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Alberta Open

The Alberta Open was the best attended tournament on the ACA schedule so far in 2010. This was good news, but there were still many players who were upset, at least over the board. Upsets were the order of the weekend. If you were a junior in this event, chances are you performed quite well. After the dust settled, IM Porper emerged the winner by virtue of his better tie-break.

Yearwood completes Hat Trick at Medicine Hat Open

Roy Yearwood won the 2010 Medicine Hat Open for the third time. Roy won his first Hat in 2003, the 2nd came in 2007 and now he completes his hat trick with his victory in 2010. Bill Taylor put on an excellent show as expected. And now, GWR has recognized the Medicine Hat Giant Chess Set as the largest in the world!



Road Warrior

With only 2 Road Warrior events left in 2010, only Chris White has clinched. Chris will be the 2010 Road Warrior, the 2nd time he has earned the title. Most of the other winners are yet to be determined.



Edmonton Fall Sectional

Although Vlad Rekhson has moved to Calgary, he still organized this event and even managed to win the B section. IM Porper may have won the A section, but he had to work for it!



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16th Medicine Hat Open

This marks the 16th year for the Medicine Hat Open and the 16th time that the players have been treated to the many good things the organizer provides for them. Dr. Bill Taylor always puts on a good show and this year was no exception.

The tournament was hosted at the Next Step Residential Services building on Maple Avenue. This location is also the home of the Medicine Hat Chess Club. The site proved to be a great location as there were many places to eat close by. You actually didn't even have to leave the site to eat anyway as Mrs. Taylor provided a selection of desserts on Saturday evening as well as the usual Lunch for a Buck on Sunday afternoon. Free beverages and snacks are a trademark of the Medicine Hat Open.

It seems that it is the rural locations within Alberta that do the most work getting sponsors for their events. Bill Taylor does a considerable amount of local fundraising and attracts a considerable amount of work attracting sponsors. Each year he seems to add to the list of sponsors while getting the tournament excellent local media coverage in the newspaper and on the internet. This area of chess promoting is often overlooked by organizers who normally feel the event is over when the last clock stops. Not true! After the event, there are a number of things that can be done to keep chess on peoples minds. Bill files his reports with his sponsors as well as the local paper and city hall. Doing this helps to keep sponsors as they have lent their name to the event and can see something positive in sponsoring a chess tournament. This also helps to attract new sponsors for future events. Bill Taylor writes the following words.

This year's Medicine Hat "OPEN" Chess Tournament took place on a rather cool, very seasonal "fall" weekend. I was pleased that we had good weather on the Saturday so our new visitors (Joel Adolph and Trevor Robertson) had the opportunity to visit the world's "Largest Chess Set". Medicine Hat has been recognized by Guinness World Records (GWR) of London, England, as having the biggest chess set in the world. We received notification of this accomplishment in November, followed by the receipt of the

official GWR certificate in early January, 2010. This certificate was present for viewing at the tournament.

Commemorative gold and green lapel pins celebrating this achievement were made available to all participants.

We are pleased to welcome 12 participants to this year's event. The first and second place winners from last year (GM Anton Kovalyov and GM John Fedorowicz) were not present, so there was an opportunity for the non-professional chess players to seek glory. Only two previous tournament champions, Roy Yearwood and myself, were present, hoping to regain the crown. Tony Ficzero (the ACA Executive Director) served as the main tournament director, assisted by myself. The geographical origins of the participants for this year's event was spread out fairly evenly across the province. There were three participants from Medicine Hat, two from Lethbridge, three from the Edmonton area and three from Calgary. Trevor Robertson made the long trip from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan to play! For the first time in tournament history, two of the top three rated participants (Jordan Schibler and myself) were from Medicine Hat. Don and Keith MacKinnon did not visit us this year, as they had played the previous weekend in the "Battle at the Border" in Lloydminster.

True to the 15 year tradition of the

Medicine Hat OPEN, no previous tournament winner has successfully defended their championship the following year. However, I am pleased to report that we now have our first three-time winner of the Medicine Hat OPEN: Roy Yearwood. Roy finished with 4.5/5. His only draw came against Steve Panteluk in round 3. Tied for second place were Joel Adolph (a new participant to our tournament), Steve Panteluk and Jakov Zuna with 3.5/5. This was Steve's best result at this tournament ever!! Joel was awarded second place on the basis of tie break and will have his name suitably engraved on this year's annual shield (along with Roy Yearwood) which will be placed on the coveted "TAYLOR CUP."

In the under 1700 section (consisting of 7 players), Jakov Zuna tied with Steve for first place. There was a three way tie for third place between Stan Longson, Trevor Robertson, and Dr. Paul Viminitz with 2/5. In total, 7 of the 12 tournament participants received prizes.

True to tradition, all tournament participants were treated to the usual Medicine Hat Chess Club and "Taylor-made" hospitality. This included free coffee, assorted types of muffins, a variety of Werther® soft and hard candies, Lifesaver® "gummies" and gourmet jelly beans. All came courtesy of the generous support of 48 sponsors. Prior to the



The Giant Chess Set in Medicine Hat, the world's largest chess set, according to GBR

commencement of each round, Tony and I shared a variety of jokes with the assembled multitude. This was well received by almost all in attendance, and so a “new” tradition has been consolidated. We continued our Saturday night “Dessert and Drinks” social (for the eighth consecutive year!), which this year featured strawberries, ice cream, whipped cream, black forest cake and assorted tarts and pastries. A selection of soft drinks and fruit juices were also available. On Sunday at noon, we again offered our popular “Lunch for a Buck” for the 13th straight year. My good wife, Margaret, again was integral in the organization and delivery of this wonderful lunch. This year we lunched on a hearty vegetable soup and a “make your own sandwich” tray consisting of salmon salad, various cold cuts, 3 different types of cheeses, tomatoes, lettuce and condiments. For lunch, the left over black forest cake and various tarts and pastries were available. Thanks to our sponsors, \$245.00 was injected into the tournament prize fund, over and above the entry fees. This is the 12th straight year that our prize fund has exceeded the value of the entry fees. With the anticipated ongoing support of our many sponsors and the new sponsors that I continue to find, I will continue to offer all of these “perks” and enhancements next year.

Medicine Hat (and Canada’s) unique GIANT CHESS SET Project was in operation for a fifth full season. We once again hired two “Chess Educators/Civic Ambassadors” who worked for our Project from May 7th - September 6th of this year. Mr. David Brown kept the Project open on weekends throughout September. We conducted one educational “chess camp” this year, had our third “Live” chess game on the street in front of our GIANT CHESS SET on Saturday afternoon, June 5th during Medicine Hat’s “Spectrum” festival and participated in “Heritage Day” activities on Saturday, August 7th. This year we welcomed over 3,000 visitors to our Project.

Funding for this project was again obtained from a variety of federal, provincial, and local sources. The Medicine Hat Chess Society (MHCS) participated in its first casino in October, 2009 which led to the realization of significant financial resources to assist with the operation of our Project. I wish to extend again the appreciation on behalf of

the MHCC and MHCS to the Alberta Chess Association for their support in the early years of the operation of our GCS Project.

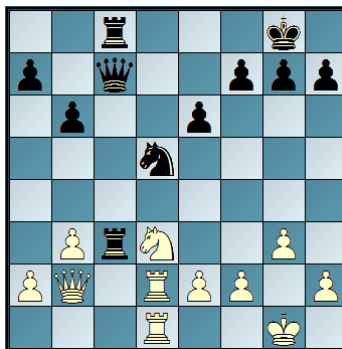
I continue to challenge other tournament committees and TDs elsewhere to offer similar enhancements at their tournaments. Such enhancements would not be possible, without the support of sponsors. As stated many times before, (and worth repeating again!), SPONSORSHIP MAKES IT ALL POSSIBLE!! Please feel free to contact me if you want some ideas on how to go about it. It’s not really that difficult. Until next year,

Bill Taylor
Organizer
Medicine Hat Open

Below is Steven’s draw against Roy.

□ **Yearwood, Roy (2072)**
■ **Panteluk, Steven (1680)**
2010 Medicine Hat Open, 18.09.2010
Queen’s Indian [E17]

1.c4 e6 2.d4 ♟f6 3.♟f3 d5 4.g3 b6 5.♟g2
♟b7 6.0-0 ♟e7 7.♟c3 0-0 8.b3 ♟bd7
9.♟b2 c5 10.cxd5 ♟xd5 11.♟xd5 ♟xd5
12.♟d2 ♟c8 13.♟ad1 ♟f6 14.dxc5 ♟xb2
15.♟xb2 ♟xc5 16.♟d2 ♟c7 17.♟fd1 ♟c8
18.♟e1 ♟f6 19.♟d3 ♟c3 20.♟xd5 ♟xd5



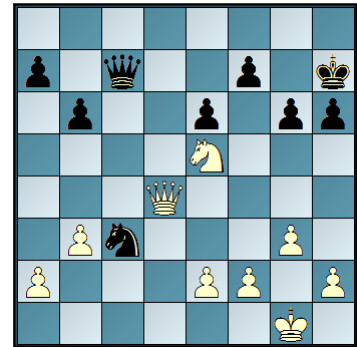
21.♟b4!

Roy uncorks a little trick here. If Black takes the bait on b4, he loses the exchange.

21...♟f6 22.♟d3 h6 23.♟xc3 ♟xc3
24.♟d8+

Still playing on the same trick from move 21.

24...♟h7 25.♟b1+ g6 26.♟xc8 ♟xc8
27.♟b2 ♟d8 28.♟d3 ♟d5 29.♟d4 ♟c7
30.♟e5



30...♟c3!

Steven finds the best move in the position. Black stands better now.

31.♟e3 ♟xa2 ½-½.

Steven offered the draw in a better position probably because he was tired and he knows Roy plays a good endgame.

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Alberta Open A2010

By Tony Ficzer

As is tradition, Calgary played host for 2010. Last year's event in Edmonton saw a slight decline in participation (35 players). At that time, we questioned many things to try and figure out why. Was it the slight increase in the entry fee? Was it the location? Was the tournament poorly promoted? In 2009, it was played for the first time at the Edmonton Chess Club as opposed to a hotel. It was likely a combination of these and perhaps some other unmentioned reasons that contributed to the low attendance in 09.

This year's attendance was the best since 2005. The Calgary Chess Club can only accommodate up to 52 players which was exactly the number of registrants this year. We could have squeezed in 2 more players when you consider there were byes in each round. As it turns out, the site was not a problem at all and proved to be quite accommodating to the players. True, it was difficult to regulate the heat, but we managed to keep the temperature at a comfortable level for most of the event. The weather outside was beautiful so many players took advantage of this and went for walks to get fresh air. The only real complaint you have with the Calgary Chess Club is the fan which starts abruptly from time to time. We'll have to work on that!

The plus side of holding the Alberta Open at the Calgary or Edmonton Chess Clubs is of course the huge savings in venue rental. This was the main reason for hosting at the clubs over the last 2 years. While the financial benefits are obvious, there are also some drawbacks. The biggest is that the club sites allow for little exposure to the general public. Playing at a hotel means that we are out there in full public view.

I did attempt to get some media exposure this time around. I issued a press release a few days before the tournament to see if I could drum up some interest with local

media. Only one television station responded and actually sent a crew out to provide some minor coverage. CTV Calgary sent a camera man in to take footage while the copy was taken from the original press release. We made the 2nd segment of the 11 pm news which lasted for a full 15 seconds. Not ideal, but not that bad considering all the other news worthy events one could cover in a city the size of Calgary.

I think part of the reason attendance was up this year was due to the fear factor. With a limited number of spots, people registered in advance to ensure they got in. All but 3 of the registrations were paid in advance. This was great because it made it much easier on the morning of the event. The tournament almost started right on time. It was only some minor computer complications that arose after the close of registration that made for the slight delay.

Albertans have grown accustomed to watching their events live on the internet. The Edmonton Chess Club was kind enough to lend the DGT boards for the event. This adds another dimension to the tournament as it allows fans to watch the event while it progresses. Over the course of the weekend we registered over 1,200 hits on our website. The ACA website can boast about having some of the best web stats in the entire country these days. Pairings and full results were available for each round. I am still working on entering as many games as I can and hope to have them up on the tournament page soon. I will also upload some photos when I get time. Visit the website to check for updates at www.albertachess.org/2010AO.html.

As an added attraction, this year I added the Alberta Speed Chess Championship.



Speed Champ Eric Hansen

We held this event prior to round 1 on Friday evening. 14 players entered and nobody was surprised when Eric Hansen took clear first with an undefeated 10/10 to capture 1st. Art Milne was the next best at 7.5/10

while Adie Todd and Phil Holmstrom took top honours in the U1800 class. Perhaps next year we can make this a tradition by holding the Alberta Speed Chess Championships at the Alberta Open. A better time for this event might be after round 4 so that more players have the option of signing up.

We managed to attract a few players from beyond Alberta. Both BC and Saskatchewan provided a few extra bodies to bring us to capacity. I hope to see this trend increase over the next few years. Special mention to Chris White who made it down from La Crete. Chris has now secured top spot in the Road Warrior contest for 2010. Congratulations once again Chris!

The ACA AGM took place at the club between rounds 3 and 4 as usual. A total of 18 ACA members attended, up considerably over Edmonton last year. A number of new people were recruited to the board this year and the board has a more even distribution of members from across the province. Some of these people have returned to the board, having served in the past, while there were a few new faces making their debut. It's always good to have new blood! Perhaps one of the reasons that attendance was up at the AGM was the door prize that was made available by Len Steele. Len offered two autographed copies of Kasparov Against the World. Everyone who attended the meeting was eligible for the draw. Jordan Schibler of Medicine Hat won the AGM copy while the 2nd copy was auctioned off which raised \$59 for the Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank. Hemant Persaud was the lucky recipient of that copy. Thank you Len!

I did manage to make arrangements with Travelodge to provide discounted rooms for any player who needed them. The negotiated price was reasonable, but I will continue to search for even better deals in the future. It is essential to make your tournaments as affordable as possible.

Before the start of round 1, we managed to put together an appeals committee. Thanks to Len Steele, Jim Daniluk and Kotaro Morimoto for volunteering for this. As it turned out, there were no disputes during the tournament.

Just for fun, for this report I have included some stats that some of you might find interesting. The pre-reg list was

2010 Alberta Open Upset Table								
#	Name	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Ttl
1	Tim Kowalyk (1405)	522		468			454	1444
2	Hemant Persaud (1767)	485						485
3	Krishneel Singh (1374)	271			480	447	595	1793
4	Chenxi Zhao (1035)		706		353		494	1553
5	Rick Pedersen (1969)		298		88			386
6	Juraj Pivovarov (2017)		285					285
7	Diwen Shi (1542)		135	74		100		308
8	Greg Harris (1724)		102					102
9	Doug Sly (1598)		87					87
10	Phil Holmstrom (1690)		85		51			136
11	Nicholas Lee (1003)			942				942
12	Roy Yearwood (2144)			201		190	141	532
13	Sean Perron (2094)			191				191
14	David Miller (1854)			110				110
15	Nicka Kalaydina (1916)			101				101
16	Jean-Francois Wen (2172)			73				73
17	Kotaro Morimoto (1026)				414		698	1112
18	Zeling Li (916)				249			249
19	Jim Daniluk (2064)				203	90		293
20	Raymond Ong (1728)				134			134
21	Eoin Dunne (1632)				68	222	713	1003
22	Jordan Schibler (1811)				58			58
23	Arthur Milne (1771)				44			44
24	Keith MacKinnon (2318)				14		103	116
25	Erik Tam (2050)					295		295
26	Tom McKay (1603)					126		126
27	Kent Bist (1529)					98		98
28	Adam Harris (1859)					79		79
29	Alex Yam (2237)					24		24
30	Yaroslav Babich (1273)						581	581
31	Derek Zhang (752)						164	164
32	YueKai Wang (1945)						114	114
33	FM Nenad Ristic (2252)						50	50
34	Hafiz Karmali (2074)						20	20

2010 Alberta Open Top 10 Rating Gain				
#	Name	Old	Perf.	New Chng.
1	Singh, K.	1374	2022	1534 160
2	Kowalyk, T.	1405	2041	1555 150
3	Zhao, C.	1035	1674	1159 124
4	Dunne, E.	1632	1971	1734 102
5	Morimoto, K.	1026	1627	1090 64
6	Yearwood, R.	2144	2385	2201 57
7	Lee, N.	1003	1716	1037 34
8	Babich, Y.	1273	1574	1303 30
9	Daniluk, J.	2064	2162	2089 25
10	Tam, E.	2050	2152	2071 21

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their ratings is no surprise, this tournament showed that in most cases, our juniors ratings are much lower than their actual playing strength. Of the 14 juniors registered, 13 of them scored upsets.

The distribution of players was nearly perfect. Class prize sections were made at 2000 and 1600. It was encouraging to see so many players in the lower section, another trend I hope continues to grow.

The total prize fund for the tournament was just shy of \$1,600. This allowed us to pay a top prize of \$400. IM Edward Porper, Roy Yearwood and FM Nenad Ristic all finished with 5/6 to split the top 3 prizes, good enough for \$265 each. Porper gave up two draws; one to Roy and the other to Keith MacKinnon. After applying Alberta tie-breaks, it was Edward Porper who qualifies to the 2011 Alberta Closed.

Ali Razzaq and Krishneel Singh split 1-2 in the U2000 section with 4/6, earning them both \$227.50 for their performances. 3rd was taken by YueKai Wang and Eoin Dunne with 3.5/6, winning \$45 each.

The U1600 section top prize went to Tim



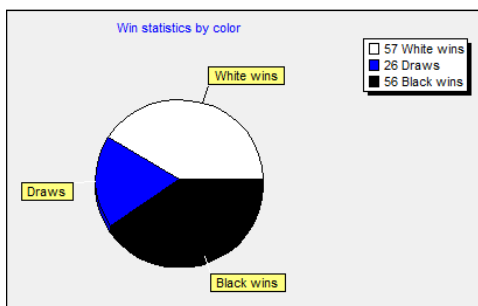
Round 1: Persaud vs. Ristic

impressive. IM Edward Porper topped the list and was followed by another 8 masters and 8 experts, making it the strongest Alberta Open in recent memory. Of the 52 registered players, 17 had FIDE ratings, which represents 34% of the registered players in the event. Alberta currently has the highest proportion of FIDE rated

players per capita in the country.

A total of 140 games (OK, actually it was 139 games as their was 1 forfeit) were played over the weekend. Of these, only 26 draws were recorded, or just under 19% of the games. White won 57 games while Black won 56 games.

The competition was fierce! There would be many surprises at the Alberta Open this year. Upsets were the rule it seemed as many of our talented juniors bested their stronger competition. A table of upsets (the names of the victims have been omitted) has been included. A total of 52 upsets were recorded by 34 of the players (or 37% of all games were upsets). Krishneel Singh scored 4 upsets himself in the tournament! While juniors playing above



2010 Alberta Open

Final Standings

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot
1	IM Edward Porper	2523	W50	W7	W6	W5	D2	D4	5.0
2	Roy Yearwood	2144	W40	W31	W30	D22	D1	W13	5.0
3	FM Nenad Ristic	2252	L31	W47	W45	W10	W22	W8	5.0
4	Keith MacKinnon	2318	W45	W16	D14	D30	W12	D1	4.5
5	Knut Neven	2244	W33	W24	W9	L1	D15	W16	4.5
6	Alex Yam	2237	W27	W20	L1	W24	D13	W15	4.5
7	Hafiz Karmali	2074	W21	L1	D25	W37	W19	W12	4.5
8	Richard Wang	2302	W25	L17	W11	W9	W14	L3	4.0
9	Behrooz Ebrahim-Shirazi	2075	W28	W19	L5	L8	W26	W23	4.0
10	Ali Razzaq	1977	W41	L13	W27	L3	W37	W24	4.0
11	Krishneel Singh	1374	D23	W51	L8	W25	D18	W22	4.0
12	Sean Perron	2094	W46	W37	W13	H---	L4	L7	3.5
13	FM Dale Haessel	2285	W26	W10	L12	W17	D6	L2	3.5
14	Jean-Francois Wen	2172	W29	W49	D4	H---	L8	D20	3.5
15	Jim Daniluk	2064	W52	L30	W31	W18	D5	L6	3.5
16	Erik Tam	2050	W43	L4	W33	H---	W30	L5	3.5
17	Juraj Pivovarov	2017	W42	W8	L23	L13	D32	W33	3.5
18	Martin Robichaud	2267	W39	L22	W50	L15	D11	W31	3.5
19	Tim Kowalyk	1405	W38	L9	W49	H---	L7	W32	3.5
20	YueKai Wang	1945	W44	L6	L37	W46	W39	D14	3.5
21	Eoin Dunne	1632	L7	L50	W48	D31	W45	W30	3.5
22	Rick Pedersen	1969	W48	W18	H---	D2	L3	L11	3.0
23	Nicka Kalaydina	1916	D11	W35	W17	H---	U---	L9	3.0
24	Paul Leblanc	1911	W34	L5	W40	L6	W28	L10	3.0
25	David Miller	1854	L8	W52	D7	L11	D43	W42	3.0
26	Jordan Schibler	1811	L13	D41	W35	D38	L9	W44	3.0
27	Joel Adolph	1741	L6	W44	L10	D34	D41	W43	3.0
28	Phil Holmstrom	1690	L9	D32	D41	W29	L24	W37	3.0
29	Elroy Deimert	1741	L14	L34	W47	L28	W51	W41	3.0
30	Robert J Gardner	2345	W32	W15	L2	D4	L16	L21	2.5
31	Hemant Persaud	1767	W3	L2	L15	D21	W35	L18	2.5
32	Adam Harris	1859	L30	D28	W42	D39	D17	L19	2.5
33	Chris White	1756	L5	W48	L16	H---	W36	L17	2.5
34	Chenxi Zhao	1035	L24	W29	L38	D27	L42	W48	2.5
35	Yaroslav Babich	1273	H---	L23	L26	W47	L31	W45	2.5
36	Kotaro Morimoto	1026	L49	L40	B---	D45	L33	W46	2.5
37	Nicholas Lee	1003	B---	L12	W20	L7	L10	L28	2.0
38	Simon Ong	1927	L19	D46	W34	D26	U---	U---	2.0
39	Arthur Milne	1771	L18	D42	W51	D32	L20	U---	2.0
40	Raymond Ong	1728	L2	W36	L24	W50	U---	U---	2.0
41	Diwen Shi	1542	L10	D26	D28	H---	D27	L29	2.0
42	Doug Sly	1598	L17	D39	L32	H---	W34	L25	2.0
43	Tom McKay	1603	L16	L45	X52	H---	D25	L27	2.0
44	Mike Scholz	1414	L20	L27	H---	D51	W47	L26	2.0
45	James Flemming	1854	L4	W43	L3	D36	L21	L35	1.5
46	Greg Harris	1724	L12	D38	H---	L20	D48	L36	1.5
47	Derek Zhang	752	H---	L3	L29	L35	L44	W51	1.5
48	Kent Bist	1529	L22	L33	L21	B---	D46	L34	1.5
49	Len C Steele	1873	W36	L14	L19	U---	U---	U---	1.0
50	Bill Bentley	1862	L1	W21	L18	L40	U---	U---	1.0
51	Zeling Li	916	H---	L11	L39	D44	L29	L47	1.0
52	Nicholas Selebaleng	1609	L15	L25	F43	U---	U---	U---	0.0



Alberta Open Champion Edward Porper

Kowalyk at 3.5/6. Tim earned \$115 for his efforts and the money is still sitting at the Calgary Chess Club for him to collect. The rest of the money in that section was split between Yaroslav Babich, Kotaro Morimoto and Chenxi Zhao at 2.5/6, each of these players taking home \$38.35.

I would like to take this time to thank all those who helped make this tournament a success. Jim Daniluk always helps when I am directing and provided much work behind the scenes. Len Steele was very



Len Steele

helpful throughout the event and after he withdrew in round 3, he decided to stick around and lend a hand for the rest of the event. He's a stand up guy and his return to chess and to the ACA board of directors is seriously appreciated. Next year the Alberta Open returns to Edmonton. I wish the organizers in 2011 the best of luck in organizing Alberta's premier event.

Edmonton Fall Sectional

By Vlad Rekhson

The 2010 Edmonton Fall Sectional was a three section tournament, featuring round-robins consisting of six players each. The event took place in the Edmonton Chess Club between October 22-24.

Those that played in the sectional round-robin events know that they present a nice departure from your traditional weekend Swiss tournament. You don't see the yoyo effect, in which after winning against a much lower rated opponent you get ready for the crush against a much higher rated one, the pairings are known in advance which allows players to prepare for their opponents and the results are very objective as no one can complain about the pairings, everyone plays everyone else! On the other hand, some of the advantages of the Swiss system don't work here; you can't take a bye if you don't want to play in a certain round and because all the games are competitive its hard to play three rounds a day especially in the masters section. The last point causes the event to be extended to three days, causing additional expenses for those that travel. The downsides are quite significant and perhaps they were the reason for the relatively low attendance of 18 players. Nevertheless, those that came battled hard in all the rounds of a very enjoyable event.

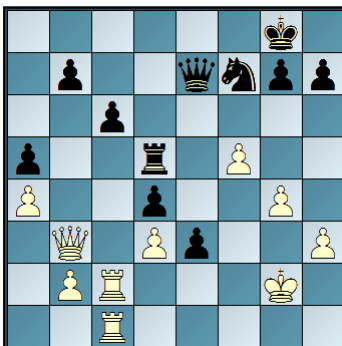
This section was supposed to include Alex Yam, but unfortunately he had to withdraw due to illness. When it looked like section A would have to suffer and have an uneven number of participants, Damon MacLeod bravely stepped up for the challenge. Damon, whose FIDE rating of 1988 is higher than his CFC counterpart, came to fight in every game and he appeared to be competitive out of the opening, yet by the time the middle game approached, he seemed to run out of ammunition and didn't manage to offer

enough tactical resistance to his master opponents.

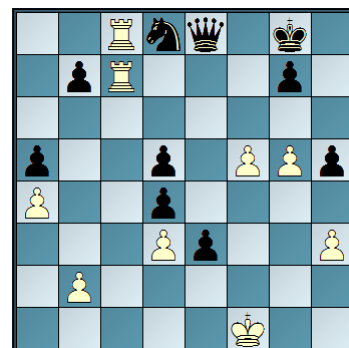
Before the tournament, it seemed like IM Porper would have a pretty easy time and the fight would be for second place, yet his opponents did not budge and managed to make it close. Edward had a couple of stumbles and drew against Rob Gardner and Keith MacKinnon, but in the last round he managed to win against Richard Wang to take clear first with 4/5. His first round game against Belsar Valencia was very interesting and complicated. In fact, even Edward thought that after move 42 he was losing, but it turned out that he was winning the whole way.

□ Valencia, Belsar (2250)
 ■ Porper, Edward (2519)
Edmonton Fall Sectional (1), 22.10.2010
English Opening [A28]

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♟f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.d3 d5
 5.cxd5 ♘xd5 6.e3 ♗e7 7.♗e2 0-0 8.0-0
 ♗e6 9.e4 ♘b6 10.♗e3 ♗f6 11.a4 ♘d4
 12.♗xd4 exd4 13.♘b5 c6 14.♘a3 a5
 15.♘d2 ♗e7 16.h3 ♗b4 17.♘dc4 ♘d7
 18.♗g4 ♗xg4 19.♗xg4 ♘c5 20.♗d1 f5
 21.e5 f4 22.f3 ♘e6 23.♗f2 ♗b8 24.♗e2
 ♗e8 25.♘d6 ♗xd6 26.exd6 ♘c5 27.♘c4
 ♗e3 28.♘xe3 fxe3 29.♗c2 ♗xd6 30.♗c4+
 ♘e6 31.f4 ♗f8 32.♗f1 ♗f5 33.g4 ♗d5
 34.f5 ♘g5 35.♗g2 ♘f7 36.♗b3 ♗c7
 37.♗c1 ♗d7 38.♗ec2 ♗e7



39.♗xd5?! cxd5 40.♗c8+ ♘d8 41.♗1c7
 ♗e8 42.♗f1 h5 43.g5

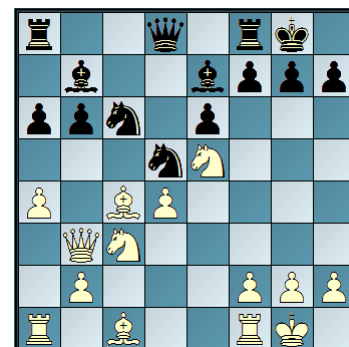


43...♗e5! 44.♗xd8+ ♘h7 45.g6+ ♘h6
 46.♗h8+ ♘g5 47.♗c2 ♗xf5+ 48.♗g1
 ♗xd3 49.♗g2+ ♘f6 50.♗f8+ ♘e6 51.♗g8
 ♘d6 52.♗d8+ ♘c7 53.♗g8 e2 54.♗xg7+
 ♘d6 0-1.

Keith Mackinnon from North Battleford, Saskatchewan, confidently took second as he seemed never to be in great danger. He made a seemingly easy draw with black against IM Porper (second time in a course of a month), drew quickly with Valencia and Gardner and defeated Richard Wang and Damon MacLeod. Keith has been making a steady progress and it now appears that he is confident enough to play well against anyone up to IM level. In fact, in this tournament, Keith's games were so quick that he even mentioned to me that he had single games that lasted longer than this entire event!

□ Wang, Richard (2289)
 ■ MacKinnon, Keith (2337)
Edmonton Fall Sectional (1), 22.10.2010
Queen's Indian Classical [E14]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 e6 3.e3 b6 4.♗d3 ♗b7
 5.0-0 c5 6.c4 ♗e7 7.♘c3 cxd4 8.exd4 d5
 9.cxd5 ♘xd5 10.♗b5+ ♗c6 11.a4 a6
 12.♗c4 0-0 13.♘e5 ♗b7 14.♗b3 ♘c6



15.♘xd5 exd5 16.♗xd5 ♘xd4 17.♗xf7+
 ♘h8 18.♗h3 ♗h4 19.♗e3 ♗c8 20.g4

Edmonton Fall Sectional - Section A

#	Name	Old	Perf	New	High	Results	Tot
1	Porper, Edward	2519	2458	2517	2556	X = 1 1 = 1	4.0
2	MacKinnon, Keith	2337	2414	2351	2351	= X = 1 = 1	3.5
3	Valencia, Belsar	2250	2270	2256	17	0 = X = = 1	2.5
4	Wang, Richard	2289	2264	2288	2324	0 0 = X 1 1	2.5
5	Gardner, Robert J.	2306	2260	2303	2387	= = = 0 X 1	2.5
6	MacLeod, Damon	1900	1941	1888	1960	0 0 0 0 0 X	0.0

♖e2+ 21.♗g2 ♘b7+ 22.f3 ♗f6 23.♖a1 ♗xe5 24.♖xe2 ♗xf7 25.♗xh4 ♖af8 26.♗g3 ♗e8 27.♗g1 ♖xf3 28.♖xf3 ♗xf3 29.♗e1 ♗e4 0-1.

There was a big tie for third, as Gardner, Wang and Valencia split it with 2.5 points each. For Gardner, this decent result was a nice comeback after his uncharacteristically poor performance at the Alberta Open. Belsar Valencia is still a relatively new Albertan, but he proved that he belongs with Alberta's best. Richard Wang had a decent performance, but not as confident and dominating as in his other events; the good news is that he still has plenty of time to grow and improve. Damon Macleod had tough time in the event, but he was always in good spirits and hopefully this experience will add to his chess development.

I was able to win section B. This section was decided in the last round, as the first place was shared by myself and Adrien Regimbald. Adrien made a nice comeback after an almost 2 year hiatus from chess. We were leading with 3.5/4 each and even though it was possible to have a quick draw and split the first prize, we had a very interesting and entertaining (even though not perfect) game.

□ **Regimbald, Adrien (1954)**
 ■ **Rekhson, Vladislav (2098)**
Edmonton Fall Sectional (5), 24.10.2010
English Opening [A25]

1.c4 e5 2.g3 f5 3.♗g2 ♖f6 4.♖c3 ♖c6 5.e3 d6 6.♗ge2 g6 7.0-0 ♗g7 8.b3 ♗d7 9.♗b2 ♗e7 10.d3 0-0 11.♗c2 ♖ae8 12.a3 g5 13.b4 ♖d8 14.♖ad1 ♖h5 15.♗b3 c6 16.d4 e4 17.d5 f4 18.exf4 gxf4 19.♖xf4

Now things get complicated, and fast.

19...♖xf4?!

Fritz likes 19...♖xf4 better.

20.gxf4 ♖xf4 21.♖xe4 ♖xg2 22.♗g3 ♖f4

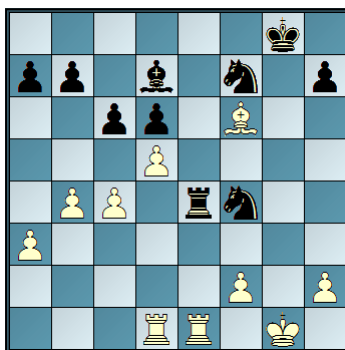
Edmonton Fall Sectional - Section B

#	Name	Old	Perf	New	High	Results	Tot
1	Rekhson, Vladislav	2098	2266	2132	2217	X 1 = 1 1 1	4.5
2	Regimbald, Adrien	1954	2135	1996	1996	0 X 1 = 1 1	3.5
3	Razzaq, Ali	1989	2128	2022	2022	= 0 X 1 1 1	3.5
4	Newton, Geoff	2074	1951	2050	2105	0 = 0 X 1 1	2.5
5	Sponga, George	1746	1777	1750	1776	0 0 0 0 X 1	1.0
6	Pedersen, Rick	1969	1572	1890	2126	0 0 0 0 0 X	0.0

Edmonton Fall Sectional - Section C

#	Name	Old	Perf	New	High	Results	Tot
1	Holmstrom, Phil	1699	1905	1755	1777	X 1 1 1 1 1	5.0
2	Tuason, Federico	0	1604	1604	5	0 X 0 1 1 1	3.0
3	Nolan, Pat	1589	1527	1576	1589	0 1 X 1 = 0	2.5
4	Roberts, Richard	1435	1478	1444	1600	0 0 0 X 1 1	2.0
5	Nie, Mark	1380	1405	1398	7	0 0 = 0 X 1	1.5
6	Mihulescu, Andu	1500	1305	1461	1540	0 0 1 0 0 X	1.0

23.♗xg7+ ♗xg7+ 24.♗xg7 ♖xe4 25.♗f6 ♖f7 26.♗fe1



26...♖e2+ 27.♗g2 ♖e5 28.f3 ♖f4+ 29.♗h1 ♖xe1+ 30.♖xe1 ♖xf3 31.♖f1 ♗h3 32.♖f2 ♗f7 33.♗h4 ♗g2+ 34.♖xg2 ♖xg2 35.♗g3 ♖e3 36.dxc6 bxc6 37.b5 ♖xc4 38.bxc6 ♖e8 39.♗g2 ♖fe5 40.♗f2 ♖xc6 41.♗f3 ♗f7 42.♖e4 ♖e6 0-1.

George Sponga was the Damon Macleod of the B section. He was underrated quite a bit, but nevertheless, looked forward to the challenge. He was outplayed in most of the games, but was able to create a nice mating attack against Rick Pedersen. Rick was clearly not feeling well during the event and I am sure that he will get his rating points back shortly.

Phil Holmstrom was the class of the field in the C section. As a good ACA treasurer, he made sure that no points were unaccounted for as he finished with the perfect score. A special mention has to go to junior Mark Nie who got his first ever

CFC win! It didn't come easy, since Mark was battling a serious case of sniffles all the way through the tournament.

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ACA Planning Meeting

Sunday, November 28 11am

Black Knight Inn Red Deer

The ACA will decide the 2011 tournament schedule at this meeting. All board members are encouraged to attend!

BEYOND ALBERTA

World Youth Chess Championship

Calgary's Nicka Kalaydina was the only Albertan to attend the WYCC which was held in Halkidiki, Greece from October 20-31. Nicka put in a credible performance, finishing with 6/11, which placed her 31st among the 99 entries in the Girls Under 14 section.

Canada was represented by 23 junior players throughout all of the sections. An outstanding performance was put in by 9 year old Jason Cao of BC who finished 1st with 9/11, winning on tie-break in the



Under 10 section. Jason becomes the first Canadian World Chess Champion since 1986 when both Jeff and Julia Sarwer won their respective sections at the WYCC.

Road Warrior Update

As we go into the home stretch for the Road Warrior for 2010, here are the top 15 travelers and players.

1	Chris White	La Crete	52.0
2	David Miller	Grande Prairie	31.0
3	Phil Holmstrom	Edmonton	30.5
4	Roy Yearwood	Calgary	28.5
5	Ali Razzaq	Edmonton	26.5
6	Aaron Sequillion	Edmonton	24.5
7	Rick Pedersen	Edmonton	23.5
8	Vlad Rekhson	Calgary	21.5
9	Alex Yam	Calgary	20.0
10	Jim Daniluk	Calgary	19.5
11	FM Dale Haessel	Calgary	19.0
12	Mike Zeggelaar	Edmonton	18.5
13	Mike Scholz	Calgary	18.5
14	Rob Gardner	Edmonton	17.0
15	Richard Wang	Edmonton	17.0

There are only 2 events left for the year: The Southern Alberta Open (Nov. 20-21) in Calgary and the WBX Team Tournament (Dec. 18-19) in Edmonton. Chris White has clinched top spot, but there is still room for several players to gain points and finish in the money.



TOP 40 CFC RATED ALBERTANS

As of November 3, 2010

1	Hansen, Eric	2537
2	Porper, Edward	2517
3	Pechenkin, Vladimir	2405
4	Reeve, Jeff	2322
5	Gardner, Robert J.	2300
6	Wang, Richard	2282
7	Haynes, Nicolas	2271
8	Kazmaier, Daniel	2264
9	Valencia, Belsar	2256
10	Yam, Alex	2255
11	Ristic, Nenad	2252
12	Neven, Knut	2248
13	Robichaud, Martin	2236
14	Grumic, Sasa	2224
15	Yearwood, Roy	2211
16	Hughey, Micah	2201
17	Booker, Brad	2192
18	Kalisvaart, Peter	2188
19	Gold, Itohan	2187
20	Wen, Jean-Francois	2166
21	Willis, Bradley J.	2164
22	Zhang, David	2158
23	Gluckie, Jamin	2134
24	Rekhson, Vladislav	2132
25	Perron, Sean	2097
26	Daniluk, Jim	2089
27	Karmali, Hafiz	2084
28	Campbell, Gordon	2077
29	Gorelik, Lev	2076
30	Tam, Erik	2075
31	Purewal, Sardul	2072
32	Ebrahim-Shirazi, Behrooz	2061
33	Stark, Mark	2053
34	Newton, Geoff	2050
35	Sequillion, Aaron	2044
36	Pivovarov, Juraj	2019
37	Zeggelaar, Mike	2009
38	Tot, Nandor	2000
39	Regimbald, Adrien	1996
40	Razzaq, Ali	1990

TOP 10 FIDE RATED ALBERTANS

As of November 3, 2010

1	Porper, Edward	2437
2	Hansen, Eric	2412
3	Pechenkin, Vladimir	2314
4	Reeve, Jeff	2230
5	Ristic, Nenad	2229
6	Wang, Richard	2212
7	Valencia, Belsar	2175
8	Gardner, Robert J.	2166
9	Yam, Alex	2162
10	Neven, Knut	2153

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Age Requirement: Must be born after January 1st, 1990

CFC membership required, can be purchased on-site. \$27 for Junior Annual Membership, \$10 for Junior Single Tournament

Entry Fee: \$25 cash to be paid on-site

TC: Game in 90 minutes + 30 seconds

Format: 5 round swiss

Registration: 9:00 - 9:50 am Saturday

Round Times

Round 1: Saturday, 10:00 am
 Round 2: Saturday, 1:30 pm
 Round 3: Saturday, 5:00 pm
 Round 4: Sunday, 10:00 am
 Round 5: Sunday, 1:30 pm

Byes: A maximum of 2 half point byes allowed in the first 4 rounds only. All byes must be registered before the start on round 1

Prizes: Cash prizes. Winner gets ACA sponsorship to travel to 2011 Canadian Junior & a trophy. In case of tie for 1st, playoff game of Game in 25 minutes + 10 seconds delay with colors determined from previous swiss rounds

All players must still register between 9:00-9:50am Saturday November 6 to be entered in the tournament

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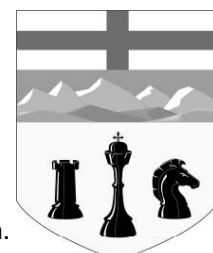
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Southern Alberta Open

November 20-21
Calgary Chess Club
274 3359 27th St. NE
Parma Tech Centre, North Building



TD: Tony Ficzer

5 Round Swiss, CFC & FIDE Rated

CFC membership required, can be purchased on site

Note: CFC membership (if expired) must be renewed prior to start of round 1

Time Control: Game in 90 + 30 second increment

Round Times: Saturday 10 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 7 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. & ASAP after round 4

Byes: Maximum 2 half point byes available in first 3 rounds if notified before start of rnd 1

Guaranteed prize fund \$600

The winner (if an Albertan) qualifies to the 2011 Alberta Closed

In the event of a tie for first place, Alberta tie breaks will be used

Entry Fee: \$30. Free entry to IMs & GMs

Registration: Advanced entries encouraged. Email tficzer@telus.net or phone 403-971-2437 On-site Registration: Saturday, November 21, 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

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