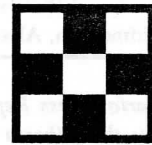


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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1 Arniel Frialde	2301	x	0	=	1	1	1	1	=	5.0
2 Rob Gardner	2169	1	x	1	0	0	=	1	1	4.5
3 Jeff Reeve	2371	=	0	x	=	1	1	1	=	4.5
4 Greg Huber	2326	0	1	=	x	1	0	1	=	4.0
5 Brad Willis	2147	0	1	0	0	x	1	0	1	3.0
6 Roy Yearwood	2064	0	=	0	1	0	x	=	1	3.0
7 Andrew Paduch	2089	0	0	0	0	1	=	x	1	2.5
8 Chris Demers	2195	=	0	=	=	0	0	0	x	1.5

Arniel Frialde, of Edmonton, is the 1991 Alberta Closed Chess Champion. The Closed (average rating 2208) was held March 29-April 1 in Calgary — a full report is planned for the next ACR.

1991 Calgary Closed

by Greg Huber, TD

The 1991 Calgary Closed, a 7-round Swiss held over a period of seven weeks, attracted a meagre 24 players this year (continuing the recent trend of disappointing turnouts for Alberta tournaments).

Section I, with a spot in the Alberta Closed up for grabs, was hotly contested. Roy Yearwood took an early lead, but Chris Demers made a good comeback after a slow start and managed to tie with Yearwood for first at 5/7. John Parrott was a close third with 4.5/7.

Art Milne appears to be back in form, and won Section II by giving up only four draws for the solid score of 5/7. Jim Van Wyck was second with 4.5, followed by Steve Sklenka with 4.

Relative newcomer Dan Bolland won Section III, also with a score of 5/7. Norman Luyben and Lindly Vallally split second place honours with 4.5/7.

(Some game scores are on page 5).

1991 Edmonton Closed

by Rob Gardner, TD, Contributing Editor

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1 Rob Gardner	2178	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	6.0
2 Gerald Aspler	1925	1	x	1	0	1	=	1	1	5.5
3 Réjean Plante	2160	0	0	x	1	1	1	0	1	4.0
4 Geoff Newton	1902	0	1	0	x	0	1	1	=	3.5
5 John Baser	1989	0	0	0	1	x	0	1	1	3.0
6 August Hangartner	1874	0	=	0	0	1	x	=	=	2.5
7 Richard Douziech	1874	0	0	1	0	0	=	x	1	2.5
8 Christiaan Dartana	1875	0	0	0	=	0	=	0	x	1.0

Rob Gardner squeezed into clear first in the final round. Gerald Aspler defeated the two highest rated players to finish a solid second. Réjean Plante did not play as well as he usually does, but still managed to finish third. I have included two of my games. Newton was supposed to give me a copy of Hangartner-Newton and Douziech was supposed to give me a copy of Plante-Douziech. Apparently, I am going to have to corner them in a dark alley and beat them out of them... (Rob will also have to beat himself up in the dark alley, since he promised two of his games, but only submitted one! See page 5)

1991 Northern Alberta Open

The crowd was raven and whooping while craning to see Greg Huber swiftly tern in a veery fine 5-knot while robin all opposition at the '91 NAO (Edmonton, Feb. 16-17). Arniel Frialde sniped his way to second (4.5; round one "Swiss Gambit" bye). Eagle third with 4-1 were Jeff Reeve (had a ruff time when he ran afowl of Huber) and Réjean Plante (also top C.M.; clawed by Reeve). Jerome Sheahan and John Baser winged it to Top A. Top B kingbirds were Mike Holm and Pal Kalher. Eric Holleman swallowed Top C and Under, tailed by a flock of six. Sam Sia flew the Top Junior kite, with Adam Wu nested in 2nd. (A booby prize to all turkeys too cuckoo to geese this year's owl theme. TD, org., rep.: Loon Steele).

1 Greg Huber	2308	+24	+16	+10	+9	+3	5.0
2 Arniel Frialde	2272	bye	+20	+28	+11	+9	4.5
3 Jeff Reeve	2374	+30	+6	+11	+4	-1	4.0
4 Réjean Plante	2160	+17	+15	+5	-3	+10	4.0
5 Mike Holm	1636	+18	+12	-4	=6	+15	3.5
6 Jerome Sheahan	1824	+26	-3	+17	=5	+14	3.5
7 John Baser	1989	+32	-14	=13	+28	+12	3.5
8 Pal Kalher	1732	+36	-11	+21	=15	+16	3.5
9 Rob Gardner	2178	+19	+29	+14	-1	-2	3.0
10 Sam Sia	1879	+22	+13	-1	+18	-4	3.0
11 Tracy Kolenchuk	2028	+31	+8	-3	-2	+24	3.0
12 Christiaan Dartana	1875	+23	-5	+34	+29f	-7	3.0
13 Cor Dewindt	1727	+35	-10	=7	=30	+25	3.0

2.5: 14 G Kohler; 15 R Trost; 16 E Schocat; 17 E Holleman; 18 A Kutj; 19 A Wu; 20 P Pisz.
 2.0: 21 H Climenhaga; 22 B Dagenais; 23 R Allin; 24 P Jachowicz; 25 B Wu; 26 S Chan; 27 A Duczek; 28 R Yearwood; 29 B Knudskov (/3).
 1.5: 30 J Vandenberg.
 1.0: 31 G Ahlquist; 32 B Bauer; 33 P Montambault; 34 G Rao (/4).
 0.5: 35 M Dowdell.
 0.0: 36 D Lamoureux (/3). (games on page 6)

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The "deadlines" for receipt of material for consideration in each issue of the ACR are the last days of the following months: January, March, May, July, September, November. Items received after these deadlines may be delayed to a later ACR. (The foregoing assumes regular publication of 6 issues per year, and is subject to change...)

Letter to the Editor

From Bob McIntyre (Hinton):

Thought I'd drop you a line and let you know what is happening with Chess in Hinton, which amounts to not very much. There are only about four active players left in the Club who try to keep the pieces moving. Interest seems to have died in the past year or so, but hopefully activity will improve.

We still meet as listed in the ACR. We also play a game or two at the A&W Cafe, Thursday evenings, and at times have quite an audience, with some showing an interest in the game. We explain the basics and also let them play, so we are not quite dead yet and the Club should improve in time.

There are two computer bulletin boards in Hinton and on one we have a number of chess games going (one or two moves a day).

I have a program called *Chess Reader* that I purchased from an outfit called Chess Laboratories, and among other nice things it will proofread the game input. I really like and recommend it.

Hope the disk reaches you all in one piece and, if you have some good games on disk, I would appreciate hearing from you. If ever you venture this way, let me know and maybe I can get a few of the fellows together to meet, talk or play a game (*perhaps the ACA could arrange for someone to give a simultaneous display in Hinton - the publicity might help get more players to the club - ed*).

Have a nice chess day.

P.S. Enclosed is an interesting game I'm playing OTB with one of our better players, Victor Wagner. We stopped because of lights out in the Library and will continue shortly where we left off. Maybe someone there, with a high rating, would like to finish the game and then we could compare it with our outcome. What say?? (*see below*)

The Challenge to YOU is...

...with a friend or friends, or by analysis, continue the game shown below. To help Bob, we ask that you send in your moves to the ACR, and we will forward your results to him so that he can compare others' continuations with the actual outcome. Should the response warrant, the ACR may have a future article showing "what happened".

Victor Wagner - Bob McIntyre

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bc5
5.h3 d6 6.d3 O-O 7.O-O Be6 8.Be6 fe6
9.Bg5 Bb4 10.a3 Bc3 11.bc3 d5 12.Qe2 h6
13.Bh4 Qd6 14.Qe3 d4 15.cd ed 16.Qd2 Ne5
17.Ne5 Qe5 18.Bg3 Qc5 19.Rfb1 b6 20.a4
c6 21.f4 Nh5 ...the rest is up to you!

Advertising of 1991 ACA Programs by Ford Wong, ACA President

For 1991/92, the ACA Board of Directors decided to continue most of the projects supported in 1990/91. But is everyone aware of what all these projects are? In the December 90 Alberta Chess Report, I gave a brief outline of ACA projects. This article will describe some of the projects planned for 1991 and changes to the ACA PLAN.

Most of the ACA Sponsored Events held in past years are to be continued in 1991, except for the Mixed Masters Invitational (Edmonton), the Winter Open (Edmonton), and the University of Calgary Open (Calgary). The 1800-and-Over/Under-1800, the Alberta Women's Championship and the Red Deer Open will only be held if an organizer can be found. Is anyone out there willing to volunteer?

Please note that the ACA welcomes anyone who is willing to help out with our programs. Good Volunteers are hard to come by. It is my feeling that the current volunteer base of the ACA is being pushed to the limit — new people willing to help out are always welcome. Many of the ACA projects simply would not happen without the tireless, and too often thankless efforts of our volunteers.

For 1991, a new tournament has been added. The Tri-Lateral Team Match will see three teams (each of Calgary and area, Edmonton and area, and Red Deer and area), consisting of 8 players (not necessarily the best from each area) playing in a single round robin in Red Deer on June 17th. The tournament will be arranged so that the two out-of-town teams play two games back-to-back. Cost may be as low as \$2.00 each to cover rating fee and two volunteers to drive down from each city. If you would like to play in this event please contact a member of the Board.

This year, the Alberta Open will be held in Red Deer, Oct 12, 13 and 14 to have a change from the regular pace of alternating between Edmonton and Calgary from year to year. Red Deer players will finally be the "HOME" team. For once, both Edmontonians and Calgarians will be the "VISITORS". If you haven't played chess out of town for a while, this will be a good opportunity for a "GET-A-WAY" and perhaps a bit of fun in Red Deer. In addition, you can attend the ACA Annual General Meeting on Oct 13th.

I strongly recommend that those with suggestions for programs or complaints about the way the ACA currently does something voice their opinions at the AGM or to a Board member. If people don't say anything, it is easy to assume that everything is going right. I believe that there is lots of room for

improvement in the ACA and your opinions are most welcome.

This year, the ACA will be hosting several projects which are available to all interested members. A "Tournament Directors Workshop" is planned for August, 1991. Anyone wanting to learn how to run a chess tournament or brush up on TDing skills is welcome to attend.

More leadership development training will be offered in 1991, consisting of seminars at the Blue Lake Training Centre, or the Boardwalk program (two half-day training sessions, one in Edmonton, and one in Calgary). Last year, a half-day training session was offered, with the topics "ROLE OF THE BOARD" and "PLANNING". Members who took part felt the training to be quite useful. Chances are this course will be repeated in 1991.

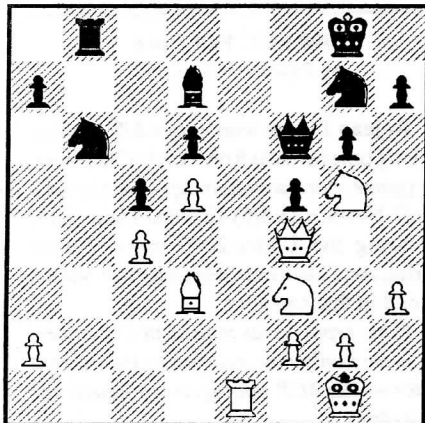
Later in the year, the ACA will be hosting a seminar on "HOW THE ACA WORKS?". Anyone interested in learning how the ACA runs its business is welcome to attend. There is no charge for the "Leadership Training" or "How The ACA Works". They may not make you a better player of chess, but will make you more knowledgeable about chess.

One project the ACA Plan lists year after year is "Fundraising", but it has always been a difficult one to implement. If you have any ideas on how to raise funds, we would like to hear from you. At present, the ACA is actively pursuing "charitable" status as a first step towards more active fundraising.

There are several other projects we promote. The ACA may be able to assist you in starting a new chess club or with learning more about how to play better chess. Contact me or any member of my Board and perhaps the ACA can help.

If you are interested in taking a training course or in any of the ACA projects, or want to talk about the ACA, please contact me or a Board member.

(after 29.Qf4)



1991 Edmonton Closed Reserves by Rob Gardner, Contributing Editor

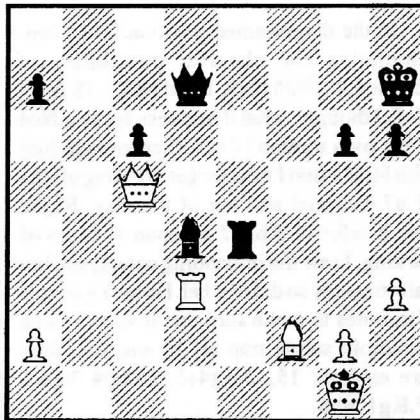
Inderpal Kalher's Houdini-like draw against Eric Schocat in the final round earned him first place with a score of 5/6. Kalher was ranked eighth, but defeated several higher rated players en route to victory. Christiaan Dartana placed second with 4.5.

Cor Dewindt, Art Skeel, and Jan Vandenberg shared the 1600-1799 prize.

Harold Climenhaga played well in his first tournament to win the prize for top under 1600 and unrated.

F. Borloi — I. Kalher

1. e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bd3 Nc6 4.c3 e5 5.Ne2 g6 6.O-O Bg7 7.d5 Ne7 8.f4 Bg4 9.h3 Be2 10.Qe2 O-O 11.Nd2 (?) Nh5 12.Qf2 Nf4 13.Bc2 f5 14.Nf3 fe 15.Be4 c6 16.dc bc 17.Be3 d5 18.Rad1 Qc7 19.Bc2 e4 20.Qh4 ef3 21.Rf3 Ne2+ 22.Kf2 Rf3+ 23.Kf3 Nc3 24.bc3 Bc3 25.Bh6 Qe5 26.Kf2 Nf5 27.Bf5 Qf5+ 28.Kg1 Bf6 29.Qa4 Qd7 30. Rf1 Bg7 31.Bg5 Re8 32.Rc1 Re6 33.Qb4 h6 34.Bf4 Kh7 35.Qc5 Re4 36.Be3 d4 37.Bf2 d3 38.Rd1 Bd4 39.Rd3



39... Re1+ (if 39... Bf2+, 40.Qf2 Qd3, 41.Qf7+) 40.Kh2 Qc7+ 41.Bg3 Qg3+ 42.Kg3 Bc5 43.Rd7+ Re7 44. Rd8 Bb6 45.Rd6 Bc7 (0-1).

I. Kalher — R. Douzиеch

1. d4 c5 2.d5 d6 3.c4 b5 4.b3 Nf6 5.Nf3 g6 6.Bb2 Bg7 7.Nbd2 O-O 8.e4 Nbd7 9.Qc2 bc 10.bc Nb6 11.Be2 Rb8 12.O-O Bd7 13.Rab1 Na4 14.Ba1 Qc8 15.Rb8 Qb8 16.Rb1 Nb6 17.Bd3 Ba4 18.Qc1 Qc7 19.Qa3 Bd7 20.h3 Rb8 21.e5 Nh5 22.ed ed 23.Bg7 Ng7 24.Ne4 Ne8 25.Qc1 f5 26.Neg5 Qd8 27.Qe3 Qf6 28.Re1 Ng7 29.Qf4

(see diagram at left)

29... h6 30.Ne4 Qf8 31.Nd6 g5 32.Qe5 Rd8 33.Qe7 Bc8 34.Nc8 Nc8 35.Qf8+Kf8 36.Ne5 Nd6 37.Kf1 Nge8 38.Rb1 Nc7 39.Rb8 Re8 40.Nd7+ (1-0).

1991 Red Deer Closed Championship by Brad Willis, Contributing Editor

The Red Deer Closed doubled as the rural qualifier for the Alberta Closed. We had anticipated a much stronger event. Unfortunately, the demands of Zoltan Baunok's new job prevented him from playing, and Neil Sharp and Dianna Palamarek felt unable to play for personal reasons.

Despite the absence of those players, the tournament was hard-fought. In the first round, with my Queen on h6, I moved my King to h2, and Michel Cyr nailed me with a two-move combination featuring a Knight fork on g4 (see page 4). As a result of that experience, I offer the following Advanced Tactical Tip: watch those ones with the horse's heads. They jump funny, and if you're not careful they can sneak up on you.

Fortunately for me, I was able to arrange to make the penultimate blunder in each of my remaining games and so finished first with 4.5. Second was Jens Kaastrup with 3, followed by Brian Murdoch. (Brian and I took a double bye in the last round since I'd already clinched clear first and we both were running into *Zeitnot* at work.)

	1	2	3	4	
1 B Willis	x	1/1	1/=	0/1	4.5
2 J Kaastrup	0/0	x	1/0	1/1	3.0
3 B Murdoch	0/=	0/1	x	1/=	3.0
4 M Cyr	1/0	0/0	0/=	x	1.5

1991 Red Deer Reserve Championship by Brad Willis, Contributing Editor

The Red Deer Reserve Championship was a smashing victory for Gary Ahlquist with a clean score of 5/5, followed by Gord Cannon with 4. Skylar Longley and newcomer Mike McCarthy tied for third.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1 G Ahlquist	x	1	1	1	1	1	5.0
2 G Cannon	0	x	1	1	1	1	4.0
3 M McCarthy	0	0	x	1	0	1	2.0
4 S Longley	0	0	0	x	1	1	2.0
5 P Collinge	0	0	1	0	x	0	1.0
6 J Cooke	0	0	0	0	1	x	1.0

ECC No Name Active

by Rob Gardner, Contributing Editor

This small tournament saw Ferenc Borloi score a convincing win with 4.5/5. Randy LaBoucane lost only to Borloi en route to a second place finish.

Rob Gardner and Cor Dewindt were Co-Tournament Directors.

Ft. St. John Mukluk Open
by Jim Kanester

This annual tournament, the 5th in the B.C.-Alta Peace River Grand Prix series, was held Feb. 16-17, with 13 entrants, a record for Ft. St. John. Grant MacTavish again came up undefeated, winning first prize with 4 points. With one tournament to go (see below) Grant will easily win first in this year's Grand Prix. As well, to add insult to defeated chess friends, his rating has been climbing toward the expert class, and this tournament should put it in the high 1900's. Larry Stutzman of Ft. St. John was the only home player to win a prize, taking second. Ray Irwin of Dawson Creek, a new player with a provisional active rating of 2205 (yes, folks, he is going to laminate that one and display it!), shared the first and second novice prizes with Richard Gibbs of Prince George at 3 points. And Jim Kanester is going to commit suicide after another loss with a drawn bishops of opposite colour ending!! (*Golly, Jim, you'd better switch to knights of opposite colour endings - ed.*) Many thanks to Larry Stutzman for the excellent trophies and prizes. (*Organizers and TD's: Jim Kanester and Larry Stutzman.*)

Unfortunately, for Alberta, no one from Grande Prairie even showed up. There were rumours some of their hotshots might appear, but they chickened out again! I guess we will just have to go over to G.P. and beat the stuffing out of them again on March 23 at the Swan City Open (*they did!* - see below).

Swan City Active

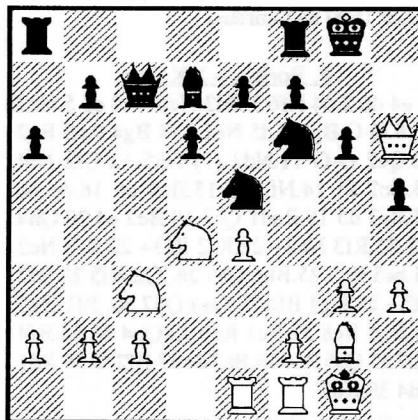
by Phil Lefkowitz, Contributing Editor

Grant MacTavish of Dawson Creek, B.C., proved unstoppable once again, winning four straight in this last leg of the Alta-B.C. Grand Prix series. Grant ran away with the Grand Prix in an unprecedented manner in what is usually a much tighter race. First place in the Under 1600 category went to Kristen Stutzman, of Ft. St. John, who actually tied for second overall with Larry Stutzman and Forrest Nelson at 3 points.

1 G MacTavish	+8	+5	+3	+2	4.0
2 F Nelson	+9	+6	+4	-1	3.0
3 L Stutzman	+10	+8	-1	+4	3.0
4 J Seaman	+11	+7	-2	-3	2.0
5 P Lefkowitz	+12	-1	-11	+7	2.0
6 K Stutzman	+13	-2	+12	+11	3.0
7 P McGinnis	+14	-4	=13	-5	1.5
8 G Scherer	-1	-3	=10	+12	1.5
9 B Waldie	-2	-12	+14	+13	2.0
10 L Chandler	-3	-11	=8	-14	0.5
11 J Roy	-4	+10	+5	-6	2.0
12 J Mah	-5	+9	-6	-8	1.0
13 W McPherson	-6	+14	=7	-9	1.5
14 P Roy	-7	-13	-9	+10	1.0

Lawyer's Closing Summation?
by Brad Willis, Contributing Editor

To supplement my report on the Red Deer Closed, I offer the fatal position in my first-round game with Michel Cyr. Michel is rated 1685; I am rated 2147. According to Mr. Science, that means that his chances of beating me were about the same as my chances of beating Kevin Spraggett. As you can see, Michel was insufficiently impressed with the odds against him.



In the diagrammed position I was contemplating the cheerful possibility of 15...Nc4, 16.Nd5 Nd5, 17.ed Nb2?, 18.Ne6! Well, I thought, what if he doesn't play ...Nc4 of his own motion? I could encourage him with f4; but first I'd better get my King off the g1-a7 diagonal and out of the way. Right, play it safe: 15.Kh2?? As soon as I moved the king, I saw the impending cataclysm, but unfortunately so did Michel. He took a couple of minutes to make sure that it wasn't some incredibly subtle trap set by me, and then sure enough: 15....N5g4+!, 16.hg4 Ng4+, 17.Kg1 Nh6.

Mindful of the adage that nobody ever won a game by resigning, I played on till time control, setting a number of excruciatingly cheap traps into which Michel uncharitably refused to fall.

There is, no doubt, a lesson for young, improving, lower-rated players here, which I would summarize in the following Words of Wisdom: forget it, kids! You don't have a chance! I'll never make a mistake like this again, not in a million years. Therefore, when you play me, it would be wise to adopt the attitude that you're beaten before you start. Save your energy for a later round, when you might be paired against some blunder-prone middle-aged has-been whose synaptic connections, unlike mine, are deteriorating and who, unlike me, might be vulnerable to a decisive tactical shot.

You know me, Len. Anything to help the young players.

ECC Walter Holowach Challenge
by Rob Gardner, Contributing Editor

Much of what happened during the tournament did not come as a surprise. Top-rated Arnel Frialde placed first with 4/5. Two other strong players, Tracy Kolenchuk and Gerald Aspler, tied for second with 3.5. The Under 1800 prizes were split by the solid veteran Art Skeel and the promising rookie Randy LaBoucane.

It was also no surprise that certain things did not happen. Art Skeel did not stand up on a table to do an Elvis Presley impersonation. Ferenc Borloi did not throw a doughnut at Cor Dewindt. Phil Chiu did not participate.

ECC Abe Shnitka Memorial
by Rob Gardner, Contributing Editor

This under-1600 tournament turned out to be a four-player double round-robin. Brock Dagenais placed first with 5/6. Also playing were Kurt Lauterwald (2.5), Ahmet Yamach (2.5) and Fred Linneman (2)

Rob requested some background information on the above tournaments, so I (ed.) will do my best to oblige:

Walter Holowach is an Honorary Member of the Edmonton Chess Club. When he still participated in rated events, he was a master-strength player whose solid positions were always most frustrating to his opponents. The earliest thing I know about Walter's chess career was his participation (along with a young Abe Yanofsky) on the Canadian Team at the 1939 Olympiad in Buenos Aires.

Abe Shnitka was one of the most consistently enthusiastic chess players I ever met. As far as I know his rating was generally C-class or less, but this did not concern him. He enjoyed his victories and took his defeats in stride, playing chess for many years at the Edmonton Chess Club. Abe was a printer by vocation, and was, I believe, once appointed Queen's Printer for Alberta.

1990 ECC Fall Open
by Réjean Plante, TD

Réjean Plante won with 4.5/5, beating his long time nemesis Rob "Rocket" Gardner, 4/5 (game score at bottom left of next page). Geoff Newton (3.5/5) finished clear third, capturing the Under-2000 prize. Ferenc Borloi, Art Skeel and George Kohler shared second in that category.

(This report was mailed in December, but it was only now relayed to the current editor — the ACR apologizes to Réjean for the delay.)

G. Aspler — R. Gardner
 1991 Edmonton Closed, round 6
 (annotated by Gardner)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Nf3 d6 6.d3 Bf5 This invites an eventual e4 by White. I was concerned that 6... Be6 might provoke an eventual Ng5 by White. 7.Qb3 Qc8 8.Bd2 Nd8 9.h4 Nf6 10.e4 Bg4 11.Nd5 c6 12.Ne3 Both sides are playing cat-and-mouse games waiting to see where the opponent will castle. 12... Bd7 13.Bc3 Ne6 14.O-O Nh5 Part of my problem was that I took too long to castle. Perhaps 14... O-O was more reasonable. 15.Qa3 Qc7 16.b4 Nd4 17.Qb2 Only here did I realize what White had been maneuvering towards during the last three moves. Now I faced a difficult choice. 17... Ne6 18.d4 gives up the center to White, as does 17... Nf3+ 18. Bf3 Nf6 19.d4. The move I played, 17... c5, strengthens d4, but gives White a strong outpost on d5. 17... c5 18.bc dc 19.Nd5 Qc8 20.Rfb1 White intends a minority attack. Provoking the Black b-pawn to b6 creates a target for the White a-pawn. White hopes to eventually leave Black with weak queenside pawns that can be exploited. White's major pieces are positioned on the files that will become useful. 20... b6 21.Bd4 ed4 I played this thinking that I was creating more room for my bishops. The alternative, 21... cd4, would have weakened White's minority attack since Black no longer has a c-pawn for White to undermine. 22.a4 Qd8 23.a5 ba 24.Qa3 O-O Hoping for 25.Qc5 a4. 25.Qa5 f5 26.ef Bf5 27.Qd8 Rfd8 28.Ne7+ I had overlooked that the trade of queens would allow this check. Black's position collapses. 28... Kh8 28... Kf7 29.Nf5 gf5 30.Ng5+, intending 31.Ba8; 28... Kf8 29.Nf5 gf5 30.Ng5, intending 31.Ba8 or 31.Ne6+. 29.Ng5 h6 30.Nf7+ Kh7 31.Nf5 gf5 32.Nd8 Rd8 33.Ra7 Kg6 34.Rb6+ Bf6 35.Bd5 Rf8 36.Kg2 Ng7 37.Raa6 Ne8 38.Ra8 f4 Rob South might recommend 38... resigns. I waited for the time control so I could get used to the idea. 39.Rbb8 fg 40. fg Bg7 41.Re8 (1-0).

R. Plante — R. Gardner
 1990 ECC Fall Open, round 4
 (annotated by Plante)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Bd3!? Nc6 9.Nc6 bc6 10.O-O Qc7 Passive. Better would have been ...Qb6+. 11.Qe1! Rb8? 12.Kh1 Rb2? 13.e5 Nd5 14.Nd5 cd5 15.Be7 Ke7 (+-) 16.ed+ Qd6 17.Qc3 Rb4 18.Qg7 Rf8 19.Rael Ke8 20.f5 Rh4 21.g3 Ra4 22.fe fe 23.Bh7 and Black resigned shortly thereafter. (1-0).

Games from the 1991 Calgary Closed
 from Jim Daniluk, Contributing Editor

C. Demers — J. Daniluk

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Nd5 Nd5 8.ed5 Ne7 9.c3 Nf5 9... a6?? 10.Qa4 +- 10.Bd3 a6 11.Na3 h5? Too slow with Black's king still in the centre. Demers suggests 11... g6. 12.O-O Be7 13.f4 e4 A sad necessity after Black's 11th move. 14.Be4 Qb6+ 15.Kh1 h4 This "trick" wasn't played to try for a cheap win but simply to get the bishops for some compensation. White's reply is forced. 16.Bf5 Bf5 17.Qe2! Better than 17.Re1, which might allow Black's queen into f2 later. 17... Kf8 18.h3 Bf6 19.Be3 Re8 20.Bb6 Re2 21. Rf2 Rf2 22.Bf2 Be4 23.Nc4! (1:19) This excellent counter prevents Black from getting in 23... b5. 23... Bd5 (1:43) 24. Nd6 g6 25.Re1 Rh5 26.a3 Bc6 27.Nc4 Rf5 28.Be3 Rb5 29.Re2 Rh5? (Rd5) 30.Rd2 (1:43) 30... Rd5 (1:53) 31.Kg1 Rb5 32.Kf2 Rd5 33.Rd5 Bd5 (1:56) 34.Nd2 Ke7? (Ke8) 35.Bd4 (+-) 35... Ke6 36.Bf6 Kf6 37.Nf3 Kf5 38.Ke3 Kf6 39.Nh4 g5 40.fg+ Kg5 41.Nf3+ Kh5 42.g4+ Kg6 43.Kf4 f6 44.Nh4+ Kf7 45.Nf5 Bg2 46.h4 Bf1 47.Nd6+ (1-0).

P. Usselman — R. Yearwood

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Be3 Nf6 4.f3 c5 5.dc Nbd7 6.Bb5 de 7.Nc3 a6 8.Ba4 Qa5 9.a3! Nd5 10.Bd4 Nc3 11.Bd7+ Bd7 12.Bc3 efl 13.Qf3 Qc5 14.O-O O Bc6 15.Qg3 Be7 16.Nh3! Bf6 17.Bf6 gf6 18.Rhe1 Bd5 19.Rd3 Rd8 20.Nf4 Ke7 21.b4 Qc6 22.Qg7? Be4 23.Kb2 Rhg8 24.Qh6 Bd3 25.cd3 Rc8 26.Re2 Qc1+ 27.Kb3 Rc3+ 28.Ka4 Ra3 mate (0-1).

B. Macfie — J. Van Wyck
 (Section II)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nd2 g6 5.e4 bc 6.Bc4 d6 7.f4 Qa5 8.Ne2! Bg7 [8... Ne4? 9.b4! Qb4 10.Rb1 Qa5 11.Rb5 +- (10... Nc3 11.Rb4 Nd1 12.Rb3 +-).] 9.Qc2 Ng4 10.Qd3 O-O 11.O-O Na6 12.a3 Rb8 13.Rb1 Nc7 14.Nb3 Qb6 15.Bd2 Ba6 16.Na5 Bc4 17.Nc4 Qb3 18.Rf3 Qd3 19.Rd3 Nb5 20.h3 Nf6 21.e5 de 22.fe Nd7 23.Bf4 Nb6 24.Na5 Rbd8 25.Nc6 Rd7 26.Rbd1 Kh8 27.Nc3 a6 28.Ne4 c4 29.R3d2 Rc8 30.Nc5 Rdc7 31.Na6 Rb7 32.Nc5 Rbc7 33.e6 Nd6 34.Ne7 Re7 35.Bd6 Ree8 36.ef Re3 37.Ne6 time (1-0).

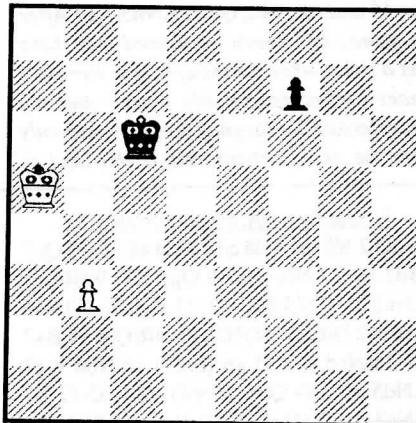
Game from the 1991
Calgary City Amateur Open
 from Jim Daniluk, Contributing Editor

D. Gomboc — I. Drummond

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.d5 c4 13.b4 cb (e.p.) 14.ab Bd7 15.Qd3 Rfc8 16.Bg5 Nb7 17.b4 a5 18.Re2 Kf8 19.Bd1 Nh5 20.Be7+ Ke7 21.Rc2 Qb6 22.Nfd2 Nf4 23.Qg3 Kf8 24.Nf3 ab 25.Ra8 Ra8 26.cb Ra1 27.Rb2 h6 28.h4 Qc7 29.Rc2? Qc2 30.Bc2 Ne2+ 31.Kh2 Ng3 32.Kg3 Ra2 33.Bb3 Rb2 34.Nfd2 f5 35.f3 fe 36.fe Nc5!? 37.bc5 dc5 38.h5 Ke7 39.Kh4 c4 40.Bc4 bc4 41.Nc4 Rb1 42.Ne5 Rb4 43.Nc6+ Bc6 44.dc6 Re4+ 45.Kg3 Rc4 46.c7 Rc7 47.Kh4 Rc4+ 48.g4 Kf6 49.Kg3 Kg5 50.Kh3 Rg4 51.Kh2 Kf4 52.Kh3 Kf3 53.Kh2 Rg5 54.Kh1 Kf2 55.Kh2 Rh5 mate (0-1).

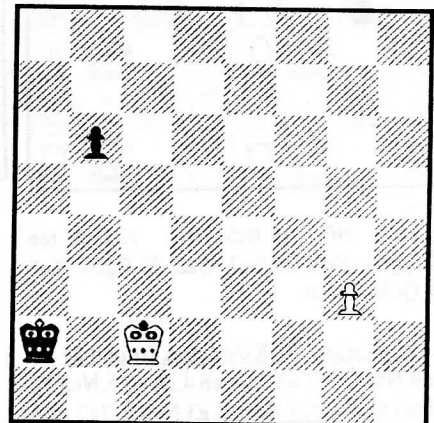
Thanks to Jim for seeking out this game. Report not yet received...

"K + P vs K + P" selected from the Encyclopedia of Chess Endings by Rob Gardner



Black to play and win
 (Ljubojevic-Browne, Amsterdam, 1972)

1... Kd5! (1... f5? 2.Kb4 f4 3.Kc4 draw, as in the game) 2.Kb6 (A: 2.b4 f5 3.b5 f4 4.b6 Kc6! 5.Ka6 f3 6.b7 f2 7.b8(O) f1(O) + and now 8.Ka7 Qa1 mate or 8.Ka5 Qa1+ 9.Kb4 Qb1+; B: 2.Kb4 Kd4 3.Ka5 f4 4.b4 f4 5.b5 Kc5 6.b6 Kc6 (+) 2... f5 3.b4 f4 4.b5 f3 5.Ka7 f2 6.b6 f1(O) 7.b7 Kc6 (+).



White to play and win
 (Grigoriev, 1928)

1. Kc3! (1.g4? b5 A: 2.g5 b4 3.g6 b3+ 4.Kc3 b2 b5+ 4.Kd3! Ka3 5.g5 b4 6.g6 b3 7.g7 b2 8.Kc2! Ka2 9.g8(O) ++).

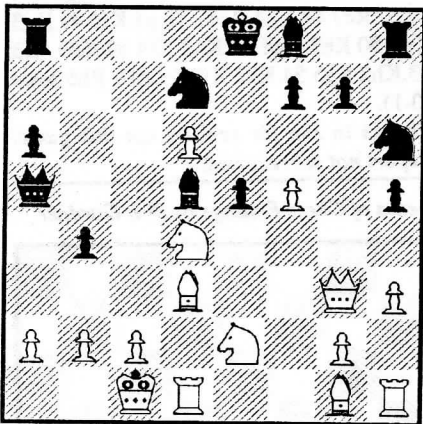
**Games from the
1991 Northern Alberta Open**

R. Gardner - G. Huber (round 4)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 a6 5.Qd2 b5 6.Bd3 Bb7 7.Nge2 Nd7 8.b4 c5 9.bc dc 10.Rb1 (0:44; first time control is 40 moves in 1:50) Rc8 (0:27) 11.dc Qa5 12.O-O Nf6 13.f3 O-O 14.Nd5 Qd2 15.Ne7+ Kh8 16.Bd2 Rc5 17.Bb4 Re8 18.Bc5 Nc5 19.Ng6+ hg6 20.g4 Nfd7 21.Kg2 Ne5 22.Rbd1 (1:33) Rd8 (1:05) 23.Nc1 Ne6 24.Kg3 g5 25.h4 gh+ 26.Kh4 Bh6 27.Ne2 (1:38) Nf4 (1:20) 28.g5 Neg6+ 29.Kg4 Bc8+ 30.Kg3 Bg5 31.Rh1+ Kg7 32.Nf4 Bf4+ 33.Kf2 Be6 34.a3 Bd6 35.a4 (1:47) 35... ba3 36.Ba6 a3 37.c4 (1:48) Bc5+ 38.Kg3 Ra8 (1:32) 39.Bb7 Rb8 40.Bd5 (1:49) Bd6+ (1:36) 41.Kf2 Rb2+ 42.Ke3 Bc5+ 43.Kd3 (1:59) Bd7 (1:40) 44.Rb1 (2:10) Rf2 45.Rhf1 Ne5+ 46.Ke3 Re2 (2:02) 47.f4 Re3+ 48.Kd2 Nf3+ 49.Rf3 Rf3 50.Ke2 (2:18; 55 moves at 2:20 reaches the second time control) 50... a2 (2:05) 51.Ra1 Ra3 (0-1).

J. Reeve - R. Plante (round 4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.f4 b5 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.Qf3 b4 9.Nce2 Nf6 10.Be3 h5 11.O-O-O d6 12.Qg3 Nbd7 13.e5 Ng4 14.Bg1 Bd5 15.h3 Nh6 16.ed Qa5 17.f5 e5



18.Ne6 Nf5 19.Bf5 Be6 20.Be6 fe6 21.Qg6+ Kd8 22.Be3 Qa2 23.Bg5+ Kc8 24.Qe8+ (1-0).

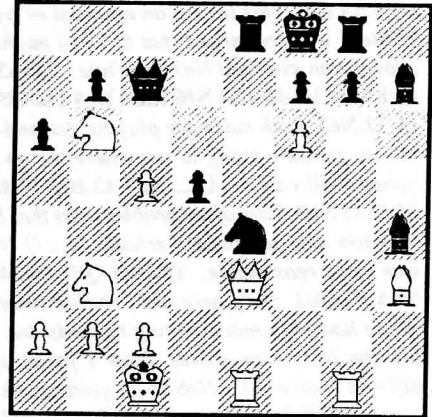
A. Frialde - T. Kolenchuk (round 4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.d5 e6 4.c4 b5 5.Nc3 b4 6.Nb1 Qc7 (?) 7.de fe 8.g3 Nc6 9.Bg2 Bd6 10.O-O O-O 11.Qd3 Bb7 12.Nbd2 Rae8 13.b3 e5 (?) 14.Ng5 h6 15.Nde4 hg5 16.Nd6 Re6 17.Nb7 e4 18.Qe3 Qb7 19.Qc5 Re5 20.Qd6 Ng4 21.Bb2 Rf6 22.Qd1 Qb6 23.Be5 Nce5 24.Qd5+ Kf8 25.h3 Nf2 26.c5 Qa6 27.Rf2 Rf2 28.Kf2 Qf6+ 29.Ke3 Ng5+ 30.hg5 Qc3+ 31.Ke4 Qa1 32.Qd7 Qa2 33.Kf5 Qc2+ 34.Be4 Qc5+ 35.Ke6 (1-0; Black "lost his way" in the latter stages of the game).

**R. Gardner - T. Peredo
1990 Alberta Closed, round 3
(annotated by Gardner)**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nc3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.Nge2 c5 7.h4 h6 8.Be3 Nc6 8... Qb6 is the recommended move. 9.dc Ne5 10.Nd4 White's threats include Bb5 and f4-f5. 10... a6 11.f4 Nc6 12.f5 ef 13.gf Bh7 14.Qf3 Guards the f5 pawn in case Black exchanges knights on d4, prepares queenside castling, and attacks the d5 pawn. Unfortunately, it eventually provoked the irritating ...Ne5. 14... Nf6 15.O-O-O Qd7 16.Re1 The threatened discovered check leaves Black unable to capture on c5. 16... O-O-O would leave the Black king vulnerable to attack after 17.Na4 with the N heading to the strong b5-outpost. 17... Kb8 would be met by 18.Nb6 and 19.Bf4. 16... Be7 17.Rg1 Rg8 18.Bg2 Ne5 After 18... Rd8, one possible continuation is 19.Nc6. If 19... bc6, White could protect f5 with 20.Bh3 hoping to place the knight on b6 and find aggressive posts for the other pieces. The continuation 20... d4 seems to be met by 21.Rd1 Bc5 22.Na4 Ba7 23.Rge1 Kf8 24.Bd4 Bd4 25.Qa3+ c5 (25... Qd6 26.Rd4) 26.Nc5 Qd6 (26... Be3+ 27.Qe3) 27.Rd4. The open lines leading to Black's confined king invite these sacrifices. After 19... Qc6, an attractive line (admittedly requiring some Black cooperation to set up) is 20.Bd4 Kf8 21.Qe3 Re8 22.Nd5 Nd5 23.Bd5 Qd5 24.f6 winning for White. 19.Qe2 Kf8 20.Bh6 Neg4 21.Be3 Setting up the discovered attack 22.Ne6+ in case of 21... Bc5. 21... Re8 22.Bh3 Ne3 23.Qe3 Qc8 24.Na4 Protects c5 while preparing to move the knight to the more aggressive b6-post. I might also have been looking for a chance to play h5 and h6. 24... Qc7 25.Nb3 Ne4 After the game, Jeff Reeve mentioned that there was a point when he thought that Peredo's pieces looked reasonably placed and my pieces looked like they had dropped randomly from the sky. Perhaps this is the kind of

position that gave him that idea. 26.Nb6 Bh4 27.f6 Leaving me 6 minutes for 13 moves.



27... gf6?? Here are some options Black had: A: 27... Be1 28.Nd7+ Qd7 29.Bd7 Bf2 30.Qh3. B: 27... Bf6 28.Nd7+ Ke7 and perhaps 29.Qd3 would be awkward for Black. C: 27... Nf6 28.Qe8+ (Not 28.Nd7+ Qd7 29.Bd7 Re3 30.Re3 Nd7) 28... Ne8 29.Nd7+ Qd7 30.Bd7 Be1 31.Re1 with a complicated endgame which I am too lazy to figure out. After a move like 31... Be4 or 31... Nc7, White plays 32.Bc8 intending to capture the b7 pawn and Black starts pushing his f and g pawns. D: 27... Rd8 looks like a sensible move. It covers d7 while maintaining threats to White's e1-rook and f6-pawn. The best I can see is 28.fg7+ Rg7 29.Rg7 Kg7 30.Rg1+ Bg6. White could continue 31.Rg2 guarding against 31... Bf2 and 31... Qh2 and giving chances to both sides. White could also play for the perpetual with 31.Nd4 Bf2 32.Nf5+ Kf6 (other moves lose to 33.Qh6) 33.Qh6 Bg1 34.Qg7+ Kg5 (34... Ke6?? 35.Nd6+ Ke7 36.Nd5+ Ke8 37.Qg8 mate) 35.Qh6+ Kf6 36.Qg7+ 28.Qh6+ Ke7 29.Qh4 Qe5 30.Qh7 Rg1 31.Rg1 Nf2 32.Qf5 Nh3 33.Qh3 Rd8 34.Qg3 Qg3 35.Rg3 f5 36.Rf3 Ke6 37.Nd4+ Ke5 38.Nf5 Ke4 39.Rf1 d4 40.Nd6+ Ke3 41.Kd1 d3 42.c3. (1-0).

R. Gardner - A. Frialde (round 5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Bd3 Bc5 7.Nb3 Ba7 8.Qg4 Kf8 9.Bf4 e5 10.Nd5 (0:17) Qd6 (0:12) 11.Be3 (0:31) Nc6 (0:20) 12.Nd2 (0:44) Nf6 13.Nf6 Qf6 14.Ba7 Ra7 15.Nc4 (0:49) g6 (0:27) 16.Nb6 Kg7 17.Nd5 (0:58) Qd6 (0:47) 18.O-O-O b5 19.Ne3 Qf6 20.Qg3 (1:09) d6 (0:54) 21.Nf5+ Bf5 22.ef5 Nd4 23.fg hg 24.c3 (1:22) Rc7 (1:00) 25.Kb1 Ne6 26.Be4 Nc5 27.Bd5 (1:28) Rb8 (1:10) 28.h4 (1:37) b4 29.cb Rb4 30.h5 (1:44; time trouble is now likely a factor in the deterioration in White's game) e4 31.Bb3 Nd3 32.Rd2 Rb5 33.hg fg 34.Qe3 Rh5 35.Rf1 Rhc5 36.a3 Rb7 37.Rd3 ed3 38.Rh1 (1:49) Rb3 39.Qh6+ Kf7 40.Qh7+ Qg7 (0-1).

M. Holm - R. Trost (round 5)

1.c4 e4 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Nf3 d6 6.e3 f5 7.d3 Be6 8.O-O h6 9.Re1 Nf6 10.d4 e4 11.d5 ef3 12.Bf3 Ne5 13.de6 Nf3+ 14.Qf3 c6 15.e4 fe 16.Ne4 Qe7 17.Rb1 O-O-O 18.b4 Rhf8 19.Nf6 Rf6 20.Qe4 Rf5 21.Be3 a6 22.b5 ab 23.cb cb 24.Ba7 Bc3 25.Rec1 Qc7 26.e7 Re8 27.Qe6+ (1-0).

G. Huber - J. Reeve (round 5)

1.e4 c5 2.d3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Be3 Bg7 5.c3 d6 6.Nd2 Nf6 7.Be2 O-O 8.g4 e6 9.h4 Ne8 10.h5 f5 11.hg hg 12.Bf3 Nf6 13.gfef 14.Qe2 Re8 15.Nh3 e4 16.Ng5 cd 17.Qd3 Qe7 18.Kf2 Nd8 19. Rae1 Ne6 20.Qc4 Kf8 21.ef gf 22.Bd4 Ne4+? (Jeff seldom makes this kind of move!) 23.N2e4 Bd4+ 24.cd4 (1-0).



ALBERTA JUNIOR CHESS REPORT

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1990 Canadian Cadet Championship by Andrew Paduch

The 1990 Canadian Cadet was held March 3-7 in Moncton, New Brunswick to celebrate its 100th birthday. It was very well organized and run by Hector Grant. The tournament site was the Moncton Museum.

I started off undefeated in 6 games, even though I was not playing well. My games were marred by positional mistakes and tactical oversights. The thought of winning the tournament disappeared in the 7th round when I played Bryan Lamb, the tournament leader. I gained an opening advantage, but chose a passive plan and lost the endgame.

It seemed impossible to catch Bryan as he needed only 1 point out of his last two games to win. He only managed 1/2 point, losing to Blaine Bray and drawing Lev Becker. I won a difficult game against Blaine to be included in the three-way tie for first.

In the playoff my first game was against Bryan. It was an easy win as he played a very passive opening, allowing a positional exchange sacrifice after which he did not get any play. In the game against Adam Littke, I was crushed, but both flags were hanging and Adam missed an easy win, losing material instead. I won the game and therefore the tournament.

I would like to thank the ACA for financial assistance and Steven Peter for preparing me for the championship.

J. Ferguson — A. Paduch

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.g4 Nc6 7.g5 Nd7 8.Be3 Be7 9.h4 a6 10.Qd2 O-O 11.O-O-O Nd4 12.Bd4 b5 13.f4 b4 14.Ne2 e5 15.Be3 Qa5 16.Kb1 ef? (16...Nc5 17.Ng3 ef 18.Bf4 Be6 19.b3 Na4!?) 17.Nf4 Re8 18.Nd5 Bf8 19.Bg2 Rb8 20.h5 Ne5 21.h6 Be6 22.hg Bg7 23.Qe1 Nc4 24.Nf6+ Kf8 25.Bd4 Rb5! 26.Ne8? Qa2+! 27.Ka2 Nd2+ 28.b3 Ra5+? (28...Bd4 wins) 29.Kb2 Bd4+ 30.Kc1? (c3) 30... Bc3 (0-1).

B. Bray — A. Paduch

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.g4 Nc6 7.g5 Nd7 8.Be3 Be7 9.h4 a6 10.Qe2 O-O 11.O-O-O Nd4 12.Bd4 b5 13.a3 Rb8 14.Bh3 Qa5 15.g6 Nf6 16.e5 de 17.Be5 b4 18.gf+ Rf7 19.Bb8 bc3 20.Bd6 cb+ 21.Kb2 Qb6+ 22.Ka2 Bd6 23.Be6 Bd7 24.Qc4 Be8 25.Rh3 Kf8 26.Rb3 Qc5 27.Qd3 Be5 28.f4 Bf4 29.Rc3 Qe5 30.Qc4 Re7 31.Rf3 Re6 32.Rf4 Bf7 33.Qb4+ Kg8 34.Kb1 Nd5 35.Qe4 Nc3+ (0-1).

World Cadet Championship by Andrew Paduch, 1990 Canadian Cadet Champion

The 1990 World Cadet Championship took place in Singapore June 1-16. Going to Singapore seemed an unbelievable event, and I had the most tiring trip of my life. Fortunately, I was able to travel with Steven Peter, my coach.

When we finally arrived in Singapore after 16 hours of flying, we were both terribly tired. We were met at the airport by one of the organizers who helped us to get to the dormitory where we were to stay for the tournament. The rooms were small but adequate. Since we arrived so early, we were given rooms in the closest dormitory to the tournament site. There was one problem about which some delegations complained — little green (but friendly!) lizards which were constantly running on the walls.

After having a good rest, Singapore was an exciting place to see. It was interesting to observe different ethnic groups of the Asian culture. We visited many gardens and parks, and took many pictures of churches and different parts of the city. The weather was generally very hot, with only a few periods of rain.

There were many activities offered, such as swimming, tennis and ping pong. The latter was available only in the morning hours, and many delegations, including us, chose to follow the world soccer cup which was on television late at night.

The food wasn't great; it was more European than Chinese. As the tournament got under way and there wasn't time to travel, many players spent their money and time at the video games. There was a problem, though — a shortage of 20¢ coins in the area.

In the tournament I finished with 5.5 out of 11. In the first round I was paired against a player from Sri Lanka, but he never arrived and I won by forfeit. In the second round I played the eventual winner of the tournament, K. Sakaev from the Soviet Union. I had a good game until my queen maneuver on move 15 (it would have been better to centralize my rook). I had missed Black's 15th move, so panicked and retreated my bishop to the wrong square and resigned not long after. Resigning so early was probably not right, but it was likely the final result anyway. In round 3 I played the Black side of the KID and sacrificed a pawn, but I did not follow it up correctly and spent the whole

time defending an endgame a pawn down. In round 4 I was again paired against a player from Singapore. I made a mistake in a very good position but was still able to win the endgame. In round 5 I played the highest rated player, V. Topolov (2485) from Bulgaria and lost quickly.

In the next three games I played poorly, losing them all. I was able to save an even score by winning the last three rounds. However, I am disappointed with my score even though this was my first international tournament.

I really enjoyed this event. Chess offers an opportunity to meet new friends, travel, and learn about other cultures.

I would like to express my appreciation to the CFC and the ACA for financing the travel of both myself and my coach. Special thanks to my coach, Steven Peter, for helping me prepare for this tournament.

A. Paduch - K. Sakaev (URS)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 a5 5.Bg2 d5 6.Nf3 c6 7.b3 Be7 8.O-O O-O 9.Bc3 Nbd7 10.Nbd2 b6 11.Qc2 Ba6 12.Rfe1 c5 13.e4 Rc8 14.ed ed 15.Qf5 g6 16.Qh3 h5 17.Rad1 Rc7 18.Bf1 Bc8 19.Bb2 cd 20.Nd4 Nc5 21.Qg2 Bb7 22.N2f3 Nfe4 23.Nc2 Qe8 24.Nfd4 dc 25.f3 c3 (0-1).

S. Rupasinghe (NZD) - A. Paduch

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Be3 Ng4 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bc1 Nf6 9.Be2 a6 10.Be3 Nd4 11.Qd4 e5 12. Qd2 Be6 13.O-O-O b5 14.f3 Be7 15.Nd5 Bd5 16.ed5 Rc8 17.g4 Qc7 18.c3 Nd7 19.Kb1 Nb6 20.h4 Nc4 21.Bc4 Qc4 22.f4 ef 23.Bf4 O-O 24.h5 Qe4+ 25.Ka1 Rfe8 26.g5 hg 27.Bg5 Bg5 28.Qg5 Re5 29.Qd2 Rc5 30.Rhe1 Rcd5 31.Re4 Rd2 32.Rd2 Re4 33.Kb1 Re6 34.Kc2 Kf8 35.Rd5 Ke7 36.Kd3 Re5 37.Re5+ de5 38.c4 f5 39.b4 e4+ 40.Kd4 bc 41.Kc4 e3 42.Kd3 f4 43.a4 Kd7 44.Ke2 Kc6 45.Kd3 Kd5 46.a5 Kc6 (0-1).

Andrew believes that the following won the best game award:

I. Markovic (YUG) - A. Payen (FRA)

(annotated by Markovic)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 O-O 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.h4 h5 11.O-O-O Rc8 12.Bb3 Ne5 13.Bg5 Rc5 14.g4 hg 15.f4 According to the modern theory, this is not considered to be the best move. Instead, 15.h5 has been played, with the idea to attack Black's weakened

kingside immediately. 15... Nc4 16.Qe2 b5 17.f5 gf 18.Bf6 Novelty. Up to now, the players followed the game B. Hartman - Kir. Georgiev, Ch. Inf. 40, where, after 18.ef, Black reacted with 18... Re5, then 19... Nd5, obtaining the initiative. 18... Bf6 19.ef! Kir. Georgiev's analysis of the mentioned game gives: 19.Nf5 Rf5! 20.ef5 Bf5 21.Bc4 bc4 22.Nd5 - unclear, where Black should play 22... c3!. The idea of capturing on f5 with the e-pawn is to be seen after two moves. 19...

Rf5 20.Qg4! Rg5 21.hg5!! Suddenly, White sacs his Queen to open g- and h-files. 21... Bg4 22.gf6 Now it is clear that after 22... Bd1 23.Nc6! White's forgotten knight captures Black's queen. On 22... Ne5 23.Rdg1 Qd7 (23... ef6 24.Nf5 Qd7 25.Nd5) 24.Nd5 Re8 (24... Ng6 25.fe7) 25.Rh5 Ng6 26.Rg5 is winning for White. 22... ef6! 23.Rdg1 f5 23... Qd7 24.Bc4 bc4 25.Rh4 f5 26.Nf5 24.Rh5!! Preventing 24... Qg5. 24... Re8! 25.Bc4 bc4 26.Rf5 Qh4 26... Re1+? 27.Re1

Bf5 28.Nf5 Qg5 29.Ne3. 27.Nf3 Qh6+! 27... Qh3? 28.Rg5+ Kf8 29.R5g4 Qf3 30.Rg8+ Ke7 31.Re1+. 28.Kd1 Qg6 28... Re1+? 29.Ke1 Qe6+ 30.Ne5! Kf8 (30... Qf5 31.Ng4) 31.Rf7 Ke8 32.Rg4 Qe5 33.Re4. 29.Rg4 Qg4 30.Rg5+ Qg5 31.Ng5 d5 32.Nf3 f5 Probably better was 32... Rd8 with 33... Rd7. 33.Nd4 f4 33... Re5 34.Nc6 Re6 35.Nd5. 34.Nd5 Rd8 35.Ne7+ Kf7 36.Nc6 Rd5 37.Ke2 Ke8 38.Kf3 Kd7 39.Kf4 Kd6 40.Ke4 Rg5 41.Na7 Ra5 42.Nab5+ (1-0).

1990/91 Canadian Junior by Greg Huber

Strike eight! Yup, that's right. After five Canadian Cadets and three Canadian Juniors I'm out of the 'junior' age brackets without any fond memories of world junior championships to look back upon. But the national tournaments themselves were always quite strong, a lot of fun, and great learning experiences. I'm very grateful to the ACA for its continuous support over the last many years, without which many of these great tournaments could not have been attended.

Ottawa, the host city this year, is a very good place for a tournament because this is where the legendary tournament director Doug Burgess makes his residence. In addition to performing splendidly as TD, Doug also had the disagreeable task of billeting two of the players and trying to rouse these two anonymous people in the mornings for the horribly early rounds. The site, a recreational centre, was certainly adequate for the meagre needs of chess players (including tables, chairs, and a Coke machine).

The winner this year, and certainly a deserving winner, was Ontario's Ron Livshits. He achieved an amazing 10/11 score, surrendering only two draws during the tourney. I lost to Ron in the first round and tried to catch him for the whole tournament, but he was still half a point ahead going into the last round. He won his final game quite quickly, thus ending my hopes and coaxing me to agree to a draw with my last round opponent. I ended up with 9/11 and second place. Adam Litke played solidly for the entire tournament, and was a close third with 8.5/11. Alberta's other representative, Andrew Paduch, finished his first Junior with a respectable 4.5/11.

During the tournament, I was quite happy with my play, except for my first round loss. Looking at the games afterwards, though, most of them were quite grotesque, with plentiful blunders on each side (for example, in one game I was almost lost by about move eight). Luckily (?) my opponents were often the ones to make the final decisive mistake. This being a family magazine, I'll spare you

the details of some of the uglier games. The following is the relatively cleanest game of the bunch. The second game is included mainly as comic relief, where I somehow emerged from a mutual time-scramble with a winning position.

Greg Huber - Adam Litke Chameleon Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 e5 4.Nd5 d6 5.N2c3 Nge7 6.Bc4 I've reached this position a few times before, and have been reasonably pleased with my results. The position sort of resembles a Vienna, which I've been known to play on occasion. 6... Nd5 7.Nd5 Be7 Black had always played ...g6 here in my previous games, which seems to be more sensible in view of White's upcoming f4. On g7, the bishop is defending e5 and is on the long diagonal in the event Black plays ...ef. 8.O-O O-O 9.f4 I wanted to force Black to deal with the threat of 10.f5 immediately and not give him time to arrange ...f5 himself. 9... ef 10.Nf4 Black must already be worse here, due to White's pressure on f7 and control of the d5 square. Black has little to compensate for this. 10... Ne5 11.Bd5 Bg4 Black is trying to scramble White's pieces so that White doesn't have time to make natural moves such as h3 and then either d3 or c3 and d4. 12.Qe1 Rb8 Black must either sacrifice his b-pawn or defend it passively with his rook like this, since he would like to keep his queen on d8 to keep watch on some of the kingside dark squares. 13.d3 Bh4 14.Qe3 14... g3 weakens White's king far too much. 14... Bg5 Black decides that his active pieces are soon to be driven back with moves such as h3 and c3, d4. He concludes that he should ensure the exchange of some minor pieces to prevent the cramp from becoming severe. Now on 15.h3 Black plays 15... Be6 to cause further exchanges. There is no easy way for White to avoid this, so he just makes a developing move hoping for Black to go astray. Unfortunately, Black doesn't make a mistake and the developing move ends up losing a tempo, indicating that White should have played 15.h3 anyway. 15.Bd2?! Qe7 16.h3 White cannot wait any longer, since it isn't at all clear that moves

like Rael are going to be useful at all. White retains an advantage even after the exchanges. 16... Be6 17.Qg3 Bf4 18.Bf4 The best try. White's advantage lies in the weak pawn at d6 and the fact that the N on e5 can be driven away by c3 and d4. Black lacks active play to compensate for this. 18... Bd5 19.ed5 f6 Taking away White's option to make a passed pawn by exchanges on e5. 20.Rae1 g5 This move makes Black's position look obviously bad, but the more obvious try of 20... Rbe8 runs into 21.c3 Qd7 22.d4 cd 23.cd Nf7 24.Qb3 and 25.Re6, which is quite bad for Black. 21.Bd2 Aiming for the new weaknesses on the f-file. Black's position is quite torturous from now on. 21... Rbe8 22.Rf5 Kh8 23.c3 Qg7 24.Ref1 h6 25.b3 White's intent is to keep Black tied to his f7 pawn and prepare an advance on the queenside, either b4 or d4. Black can do little but mark time. 25... Qe7 26.c4 b6 27.Kh2 Qg7 28.Bc3 Rf7 By now each player was getting quite low on time. 29.d4 cd 30.Bd4 Ref8 31.a4 Kg8 32.Qc3 h5 32... Rc8, preventing 33.b4, is slightly better. However, a5 intending 33... ba 34.c5 is still quite good. 33.b4 Rc8 34.c5 bc 35.bc The pawn is immune because of 36.Be5, which is also threatened right now (creating a passed duo). 35... Nd7 36.c6 Ne5 37.Be5 de5 38.d6 The rest was blitzed, but fortunately the position is easy. 38... Qf8 39.Rd1 Kg7 40.Qf3 Kg6 41.Qe4 Kg7 42.d7 Rd8 43.Qd5 h4 44.Qd6 (1-0). After the game, we couldn't figure out just where Black went wrong — I doubt his opening set-up can be that bad.

Peter Ferguson - Greg Huber "Stupid Defense"

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 d6 4.Be2 Bg7 5.O-O Nf6 6.Nc3 O-O 7.h3 b6 8.Be3 Bb7 9.Qd2 Re8 10.d5 Nb8 11.Bc4 Nbd7 12.Nd4 a6 13.a4 Nc5 14.f3 e5 15.Nde2 Be8 16.b4 Ncd7 17.a5 Nh5 18.b5 Nf4 19.Nf4 ef4 20.Bf4 Qf6 21.Ra3 ba 22.Ne2 Nb6 23.Bd3 a4 24.Be3 Qb2 25.Raa1 Qa1 26.Ra1 Ba1 27.Bb6 cb6 28.Qb4 ab 29.Bb5 Rd8 30.Ba4 Ba6 31.Bb5 Bf6 32.c3 g5 33.Nd4 Bb5 34.Qb5 Ra1+ 35.Kf2 Rc8 36.Qb6 Be5 37.Qb2 Rca8 38.Qb7 Bf4 39.Ne2 Be5 40.Qe7 h6 41.Qb7 R8a2 42.Qb3 Rd2 43.Ke3 Raa2 (0-1).

Branko Georgijevic

An ACR Profile

by Len Steele, Editor

Branko Georgijevic was born in Yugoslavia, and will soon reach 70 years of age (birthday is May 26th—hint, hint). He came to Canada in 1956 and has been married to "Mama" (Elizabeth) for some 40 years. They have one daughter. Branko credits "Mama" as being a real source of power for him, and very much values her strong support of both himself and chess.

"Mama" is the Boyle Chess Club "Mother", and I know from several delightful experiences how tasty — and plentiful! — her baking is (hmmm, this public praise should get me another box of goodies; sly of me to write this article, eh?). The Northern Communities Chess Club is held at "Mama's Cafe" (the basement of the Georgijevic's house on Friday evenings) and features chess and eats (maybe that should be "eats and chess"?).

Prior to moving to the Boyle area about 13 years ago, Branko worked as a heavy equipment operator for Great Canadian Oil Sands at Fort McMurray, but reasons of health resulted in his taking early retirement. He founded the first chess club in Fort McMurray, also staging the first tournament there.

An amazing thing about Branko (despite a bad "ticker", etc.) is the amount of energy he continues to devote to junior chess, and in particular school chess in northeastern Alberta, "his territory". (If I had half his energy, I'd have about twice as much as I now have...).

Branko has got to be the most active individual in school chess clubs in all of Alberta. He became involved with school chess about ten years ago, taking five kids from Boyle School to the northern junior championships in Hay River, where they took first, second, third and fifth! He also took three kids to Calgary for a provincial junior open, with two sharing 5th with two Calgarians.

Branko currently makes fairly regular rounds of at least eight schools (Wandering River [Branko wishes to specifically thank Bernie Tynan for his contribution there], Boyle, Plamondon, Thorhild Elementary, Rochester, Athabasca Elementary, Edwin Parr [Athabasca] and Calling Lake).

The kids are delighted to have him visit, and make him feel most welcome. His lessons are given with enthusiasm and the kids no doubt take some of that enthusiasm for their own. Branko may not be a "strong player", but he is indeed a strong chess person!

He is a real whiz when it comes to obtaining support from the business community in his area, including Athabasca county and Improvement District 8. He is very proud of the support from business people, support in the form of gift certificates, money for trophies for the kids, etc. I would hazard to guess that the dollar value of the donations Branko obtains through his efforts alone might very well exceed what the ACA gets from the entire province (I guess we'd better get at it like he does!).

Speaking of dollar value, Branko raised over \$600, I believe, for the XIOS-GEMS national school chess challenge a couple of years ago by getting so many of his schools and kids to participate. This amount was more (or at least in the neighborhood of) the amount raised in Toronto!

He is also able to get publicity for chess through his regular "Chess News" column in the Athabasca Advocate. I know of no other regular chess column in Alberta.

The ACA has provided some financial support to Branko to help defray his travel expenses, but he still pays the largest share from his own pocket. The ACA has also supplied to Branko (for distribution to schools) books designed for the teaching of chess (suitable for both teachers and students), and chess pieces, boards, pamphlets, etc. Branko has also obtained a significant amount of chess sets from the ACA for sale at reduced cost due to the ACA's ability to buy "in bulk".

His health permitting, Branko hopes to greatly expand the number of schools he "gets going on chess". The list includes schools in Lac La Biche, St. Paul, Bonneyville, Smoky Lake, Andrew, and Fort McMurray (up to about 20 in the latter!). Even Branko will not be able to regularly visit all those schools, so his aim will be to get as many going on their own as possible. When he visits a school, he tries to find out the current situation in that school regarding chess, and offers his experience to help teachers and students to start and maintain a club, ideally one where chess will also be taught.

Branko and the Northern Communities Chess Club would like to host the 1992 "provincial school playoffs" in his area. He expects to be able to arrange billets for all students, with food provided, and would arrange for cheaper motel rates for parents who wished to be present. With those offerings, he may be able to overcome the feelings of some that Boyle is "too far away", an idea which he rejects.

Well, that's most of the profile of Branko. I trust you now have some idea why he deserved to be profiled in the ACR (the first

person to be so honored). If you have met him, you know what I mean about his energy — and Branko can be very persuasive! If Alberta had a "Branko" in each area, we would certainly become a significant chess power in Canada. Lets hope at least a few "mini-Branko's" can be found.

Finally, I jokingly asked Branko (as Barbara Walters used to ask at the end of her interviews): "Branko, if you were a tree, what kind of a tree would you be?" He replied: "A karragana tree." (Don't ask me how it is supposed to be spelled! I've just typed it as it sounded.) I asked him why, and he said: "Because it has needles." I guess that's because Branko uses his "needles" (his energy, enthusiasm and drive) to accomplish his goals, touching people here and there with those needles to encourage them to support school chess.

Branko, may you have many more years of activity with your school kids! (Remember to get "Mama" more baking supplies...)

Calgary Junior Chess Club

Meets: Selected Saturdays, basement, Hounsfield Hts./Briar Hill Community Hall, 1928-14 Ave NW. Close to North Hill Shopping Centre. Right by Lion's Park LRT Station.

Info: Ian Drummond (288-4034). Prizes (trophies, books, etc.) awarded. Membership open to anyone born after 1972-01-01. Participating ACA membership (\$1) is only membership needed. Tourney fees: \$2 elementary; \$2.50 junior high; \$3 senior high. Players grouped by strength. Some coaching and simultaneous displays. New members welcome - bring a friend.

CJCC Schedule of Events

Apr 20: Jr and Sr High School Team (of 4) Championships.

May 11: Elementary School Team (of 4) Championship.

Register: 9:30 a.m. Play 10:00 a.m. to approx. 3:00 p.m., depending on number of players. Bring a bag lunch (no official break for lunch).

Edmonton Junior Chess Club

Meets: Edmonton Room, Main Library (downtown, south of Churchill Square).

Info: Rob Gardner (469-4925). Tournaments are held from time to time (call for information). No club membership fee, but CFC membership (includes ACA) is required for play in rated tournaments.

Leduc Junior Chess Club

Info: August Hangartner (986-0459).

School Team-of-4 Tournaments
(Calgary Junior Chess Club)

These events were held in March, April and May, 1990. The Senior High tournament was held first, and produced a disappointing turn-out of only 3 teams, despite the organizer phoning each school individually. Western Canada, Father Lacombe, and Forest Lawn played a double round-robin, with the **Father Lacombe team of Dave Gomboc, Chuck Mousseau, Glen Thoma, and John Sauerberg** being victorious.

The Junior High tournament was held in April and had 6 teams: Annie Gale, T.B. Riley, and two each from A.E. Cross and R.T. Alderman. The **R.T. Alderman "A" team of Chris Parsons, Chris Hsiung, Kevin Salt, and Jonathan Enver** was the runaway winner, with Annie Gale second and A.E. Cross "B" third.

The Elementary Tournament was held in May and had 15 teams from 9 schools (Louis Riel, Valleyview, St. Margarets, and two each from Prince of Wales, Sam Livingstone, John 23, Capitol Hill, Alice M. Curtis, and Hugh Sutherland). St. Margarets and Sam Livingstone "A" set the pace for the whole tournament, but in the end it was the **Sam Livingstone team of Michael Eng, Grant Hofer, John Millar, and Bryce Dickson** that carried the day.

Finally, thanks to the tournament directors, Jim O'Neil and Barney Fegyverneki, who did the Senior and Junior High events. To my great embarrassment, I have lost my notes on who directed the Elementary tournament, but thank you!

Monthly Tournaments
(Calgary Junior Chess Club)

There have been a number of changes this year. We shifted the tournaments for individuals one month later in the year, starting in October and ending in March, and we will be holding the Junior and Senior High Team tournaments on the same day (as the number of Sr. High teams does not warrant a separate tournament day).

We are using new facilities (see box on page 9). While this is a long trip for some residents, the hall is on the C-Train line and, unlike the library, we can make lots of noise between rounds without complaints! Perhaps reflecting the new location, our attendances have been lower than last year, averaging 20 kids a tournament.

EJCC Jolly January Jousts
by H.R.H. Rob Gardner (TD)

The Wu family fought for success in another Edmonton Junior Chess Club tournament. The knights, queens, and especially the kings watched **Adam, Cynthia, and Douglas Wu** place first in the three royal round-robins. (Was Beatrice busy making little paper stars? -ed.)

Chess Tournaments
by Telecommunications

Ian Drummond sent in a 3-page description of his ideas on this topic. This "special interest article" is summarized below. Anyone desiring a copy can write to the ACA.

Concept: A team of 4 players and a coordinator plays a match with a similar team in another location using a single telecommunications link between each group of computers in the two locations. Each student has a terminal, which should be clear and easy to operate. The terminal must display the current board position, with the player making his own move on the board (echoed to the opponent's screen) and "touch move" being the rule. A "practise" mode should be available to allow the player to become familiar with the system. The program should keep track of elapsed time (30 minutes each side per game), displaying it on both terminals. Each Coordinator would have a "tournament director's window", with information available on the overall match, and a link to the other Coordinator.

Ian continues with "Procedures", "Hardware", and "What happens next?". He proposed this concept as a way to raise the energy and interest of school chess clubs and kids. He invites comments, especially with regard to hardware and software—Ian has yet to find the right items, which is another reason he wants to contact interested persons, including, of course, those with some "computer expertise".

Results:

Oct/90: Elem: 1-Michael Eng, 2-Amanda Dodd-Flower, 3-Paul Wilkins. *Jr:* 1-Stephen Drummond, 2-Danny Kiely, 3=Aaron Hoffmann & Stephen Blahitka. *Sr:* 1-Chuck Mousseau.

Nov/90: Elem: 1-Michael Eng, 2-Paul Wilkins, 3=Amanda Dodd-Flower & Michael Lee. *Jr:* 1-Danny Kiely, 2-Aaron Hofmann, 3-Greg Perrott. *Sr:* 1-Chuck Mousseau.

Dec/90: Elem: 1-Michael Eng, 2-Amanda Dodd-Flower, 3-Marc Hamel. *Jr:* 1-Greg Perrott, 2-Kevin Schade, 3-Stephen Blahitka. *Sr:* 1-Chuck Mousseau.

Jan/91: Elem: 1-Michael Eng, 2-Amanda Dodd-Flower, 3-Mel Bereta. *Jr:* 1-Aaron Hoffmann, 2=Kevin Schade & Lewis Harkes. *Sr:* 1-Jason Scammell.

Edmonton Junior December Active
by Tracy Kolenchuk (TD)

After an initial "discussion", it was decided to play five rounds instead of four as planned. What a difference this made!

At the end of round 4, 5th-rated Beatrice Wu lead the field by 1/2 point. After round 5, she was third. **Adam Wu** and **Geoff Newton** had recovered to pass her. Sam Sia and Sherwin Chan had not.

All in all, a "Wu-nderful" event. Adam Wu tied with Geoff Newton for first place. Beatrice Wu took third and the highest of the Junior High students. Douglas Wu took the elementary section. Cynthia Wu rounded out the field of 11 players.

EJCC March Madness Active
by Rob Gardner, Rocketeer

The Wu family had one more tournament result they could cackle about. **Adam Wu** unbalanced his opponents to claim clear first in one round robin. Beatrice Wu could have tied Adam if she had not lost to Bernard Kim in an insane time scramble during which most of the pieces were knocked over.

Cynthia Wu could be crazy about her 4/4 score which put her two points ahead of her nearest rival.

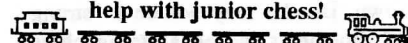
In a third round robin, **Douglas Wu's** performance was strong enough to drive his opponents loopy.

The books won by the first-place finishers certainly justified their 3-loony entrance fees. (Rob's EJCC reports are starting to make the editor rather Wu-zy!)

Founding Meeting of Grassland Community School Chess Club
from Branko Georgijevic,
Contributing Editor

A meeting to start a chess club at Grassland Community School was held on March 5/91. It was decided that a feature of the club would be senior students teaching elementary students the fundamentals of chess. The club executive will consist of: President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. A fee will be charged, and the club will join the Alberta Chess Association. Mr. Branko Georgijevic of Boyle will meet with the students every second Tuesday to provide instruction. The club is hoping to sponsor a tournament in the near future.

Volunteers needed to help with junior chess!



ALBERTA CHESS CLUBS

Calgary CC

Meets: New Rosedale Hall, 800-11 Ave NW, Wed., 7:00-11:00.

Info: Bill Rusk (286-6137; mail: #9, 3302-50 St NW, Calgary T3A 2C6).

CCC Schedule

Apr 24. Grand Prix Speed. Round 4.
(TD: Roy Yearwood, 252-4948/work).

May 2 - Jun 5. Spring Open. 6 rd.
(TD: Brian Toth, 248-6589).

Jun 12: Grand Prix Speed. Round 5.
(TD: Roy Yearwood, 252-4948/work).

Jun 19: Last Chess (K)night of season...

Sep 4: Opens for new season. Pre-register for Fall Open.

Sep 11 - Oct 23: Fall Open. 7 rd.
(TD's: Bill Bentley, 288-0592h/269-8179w; Tim McMurphy, 253-9683).

The Chess Set (Calgary)

Meets: Canyon Meadows Comm. Assoc. (lower hall), 844 Cantabrian Dr SW. Approx. 7:00-12:00, Fri. (remaining '91-'92 dates, subject to change, are: May 10/31, Jun 7/21, Jul 19/26, Aug 9/23, Sep 13/27, Oct 4/25, Nov 1/22, Dec 13/27, Jan 3/17).

Info: Roy Yearwood (244-6698/252-4948; mail: #42151, 415-9737 Macleod Trail SW, Calgary T2J 7A6). Tourn./lessons for beginners, intermediate, juniors; rated tourn.; semi-active, active, rapid transit & speed tourn; simuls and lectures may be arranged.

University of Calgary CC

Meets: 209L MacEwan Hall, Univ. Calgary, T2N 1N4. September to March.

Info: Taco Van Ieperen, President and Special Events Coord. (295-0139; mail: 1311-56 Ave NW, Calgary T2K 5M2).

Northern Communities CC

Meets: at Branko's home (near Boyle).
Info: Branko Georgijevic (689-2476; mail: Box 558, Boyle T0A 0M0).

Grande Prairie CC

Meets: St. Patrick's Community School Library, Thurs., 7:00-10:00.

Info: Phil Lefkowitz (538-1903; mail: 9305-74 Ave, Grande Prairie T8V 6G2).

Edmonton CC

Meets: Oliver Community Hall, 10326-118 St, Edmonton T5K 2K9, Thurs., 7:00-12:00.

Info: Rob Gardner (469-4925), George Heagle (425-1471), Club (482-1484, answering machine stolen!).

ECC Schedule

(EF \$10 adult, \$7 junior, or as specified)

May 9. Speed Chess Tournament.

May 16 - Jun 6. Memories of Fischer Open. 4 rd. 45/2 hr then 15/30 min. Trophies for prizes.

Jun 13-27. Summer Open. 3 rd. 40/100 min then 15/30 min.

Jul 4-11. Active Chess (rated). 4 rd.

Jul 18 - Aug 1. Summer RR's. Groups of 4 by rating. 3 rd. 45/2 hr then 15/30 min.

Aug 8. Speed Chess Tournament.

Aug 15 - 29. August Open. 3 rd. 45/100 min then 15/30 min. Book prizes.

Sep 5. ECC Annual General Meeting.

University of Alberta CC

Meets: SUB 030D (basement), approx. 11:00-4:00 weekdays.

Info: Craig Vokey (492-7252 at Club; mail: Box 92, Students Union Building, U of A, Edmonton T6G 2J7).

Hinton CC

Meets: Hinton Municipal Library. "Group play" Wed., 5:00-8:00. "Casual play" during regular library hours.

Info: Bob McIntyre (865-2778; mail: 270 Eaton Dr, Hinton T0E 1B0).

Red Deer CC

Meets: Wed., 7:00 p.m. at "Club 89", 4950 Ross St.

Info: Brad Willis or Brian Murdoch (both at 343-6664).

Medicine Hat CC

Meets: Public Library, Thurs., 7-10:00.

Info: Jerome Fitzgerald (526-4125).

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Call our "chess doors" via your computer. 500 chess boards available. Tournaments started regularly. 24 hours per day. 456-5808. Parameters: 8N1, 1200 or 2400 baud. Info: Bruno Knudskov (457-1348, voice only!). On sale "soon": postal chess style recorder albums (made in Edmonton).

Top-Rated Albertans

Jeff Reeve	2371
Robert South	2356
Greg Huber	2326
Arniel Frialde	2301
Steven Peter	2297
Fred South	2272
Chris Demers	2195
Zoltan Baunok	2183
Robert Gardner	2169
Brad Willis	2147
Réjean Plante	2145
John Parrott	2142
Dale Haessel	2126
Farzan Nazarian	2123
Neil Sharp	2118
Jim Daniluk	2117
Barney Fegyverneki	2092
Andrew Paduch	2089
Omar Farid	2067
Roy Yearwood	2064
Gerald Aspler	2058
Arthur Odachowski	2041
Tracy Kolenchuk	2033
Len Steele	2028
Paul Usselman	2007

The above list ("regular" ratings, not active chess, up to the March 9/91 CFC membership list) includes Alberta residents whose ACA membership expiry date is 901101 or later and whose rating was updated in the period Feb/90-Mar/91. Those the editor believes to be "inactive" (in regular rated events) or whose membership expired in the six months before 901101 are: Gordon Campbell 2160; Tony Peredo 2167; Milan Rabljenovic 2145; Darse Billings 2065; Lev Becker 2037; Bob Bosenius 2035; Chris Kuczaj 2023; Vincent Young 2020.

What's with the "smaller type"?

The ACR has switched to 9 point type, remaining with the Times font. It may seem a bit small, but in defense it is the same type size and likely the same font as used in the national magazine, *En Passant*. Why the smaller type? — so we can get more in per issue and make most efficient use of pages to reduce printing costs and try and stay at a lower postage rate.

Articles anticipated in the June ACR

A full report on the Alberta Closed; reports on Calgary City Spring Open, Victoria Day Open (Calgary), U of A Open (Edmonton), Spring Open (Edmonton CC); final standings in the B.C.-Alta Peace River Grande Prix; junior chess news; reports due for this (April) issue, but not yet received.

To help you plan ahead, we offer our latest information on these open weekend tournaments. Good chess, good fun, and a way for you to improve your game through experience with a wider variety of players!

*** U of A OPEN ***

May 4-5, Edmonton

L'Express lounge (room 142)
Students Union (114 St & 89 Ave)
University of Alberta

5 rounds (3 Sat./2 Sun.)

Registration: 9:00-9:45 a.m.

\$20 Senior, \$15 Junior

(CFC/ACA membership required)

Advance entry (by May 1) \$15 (snr/jnr):
UACC, Box 92, Students Union Building,
U of A, Edmonton T6G 2J7
(Please try to enter in advance!)

Time control: 45/1:50, then 15/0:30

Prizes based on entries

No smoking and no computers

Please bring a chess clock if possible

**Last Edmonton weekender of the season
— you won't want to miss it!**

Prize Distribution

Section->	A	B	C	D
1st	\$400	\$150	\$100	\$60
2nd	\$250	\$100	\$50	\$40
3rd	\$125	\$75	\$25	
4th	\$75	\$50		

Special prizes (\$50 each) to Top Junior (16-19 yrs) and to Top Cadet (under 16)

(Please try to enter in advance!)

*** 7 + 1 TOURNAMENT SERIES ***

Third year — bigger and better than ever!

8 events. More prizes, more cash, and a Grand Prix with a \$1000 prize fund. Swiss system. Tournaments #2-#8 held in room 206 MacEwan Hall, Univ. of Calgary:

1. Calgary Amateur Open completed
2. St. Patrick's Day Open completed
3. **Calgary City Spring Open** .. Apr 27-29
4. **Victoria Day Open** May 18-20
5. *Canada Day Open* Jun 29-30, Jul 1
6. *Heritage Day Open* Aug 3-5
7. *Labour Day Open* Aug 30-31, Sep 1
8. *Calgary Winter Knights* Dec 20-22

#'s 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 are 5 rounds; round 1 at 7:30 p.m. on Friday (registration 6:30-7:00 p.m.)

#'s 4, 5, 6 are 6 rounds; round 1 at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday (registration 9:00-10:30 a.m.)

Grand Prix Series

Prizes for total points — the more you play, the better your chance! Overall: 1-\$300; 2-\$200; 3-\$100. 1800-2000: 1-\$100; 2-\$50. 1500-1799: 1-\$100; 2-\$50. Unrated-1499: 1-\$100. (Only 1 prize per player! First *En Passant* rating list of 1992 used to determine rating categories.)

Entry fees (all events *except* #4): Masters-free; Experts(2000-2199)-\$30; A(1800-1999)-\$25; B(1600-1799)-\$20; C(1400-1599)-\$17; D(unrated-1399)-\$15.

Prizes (all events *except* #4): 1-\$200; 2-\$125; 3-\$100; 4-\$50. Each of Under 2000 and Under 1500: 1-\$75; 2-\$50. Top Junior-\$50; Top Cadet-\$50. Based on 35 entries.

Event #4, the **Victoria Day Open**, has a **\$1500 prize fund guaranteed!** Entry fees: Section A (open)-\$40; B(under 2000)-\$35; C(under 1600)-\$30; D(under 1300)-\$25.

CFC (incl. ACA) memb. required. Please bring clocks and sets. Time control: 45/120, then 25/60. Byes available rds 1-4 (1-5 if 6 rds) if requested in writing before round 1.

Advance entries: Roy Yearwood, 42151, 415-9737 Macleod Trail SW, Calgary T2J 7A6 (252-4948work/244-6698home).

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And even more...

Alberta Open (October 12-14, RED DEER)

U of A "Fall Open" (TBA, Edmonton).

Southern Alberta Open (November 23 & 24, Calgary; Cambrian Heights Hall, 600 Northmount Dr NW)