pinned rook with 16...Ra8, for example.

**12...hgx5 14.Bxg5 Ng6?!**

That was inaccurate because there was no rush for the knight to get on g6, so 14...b5 and then h3 was preferable. For example:



14... b5 15.axb5 axb5 15.Bd3(or Bb3) h3 or 14...b5 15.Bb3 bxa4 16.Nxa4 h3.

**15.0-0-0?!**

On my imprecision Erik answered with one of his own. He could have tried some prophylactic like: 15.Bb3 h3 16.0-0-0 b5 17. a5! - with about equal chances.

**15...b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Bb3 Qc8**

Another possibility was 17...Ra8 putting some pressure on white's position with my king and rooks on their initial squares! Quite fascinating if you think about it! I also liked: 17...Qe7 with the idea of 18.Rdg1 Qf8 and then 19...Bh6 exchanging pieces.

**18.Na2**

The beginning of a nice defensive plan which caught me by surprise.

**18...Qa6 19.c3 Rh5**

I realized how solid white's defensive structure was going to be, so I decided to switch my game plan and start playing on my extra pawn.

**20.Nb4 Qb7 21.Kc2 Ra8 22.Rdf1**

This move revealed white's intention to push f4 to which I initially struggled to find the correct answer. So I tried:

**22...Nh7 23.Be3 Nf6 24.Rfg1 Ke7 25.Bg5**



**25...Rah8!**

Stopping 26.Ng3, supporting my extra pawn on h4, and preparing on 26.f4 Rxc3 27.fxc3 Nxe4 followed by 28...Bf5.

**26.Qe1 h3 27.f4 exf4 28.Nxf4 Nxf4**

**29.Bxf4 Bh6 30.Bg3 Ng4 31.Bh4+?! Bg5?! 32.Nc6+? Kf8?**

Time pressure moves! Both checks were unnecessary: on the first one I should have simply moved my king to e8, and on the second one I should have taken the knight 32... Bxc6 33.Rxc6 Bxc6 34.dxc6 Qxc6 35.Qf1 Bf6 36.Rf4 R5h6

**33.Bf2?**

Shredder disapproves of this move and

gives: 33.Bxc6 Rxc6 34.Qc1 with better chances to stay in the game.

**34.Nxf2 34.Qxf2 Qb6 35.Nd4 R8h6**

Maybe 35...b4 right away was quicker!?

**36.Qf3 Bf6 37.Rf1 Rg5 38.Kb1 b4**

**39.Ne6+?!**

We both were in deep time trouble, so Erik went "all-in". 39. Qe3 was another possibility but still losing.

**39...fxe6?**

I accepted the challenge and missed the simple 39... Bxe6 40.dxe6 bxc3 and black wins.

**40.Rxb3 Rgg6 41.Rxb6 Rxb6 42.dxe6 bxc3??**

This move could have missed the win. 42... Bb5[or even Be8] was necessary. We both missed white's drawing continuation which was not...

**43.Qf4??**

...but 43.exd7! Ke7 44.e5! Qxb3 45.exf6+ Kxd7, and now 46.Qxc3, or 46.Qg2, or 46.Qe2, or even 46.Qf5+

**43...Rg6??**

Another bad move that gave drawing chances to my opponent. I should have played: 43...Kg7! 44.exd7 Qxb3 45.Qf2 c2+ 46.Qxc2 Qxc2 47.Kxc2 Rh8 and black wins.

**44.Qh2??**

The final mistake of the game. Trying 44.exd7 c2+ 45.Kc1[45.Kxc2 Rg2+] Ke7 was better and more stubborn.

**44...Qxb3 45.exd7 Ke7 46.e5 c2+ 0-1**

This game proves once again that opening preparation is not as much important as strategy, tactics or even blitzing skills.

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*TD Simon Ong went out of his way to provide the little extra's for this edition of the Schleinich. Each player had a name plate complete with both CFC & FIDE ratings.*

## Scholastic Chess Scene

By Bruce Thomas

Now in its eighth year, The Roving ChessNuts instructional chess program is expanding with more schools, more students, and more offerings of classes outside of school settings.

During this school year, the line-up of schools for lunch-hour or after-school sessions includes the regular schools which have been involved in ChessNuts programming for years, plus several new schools have joined in both Edmonton and St. Albert. Both at the regular schools and new schools, student interest in chess seems to have grown with many schools having enrolment requiring two classes or large classes with an instructor and assistant instructor. It's not uncommon for a new school to have up to 10% of its student population wanting to sign up for chess.

This school year, the ChessNuts are teaching chess in honour math classes at two junior highs and one or two more such classes are likely to occur at other junior highs this winter. As part of the school programming, the ChessNuts also organize and direct team chess matches. At the elementary level there are five players per team while junior high teams have four players each. There are up to six team matches per school year and the larger events attract from 12 to 15 school teams. One of the more popular and exciting matches is held at West Edmonton Mall where hundreds of spectators watch the students play from both levels of the mall.

Westbrook Elementary has won the elementary team championship for the past three school years, almost matching the previous championship run of Delwood Elementary. However, last year Westbrook was being severely challenged by New Horizons School of Sherwood Park (now located at Ardrossan) which won two early matches before falling back

in the final matches and last spring's championship. This year the challengers are more numerous and York Academic, traditionally the second place school, has won the first two team matches of 2008/09.

New Horizons is still doing well and Greenfield Elementary and Leo Nickerson School of St. Albert have been coming on strong. Tempo School has rejoined the matches after several years absence and may soon be challenging the leaders.

The school matches usually offer two sections - the A section composed of teams with the highest average rating of players, and the B section which often include a second team from some of the schools with a team in the A section. Top finishers at the matches get a trophy for the school and individual medals for the team players. Outside of the school programs, the ChessNuts have been offering other classes, including a fall program at Fort Saskatchewan Public Library.

At its new facility at 12013 76 Street, Edmonton, the ChessNuts have been offering weekday evening and weekend classes, school holiday chess camps, individual

lessons and smaller tournaments. To help boost female participation, the ChessNuts and Society of Alberta Chess Knights (SACK) will be holding a Girls Only Tournament on Sunday, February 1. The ChessNuts now have eight instructors involved and are recruiting additional part-time people since there is demand for more programming at schools and public libraries.

In co-operation with SACK and the Alberta Chess Association, the ChessNuts collect ACA associate memberships at many of its school programs. At the ACA budgetary meeting, SACK handed in 263 associate memberships which outnumbered the current estimated full ACA membership of 228. The associate membership rebate given by the ACA goes into the SACK treasury to be used for its Grand Prix program and scholarship and awards program.

More information about The Roving ChessNuts and its programs can be obtained by calling 780-474-2318 or e-mailing: [rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca](mailto:rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca) or [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com).



The York Academic A Team has won the first two 2008/09 school team matches in Edmonton. Members of the team are (left to right): Desmond Baron, David Li, Davin Ness, Mariah Fournier and Liam McDonald.

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**NEXT ACA BOARD MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, April 26**  
**at the site of the**  
**Red Deer Open (TBD)**



## Scholastic Team Chess

By Bruce Thomas

Westbrook Elementary School is back on top in scholastic team chess for Edmonton and region by having its teams win both the A and B sections of the West Edmonton Mall Team Match on Sunday, January 23.



At West Edmonton Mall on January 23, 65 elementary school players battled in front of their parents and hundreds of

Each January, The Roving ChessNuts and West Edmonton Mall organize and host a team chess tournament. This year's event attracted 13 teams from eight different schools, involving 65 students. York Academic had won the first two school team matches held this school year at Edmonton Chess Club, but at the mall event, York fell to third place in the A section while New Horizons School of

Ardrossan slipped into second place.

In the A section, Westbrook scored 19.5 out of a possible 25 points, good for a trophy for the school and individual gold medals for team members Riski Drupala, Minghang Shi, Dennis Situ, Richard Mah and Vikram Rupp -Kasani. Other A section finishers were:

2. New Horizons, 18
3. York Academic, 14
4. Greenfield Elementary, 11
5. Tempo School, 6.5
6. Leo Nickerson School of St. Albert, 6

A Westbrook team of Andrei Niculescu, Kaining Lin, Johnston Wang, Zachary Brinkmann and Rayden Lin won the B section at the mall match, scoring 27.5 out of a possible 30 points. Glenora Elementary was second in the seven-team B group with 23.5 points. Other competitors were:

3. Grandin School, 14
4. Westbrook C Team, 11
5. New Horizons B Team 9
6. Greenfield B Team, 8.5
7. York Academic B Team 6

Besides draws for prizes to individual players, Grandin School won a draw for a pizza party, sponsored by the Roving ChessNuts, for its entire chess program involving two classes instructed by Richard Pua and Ivan Gonzalez. Meanwhile, Westbrook teams won their school \$50 worth of chess sets and chess books, donated by the ChessMart.

There will be another school team match in February and a final championship match in late April.

# Alberta Youth Chess Championship 2009

March 7 & 8, 2009

Alberta Chess Association Event

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## Open Competition in the following Age Groups (age as of January 1, 2009)

Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18

Both genders compete together but at Canadian event, genders play separately

Unless entries are too low, each section will play 5-game swiss or round-robin with time control of Game in 90 minutes plus 30 second increments

**Saturday:** Sign-in at club, 9:30 to 9:45 a.m. Round 1: 10:00 a.m., Round 2: 2:30 p.m. Round 3: 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** Round 4: 10:00 a.m., Round 5: 2:30 p.m.

**Entry Fee: \$25** Current Chess Federation of Canada Membership required

Memberships can be purchased when signing in; Entry Fee can be paid upon sign-in but pre-register ahead of time

**Prizes:** Trophies and medals (depending on number of entrants)

Each Age Level Champ will be sponsored by Alberta Chess Association to play in the Canadian Youth Chess Championship, July 21 - 24, 2009 in Victoria, B.C.

**Please Pre-register by e-mailing by March 2: rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca**

List of entrants will be posted at [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com) starting February 15

## *Road Warrior Update*

The 2008 Road Warrior program is now complete. Here are your top finishers.

Place	Warrior	Home	Points
1	Chris White	La Crete	35.0
2	Roy Yearwood	Calgary	33.5
3	Micah Hughey	Edmonton	21.5
4	Rick Pedersen	Edmonton	19.5
5	Mike Zeggelaar	Edmonton	19.5
6	Tim Pradzinski	Grande Prairie	18.0
7	Eric Hansen	Calgary	17.0
8	Aaron Sequillion*	Edmonton/Calgary	16.5
9	Rob Gardner	Edmonton	11.5
10	Steve Panteluk	Edmonton	11.0
11	Stan Longson	Edmonton	11.0
12	John Quiring	Edmonton	11.0
13	Terry Chaisson	Lloydminster	8.5
14	Nandor Tot	Calgary	8.0
15	David Miller	Grande Prairie	8.0

Chris White finishes first for the second year in a row and earns \$175  
 Roy Yearwood finishes 2nd again for a whopping \$75  
 Micah Hughey takes clear 3rd for the \$50 cheque  
 Congratulations to the winners, see you on the road in 2009!



## 2009 Road Warrior Changes

We have changed the awarding of points slightly for 2009. There are now two ways to earn points. A single point will now be awarded to each player for each event they attend in addition to any "travel points" they accumulate. So, a typical trip from Calgary to Edmonton will get you 1 participation point, plus 3 travel points for a total of 4 points for that event.

## Seeking Sponsorship

The ACA is actively seeking sponsorship for the Road Warrior program. Watch our website for details and announcements.

<i>2009 Registered Road Warrior Events</i>				
#	DATE	NAME	ORGANIZER	LOCATION
1	Jan 2-4	Schleinich Memorial	Jim Daniluk	Calgary
2	Jan 31-Feb 1	Trumpeter Classic	Tim Pradzinski	Grande Prairie
3	Feb 14-16	Northern Alberta Open	Micah Hughey	Edmonton
4	Mar 14-15	March of Kings	Jim Daniluk	Calgary
5	Apr 4-5	Lethbridge Open	Paul Viminitz	Lethbridge
6	Apr 10-12	Alberta Closed	Jim Daniluk	Calgary
7	Apr 11-12	Alberta Reserves	Jim Daniluk	Calgary
8	Apr 11-12	Alberta Women's	Jim Daniluk	Calgary
9	Apr 25-26	Red Deer Open	Tony Ficzer	Red Deer
10	May 14-18	Calgary International Open	Jim Daniluk	Calgary
11	Jun 27-28	Battle At The Border	Jamin Gluckie	Lloydminster
12	July 11-19	Canadian Open	Micah/Vlad	Edmonton
13	Sept 6-7	Over / Under 1800	Jim Daniluk	Calgary
14	Sept 19-20	Medicine Hat Open	Dr. Bill Taylor	Medicine Hat
15	Oct 10-12	Alberta Open	Ford Wong	Edmonton
16	Nov 21-22	Southern Alberta Open	Jim Daniluk	Calgary
17	Dec 19-20	4th Edmonton International Chess Festival	Vlad Rekhson	Edmonton
18	Dec 20-21	WBX Team Tournament (part of EICF)	Vlad Rekhson	Edmonton



# Contented Knights Revisited

By Tony Ficzer

For those of you very long in the tooth, you may remember a publication in Alberta going back some fifty years or more named "Contented Knights". The editor was Percy Connell, Assistant Editor Paul Genereux, Mimeographer Thomas Back. Subscription rate was a whole loonie for TWO years.

I had absolutely no knowledge of this chess magazine until it was brought to my attention by David Cohen of Ottawa. David emailed me about this publication which he came across while going through the archives of the Chess Federation of Canada. For a small fee which covered copy and postage charges, David was kind enough to make a copy of two of its issues; Volume 1, #4 which covers the last quarter of 1949, and Volume 2, #3 which covers the 3rd quarter of 1950.

Contented Knights was chuck full of Alberta news of the day, as well as news from around the world. One article was written on "4-hand" chess, giving rules and a sample game. Ratings from the Edmonton Chess Club are found on another page. Here are just a few:

W. Holowach	1534
Mrs. G. Grant	1354
C. Erickson	1342
P. Genereux	1296
F.R. Burfield	1244

No doubt the ratings were calculated using Professor Elo's formula but when they started in Alberta is another question. There were other ratings done for the Medicine Hat Chess Club which used an entirely different system. Instead of using the Elo system, they used a different mathematical equation where points were accumulated with games played, but the ratings were actually rankings. Here is a sampling:

Name	Games	Points	Rating
D.A. Flemming	13	117	1
W.C. Reesor	20	96	2
W. Borowski	17	79	3
Jack Pauls	18	76	4

Primitive by today's standards, but the system probably served the club well.

Here is a report on a lecture given by Walter Holowach in its entirety:

*Mr. Walter Holowach gave a series of two lectures to the Edmonton Chess Club on Oct. 21 and 28. Mr. Holowach gave as his theme the opening play in the Queen's Gambit Declined and the Ruy Lopez. He not only gave the best line of play in these openings but went into considerable detail on the reasons for such lines of play. The Edmonton Chess Club wishes to thank Mr. Holowach for his efforts which were so beneficial to those present.*

Following this short write-up is another on a simultaneous exhibition given by the Alberta Champion of the day:

*Messrs F.R. Burfield and G. Grant were the only persons in a field of twenty-two to defeat the Alberta chess champion, Mr. Walter Holowach, at a simultaneous display on Oct. 7. Messrs S. Sutkaitis and R. Rabin obtained a draw while the games with Mr. J.H. Duitman and Mr. L. Hart were not completed during the available playing time. Mr. Holowach showed extreme skill as he mated his opponent in the first game over in only 45 minutes.*

Along with the numerous articles in the magazine, chess ads were also present. Postal chess supplies, and a variety of chess books were offered by Contented Knights. If you could go back in time, you would be able to purchase a new copy of Emanuel Lasker's *Common Sense in Chess* for just \$1.75, or Nimzovich's *My System* for \$3.50.

A number of annotated and raw game scores fill each issue. Today people get annoyed when they get a raw game score in a magazine. In 1949 they would have been received with open arms. The following is a game from the 1949 Edmonton Club Championship with light annotations.

**P. Genereux  
W. Holowach**

**A85 1949 Edm. Club Championship  
Notes by W. Holowach**

**1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.a3**  
The Queen side Pawn attack pending in this move is premature.  
**4. ...Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.e3 d6 7.Bd3 Qe8 8.0-0 h6 9.Ne2 g5**

This move seems premature as Black hasn't enough control of the centre to warrant such an attack so early in the game.

**10.Ne1 Qg6 11.f4 b6 12.Qc2 Bb7 13.Ng3 Nbd7 14.b4 Ne4 15.Nxe4 fxe4 16.Be2 c6 17.Bb2 Rf7 18.Qc3 Raf8 19.g3 Bf6**  
19. ...gf is playable here with a good game.  
**20.Kh1 h5 21.Rg1 Bg7 22.Qc2 g4 23.Ng2 Bf6 24.Qa4 a6 25.Qd1 Rh7 26.Nh4 Qf7 27.Rg2 Qg7 28.Qc2 d5 29.Rag1 Bxh4 30.gxh4 Qe7 31.c5 Rg7 32.Qd1 Qxh4**



**33.Rg3**  
33.Bxg4 gains two pawns and opens the game for white. If 33.Bxg4 hxg4 34.Rxg4 Rxg4 35.Rxg4+ etc. Or 33...Kh8 34.Bxe6/h5.

**33...Kf7 34.Qf1 b5 35.f5 exf5 36.Qxf5+ Ke7 37.Rxg4 hxg4 38.Rxg4 Rxg4**

38. Qe1+ was also playable for a forced win.

**39.Qxg4 Rf1+ 40.Kg2 Rf2+ 0-1**

A wide variety of Canadian games were also included. Yanofsky, Fox, Vaitonis, Bohatirchuk games are abundant. There is a crosstable from the 1950 Alberta Championship which was won by Mr. Holowach. The event was a double round robin with four players. The other three were H. Pedersen (any relation to Rick?), L. Barrs, and P. Connell. Walter won this event with 5.5/6 giving up just a half point to Mr. Pedersen.

In the next issue of the ACR I will provide more articles from this interesting and historical Alberta chess publication.

# BEYOND ALBERTA

## FM Haessel in Berkeley California

Take a look to see how Albertans are doing outside of the province in the rest of Canada and around the world. If you played outside of Alberta, please send in a report.

### FM's Hansen & Haessel in Las Vegas

Eric Hansen continues to travel the continent in search of experience against strong opposition, and cash. This six round event was not a norm opportunity, but it did have a substantial prize fund and many GM's. A total of \$100,000 US was given out as prizes. Eric finished with 3.5/6 in the Open section, losing to GM Gata Kamsky in the second round (no shame in that!) and GM Sergey Erenburg in the final round. Eric is still hunting for his first GM scalp which I am sure is just a few games away. Eric did manage to draw IM Joseph Bradford, and

scored three wins against lower rated opponents. Eric gives a full account of the tournament on his blog at [eric-hansen.blogspot.com](http://eric-hansen.blogspot.com).

Dale Haessel also played in the Open section and finished with a respectable 3/6, losing to GM Darwin Laylo, IM Joseph Bradford, and GM Mark Paragua while beating three lower rated opponents.

Tough opposition for Dale, but good experience none the less.

Other Canadians in the Open section included Tony Boron and Norberto Vila. Steven Faust of Calgary finished with 3/6 in the U1800 section, and also played in the Blitz A tournament scoring 7/14. Brian Starkes of Calgary scored 3.5/6 in the U1400 section. There were several players throughout the sections from BC, and Ontario as well.

Website: [www.vegaschessfestival.com](http://www.vegaschessfestival.com)

The Berkeley International took place from December 14-23 at the Berkeley Chess School. Seven GM's and five IM's, along with one WIM and several FM's took part. Dale was the only Canadian in the field, finished with 4/10, drawing IM Justin Sarkar, defeating IM Lev Milman. I could not locate a crosstable to gather all results.

### Hansen in Los Angeles

The 16th annual Western Class Championship took place in Agoura California from January 16-19. This event is organized by Continental Chess (Goichberg). Eric finished with 4/7. A notable victory was achieved against IM David Pruess in round 5, as well as a draw against IM Matikozyan. Round 7 saw Eric paired against GM Melik Khachiyan (3rd time in the last couple of years) but was unable to pull it out of his hat. Keep searching Eric!

## Donation Grant Program

Whether it's a donation of \$10 a month or \$100 a month, Albertans know the importance of charitable giving. In fact, Albertans are already some of the most giving and generous people anywhere, and it is through this giving that the Alberta government has developed the Community Spirit Program.

- Maximum donation grant is \$25,000 per year, with total donation grants not to exceed \$50,000 over three years.
- \$1,000 in eligible cash donations is required prior to applying for a donation grant.
- The donation grant can be used to support operations, programs and/or capital projects.

Donations must come from "individuals" and not from a business.

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The program has an annual application deadline date of December 31 and is based on cash donations from individual Albertans that have been raised over a 12 month period ending on the organization's year end date. Donations prior to January 1, 2007 will not be accepted.



The Alberta Chess Association is asking for your donation. You can make your donation at the club, or by mail. Cheques should be made payable to "The Alberta Chess Association" and in the notes section it should specify that the money is being donated towards the Community Spirit Program.

Please mail your cheques to Tony Ficzero, 58 Martin Crossing Court NE, Calgary, Alberta, T3J 3P3

For more info visit [www.communityspiritprogram.ca](http://www.communityspiritprogram.ca)



# University Battle of Alberta

By Simon Ong

The University Battle of Alberta was held at the Calgary Chess Club on January 17-18. There were three university teams competing in this event: U of C, U of A, and U of L. The winning university will receive a trophy that was kindly donated by Alberta Chess Association president, Mike Sekuloff. To make things more interesting, we allowed two community teams to participate and serve as an obstacle for university teams. The two community teams were the Calgary Chess Club and Calgary Junior Chess Club. So, there were 35 players competing in this event which passed the maximum that the club can support (*I believe the Calgary Club can hold 48 players comfortably, ed*). In fact, there are more players playing in the first University Battle of Alberta than the recent Southern Alberta Open. We were fortunate to have two national masters: Vladimir Pechenkin (2310 CFC) and Nicholas Moloney (2199 FIDE).

Here are the cumulative points scored by each team:

Place	Name	Score
1	UC	23
2	CJCC	20
3	CCC	18.5
4	UA	16
5	UL	12

Here are the % of wins scored by each team. NOTE: Byes are counted toward % of wins (including wins/losses over community members):

#	Name	% wins
1	UC	38.3
2	UA	53.3
3	UL	48.0
4	CJCC	57.1
5	CCC	74.0

The total prize fund was over \$600. The prize fund was set by U of C president Adie Todd, U of A president Stephen Stone, U of L president Thomas Fox, CCC representative Stephan Vasilev, and CJCC representative David Zhang. The trophy would go to the university team that score the highest cumulative score. This decision was unanimous. Thus, the overall winner of the event was the University of Calgary team. However, we decided some of the prize fund should go to the university team that scored the highest % of wins. If we



The winning team from the University of Calgary

excluded the community members, then the U of L team scored the highest % of wins. However, if we included the community members, then the U of A team scored the highest % of wins. To solve this problem, the U of L and U of A presidents decided to equally share the cash prize for the highest % of wins.

Individual prizes were awarded as follows:

### Open

1st	Vladimir Pechenkin	4.5/5
	Hafiz Karmali	4.5/5
3rd	YueKai Wang	4.0/5
	Stephan Vasilev	4.0/5
	Roy Yearwood	4.0/5

### U1800

1st	Raymond Ong	4.0/5
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### Unrated (with the biggest upset)

1st	Michael Wanless	3.0/5
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Wanless drew with expert Roy Yearwood in the first round.

Here are the players from the winning team by cumulative score, the UofC:

- (1) Nicholas Moloney
  - (2) Bernd Hahn
  - (3) Simon Ong
  - (4) Adie Todd
  - (5) Michael Wanless
  - (6) Eric Limacher
  - (7) David Dixon
  - (8) Lucas Chen
  - (9) Travis Madsen
  - (10) Josh Weber
  - (11) Ben Schmaltz
  - (12) Christopher Eggertson
- Congratulation to the tournament winners.

Thanks to Roy Yearwood who donated his cash prize to next year University Battle of Alberta.

Thanks to:

- (1) Everyone who came out to play in this event.
- (2) The three university presidents (Adie Todd, Stephen Stone, Thomas Fox) for organizing the team and help me solve the prize fund problem.
- (3) Our official photographer, DeJesus Navarrete, for taking photo and posting them on the facebook site.
- (4) Tony Ficzer for helping me to submit the crosstable to CFC and FIDE.

Many thanks goes to Stephan Vasilev for helping get everything organized before the start of each round, helping to solve the prize fund problem, and closing the club. He did a fantastic job.

Next year University Battle of Alberta will be held in Calgary since it is between Edmonton and Lethbridge. Nonetheless, this was the first ever University Battle of Alberta which means anybody who had participated in this event made history.

Thanks to all who helped the University Battle of Alberta such a success. I had enjoyed directing this event as there were no complaints from the players, so I would like to say thanks to all the participants who made my job easy.

*(Photo courtesy of DeJesus Navarrete. DeJesus also provided two photos on the front page, Stephan Vasilev and Simon Ong. ed)*



**SCHOLASTIC EVENT!**

**Western Canadian Open Scholastic & Post Secondary Chess Championship**

March 26—29, 2009 (to be confirmed)

Open to all players 20 years & younger throughout BC, Alberta, Sask., Manitoba

2 Sections: A Section: CFC Active rated & Chess n'Math rated, B Section: Novice & Unrated  
(Novice is defined as Under 1200 CFC rating or Chess n'Math rating)

Format: 8 player sections, Double Round Robin (2 games per player per round)

Time Control: 1 hr + 30 second increment per player per round

Site: University of Calgary (room and building to be determined)

Prizes: 1st \$400, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100 in each section plus \$50 for each player who scores 8.5 pts.

Schedule	Entry Fee	Mail Entries to
March 26 Rnd 1 10:30 a.m. Rnd 2 4:30 p.m.	\$75 before January 15	Roy Yearwood
March 27 Rnd 3 10 a.m. Rnd 4 4:30 p.m.	\$100 January 16 to February 1	603 40th St.
March 28 Rnd 5 10 a.m. Rnd 6 4:30 p.m.	\$125 February 2 to February 28	Calgary AB T2A 6S1
March 29 Rnd 7 9 a.m.	\$150 March 1 to registration at site	(postmark determines date)

Closing Ceremonies Sunday, March 29 at 1 p.m.

Make cheques payable to Roy Yearwood

For more info, contact Roy by email at [fredandorroy@live.ca](mailto:fredandorroy@live.ca) or phone 403.830.4640

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6. Must write a weekly or by-weekly chess column in their school newspaper in the year of application.
7. Must participate in at least 4 of the following tournaments:  
Alberta Open, Northern Alberta Open, Southern Alberta Open, Medicine Hat Open, Alberta Junior, Alberta Closed, Alberta Over/Under 1800 (for players outside of Alberta and Sask, contact Roy for details on this condition).

For more info, contact Roy Yearwood in writing at

603 40th St. NE, Calgary AB T2A 6S1 or email [fredandorroy@live.ca](mailto:fredandorroy@live.ca)

Website under construction

# WBX Team Tournament

*How Saskatchewanians came, saw and conquered!* By Vlad Rekhson

This was the second installment of the WBX Team Tournament. Just like the first time the regulations stated that each team's rating could not exceed a 1900 average. However, once again Jamin Gluckie found a way around it, as he registered his team early enough, when their rating average was a mere 1870, but by the time of the tournament it became 1936! As a result, it was evident that someone would have to do something extra-ordinary to surpass this team, and it almost happened. But first thing first. This event had a total of 10 teams and 36 participants. Despite the rating ceiling some teams had quite a few strong players in them, playing alongside much weaker ones. The top players in the event were: IM Edward Porper, FM Eric Hansen and masters: Robert Sasata, Rob Gardner, Nic Haynes and Keith Mackinnon. In the first round we already saw a major clash of the titans as IM Edward Porper and Robert Sasata faced each other. After a very interesting battle Robert Sasata prevailed, gaining his first ever IM scalp.

**IM Porper, Edward (2468)**  
**Sasata, Robert (2374)**  
**E12 WBX Team (Rnd 1)**

**1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. a3 Ba6 5. Qc2 Bb7 6. Nc3 c5 7. d5 exd5 8. cxd5 Nxd5 9. Bg5 f6 10. Nxd5 Bxd5 11. O-O-O Be6 12. Bf4 Nc6 13. e3 Be7 14. Bd3 b5 15. Bxh7 b4 16. Qg6+ Kf8**



**17. Bh6 Rxh7 18. Qxh7 gxh6 19. Nh4 d5**

**20. Ng6+ Ke8 21. Nf4 Bf7 22. Nxd5 Bxd5 23. e4 Nd4 24. exd5 bxa3 25. d6 Qxd6 26. Qg8+ Bf8 27. Rhe1+ Kd7 28. Qf7+ Be7 29. bxa3 Rb8 30. Re3 Ne2+ 31. Kc2 Nd4+ 32. Kc1 Rb7 33. g3 Kc8 34. Qa2 f5 35. Rde1 c4 36. Rd1 Bf6 37. Re8+ Kd7 38. Re3 f4 39. Re4 Rb3 0-1**

This gave an important push to his Saskatchewan based team-“E4-Effort” which consisted of himself, Jamin Gluckie and the fast improving junior Josh Timm. After the first day and three rounds three teams shared the lead; “E4-Effort”, “Rybka Incarnate” and “Victorious Secret” each had 6/9. In round 4 Rybka Incarnate beat “Victorious Secret” 3-0 but the favourites “E4-Effort” didn’t lose a step as they took down “Klondike” by the same score. In the last round “E4-Effort” was facing the “RPGs” and “Victorious Secret” was playing another Saskatchewanian team - “2 Rooks and a Pawn”. In the match “Victorious Secret”- “2 Rooks and a Pawn” the amazing 3<sup>rd</sup> board- Tyler Janzen gave his team a quick lead as he beat Don Mackinnon, becoming the only player of the tournament with the perfect 5/5 score! Chris Achtemichuk lost to Kevin Me from “2 Rooks and the pawn” equalizing the score, but in the battle of junior heavy-weights FM Eric Hansen defeated Keith Mackinnon giving “Victorious Secret” a 2-1 win.

At the same time Robert Sasata beat Rick Pedersen, while Josh Timm drew Peter Thompson. That meant that in the last game to finish Jamin Gluckie needed to win against Geoff Newton in order to give his team a clear first. Jamin had an extra pawn but it was unclear whether he could convert it. He tried to make it as hard as possible for Geoff to defend and in the end Geoff made a mistake in the rook end-game, allowing Jamin to be a true team captain and bring home the 1<sup>st</sup> place for his team.

After the dust was settled it turned out that Saskatchewan essentially won almost everything. They had the best team. The second best team had two Saskatchewanians (Tyler Janzen and Chris Achtemichuk), and even the best category prize went to “Two Rooks and a Pawn” who are also from Saskatchewan. In addition to that they won best board prizes on all the three boards!

Who knows maybe driving in bad weather from Saskatchewan made them more ready to wipe out anyone in their way?

Next year’s event may or may not be a team tournament. The reason for it is that it will coincide with the Edmonton International. I will be organizing the International, while someone else will organize the side event and that person will decide whether it will be a team tournament or not.

And last but not least I would like to thank everyone who helped me organize this event and also all those who made the trip through the rough road conditions, even if they are from Saskatchewan!

Final standings and prize winners:

- 1. E4 Effort** (1936, joined as an 1870) 11.5, \$270  
 Robert Sasata (2374) 4.5/5 Best on board 1 \$60; Jamin Gluckie 4.5/5 (2080) Best on board 2 \$40; Josh Timm (1354) 2.5/5
- 2. Rybka Incarnate** (1880) 11, \$150  
 FM Eric Hansen (2377) 3.5/4; Richard Pua (1969) 0.5/1; Chris Achtemichuk (1677) 2.0/5; Tyler Janzen 5.0/5 (1586) Best on board 3 \$35
- 3. Victorious Secret** (1899) 8.5  
 Roy Yearwood (2070) 2.5/5; Aaron Sequillion (1836) 2.5/5; Mike Zeggelaar (1790) 3.5/5
- 4. Two Rooks and a Pawn** (1823) 7.5, \$90 (best under 1870 average)  
 Keith Mackinnon (2224) 2.5/5; Kevin Me (1978) 4.0/5; Don Mackinnon (1266) 1.0/5
- 5. Klondike** (1899) 7.5  
 Sardul Purewal (2080) 1.5/5; Richard Wang (1943) 4.0/5; George Sponga (1674) 2.0/5
- 6. RPGs** (1897) 7.0  
 Rick Pedersen (1906) 0.0/5; Geoff Newton (1937) 3/5; Peter Thompson (1848) 3.0/4  
 Damon Macleod (1616) 1.0/1
- 7-8. East-Z** (1860) 6.0  
 IM Edward Porper 3.0/5; Allan Wu (1821) 1.0/5; Stephen Pavlic (1290) 1.0/3  
 Zhonglin Huang (1185 Chess N’ Math) 1.0/2
- 7-8. 64 Places to Die** (1835) 6.0  
 Nicolas Haynes (2224) 3.5/5; Terry Seehaugen (1726) 1.0/3; Pat Nolan (1554) 0.0/3  
 Wayne Mendryk (1417) 1.5/4
- 9. Calgary Junior Revolution** (1829) 5.5  
 Jan Lazo (2061) 1.0/3; David Zhang (1945) 1.0/4; Tony Cai (1756) 2.0/3  
 Ron Johnson (1480) 1.5/5
- 10. Sponge Anand Square Pants** (1802) 4.5  
 Rob Gardner (2257) 2.5/5; Lincoln Camphaug (1668) 0.0/3; Desmond Baron (1456) 1.0/4; Michael Ludwig (1480 Chess N’ Math) 1.0/3

## 2009 ACA Chess Tournaments & Meetings

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Jan 17-18	University Battle of Alberta	Simon Ong	Calgary
Jan 18	Scholastic Team Event (WEM)	Bruce Thomas	Edmonton
Jan 31-Feb 1	Trumpeter Classic	Tim Pradzinski	Grande Prairie
Feb TBD	La Crete	Chris White	La Crete
Feb 28-Mar 1	Northern Alberta Open	Micah Hughey	Edmonton
Mar TBD	La Crete	Chris White	La Crete
Mar 7-8	AYCC Championship	Richard Pua	Edmonton
Mar 14-15	March of Kings	Jim Daniluk	Calgary
Mar 22	Edmonton Regional Chess Challenge	Bruce Thomas	Edmonton
Mar TBD	Peace River Regional Chess Challenge	Bruce Thomas	Peace River
Mar TBD	Medicine Hat Regional Chess Challenge	Bruce Thomas	Medicine Hat
Mar TBD	Jasper / Hinton Regional Chess Challenge	Bruce Thomas	Jasper/Hinton
Mar TBD	St. Albert Regional Chess Challenge	David Ludwig	St. Albert
Mar TBD	Red Deer Regional Chess Challenge	Bruce Thomas	Red Deer
Mar TBD	Calgary Regional Chess Challenge	CJCC/Simon Ong	Calgary
Mar 26-29	Western Canadian Scholastic (not ACA)	Roy Yearwood	Calgary
Apr TBD	La Crete	Chris White	La Crete
Apr 4-5	Lethbridge Open	Paul Viminitz	Lethbridge
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Apr 11-12	Alberta Reserves	Jim Daniluk	Calgary
Apr 11-12	Alberta Women's	Jim Daniluk	Calgary
Apr 18	Alberta Chess Challenge Finals	Bruce Thomas	Edmonton
Apr 25-26	Red Deer Open	Tony Ficzero	Red Deer
Apr 26 TBC	ACA Board Meeting		Red Deer
May TBD	La Crete	Chris White	La Crete
May 3	ACA Board Meeting	Mike Sekuloff	Red Deer
May 14-18	Calgary International Open	Jim Daniluk	Calgary
June 6	Alberta Active Championship	Jim Daniluk	Calgary
Jun 27-28	Battle At The Border	Jamin Gluckie	Lloydminster
July 11-19	Canadian Open	Micah/Vlad	Edmonton
Aug TBC	ACA Board Meeting - ONLINE	Mike Sekuloff	Red Deer
Sept 6-7	Over / Under 1800	Jim Daniluk	Calgary
Sept 19-20	Medicine Hat Open	Dr. Bill Taylor	Medicine Hat
Sept 26	Battle of Alberta	Jim Daniluk / Micah Hughey	Red Deer
Oct TBD	La Crete	Chris White	La Crete
Oct 10-12	Alberta Open	Ford Wong	Edmonton
Oct 12	ACA AGM		Edmonton
Oct 24	Junior Battle of Alberta	Bruce Thomas	Red Deer
Nov TBD	La Crete	Chris White	La Crete
Nov 7-8	Alberta Junior	CJCC/Simon Ong	Calgary
Nov 21-22	Southern Alberta Open	Jim Daniluk	Calgary
Nov 29	ACA Board Meeting	Mike Sekuloff	Red Deer
Dec TBD	La Crete	Chris White	La Crete
Dec 19-20	4th Edmonton International Chess Festival	Vlad Rekhson	Edmonton
Dec 20-21	WBX Team Tournament (part of EICF)	Vlad Rekhson	Edmonton

TBD - To Be Determined TBC - To Be Confirmed Visit [www.albertachess.org](http://www.albertachess.org) for complete tournament info



## 2009 Northern Alberta Open

Dates: Feb 28-March 1st  
 Location: Edmonton Chess Club, 10840 124 st, Phone: 780-240-6365  
 Entry fee: \$30  
 Registration: 9:00-9:45 AM Saturday, Feb. 28  
 5 Round Swiss, CFC & FIDE rated  
 Round times: Saturday, 10 am, 2 pm, 6 pm. Sunday, 10 am, 2:30 pm  
 Time controls: Saturday: G/90 + 30 seconds, Sunday: G/110 + 30 seconds  
 Prize fund: Guaranteed \$600 in prizes. More prizes if there are 25+ paid entries.  
 Bonus prize: \$100 for a perfect score.  
 Miscellaneous: The winner qualifies for the 2009 Alberta Chess Championship (if an Alberta Resident).  
 CFC membership is required and available at the door for \$41 adults, \$27 juniors.



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## 2009 March of Kings

Dates: March 14-15  
 Location: Calgary Chess Club, #274, 3359-27th St. NE  
 Entry fee: \$30  
 TD/Org: Tony Ficzero  
 Registration: 9:00-9:45 AM Saturday, March 14  
 Pre-register at the Calgary Chess Club every Tuesday or email [tficzero@telus.net](mailto:tficzero@telus.net)  
 5 Round Swiss, CFC & FIDE rated  
 Round times: Saturday, 10 am, 2 pm, 6 pm. Sunday, 10 am, ASAP  
 Time controls: Saturday: G/90 + 30 seconds  
 Prize fund: Sum of entries less expenses  
 CFC membership is required, can be purchased on site



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## 2009 Lethbridge Open

Dates: April 4-5  
 Location: Lethbridge Lodge, 320 Scenic Drive  
 Entry fee: \$30 Adults, \$25 Junior (under 18)  
 TD: Tony Ficzero  
 Registration: 9:00-9:45 AM Saturday April 4 Pre-register: by email to [ficzero@telus.net](mailto:ficzero@telus.net)  
 5 Round Swiss, CFC rated  
 Round times: Saturday, 10 am, 2:30 pm, 7 pm. Sunday, 9 am, 1:30 pm  
 Time controls: Saturday: G/90 + 30 seconds  
 Prize fund: Sum of entries less expenses plus \$100  
 CFC membership is required, can be purchased on site  
 A limited number of billets will be available.  
 There will be a free wine and cheese at the home of Dr. Viminitz after the last (3<sup>rd</sup>) round on Saturday.  
 For further information contact Dr. Paul Viminitz at 403-331-3295 or [vimip0@uleth.ca](mailto:vimip0@uleth.ca)



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### TOP 40 CFC RATED ALBERTANS

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#	Name	Rating
1	Porper, Eduard	2452
2	Hansen, Eric	2398
3	Gicev, Blagoj	2378
4	Huber, Gregory	2351
5	Reeve, Jeff	2334
6	Pechenkin, Vladimir	2310
7	Peter, Steven	2309
8	Kaminski, Victor	2301
9	Neven, Knut	2287
10	Haessel, Dale	2276
11	Gardner, Robert J.	2254
12	Haynes, Nicolas	2228
13	Schaeffer, Jonathan	2206
14	Hughey, Micah	2190
15	Grumic, Sasa	2174
16	Rekhson, Vladislav	2172
17	Vasilev, Stephan	2158
18	Kazakevich, Anastasia	2142
19	Nguyen, Kim	2140
20	Perron, Sean	2134
21	Robichaud, Martin	2132
22	Kaminski, Thomas	2103
23	Gluckie, Jamin	2103
24	Monaghan, Jim	2090
25	Purewal, Sardul	2088
26	Gold, Itohan	2088
27	Gorelik, Lev	2079
28	Campbell, Gordon	2077
29	Yearwood, Roy	2075
30	Willis, Bradley J.	2072
31	Yam, Alex	2060
32	Mrugala, David	2048
33	Zhang, David	2015
34	Wang, Richard	2005
35	Karmali, Hafiz	2001
36	Kuczaj, Chris	1997
37	Trikha, Ravi	1996
38	Tam, Erik	1993
39	Steele, Len C.	1984
40	Pua, Richard	1977

### TOP 10 FIDE RATED ALBERTANS

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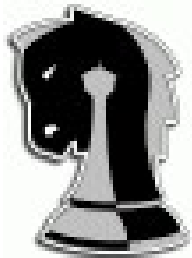
#	Name	Rating
1	Porper, Edward	2455
2	Hansen, Eric	2376
3	Peter, Steven	2264
4	Reeve, Jeff	2247
5	Kaminski, Victor	2245
6	Huber, Greg	2245
7	Neven, Knut	2199
8	Haessel, Dale	2186
9	Haynes, Nicolas	2176
10	Gardner, Rob	2147

## WHERE TO PLAY CHESS IN ALBERTA!

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<p><b>Calgary Chess Club</b> #274, 3359-27th St. NE (Parma Tech Centre, North Building) Tuesday nights from 6:30-11 p.m. Friday nights from 6:30-11 p.m. Phone 403.264.9498 Website: <a href="http://www.calgarychess.com">www.calgarychess.com</a></p>	<p><b>Grand Prairie Chess Club</b> 1st Apostolic Church, 9932 91 Ave Tuesdays from 6-10 p.m. Contact: Tim Pradzinski 780.518.2281 Email <a href="mailto:database@telusplanet.net">database@telusplanet.net</a> Website: <a href="http://www.gpchessclub.com">www.gpchessclub.com</a></p>	<p><b>Okotoks Chess Club</b> Contact: Richard Bradley Email: <a href="mailto:richard.bradley@shaw.ca">richard.bradley@shaw.ca</a></p>
<p><b>Calgary Junior Chess Club</b> #274, 3359-27th St. NE (Parma Tech Centre, North Building) Contact: Simon Ong Email: <a href="mailto:simong89@yahoo.ca">simong89@yahoo.ca</a> Website: <a href="http://www.geocities.com/calgarychess4juniors/home.html">www.geocities.com/calgarychess4juniors/home.html</a></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>
<p><b>University of Calgary Chess Club</b> Contact: Adie Email: <a href="mailto:chess@ucalgary.ca">chess@ucalgary.ca</a></p>	<p><b>Hinton</b> Queen's Bakery and Café, 124 Market St. Contact: Peter Bundscherer, 780.865.5050</p>	<p><b>Wainwright Chess Club</b> Showtime Video, #701 10 Main St. Thursdays 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Contact: Allen Tinio, 780.842.4123 Email: <a href="mailto:amtinio@telus.net">amtinio@telus.net</a></p>
<p><b>Edmonton Chess Club</b> #204, 10840-124 St. Mondays &amp; Thursdays, 7-11 p.m. Saturdays, 1-5 p.m. Phone 780. 424.0283 Website: <a href="http://edmontonchessclub.org/">edmontonchessclub.org/</a></p>	<p><b>Lethbridge</b> Contact: Kent Karapita Email: <a href="mailto:kentkarapita@hotmail.com">kentkarapita@hotmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>EDMONTON CASUAL CHESS</b> For general information or if you are interested in setting up a new casual site in Northern Alberta. Contact: Bruce Thomas 780.474.2318 Email: <a href="mailto:rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca">rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca</a></p>
<p><b>Edmonton Castle Downs</b> Castledowns Public Library program room, 106 Lakeside Landing, 15379 Castle Downs Road Tuesdays 1-4:30 p.m. Casual chess - no clocks, no ratings; open to all ages, up to 16 players involved.</p>	<p><b>University of Lethbridge</b> Contact: Thomas Fox Email: <a href="mailto:thomas.fox@uleth.ca">thomas.fox@uleth.ca</a> Website: <a href="http://people.uleth.ca/~chess.club/">people.uleth.ca/~chess.club/</a></p>	<p><b>Edmonton-Blackspot Café</b> 15120 Stony Plain Road Sundays, 2-10 p.m. Sets are available.</p>
<p><b>University of Alberta</b> Student Union Building @ Avenue Pizza Restaurant/Lounge September through April (excluding Dec), Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Contact: Stephen Stone Email: <a href="mailto:StephenRStone@gmail.com">StephenRStone@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://uachess.wetpaint.com/">uachess.wetpaint.com/</a></p>	<p><b>Lloydminster</b> Contact: Terry Chaisson H. 780.875.8186 Or cell: 780.871.3995</p>	<p><b>Edmonton-ChessMart</b> 12015-76 St Open weekdays 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and some evenings and weekends. Casual games can be arranged and evaluation of players of all ages.</p>
<p><b>Medicine Hat Chess Club</b> Southridge Village, 550 Spruce Way SE Mid September to mid June, Wednesdays, 7-10:30 p.m. Contact: Bill Taylor, 403.526.5484 Email <a href="mailto:taylormw@shaw.ca">taylormw@shaw.ca</a></p>	<p><b>Medicine Hat Junior Chess Club</b> 1015 3rd St. N.W. End of October to early March, Saturdays 1:30-4 p.m. Contact: Bill Taylor, 403.526.5484 Email <a href="mailto:taylormw@shaw.ca">taylormw@shaw.ca</a></p>	<p><b>Edmonton-Millwoods</b> Seniors Drop-in Centre inside Millwoods Town Centre Mall Thursdays, starting 1 p.m.</p>

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