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NORTHERN ALBERTA OPEN

By David Ottosen, TD

The 1997 Northern Alberta Open marked the one year anniversary of the day Len Steele (if anyone can help it, temporarily) retired from directing this tournament. In an effort to lure him back, the ACA was able to attract two of the top seven players in the country, International Masters Yan Teplitsky and Lawrence Day. However, he begged off with some lame excuse about it being his "birthday". With 5 Albertan masters also in attendance, there would clearly be no free lunch at this tournament.

With no one below 2000 in the top half of the tournament, round 1 should fly by quickly, as 500 point rating differences were the norm. However, the top seeds seemed to be looking ahead a bit, and many were in danger of losing or drawing, the main ones being Huber (suffering badly against Micah Hughey), Yearwood (trying to find a way to convince Cor Dewindt to make a mistake and not trade off all the pieces), and even Teplitsky (trying to deal with a very determined John Quiring). In the end, though, round 1 went fairly uneventfully, as all except Huber (who drew) managed to win. After that excitement, most rounds went fairly well as expected, with no real big upsets on the top boards. Huber fought his way back into contention with wins over Fullbrook and Yearwood, while Hughey continued to win, over Climenhaga and Ford Wong.

The long awaited Teplitsky-Day game finally popped up in round 4, when Lawrence (you won't believe it...) played an offbeat

opening, which led to (brace yourselves) a wild unbalanced position, where (its a shocker!) he was better able to orient himself, so he won the game, and took the clear lead. His last round draw with Huber cemented his first place standing. Half a point back in second were Teplitsky, Huber, and Ristovic.

In such a tournament, the lower rated players must be the real heroes, and some definitely distinguished themselves, most notably Micah Hughey, who made a large rating gain (and should have scored another half point!), Dave Gomboc (who got to play both IMs), Peter Alderton (the only <1700 to reach the 50% goal), and Beatrice Wu (who crossed a big milestone in Edmonton chess - she beat Chris Dartana for the first time!).

On a less positive note, only 28 players chose to show up for this tournament, despite it being the strongest weekend tournament in Alberta in memory. Calgarians turned out in full force, providing 7 of the top 10 seeds. It was suggested that perhaps the ACA is concentrating too much on bringing the master level players back to weekend tournaments, and losing some of the class players in the wash. Is this true? Anyone with comments is welcomed to write a "Leditor to the Editor" of the ACR, either to the ACA mailbox, or via email. Thanks to everyone who came!

M. Hughey - N. Ristovic

Micah, who had been having a spectacular tournament, finally hits the wall.

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.d4 Bd6 5.Bd3 Ne7 6.O-O Bf5 7.Bg5 f6 8.Bh4 Qd7 9.c3 Nbc6 10.Qc2 O-O-O 11.Nbd2 Kb8

15.cxd5 Nb4 16.Rd1 f6 17.Bh4 Rd8 18.e4 c6 19.dxc6 Nc2+ 20.Ke2 Nd4+ 21.Ke3 Nf5+ 0-1
C. Kuczaj - D. Haessel

Haessel plots a two move sequence to fianchetto on the Kingside, but two moves is just going to be a little too slow.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Nc3 O-O 8.O-O c5 9.d5 exd5 10.Nh4 Ne4 11.Nf5 Bf6 12.Nxd5 Bxd5 13.cxd5 Re8 14.Bc1 g6 15.Nh6+ Kg7 16.Ng4 d6 17.Qc2 Qe7 18.Bxe4 1-0

M. Hughey - G. Huber

As Greg described it, he "made 5 question mark moves in a row (moves 17-22) and Micah took full advantage. The resulting position had most Calgary masters licking their lips, but after Micah missed a win, Greg managed to weasel his way out to a draw.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.O-O e5 6.Bc2 Qc7 7.d3 Be7 8.Nbd2 O-O 9.a4 Rb8 10.Nc4 a6 11.Bd2 h6 12.h3 Be6 13.Qe2 Rfe8 14.Rfe1 Bf8 15.Rad1 b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Ne3 Na5 18.d4 exd4 19.cxd4 Bc8 20.e5 cxd4 21.exf6 dxe3 22.Bxe3 gxf6 23.Nd4 Nc4 24.Qd3 f5 25.Nxf5 f6 26.Nxh6+ Kh8 27.Qg6 Be6 28.Qxf6+?! [28.Bg5! wins at least a piece

A) 28. ... f5 29.Rxe6 Bxh6 (29. ... Bg7 30.Rxe8+ Rxe8 31.Qxe8+ Kh7 32.Bxf5#) 30.Rxe8+ Rxe8 31.Bf6+ Bg7 32.Qxe8+ Kh7 33.Bxf5+ Kh6 34.Qg6#; B) 28. ... fxe5 29.Rxe6 Qg7 30.Rxe8 Qxg6 31.Rxf8+ Rxf8 32.Bxg6 Nxb2 33.Rxd6 Kg7 34.Nf5+ Kg8+-] 28. ... Qg7 29.Qh4 Nxe3 30.Nf5+ Qh7 31.Qxh7+ Kxh7 32.Rxe3 Bxf5 33.Bxf5+ Kg7 34.Rde1 Rxe3 35.Rxe3 b4 36.h4 d5 37.Kf1 d4 38.Re6 Ra8 39.g4 Ra1+ 40.Kg2 Rd1 41.h5 d3 42.h6+ Kf7 43.g5 d2 44.Bc2 Kxe6 45.Bxd1 Kf5 46.Kf3 Kxg5 47.h7 Bg7 48.b3 Kh6 1/2 - 1/2

Y. Teplitsky - L. Day

A classic battle of 2 bishops vs 2 knights. However, Yan felt that his dark squared bishop was less a bishop and more a pawn, while both of Lawrence's knights were operating at maximum power.

D. Gomboc - L. Day

How exactly does one prepare to play against such openings?

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 Nc8 17.Qb1 Nd6 18.Ke2 Rac8 19.Qb4 b6 3.Nc3 Bf5 4.f3 e5 20.Ba6 Rce8 21.h6 g6 22.Bd3 Qc6 23.Ra1 5.dxe5 dxe5 6.Qxd8+ Nac4 24.Qb3 Ne4 25.a4 a6 26.Rc2 Re6 Kxd8 7.Bg5 Kc8 8.a3 27.Qb4 Rfe8 28.Rh3 Kf7 29.Qb3 a5 30.Rc1 Nfd7 9.Rd1 Nc6 Rb8 31.Rhh1 b5 32.Rc2 Qe8 33.Rb1 Ned6 10.e3 a5 11.Bd3 Bxd3 34.Kf1 Rb6 35.axb5 Rxb5 36.Qa2 Rxb1+ 12.Rxd3 Nb6 13.b3 Bxa3 14.Nd5 Nxd5

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| Name | Rtg | Rd1 | Rd2 | Rd3 | Rd4 | Rd5 | Pts |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 Lawrence Day | 2495 | +18 | +8 | +5 | +2 | =4 | 4.5 |
| 2 Yan Teplitsky | 2529 | +13 | +9 | +3 | -1 | +8 | 4.0 |
| 3 Nenad Ristovic | 2325 | +11 | +14 | -2 | +12 | +6 | 4.0 |
| 4 Greg Huber | 2385 | =6 | +22 | +10 | +7 | =1 | 4.0 |
| 5 Arthur Odachowski | 2232 | +25 | +26 | -1 | =13 | +12 | 3.5 |
| 6 Micah Hughey | 1960 | =4 | +17 | =0 | +16 | -3 | 3.0 |
| 7 Roy Yearwood | 2218 | +21 | =12 | +19 | -4 | =10 | 3.0 |
| 8 Dave Gomboc | 2144 | +15 | -1 | +11 | +18 | -2 | 3.0 |
| 9 Dale Haessel | 2194 | +26 | -2 | -12 | +19 | +13 | 3.0 |
| 10 Nigel Fullbrook | 2238 | +20 | =19 | -4 | +24 | =7 | 3.0 |
| 11 Beatrice Wu | 1873 | -3 | +27 | -8 | +26 | +18 | 3.0 |
| 2.5 | 12.Chris Kuczaj; 13.John Quiring; 14.Adam Wu; 15.Peter Alderton; 16.Ford Wong; 17.Harold Climenhaga | | | | | | |
| 2.0 | 18.Chris Dartana; 19.Tedge Davies; 20.Robert Brazeau 21.Cor Dewindt; 22.Adrien Regimbald; 23.Duncan Campbell | | | | | | |
| 1.5 | 24.Curt Crosswhite; 25.Jason Feng | | | | | | |
| 1.0 | 26.David Brodmann; 27.Victor Bilodeau | | | | | | |
| 0.0 | 28.Matthew Concur | | | | | | |

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Articles can be submitted in MANY ways: give to either John or David; mail to the ACA mailbox; eMail to David at dottosen@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca or to John at dma@compusmart.ab.ca; however: the ACR editors do NOT subscribe to Jojo's Psychic Alliance, so mental telepathy is out (for now).

Reminder to Tournament Directors

The CFC requires a rating report to be submitted within 7 days after an event--you owe it to the players to send in rating and membership reports ASAP. Also, please send a written report to the *ACR*. Support your Alberta newsletter! Be warned: If you don't send something, we will write it ourselves with an excess of mockery of YOU! Report or be mocked!

Message From The Editor

Greetings, chess friends, I hope this day finds you happy, healthy and safely castled.

Good news for *ACR* fans: the Board of the ACA met in January to create the 1997 budget, and it allows for 6 issues of the *ACR* in 1997, one more than last year.

In the 22 year history of the *ACR*, there have been as many as 7 and as few as 2 issues in a single year. In the last 10 years, there have usually been 4 and occassionally 5 issues per year.

There are three main factors influencing the number of issues: how many is the editor willing and able to publish? how much material has been submitted? how much money do we have?

To address the first factor, it is safe to say the current editorial team is keen to publish as many issues as possible. There is a lot of chess activity going on in Alberta each month, and we want to cover all of it.

Secondly, we always receive more material than can possibly fit into the *ACR*, even with some pretty vicious editing on occassion. This is because the peripatetic nature of the editors takes them all over the province, and we are able to harrass people face to face to provide articles for the *ACR*.

Finally, how much does it cost to produce the *ACR*? About \$1 per person per issue. The biggest single cost is postage, which we try to minimize by hand-delivering as many *ACR*s as possible. This year, money for six issues has been budgetted.

And even more good news—one of the issues this year will be a mammoth "overflow" issue, containing all the articles that have been submitted but cut due to space considerations. These articles will be mostly unedited, so you'll get a real taste for what the submissions look like when they arrive at the door.

So keep those articles coming!

TD WORKSHOP

The ACA is planning on holding two Tournament Director workshops in 1997, one in Edmonton and one in Calgary, if there is sufficient interest. Would you like to direct tournaments? Please talk to Walter Watson or John Quiring (or write to the ACA).

The workshop is conducted by Leonard Steele, and usually takes about 4-5 hours on a mutually convenient Saturday or Sunday afternoon. The Big Steele Man reviews the rules of chess, pairing rules, how to run tournaments and the responsibilities of TD's.

Coming Next Issue...

The Alberta Closed: Eight of Alberta's best players square off in this annual round robin event. We will publish all the games.

MOUND MERIDIAN

This list comprises the top-rated ACA members who have played in the last (approximately) 12 months.

| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| Greg Huber..... | 2367 |
| Nenad Ristic..... | 2341 |
| John Ferrar..... | 2314 |
| Nigel Fullbrook..... | 2300 |
| Dale Haessel..... | 2300 |
| Bob South..... | 2298 |
| Arniel Frialde..... | 2292 |
| Victor Maric..... | 2276 |
| Sasa Grumic..... | 2245 |
| Jonathan Schaeffer..... | 2238 |
| Neil Sharp..... | 2229 |
| Roy Yearwood..... | 2218 |
| Arthur Odachowski..... | 2214 |
| Ted Wilson..... | 2212 |
| Eugene Gibney..... | 2162 |
| Chris Demers..... | 2154 |
| Nandor Tot..... | 2145 |
| Ante Zaradic..... | 2145 |
| Dave Gomboc..... | 2144 |
| Jim Daniluk..... | 2136 |
| Michael Jorgensen..... | 2126 |
| John Parrott..... | 2119 |
| Warrick Walker..... | 2115 |
| Brad Willis..... | 2108 |
| Geoff Newton..... | 2105 |
| David Ottosen..... | 2089 |
| Zoltan Baunok..... | 2092 |
| Virgilio Turingan..... | 2078 |
| Leo Danglapen..... | 2069 |
| Grant Brown..... | 2067 |
| Chris Kuczaj..... | 2058 |
| Paul Thibodeau..... | 2052 |
| Adam Wu..... | 2040 |
| Barney Fegyverneki..... | 2039 |
| Farzan Nazarian..... | 2038 |
| Walter Zwirner..... | 2034 |
| Walter Watson..... | 2028 |
| Hafiz Karmali..... | 2026 |
| Tedge Davies..... | 2021 |
| Yngvi Bjornsson..... | 2018 |
| Jim Flemming..... | 2015 |
| Ford Wong..... | 2006 |

Note: This list is based on established ratings. Note that Martin Oberrauch has a provisional rating of 2290 based on 7 games. Also, there are high-rated players who are currently inactive.

Errata: a few corrections to pencil onto your February 1997 issue:
 Page 9, Hughey - Shepherd, the correct moves are 6.bxc3 Nc6 7.Qg4 g6?
 Page 5, McIntosh - Wiebe, the correct move is 25.Rag1.

NEWS FROM THE ALBERTA CHESS ASSOCIATION

By Walter Watson, President

Jim Daniluk resigned from the ACA board shortly before the last meeting due to pressure of work, and Dave Gomboc was chosen to replace him. Jim has contributed a great deal to the board and to junior chess organization over the years. We all miss his involvement, and hope he will soon have the time to return. Dave is a welcome addition to the board. He has helped with junior chess and the Battle of Alberta, and is a member of the Internet Committee.

The Board decided that playing in the Battle of Alberta will count a half participation point toward the two points currently necessary to qualify for the Alberta Closed. The Battle was a great success last year, and Neil Sharp

deserves much credit for suggesting and organizing it.

The Board set the ACA's 1997 budget in January. Our budget income of \$15,650 comes from an \$8,900 Alberta Sport Parks Recreation and Wildlife Foundation grant, \$1,750 in interest and membership fees, and \$5,000 in casino money. Our expenses for this year (no deficit) will be \$15,639. The largest items are tournaments \$6,280; Club support \$3,200; Alberta Chess Report \$2,404; and Provincial Champs travel \$1,050. The tournament expense includes \$2,100 toward Chess Challenge winners' travel expenses to the nationals, and room rental and tournament directors' fees for ACA weekend tournaments. The club support includes rental subsidies for the Edmonton and Calgary chess clubs, plus support for programs at the Lethbridge, Red Deer and Word's Books clubs. The ACR

budget was increased to allow for six issues per year instead of the previous five. The Provincial Champs Travel is a subsidy toward their travel expenses to their national championships. The budget reinstated the Tournament Directors' Workshops for training TD's. One will be held in Edmonton and one in Calgary on dates to be announced. New money was allocated for one or two simultaneous exhibitions, for a trophy for a coffee house chess league in Calgary, and for the Internet Committee.

As I've said before, any ACA member who wants to examine the ACA General Plan including the budget should ask any of the board members. It appears that our treasurer John Quiring will again be doing most of the work in preparing the 1997 Plan for presentation to the government, and he should be thanked for all the work he is doing.

TRUMPETER CLASSIC

TD and report: Phil Lefkowitz

Org: Jim Kanester

Ford (Mr. Big) Wong of the Edmonton chess club, after at least 5 tries, got his name on the Trumpeter Classic trophy. His score was 3.5/4. This trophy has been in circulation since 1984 and includes a number of well recognized names. David Ottosen, John Quiring also from the Edmonton club along with Tim Pradzinski of the host Grande Prairie club tied for second with 3/4.

Roger Veniot originally from New Brunswick now playing for the GP club took 1st under 1700 with 3/4. A 3 way tie for second between Paul McGinnis, Elroy Diemert of the GP club along with Geza Saurnoch of Ft. St. John tied for second with 2/4.

In the junior event, Scott Boyer of GP took clear first in a double round robin event with 6.5/8 and Maciej Rajski of High Level was second with 6/8.

MY FIRST MAJOR TOURNAMENT WIN

By Ford Wong

Going to the Trumpeter Classic with my friends John Q, and Dave O, the feeling in the car was that if anyone would win it, hopefully it would be one of us. We would be favourites depending on who shows up from Dawson Creek. Dave O joked about getting his name on the trophy again. (Note: it was a semi-emotional re-union when Dave finally saw his name on the Trumpeter Classic Trophy - he had not seen it since winning it several years ago). We expected our toughest opposition to come from Jim Kanester, Larry Stutzman (last year's winner), Tim Pradzinski and Grant McTavish. Of course, the outcome would also depend on what happens in the games where two of us in the car would meet. As usual, we joked about Dave beats Ford, Ford beats John and John beats Dave. After registration, we found that Grant McTavish was not playing. One less player to

worry about.

The games started with the usual first round pairings and all the favourites won. In round two, I converted what looked like a drawn rook ending into a win against Larry Stutzman when he walked into a combo that netted me a pawn (in the game, I had a tough time hanging on in the opening). This round saw Dave fall out of the race when he was upset by Jim Kanester. In round three, I played Jim Kanester and sacked a piece and scooped up the point when my attack came through. John the other person with 2 pts would play Dave in an in-car encounter. Dave helped me out by beating John and breaking the John beats Dave enigma. This left me all alone in first going into the last round needing only a draw or a win against Tim Pradzinski to clinch the Trumpeter Classic. I had control of my own destiny. In the game, I outplayed Tim in the opening and won a queen for two pieces but then began to falter and play weakly which resulted in a tough (possibly losing) position. If Tim wanted the win, he would have to grind it out for a long time. I saw the Trumpeter slipping away (but at least I gave it a good try!) and just when things looked gloomy, Tim surprisingly offered me a draw which I gladly accepted. It was not the way I would have wanted to win the Trumpeter Classic. But it is my first major tournament win and I'll take it.

Having played in this tournament over seven times, I have finally got my name on the trophy alongside a lot of other illustrious names. I can savour the victory for an entire year until the next time the chess mobile heads up that way with a car load of players (myself included). Although it may be a long way to drive to play in a chess tournament, I have always had an enjoyable time playing in the Trumpeter Classic. It can be attributed to Phil Lefkowitz and all the friendly people who live up there. It is always fun playing in the un-official Trumpeter Classic Speed Chess Tournament (where everyone plays) and partaking in the local entertainment.

Thanks to John for his courage in driving the intense road up there which at times was very scary due to freezing rain, slow cars, etc. (Next year, we won't forget the windshield wiper fluid! and maybe it will be someone else's turn in the car to get their name on the Trumpeter Classic Trophy.)

J. Kanester - F. Wong

1.e4 I did not know what to expect, as in our last game, a King's Indian Defense, Jim played a novelty (probably avoiding theory thinking that I understood the opening better). Jim was having a good tournament having upset Dave Ottosen in round 2 leaving us as leaders. 1. ... Nf6 Dave said that although Jim opens with an English, he doesn't mind transposing into a KID. I don't have a good record against the English. 2.Nc3 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 O-O 6.Be3 Nc6 7.Nge2 a6 8.Qd2 Rb8 9.Nc1 This gives up some control of d4. 9. ... e5 10.d5 Nd4 I could see Jim debating whether to take the knight and win a pawn. I don't mind as I get a very active dark square bishop. Theory says giving up the pawn is okay for Black. 11. Bxd4 exd4 12.N3e2 12.Qxd4?! Its been a while since I looked at the theory behind this move and it's not good for White. 12. ... Nxe4 13.Qxe4 Re8 12. ... c5 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.Nxd4 Nxe4 I decide to go for it here and see what happens. 15.fxe4 15.Nxc6 I considered this reply but decided that it is too unclear. 15. ... Qh4+ 16.Qf2 16.Kd1! I was concerned about this reply and wasn't sure how I would continue. Could White survive? However, I have lots of play for my pieces and 2 pawns. CBM likes this and gives 16. ... Qg4+ 17.Nce2 Qxe4. 16. ... Qxe4+ 17.Nce2 I think that Black has lots of play (and 2 pawns) for his piece. If need be I could play Re8 and add more pressure on the pinned knight. 17.Nde2 Rxb2 threatening ..Bc3+ 17. ... Rxb2 18.Nb3 I did not expect this move. Played probably to guard a1 in case I decide to trade off everything on e2. 18. ... Bc3+ 0-1

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37.Qxb1 Na3 38.Qa2 Nxc2 39.Qxa5 Nxe3+ 40.fx3 Qc6 0-1

N. Fullbrook - G. Huber

Another game between two of ABs premier power hitters. Fullbrook entered the game intent on direct forceful attack. He had his chances, but Huber's solid defense and counterattack proved superior.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 Nbd7 7.Nf3 e6 8.Bd3 Qc7 9.O-O Be7 10.Kh1 O-O 11.e5 dxe5 12.fx5 Nxe5 13.Bf4 Bd6 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Bxe5 Qxe5 16.Qf3 Qh5 17.Qg3 Qg4 18.Qd6 b5 19.Rxf6 gxf6 20.Ne4 Qg7 21.Qe7 f5 22.Nf6+ Kh8 23.Ne8 Ra7 24.Qxa7 Rxe8 25.c3 e5 26.a4 Rg8 27.Bf1 Be6 28.axb5 Bd5 29.Qf2 axb5 30.Rd1 Bc6 31.Rd2 f4 32.Qc5 Ba8 33.Kg1 e4 34.Rf2 e3 35.Rxf4 e2 0-1

L. Day - A. Odachowski

Arthur considered playing something else, considering Day's expertise in the Closed, but finally decided to try to go head to head.

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Nh3 e6 7.O-O Nge7 8.Be3 O-O 9.Qd2 Rb8 10.Bh6 b5 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.f4 b4 13.Nd1 Qc7 14.Ne3 f5 15.g4 Bd7 16.Kh1 Rbe8 17.Rael Nd8 18.c3 a5 19.Rd1 Nf7 20.Qe1 Bc8 21.Qg3 bxc3 22.bxc3 Rg8 23.Rfe1 Nh6 24.gxf5 exf5 25.e5 dxe5 26.fx5 Nf7 27.d4 cxd4 28.cxd4 Rd8 29.Nf4 Qb6 30.d5 Nxe5 31.Ne6+ 1-0

L. Day - G. Huber

Greg takes the only half point that either IM gave up to Albertans.

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Nge2 e6 7.Be3 Nd4 8.Bd2 Ne7 9.Nxd4 cxd4 10.Ne2 Qb6 11.Rb1 Bd7 12.c4 dxc3 13.Bxc3 O-O 14.O-O Rac8 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Qd2 Rc7 17.Rfc1 Rfc8 18.Rxc7 Rxc7 19.d4 Bb5 20.Nc3 Ba6 21.Rd1 Qb4 22.h4 h5 23.Bf1 Bxf1 24.Kxf1 Rc4 25.Ne2 d5 26.b3 Qxd2 27.Rxd2 Rb4 28.e5 a5 29.Ke1 a4 30.Rd3 Nc6 31.Kd2 axb3 32.axb3 Rb6 33.Kc3 Ra6 34.Kb2 Kf8 35.Rd1 Nb4 36.Kc3 Nc6 37.Kb2 Nb4 38.Kc3 Nc6 1/2 - 1/2

D. Gomboc - Y. Teplitsky

Dave was the only one to play both IMs. He puts up a long hard fight in the last round before finally succumbing.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 O-O 6.Nf3 Na6 7.Be2 e5 8.fx5 dxe5 9.d5 c6 10.O-O Qb6+ 11.Kh1 Ng4 12.Qe1 f5 13.Na4 Qb4 14.Nc3 Qb6 15.Na4 Qb4 16.Nc3 fx4 17.Nxe4 cxd5 18.Qxb4 Nxb4 19.cxd5 Nc2 20.Rb1 Bf5 21.Nd6 Nce3 22.Nxf5 gxf5 23.Bxe3 Nxe3 24.Rfe1 e4 25.Ng5 Rfd8 26.Ne6 Rd6 27.b3 Kh8 28.Bc4 Bh6 29.g3 a6 30.a4 Rc8 31.Nd4 Rf8 32.Ne6 Rf6 33.Nc5 b5 34.axb5 axb5 35.Bxb5 Rxd5 36.b4 Rb6 37.Ba4 Rd2 38.Bd7 Nc2 39.Rec1 Rf2 40.Rf1 Rxf1+ 41.Rxf1 e3 42.Rxf5 e2 43.Nd3 Rd6 44.Re5 Rxd3 45.Rxe2 Rd1+ 46.Kg2 Ne3+ 47.Kf3 Rxd7 (and Black won) 0-1

CALGARY CLOSED

By Walter Watson, TD

A surprising 46 players entered the 1997 Calgary Closed, making it one of the city's largest club tournaments. Players were divided into three round-robin sections and one Swiss, with all 8 in the top section rated over 2100. Nenad Risticovic continued his success in Alberta events when he tied with Dale Haessel for first, defeating his three closest rivals and qualifying for the Alberta Closed on tie-break. Based on rating, Dale figured to finish near the middle, but his last-round win against long-time nemesis Greg Huber tied him for the lead. Bob South showed that absence from chess competition had not dulled his skill. He surprised Greg in round 1 and led until his last-round loss to Nenad. Greg was tied for first after 5 rounds but lost his last two games, while Arthur Odachowski was still in the running until Bob defeated him in round 6.

The second section had 8 players rated between 1800 and 2100. Warrick Walker was favoured, but Jun Turingan took the lead when he beat Warrick in mutual time pressure in round 3. Jun still lead by a half point after 6 rounds, but could then only draw with Art Milne while Warrick defeated Don Coward. Jun and Warrick finished at 5.5 - 1.5 while Chris Kuczaj had 4.5, Art 4, and Don 3.5. Jeff Chrumka scored five straight draws after starting with two losses, while neither Max Carcamo nor Jordan Davies showed their true strength.

The third section was well-balanced with all 8 players rated between 1628 and 1776. Chris Vermette took the lead in the 3rd round, and after beating the closely pursuing Garth Dunn in round 6 still led a surprising Andrew Beingsessner by a half point. The drama came in the last round. When Chris resigned to John Rajchel, Andrew had already lost to Steve Sauve. Chris won the section at 5-2, with Andrew and Garth at 4.5, and Norm Luyben and Steve at 3.5. John, Tom McKay and Nick Podolchak trailed.

The Swiss section contained 22 players rated under 1610. Second seed Jeff Huang seemed the class of the section when he beat top-rated Ante Sokol, but he lost to unrated Quentin Couwenberghs in round 6. Jeff won readily against the veteran Jack King in the last round while Ante staged a comeback to beat Quentin. The prizewinners were Ante and Jeff 6-1, Ted Borowski 5, and Gary Bruckner, Jack and Quentin 4.5.

The tournament was a success, but exhausting to run. The Elephant and Castle is a much more dynamic venue than the Sandman was. There was sometimes too much competitive spirit in the top section, resulting in a couple of unpleasant incidents. A large number of forfeitures in the bottom

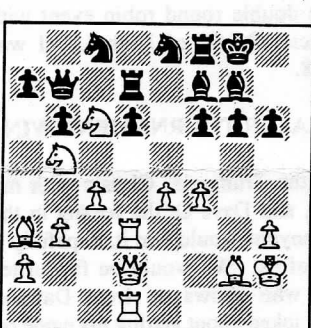
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| Bob South | 0 0 x 1 1 1 1 1 | 5.0 |
| Greg Huber | 0 0 0 x 1 1 1 1 | 4.0 |
| Arthur Odachowski | = = 0 0 x 0 1 1 | 3.0 |
| Ante Zaradic | = = 0 0 1 x 0 1 | 2.5 |
| Jim Daniluk | = = 0 0 0 1 x 1 | 2.5 |
| Farzan Nazarian | 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 x | 0.0 |

section was unpleasant for those whose opponents did not show. One thing I learned the hard way was never to forget my manual. Much of the tournament's success was due to Tedge Davies showing his habitual promotional skills. The Elephant and Castle contributed some gift certificates toward prizes, and two very fine shirts which Chris Vermette and Jeff Chrumka won in a random draw.

N. Risticovic - B. South

[Notes by Risticovic]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 Nc6?! 4. ... Nbd7; ... c5 5.d5 Ne7 6.g3 g6 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.O-O O-O 9.h3 c5 10.dxc6 Nxc6 10. ... bxc6 11.b3 Bb7 12.Ba3 Ne8 13.e4 c5 threatening Nc6-d4 11.b3? 11.e4 Be6 12.b3 11. ... h6? 11. ... e4 12.Ne1 (12.Ng5?? h6 13.Ngxe4 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 Bxa1 +-) Nh5 13.Bb2 e3 (13. ... f5!); 11. ... e4 12.Nd4 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 Nh5 14.Qd2 f5 = 12.e4! Be6 13.Re1 Qd7 14.Kh2 Rad8 14. ... Rfd8 15.Ba3 b6 16.Qd2 Ne8 17.Rad1 Ne7 17. ... f5?! 18.Nh4! +/- 18.Re3 Nc8? 18. ... f5 19.Rd3 fx4 20.Nxe4 Nf5 (threatening Nd4) 21.Nxd6 Nfxd6 22.Bxd6 e4 23.Bxf8 Qxd3 24.Bxg7 Nxg7 25.Qxd3 Rxd3 26.Rxd3 exd3 27.Nd2 h5 19.Rd3 +/- Qc6 20.Ne1 20.Nb5?! a6 (20. ... Qxe4?? 21.Nh4 +-) 21.Nxd6 Ncx6 22.Bxd6 Nxd6 23.Rxd6 Rxd6 24.Qxd6 Rc8 20. ... Rd7? 20. ... f5 21.f4 (threatening f5 +-)



21. ... exf4
22.gxf4 Qc7
23.Nb5 Qb8
24.Nc2 f6??
24. ... Rd8
25.Nb4 Bd7
25.Ncd4 +- Bf7
26.Nc6 Qb7
<diagram>
27.e5 fx5 27.
... Qa6 28.Nb8
Qa5 29.Bb4 +-
28.Ne7+ Rxe7

29.Bxb7 Rxb7 30.Qg2 Re7 31.Re1!
31.Nxd6 Nxd6 32.Bxd6 Nxd6 33.Rxd6 exf4
34.Rd7 Re3 31. ... exf4 32.Rxe7 Nxe7
33.Nxd6 Be5 34.Qe4 Bxd6 35.Rxd6 35. ...
Nxd6 36.Qxe7 1-0

W. Walker - D. Coward

[Notes by Walker]

What happened in this game? Black loses valuable time with 10. ... f5?! and 14. ... Be7. Unable to find refuge, his king is attacked until

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he loses material. This all comes about due to White's black-square control. **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Be2** 6.a3 or 6.Bd3 are also played. **6. ... f6.** Suspect, as the h5-e8 diagonal may become weak. Usual is 6. ... cxd4 and then bringing the king knight to f5 to put pressure on d4. **7.O-O Bd7** If 7. ... fxe5 8.dxe5! **8.dxc5!?** More accurate was Na3 but the traffic jam on e7 caused by this move was too hard to resist. **8. ... Bc5 9.b4 Be7** Or 9. ... Bf8 10.Na3 +/- **10.Bf4 f5?!** Better to keep up the thematic pressure on White's e5. 10. ... Rc8 right away was probably better. **11.Na3 Rc8** Of course if 11. ... O-O then 12.Nb5 intending Be3 is disastrous for Black. **12.Nc2 Bd8** Trying to complete his development via e7. Instead, 12. ... Nh6 13.Bh6 is not promising and 12. ... a6 gives White a choice of good tries: 13.Ne3 followed by g4, or 13.Re1. **13.Be3 Qc7 14.Bc5** An unenviable position. Black is still 2 moves away from full development, his king is in the centre, his black squares are weak and his pieces don't coordinate. **14. ... Be7** What else? If 14. ... Nh6 15.Na3 a6 16.Bd6 Qb6 17.b5! followed by Rb1. Likewise, if 14. ... Nge7 15.Bd6 Qb6 16.a4 is +/- **15.Ncd4!** Offering a pawn to open the game. **15. ... Nxe5** If instead 15. ... Bxc5 16.Nb5 Qb8 17.bxc5 intending Nd6 +/- Also 15. ... Bxc5 16.Nb5 Bxf2+ 17.Rxf2 +/- **16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.Re1 Qf6** If 17. ... Qb8 18.Nxe6 Bxe6 19.Bb5+ Kf8 20.Bxe7+ Nxe7 21.Rxe6 Kf7 22.Qe2 +-. **18.Bb5 Bxb5 19.Nxb5 a6?** If 19. ... Bxc5 20.Qxd5! Best was 19. ... Nh6 but White retains a large edge after 20.Nd6+ Bxd6 21.Bxd6 Kf7 (else Qxd5) 22.Be5 Qg6 23.h3! **20.Bxe7 Nxe7 21.Nd6+ Kd7 22.Nxb7! Rc6 23.Qa4 23.Nc5+** was better. **23. ... Kc7 24.Nc5 Ra8?** 24. ... e5 **25.Rxe6! Qxe6** Of course after 25. ... Rxe6 Black is mated. **26.Qa5+ Kc8 27.Nxe6 Rxe6 28.Rd1 Kb7 29.b5 Rb6 30.Qb4 1-0**

WORD'S JANUARY 1700-2000 ACTIVE

By Walter Watson, TD

The Word's Calgary under 1800 active tournaments have become so successful that organizer Tedge Davies has split them into 1700-2000 and Under 1700 sections, to be held respectively on the first and third Saturdays of each month. The first 1700-2000 event attracted 10 players, including Graham Sorgard from Lethbridge. After drawing with Jeff Chrumka, Don Coward led with 3.5 points in four rounds, followed by Farzan Nazarian and Jeff tied with 3. Farzan scored a come-from-behind last round win against Don to give him a first place tie with Jeff who defeated Dave Gomboc. A speed chess playoff for the first place trophy went to an extra fourth game before Jeff emerged the winner. Thanks to Rook St. Peter of Word's Books for hosting the tournaments, to Carlo Magnifico for donating a bottle of wine as a door prize, and to apprentice TD Don Macfarlane for his help and good company.

EDMONTON CLOSED

By John Quiring, TD

The crosstable tells the story of the Edmonton Closed. Nigel Fullbrook was simply overpowering as he sliced through the field like a chainsaw through warm butter, winning most of his games with ease and gaining almost 80(!) rating points in the process. He was worse only against Geoff Newton, but managed to hold a draw in that game and had the title wrapped up with a round to go. The other two masters, Jonathan Schaeffer and Sasa Grumic, successfully defended their ratings against the rest of the field. Jonathan showed up at the club to buy some chess sets, and wasn't even aware the Closed was starting, but was able to enter on the spur of the moment and his long absence from competitive play wasn't evident to his victims. Sasa showed how dangerous he is with the initiative, including a grinding win over Hafiz Karmali who had to play with a poorly guarded king against a swarming major piece attack. David Ottosen and Geoff Newton also

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| Jonathan Schaeffer | 0 x 1 0 1 1 1 1 | 5.0 |
| Sasa Grumic | 0 0 x 1 1 1 1 1 | 5.0 |
| David Ottosen | 0 1 0 x 0 1 1 1 | 4.0 |
| Geoff Newton | = 0 0 1 x = 1 1 | 4.0 |
| Chris Dartana | 0 0 0 0 = x = = | 1.5 |
| Hafiz Karmali | 0 0 0 0 0 = x 1 | 1.5 |
| John Quiring | 0 0 0 0 0 = 0 x | 0.5 |

managed nice rating gains at the expense of the bottom three players, who played pretty miserably.

While the top 8 players contested the Closed, the remaining players competed in the Reserves, a 7 round Swiss tournament which has a special first prize: the winner qualifies for next year's Closed. That person is Micah Hughey, who won on tie-break over Brady Ficko and Jan Vandenberg, all having finished the event with 5/7. A half point back was Cor Dewindt, who took a vacation and two byes in the first two rounds, then scored 3.5 in the next 4 rounds en route to a performance rating of almost 2000.

WORDS UNDER 1699 FEB. ACTIVE

By Tedge Davies, TD

The excitement in the air was alive coming to the end of a fourth round. Rod Weis running from mating combinations with Gurb Singh racing against time to welcome in the grand finale. The eagle eye tournament director watching the clock as the cry of checkmate cracks through the intense atmosphere. "Ahhhh" ... Rod cries as his king surrenders his crown, but in a strange twist of fate a half second before the final blow Gurb's flag had fallen. This placed Rod in a clear 4/4 lead. Closing in from behind would be Bill Rusk, Joe Nemeth and of course Gurb Singh after regaining his

composure. All eyes are watching the final game between Rod Weis and Bruce Kiely (a 2000 regular rated player) and very capable of dethroning the present leader. Rod Weis's position offered Bruce very little after a tactical mayhem attempt failed. Rod sighed a breath of relief and a quiet smile emerged after Bruce offered his resignation. Yes it was a blast! The results were clear, Rod Weis first place with 5/5; Bill Rusk, Gurb Singh shared second with 4/5. Of 14 participants, the only other perfect score was Carolyn McMaster with 0/5. This would hardly reflect the courage of her performance or the sweat that she broke on her opponent's brows.

UNDER 1699, WORDS MARCH ACTIVE

By Tedge Davies, TD

The action was intense with a three player tie for 1st place. Bob MacFie, John Redes, and Bruce Kiely, settled the tie break with 5 minute speed chess. Bob MacFie was first to be eliminated thanks to some crafty play by his two combatants. After the sweat was wiped from their brows, the last two warriors shook hands, and congratulations to the new champion, Bruce

Kiely. The tournament drew 21 participants, with the top three rated players not in the finals. Carolyn McMaster earned two solid victories demonstrating her improving play. It was nice to see some newcomers out, Steve Strawson, Jim Jarvis, Martin Harvey, QC, to name a few. I would like to thank all the participants for being good sports and making the tournament a pleasure for all.

WORD'S MARCH 1700-2000 ACTIVE

By Walter Watson, TD

Top-seeded Don Coward scored a clean sweep to win Word's March 1700-2000 active. His 5-0 score more than atoned for his last-round loss that relegated him to third place in the February tournament. Don's name will be placed on the very handsome permanent trophy donated by the law firm of Zinner and Sara. Rod Weiss added a clear second with 3.5 - 1.5 to his earlier first place in the February Under 1700 Active. Jordan Davies, Frank Knoll, Bruce Kiely and Uncle Joe Nemeth (only admitted so that there would be an even number of players) tied for

third at 3-2. There were 12 players, up from 10 last time. We were glad to see Mike Barkwell's return to over-the-board competitive chess.

Thanks again to Rook St. Peter of Word's Books for being our host!

The 1700-2000 active is held on the first Saturday of each month, and the Under 1700 on the third Saturday. Eligibility is based on active ratings. The entry fee is \$5.00, and registration starts at 10:00 a.m. at Word's Books, 1715 - 17 Ave. SW, Calgary. As there are 5 rounds, the tournament will be over by supertime. All eligible Calgary players are invited, as are those from Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Olds, etc.



ALBERTA JUNIOR CHESS REPORT



(A Special section of the Alberta Chess Report, April, 1997)

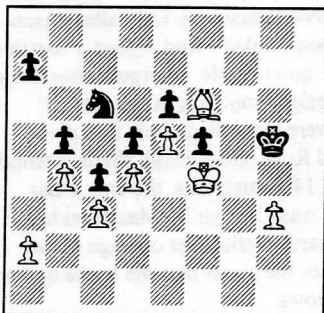
CANADIAN JUNIOR

By Nathan McLean

The 1996-97 Canadian Junior was held in Edmonton, Alberta in the city's old Armoury. The tournament directing was done mostly by Dave Ottosen and also helping was Adam Wu.

Round 1: I started the tournament by playing fellow Albertan Douglas Wu. On move thirteen I blundered into a combination in which I ended up down an exchange for a pawn and a small amount of counter play. I tried to use the counter play to make complications which resulted in complete dissection. Important games in this round had Lefong Hua (PQ) defeating Peter Marshall (ON) and Danny Goldenberg (PQ) beating Igor Zugic (ON) in an adjournment.

Round 2: I played Lefong Hua (PQ). In a variation of the Dragon that I'm not familiar with I dropped a pawn in the opening whereupon Lefong proceeded to simplify into a won ending. The most interesting event of the



round occurred in the game Dutton (ON) - Zugic (ON) where Dutton resigned in a won position:
<Diagram>
41. ... Nxb4
42.cxb4 c3
43.Kd3 f3

44. Resigns. But White can win, solution later.

Round 3: Starting to get a little bit desperate to break the goose-egg, I'm paired against the lowest seed Joshua Henson (MB) and I'm thinking I should be able to at least get a draw but Joshua continues his strong play and beats me soundly in 47 moves. The scare of the round was served by Danny Goldenberg as he was very lucky to escape with a draw against Shahin Mohammad-Nabi (BC).

Round 4: I'm paired against the struggling Meng Lou (ON) and the game becomes blocked and slow and since I'm getting desperate to get on the scoreboard and Meng seems to be in a slightly dismantled state, we agree on a draw.

Round 5: I'm faced with the extremely solid Igor Zugic. After stealing a couple of my pawns due to superior piece position he efficiently finished me off. Meanwhile Nabi starts his adventures with the Marshall (which I would soon participate in) losing to Justin Gulati (PEI).

Round 6: I'm playing the eventual winner of the tournament, Andrew Ho. I was doing fine until about move 20 when I managed to

reproduce the exact meaning of the word blunder. From there on I think the game went downhill at about a 90 degree angle. The longest game of the tournament by far occurred in the game Wu-Dutton where they played 123 moves before Dutton finally converted the extra pawn queen ending.

Round 7: The adventures of Nabi in Marshall-land continue as I take a huge lead in the opening which was converted easily. The biggest game of the round was between Hua and Ho where Andrew wins a key game.

Round 8: I played Danny Goldenberg. He played an unknown variation in the Sicilian which I think had its desired effect. During the course of the tournament I found Danny to be a very polite and friendly person. Igor stays in the hunt with a solid win over the floundering Meng Lou.

Round 9, 10: I commenced on what was hopefully my worst day of chess ever as I proceeded to lose two miniatures to even competition. Going into round 9, Goldenberg and Ho were tied for first and they both drew their games against masters. In round 10 Andrew can't overcome Igor Zugic's solid play and Danny takes advantage of this with a win over Joshua Henson which puts him a half point ahead of Andrew going into the last round.

Round 11: Going in, I was in last place a half point behind the nearest player and I was playing Peter Marshall. Here's what happened:
P. Marshall - N. McLean

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ng4 4.Nf3 Bc5 5.e3 Nc6 6.Be2 O-O 7.O-O Ngxe5 8.Nc3 d6 9.a3 Out of book. 9... a5 10.b3 Re8 11.Bb2 Re6 +/- 11... b6 = 12.Ne4 Nxf3+ 12... Ba7 +/- 13.Bxf3 Rh6 +/- 13... Ba7 = 14.g3 Bb6 15.Qd2 Bf5 16.Rfd1 Qd7 17.c5 Bxe4 18.Bxe4 Bxc5 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Qc3+ Kg8 21.Qxc5 Qh3 21... dxc5? looks very interesting, but 22.Rxd7 a4 23.b4 cxb4 24.axb4 Nxb4 25.Rxc7 Rb6 26.Rd1 +/- 22.Qg5+ 22.Qb5 Qxh2+ 23.Kf1 Re8 24.Qxb7 Rxe4 -+ 22... Kf8 22... Kh8 = 23.Ra1 Qxh2+ 24.Kf1 Qh5= 24... a4 25.b4 Re8 26.Bxc6 bxc6 27.Ke2 Rhe6 (a) 28.Rxc6? is nothing because of Rxe3+ 29.Kd2 R3e5 (29... Rxa3 30.Qf6 Re2+ 31.Kxe2 Qh5+ 32.f3 Qb5+ 33.Kf2+ +-) 30.Qf6 =/+; (b) 28.Rd3 d5 = 25.Qxh5 Rxh5 26.Bxc6 bxc6 27.Rxc6 Rh1+ 28.Ke2 Rxd1 29.Kxd1 Ra7 30.Ke2 Ke7 31.Kf3 Kd7 32.Rc3 Ke6 33.Kg4 c5 34.e4 = 34.Kg5 +/- 34... a4 35.Kf4 axb3 36.Rxb3 Ra4 37.Ke3 f5 38.exf5+ Kxf5 39.Rd3 Ke6 40.Kd2 d5 41.Kc2 -/+ 41.Ke3 =/+ 41... c4 42.Re3+ Kd6 43.f4 d4 43... Ra7 =/+ 44.Rf3 -/+

CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE

(National Organizer: Chess 'n Math)
12 Competitions, grades 1 through 12.
The provincial finals are at Red Deer College
April 12, 1997.
Contact: Neil Sharp (346-0420).

EDMONTON JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

Contact: Adam Wu (462-0838)
Site: Edmonton Chess Club, Prince of
Wales Armoury, 10440 108 Ave.
Registration: before 9:45
April 5: April Showers Active
May 3: Flowers of May Active

RED DEER JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

Contact: Neil Sharp (346-0420)
Site: Red Deer Library
Sundays, 1:30 - 5:00

CALGARY JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

Contact: Glenn Booth (284-2159)
Site: ABC Charter P.S.
Sunday April 6
Sunday May 4

44.Re4 =/+ 44... Kd5 =/+ 44... Ra6 45.g4 =/+ 45.f5 d3+ 45... Ke4 46.Rf4+ Ke3 -/+ 46.Kd1? -+ Better is 46.Kb2 Kd4 47.Rf4+ Ke3 48.Rh4 c3+ -+ 46... Rxa3 47.f6 Better is Kd2 -+ 47... Kd4 0-1

This win lifted me out of last place and so I finished with two and a half points which was quite mediocre but not embarrassing. Ho beat Wu and so all eyes were on the game Goldenberg - Lou. Lou looked as though he would beat Goldenberg but he blundered into a stalemate and so Goldenberg and Ho would have to playoff for the title. For the playoff, the spectators and players were cleared out of the tournament room and had to content themselves with watching the game on a diagram board. After winning the first game with black Andrew definitely had the advantage. To try for complications, Danny played the Benko but Andrew played well and eventually they drew. So Andrew Ho became the new Canadian Junior champion. I wouldn't doubt that he is the youngest player ever to win this event.

Fully deserved thanks go to all the sponsors, the billets, and of course the tournament directors David Ottosen and Adam Wu who sacrificed a week of their life to hold this event. Also a big thanks to John Quiring who spent endless hours driving the players back and forth.

Solution to round 2 puzzle: 44.h4 f2 45.Ke2 c2 46.Bg5 wins.

EDMONTON CHESS CHALLENGE

By Ford Wong, Org. and TD

128 eager children came out to play in the Canadian Chess Challenge - Edmonton Regional making it the largest (and noisest) regional to date. A reason for this large turnout could be attributed to two new schools Talmud Torah school (coached by Jonathan Schaeffer) and Aurora School (coached by Chris Herodek) which brought out 23 and 18 players. Also adding support to this event were all the players who drove in from Drayton Valley to play. With such a large turnout it took longer to get things organized but eventually the games got underway. For the most part everything went smoothly (see apology at end of article). As is generally the case, once the games got underway, it does not take long before the winners are determined. This year the Edmonton Regions finished by 4:30 PM probably the earliest finish ever.

To add further excitement to the tournament, there were draws for free chess sets in each grade level. Congratulations to all the winners, those who qualified and those who won chess sets.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable experience and will come back to play next year. Overall, I hope that all the participants had an opportunity to meet and play other enthusiastic chess players from around the city, etc.

Thanks to all the teachers and their schools who supported this event and encouraged their players to participate. Special thanks to Kevin Whelan and St. Clements Catholic Elementary and Junior High School for hosting this event. Lastly, thanks to the volunteers: John Quiring, Adam Wu, Peter Alderton, John MacNab, Kurt Lauterwald, Chris Dartana, Jonathan Schaeffer, Tom Karpa and Aaron Lovi who took charge to run the events.

The following are the winners from the Canadian Chess Challenge - Edmonton Regionals held at St. Clements Catholic Junior/Elementary School on March 8th. These players qualify to play in the provincial championships in Red Deer in April.

- Grade 1: Gold: Patrick Paszkowski
Silver: Michell Ng
Bronze: Nigel Thomson
Also qualify: Joey Soifer
- Grade 2: Gold: Nils Reuter
Silver: Stephen Orobko
Bronze: Bradyn Golda
Also qualify: Aron Rosenberg,
David Orobko
- Grade 3: Gold: Ke Sun
Silver: Joshua Nobleman
Bronze: Simonne Horwitz
Also qualify: Mathew McComb,

- Adam Pocock, Daniel Larson,
Jason Eidelman, Cindy Hardin
- Grade 4: Gold: Kevin Mayo
Silver: Scott Mayo
Bronze: Neil Walker
Also qualify: Cassandra Brooks,
Ben Tilburn, Ross Gustafson,
Gavin Stickle, Jonathan Chi,
Helen Kirvan, Kory
Mathewson, Josh Staav,
Adrianna Hanson
- Grade 5: Gold: Wendy Lavalley
Silver: Joshua Fanaeian
Bronze: David Rutledge
Also qualify: Roman Rogatko,
Dimitry Uritsky, Leon
Khodorkovski, Jeffrey Vaasjo,
Peter Lai, Marc Lupicki,
Gregory Lien, Dale Hardin
- Grade 6: Gold: Spencer Whelan
Silver: Nicholas Vrie
Bronze: David Lovi
Also qualify: Nathan Reboh,
Kason Chow, Michael
Preston, Leam Dagan
- Grade 7: Gold: Alim Merali
Silver: Paul Kirvan
Bronze: Steven Rutledge
Also qualify: Lance Larocque,
Omar Kalid, Josh Vickers,
Allan McKay, Geoffrey
Strong, Omar Hajar, Kevin
Mailo, Chris Carter, Greg
Whelan
- Grade 8: Gold: Louis Fok
Silver: Pierre Escalona
Bronze: Lee Nguyen
Also qualify: Benjamin Harrison,
Michael Sheaver, John
Babiuk, Khaled Hajar, Dimos
Arvanitis, Ryan Vos, Newell
Chung
- Grade 9: Gold: Rishi Patel
Silver: Kris Steinbach
Bronze: Kevin Hinse
Also qualify: Mark Semotiuk,
Sean Warshawski
- Grade 10: Gold: Douglas Wu
Silver: Duncan Campbell
Bronze: Bernie Kan
Also qualify: Aaron Schoutstra
- Grade 11: Gold: David Brodmann
Silver: Sheldon Beesaert
Bronze: Ali Ahmad
Also qualify: Steven Walinga,
Alan Leong, Alex Sousa
- Grade 12: Gold: Dimitri Shefer
Silver: Misha Silkin
Bronze: Cynthia Wu
Also qualify: Robert Eisenkrein,
Mike Roeseler
- Lago Lindo (6), Talmud Torah (23),
Steinhauer (9), Lynwood (8), St. Clement
(11), Aurora (18), St. Rose (7), Grandview
Heights (1), Homesteader (2), Avalon (1),
Tempo (1), St. Luke - Calgary (1), Ardrossan
Junior/Senior (1), Belgravia (1), Marguerite
d'Youville (1), McGrath Elementary -
McGrath (5), Don Knott Junior High (1),
Queen Elizabeth CHS (4), Sherwood Heights
(2), St. Albert Catholic High (1),
Parkview (1), Bonnie Doon Composite High
(3), H.W. Pickup - Drayton Valley (8), St.
Anthony - Drayton Valley (5), Old Scona
Academic (3), McNally High (3), Ross
Sheppard (3), Home schooling (2), Unknown
(1).

On behalf of my volunteers, I would like to apologize for the several incidents which resulted in upset players. Because of the large numbers of players, most of the volunteers were too busy with pairings etc to oversee games. This resulted in tears, frustrated players and some early withdrawals. In many of these cases the players involved did not know to see the tournament director or did not understand the rules of chess properly and in all cases it was too late to reverse any outcomes already made. I'm sure that for some of these players, it has been a learning experience and hopefully next year the tournaments will be more closely supervised.

LETHBRIDGE CHESS CHALLENGE

By John Quiring

Grant Brown organized and directed the Lethbridge Regional tournament again this year, and provided the information for this report. Twenty two players showed up this year, representing grades 5 through 12. This doubles last year's turnout. Congratulations to the following players who advance to the provincial championships in Red Deer in April

- Grade 5: Jeffrey Quon, Nicholas Wynder
Grade 6: Leslie Stitt, Matt Smienk
Grade 7: Rayan Najjar, Christine Waldner, Ty McCoy
Grade 8: Chris Card, Jason Stoltenberg, Mark Wynder
Grade 9: Steven Horn, Kirk Schmidt
Grade 10: Paul Schultz
Grade 11: Brian Wynder
Grade 12: Graham Sorgard, Michael Keeping

In terms of school participation, the following schools were represented: St. Gabriel Jr. High, Picture Butte High, Agnes Davidson, L.C.I., Earl River High, Father van Tighem, Catholic Central High, Mike Mountain Horse, I.C.S., Hamilton Jr. High, FLVT, Magrath, and Winston Churchill.

The following is a breakdown of all the schools who had players entered (in no particular order):

SOUTHERN ALBERTA OPEN 1996

| Name | Rtg | Rd1 | Rd2 | Rd3 | Rd4 | Rd5 | Pts |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 Nenad Ristic | 2314 | +5 | +6 | =2 | +4 | +3 | 4.5 |
| 2 Ted Wilson | 2212 | +7 | +9 | =1 | +10 | +5 | 4.5 |
| 3 Martin Oberrauch | 2290 | =9 | +13 | +11 | +8 | -1 | 3.5 |
| 4 Arthur Odachowski | 2183 | +14 | +12 | =8 | -1 | =6 | 3.0 |
| 5 Ford Wong | 2017 | -1 | +15 | +12 | +11 | -2 | 3.0 |
| 6 Chris Kuczaj | 2077 | +15 | -1 | =7 | +14 | =4 | 3.0 |
| 7 David Ottosen | 2000 | -2 | +17 | =6 | =12 | +8 | 3.0 |
| 2.5 | 8.Warrick Walker; 9.John Quiring; 10.James Flemming | | | | | | |
| 2.0 | 11.Leo Danglapen; 12.David Moore; 13.Michael Harding | | | | | | |
| 1.5 | 14.Arthur Milne; 15.Tony Zaradic | | | | | | |
| 1.0 | 16.Jordan Davies | | | | | | |
| 0.5 | 17.Ante Sokol; 18.Kim Nguyen | | | | | | |

GAMES FROM SOUTHERN ALBERTA OPEN

TD/Org Grant Brown provided his report on this tournament in the last issue, but space and time considerations led to a rather brief treatment of this important event. Here is the crosstable, and a couple of games.

L. Danglapen - A. Milne

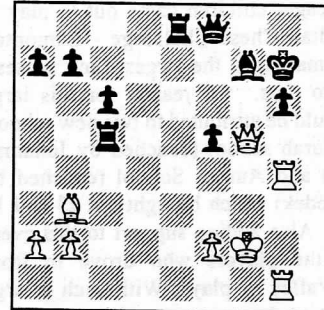
[Notes by Milne]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 In our encounter in the Calgary Fall Open 1996, Leo played 3.c4 with a view to holding on to the extra pawn (the other option is transposing to a Panov-Botvinnik Attack): 3. ... c6! 4.dxc6!? (4.d4) Nxc6 5.Nf3 e6 6.d3 Bc5 with good compensation for the pawn Black lost after failing to equalize in the opening. **3. ... Nxd5 4.d4 g6 5.Be2 5.g3!** Suetin-Bezgodov 1993 Informant 57. **5. ... Bg7 6.O-O O-O 7.Re1**

Nc6 The opening revolves around Black enforcing e5; without this move, his prospects are exiguous. Nc6 hits the vital e5 square, just as Re1 restrains it. **8.c3!?** Blunting the Bg7; possible is c4, but this is not quite book because of the insertion of Re1. **8. ... Bg4** Hitting at a piece controlling e5; 8. ... e5 fails to 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 Bxe5 11.Bf3.

9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Now ... e5 is unenforceable because of the unprotected Nd5. **10. ... Nb6** A major crossroads; 10. ... Qd7 and 10. ... h6 are alternatives if Black wants to pursue the ... e5 strategy--and what other strategy is there? **11.Bg5 Re8** Virtually forced. **12.Nd2** With ideas such as Ne4-c5. **12. ... h6** Already it is becoming difficult for Black to come up with a constructive plan. **13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 Qc8 15.Qc2 e6 16.h4 gxh4 17.Bxh4 Ne7 18.Ne4 Nbd5 19.c4! Nf5 20.Bg3 Nxc3 21.Nxc3 Nf6** Otherwise the Ng3 comes in very strongly on h5. **22.Rad1 e6 23.Ne4 Nxe4 24.Rxe4!** Moving the Re1 to an attacking position. **24. ... Qc7 25.Rg4 Kh8 26.g3! Rad8 27.Kg2 Qe7 28.Rh1 Rd7** Unfortunately, there is nothing Black can do to bring his rooks to the defense of h6; the only alternative is to focus pressure on the d4

square by doubling on the d-file. **29.Qc1 Qf8 30.Qg5 f5 31.R4h4 Kh7 32.Bd1 Rxd4** Black has nothing better than to take the material and



pray that White's attack comes to nothing. **33.g4! Rxc4 34.Bb3 Rc5 35.gxf5 exf5 35. ... Qxf5? 36. Rxh6+; 35. ... Rxf5 36. B c 2 <Diagram>**

36.Rxh6+!! Bxh6 37.Bg8+! 37. ... Kh8 38.Rxh6+ Qxh6 39.Qxh6+ Kxg8 40.Qg6+ Kf8 41.Qd6+ **1-0** As far as I'm concerned, my Centre Counter is under a dark cloud. A fine game by Leo.

J. Quiring - T. Wilson

1.Nf3 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.Nc3 O-O 6.O-O Nc6 7.e4 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Nd4 10.Bg2 Nd7 11.d3 e5 12.Be3 c6 13.Ne2 a5 14.Qd2 Nc5 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Bf4 Re8 17.Qc2 Rc8 18.Rfel Be5 19.Bd2 Bg7 20.Bf4 b5 21.b3 Be5 22.Bd2 Qb6 23.Rab1 b4 24.Ra1 Ra8 25.Rab1 a4 26.Rb2 axb3 27.axb3 Ra3 28.Kf1 R8a8 29.Bf3 Qa5 30.Kg1 Ra2 31.R1b1 Ra3 32.Re1 Ra1 33.R1b1 Rxb1 34.Rxb1 Qa3 35.Kf1 Kg7 36.Bc1 Qa2 37.Rb2 Qa1 38.Qd2 Nxd3 39.Rc2 Nc5 40.Rb2 d3 41.Qh6+ 0-1

JANUARY OPEN

By Walter Watson, TD

It was cold. Bitterly cold. The coldest weekend of one of the coldest Calgary winters on record. As Arctic winds swept the bleak, almost deserted streets, and prudent life forms huddled inside whatever shelters they had secured, 19 Calgary chess players threw caution to the winds and entered the ACA's January Open. Nenad Ristic won first place in the open section, but it was close until the end. He played a hard-fought first round draw, as Black in an advance French against a surprising Max Carcamo. After four rounds the two were tied with 3.5 points followed by Jun Turingan with 3 (and a loss to Dale Haessel) and Dale with 2.5 (including a loss to Nenad). After Dale defeated Max's Hungarian Defence in the last round, Nenad agreed to a draw with Jun in another advance French. Nenad finished with 4 points while Dale, Jun and Max tied for second and third prizes with 3.5.

Frank Knoll scored a last-round victory in the Under 1800 section. Chris Vermette won second prize, a half point ahead of Steve Sauve. Tedge Davies organized the tournament. An added feature was a limited edition framed print by noted artist Glenn Olson, donated by Dalco Construction and Servpro as a special prize. We express our sincere thanks to the donors.

1996-97 GRAND PRIX SPEED #2

By Walter Watson, TD

The second Grand Prix was held on the Calgary Club's first night at the Elephant and Castle. As there were 33 entries instead of the usual less than 20, and a 33-player round robin would have caused a riot, the director set up two sections of over and under 1800.

The over 1800 section was exceptionally strong. For the second consecutive tournament, Nenad Ristic defeated Ted Wilson in their individual game. He finished first at 11.5-2.5 to Ted's 11-3. The other leading scores were Branimir Brebric 10.5 points, Greg Huber and Arthur Odachowski 10, Jeff Chrumka 9, Art Milne 8.5, Dale Haessel 8, Chris Kuczaj 6.5 and Jim Daniluk 6. They were followed by Farzan Nazarian, Don Coward, Max Carcamo, Richard Bakalovich and Walter Zwirner.

Jordan Davies lost two of his first four games, but gave up only one more draw to finish first in the under 1800 section with 14.5-2.5. Stephen Campbell came a close second with 14 points, followed by Steve Sauve and Ron Follgard 11.5, Gary Bruckner 11, Colin Chrumka 10, John Rajchel and Kim Nguyen 9.5, and Bill Rusk and Frank Knoll 9.

1996-97 GRAND PRIX SPEED #3

By Walter Watson, TD

The third Grand Prix had 23 entries, and was again divided into two sections. The over 1800 section was an 8-player double round robin. Branimir Brebrich, Chris Demers and Bob South dominated the field, with Branimir scoring 11-3 compared to 10.5-3.5 for Chris and Bob. The other entries were Jim Daniluk, Milan Rabljenovic, and Max Carcamo, Jeff Chrumka and Art Milne.

Steve Sauve scored an outstanding result in the under 1800 section, conceding only two draws for a 13-1 score. Newcomer Allan Clarke (from John Ferrar's former home of Aberdeen, Scotland) was second with 11.5. They were followed by Bill Rusk with 10 points, Norm Luyben 9.5, John Rajchel 9, Chris Vermette, Steve Hansen, Reinder Sloot and Gary Bruckner 7, and Kim Nguyen 6.5.

After 3 Grand Prix tournaments, the leading scores in the over 1800 section are Branimir Brebrich 79.5, Jeff Chrumka 70.5, Jim Daniluk 67, Max Carcamo 62, Nenad Ristic 57, Ted Wilson 56.5, Chris Kuczaj 49.5, and Art Milne 41.

In the under 1800 section, Steve Sauve leads with 81 points followed by John Rajchel 76, Bill Rusk 72, Colin Chrumka 71, Gary Bruckner 49.

ACA CASINO, February 14-15

by Ford Wong

The ACA held another successful Casino on February 14-15 in Edmonton, at the ABS Downtown Casino. Successful in that the ACA has raised some significant money to help support its projects and activities. This year, it was business as usual for the ACA's volunteers; playing chess in the back room, in between trips to the restaurant for meals and the odd time doing some casino work. However, for this casino, John Quiring, who worked as a cashier from past Casinos was promoted and was given the big A (note: Walter Watson was also given the big A) so that he could satisfy his curiosity as to what really goes on in the Count Room (is it true that everyone in this room gets to roll around naked in cash?). *[Modesty and a sensitive disposition prevent me from relating the gruesome sight I beheld in the Count Room--JQ]*

As usual Tom Karpa and Steve Panteluk kept the Cashier Cage Room lively; customers who cashed a lot of chips often got more than they bargained for! Banker on duty! Barney Fegyvermeki once again did a yeoman's job as cashier completing 4 full shifts (probably the most demanding volunteer job in the Casino). The cashiers were very stingy with money and held on to as much as they could (the biggest cash out was about \$6600). Brady Ficko got his feet wet and came through like a trooper once he got rid of his opening heebie jeebies. Micah Hughey got off to a slow start on day one when he slept in.

Over the course of two days, there were no mistakes made (ie. no stories of missing chips, missing \$1000 bills or of ACA volunteers unexpectedly booking trips to the Bahamas). There was a brief moment of panic when one of the cash boxes went missing, however this was quickly accounted for when the Games manager figured out how to count. Evelyn, our Casino Advisor, made a slight error but Bill, our Count Room Advisor, corrected the problem with a little after hours reconciliation (interrogation) work! Evelyn and Bill still have a lot of fun at the Casino. In the end, everything added up.

How money is won or lost at a Casino can be very interesting. At any point you can be down but rebound back for a big night. Here is a blow by blow description of how money was raised at the ACA Casino, starting at 4p.m. when the first "unofficial" count is done:

| | Day 1: | Day 2: |
|-------|--------------|--------------|
| 4 PM | Up \$6,100 | Down \$8,900 |
| 5 PM | Up \$3,600 | Down \$5,700 |
| 6 PM | Up \$5,400 | Down \$4,500 |
| 7 PM | Up \$1,900 | Down \$2,500 |
| 8 PM | Down \$1,800 | Up \$300 |
| 9 PM | Up \$9,400 | Up\$ 4,600 |
| 10 PM | Up \$12,100 | Up\$ 9,500 |
| 11 PM | Up \$16,900 | Up\$ 11,200 |
| 12 PM | Up \$23,900 | Up\$ 16,400 |

The amount made at the Casino is split half and half between the hosting organization and the Casino. At the end of both days, the ACA contributed to the Casino pool \$23,743.15. Pooling is where all organizations pool their wins/losses together and split everything evenly. To date, all organizations which had held Casinos were on average making just under \$ 21,000. The pooling period will not be over until the end of March, and the actual amount raised by this casino will be published in the next ACR.

The lucky winner of the Casino ABS wristwatch was Walter Watson. The wristwatch turned out to be more impressive than the one displayed which did not encourage everyone to want to win it. In the end, in addition to having a free meal or two (casino burgers were yummy! - I don't think anyone went home hungry judging by the size of the food tab), all the volunteers received a pen and a deck of cards (one for each shift worked).

Special thanks to the ACA's casino advisors Evelyn (Wovey) Curtis, Dick Curtis and count room advisor Bill (the cookie maker) Humphrey. Of course, an additional thanks goes to all the patrons of the ABS Downtown Casino! (give yourselves a big L).

THANK YOU:

The ACA would like to thank the following who volunteered and helped out: Ford Wong, John Quiring, Walter Watson, Kurt Lauterwald, Cor Dewindt, Len Steele, Barney Fegyvernecki, Geoff Newton, Brady Ficko, Micah Hughey, Ted Allen, Brad Willis, Nigel Fullbrook, Chris Dartana, Bob Davies, Chris Herodek, Dave Ottosen, Tom Karpa, Steve Panteluk, Adam Wu, Dave Gomboc, Art Milne, Stephen Campbell, Nick Podolchak, Steve Sauve, Peter Alderton, Jan Vandenberg, and Aaron Lovi. Special thanks to Len S. and John Q. *[and Ford W.--ed.]* who took time off work to help and to Walter W., Dave G., Art M., Stephen C., Nick P. and Steve S. who drove up from Calgary.

The next Casino is expected to be held in Calgary APR - JUNE, 1998. This will give the ACA's Calgary members an opportunity to help. For a very little effort by a few people, a lot of money can be raised. This sure beats selling chocolate bars. Hope to see you all helping out at the next ACA Casino.

STANDING "O"

Well, Ford, you did it again--another casino, another \$20,000. Casino application forms, volunteer interest forms, phone calls, volunteer application forms, phone calls, casino liaison, volunteer coordination, phone calls, phone calls... This standing ovation is for you, my friend {applause applause}.

THE FIRST SOUTHERN ALBERTA AMATEUR OPEN

By Grant Brown, TD & Org.

Thirty-six players, ranging in age from 8 to "fortysomething", participated in the first Southern Alberta Amateur Open Chess Tournament at the Park Place Mall on the afternoon of Sunday October 27. Twenty-two of the players were juniors, representing 9 different Lethbridge schools, plus Picture Butte High School.

Terry Whitehead was the class of the field, winning all five of his games and taking home the first place trophy. Five players finished with four wins and a single loss. On tie-break, their order of finish was as follows: second place went to Stephen Molnar; third place went to Paul Schultz; Kirk Schmidt took the Top Junior trophy; Michael Gurnick placed fifth; and Ken Roy placed sixth. Honourable mention goes to 10-year old Leslie Stitt, whose three wins and a draw earned him a commendable eighth-place finish. Angela Laenan (age 14) was the top female scorer with a creditable three wins.

All of the participants, and even some of the spectators, seemed to enjoy themselves. From the results of the survey conducted at the tournament, there seems to be interest in more chess in the future. Please call the organizer Grant Brown (381-0308) for information about future events, or come out to the Lethbridge Chess Club any Thursday evening beginning at 5:30.

This tournament was organized and directed by Grant Brown, and was sponsored by The Dufferin Game Room, the Royal Bank, and the Alberta Chess Association.

CALGARY CHESS CLUB SIMUL WITH LAWRENCE DAY

By Walter Watson

Aside from last summer's Canadian Open, it's not often that an International Master visits Calgary. The Calgary Chess Club was very pleased to welcome Lawrence Day for a simultaneous exhibition on February 25. There were 19 boards set up, and as one game finished another player could start a new game on the same board. In all, Lawrence had 32 opponents, including twice with Jason Flodberg. Lawrence's overall record was 26-4-2. Among his opponents, Max Carcamo drew first blood, while his other losses were to Stephen Faust, Dale Haessel and Chris Demers (happily returning to the chess wars). Bill Rusk and Jim Daniluk scored the two draws. The simul was a big success, attracting some newcomers to competition and moving a number of players to say that we should do it more often. Tedge Davies deserves credit for arranging the event, and Lawrence Day for his unfailing good humour during play.

ALBERTA CLUBS

CALGARY CHESS CLUB

Meets at Elephant & Castle Restaurant
8th Ave. and 4th St. SW,
Tournament chess: Tues 7:00 - 11:00
Speed Chess: Friday at 7:00
Contact: Tedge Davies (jdavies@cwave.com)
or Walter Watson (277-5620)
Mail to 302 - 312 - 6 Ave NE
Calgary AB T2E 0L9

Schedule:

Mar 18 - Apr 29: Calgary Open
May 6: Grand Prix #4 (Speed chess)
May 13 - Jun 10: Spring Open
Jun 17: Grand Prix #5 (Speed chess)
(Final tournament in the series)

ALMOST UNDER 1800 CLUB

Meets: Word Books and Cappuccino Bar,
1715 - 17 Ave. SW, Calgary, AB,
during business hours.

Contact: Rook St. Peter (244-4239) or
Tedge Davies (jdavies@cwave.com)

Tournament Schedule

10 - 4:30, \$5.00 entry fee, CFC rated
Apr 5: For players rated 1700-2000
Apr 19: For players rated under 1700
May 3: For players rated 1700-2000
May 17: For players rated under 1700
Jun 7: For players rated 1700-2000
Jun 21: For players rated under 1700
Jul 5: For players rated 1700-2000
Jul 19: For players rated under 1700

EDMONTON CHESS CLUB

Meets: Prince Of Wales Armoury,
Suite 114A, 10440 - 108 Ave.,
Edmonton T5H 3Z9
entrance at south west corner,
open 7- midnight.

Monday--casual chess tournaments, no
membership required; relaxed noise
controls

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

Info: club phone (424-0283); Kurt Lauterwald
(434-7536). Mail: see club address above.

Schedule for Thursday tournaments:

New tournaments start the first Thursday
of every month.

GRANDE PRAIRIE CHESS CLUB

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

Info: Phil Lefkowitz (538-1903; mail: c/o 9905
75 Ave, Grande Prairie T8V 6G2).

NORTHERN COMMUNITIES CC

Info: Bernie Tynan (771-3757).

LETHBRIDGE CHESS CLUB

Contact: Grant Brown (381-0308)
Meets Thursdays starting at 5:30

JUNIOR CLUBS & TOURNAMENTS

See page 6 in the Junior Chess Section.

MEDICINE HAT CHESS CLUB

Meets on Wednesdays 7-10:15,
at Southview Community School,
Coffee Corner room.

Info: Bill Taylor (526-5484).

PEACE RIVER CHESS CLUB

Meets: Peace Valley Inn (Rose Room),
9609-101 St. Sat. 9:00-4:00

Dates: Call Todd.

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

NORTHWESTERN ALBERTA ACTIVE CHESS SOCIETY

La Crete

Meets: La Crete Public School
Info: Keith Martin (928-2702)

High Level

Meets: High Level Public Library
Info: High Level: Piotr Rajski (926-4658)

Fort Vermillion

Info: Theresa or Aung Zaw-Tun (927-3274)

Schedule:

Apr. 5: Fort Vermillion Popular Active
Apr. 19-20: High Level CFC Rated Classic
May 3: La Crete CFC Rated Active
May 19: Victoria Day Simul, High Level
(to be confirmed)
May 31: Fort Vermillion Popular Active
Jun 14: La Crete CFC Rated Active

RED DEER JR & SR CC

Meet: Red Deer Public Library,
Sun. 1:30-5:00

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

RIMBEY CC

Info: Cameron McLean (843-3736).

EDSON

KINGS AND QUEENS CHESS CLUB
Meets:

Room #16, Parkland Composite High
4630 - 12 Ave, Edson

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Info: Victor Bilodeau (723-7691)

Mail to Box 5220, Edson AB T7E 1T4

Club Officials: Please check that the
information listed here is correct. Send
updates, new schedule info, etc. by May
15, 1997.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

All tournaments require ACA and CFC
membership (may be purchased on site)

USED TO BE U OF A

Where: Edmonton Chess Club, Prince of
Wales Armoury, 104 Ave & 108 Str.

When: May 10-11, 1997

Register: 9:00-9:45 Saturday May 10

Format: 5 round Swiss

Contact: Ford Wong (481-6474)

Entry: Adult \$20, Junior \$15, age 14 and
under \$5 with "no prize" option.

Time Control: 40 moves/1 hour 50 min,
then game/30.

RED DEER OPEN

Where: Red Deer College
(exit highway 2 at 67 Street)

When: June 7-8, 1997

Contact: Neil Sharp (346-0420)

Register: 9:00-9:45 Saturday June 7

Format: 5 round Swiss

Entry: Adult \$20, Junior \$15, age 14 and
under \$5 with "no prize" option.

CANADA DAY OPEN

Where: Calgary

When: June 28-29, 1997

Contact: Art Milne (259-2440)

More details next issue!

HIGH LEVEL STARDUST CLASSIC

Where: Stardust Motor Inn, High Level

When: Apr 19-20, 1997

Registration 9:30 Saturday morning.

Format: Four rounds (10:00, 1:00, 5:00 on
April 19; 10:00 on April 20)

Entries: Adults \$20, Juniors/Seniors \$10
All entry fees will be matched by the
Stardust Motor Inn.

Time control: 45/120, Game/30

Contact: Piotr Rajski 926-4658.

Accommodation: Stardust Motor Inn,
926-4222

ACA SCHEDULE

May 10-11 Used To Be U of A (Edmonton)

Jun 7-8 Red Deer Open (Red Deer)

Jun 28-29 Canada Day Open (Calgary)

Aug 16 Battle of Alberta (Red Deer)

Sep 13-14 Medicine Hat Open (in the Hat)

Sep 20-21 Over/Under 1800 (Edmonton)

Sep 27-28 Northern AB Junior (Edmonton)

Sep 27-28 Southern AB Junior (Calgary)

Oct 11-13 AB Open (Red Deer)

Oct 18-19 Northern AB Cadet (Edmonton)

Oct 18-19 Southern AB Cadet (Calgary)

Oct 25-26 Alberta Junior (Red Deer)

Oct 25-26 Peace River Classic

Nov 15-16 Southern Alberta Open (Calgary)

Dec 13-14 Alberta Cadet (Red Deer)

Dec 20-21 Christmas Open (Edmonton)