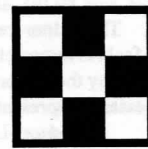




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1996 Calgary Closed by Greg Huber, TD

The 1996 Calgary Closed attracted 29 players in three sections. The top two sections were 8-player round-robins, the third section a 13-player Swiss.

Section 1 saw **Greg Huber** save a couple of dubious positions and manage a 7/7 score for first place. Solid play by Tedge Davies earned second place at 4/7, while Chris Kuczaj and John Parrott split third with 3.5/7. It was good to see Chris back after a long absence from Alberta chess!

Section 2 had top-rated **Ben Vandermeer** put in an impressive performance for first with 6.5/7. John Rajchel had a good tournament and finished second with 4.5/7, even after a last round loss. Jordan Davies and Norman Luyben split third place with 4/7.

In Section 3 **Tony Zaradic** proved he is vastly underrated as he stomped to a 7/7 victory. Two juniors, Jeff Huang and Gerard O'Reilly jr., split 2nd-3rd with solid 4.5/7 results. Good results were also posted by two relative newcomers, as Steve Sauvé and Anté Sokol tied for the top under 1400 prize at 4/7.

A. Milne - G. Huber annotated by Milne

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 c5 4.exd5 exd5 5.b3 Nf6 In Milne-Huber, S. Alta Open 1995 (see page 5 - ed), Greg played 5...Nc6 and then 6...Nf6. 6.Bb2 Nc6 7.Be2 Bd6 8.O-O In the SAO game, I played here 8.d4? and went unfinished. 8...O-O 9.d4 cxd4 9...Qe7 is Keene-Korchnoi, Hastings 1971/2. The text follows the SAO game. 10.Nxd4 Be6 11.Nxe6!? A critical decision. I was determined to avoid the problems I had in our previous encounter with light squares and the inability to find a suitable square for my Q. The downside is that White hands Black an imposing pawn centre against which White has very little in the way of pressure. 11...fxe6 12.Nc3 Temporarily restraining ...e5. 12...Qd7 13.Nb5 Be7 14.Rc1 e5 15.f4!? Something has to be done about regaining control of d4, or else Black drives back the N/b5 and quietly masses his pieces behind the pawns. 15...exf4 16.exf4 Now that the smoke has cleared, White has d4, but is saddled with weaknesses at f4 and e4. 16...Rad8 Threatening d4, blotting out the powerful B/b2 and

embarrassing the N/b5. 17.Nd4 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 Now a struggle ensues over control of the vital square, d4. 18...b6 19.Ba6!? White's longest think of the game, 8 minutes. White's aim is to control and invade the c-file, but this proves too ambitious. A better move all round is 19.Bd3. 19...Ne4 Renewing the positional threat of Bc5. 20.Bd3 White's ambitions on the c-file being an illusion, the B returns to its natural square. 20...g6!? Greg was afraid of letting White play 21.Qh5 with pressure. The downside is that in fact it gives the weak pawn on f4 a target for the advance f5. 21.Qe2 Not immediately threatening to win a pawn because the B/d4 is loose after the exchange on e4, but increasing pressure on Black's position. 21...Bc5 22.Bxc5 Nxc5 23.Bb5 23.Bb1, aiming at the pawn push f5, is a serious alternative. The B ends up a weakness on b5. 23...Qd6 24.Qg4 A strong move, defending f4 and threatening 25.f5. 24...Rf5 Something had to be done about the threat of 25.f5. 25.b4! Now White gets the initiative. 25...Ne4 26.Rc6 Qf8 Asorrysquare for the Q, but forced: White threatened an R sac on g6. 27.Rc7? White falters. 27.Rf3 (Daniluk); 27. Bd3 (Watson); 27.Rxg6+? appears to be insufficient. 27...Qxb4 28.Qh4 The move White relied on, but not quite sufficient. 28...Nf6! 29.Rxh7 Qc5+! 30.Rf2 Forced: 30.Kh1 Qxb5 and mate is hanging. 30...Nxb7 31.Qxd8+ Rf8 32.Qd7 Rxf4 33.Qe6+ Kg7 34.Qd7+ Kh8 35.Qe8+ Rf8 36.Qe5+ Rf6 37.Qe8+ Nf8 38.Qe2 Ne6 39.Bd3 Kg7 40.Kf1 Qc1+ 41.Qe1 Qxe1+? 41...Rxf2+! and White ends up a tempo down on the game and is far less active. 42.Kxe1 Rxf2 43.Kxf2 Kf6 44.Ke3 g5 45.g3 Ke5 Time control: White 1:09, Black 1:59. 46.h4! It is essential to White's defence that he establish as soon as possible an outside passed pawn to tie down the Black K. 46...gxh4 47.gxh4 d4+ 48.Kf3 Nf4 49.Bc2 b5 50.Bb3 a5 51.Bf7 Nd3 52.h5 Nc5 53.Ke2 Kf6 54.Be8 b4 55.Kd2 The adjourned position. 55...Kg5! The sealed move, and best. 56.Kc2 a4 57.Bxa4! Forced, but now Black liquidates White's prize h-pawn. 57...Kxh5 58.Bb5 Kg5 59.Bc4 Kf4 60.Bf1? 60.Kd2 Ke4 and Black breaks through much as he does eventually in the game, and with the same result. 60...Ke5 If 60...Ke3, White shuffles the B on the f1-a6 diagonal until Black advances the pawn to d3, sacs the B, then plays a3 and draws.

61.Bc4 Kd6 62.Kd2 Kc6 63.Bf7 Kb5 64.Be8+ Kc4 65.Bf7+ Kb5 66.Be8+ Ka5 67.Kc2 Kb6 68.Kd2 Ne6 69.Kd3 Kc5 70.Bf7 Nf4+ 71.Ke4 Nh3 72.Kd3 Nf2+ 73.Ke2 Ng4 74.Be6 Ne5 75.Kd2 Kb5 76.Bb3 Nd7 77.Be1? The c4 square is 100 times more important than the a4 square!; 77.Bg8! and eventually Black will realize that the only sure way to make progress is to bring his K around to e4 and push d3 supported by the Nc5. 77...Nc5 78.Bc2? Now the roof caves in on White very quickly!; 78.Bh5 and Black must still hit upon the right strategy. 78...Kc4! 79.Bg6 Too late. 79...d3 80.Bf7+ Kd4 81.Bh5 Ne4+ 82.Kc1 Kc3 (0-1).

1996 Edmonton Closed

Nigel Fullbrook and **Yuri Vasylev** scored 5.5/7 to tie for first in this 8-player round robin directed by Cor Dewindt. Arniel Frialde and Sasa Grumic followed with 4.5/7. (This strong tournament had an average rating of 2173, and an even higher median rating of 2204.)

M. Jorgensen - N. Fullbrook (rd 2)

1.e4 d6 2.c4 c5 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.d3 e6 7.Nge2 Nge7 8.O-O O-O 9.Rb1 b6 10.a3 Bb7 11.b4 Nd4 12.Bf4 Qd7 13.Qd2 f5 14.Bh6 Nec6 15.Bxg7 Qxg7 16.f4 Rad8 17.Rfe1 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe2+ 19.Qxe2 Nd4 20.Qd2 d5 21.cxd5 exd5 22.Nc3 c4? 23.Re5 Qf7 24.Rae1 Rd7 25.Qf2 Nf5 26.Nb5 cxd3 27.Nd4 Ng7 28.Qe3 Be8 29.Qxd3 Rdd8 30.Nc6 Rde8 31.Bxd5 Be6 32.Bxe6(?) Rxe6 33.Rxe6 Nxe6 34.Qd5 Ng7 35.Qxf7+ Kxf7 36.Re7+ Kf6 37.Rxa7 Ne6 38.Ne5 Kf5 39.Rf7+ Rxf7 40.Nxf7 Nd4 41.Kf2? b5 42.h3 h5 43.Ke3 Nc2+ 44.Kd3 Nxa3 45.Ne5 g5 46.Nc6 gxf4 47.Nd4+ Ke5 48.Nf3+ Kf5 49.Nh5+ Kg5 50.Nf3+ (draw, notes: NF)

A. Frialde - N. Fullbrook (rd 4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 c5 3.Bxf6 gxf6 4.d5 f5 5.g3 Bg7 6.c3 b5 7.Bh3(?) e6 8.e4 fxe4 9.dxe6 dxe6 10.Qg4 O-O 11.Qxe4 Qd5 12.Qxd5 exd5 13.Bxc8 Rxc8 14.Ne2 Re8 15.Kd2 Nc6 16.Na3 b4 17.Nb5(?) Rab8 18.Nc7 bxc3+ 19.Nxc3 Rxb2+ 20.Kc1 Bxc3 21.Nxe8 Nb4 22.Rd1 c4 23.Nc7 Nd3+ 24.Rxd3 cxd3 25.Nxd5 Rc2+ 26.Kb1 Bxa1 (0-1; notes: NF)

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Deadline for articles for next issue

Since there will be a new Editor for future issues of the *ACR*, I can't be sure of the deadline for articles for the next *ACR*...

Reminder to Tournament Directors

The CFC requires a rating report to be submitted within 7 days after an event—you owe it to your participants to send in rating and membership reports ASAP. Also send a written report to the *ACR* (please support your Alberta newsletter!)—prize list, crosstable, and/or game(s) an asset.

Clubs

Please ensure that your listing is **correct**. Also, **your members** likely appreciate reports in the *ACR* on **your activities**.

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When you pay for a CFC/ACA membership, be sure to get a dated receipt signed by the person who collected your money. Retain the receipt until your new CFC card arrives.

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- you may wish to call before attending

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Meets: Sandman Inn (Blackgold Room), 7th Ave & 8th St SW, Tues. 7:00-11:00.

Info: Barney Fegyvermeki (243-6351; mail: c/o 1724-49 Ave SW, Calgary T2T 2T9).

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Meets: Words Books and Cappuccino Bar 1715-17 Ave SW; during business hours.

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Meets: Prince of Wales Armoury, Suite 114A, 10440-108 Ave T5H 3Z9 (enter via south door on east side). Open 7:00-11:00 p.m. on:

Monday—casual chess tournaments; no membership required; relaxed noise controls.

Thursday—CFC-rated tournaments; CFC membership required; strict noise controls.

Info: 424-0283 (club phone); Kurt Lauterwald (434-7536); Mail: c/o Peter Alderton, #7, 14717-34 St, Edmonton T5Y 2L3.

GRANDE PRAIRIE CC

Meets: Royal Canadian Legion, 9912-101 Ave, Tues., 7:00 p.m. (Sept. 1 - Apr. 30).

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

MEDICINE HAT CC

Info: Bill Taylor (526-5484).

NORTHERN COMMUNITIES CC

Info: Bernie Tynan (771-3757).

PEACE RIVER CC

Meets: Peace Valley Inn (Rose Room), 9609-101 St. Saturdays, 9:00-4:00; dates: Mar 30 (Spring Active; open tourn.), Apr 27, May 25, Jun 22.

Info: Todd Seitz (624-3256; mail: Bag 1200, Peace River T8S 1V1).

RED DEER JR./SR. CC NEW INFO!

Meets: Red Deer Public Library basement. Sundays, 1:30-5:00.

Info: Neil Sharp (346-0420; 1512, 4902-37 St, Red Deer T4N 6M9).

RIMBEY CC

Info: Cameron McLean (843-3736).

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Meets: SUB (basement), approx. 11:00-4:00 weekdays, September-April.

Info: David Bullas (440-3966; mail: Box 92, SUB, U of A, Edmonton T6G 2J7).

Top-Rated Albertans

(as of 11 March 1996)

Greg Huber	2357
John Ferrar	2301
Yuri Vasylev	2297
Nigel Fullbrook	2274
Amiel Frialde	2270
Sasha Grumic	2267
Dale Haessel	2241
Neil Sharp	2203
Jim Daniluk	2160
Paul Usselman	2155
Nandor Tot	2145
Ante Zaradic	2143
Adam Wu	2139
Farzan Nazarian	2124
Arthur Odachowski	2123
Hafiz Karmali	2111
Brad Willis	2110
John Parrott	2098
Leo Danglapien	2093
James Flemming	2054
Arthur Milne	2053
Paul Thibodeau	2051
Barney Fegyvermeki	2020
Chris Kuczaj	2020
Yngvi Bjornsson	2017
John Shepherd	2008
Danny Federkevic	2007
Ford Wong	2004
Lev Gorelik	2248/10*
Victor Maric	2191/5*
Michael Jorgensen	2151/15*
Eugene Gibney	2081/6*
Tedge Davies	2057/12*

provisional rating/games played (min. 5) = *

The list includes current or recent (membership expired in about the past year) Alberta ACA 'members' only. Those not known (by the membership director) to have played in a regular-rated Alberta tournament in about the past year are: R. Hawkes 2362; B. Brebrich 2225; S. Purewal 2215; T. Wilson 2177; G. Campbell 2160; C. Demers 2154; M. Rabljenovic 2145; Z. Baunok 2126; W. Lahrkamp 2056.

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Next ACA Casino

by Ford Wong

In June 1996 the Alberta Government will increase the number of casinos which can be open. In Edmonton this means that, instead of 3, there will be 7 open at any given time. This allows organizations which have been waiting to host a casino to be moved up. The ACA's next casino is now scheduled for Jan-Mar 97 instead of Jul-Aug 97. Although the wait time between casinos will decrease, the impact additional casinos may have upon the amount of funds raised is unclear. I'd guess revenues may go down, but this may be offset by video lottery revenues which will go to the organizations hosting the casinos.

Regardless of whether casino revenues go up or down, this is the ACA's only major source of fundraising. Funds raised at ACA casinos help us to carry out many programs. The ACA counts on its members to provide the help needed for the casino. Volunteer signup forms will be posted at the Edmonton and Calgary Chess Clubs. Please sign up if you can. For those ACA members who were unable to help out at the last casino, now's your chance. The volunteer work at a casino is easy—just ask someone who has done it. For those members who have helped, your assistance would be appreciated once again.

Letter to the Editor

from John Macnab (Edmonton)

A tournament report in the ACR is hardly the appropriate forum for unsubstantiated attacks on the character and credibility of participants. I am referring to Jeff Cummer's accusations in the "Two Weekends Before Xmas Open" in the January ACR. He alleged that two players agreed to a draw before the game began, a clear violation of CFC rules. The editor disagrees with the statement only slightly by suggesting he heard a few moves were played before the draw was agreed.

If the players committed a breach of tournament rules, they should've been reprimanded in person at the site. If the TD became aware of allegations after the fact, he should've discussed the matter in private with the players involved. Clearly there is some dispute as to what actually happened; nothing is gained by public mudslinging without letting the accused parties defend themselves.

I claim no special knowledge as to what actually occurred. But the accused certainly deserve better treatment than Mr. Cummer and the ACR gave them.

(That portion of the report had value in its discussion of such situations, but admittedly it would have served the same purpose if the names of those involved had been omitted—I apologize if it offended anyone. - ed)

Report from John Quiring, ACA Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of 31 Dec 95

Assets	
Cash	8,675.29
Investment Certificates	34,000.00
Accounts Receivable	0.00
Total	42,675.29
Liabilities and Unspent Revenue	
Accounts Payable	500.00
Unspent Revenue	42,175.29
Total	42,675.29

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements as of year ended 31 Dec 95

Revenues	
Fundraising	16,157.40
Memberships	751.50
Interest	898.27
Tournament Equipment	3,504.81
Donations	45.50
Tournaments	6,976.67
ASPRW Funding	7,125.00
RPW Projects	3,420.00
Total	38,879.15
Expenses	
General Administration	1,421.68
Board Meetings	458.36
Alberta Chess Report	1,614.65
Club Support	2,389.45
National Championships	1,036.52
Tournament Equipment Cost	4,037.77
Tournaments	9,837.23
RPW Projects	4,526.00
Total	25,321.66
Net Income (loss)	13,557.49
Unexpended Revenue	
Beginning of year	28,617.80
Plus Net Income (loss)	13,557.49
Unexpended Revenue	
End of year	42,175.29

1996 Edmonton Reserves

Held concurrently with the Edmonton Closed, the winner was **Chris Dartana** (6/7; 2 draws). Brady Ficko was second at 5.5/7, top-rated Yngvi Bjornsson 5/7, and Alex Kuti 4.5/7.

Y. Bjornsson - E. Schocat

annotated by Bjornsson

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.d3 e6 6.Be3 6.f4 is more common, but White adopts an aggressive plan. The idea is to keep the c1-h6 diagonal open and aim for an early K-side attack. 6...d6 7.Qd2 Nge7 8.Bh6 O-O?? Not new, but probably not correct. Black will have difficulties defending his king position. The books recommend Bxh6. 9.h4 Nd4 10.O-O-O a5? Loses a vital tempo. There's no time to counterattack on the Q-side; he should be concerned about his king's safety. 11.h5 f6 12.hxg6 hxg6 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Qh6+ Kf7 White has a winning advantage. 15.Nge2 Nxe2+ 16.Nxe2 Bd7? It's understandable Black wants to activate his

Top Ten Things which Irritate a Tournament Director

(with particular reference to 'weekenders')

10. Players who can't seem to understand that the published registration time is the period during which they should appear.
9. Messy people who leave cups, wrappers, cigarette paraphernalia, discarded scoresheets, etc. all over the place.
8. Illegible/hard-to-decipher scoresheets.
7. Questions such as "What is the time control?" or "When is the next round?" when such info has been announced and is posted in the playing room.
6. Players who don't mark up the result of their game right away, but have to be chased down by the TD.
5. Those with inflated egos, who readily assume that they are the wronged person, no matter what may have happened, or how their behavior may have contributed to a particular problem, or how often they seem to be involved in unpleasant (to them and others) situations—such people should have a good, long look in a mirror.
4. Get there before everyone else, lugging tournament supplies; leave after everyone has gone (long days, often with no time for anything but 'junk food').
3. Players (and spectators/chess 'groupies') who don't seem to care that there are tournament games in progress (i.e. they are noisy, analyze a game or play skittles near a tournament game, rather than in the designated area, etc., etc.).
2. Dropouts (just quit without notice).
1. Having to give someone a bye.

pieces, but this blocks the only escape square of the king. However, Black's position was already very difficult. 17.Qh7+ Ke8 18.Nf4 Rg8 19.Rh6 Kf8 20.Nxg6+ Nxg6 21.Rxg6 Rxg6 22.Qxg6 Qc7 White has gained a pawn. 23.d4 Bc6 24.dxc5 dxc5 25.Rh1 Qg7 26.Qh5 b6 27.Qh8+ Qxh8? Black should avoid exchanges; he'll probably have better chances that way. 28.Rxh8+ Kg7 29.Rxa8 Bxa8 30.Kd2 f5 31.Ke3 e5 32.Bf3 Kf6 33.exf5 Bxf3 34.Kxf3 Kxf5 35.c4 e4+ 36.Ke3 a4 37.a3 (1-0) 37...Ke5 38.g4 loses the e-pawn.

B. Ficko - V. Verlik

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.Bc4 Bg4 7.f3 Bd7 8.Bg5 a6 9.Qd2 Nc6 10.O-O-O Ne5 11.Bb3 b5 12.Nf5 Bxf5 13.exf5 Ned7 14.Rhe1 O-O 15.g4 Nc5 16.Bh4 Nxb3+ 17.cxb3 Nd5 18.Bxe7 Nxe7 19.Ne4 Nc6 20.f6! Ne5 21.Qg5 Ng6 22.h4 Re8 23.h5 h6 24.Qd2 Ne5 25.fxg7 Kxg7 26.g5 Nxf3 27.gxh6+ Kh7 28.Qg2 Kxh6 29.Qxf3 and White went on to win. (1-0)

1995 Calgary CC Championship
by Ken Bourassa, TD

Twenty-two players appeared and disappeared throughout the Club Championship; what can be expected when it started on Halloween night? It seems only fitting that the four new horsemen (unrated members) tore up the boards with upset after upset. In round 4, after John Parrott withdrew, two unrated players (Laurenz Baars and Les Birta) played on first board above Milne and Nazarian. Three out of four players were unrated on the top two boards in round 5, a real surprise to all. With the possibility of an unrated taking first place, Farzan Nazarian showed us why he is one of the best. Slowly accumulating points, he emerged with 5.5/7 to tie for first. He shared this seat with none other than **Jordan Davies**, who has finally claimed a well-deserved victory. It is noteworthy that his performance was 2150, proving that he's a force to be reckoned with. I have a feeling that we're going to see a whole lot more of his name around, and not just in the juniors' notes. Dave Gomboc followed with 5/7 (thanks, Dave, for the Net info).

Nick Podolchak took 1st in the 'under 1800' with 5/7. Laurenz Baars lost the 7th game against Davies (a playoff, both having 4.5 points—the winner to go on to tie Nazarian for first), to take 2nd in the 'under 1800' (you had everyone scared!). Don MacFarlane and John Rajchel tied for 1st 'under 1500'.

D. Gomboc - A. Milne

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Nf3? Bxc3? 4.bxc3 Nc6 5.g3 d6 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.Ng5?! O-O 8.d4 h6 9.Ne4 Nxe4 10.Bxe4 Bh3 11.Qd3!? Qd7 12.f3 Kh8?! 12...f5 13.g4 h5?! 13...f5.

A Moving Movie...
by Farzan Nazarian

I was invited to supper by a good friend a few nights ago. He had insisted in the past on renting the movie 'Searching for Bobby Fischer'. I thought that this could be a good opportunity to kill two birds with one stone.

It was almost a two hour movie in which I silently and motionlessly cried for more than half of the movie. Why?...perhaps because of the passion that I have had for chess all my life, and I was sort of "reliving" the movie in my mind...and maybe for the high morals that were offered by the story.

At one stage, Jashuwa's (movie's young hero) coach tries to teach him something like: "If you want to be a Bobby Fischer, you have to hate your opponents; you have to treat them as they are unworthy to be present in the same room with you; you have to beat them in your mind before you do it on the board."

14.Bf5! Qe7 15.Be3 g6 16.Rg1!!! gxf5 17.Qxf5 Rae8?? 17...h4! & 17...exd4!? are better. 18.Qxh5+ Kg8 19.Rg3 Qf6?! 19...Bg2 was a stronger defence. 20.Rxh3 (1-0)

J. Davies - W. Watson

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.d4 Nf6 5.O-O Bg4 6.c4? e6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.e3? Pins his N/f3 and d4 is weak after the pawn exchange. 8...cxd4 9.exd4 O-O 10.Nc3 Qa4 unpins his knight, with the possibility of Ne5. 10...dxc4 11.Qa4 Qb6 12.Qxc4 Offers Black a draw. 12...Rfd8 13.Be3 Rac8 14.d5 Walter later said that he had completely overlooked this move. 14...Qxb2 15.Rab1 Qa3 16.Bc1 White again offers Black a draw. 16...exd5 17.Nxd5 Ne5?? 18.Nxe5 Qd6 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Qxf7+ Kh8 21.Nxg4 Rd7 22.Qb3 (1-0).

L. Baars - A. Milne
annotated by Milne

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 3...e6 4.Nc3 or 4.Bg5—the Vienna Variation. 4.Nc3 e6 The Semi-Slav. 5.Bg5 dxc4 Botvinnik's Variation. 6.e3 More common is 6.e4, but this is a known move. 6...b5 7.a4 Bb4 8.Qc2!? Book is 8.Nd2. 8...Nbd7?! 8...a6. 9.Be2 Qb6?! 9...a6. 10.O-O Bb7 11.b3 A stock move in this sort of position, but putting a finger on Black's soft underbelly-b5. 11...cxb3 12.Qxb3 Bxc3 Forced. 13.Qxc3 Ne4 14.Qc2 Nxg5 15.Nxg5 Nf6 16.Rfc1 A good move, but 16.a5! is already practically winning. 16...h6 17.Nf3 a6 9 moves overdue! 18.Ne5 Rc8 19.Bf3 Nd5 Forced. 20.Qb3 Ke7 20...O-O? 21.Nd7 +-. 21.Rc5 Rhd8 22.a5 Qa7 23.Rac1 Qa8 Worst supporting role—Black's Q. 24.Nd3 Rc7 25.Qa3 Ke8 26.h3 Rdc8 27.Bxd5 exd5 28.R5c2 Rd8 29.Nc5 Bc8 30.Qd3 Rd6!? 31.Qh7!? Rg6 32.Kf1

Ke7 33.Re1! Be6 34.e4 Rc8 Aiming to trap White's Q, but this proves overly optimistic. 35.exd5 Rh8 35...cxd5 36.Nxe6 Rxe6 maybe better for Black. 36.Qxg6 fxe6 37.Rxe6+ Kf7 38.dxc6 Rd8 39.Rce2 Qa7 40.Nd7! 40.Qxd4 40...Rxd7! and Black still has fighting chances. 41.Re7+ Black is busted. 41...Kg8 42.c7 Rc8 43.Re8+ Kh7 Hoping for 44.Rxc8 Qxd7, when Black is still busted, but lives. 44.Nf8+ (1-0).

A. Milne - F. Nazarian
annotated by Nazarian

1.c4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 d6 4.Nc3 e5 5.e4 Ne7 6.Nge2 Nbc6 7.d3 O-O 8.O-O f5 9.Be3 Nd4 10.Bxd4? White shouldn't exchange his dark-square bishop. The reason will be clear the next move: 10...exd4 11.Nb5 c5 Now the N is clearly misplaced. 12.Rb1 fxe4 13.dxe4?! As I pointed out to Arthur, I prefer Bxe4. 13...Nc6 14.f4 a6 15.Na3 Nb4 16.Nc1 Be6 17.Qe2 Qd7 18.Nc2 Nc6 19.b3 Rae8 20.Nd3 Bg4 21.Qd2 Bh6 22.Nf2 Be6 23.Ne1 b5 24.cxb5 axb5 25.Nf3 Ne5 26.Rfd1 Bg4 27.Qe2 Nxf3+ 28.Bxf3 Bxf3 29.Qxf3 Bg7 30.Rbc1 Rc8 31.Qe2 Qb7 32.Rc2 Rc7 33.Rdc1 Rfc8 34.Qg4!? Kf8?? A clear blunder. I should've stopped him from getting into e6 by playing Kf7. Now White gets the initiative. 35.Qe6 Qb6 36.e5 Rc6 37.exd6 Re8 38.Qd5 Rxd6 39.Qxc5 Qxc5 40.Rxc5 d3 41.Rc8 d2 42.Rxe8+ Kxe8 43.Rd1 b4 44.Ne4 Re6 45.Nxd2 Re2 46.Nc4 Rxa2 47.Rd2 Rxd2? Another bad move. I think better was 47...Ra1+ 48.Kg2 Rb1 49.Rd3 Bc3 50.Na5 Ra1 and Ra3. 48.Nxd2 Kd7 49.Kf2 Kc6 50.Ke3 Kd5 51.Kd3 h6 52.Nf3 Bf6 53.h3 Bb2 Here I offered a draw, which was declined and then accepted on move 78. Except for my blunder that gave White the initiative on move 34, Arthur defended very well. My hat is off to him for his good performances in recent tournaments. Well done Arthur! (draw)

February "Under 1800" Active
by Walter Watson, TD

February 17 saw the first rated tournament at the recently formed Calgary Under 1800 Club. **Glenn Booth, Jordan Davies** and **Steve Sauvé** tied for first with scores of 4-1. Jeff Huang and Norm Luyben came next with 3, followed by Mark Leong with 2.5. There were 12 entrants, of whom 4 had never played in a CFC-rated tournament.

Davies defeated Sauvé in the 4th round but his last round loss to Booth allowed the tie. Booth had earlier lost to Huang. Sauvé's win against Luyben, when they both entered the last round at 3-1, gave him a place at the top. Booth won a speed chess playoff among the leaders to collar an attractive trophy supplied by tournament organizer Tedge Davies.

1996 Northern Alberta Open
by Len Steele, TD

Arniel Frialde qualified for the Alberta Closed by capturing the NAO with 4.5/5, drawing fellow master Nigel Fullbrook in the last round. Chris Kuczaj, who recently returned to the 64 squares, was 2nd at 4/5. Fullbrook (who lost a long 3rd round battle with Beresinski), Daryl Bertrand and Ahmet Yamach followed at 3.5/5. The Under 1800 category ended in a 5-way tie at 3/5 between Jeff Cummer, Bruce Kiely, Kay Duchesne, Peter Alderton and George Heagle (who had 4 draws against higher-rateds). The Under 1600/Unrated cash was shared by Jay Brown, Curt Crosswhite and Adrien Regimbald.

C. Crosswhite - B. Kiely (rd 1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d3 Be7 4.Be3 Nf6 5.Nc3 O-O 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.O-O c6 8.d4 Qc7 9.d5 cxd5 10.Nxd5 Nxd5 11.exd5 f5 12.Bg5 Nc5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Nd2 Bd7 15.c4 Rf6 16.h3 Rg6 17.g3 f4 18.Bh5 Rh6 19.Bg4 f3 20.f3 Qg5 21.Nf3 Qe3+ 22.Rf2 Bxg4 23.hxg4 Ne4 24.Qe2 Rh1+ 25.Kg2 Qxf2+ 26.Qxf2 Nxf2 27.Rxh1 Nxf1 28.Kxh1 h6 29.Nh4 Rf8 30.Nf5 Rxf5 31.gxf5 h5 32.Kg2 Kf7 33.Kf3 Kf6 34.g4 h4 35.c5 Ke7 36.c6 Kd8 37.cxb7 Kc7 38.g5 Kxb7 39.f6 gxf6 40.gxf6 e4+ 41.Kxe4 h3 42.Kf3 (1-0)

C. Kuczaj - J. Cummer (rd 2)

1.d4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.c4 O-O 6.O-O d6 7.Nc3 c6 8.d5 Na6 9.Nd4 c5 10.Ne6 Bxe6 11.dxe6 Qc8 12.e4 fxe4 13.Nxe4 Nc7 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 15.Bh6 Bg7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Qb3 Rb8 18.Rae1 b5 19.f4 bxc4 20.Qc3+ Kg8 21.f5 Nb5 22.Qxc4 Nd4 23.f6 Rxb2 24.fxe7 Rxe7+ 25.Kxg2 Qb7+ 26.Kg1 Qxe7 27.Rxf8+ Kxf8 28.Rf1+ Nf5 29.g4 Qg5 30.Qf4 (1-0)

P. Beresinski - N. Fullbrook (rd 3)

annotated by Fullbrook

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.e3 c5 5.Nbd2 O-O 6.c3 d6 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.h3 a6 9.a4 b6 10.O-O Bb7 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.d5 Ne5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.f4 Bg7 15.e4 e6 16.dxe6 fxe6 17.Qg4 Qe7 18.Rae1 Bh6 19.Nc4 b5 20.Nb6 c4 Offering the exchange for a passed d-pawn. 21.Bc2 Rae8 22.Re3 d5 23.Qg3 Qc5?? Kotov would call this "dizziness due to success"; 23...e5 is winning, e.g. 24.Nxd5 Bxd5 25.exd5 Bxf4 26.Rxf4 exf4 etc. 24.Nd7 Qa7 25.Nxf8 Rxf8 26.Kh1 e5 27.Ree1 Bxf4 28.Qh4 d4 29.Qe7 d3 30.Bd1 Qa8 31.Bg4 Bxe4?? I have reasonable chances if I play 31...Bc8. The text drops a piece. 32.Be6+ Kh8 33.Rxe4 Bh6 34.Rxf8+ Bxf8 35.Qf7 Bg7 36.Rh4 d2 37.Bg4 Qd8 38.Bd1 h5!? A desperate try in a bad situation. He should play 39.Qxg6 Qxh4 40.Qe8+ Bf8 (if 40...Kh7 41.Bc2+ +-) 41.Qxf8+ Kh7 42.Qf7+ Kh6

Calgary January Open
by Paul Usselman, TD

Art Milne's last round draw with Brad Willis gave him clear first with 4/5. Brad and Ford Wong (who got the 'brilliancy prize') were next at 3.5/5. Ken Bourassa won a class prize, and Gerard O'Reilly jr the Junior award.

B. Willis - A. Milne

annotated by Milne

1.e4 c5 2.g3!? There are six standard White replies to the Sicilian - 2.Nf3, 2.f4, 2.d3, 2.d4, 2.Nc3 and 2.c3. Brad chooses one of the non-standard replies and, as a result, we are cast out of the book at move 2. 2...d5 The only move which gives this move order independent significance from the Closed Sicilian. 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Bg2 Nc6? 5...Qe6+, followed by 6...Nc6, is the most accurate move order. 6.h3? Letting Black off the hook; 6.O-O! 6...Qe4? 5...Qe6+ is a tempo up on the game continuation. 7.Kf1 Bh5 8.d3 Qe6 9.Be3 c4!? Brad had not anticipated this move, but what else is there? 9...b6 loses instantly to 10.g4 followed by 11.Ne5! 10.d4 10.dxc4 Qxc4+ unscrambles Black's pieces with tempo. 10...Nf6 11.Nbd2 O-O-O 12.c3 Bg6 Aiming at the newly-weakened d3 square. 13.Ng5!? From here on the game assumes a forcing character. 13...Qf5 14.Qa4 What about 14.Nxc4—not 14...Qd3+?, because of 15.Qe2! Best appears to be 14...e5! 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Qa4 Nd5! 17.Qxc6+ Kb8 18.h4 h6 19.Nh3 Qe4!, when Black appears to be gaining the upper hand. The c4 pawn now appears doomed,

43.Qe6+ Kh7 44.Bc2+ Kg7 45.Qxe5+ Kf8 46.Qd6+ Kg7 47.Qxd2 +- 39.Re4? Qd3 40.Qf3 Qb1 Now I am probably drawing due to another passed Q-side pawn. 41.axb5 axb5 42.b4 cxb3 e.p. 43.Qe2 Qc1 44.Rxe5 Bxe5?? Another melon. 44...b2 45.Rxh5+ draws by perpetual, or 45.Rxb5 b1(Q) 46.Rxb1 Qxb1 47.Qxd2 will draw. 45.Qxe5+ Kh7 46.Qe7+ Kh6 47.Qf8+ Kh7 If 47...Kg5 h4+ +- 48.Qf7+ Kh6 49.Qxb3 (+-?) 49...Kg7 50.g4 hxg4 51.hxg4 Qa1 52.Kg2 Qa8+ 53.Kf2 Qe8 I should probably try 53...Qe4 54.Be2 Qa4 55.Qd1 Qf4+ 56.Bf3 b4, with drawing chances. Now everything falls. 54.Be2 Qe4 Due to problems with some moves, I left out the rest. Nigel resigned on move 74; his final comment: I feel like my brain took a vacation once every 10 moves. (1-0)

C. Kuczaj - K. Duchesne (rd 4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.cxd4 exd4 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3 O-O 8.Nge2 Nbd7 9.Ng3 Ne8? 10.h4 Bxg5 11.Bxh7+ Kh8 12.hxg5 Qxg5 13.Rh5 Qf6 14.Bg6+ (1-0) and next is 14...Kg8 15.Rh8+ Kxh8 16.Qh5+

A. Milne - G. Huber

'95 S. Alta Open; annotated by Art Milne
1. c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 Inviting a QGD. 3.e3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.b3 Nc6 6.Bb2 Nf6 7.Be2 Bd6 7...d4!? 8.d4?! 8.O-O 8...cxd4 9.Nxd4 Be6?! 9...Bb4+ is uncomfortable for White. 10.O-O Rc8 11.Nd2 Bb8 To pressure along the diagonal b8-h2. 12.N2f3 O-O 13.Rc1 Bg4 14.Qd3 Odd-looking, but the Q has nowhere else to go that doesn't lose a tempo (d2) or material (c2). 14...Re8 15.Qb5 Qd6 16.g3 Qd7! 17.Nxc6!? 17.Rfe1. White was nervous about variations on Nxd4, etc. 17...bxc6 18.Qa4 Ne4 19.Nd4 Bxe2 20.Nxe2 Nd2 21.Rfd1 Re4 22.Qa5? 22.Qa6!, the reason for which see move 23 below. 22...Nf3+ 23.Kg2 Nh4+? Throws away any advantage; 23...Ng5 (Huber) 24.Ng1, and with the Q/a6, White is threatening 25.Rxd5; or, again with the Q/a6, more actively 24.Rxd5 Qh3+ 25.Kh1 Nf3 26.Rh5! 24.gxh4 Rxh4 25.Ng3 Qh3+ 26.Kf3 Qg4+ 27.Kg2 Qh3+ 28.Kf3 Bxg3 29.hxg3 Qg4+ 30.Kg2 Qh3+ 31.Kf3 Qg4+ 32.Kg2 Qh3+ (draw)

but... 14...Nd5! Now Black's threat is to exchange the B on e3 with check and win the Ng5. 15.Re1!? Resulting in a peculiar distribution of forces. 15...Nxe3+ 16.Rxe3 Qxg5 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Qxc6+ Kb8 19.Re5 The crowning move of White's attack; unfortunately: 19...Qxe5! and Brad overlooked that the Nd2 also hangs: White is down in material. 20.dxe5 Rxd2 21.Qb5+ Kc7 22.Qxc4+ Kb7 23.Qb5+ Kc7 24.Qa5+ Kb7 25.Qb5+ (draw)

Stalemate in 12 moves!

The following, found in the Internet newsgroup rec.games.chess.analysis, is said to be from the book "Sam Lloyd and His Chess Problems":

1.d4 d6 2.Qd2 e5 3.a4 e4 4.Qf4 f5 5.h3 Be7 6.Qh2 Be6 7.Ra3 c5 8.Rg3 Qa5+ 9.Nd2 Bh4 10.f3 Bb3 11.d5 e3 12.c4 f4? stalemate! (If 12...Ba4, Black will mate White in 3 more moves).

N. Fullbrook - A. Frialde (rd 5)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.f4 c6 4.c4 d5 5.e5 h5 6.Nc3 Nh6 7.Be3 Ng4 8.Qd2 Na6 9.Rc1 Nc7 10.Nf3 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Be6 12.Bxe6 Nxe6 13.O-O Bh6 14.g3 h4 15.d5 cxd5 16.Nxd5 hxg3 17.hxg3 Nxe3 18.Nxe3 Qb6 19.Kg2 Bxf4 20.gxf4 Nxf4+ 21.Kg3 Rd8 22.Qxd8+ Qxd8 23.Kxf4 f6 24.Rfd1 Qb8 25.Nd5 fxe5+ 26.Kg5 e4 27.Nc7+ Kf8 28.Ne5 Rh5+ 29.Kf4 Kg7 30.Rd8 Qxd8 31.Ne6+ Kf6 32.Nxd8 Rxe5 33.b3 e3 34.Kf3 e2 35.Kf2 e1(Q)+ 36.Rxe1 (draw)



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1995-96 Canadian Jr Championship

— A "True" History

by Adam Wu (AW) & Doug Wu (DW)

December, 1995: When? Where? What?!

AW: When we received letters of notification for this tournament from the CFC, two contacts were listed—Brian Profit and Brad Thomson. However, as time passed, their information began to diverge in alarming patterns. This caused much confusion, as we had a great deal of difficulty reaching Brian Profit. Only one thing was certain—it would be in Windsor, somewhere, sometime. A change in dates forced us to change our plane tickets. Weeks passed, and we received no info on such vital aspects as billets, other players, playing site and round times.

December 22: Information at Last!

AW: (dialogue modified to be suitable for public consumption.) —Wu's dining room; dinner about to be served—"This is ridiculous! The tournament's 4 days away and we haven't received a peep! What kind of organization is this?! What's going on with this Profit character? Does he ever answer his messages? Does he know how to answer them? Does he have a phone? Does he exist?"—phone rings—(background music is piano rendition of Handel's Messiah)—"Hello? Speaking. Who's this? Brian! Why, (heh, heh) hello, we were just talking about you..."

December 26: Omens and Other Signs

AW: In the wee hours of dawn, we set out for Windsor, and made the early flight by two minutes. Our luggage, as we would later find out, didn't. (Later, on the airplane—this is verbatim as close as I can remember it, though names have been withheld to protect the innocent.) "Hello. This is your captain speaking. We have a message for the lady in seat 22a. The guy next to you would like to ask if you'd marry him." As engagements go, this wasn't unique, as the airline hostess told us, but still, cruising altitude is a strange place to pop the question. We were met at the tiny airport in Windsor by an old friend, Lewis Harkes, along with Brian Profit. Our luggage, having missed the flight, would not come in until some four hours later. Our billet was Terry Coulombe, who rents out rooms of his house, one of them to a man I first mistook for being Terry's father. So which omen, good (proposal) or bad (luggage) would more accurately reflect my tournament? The next week would provide the answer...

December 27-28: Playtime! (Drumroll...)

Round 1:

AW: The playing site was the Windsor YMCA. In the morning, Doug and I cased out the downtown shopping and found a nice Chinese restaurant to eat lunch. That afternoon, I was paired against Eugene Cormos (ne me question pas!) from Quebec, ridiculously underranked at 2077. All of a sudden Eugene launched a steamroller attack. I constructed a fortress and generated enough counterplay to convince him to offer a draw.

DW: My first Canadian Junior game was against Peter Marshall of Ontario. We played a Sarnisch KID, whereupon I proceeded to throw the game in a series of opening blunders. Miraculously, I managed to get fairly strong middle game counterplay, which I converted into a win.

Round 2:

AW: Paired against Lewis Harkes, I quickly mishandled the opening (the start of a trend). Instead of just crushing me with sensible moves, Lewis goes bananas and sacs his Q. He gets his material back with interest, but my counterplay is +/- . That being the case, I promptly go and drop a pawn. Wild tactics lead ultimately to a time scramble which ended in perpetual check.

DW: I was paired against Felix Leriche of Quebec, after winning a piece (?—probably sacrificed), I was forced to defend a massive attack. Somewhere along the road, unfortunately, I blundered my rook. Things went rapidly downhill from there.

Round 3:

AW: Next up (background music: theme from JAWS), the dreaded THIRD ROUND CURSE! In every junior and cadet I've played in, except for the first, I've had my psyche destroyed for the next four rounds by an atrocious round 3. And get this—I've had black in ALL those games. This time, I swore it'd be different. So who am I playing? Black against Eddie Teodoro? His rating is 2400, you say? He can beat Lawrence Day at will, you say? You're not kidding, you say? Oh. With two consecutive draws I started the round with speculation stirring that I was to be crowned the new Rock. I promptly misplayed my fifth move (this is what you get when you take your opening preparation from postal games!). The denouement came with Eddie switching his heavy pieces to gun at my unoffending king. Eddie claimed afterwards that I had a draw. Several post mortems later I still don't believe him.

DW: This round saw perhaps one of the best

crushes of the tournament. [*AW:* I would opine that Leriche - Henson was worse, but it's close!] I was up against Eugene Cormos of Quebec and my record with him is 0-3. Needless to say, this game was no different as I was destroyed in 30 moves.

December 29-30: Ye Olde Rat Race.

Round 4:

AW: A miracle! I actually come out of the opening better! My opponent is Andrew Peredun, who falls into an opening trap. Though he survives the opening, much to my dismay; later, in an unhealthily generous mood that would last for the duration of his tournament, Andrew simplifies my task by hanging a piece to a one move tactic.

DW: I played Igor Zugic of Ontario in round 4. After coming out of the opening, I found myself with a good position and excellent attacking chances. Unfortunately, after launching a massive attack, I missed the finishing mate in 3 and eventually lost. Oh well.

Round 5:

AW: My game was against lowest ranked Josh Henson of Manitoba. In GM style I successfully equalized with black out of the opening, dissolving all central tension, which isn't something smart to do against an opponent ranked 500 points below you! I managed to outplay my less experienced opponent in the subsequent ending and forced a win.

DW: This time I was paired with Lefong Hua of Québec. He played a Sicilian Dragon and I answered with a Yugoslav attack. Again, I got a strong middle game, but this time the ending was the story. I mistakenly liquidated everything and ended up with a rook against 4 pawns. [*AW:* After this loss (that was 4 connected passers) Lefong said that it was "stupid" for Doug to play the same line against him that I had last year (it was, indeed, EX-ACTLY the same line of the A. Wu - Hua game that was published in the *ACR* last year), to which I answer "perhaps, but not if you think that line's winning"...]

Round 6:

AW: I had white against fellow billetee Peter Marshall. My opponent's plan became pretty obvious rather early as he moved ALL his pieces to the king side. Meanwhile, suffering from a cold, I was having trouble focusing my thoughts at all and moved around aimlessly in my half of the board. Fortunately for me, Peter began seeing things and let me pin off an exchange, after which he resigned in disgust. So after 6 rounds I suddenly was in the midst of a 3-game winning streak and tied for

third, only a half point back of second (hometown favorite Meng Lou) and a full point back of first (Eddie, who else?).

DW: Against Lewis Harkes I again misplayed the opening and again managed to get good counterplay. Unfortunately, in the time scramble, I dropped a pawn, piece, then game.

December 31 - January 1: The Dispute

Round 7:

AW: I faced Meng Lou with black. Meng had played a lot of chess recently (World Cadet, etc.) and his waning stamina was beginning to erode his good start. Continuing my opening trends, I walked into a pet variation and thematically achieved the position of an ice cube in hell in a game score that went sort of like: 5...g6?? (+-) (various moves) 12.Bg8?? d5! (-+) (brief, aimless maneuvering) 14. ...draw offer??! (0.5-0.5). So now I'm 4th with 4.5/7, 0.5 back of 2nd and 3rd. In the race for first, Eddie was now a full point clear and about to leave us all choking in his dust. Incidentally, Doug left his gloves at the YMCA by mistake. I mention this now as it will soon feature in future adventures. . . .

DW: This round I played Eddie Teodoro IV, the top seed and eventual winner. Although I was crushed from beginning to end, the game took 53 moves until it finally finished. AW: About half way through our game, there was a sudden outburst outside the playing area from Felix Leriche (Jeune Souverainiste), of Québec. The sordid, pathetic details I will not digress, but soon Felix Leriche, Brian, Terry, and Lefong were all sunk into 20 minutes of caustic verbal exchange. This resulted in Felix losing 20 minutes off his clock against Peter Marshall (he declined Peter's sporting offer to stop the clocks), and in his ensuing time pressure, he fell into a 2 move mate. Terry left in a huff, and it would take several days before he was willing to have anything to do with the tournament, which left myself, Doug and Peter on our own, a factor which would also be significant in later adventures. Lefong was unfazed by his lost 20 minutes, though his opponent, Lewis Harkes, missed a crushing tactic.

Round 8:

AW: The YMCA was closed on New Years day, so we played at a different site, a rickety office building with a VERY strange heating system that had certain corridors sweltering and others a few steps away freezing. My opponent for the day, Lefong, warned me the day before: "play the 'moderne' (French accent) and I will crush you." I took him up on the dare, but the game transposed into a Benoni. With a material imbalance (I had two pawns for an exchange) I went for mist with a wild sacrifice. In one fantastic line I would have had two bishops and three connected

pawns (2 passed) against a pair of rooks, but all this just happened to exist in continuations that I did not play. Well, so much for second place. Sigh... Felix, now thoroughly depressed, essentially threw his game with a Grob Attack against Meng (who spent half an hour on his first move, thinking it was a trap), withdrew from the tournament, and took the bus home the next morning. He was due to play me, Igor and Eugene, putting the pressure squarely on poor Meng, as now all three of us were close enough to overtake him in the standings if he faltered.

DW: At last! My 2nd win. I played Andrew Peredun of Ontario [AW: poor Andrew, he couldn't buy a point all tournament] into a Samisch KID and after an excellent middle game I liquidated into a won ending.

January 2: Part One: Quest for Gloves

Round 9:

AW: In the morning news, the Windsor weatherman forecast a "dangerously chilly day". The early morning temperature was -11°C (sigh...). We're back at the YMCA, but in a different room, as the previous room was booked for something else. With the free round, I went to get Doug's gloves from the other room, only to find that the day before someone had come into the supposedly closed and locked YMCA building and pilfered them; of all the lowdown, despicable, dirty things to do to a little kid... but I digress. After Doug finished his game, we went to the BiWay we cased out on day 1 and bought a new pair. This round I'm paired with Doug. With 6 Ontarians, 3 Québécois and 2 Albertans, the rule prohibiting players from the same region from playing in the last three rounds could not be followed, and so was ignored. Naturally, it just turns out that EVERYBODY who came from a province with more than one rep had at least one game with a person from the same province in the last three rounds. With no provocation, I hung an exchange in the opening with NO counterplay to speak of. In a most spectacular miracle, I won.

DW: I played my brother and, after crushing him completely in the opening, I proceeded to sacrifice a piece to follow an illusory attack. It all ended in a double bishop vs rook ending which I lost. Next time...

January 2: Part Two: Lost in the Dark

Round 10:

AW: The game of the round was Harkes-Lou. Lewis was crushing Meng like so many green peas in a blender, and a loss would cost Meng second place on the strength of Eugene's free point. Outside the playing room, we hovered over the analysis board like so many vultures around a sick cow. Lewis, it would turn out, would play the ONLY losing line in existence

in that position. Oops. Terry, who doesn't own a vehicle, had not come near the YMCA since the dispute, so Peter, Doug and I had to walk back on our own. After supper at the restaurant next door, we set out for Terry's, and turned the wrong way... An hour later, in howling winds and freezing night air that made us really glad that we had bought that pair of gloves, the proprietor of a convenience store confirmed our worst suspicions—we had walked in the wrong direction and were currently a block or so away from Windsor city limits on the wrong side of town. Resolutely, we trudged back. Things took a turn for the surreal when a lost motorist stopped to ask us, of all people, directions! Things REALLY got surreal when Peter, sounding for all the world as if he lived in Windsor all his life, provided them! Back at Terry's, Peter checked the map while we defrosted and found that we had walked 14 km.

January 3: The Final Curtain

Round 11:

AW: My last round opponent, Igor Zugic, showed no interest in trying to win. After the dust settled, Igor got his draw and his lock on fourth, and I had to settle for a tie for fifth and sixth with Lefong (who claims to be fifth on tie-break—I couldn't care less). I finished with 7/11, my best result in a Junior by far, 0.5 points out of 4th, 1 point out of 3rd, 1.5 points out of 2nd, and way, way out of 1st.

DW: In the last round I played Canadian Cadet Champion Meng Lou, and after walking straight into his pet line [AW: one of many...], I was quickly crushed [AW: at least, though, he got onto the evening news, which had been covering home town favourite Meng Lou's second place clinching victory! I, on the other hand, would not get a mention anywhere, as we shall soon see...].

January 4: It Ain't Over Yet...

AW: (the following has been heavily censored for suitability in a family chess magazine) ZZZZZZZ... Zz Zz... we have to get up early today... Zzzzz... Let me check my watch, which I've prudently worn to bed... 4:20, Hmmm, we set the alarm for 4:45, I'll snooze for another 20 minutes... ZZZZZZ... (yawn)... Gee, that was a nice dream, what time is it... 7:05... Zz, that's nice, 7:05, ZZZZZZ... 7:05... What?! Oh my gawd!!! The alarm didn't go off! Terry! TERRY! Wake up! We've missed the plane!! Aaunghhhh! And one last incident to report. While waiting for our standby transfer flight to Edmonton at Pearson International, I picked up the Globe and Mail and found Jonathan Berry's chess article. The last paragraph summarized the recently completed Canadian Jr Championship, noting the winner, Eddie Teodoro IV with 10/11, followed by Meng

Lou, 8.5/11, Eugene Cormos, 8/11, Igor Zugic 7.5/11, and Lefong Hua, 7/11. Hey! I got 7/11 too! What's the meaning of this, Mr. Berry? Are the only chess players who count from Ontario, Quebec and B.C.? Well? Why, this is libel! This is defamation! I'll get my lawyers and sue the... ah well, such is life. Thanks to Brian Profit for organizing and directing and Terry Coulombe for putting up with two sick kids for a week. Thanks also to Rohab, Terry's tenant, a student from Kuwait, for cooking us wonderful suppers. A word on the organization: the tournament itself was fine, but its preparation left much to be desired. We western players have to travel a long way to play in these things and we need information EARLY. In general, I more often than not took out my chess brains only after 10 moves had been played, but played fairly well after that and scored high. With second place so close, the fifth/sixth finish was a little disappointing, but in all honesty, given my opening play, I could just as easily have finished last! This was karma balance year, I guess, as all the bad luck I endured last year was paid back in spades. It would have been nice to leave the Junior ranks with a bigger bang, but while we're still dreaming in Technicolor, it would be nice to be a GM too...

Douglas Wu - Andrew Peredun

annotated by Douglas Wu, Alta Jr Champ
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0
6.Be3 e5 Sämisch Orthodox. 7.Nge2 Nc6?!
*In my limited experience, this move has not
turned out to be that great. Perhaps 7...c6.*
8.d5 Ne7 9.Qd2 Nd7 10.0-0-0 f5 11.h4 Nb6

EJCC Jolly January Jingle *by Adam Wu*

The EJCC's first 1996 tournament, featured defending Alberta Junior Champ Doug Wu, Alberta Women's Champ Beatrice Wu, and perennial club winner Matt Wong duking it out for first. The race got interesting when

EJCC Frozen February Fantasy *by Adam Wu*

With the Canadian Chess Challenge regionals just a week away, a near record 22 players appeared to hone their chess skills for the big contest. That said, a notable number of the top players, particularly those already in university, chickened out and didn't come (maybe they made ice sculptures instead). **Cynthia Wu**, at 5/5, emerged the class of the field. Steven Ho scored an impressive 4/5 to take the second place certificate. Winning the under 1200/unrated prize for the second and likely last time was Eric Zhou, whose 4/5 probably means that once he gets his rating he won't again be ranked in the lower group.

12.Ng1 f4 13.Bf2 Bd7 14.Kb1 a5 15.h5 g5 *I had not even considered this move! After the initial shock, I saw that it wasn't that good a move because it traps the black bishop on g7.*
16.c5 *Black is cramped and his pieces are poorly placed.* 16...Na4 17.Nxa4 Bxa4
18.Rc1 *I anticipated the opening of the c-file and wanted to put immediate pressure on it.*
18...Bd7 19.Ne2 b6 20.cxd6 cxd6 21.Nc3
Finally getting the troublesome knight to a good square, I can now look at d5, b5, and d6.
21...Rf7 *Black lacks a plan and is only passively defending.* 22.Bb5 *Forcing the trade of my bad bishop for his good one, placing my knight on an active square at the same time.*
22...Nc8 23.Bc6 *Opening the d-file for my heavy pieces, the d5 square for the knight, and creating a passed pawn on the 6th rank.*
23...Bxc6 24.dxc6 Ne7 *In stopping Nd5, allows...* 25.Nb5 *Threats:* 26.Nxd6; 26.c7 Qc8 27.Nxd6; 26.Bxb6. 25...d5 26.exd5 Qxd5 *If*
26...Nxd5 27.c7 Qd7 28.c8(Q)+ Rxc8
29.Rxc8+ Qxc8 30.Qxd5. 27.Qxd5 Nxd5
28.c7 Rc8 *If* 28...Ne7, 29.Nd6 Rff8 30.Bxb6
Nc8 31.Nxc8 Rfx8 32.Rhd1 +- 29.Nd6
Rxc7 30.Nxf7 Rxf7 31.Rc6 Nb4 32.Rc8+
Bf8 33.Bxb6 g4 34.fgx4 *Simpler was* 34.Bc4, *liquidating everything.* 34...Kg7 35.Bxa5 Nd5
36.Bc3 Nxc3 37.Rxc3 Kf6 38.g3 Kg5
39.gxf4+ exf4 40.Rf3 Kxg4 41.Rhf1 Bd6
42.a3 Kxh5 43.Rg1 Kh4 44.Rg8 Re7 45.Rf1
Re3 46.Rh1+ Rh3 47.Rxh3+ Kxh3 48.Kc2
f3 49.Kd2 Bg3 50.Rf8 Kg2 51.a4 h5 52.Kc3
h4 53.Rxf3 h3 54.Rf7 h2 55.Rh7 h1(Q)
56.Rxh1 Kxh1 57.b4 Kg2 58.Ke4 Kh3 59.a5
Kg4 60.b5 Be1 61.a6 Bf2 62.Kd5 Kf5 63.Kc6
Ke6 64.b6 (1-0).

Beatrice lost unexpectedly to former school club nemesis Arthur Kan in the second round. Then Matt hung a piece to Doug in the critical game. In round 5 **Doug Wu** iced his second EJCC victory since being crowned 'king of the hill' with a solid draw against Beatrice. Also picking up a prize was Eric Zhou, who won the unrated prize with 3.5/5.

EJCC Marvellous March Madness *by Adam Wu*

March 2 witnessed one of the strongest EJCC tournaments in some time, featuring all three non-TD Wu's. Matt Wong was going to come, according to his e-mail (ahem...), but reneged at the last moment for other duties, much to the dismay of Beatrice Wu, who had agreed to play only because she thought Matt would be there. Eighteen players came to have a crack at the top three seeds, and crack they did, in one of the most hotly contested tournaments of the EJCC season. Defending Alberta Junior Champion Doug Wu was forced to give up three consecutive draws in the last 3 rounds, though his will-

Edmonton Junior Chess Club

Site Changed to: Edmonton City Hall, Heritage Room. Registration: 9:00-10:00 a.m. Entry fee \$4. Usually active chess (30 minutes per player). CFC/ACA memb. needed. Equipment is supplied.
Organizers: Adam Wu (462-0838); Mark Kirvan (939-5986)

Tournaments (Saturdays)

April 13 Mysterious May Malady
May 4 Awesome April Aspirations

Chess'n Math Calgary Tournaments

(for students from kindergarten - grade 12)

Next Date: Apr. 14

Location: Lord Nelson Inn, 1020-8 Ave SW
Entry: \$10 (\$7 if subscribe to Scholar's Mate, Canada's chess magazine for kids).
Registration: noon - 12:30 p.m.

- everything is over by 4 p.m.; players grouped in sections by scholastic rating; newcomers play by grade; medals for section winners; souvenir for each participant
- rated by Chess'n Math Association
- Information: Jim Daniluk 248-7456

Video Tapes

Available for Borrowing

Copies in Calgary and Edmonton. Free to ACA members to borrow on a 3-week basis.

For beginners:

- *Opening Principles*; and *Understanding Chess* (both by Bruce Pandolfini)
 - For 'advanced' players:
 - *How To Visualize Combinations*; and *Pawn Structures* (both by Danny Kopec)
 - *Middlegame Analysis*; and *Rook and Pawn Endgames*; and *Tactics in the Opening, Middlegame and Endgame* (all 3 by Edmar Mednis)
 - *Middlegame Planning*; and *How to Play Winning Attacks* (both by Patrick Wolff)
- Contact John Quiring (468-9173; Edmonton) or Jim Daniluk (248-7456; Calgary).

ingness to press for wins in some games could be questioned. Cynthia Wu lost to Steven Ho in round 2, and was held to a draw by Paul Kirvan in round 3, who also stomped 6th seed Arthur Kan. Beatrice Wu was held to a draw by Eric Zhou in round 4, who also drew 4th seed Bernie Kan, and the list goes on (and on, and on...must've been on Energizer). When the dust cleared and everyone was safely in a straight jacket, **Beatrice Wu** stood on top with 4/5. Next at 3.5/5 were Doug, Cynthia, Rishi Patel and Steven Ho, who were followed at 3/5 by Bernie Kan, Eric Zhou, Paul Kirvan, and Jonathan Chi, who took home the under 1200 prize with his impressive performance. That's 9 out of 18 players in the top three spots!

1996 Canadian Youth Chess Festival
by Larry Bevan
(organized & sponsored by the Chess'n
Math Association - Canada's National
Scholastic Chess Organization)

The 1996 Canadian Youth Chess Festival was staged in Montreal. Typical Canadian winter weather made travelling at the start a little crazy as the temperature dropped from 10°C to -12°C in the space of 8 hours. Add to that the fact that we had lots of rain which turned into snow. I'll let your imagination take care of the rest of this story. The last fellow to arrive was Garrett Chin of Saskatoon. He was scheduled to come in at midnight but his flight was delayed and finally arrived at 2 a.m. The longest delay was for our folks from Prince Edward Island, who came in 8 hours later than scheduled. Anyway, the bottom line is that everyone arrived safely and the round started on time. Ontario dominated at the Canadian Youth Chess Festival this year, winning 3 of the 4 categories.

Under 10 years old

The pre-tournament favorites were Michael Buscar and Igor Divljan. Michael played in the U.S. School grade last month where he won a trophy in his grade. Igor has only been in Canada since April 1995; he is from the former Yugoslavia. The youngest player in this group was Nigel Sharp—5 years old! He has a scholastic rating of 800! His parents are reasonably good chessplayers...

Final Standings - Under 10

1	Igor Divljan (ON)	4
2	Tristan Ledent (QC)	3.5
3	Nikhil Joshi (NF)	3
4	Max Miller (BC)	3
5	Scott Landry (PE)	3
5	Sean Walker (MB)	3
7	Michael Buscar (ON)	2
7	Jonathan Perecowitz (QC)	2
9	Nigel Sharp (AB)	1.5
10	Albert Kashap (SK)	0

Igor's coach, Toronto Master Goran Milicevic, told me that, when Igor plays in our scholastic events, he can show him every single one of the games without writing them down. Last summer, Goran showed him a position from one of Tal's games and they worked out the combination together. Six months later, Goran gave him the same position and little Igor said "You showed me this during the summer" and played the winning combo. How good is he? Probably not far from expert strength... Trophies are awarded to the top 3 in each section. When there are ties, playoffs are organized. To determine third place, Joshi beat Walker and Miller beat Landry. The final between Miller and Joshi was won by Joshi.

Under 12 years old

Final Standings - Under 12

1	Stephen Glinert (ON)	5
2	Marc-Andre Laframboise (QC)	3.5
3	Espen Sodha (NF)	3
4	Samuel Wong (BC)	3
5	Samuel Lipnowski (MB)	2.5
5	Victor Zambo (ON)	2.5
7	Kelly Huang (SK)	2
8	Tristan Murray (PE)	2
9	Dan Tran (QC)	1.5
10	Gerard O'Reilly (AB)	0

No surprise here as Stephen is head and shoulders above the rest of the field. With a CFC rating of 2146, he should be able to perform reasonably well at the World Youth. He represented Canada 2 years ago in the under 10 competition. It is interesting to note that Ontario came first, Québec second and Newfoundland third in both the under 10 and under 12 sections...

Under 14 years old

Andrew Ho represented Canada in the under 12 World Youth in Brazil last October. He placed 5th! This young talented master from B.C. is a name you will be hearing often in the future. Lefong Hua and Roman Golts will certainly make him work for his place this year as these talented experts are capable of knocking off anyone when they are hot.

Final Standings - Under 14

1	Andrew Ho (BC)	4.5
2	Pascal Charbonneau (QC)	3.5
3	Lefong Hua (QC)	3
4	Roman Golts (ON)	3
4	Douglas Wu (AB)	3
6	Joshua Henson (MB)	2.5
7	Anand Joshi (NF)	2
8	Eric Bertrand (NB)	1.5
9	Liat Dobrishman (ON)	1
10	Brian Bersched (SK)	1

Calgary has Come to Life!

by Larry Bevan

The Chess'n Math Association tried an experiment last October in two Canadian markets—Calgary and Winnipeg. The idea was to find a local organizer to run monthly scholastic chess tournaments rated by Chess'n Math. Participation in Calgary started at 25 and went down from there, but the February event bounced back up to 29 participants.

But first, let's go back to January where we hit an all time low of 12 players. **Michael Ma** of Ernest Manning H.S. defeated top ranked Alex Mills to take first place in the first division, while **Joshua Sealy-Harrington** of University Elementary won in convincing style in the second division. Joshua is only in grade 2. He won all his games and saw his scholastic rating climb from 513 to 607.

Again, no surprises here. Ho, a self-taught master, showed that he was in a class of his own despite the presence of 3 strong experts in the section. Charbonneau defeated Hua to take second place. He has improved a great deal over the last 18 months. The playoff for third saw Hua beat Wu and Golts. Hua seems to have Golts' number as he always seems to beat him by a whisker in playoff matches...

Under 18 years old

Meng Lou was the favorite here. Lou represented Canada in the under 14 competition in December and was playing for fifth place going into the last round. Unfortunately, a loss put him back to around 12th spot. Lou finished second at the Canadian Junior a few weeks ago. Cormos represented Canada in the under 14 championship last October, where he scored 50%. Since then, however, he played in the Canadian Junior, where he placed third. His CFC rating is up to 2179 these days, while Lou is a master.

Final Standings - Under 18

1	Igor Zugic (ON)	4
2	Meng Lou (ON)	3.5
3	Peter Marshall (ON)	3.5
4	Chris Chu (ON)	3
4	Alfred Pechisker (BC)	3
4	David Boulay (QC)	3
7	Eugene Cormos (QC)	2.5
8	Justin Gulati (PE)	2.5
9	Charles Filion (QC)	2
10	Garrett Chin (SK)	1
10	Ed Martin (NF)	1
10	Gurb Singh (AB)	1

Zugic recently finished all alone in first in his grade at the U.S. School Grade Championship. He arrived in Canada from Yugoslavia 3-4 years ago and is improving every day. He has a great attitude and I think his win here will motivate him to work even harder.

In the February tournament Jim Daniluk, our organizer, varied from our 'MacDonald's formula', which is 1 or 2 4-player sections (for strong players) and mostly 6-player round-robin sections by rating. Jim chose to run 8-player sections. Time will tell if this variation from the 'formula' will work in Calgary... In the top section, **John Rajchel** defeated Gerard O'Reilly in a playoff to take top honours while Stephen Hazeltine had to settle for third place. The 2nd section, players rated from 246 to 627, saw **Joshua Sealy-Harrington** at 607 score 6 out of 7 to capture first. Neil Todd was second. **Dan Wall**, a grade 3 student at Andrew Sibbald School, scored 6.5 out of 7 to capture the gold medal at his first scholastic tournament. We'll make it tougher for you next time Andrew! **Danny Easton** and **Erik Tam** tied for first in the other section reserved for newcomers.

Canadian Chess Challenge (Alberta)
by Neil Sharp

Red Deer Regional Feb. 4; organizer: Neil Sharp; 22 players; winners by grade:

- K Nigel Sharp (Red Deer)
- 1 David Lane (Red Deer)
- 2 Andrew Munden (Red Deer)
- 3 Travis Gall (Red Deer)
- 4 Alec Pollock (Benalto)
- 5 Ryan Camps (Caroline)
- 6 Daniel Pollock (Benalto)
- 7 Ian Camps (Caroline)
- 8 Ike Sonnleitner (Bentley)
- 9 Jordan Thomsen (Sylvan Lake)
- 10 Zach Sonnleitner (Bentley)

Calgary Regional Feb. 10; organizers: Jim Daniluk & Neil Sharp; 30 players:

- 1 Shandy Booth (University Elem.)
- 2 Joshua Sealy-Harrington (Univ. Elem.)
- 3 Stephen Hazeltine (Airdrie)
- 4 Christian Sealy-Harrington (Univ. El.)
- 5 Gerard O'Reilly (St. Cecilia)
- 6 Jeff Huang (North Haven)
- 7 Jordan Davies (Langevin)
- 8 John Rajchel (Elboya)
- 10 Michael Ma (Ernest Manning)

Lethbridge Regional Feb. 10; organizer: Grant Brown; 11 players (all Lethbridge):

- 2 Adam Smith
- 3 Curtis Peppinck
- 4 Nicholas Wynder
- 5 Camille Smith & Leslie Stitt
- 7 Mark Wynder
- 9 Paul Schultz
- 10 Brian Wynder
- 11 Raymond Yu

Medicine Hat, Ralston Regional Feb. 10; organizer: Dave Blemings (sorry, no report...)

Slave Lake Regional Feb. 17; organizer: Bernie Tynan; 13 players (all Slave Lake):

- 1 Amelia Adamowich
- 3 Meagen Plante
- 4 David Hutchison
- 5 Levi Peacock
- 7 Richard Eben-Etenau

Peace River Regional Feb. 24; organizer: David Bond; 51 players:

- 1 Jonathan Martin (Lacrete)
- 2 Mathew LaValley (Peace River)
- 3 Chip Boyer (Hythe)
- 4 Wendy LaValley (Peace River)
- 5 B.J. Scott (Little Buffalo)
- 6 Robin Hinton (High Level)
- 7 Mathew Whitehead (Little Buffalo)
- 8 Jonathan Sawan (Little Buffalo)
- 9 Ryan Bracegirdle (High Level)
- 10 Geoff Tanaka (High Level)
- 12 Vance Laboucan (Little Buffalo)

Edmonton Regional Feb. 10; 64 players; report by Ford Wong (organizer)

This year the format of the Canadian Chess Challenge did not require school-level elimination tournaments, so any number of players could come from a school. Also, the format was changed so that more participants would qualify for the finals. It was hoped that more players would compete at the regionals; however most schools, as in past years, chose to bring their best. Sixty-four youngsters battled to make it to the Provincial Finals.

After a delay getting started, the action moved quickly and was hot and furious. St. Clements, Lynnwood, Grandview Heights, Ross Sheppard and Lago Lindo brought many warriors and were amply rewarded. Ardrossan Elementary was a first-time participant in the regionals—after this year's eye opener they should be back next year with a better performance, having gained experience.

Here are the qualifiers for the Provincials:

Grade 1

- 1 Beth Rutledge (Belgravia)
- 2 Ben Runyan (Lynnwood)

Grade 2

- 1 Nathan Wong (Lynnwood)
- 2 Jeremy Paszko (St. Clements)

Grade 3

- 1 Kevin Mayo (Steinhauer)
- 2 Scott Mayo (Steinhauer)
- 3 Ryan Lay (Lynnwood)

Grade 4

- 1 David Rutledge (Belgravia)
- 2 Joshua Fanaeian (Lynnwood)
- 3-4 Nima Karimi-Buseri (Westbrook)
- 3-4 Callaghan Lindsay (Lago Lindo)

Grade 5

- 1 Spencer Whelan (St. Clements)
- 2-3 Justin Pagliaroli (Lago Lindo)
- 2-3 William Young (Youngstown)
- 4 Brandon Wong (Lynnwood)
- 5 Jon Lay (Lynnwood)

Grade 6

- 1 Alim Merali (Lynnwood)
- 2 Greg Whelan (St. Clements)
- 3 Paul Kirvan (Ecole Marie Poburan)
- 4-5 Steven Rutledge (Belgravia)
- 4-5 Kevin Chow (Lago Lindo)
- 6 Michael Lindsay (Lago Lindo)

Grade 7

- 1 Pierre Escalona (St. Clements)
- 2-3 Karsten Chipeniuk (Londonderry Jr)
- 2-3 Louis Fok (St. Rose)
- 4 Ian Buchan (St. Anthony)

Grade 8

- 1 Eric Zhou (Grandview Hts)
- 2 Kris Steinbach (Sherwood Heights)
- 3-5 Rishi Patel (Grandview Hts)
- 3-5 Zak Murakami (Grandview Hts)
- 3-5 Richard Ng (Grandview Hts)

Grade 9

- 1 Douglas Wu (St. Clements)
- 2 Jerry Ding (Grandview Hts)
- 3-5 Gary Lai (Grandview Hts)
- 3-5 Daniel Rostoker (Grandview Hts)
- 3-5 Shaunik Katyal (Grandview Hts)
- 6-8 Tim Van Aerde (Grandview Hts)
- 6-8 Bernie Kan (Vernon Barford)
- 6-8 Jeremiah Gallinger (Vernon Barford)

Grade 10

- 1 Stevenson Aung (Harry Ainlay)

Grade 11

- 1 Cynthia Wu (Old Scona Acad.)
- 2 Dmitri Shefer (Ross Sheppard)
- 3-4 Talib Rajwani (Old Scona Acad.)
- 3-4 Jason Ding (Archbishop MacDonald)

Grade 12

- 1 Robert Huston (Ross Sheppard)
- 2 Doug Kondor (Ross Sheppard)
- 3 Arthur Wilman (Ross Sheppard)

Grades 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8 required playoffs between the eventual 1st and 2nd finishers. Congratulations to all the qualifiers!

Thanks to the volunteers: John Quiring, John Macnab, Wayne Mendryk, Adam Wu, Kurt Lauterwald, Chris Dartana, Jeff Cummer, Igor Shefer and Peter Alderton. In addition to all the participants, thanks to the teachers who actively promote chess and encourage their students to participate. Kudos to those parents who patiently and quietly witnessed the event. Special thanks to John Macnab and to Grandview Heights Elementary and Jr High School for the use of their facilities.

Alberta Championship Mar. 23; organizer: Neil Sharp; 125 players; results just arrived via e-mail from Larry Bevand; by grade:

- 1 Nigel Sharp
- 2 Mathew LaValley
- 3 Stephen Hazeltine
- 4 Wendy LaValley
- 5 Gerard O'Reilly jr.
- 6 Jeff Huang
- 7 Jordan Davies
- 8 Nathan McLean
- 9 Bernie Kan (see note below)
- 10 Louis Lim
- 11 Dmitri Shefer
- 12 Albert Caoile

(note: since Douglas Wu was at the Canadian Cadet, there will be a playoff between Doug and Bernie for the Grade 9 spot)

Canadian Championship May (Victoria Day Weekend), Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Chess Tutors?

Dean Mah, who maintains the Internet 'ACA page', has received a few inquiries about 'chess tutors'. If you are now tutoring or are considering doing so, please send details to the ACA (and/or send an e-mail message to Dean at: mah@cs.ualberta.ca).

ALBERTA RESERVES**April 6-7 Edmonton**

Location: Edmonton Chess Club
 Prince of Wales Armoury
 108 Ave & 104 St
 (entrance at SW corner)

5-round Swiss system
 (2 sections: division depends on entries,
 expected to be at approx. 1750 rating)

Register: 8:00-8:45 am Saturday
 (late registrants will get a first round bye)

Rounds

Saturday - 9:00, 2:00, 7:00

Sunday - 10:00, 3:00

Entry Fee: \$20 senior \$15 junior
 (CFC/provincial membership required)

Time Controls: 40/2:00, then 20/1:00**Contact:** John Quiring (468-9173)

You are invited to check out the new
 Edmonton Chess Club facilities, and watch
 the Alberta Closed on Friday, April 5; then
play alongside the Closed on Saturday and
 Sunday in the Alberta Reserves. The 1996
 Closed may be the strongest ever, as eight
 of Alberta's top players will compete:

*Greg Huber, Nigel Fullbrook, Sasa Grumic,
 Yuri Vasylev, Arniel Frialde, Dale Haessel,
 Hafiz Karmali, and Paul Usselman.*

"Used to Be" the U of A Open**May 11-12 Edmonton**

Location: Edmonton Chess Club
 Prince of Wales Armoury
 108 Ave & 104 St
 (entrance at SW corner)

5-round Swiss system

Register: 9:00-9:45 am (Rd 1: 10:00 am)

Entry Fee: \$20 senior \$15 junior
 (CFC/provincial membership required)

Time Controls: 40/1:50, then 15/0:30**Contact:** Ford Wong (481-6474)**RED DEER OPEN****June 8-9 Red Deer**

Location: Red Deer College, room 823
 (take the 32 St overpass off Highway 2)

5-round Swiss system
 (3 rounds Sat.; 2 rounds Sun.)

Entry Fee: \$20 senior \$15 junior
 (\$5 for 14 & under with 'no prize option')
 (CFC/provincial membership required)

Register: 9:00-9:45 am (assumed - ed)**Time Controls:** 40/1:30, then game/1:00**Contact:** Neil Sharp (346-0420)**A player 14 years of age or younger...**

...may enter any ACA-sponsored tournament for a fee of \$5.00 and not participate in the prize fund (or, alternatively, may pay the usual junior entry fee and compete for prizes). Note: in either case, the player is still responsible for membership fees.

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The ACA still needs TDs for some tournaments, and pays a \$25 per day honorarium. Contact us if you want to give it a try. (For some events, especially the more 'major' ones, it's desirable to have a TD who has some previous experience, and/or has taken one of our TD workshops.)

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(new Editor starting next issue—until the position is officially filled, I will accept articles and send them to the new editor)
 Articles can be submitted within an e-mail message (i.e. ASCII). If instead you wish to attach a formatted file to your message (or send in the file on disk), please first check with the Editor about acceptable formats.

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[http://www.netgraphe.qc.ca/
 chess-n-math/index.htm](http://www.netgraphe.qc.ca/chess-n-math/index.htm)

Rated 'correspondence' chess by e-mail

(see CCCA info on page 2)

1995-96 12TH ANNUAL**ALTA-B.C. PEACE RIVER GRAND PRIX****Mar. 30 Peace River Spring Active**

Peace River [Keith LaValley (403) 624-5232]

4 rounds, rated: active (30 min/game) or regular (Time controls: 45/2 then 30/1). To qualify for GP prize (points based on sum of 4 best scores), must play in at least 4 of the 6 GP events. No one may win more than one prize. Based on \$1.50 fee/entrant/event: 1st overall 30% of prize fund, 2nd overall 20%, 1st under 1700 30%, 2nd under 1700 20%. Jim Williams Memorial Trophy to overall winner. Ratings used for GP purposes are regular ratings as per the 1995 *En Passant* Yearbook (i.e. August).

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CANADIAN OPEN IN CALGARY

1996 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Check future issues for updates (contacts given can verify details)

All Alberta (ACA-sponsored) events: **no smoking no computers**

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Organizer (may also be TD)</u>
Mar 30	Peace River Spring Active	Peace River	Todd Seitz (624-3256)
Apr 5-7	Alberta Closed	Edmonton	John Quiring (468-9173)
Apr 6-7	Alberta Reserves, 2 sections	Edmonton	John Quiring (468-9173)
May 11-12	"Used to Be" the U of A Open	Edmonton	Ford Wong (481-6474)
Jun 8-9	Red Deer Open	Red Deer	Neil Sharp (346-0420)
July 13-21	CANADIAN OPEN	Calgary	Ted Wilson (547-3441)
Aug (tba)	August Active (tentative event)	Edmonton	(tba)
Sep 14-15	Medicine Hat Open	Medicine Hat	Bill Taylor (526-5484)
Sep 21-22	1800 & Over / Under 1800	Calgary	Paul Usselman (481-0419)
Sep 28-29	Northern Alberta Junior	Edmonton	Ford Wong (481-6474)
Sep 28-29	Southern Alberta Junior	Calgary	Jim Daniluk (248-7456)
Oct 12-14	Alberta Open	Edmonton	Ford Wong (481-6474)
Oct 19-20	Northern Alberta Cadet	Edmonton	Daryl Bertrand (486-5297)
Oct 19-20	Southern Alberta Cadet	Calgary	Jim Daniluk (248-7456)
Oct 26-27	Alberta Junior	(tba)	Ford Wong (481-6474)
Nov (tba)	Golden Harvest Open (BC)	Dawson Creek	Grant MacTavish (604-782-1170)
Nov 23-24	Southern Alberta Open	Calgary	Paul Usselman (282-0419)
Dec 14-15	Alberta Cadet	(tba)	Daryl Bertrand (486-5297)
Dec 21-22	(Almost) Xmas Open	Edmonton	Ford Wong (481-6474)

1996 Canadian Open Chess Championship

July 13-21, 1996

Site: Sandman Hotel, Calgary, Alberta
Be sure to catch some of the Calgary Stampede, running July 5-14!!

Prizes: \$10,000 minimum guaranteed!
Watch future issues for possible prize-fund increases!

Featuring: WGM Sofia Polgar!
Watch future issues for additional special guests!

Style: 10 round Swiss — 1 section — CFC and FIDE rated

Schedule:

Registration:	Saturday July 13	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Round 1:	Saturday July 13	4:00 pm
Round 2:	Sunday July 14	10:00 am
Round 3:	Sunday July 14	6:30 pm
Rounds 4-8:	Monday July 15-Friday July 19	6:30 pm
Round 9:	Saturday July 20	10:00 am
Speed Chess:	Saturday July 20	6:30 pm
Round 10:	Sunday July 21	10:00 am

(Half-point byes available rounds 1-8 if requested at least four rounds in advance.)

Time Control: 40 moves/2 hours then sudden death/1 hour

Entry fee: \$85 if received by June 20 — \$90 if received by July 12 — \$95 at site.
\$15 discount for juniors (under 18), seniors, women, and first-time CFC members.
Maximum one discount per player. Free entry to GMs and IMs.
Valid CFC membership required for all participants.

Equipment: Boards provided, please bring sets and clocks.
Souvenir scorebook provided to each entrant.

Hotel: Sandman Hotel, #888 7th Avenue SW. Phone: (403) 237-8626 or 1-800-SANDMAN
\$69.75/night for singles or doubles (taxes extra).
Ask for this special chess rate when placing reservation!
Reserve soon! Hotels are very busy during Stampede time!

Airline: For special discounts, call Canadian Airlines International at:
CANADIAN CONVENTIONAIR, 1-800-665-5554 (mention Star number M60276)

Miscellaneous: CFC bookstore will be on site for all your chess supply needs!
No smoking, no computers.

Information: For further information, contact the organizers: Ted Wilson (403) 547-3441
Greg Huber (403) 252-9441 Barney Fegyverneki (403) 243-6351

Entries: Mail entries and cheques to: Ted Wilson, Canadian Open Chess Championship
216 Edgedale Dr. NW
Calgary, Alberta T3A 2R7
Make cheques payable to "Calgary Chess Club". No phone entries, cash only at site.

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