



Alberta Chess Report

Alberta Junior Chess Championship
November 10 and 11 in Calgary
Southern Alberta Open Championship
November 17 and 18 in Calgary

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On a late summer day, Keith MacKinnon of Saskatchewan (left) and Roy Yearwood of Calgary enjoy a game of chess on one of the smaller tables that surround the Medicine Hat Giant Chess Set which has become a tourist attraction for the south-eastern Alberta city.



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Sasata, Kazmaier share top spot at Alberta Open

by Ford Wong
Tournament Director

Veteran Robert Sasata of Saskatoon and junior Daniel Kazmaier of Calgary shared the top honors at the 2007 Alberta Open Chess Championship

Going into the final round, International Master Torstein Bae of Norway had a half point lead in the six-round Thanksgiving weekend competition at West Edmonton Mall's Fantasyland Hotel, but ran into time trouble against Sasata and flagged in a complex position.

Even with a time control

of game/120 minutes plus 30 second increments, there were several other games which saw players lose on time.

Sasata's win over Bae opened the door for the winner of Kazmaier- Blagoj Gicev game to join him to share first place. Kazmaier seized the opportunity and won a convincing game. Gicev was victim to another of Alberta's young lions as

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he also lost to Eric Hansen in rounds 3.

Also In round 3, Kazmaier was a handful for Torstein Bae, but Bae escaped with a draw. Bae ended up sharing third place with Rob Gardner and Victor Kaminski.

Sasata, Kazmaier and Kaminski were the only players to go undefeated throughout the tournament. With his shared victory at the Alberta Open, Dan Kazmaier qualified for the Alberta Closed and has a chance to become Alberta Champion.

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WFM Silje Bjerke was the only female competitor at the Alberta Open on Thanksgiving weekend.



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Yearwood wins the loot at Medicine Hat Open

by Dr. Bill Taylor, Tournament Director

For a change, the 13th annual Medicine Hat Open Chess Tournament took place on a glorious, sunny, warm mid-September weekend - the previous two years had been cold and rainy.

This year, we welcomed 16 participants. Roy Yearwood, the 2003 Medicine Hat winner, was the sole representative from Calgary while the father and son pairing of Don and Keith MacKinnon arrived from North Battleford, Saskatchewan. The younger MacKinnon was the 2006 winner and the first junior to ever win the event.

From Lethbridge came Kurt Berndtsson, Jack Davies, and Dr. Paul Viminitz who appeared to be recovering fairly well from his serious car accident in April. The usual Edmonton foursome of John Quiring, Ford Wong, Steve Panteluk and Stan Longson made the trip.

Making even a longer driving trip of ten hours for his first time at this event was Tim Pradzinski of Grande Prairie.

While 14-year-old Keith MacKinnon was hoping to be the first person to ever win the Medicine Hat Open two years in a row, that was not to happen as Yearwood finished first with a 4.5/5 score. MacKinnon and Yearwood drew in the third round. In the fourth round, I managed to give Yearwood a scare with a slightly better mid-game position, but it turned into a lost end game. Then in the fifth round, young MacKinnon was out to beat me so he could tie for first place, but in an Alekhine's defense, I was able to equalize the mid game and take advantage of a questionable exchange in the late middle game. MacKinnon, however, skillfully achieved a draw and ended up with 4.0 points for second place.

Tied for third with 3.5 each was myself and Adam Szulski who ended up also being the top performer in the lower section of the entrants list.

For his tournament victory, Yearwood acquired a



Organizer Dr. Bill Taylor holds the annual Medicine Hat Open Tournament trophy while Keith MacKinnon (left) holds his second place award and Roy Yearwood holds first place plaque.

beautiful artistic chess set donated by Framing and Art Centre and a nice black striped dress shirt. MacKinnon received a picture of the Bobby Orr "Flying Leap" celebration after scoring a Stanley Cup winning goal and a large pullover, which his dad assured him he will grow into.

In the lower section of eight players, prize recipients were: first - Szulski, second - Davies who scored 3.0, and third - Panteluk who had a 2.5 score.

Lots of sponsors

Throughout the weekend, players enjoyed a variety of muffins, coffee, fruit and candies, provided by the Medicine Hat Chess Club and 51 local sponsors. The Saturday night "Dessert and Drinks" social was held for the fifth consecutive year, and the popular "Lunch for a Buck" was held Sunday.

Thanks to our sponsors, \$225.00 of cash and merchandise were injected into the tournament prize fund, over and above the entry fees.

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for its
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November 5 & 6

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Alberta Chess Association Schedule for the balance of 2007



The following tournaments/events are sponsored by the Alberta Chess Association or are among those receiving ACA support:

Date	Name of Tournament/Event	Organizer	Location
October 20-21	Battle at the Border	Jamin Gluckie	Lloydminster
October 27	Junior Battle of Alberta	Bruce Thomas	Red Deer
November 10-11	Alberta Junior Championship	Richard Pua	Calgary
November 17-18	Southern Alberta Open	Jim Daniluk	Calgary
November 25	ACA Board Meeting	Ford Wong	Red Deer

Sasata and Bae draw to share Battle at the Border title

In the final round of the Battle at the Border open tournament in Lloydminster, Robert Sasata and Torstein Bae played an exciting game which featured a strong kingside attack by Sasata which was countered by a three-pawn centre obtained by Bae. The Saskatoon master and the Norway International Master agreed to a draw to share first place in the October 20 and 21 event.

There was pile-up of players for third place prize money, which boiled down to \$20 each for Robert Gardner, Eric Hansen,

Micah Hughey, Roy Yearwood and Keith MacKinnon.

The top Under 1900 prize was also share with \$60 each going to John McIntyre, Roger Blum, Lyndon Soerensen, Terry Chaisson, and Jason Danner.

In the Under 1600 category, there was yet another division of the top prize money, and Igor Moshynsky, Mike Zeggelaar, Tom Corsmeier, and Nicholas Carverhill each received \$75.

The top unrated prize - A copy of Fritz 8 was the top prize for unrated players and it was awarded to James Dunn.

The mystery prize, a stainless steel barbecue set and a BAR Engineering hat, was presented by tournament director Jamin Gluckie to went to David Steer.

Saskatoon Chess Club hosted the Battle which attracted 36 players, and Gluckie says it will become an annual event.

Robert Sasata (right) had to share two major victories during October: At the Alberta Open he split first place with Dan Kazmaier and at The Battle he tied with IM Torstein Bae



Yearwood gets perfect score in latest Calgary CC event

Calgary Chess Club ended its October activities with Roy Yearwood scoring 5/5 to win first place.

Sharing second with 4/5 scores were Brian Miller and Martin Robichaud.

Vassily Vins took first in the Under 1500 category with a 3/5 score, followed by Stephen Vassile and Eoin Dunne who each scored 2.5

Top juniors at 2 points each were Tony Cai and David Zhang .

Crosstable:

1	Roy Yearwood	5	13:W 6:W 2:W 4:W 5:W
2	Martin Robichaud	4	18:W 7:W 1:L 9:W 8:W
3	Brian Miller	4	5:L 17:W 11:W 6:W 10:W
4	Jim Daniluk	3.5	16:D 15:W 10:W 1:L 9:W
5	Vassily Vins	3	3:W 8:W 9:L 7:W 1:L
6	Juraj Pivovarov	3	19:W 1:L 14:W 3:L 12:W
7	Walter Watson	3	12:W 2:L 13:W 5:L 15:W
8	Arthur Wojtas	3	17:W 5:L 12:W 16:W 2:L
9	Stephen Vasile	2.5	10:D 16:W 5:W 2:L 4:L
10	Arthur Milne	2.5	9:D 14:W 4:L 13:W 3:L
11	Eoin Dunne	2.5	0: 0: 3:L 18:W 16:W
12	Cyril Nerubenko	2	7:L 18:W 8:L 14:W 6:L
13	Dalwei Zhang	2	1:L 19:W 7:L 10:L 18:W
14	Tony Cai	2	15:W 10:L 6:L 12:L 17:W
15	Dr. Ron Hinds	2	14:L 4:L 19:W 17:W 7:L
16	Vladimir Lapiy	1.5	4:D 9:L 18:W 8:L 11:L
17	Deweese Wood	1	8:L 3:L 0:W 15:L 14:L
18	Kai Muenzer	0	2:L 12:L 16:L 11:L 13:L
19	Jordan Bist	0	6:L 13:L 15:L 0: 0:

ACA collecting low-cost associate memberships

Needing to count more people as part of organized chess, Alberta Chess Association is now collecting Associate Membership fees of \$3 for juniors and senior citizens and \$5 for adults.

Associate members will receive the Alberta Chess Report and be considered supporters of chess, but they will not be considered voting members nor can they play in a Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) tournament without purchasing a full CFC/ACA membership or paying the CFC participating fee.

Players who participate in CFC-rated events are already full ACA members.

The largest number of associate memberships will be obtained by junior

players who are only rated by the Chess'n Math Association which does not charge a membership fee.

While there are only about 300 full ACA members, there are hundreds of students playing chess around the province who are not counted as members in any chess organization.

Sponsorship and government grants are often based on membership numbers, and proof of membership is usually established by a person paying an actual membership fee and providing their address.

Bruce Thomas has long advocated that an associate membership be charged by the ACA so that hundreds of student players could be officially

For those not playing in CFC rated events

counted as members of a chess organization.

This idea was finally adopted by the ACA board of directors in August.

At the ACA annual meeting in October, Thomas turned over \$600 to the ACA for the first 200 associate memberships collected through The Roving ChessNuts scholastic programs in Edmonton and region.

It is estimated that up to 700 students annually will become associate members and organizers of chess clubs are being asked to also sell the memberships to their players who do not join the CFC.

Money generated by the new memberships are expected to be channelled into junior programs and other ACA projects.

Gardner victorious in September event at Edmonton CC

At Edmonton Chess Club on Thursdays during September, Rob Gardner captured first place in the Back to School Open.

Gardner, the highest rated in the accelerated swiss event, scored 3.5 in his four

games.

Finishing in a tie for second place among the event's 22 players were Rick Pedersen, Allan Wu, Gerhard Reuter and Arnold McKay, each scored 2.5.

Mike Sekuloff is new ACA president

At the annual general meeting of the Alberta Chess Association on October 7 during the Alberta Open Chess Championship, Mike Sekuloff of Edmonton was elected ACA President for a two-year term. Sekuloff defeated Bruce Thomas, also of Edmonton, in the balloting by about two dozen ACA members.

Sekuloff takes over the ACA reigns from Ford Wong of Edmonton who will remain on the board of directors as past

president.

The only other executive office to be filled was treasurer which Tim Pradzinski of Grande Prairie was awarded by acclamation.

Micah Hughey of Edmonton and Paul Viminitz of Lethbridge are now into their second year of the respective offices of vice president and secretary.

Elected to a vacant one year term as board director was Dale Haessel of Calgary, and elected to two-year terms as directors were

Vladislav Rekhson of Edmonton, Richard Pua of Edmonton, Jim Daniluk of Calgary and Anastasia Kazakevich of Edmonton.

Completing their second year as directors are Mark Cole of Calgary and Robert Davies of St. Albert.

The first meeting of the new ACA board will be held in Red Deer in November.

New ACA President Mike Sekuloff ponders his move during the Alberta Open.



Young players dominate Over/Under 1800 Championships

With junior players taking four of the top five spots in the Over 1800 section and four of the top six spots in the Under 1800 section, older chess players may feel like they should head for early retirement.

Calgary Chess Club hosted this annual Alberta Chess Association tournament in its new club facilities on September 1 and 2.

Entered in the event were 24 Albertans and the MacKinnons of Saskatchewan who have become frequent competitors in the Wild Rose province as junior Keith MacKinnon rises to higher chess levels while father Don is left far behind.

Calgary's veteran juniors Daniel Kazmaier (4.5 points) and Eric Hansen (4.0 points) took first and second places respectively in the Over 1800 section.

Adult Dale Haessel was third with 3.5.

Junior Chase Cunningham scored four out of a possible five and captured top spot in the Under 1800 section.

Raymond Ong and Peter Thompson tied for second/third places, each getting 3.5 scores.

Over 1800 Crosstable

Player #	Name	CFC Rating: Before /Performance /New	Games Played	Final Score
1	Kazmaier, Daniel	2182 2456 2218	W 13 W 9 W 3 W 6 D 2	4.5
2	Hansen, Eric	2235 2314 2243	W 5 D 6 W 7 W 9 D 1	4.0
3	Haessel, Dale	2257 2327 2262	W 4 W 8 L 1 D 0 W 6	3.5
4	Kaminski, Thomas	2016 2186 2043	L 3 W 10 D 0 W 5 D 8	3.0
5	MacKinnon, Keith	2011 2060 2020	L 2 W 11 W 10 L 4 W 12	3.0
6	Hughey, Micah	2152 2145 2152	W 11 D 2 W 8 L 1 L 3	2.5
7	Miller, Brian	1971 2008 1977	L 8 W 13 L 2 D 0 D 9	2.0
8	Yearwood, Roy	2157 1966 2120	W 7 L 3 L 6 D 12 D 4	2.0
9	Daniluk, Jim	2056 1956 2040	W 12 L 1 D 0 L 2 D 7	2.0
10	Pivovarov, Juraj	1919 1876 1913	D 0 L 4 L 5 W 11 D 13	2.0
11	Milne, Arthur	1896 1816 1884	L 6 L 5 W 13 L 10 D 0	1.5
12	Pasadilla, Elmer	1834 1808 1830	L 9 D 0 D 0 D 8 L 5	1.5
13	Pedersen, Rick	1982 1692 1935	L 1 L 7 L 11 D 0 D 10	1.0

Under 1800 Crosstable

Player #	Name	CFC Rating: Before /Performance /New	Games Played	Final Score
1	Cunningham, Chase	1781 1816 1792	D 4 W 12 W 5 D 3 W 7	4.0
2	Ong, Raymond	1387 1810 1466	W 7 D 9 D 0 D 4 W 8	3.5
3	Thompson, Peter	1675 1798 1700	W 11 D 5 W 9 D 1 D 4	3.5
4	Zhang, Dalwei	1577 1564 1579	D 1 W 13 D 0 D 2 D 3	3.0
5	Willie, Joshua	1611 1555 1609	W 10 D 3 L 1 D 6 W 13	3.0
6	Ong, Simon	1578 1486 1565	D 13 D 8 D 0 D 5 W 12	3.0
7	Sekuloff, Mike	1641 1514 1618	L 2 W 11 D 8 W 10 L 1	2.5
8	Zeggelaar, Mike	1534 1490 1536	D 9 D 6 D 7 W 13 L 2	2.5
9	LaBoucane, Randy	1687 1425 1656	D 8 D 2 L 3 D 0 D 0	2.0
10	MacKinnon, Donald	1260 1340 1271	L 5 D 0 W 12 L 7 L 11	1.5
11	Corsmeier, Tom	1531 1288 1495	L 3 L 7 D 0 L 12 W 10	1.5
12	Shi, Diwen	1386 1338 1376	L 0 L 1 L 10 W 11 L 6	1.0
13	Cheung, Gordon	1013 1275 1092	D 6 L 4 D 0 L 8 L 5	1.0

ACA Road Warrior Standings

as of September 14, 2007

Chris White	LaCrete	26.0
Rick Pedersen	Edmonton	20.0
Roy Yearwood	Calgary	20.0
Micah Hughey	Edmonton	17.0
Rob Gardner	Edmonton	14.0
Greg Huber	Calgary	9.0
Dale Haessel	Calgary	9.0
Vicente Lee	Edmonton	8.0
Mike Zeggelaar	Edmonton	6.0
Jim Daniluk	Calgary	6.0
Tom Corsmeier	Edmonton	6.0
Graham Sorgard	Iron Springs	6.0
Ford Wong	Edmonton	5.0
John Quiring	Edmonton	5.0
Steve Panteluk	Edmonton	5.0
Stan Longson	Edmonton	5.0
Roland Schech	St. Albert	5.0
Marko Culjaga	Edmonton	5.0
Nikola Culjaga	Edmonton	5.0
Wade Caughlin	Grande Prairie	5.0
Terry Chaisson	Lloydminster	5.0
Gary Ahlquist	Lacombe	3.5
Victor Kaminski	Calgary	3.0
Eric Hansen	Calgary	3.0
Andrew Boik	Calgary	3.0
Arthur Milne	Calgary	3.0
Jeff Reeve	Edmonton	3.0
Thomas Kaminski	Calgary	3.0
Adam Harris	Calgary	3.0
Nicka Kalaydina	Calgary	3.0
Itohan Gold	Calgary	3.0
Sardul Purewal	Edmonton	3.0
Vladislav Rekhson	Edmonton	3.0
Aaron Sequillion	Calgary	3.0
Richard Pua	Edmonton	3.0
Myron Loke	Edmonton	3.0
Peter Thompson	Edmonton	3.0
Josh Willie	Lethbridge	3.0
Mike Sekuloff	Edmonton	3.0
Randy Laboucane	Edmonton	3.0
Jamin Gluckie	Lloydminster	2.5
Pat Nolan	Tofield	2.0
Matt McNeice	Lacombe	1.5
Carter Greber	Beaverlodge	1.0

Points are awarded for every driving hour spent to commute to ACA tournaments. First place gets \$250 and trophy to be awarded at the end of the year. Second place wins \$150. Third place wins \$75.



Calgary Chess Club gained its own facilities (above) during the summer months. Thanks to casino funding, both Edmonton and Calgary are now renting larger facilities and both clubs are trying to increase the amount of time the clubs are open for chess playing events. Besides its normal tournament nights on Tuesdays, Calgary is now open on Friday for more casual play. Edmonton Chess Club has its doors open on Monday and Thursday evenings as well as Saturday afternoons. Plus there are numerous junior events at the Edmonton facility ranging from monthly or twice-monthly junior tournaments to junior chess classes on Fridays and chess camps during school holidays.

Daniluk heads Calgary Chess Club

by Walter Watson

About 20 people attended the Calgary Chess Club's annual meeting on September 25.

President Jim Daniluk reviewed the past year, including the club getting a new site and starting to put new programs in place.

He mentioned we need to increase attendance.

The president thanked retiring board members Andrew Beingessner and Ron Hinds for the work they did, and Mark Cole for all his work on the new

site and marketing.

Jim asked for members' input as to whether we should establish an annual membership fee for the Club such as Edmonton has, or whether we should continue with charging tournament entry fees with some money back to the Club as we are doing now.

He also presented the Club's financial report in Andrew's absence.

Elections

The following positions were elected by acclamation:

President
Jim Daniluk
Vice-president
Mark Cole
Treasurer
Bill Bentley
Secretary
Walter Watson

Five people were nominated for the three Director positions: Juraj Pivovarov, Roy Yearwood, Richard Kaminski, Simon Ong, and Vladimir Lapij.

After each candidate gave a brief speech, those elected as directors were Pivovarov, Yearwood and Lapij.

New ACA president calls on members for ideas

Message from new ACA President Mike Sekuloff:

The ACA board will be meeting in Red Deer on November 25.

You are all invited to send me your ideas, hopes, and dreams. Whether it be a chess web, project, event, ideas on getting new members, your input and ideas are always welcome. Action speaks louder than words.

What we need ... TD's , junior chess TD's, special event volunteers, writers, and more ... It's not what the ACA can do for you , it's what you can do for the ACA.

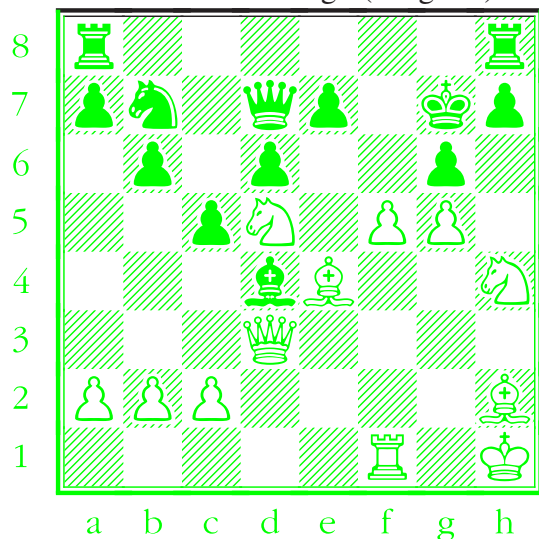
Two 2007 Alberta Open Games

Bae, Torstein (2381) - Sasata, Robert (2336)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.d3 fxe4
5.dxe4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Qd3 a6 8.Ba4 b5
9.Bb3 Na5 10.Bg5 c6 11.Nh4 Be7
12.Qf3 Bg4 13.Qd3 Nxb3 14.axb3 0-0
15.f3 Nh5 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.g3 Nf4
18.Qd2 Be6 19.0-0-0 Rad8 20.gxf4 Qxh4
21.f5 Bf7 22.Rhg1 Kh8 23.Rg4 Qf6
24.Rdg1 Rg8 25.f4 d5 26.fxe5 Qxe5
27.exd5 Bxd5 28.Qf2 Rdf8 29.Nxd5 Qxd5
30.Qg3 Qd7 31.Rg6 Rxf5 32.Rd6 Qf7
33.Kb1 c5 34.Rxa6 b4 35.Qd3 Rf8
36.Rd1 h6 37.Rd6 Qh5 38.Qg3 Qg5
39.Qd3 Qf4 40.h3 Qf3 41.Qa6 Qxh3
42.Qc6 Qh5 43.Rd8 Kh7 0-1

Pua, Richard (1964) - Stone, Steven (1379)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bc4 Bg4
5.Bxf7+ Kf8 6.Bc4 Nc6 7.h3 Bd7 8.Nc3 Na5
9.Bd3 b6 10.Bf4 Nb7 11.0-0 c5 12.d5 Nf6
13.e5 [White gets a big advantage in space]
13...Nh5 14.Bh2 Bh6 15.e6 [Sealing the
black queenside] 15...Bc8 16.Nh4 Qe8
17.f4 Nf6 18.g4 [I love pawnstorming now]
18...Bg7 19.g5 Nxd5 20.Nxd5 Bxe6
21.Be4 Bxh3 22.Qd3 [Sacrificing the
exchange to play for f5] 22...Qd7 23.f5 Bd4+
24.Kh1 Bxf1 25.Rxf1 Kg7 (Diagram)



26.f6+ exf6 27.gxf6+ Kf7 28.Bxg6+ [Seems
logical to clear up the kingside for attack]
28...hxg6 29.Qxg6+ Kf8 30.Ne7 [Threat of
31. Qg7+ and 32. Qxh8+ while tying down
the h8 rook] 30...Qe6 [30...Qh3 31.Rf4 Be3
32.Qg7+ Ke8 33.Nd5] 31.Qg7+ Ke8
32.Qxh8+ Kd7 33.Qxa8 Qe4+ 34.Ng2 Qh7
35.Qc8# 1-0

Edmonton Chess Club continues renovations; Seehagen begins second term as president

Renovations at Edmonton Chess Club are continuing this fall with the installation of new carpet expected soon and then finishing touches will be put on the two-room facility in time for a 100th anniversary celebration for the club in January.

The club has not been without its problems in regards to the second floor space on 124 Street as heating or air conditioning have malfunctioned at various times and leaks in the roof have also caused concerns.

Once some new tables are added, the club tournament room should be able to comfortably handle up to 60 adult players and about 75 junior players.

The club room is proving adequate for most club events, although it is often overflowing with parents and players between games when larger junior tournament are held.

The 100th anniversary

of Edmonton Chess Club will be celebrated January 11, 12 and 13, 2008.

Among the activities planned are a blitz tournament, an official opening of the club's renovated facilities, an open active tournament, a wine and cheese party, simultaneous displays and a lecture, and a junior tournament.

Annual Meeting

On September 20, the club held its annual meeting and Terry Seehagen was elected by acclamation for a second term as president.

Vlad Rekhson was elected vice-president by about two dozen club members.

By acclamation, Bruce Thomas was re-elected secretary while no one challenged Roland Schech when he offered to be club treasurer, a position he had assumed on an interim basis in early 2007

Six people offered to fill three seats as club

directors. After balloting, the three directorships were filled by Micah Hughey, Richard Pua and Mike Zeggelaar.

At the annual meeting, a motion was passed to raise the club's annual membership fee to \$30 effective January 1.

The meeting was also told that the collection of membership fees and nightly dues for non-members had been very lax and that steps were being taken to tighten up procedures.

The club has also applied to the Alberta Gaming Commission for permission to use casino funding for tournament director honorariums and to conduct an educational program which would allow individuals to be paid to teach chess to various skill levels of players.

The club's new board of directors and officers will be holding a meeting Sunday, November 4.

ACA approves FIDE rating for its major tournaments

by **Richard Pua**

Vladislav Rekhson proposed a motion at the ACA annual meeting that the main Alberta tournaments be FIDE rated.

An FIDE rating could make participation easier in national and international events. It would also make future players trying to acquire a FIDE rating easier since there would be a larger pool of players to compete against.

To get a FIDE rating, you must play at least three opponents

with established FIDE ratings and must score at least 1 point.

Then you would be placed on a provisional list until you have played a total of 9 FIDE-rated games.

The motion was passed unanimously.

The events to be FIDE rated are:

- Alberta Open**
- Alberta Closed**
- Northern Alberta Open**
- Southern Alberta Open**
- Battle of Alberta**

ALBERTA 2007 OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

#	Name	Rating	RD 1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5	RD6	Pts
1	Blagov Gicev	2382	+23	+12	-7	+15	+18	-9	4.0
2	Torstein Bae	2381	+24	+13	=9	+7	+6	-3	4.5
3	Robert Sasata	2330	+25	+14	+10	=6	=9	+2	5.0
4	Victor Kaminski	2276	+26	=15	=19	+14	=7	+12	4.5
5	Dale Haessel	2262	+27	-16	+33	+17	=12	=10	4.0
6	Rob Gardner	2243	+29	+17	+11	=3	-2	+13	4.5
7	Eric Hansen	2243	+30	18	+1	-2	=4	=15	3.0
8	Nick Haynes	2242	+31	=19	+16	-9	WD		2.5
9	Dan Kazmaier	2223	+32	+28	=2	+8	=3	+1	5.0
10	Silje Bjerke	2196	+34	+22	-3	=16	+20	=5	4.0
11	Vlad Rekhson	2175	+35	+40	-6	-18	+27	=16	3.5
12	Micah Hughey	2147	+36	-1	+27	+19	=5	-4	3.5
13	Roy Yearwood	2127	+37	-2	+28	=22	+26	-6	3.5
14	Jamin Gluckie	2113	+39	-3	+29	-4	+36	=18	3.5
15	Sardul Purewal	2075	+41	=4	+21	-1	+38	=7	4.0
16	Thomas Kaminiski	2073	+42	+5	-8	=10	+22	=11	4.0
17	David Mrugala	2040	+43	-6	+30	-5	+29	+42	4.0
18	Keith MacKinnon	2020	+44	-7	+31	+11	-1	=14	3.5
19	Richard Pua	1964	+45	=8	=4	-12	WD		2.0
20	Rick Pedersen	1932	BYE	+38	BYE	+25	-10	+28	3.5
21	Magoi Amasaib	1927	+46	BYE	-15	-26	+31	=30	3.0
22	Juraj Pivovarov	1913	+47	-10	+32	=13	-16	+33	3.5
23	Bill Bentley	1887	-1	-36	+49	=30	-33	-47	1.5
24	Tim Pradzinski	1885	-2	=35	+40	+33	WD		2.5
25	Art Milne	1884	-3	+37	+36	-20	-42	+32	3.0
26	Bruce Thomas	1801	-4	BYE	+43F	+21	-13	-38	2.5
27	Terry Chaisson	1795	-5	+39	-12	+32	-11	+35	3.0
28	Jonathan Day	1788	1BYE	-9	-13	=31	+39	-20	2.5
29	Vitaly Motuz	1770	-6	+41	-14	+35	-17	+36	3.0
30	Allan Wu	1751	-7	+46	-17	=23	+45	=21	3.0
31	Wade Caughlin	1712	-8	+45	-18	=28	-21	+39	2.5
32	Jonathan Mrugula	1680	-9	+42	-22	-27	+40	-25	2.0
33	Arnold McKay	1671	BYE	+49	-5	-24	+23	-22	2.5
34	Chris White	1645	-10	BYE	BYE	-36	+48	+45	2.5
35	Mike Sekuloff	1614	-11	=24	=47	-29	+41	-27	2.0
36	Paul Viminiz	1612	-12	+23	-25	+34	-14	-29	2.0
37	Garry Ahlquist	1575	-13	-25	=39	BYE	=47	+46	2.5
38	Geroge Sponga	1519	BYE	-20	+48	+40	-15	+26	3.5
39	Keith Aartsen	1447	-14	-27	=37	+46	-28	-31	1.5
40	Ron Johnson	1440	+48	-11	-24	-38	-32	+41	2.0
41	Matt McNiece	1406	-15	-29	-42	+48	-35	-40	1.0
42	Mranal Jain	UNR	-16	-32	+41	+47	+25	-17	3.0
43	Mahmood Mousavi	UNR	-17	BYE	-26	WD			0.5
44	Derek Thomas	1388	-18	BYE	BYE	BYE			0.5
45	Stephen Stone	1379	-19	-31	BYE	+49	-30	-34	1.5
46	Rock Borger	1348	-21	-30	BYE	-39	+49	-37	1.5
47	Brandon Ma	1342	-22	BYE	=35	-42	=37	+23	2.5
48	Ben Levine	1270	-40	BYE	-38	-41	-34	-49	0.5
49	Alex Schmeisser	1232	BYE	-33	-23	-45	-46	+48	1.5

Alberta Open ...

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Another excited winner was a youthful and exuberant George Sponga of Edmonton who won the 1400 to 1600 & Unrated section. As T.D., I tried to get a copy of one of his games for anyone planning to prepare for him, but unfortunately, his game scores are only interpretable by chess players from another planet. His cheery manner, win or lose, makes Sponga always a pleasure to talk to.

Congratulations to all the winners and a thank you to everyone for playing in the Alberta Open especially to all the out-of-town players. The Alberta Open attracted plenty of non-local players. Bae, an IM and Silje Bierke, a WFM, are from Norway but Silje is currently attending the University of Alberta.

Keith Aartsen, Alex Schmeisser and Ben Levine did their annual pilgrimage to the Alberta Open by driving all the way from Prince George, British Columbia. From Saskatchewan came Robert Sasata and Keith MacKinnon. Jamin Gluckie and Terry Chaisson from Lloydminster. Gary Ahlquist and Matt McNiece from Lacombe, Current Road Warrior leader Chris White from La Crete. Tim Pradzinski and Wade Caughlin from Grande Prairie. Jonathan Day from Banff. Paul Viminiz from Lethbridge. This was not to be outdone by the carloads of Calgarians: Victor Kaminski, Dale Haessel, Eric Hansen, Dan Kazmaier, Roy Yearwood, Thomas Kaminski, Juraj Pivovarov, Bill Bentley and Art Milne.

WINNERS:

OPEN:

1st: Robert Sasata, Daniel Kazmaier
3rd to 4th: Torstein Bae, Victor Kaminski, Robert Gardner

2000-2200:

1st - 2nd: Silje Bjerke, Sardul Purewal, Thomas Kaminski, David Mrugala

1800-2000:

1st - 2nd: Juraj Pivovarov, Rick Pedersen

1600-1800:

1st - 2nd: Terry Chaisson, Vitaly Motuz, Allan Wu

1400-1600 & Unrated:

1st: George Sponga 2nd: Mranal Jain

Under 1400:

1st: Rock Borger, Alex Schmeisser, Stephen Stone



Daniel Kazmaier (left) battles it out with Roy Yearwood - Yearwood won the game but still tied with his opponent for first place.

Kazmaier, Yearwood triumph in Calgary Active #4

by **Raymond Ong**
Tournament Director

The last summer active tournament attracted 20 players to the new Calgary Chess Club site in late August.

Seven of the twenty players played for the South team in the Battle of Alberta on August 18.

Top seed Daniel Kazmaier and Roy Yearwood were the overall winners.

Kazmaier scored four victories and one loss against Yearwood.

On the other hand, Yearwood scored three victories and suffered two draws against runners-up Eric Hansen and Simon Ong.

Following behind Hansen's 3.5 points effort were Sean Perron, Itohan Gold, Elmer Pasadilla, and Jim Daniluk at 3.0.

Pasadilla won the best under-1600 prize for the second time in a row.

Two players were tied for fourth place: Arthur Milne and David Zhang with 2.5 scores each.

Four players scored 2.0 out of a possible 5 points: Brian Miller, Vladimir Lapij, Simon Ong, and underdog Gordon Cheung.

Cheung scored two upsets against Arthur Milne and his mentor

Simon Ong with black.

After Ong lost to Cheung, he gave a draw to David Zhang in a winning rook and pawn endgame.

Other competitors finishing with 1.5, 1.0, or 0 scores were Victor Kaminski, newcomer Arthur Wojtas, Walter Watson, Thomas Kaminski, Aaron Sequillion, Diwen Shi,

Deweese Wood.

Watson, Sequillion and the Kaminski brothers withdrew after the second round.

This was the last tournament in Calgary for Aaron Sequillion because he has moved to Ontario.

Sequillion managed to win his last Alberta game against his rival, Simon Ong.

Chess attracts tourists and, hopefully, sponsors

opinion by **Bruce Thomas**

Dr. Bill Taylor's Giant Chess Set has become a major attraction in Medicine Hat, drawing tourists off the Trans-Canada Highway.

With the help of many sponsors, including the Alberta Chess Association, the Giant Chess Set shows how chess can be properly promoted, and with more public attention to the game will come more sponsorship and more participants.

Aggressive marketing of chess ranging from numerous chess activities in downtown Edmonton to getting the Lloydminster Kiwanis Club to donate \$1,000 to a junior chess event in February, will elevate chess to a higher status, and the results will be more players of all ages and more benefits for top players.

Media attention to chess has been high in Edmonton, including photos and articles in newspapers and, consequently, the chess community in that city is growing. It will be interesting to see how much further growth there will be in chess if players and organizers throughout the province join the marketing efforts.

Chess Federation of Canada Top 50 List for Alberta

as of October 17, 2007

1	Gicev, Blagoj	Edmonton, AB	2367
2	Huber, Gregory	Calgary, AB	2327
3	Reeve, Jeff	Edmonton, AB	2320
4	Neven, Knut	Calgary, AB	2305
5	Peter, Steven	Calgary, AB	2303
6	Kaminski, Victor	Calgary, AB	2275
7	Li, Zhichao	Edmonton, AB	2261
8	Gardner, Robert J.	Edmonton, AB	2260
9	Mitrovic, Sinisa	Calgary, AB	2257
10	Kazmaier, Daniel	Calgary, AB	2250
11	Haynes, Nicolas	Edmonton, AB	2233
12	Schaeffer, Jonathan	Edmonton, AB	2206
13	Perron, Sean	Cochrane, AB	2200
14	Grumic, Sasa	Edmonton, AB	2190
15	Robichaud, Martin	Calgary, AB	2171
16	Kazakevich, Anastasia	Edmonton, AB	2152
17	Rekhson, Vladislav	Edmonton, AB	2141
18	Hughey, Micah	Edmonton, AB	2120
19	Yearwood, Roy	Calgary, AB	2117
20	Kaminski, Thomas	Calgary, AB	2110
21	Gluckie, Jamin	Lloydminster, AB	2099
22	Purewal, Sardul	Edmonton, AB	2094
23	Monaghan, Jim	Cold Lake, AB	2090
24	Gorelik, Lev	Edmonton, AB	2079
25	Willis, Bradley J.	Edmonton, AB	2063
26	Mrugala, David	Edmonton, AB	2044
27	Daniluk, Jim	Calgary, AB	2037
28	Van Ieperen, Taco	Calgary, AB	2036
29	Stark, Mark	Edmonton, AB	2027
30	Kuczaj, Chris	Calgary, AB	1997
31	Trikha, Ravi	Calgary, AB	1996
32	Karmali, Hafiz	Edmonton, AB	1995
33	Steele, Len C.	Edmonton, AB	1984
34	Pua, Richard	Edmonton, AB	1978
35	Pivovarov, Juraj	Calgary, AB	1976
36	MacIntosh, John J.	Calgary, AB	1974
37	Usselman, Paul	Calgary, AB	1969
38	Regimbald, Adrien	Edmonton, AB	1967
39	Pedersen, Rick	Edmonton, AB	1967
40	Rusnell, Lorne	Edmonton, AB	1966
41	Hinds, Dr. Ronald	Calgary, AB	1959
42	Watson, Walter	Calgary, AB	1949
43	Tinio, Allen	Wainwright, AB	1944
44	Sorgard, Graham	Iron Springs, AB	1935
45	Taylor, William P.	Medicine Hat, AB	1932
46	Tot, Nandor	Calgary, AB	1929
47	Miller, Brian	Calgary, AB	1926
48	Beresinski, Peter	Edmonton, AB	1921
49	Chrumka, Jeff	Calgary, AB	1910
50	Santbergen, Joseph	Calgary, AB	1890

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by Ford Wong

This report, in addition to being the President's Report, will double as the "Planning" Report and an incomplete Financial Report.

The ACA Plan for 2007-2008 is currently under development and is expected to be completed soon. Many of the new projects for 2007-2008 will be covered here.

For the 2007 year, the ACA budgeted \$90,000 and expects a deficit of \$76,200 which will be covered via casino funds.

Overall, 2007 was a somewhat business as usual year as almost all our core projects were done. Here are the highlights (not in any particular order) for the past year (2007):

1. The ACA sponsored two grandmaster appearances to Alberta this year.

- The first was Grandmaster Pascal Charbonneau to the Trumpeter Classic in Grande Prairie in January. He also provided a lecture and question and answer session when in Grande Prairie.

- The second was GM Alex Yermolinski who provided a "Training Clinic" to players rated 2200 and over; one weekend in Calgary and another weekend in Edmonton. He also held a simultaneous display and provided a lecture for everyone.

- A third GM (Alexander Shabalov) is expected for the Weekend Before Christmas.

2. The ACA provided its usual travel support for all our champions to represent Alberta at the national level. This year the ACA sponsored travel for the following:

- Alberta Chess Challenge Team (12 players plus two coaches) to Canadian Chess Challenge Finals (CCC) Quebec City, Quebec where the team tied British Columbia for third. Congratulations to the 5 Alberta team members who brought home trophies for top three finishes. They were Ryan Loke 3rd in Grade 1, Tony Cai 3rd in Grade 5, Vlad Constantinescu 3rd in Grade 6, Eric Hansen 2nd in Grade 9, and Victor Kaminski 1st in Grade 10. In addition, Eric Hansen was the Open Blitz winner.

- Jered Fokkema, Victor Kaminski, Allan Wu, Thomas Kaminski and Richard Wang to the Canadian Youth Chess Championships (CYCC) held in Ottawa, Ontario. Congratulations to Eric Hansen and Richard Wang at the CYCC who won spots at the World Youth Championships that will be held in Turkey in November.

- Alberta Champion, Jeff Reeve to the Canadian Open in Ottawa.

- Travel for the Alberta Junior Champion to the Canadian Junior remains to be completed. The Alberta Junior Champion will be determined in November at the

Alberta Chess Association President's Report to 2007 Annual Meeting

Alberta Junior.

For all travel, except to the CCC, the ACA paid for almost 100% of the costs.

3. As in previous years, the ACA has a very aggressive tournament schedule with 33 sponsored tournaments. This gives Albertans plenty of opportunities to play competitive chess. Last year the ACA crowded too many tournaments together at the start of the year. This year the schedule was changed back to previous years. The 2nd International Norms Tournament held in Edmonton was moved to the long weekend in August instead of Easter weekend and this allowed the Alberta Closed, etc to return to that weekend. The January Open was renamed to the Schlienich Memorial in honor of a dedicated chess founder in Calgary who looked after organized chess in Calgary for many years.

As incentive to promote traveling to Alberta Tournaments, the ACA set up the Road Warrior program to reward the top three players in Alberta who traveled the most during a given year to ACA events.

I would like to commend the organizers such as Micah Hughey, Vlad Rekhson and Jim Daniluk for all their work in keeping things going by ensuring that these tournaments are held. It is a non trivial task to find a location and a tournament director, etc. Kudos also go to the people who volunteered to be Tournament Directors. Due to an injury to the local organizer for the Lethbridge Open, the ACA had to cover the costs of an out of town Tournament Director.

4. Junior chess is growing in Northern Alberta. This growth is mainly attributed to the hard work of Bruce Thomas. Without our junior members the ACA would be hard pressed to have enough members to qualify for ASRPWF funding. There appears to be some headway in getting chess in Southern Alberta back into the fold. One again this year the ACA is supporting "Rural Chess Education program" where the ACA is paying the travel expenses of instructors to go to

rural Alberta towns and cities to provide chess instruction.

5. The ACA provided financial support for the Medicine Hat Chess Club's Giant Chess Set Project for the 2nd year. Bill Taylor says that the Giant Chess Set drew many visitors this year and was great in providing more exposure of chess in Alberta. Until the Medicine Hat Chess Society gets a Casino, Bill Taylor will be seeking help with this project for the next few years. Please see the letter provided by Bill. Hopefully the new ACA board will see fit to support Bill with this project in subsequent years.

6. The ACA still provides tournament equipment such as sets and in some cases new clocks to clubs which request them.

7. This year, the ACA has published two ACRs and hopes to have another by the end of the year. It would be nice to return back to a regular five/six issues a year. Thanks go to Bruce Thomas with prodding by Richard Pua.

8. This year, Mike Sekuloff took over the ACA website and as a result the website has undergone vast improvement and many changes. Initially, members had problems using the new website but things now seem to be going well as the website has been very active and is a good source of information for our members.

The ACA website is one of the ACA's main source of communication. In addition to thanking Mike Sekuloff for his work on the website, thanks go to everyone who updated the tournament schedules and wrote reports on the website. Also currently the ACA pays the costs for websites of some chess clubs in Alberta.

9. The current financial status of the ACA is not known but overall, I believe that the ACA is still in good shape. I apologize for the lack of financial information, as this year, the ACA treasurer decided to take a passive approach which was limited to signing cheques. The Treasurer was waiting for the services of an accountant as earlier this year, the ACA Board, at the Planning Meeting, decided that the ACA should hire an accountant. This has not yet been done (a request has been recently sent in to AGLC). If AGLC approval is not given, the ACA will use general revenue funds. The 2006 Financial Statement remains to be done.

At the end of last year, and onto earlier this year, the ACA had problems getting the 2005 Financial Statement finalized. This delayed the ACA's 2006 Plan required by ASRPWF and the ACA almost lost getting the final 2006 \$5500 payment from ASRPWF. Thanks to John Quiring for finalizing the books for 2005. Continued Next Page

**At the Annual Meeting on October 7,
Ford Wong was given a long round
of applause for his dedicated
service for many years
to the Alberta Chess Association.**

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The ACA should still have adequate cash on hand as this year (January 9-10) the ACA held a Casino which brought in \$67,779.35 and another Casino is expected late next year. Please extend a thank you to all those members who helped over those two days.

As an added boost, this year Alberta Sport Parks Recreation and Wildlife Foundation increased the ACA's grant to over \$12,285. The ACA thanks the ASPRWF for their continued support. The ACA is one of the few organizations in Alberta to receive government funding. To get this support requires a certain amount of paperwork and meetings.

10. This year, the ACA did not need to pay room rental support to the Calgary Chess Club as they successfully hosted their own Casino and are on their way to self sufficiency. However in its place the ACA will be paying for room rental costs of the Grande Prairie Chess Club at a far greater cost than in previous years.

11. Other things in the ACA this year are as follows:

- The ACA now pays the rating fees for everything, including juniors (chess N math)
- The ACA provided a new computer to the Calgary Junior Chess Club
- The ACA is seeking the services of a new Full Time Administrator to help with Administration, etc. This is a new program offered by ASPRWF where monies are available to pay the salaries for an administrator for three years. The ACA currently has a request to ASPRWF for an administrator which could pay upwards of \$40,000 per year. If approved, this position could be used to help with the tremendous amount of paperwork which needs to be done in a given year. Late news: The ACA has been granted \$50,000 per year for an administrator by ASPRWF.
- In 2008, Alberta will be hosting the Canadian Chess Challenge National Finals and the ACA is committed to providing major funding for the event.

12. This year, a new initiative is underway, which just started in

September to solidify memberships. Organizers and clubs throughout Alberta are being asked by the ACA (through Bruce Thomas) to formally sell ACA memberships (this is not CFC/ACA memberships). Currently the number of ACA "members" is hard to determine. In the past, a member was considered to be anyone who received services from the association. Now, ASPRWF considers a member to be anyone who has paid a fee of some type. ASPRWF considers number of members to be a big factor in determining



funding eligibility given to an association. Hence, the ACA has taken the initiative to collect a membership fee (albeit a token value) from everyone. Forms have been designed to collect the membership information. The ACA hopes that the various organizers and clubs will cooperate by selling memberships on behalf of the ACA. This is not meant to be a money grab as the ACA is willing to return the funds collected either directly or indirectly.

13. Lastly, I would like to congratulate the South on their victory in the Battle of Alberta. Kudos to the members of the South team and to their arch rivals from the North..

As mentioned earlier, it seems like there is only a handful of people keeping the ACA running. Micah Hughey and Vlad Rekhson in Edmonton, Tim Pradzinski in Grande Prairie and Jim Daniluk in Calgary. Bruce Thomas is instrumental in getting our junior chess programs underway. A great big thank you goes to these people and to all those people who stepped forward to help TD tournaments etc and to the members of the Board of Directors.

Lastly, as President, I would like to apologize for my general lack of activity (visibility) at ACA tournaments. There always seems to be paperwork which deprives me of time to play chess and to see what is happening. I do manage to play in two out of town tournaments each year.

Anyone who has a strong interest in helping organize chess in Alberta, I encourage you to get on the ACA Board of Directors. *Thank you.*

ADMINISTRATOR REQUIRED

Alberta Chess Association is currently seeking a full time Administrator to oversee the many administrative and day to day operational tasks of the Alberta Chess Association.

The Administrator would assist the Association's volunteers with the tasks that need to be done for the many tournaments and projects that the Association operates and to ensure that the tasks are completed.

SKILLS:

- Must have excellent oral and written communication skills along with interpersonal skills.
- Must process strong administrative and organizational skills
- Must be able to show initiative and reliability.
- Must have good attention to detail and high level of accuracy.
- Must have excellent computer skills: Microsoft Word, Microsoft EXCELL, email.
- Must have a demonstrated ability to work effectively, both individually and as part of a team.
- Knowledge about the game of chess is desirable but not mandatory.

EXPERIENCE:

- Experience in a similar role as an administrator, office manager, or executive assistant.
- Experience with setting up and designing web pages. Training will be provided if necessary.
- Experience with producing newsletters.
- Experience with accounting and budgeting.
- Experience working with a non-profit volunteer driven organization and with knowledge of Alberta
- Experience with Gaming and Liquor Board Casino Guidelines would be an asset.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist with advertising and reporting of tournaments and general marketing of chess
- Prepare Association's Newsletter
- Maintain Association's Website and Membership Lists
- Maintain Association's inventory of equipment and other assets
- Complete necessary paperwork / documentation
- Complete ASPRWF paperwork (eg ACA Plan) and respond to

SALARY:

Depending on experience, \$2,500 to \$3,500 per month based on 35 hours per week. The Association will consider part time work (hourly wage) if requested.

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Ford Wong (centre), now past president of the Alberta Chess Association, poses with 2007 Alberta Open winners Daniel Kazmaier of Calgary (left) and Robert Sasata of Saskatoon.

Plan to attend ...

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