



# ALBERTA CHESS REPORT



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## 1998 Alberta Closed

by John Quiring

The annual tournament for the Championship of Alberta was held in Edmonton over the Easter weekend and it was an exceptional event. With an average rating of 2296, this was the strongest Closed ever held and it was simply impossible to pick a favourite. The 8 players included 5 former champions, and 2 of them prevailed again this year as the tournament ended in a tie. Greg Huber of Calgary and Robert Gardner of Edmonton scored 5½/7, followed by Nigel Fullbrook just ½ point back. (Greg had a higher Sonnenborn-Berger tie break, so he gets the automatic entry into next year's Closed).

The tournament began with a players' meeting, where the time control of 35/90, then game in 45 was agreed upon. This makes for a maximum 4½ hour game, which is a good compromise between the desire for high quality, slow games, and the need to play three games on the middle day of the Closed. The players also applauded the anonymous donor whose \$50.00 contribution covered the FIDE rating fee. To my knowledge, this is the first FIDE rated Alberta event ever. Five of the players already had FIDE ratings, and as a result of this tournament, Roy Yearwood and David Ottosen should receive theirs as well.

Many thanks go out to John Macnab who took it upon himself to publicize the Closed. He issued press releases and the results were outstanding, as television stations CFRN and ITV, as well as CBC Radio and the Edmonton Sun, all showed up to cover this tournament. I think the ACA Board should consider appointing one of the ACA directors (or better yet, an enthusiastic volunteer) as a publicity agent and media liaison person.

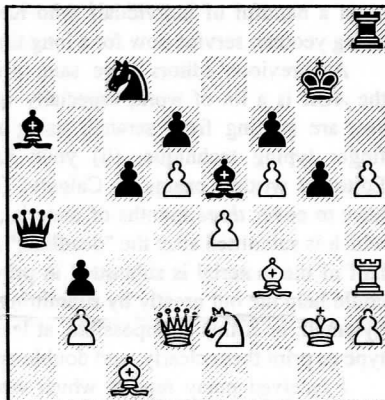
The one unfortunate occurrence was that defending champion Nenad Ristovic withdrew due to illness after the first day. This had a big impact on the tournament, and it highlights in

my mind the big commitment made by players in round robin events. In this case, Huber and South scored hard-fought wins against Ristovic; everyone else got the same result but for them it was a freebie and a bye during a grueling event. Also, Huber had the misfortune of following Ristovic in the playing rotation, so all of his opponents in the second half had a bye just before playing him.

Thanks go out to the Alberta's best players for giving up a weekend for an extremely hard-fought tournament (no easy draws until the last *Alberta Closed report continues on page 4. Alberta Reserves report is on page 4.*

### Ristovic — Huber

1. d4 ♖f6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 e6 4. ♘c3 ed5 5. cd5
- d6 6. g3 g6 7. ♙g2 ♙g7 8. ♗f3 O-O 9. O-O
- a6 10. a4 ♘bd7 11. ♘d2 ♗h5 12. e4 ♚b8
13. ♘c4 ♘e5 14. ♘e3 b5 15. ab5 ab5 16. f4
- ♘c4 17. ♘c4 bc4 18. ♚e2 ♘d4 19. ♗h1 ♚b4
20. f5 f6 21. g4 ♗g7 22. ♚f3 g5 23. ♚h3 ♘e8
24. ♚a7 ♘c7 25. ♚a3 ♙a6 26. ♚h5 ♚b3 27.
- ♚b3 cb3 28. ♚d2 ♗g7 29. ♘e2 ♙e5 30. ♚h3
- ♚b8 31. ♚f3 h5 32. gh5 ♚h8 33. ♚h3 ♚b5
34. ♙f3 ♚a4 35. ♗g2



- g4 36. ♙g4 ♚c4 37. ♙f3 ♚f5 38. ♗f4 ♙f4
39. ♚f4 ♙f1 40. ♗f1 ♚h3 41. ♗f2 ♘b5 42.
- ♙e2 ♚h5 43. ♙h5 ♚h5 44. h4 ♘d4 45. ♚g3
- ♗f7 46. ♙f4 ♚e2 0-1

## Calgary Closed

by Walter Watson

Bob South impressed in winning a strong top section of the Calgary Closed with all eight players rated over 2120, but it was more competitive than the final scores showed. The surprises were the poor form of the top seed Nenad Ristovic, and the early success of Chris Kuczaj who took the lead with 3/4. Bob gained the lead in the fifth round at 3½/5, followed by three players with 3. He then won his last two games to win going away. John Ferrar showed his strength by finishing a point back with 4½, and Arthur Odachowski finished third with 4. Bob's win qualified him for the Alberta Closed. Here are two games annotated by the champ:

### South — Odachowski

1. d4 ♖f6 2. c4 e6 3. ♘c3 ♙b4 4. e3 c5 5.
- ♙d3 ♘c6 6. ♗f3 O-O 7. O-O ♙c3 8. bc3 d6
9. e4 e5 10. h3 ♘e8 11. ♙e3 b6 12. d5 ♘a5
- [This ♘ is out of play for the rest of the game, as Black's pressure on c4 does not amount to much. 12...♘e7 was better.] 13. ♘d2 ♚h4 14.
- f4? [I completely overlooked Black's reply, which simply wins a ♖.] ♙h3! 15. f5 ♗f6 16.
- ♚f3 ♙g4 17. ♚f2 ♚h5? [After my early blunder, Arthur decides to play for mate. But 17... ♚f2! would have resulted in a winning end-
- game.]

Calgary Closed report continues on page 5.

## Edmonton Closed

by John Quiring

The Edmonton Closed was remarkable for its weak attendance this year. This qualifier for the Alberta Closed attracted only one master, Sasa Grumic, and since Sasa has not been playing much over the last year, the outcome was very much in doubt. The favourite among the underdogs had to be David Ottosen, who has lost very few games at the club in the last year. David continued his impressive play, finishing in first by a full 1½ points. Geoff Newton, who generally plays well in the Closed, was second with 4½ and Sasa was third with 4 points.

And now a few words with the winner:  
**John:** Congratulations. Is this your first Edmonton Closed victory?  
**David:** Thank you. Yes it is; I tied for 2nd once with 4/7, and I tied for fourth another time, also with 4/7. This is my first win.  
**J:** It looked like you were never in trouble in any of your games. You just rolled through the field without difficulty?

Edmonton Closed report continues on page 3.

### 1998 Alberta Closed

#	Name	rating	(perf.)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	total
1.	Greg Huber	2349	2408	x	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	5½
2.	Robert Gardner	2348	2391	½	x	½	½	1	1	1	+	5½
3.	Nigel Fullbrook	2319	2360	½	½	x	0	1	1	1	+	5
4.	Roy Yearwood	2253	2298	0	½	1	x	½	0	1	+	4
5.	David Ottosen	2158	2247	½	0	0	½	x	½	1	+	3½
6.	Robert South	2316	2236	0	0	0	1	½	x	½	1	3
7.	Arthur Odachowski	2297	1957	0	0	0	0	0	½	x	+	1½
8.	Nenad Ristovic	2325	—	0	-	-	-	-	0	-	x	0

(+ or - denotes forfeit win or loss)

\*performance ratings estimated by... -ed.

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#### Deadline for next issue: 15 June

*Organizers:* Please send details such as date, entry time, location, entry fee, format, and time controls to the *ACR* well in advance

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Articles, notices, games, and letters can be submitted in many ways: hand-delivered to the editors; sent by email to [browng@uleth.ca](mailto:browng@uleth.ca); or sent to the ACA mailbox.

### Editorial

This is my first *ACR* as editor, and you will have noticed some changes. Most obviously, I have used figurine notation in the games, omitting the checks (+) and captures (x) symbols to conserve space and conform with the industry standard *Informant* style. Also, diagrams are less frequent but larger and crisper. I hope that the members are happy with these changes.

The *ACR* is the face of organized chess in Alberta. As editor, my goals are to give it a more professional appearance and to increase its circulation. A more attractive and widely circulated *ACR* will hopefully attract interest in organized chess from new members and corporate sponsors alike. To these ends, I have arranged with at least one *Chapters Books* outlet in Calgary to offer the *ACR* for sale to the general public in their magazine rack. I am aiming to increase the circulation of the *ACR* further by offering free subscriptions to schools and public libraries. I hope that ACA members will help me to seek out the names and addresses of contact persons at schools and libraries, and forward this information to any ACA Board member.

If anyone has any other ideas about how we can improve and gain exposure for the *ACR* or the ACA, please don't be shy about bringing them forward. The ACA is a volunteer organization, and depends entirely upon the efforts of its members. Chess activity throughout Alberta, at all levels, has grown substantially in the past few years, putting an increasingly heavy burden upon a handful of individuals who have been doing yeoman service now for a long time.

As previous editors have said, producing the *ACR* is a lot of work, especially when: (i) you are starting from scratch, using a three-finger typing technique; (ii) your Associate Editor is writing exams in Calgary; (iii) you have to cover *three* months of material, half of which is submitted after the "deadline;" and (iv) half of the material is submitted in print. You could help me out greatly by submitting reports by email; or if this is impossible, at least try to type or print them clearly, and double-space!

I received many reports which were mere duplicates of reports sent to *En Passant*. Such reports have a very low priority for me, especially when I have more material than I can fit into 10 pages, anyway. If you want your event prominently reported in the *ACR*, please send original material, especially (annotated) games that won't be in *En Passant*.

Apologies for reports that had to be edited.  
— Grant A. Brown, D.Phil.

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### Top Rated Albertans

*This list comprises the top-rated ACA members who live in Alberta*

#	Name	now	high
1.	Rob Hawkes	2362	2362
2.	Gregory Huber	2349	2385
3.	Robert Gardner	2348	2348
4.	Nenad Ristic	2324	2365
5.	Nigel Fullbrook	2323	2323
6.	Robert South	2319	2328
7.	Arthur Odachowski	2297	2304
8.	Dale Haessel	2292	2305
9.	Victor Maric	2275	*
10.	Fred South	2272	2300
11.	Roy Yearwood	2253	2286
12.	Neil Sharp	2245	2245
13.	Jonathan Schaeffer	2238	2248
14.	Christopher Demers	2238	2238
15.	John Ferrar	2235	2314
16.	Branimir Brebrich	2225	2225
17.	Sardul Purewal	2215	2215
18.	Nandor Tot	2210	2210
19.	Sean Perron	2210	2210
20.	Ted Wilson	2205	2245
21.	Eugene Gibney	2199	*
22.	Warrick Walker	2191	2236
23.	Andrew Lapidis	2187	*
24.	David Ottosen	2158	2158
25.	Chris Kuczaj	2155	2155
26.	Sasha Grumic	2151	2276
27.	Milan Rabljenovic	2145	2145
28.	Ante Zaradic	2145	2200
29.	Farzan Nazarian	2136	2161
30.	Grant Brown	2133	2133
31.	Dave Gomboc	2129	2144
32.	Bradley Willis	2126	2126
33.	F. John Parrott	2119	2119
34.	Zoltan Baunok	2110	2200
35.	Jim Daniluk	2100	2181
36.	Gordon Campbell	2099	2160
37.	Jim Monaghan	2090	2100
38.	Virgilio Turingan	2089	2109
39.	Gerald Aspler	2072	2072
40.	Zoran Radovic	2060	*
41.	Geoff Newton	2059	2105
42.	Walter Watson	2051	2051
43.	Leo Danglapan	2051	2093
44.	Chris P. Fulker	2048	2100
45.	Paul Thibodeau	2041	2100
46.	Hafiz Karmali	2030	2120
47.	Yngvi Bjornsson	2029	2029
48.	Alan Clark	2026	2026
49.	Tedge Davies	2021	2021
50.	Walter Zwirner	2018	2034
51.	Micah Hughey	2003	2005

denotes provisional rating \*

☞ Many thanks to Troy Vail at the CFC for compiling and emailing this list to me.

An indication of the growth of chess in Alberta is that the February 1991 *ACR* rating list had only 32 players over 2000.

# News from the Alberta Chess Association

by Walter Watson, President

The ACA Board held its budget meeting in February. Our operating budget for 1998 is \$15,875. The major expenses are: ACA weekend tournaments (room rental and TD fees) - \$4760; travel subsidies to national championships (Alberta Jr., Chess Challenge, Youth Festival) - \$3300; ACR - \$2800; and local club support - \$2700. We set aside \$50 each for Hinton, High Level, Crownsnest Pass, and Grand Prairie TDs for a major tournament not now on the ACA schedule. Organizers from those towns should contact me about how to qualify. People have asked about TD workshops, and about score books. Workshops will be held in Edmonton and Calgary, and the dates publicized. The ACA is having score books printed, to be sold on a cost-recovery basis.

Under its capital budget, the ACA voted 2 clocks to the Words club, and \$100 for an Edmonton Amateur tournament. Three clubs from smaller centres asked for equipment. We voted 6 sets and 6 clocks to the Hinton Chess Club, 6 sets and 4 clocks to the Crownsnest Pass Club, and 4 clocks to Lloydminster. All clocks and sets remain ACA property, and must be returned if the recipient club folds.

In other Board business, we appointed Grant Brown and Dave Gomboc the new ACR editors, to replace David Ottosen who retired. The Canada Day Open in Calgary has been moved to the weekend of July 3-4 at the Quality Inn. Neil Sharp resigned as an Alberta CFC Governor. The Board voted to have the President continue appointing Governors, and later I appointed Steve Hansen to complete Neil's term.

In early March, the Board faced serious questions about interpreting the Alberta Closed Rules. A master who wanted to enter the Closed had enough tournament participation points to qualify, but only if tournaments occurring after the entry deadline but before the Closed were counted. (A separate question was which rating list to use for entrants seeking to qualify by rating. The CFC was coincidentally scheduled to publish a new rating list on the entry deadline date. A second master worried that if the previous rating list were used, he might be unjustly excluded because of a TD's delay in submitting certain tournament results that helped him.) The Board set a first for itself by conducting the debate and voting by email. It voted not to count tournaments held after the entry deadline. (It also decided to use the previous rating list, but as a result of the first decision the second master still qualified.) In retrospect, I don't believe the ACA is at fault that these issues arose. Issues of interpretation will arise whenever there are rules governing competition. However, I believe I could have handled matters better to avoid the controversy from becoming as heated as it did. My not having my own email also limited my input.

The Board will deal with the Closed Rules at its next meeting (probably on Saturday May 23). We will also discuss ACA tournament policies about such issues as prize distribution, and whether the ACA should submit its budget to the Annual General Meeting for approval.

The ACA will be holding a casino on Saturday and Sunday June 6-7 in Calgary. I will be contacting those who volunteered, as to their availability.

## 1998 Edmonton Closed — Top Section

#	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	total
1.	David Ottosen	X	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	6
2.	Geoff Newton	0	X	1	1	½	1	0	1	4½
3.	Sasa Grumic	0	0	X	1	0	1	1	1	4
4.	Brady Ficko	0	0	0	X	½	1	1	1	3½
5.	Micah Hughey	0	½	1	½	X	1	0	½	3½
6.	Tim Dean	1	0	0	0	0	X	1	1	3
7.	Ravi Trikha	0	1	0	0	1	0	X	1	3
8.	Cor Dewindt	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	X	½

## Edmonton Reserves

Players not in the Edmonton Closed played in the Reserves, a 7-round swiss whose winner gets an automatic berth in next year's Closed. At the start, all entrants were rated within 100 points of each other, but the parity was dashed when 3 players took first-round byes as well as the 3 top rating positions in the tourney. These players included the winner, Gerald Aspler, who added 6 wins to his first-round bye. In second with 5½/7 was Ahmet Yamach (welcome back!), followed by Alvin Doo and John Macnab with 4 points.

The "better luck next time" award goes to Bob Davies, whose fine

### Edmonton Closed ...continued from p. 1:

D: Well, not quite. I had quite a few scrappy positions which I managed to win somehow, but if someone looked at each of my games from move 15 - 20, they would think my rating was 1500. I only played one good game, against Geoff Newton.

J: This tournament was a lot weaker than usual.

D: A lot of the players were fairly equal, and the games were hard fought. Generally, it seemed that the players who play regularly at the club did better than those who don't.

J: Next up is the Alberta Closed.

D: I'm glad it's in Edmonton; it will make it easier to prepare [for]. I expect to be the lowest rated player, so I'm just going to go and play. Hopefully I'll catch somebody with an opening trap and get a point.

### Newton — Ottosen

1. e4 d5 2. ed5 f6 3. d4 g4 4. e2 e2 5. e2 d5 6. f3 c6 7. c3 h5 8. e3 O-O 9. O-O e6 10. a3 d6 11. b4 d5 12. d2 g5 13. b5 g4 14. d5 gf3 15. f4 g4

16. g3 d4 17. e3 e2 18. h1 g3 19. fg3 fg2 20. g2 g5 21. c4 b5 22. d6 d6 23. f7 d5 24. d5 ed5 25. e1 c6 26. e2 b5 27. g2 b7 28. f2 b6 29. e1 c3 30. d2 a3 31. e7 c6 32. b7 c5 33. a7 a7 34. a7 h5 35. f7 g8 36. h7 g5 37. h6 b4 38. d3 b5 39. h8 f5 40. h7 c5 41. b7 c6 42. h7 c4 43. d4 f2 44. h6 b5 45. h5 d2 46. e3 c2 47. d5 a4 48. c5 b3 49. c8 b2 50. b8 h2 51. d4 c2 52. g4 c3 53. c4 a5 54. c5 a6 55. c6 a7 56. b7 a8 57. c7 e2 58. b3 e7 0-1.

### Hughey — Trikha

1. d4 f6 2. f3 d5 3. g5 e4 4. h4 c5 5. e3 g4 6. c3 f3 7. gf3 f6 8. f6 ef6 9. dc5 e5 10. g2 O-O 11. b4 b6 12. f4 e8 13. d5 e7 14. b7 d7 15. O-O a8 16. d1 c7 17. d5 f8 18. b3 e3 19. fe3 e3 20. h1 f4 21. d2 e2 22. f1 f2 23. d5 ce7 24. c4 e7e3 25. d3 e1 26. dd1 b3 [26...wf1#] 27. ab3 wf1#.

d7 43. g3 g5 44. a5 gh4 45. gh4 b6 46. e4 e6 47. f4 e7 48. f5 f7 49. e4 e6 50. f4 d5 51. f5 c4 52. f6 b4 53. g5? a5? [53...ba5 -+] 54. h5 b5 55. g5 b4 56. h5 b3 57. h6 b2 58. h7 b1= 59. h8= b5 60. g6 c6 ½-½.

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round). Thanks to Bob Davies for making coffee on days 2 and 3, and to the ACA, which spent almost \$400 to present this tournament.

### The Players

Greg Huber has been among the top players in Alberta for his age, for half of his short life. He mentioned at the beginning of the tournament that, for the first time in years, he felt he was in good form.

Robert Gardner moved to Montreal for a few years to work on his chess, and returned last year to the Alberta scene. He seems to have an uncanny knack of providing his opponents with opportunities to lose, and often they oblige.

Nigel Fullbrook has vast experience against strong opposition and brings his game up a notch when the stakes are high. He lost in round 1, then bounced back to pound out 4 points in his next 5 games.

Roy Yearwood has been gaining rating points steadily for about 2 years, and no peak is in sight yet. He challenged for the lead in the first half of the event before losing consecutive games in rounds 5 and 6.

David Ottosen won the "weakie" qualifier (the Edmonton Closed) and was lowest rated by a wide margin, but any hopes the other players had of easy points disappeared quickly. David generally has good opening preparation and has improved rapidly over the last year.

Robert South has been one of Alberta's strongest players for many years, and was disappointed with his score. Along with his brother Fred and Roy Yearwood, they share a "masters only" house in Calgary of amazing chess strength.

Arthur Odachowski is the most extroverted chess player I've every met. He calculates positions very deeply and has had mixed success in previous Closeds. He seemed demoralized by his first round loss, and never recovered.

Nenad Ristic was the defending champion. His win last year appeared quite easy, but he was no longer an unknown quantity this year. After losing his first two games, he withdrew from the tournament due to illness.

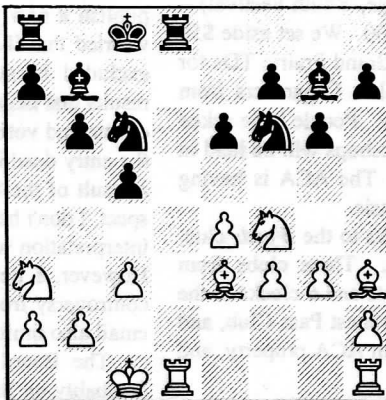
Games from the first and last rounds of the Alberta Closed are published in this issue. The remainder of the games will be published next issue, hopefully with some annotations by the players.

### Odachowski — Ottosen

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3.  $\text{f3}$  e6 4.  $\text{c3}$  dc4 5. a4  $\text{b4}$  6. e3 b5 7.  $\text{d2}$   $\text{b7}$  8. b3 a5 9. ab5  $\text{c3}$  10.  $\text{c3}$  cb5 11. bc4 b4 12.  $\text{b2}$   $\text{f6}$  13. c5 O-O 14.  $\text{e5}$   $\text{c6}$  15.  $\text{c4}$   $\text{a6}$  16.  $\text{a4}$   $\text{c7}$  17.  $\text{e2}$   $\text{d5}$  18.  $\text{c1}$   $\text{fb8}$  19.  $\text{b6}$   $\text{b6}$  20. cb6  $\text{b6}$  21.  $\text{a5}$   $\text{b7}$  22.  $\text{g5}$  h6 23.  $\text{g4}$   $\text{a2}$  24.  $\text{b1}$   $\text{e7}$  25.  $\text{d3}$   $\text{b2}$  0-1.

### Gardner — South

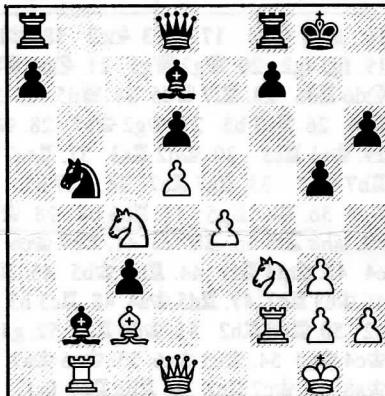
1. e4 g6 2. d4  $\text{g7}$  3.  $\text{e2}$  c5 4. c3 d6 5. dc5 dc5 6.  $\text{d8}$   $\text{d8}$  7.  $\text{e3}$  b6 8.  $\text{a3}$   $\text{b7}$  9.  $\text{f3}$   $\text{c6}$  10. O-O-O  $\text{c8}$  11.  $\text{f4}$   $\text{f6}$  12. g3  $\text{d8}$  13.  $\text{h3}$  e6



14.  $\text{e6}$  fe6 15.  $\text{e6}$   $\text{d7}$  16.  $\text{g5}$   $\text{d8}$  17.  $\text{d7}$   $\text{d7}$  18.  $\text{b5}$   $\text{f7}$  19.  $\text{d6}$   $\text{d6}$  20.  $\text{d6}$   $\text{e5}$  21.  $\text{d8}$   $\text{c7}$  22.  $\text{a8}$   $\text{a8}$  23.  $\text{f4}$  g5 24.  $\text{e5}$   $\text{e5}$  25.  $\text{c2}$  b5 26.  $\text{c3}$  b4 27. f4  $\text{g7}$  28. cb4 cb4 29.  $\text{c1}$   $\text{c6}$  30. e5 a5 31.  $\text{d4}$  gf4 32. gf4  $\text{h6}$  33.  $\text{f1}$   $\text{g2}$  34.  $\text{f2}$   $\text{h3}$  35. f5  $\text{d7}$  36.  $\text{d5}$   $\text{e3}$  37. e6  $\text{e8}$  38.  $\text{e2}$   $\text{g5}$  39.  $\text{c5}$   $\text{e7}$  40.  $\text{c2}$   $\text{f6}$  41.  $\text{c4}$  h6 42.  $\text{c7}$   $\text{e8}$  43. b3  $\text{g2}$  44.  $\text{a7}$   $\text{d8}$  45.  $\text{e5}$   $\text{b6}$  46.  $\text{h7}$  1-0.

### Yearwood — Fullbrook

1. d4  $\text{f6}$  2.  $\text{f3}$  c5 3. d5 e6 4. c4 ed5 5. cd5 d6 6. e4 g6 7.  $\text{g5}$   $\text{g7}$  8.  $\text{b2}$  h6 9.  $\text{h4}$  g5 10.  $\text{g3}$   $\text{h5}$  11.  $\text{b5}$   $\text{d7}$  12.  $\text{d3}$   $\text{g3}$  13. fg3 b5 14. a4 c4 15.  $\text{c2}$   $\text{b2}$  16.  $\text{b1}$  c3 17. O-O O-O 18.  $\text{f2}$   $\text{a6}$  19. ab5  $\text{c7}$  20.  $\text{c4}$   $\text{b5}$



21. e5 de5 22.  $\text{f5}$  f5 23. d6  $\text{b8}$  24.  $\text{d5}$   $\text{g7}$  25.  $\text{e1}$  Qe8 26.  $\text{d7}$   $\text{e1}$  27.  $\text{f1}$   $\text{e8}$  28.  $\text{b8}$   $\text{b8}$  29.  $\text{e5}$   $\text{g8}$  30.  $\text{f5}$   $\text{d6}$  31.  $\text{d6}$  c2 32.  $\text{e6}$   $\text{g7}$  33.  $\text{g6}$   $\text{h8}$  34.  $\text{h7}\#$ .

The last-round draws...

### South — Odachowski

1. e4 c5 2.  $\text{f3}$  d6 3. d4 cd4 4.  $\text{d4}$   $\text{f6}$  5.  $\text{c3}$   $\text{c6}$  6.  $\text{g5}$  e6 7.  $\text{d2}$   $\text{e7}$  8. O-O-O O-O 9.  $\text{b3}$   $\text{b6}$  10. f3  $\text{d8}$  11.  $\text{e3}$   $\text{c7}$  1/2-1/2.

### Ottosen — Yearwood

1.  $\text{c3}$  c5 2. e4 e6 3.  $\text{f3}$  d6 4. d4 cd4 5.  $\text{d4}$  e5 6.  $\text{db5}$  a6 7.  $\text{a3}$   $\text{e7}$  8.  $\text{c4}$   $\text{c6}$  9.  $\text{d5}$  b5 10.  $\text{e7}$   $\text{e7}$  11.  $\text{c3}$   $\text{f6}$  12. f3  $\text{e6}$  13.  $\text{e2}$   $\text{b6}$  14. c3  $\text{hd8}$  15.  $\text{d5}$   $\text{d5}$  16. ed5  $\text{a5}$  1/2-1/2.

I seem to recall an editorial not long ago lamenting the prevalence of early draws. ... -ed.

### Huber — Gardner

1.  $\text{f3}$  c5 2. c4  $\text{c6}$  3.  $\text{c3}$  g6 4. g3  $\text{g7}$  5.  $\text{g2}$  f5 6. d3  $\text{f6}$  7. O-O O-O 8. a3 d6 9.  $\text{b1}$  a5 10.  $\text{e1}$  e5 11.  $\text{c2}$  Be6 12. b4 cb4 13. ab4 d5 14. cd5 1/2-1/2.

## Alberta Reserves

The Alberta Reserves take place during days 2 and 3 of the Alberta Closed. This year, 16 players showed up to have a look at the big guys, and play a little chess. Frankly, I thought the best event of the tournament was Bob Davies making free coffee for all the players, courtesy of the Edmonton Chess Club. This was greatly appreciated.

Other events included some over-the-board action, and Brian Goude of Hinton was unbeatable, scoring 4 1/2/5. Tied for second were Brady Ficko and Alvin Doo with 3 1/2 points each. Top prize in the bottom half of the crosstable went to newcomer Kurtis Nystrom, who has been testing his mettle at the Edmonton Chess Club on Monday nights and decided to try his luck in a CFC event. Tied for second were Cor Dewindt, Branko Palcic and Alex Kazakevich with 2 points.

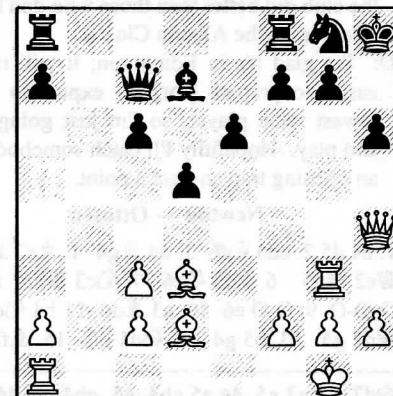
John Quiring directed the Alberta Closed and Reserves. Thanks for submitting these reports.

## Edmonton Reserves ...continued from p. 3:

John's sacrificial flurry decides the game early.

### Macnab — Lovi

1. e4 c5 2.  $\text{f3}$  e6 3. d4 cd4 4.  $\text{d4}$   $\text{c6}$  5.  $\text{c3}$   $\text{f6}$  6.  $\text{g5}$   $\text{b4}$  7.  $\text{c6}$  bc6 8. e5  $\text{c3}$  9. bc3 h6 10.  $\text{e3}$   $\text{d5}$  11.  $\text{d3}$   $\text{b5}$  12.  $\text{d2}$   $\text{e7}$  13.  $\text{e2}$   $\text{e5}$  14. O-O d5 15.  $\text{fe1}$   $\text{c7}$  16.  $\text{f3}$  O-O 17.  $\text{d3}$   $\text{h8}$  18.  $\text{h5}$   $\text{g8}$  19.  $\text{e3}$   $\text{f6}$  20.  $\text{h4}$   $\text{d7}$  21.  $\text{g3}$   $\text{g8}$



22.  $\text{h6}$   $\text{h6}$  23.  $\text{g7}$   $\text{g7}$  24.  $\text{g5}$  1-0.

1998 Calgary Closed — Top Section

#	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	total
1.	Robert South	x	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	5½
2.	John Ferrar	½	x	½	0	1	1	½	1	4½
3.	Arthur Odachowski	½	½	x	1	0	½	½	1	4
4.	Chris Kuczaj	½	1	0	x	½	½	1	0	3½
5.	Nenad Risticovic	0	0	1	½	x	0	1	1	3½
6.	Warrick Walker	0	0	½	½	1	x	0	1	3
7.	Jim Daniluk	0	½	½	0	0	1	x	½	2½
8.	Gordon Campbell	0	0	0	1	0	0	½	x	1½

Calgary Closed ...continued from page 1:

18. ♖g3 [Now White has a surprising counter-attack. After ♜f2, the threat of ♜h1 throws Black's pieces into disorder.] g6 [Probably better is 18...♙e2!] 19. ♜f2 gf5 [A long, forced variation now occurs which leads to a winning position for White. How quickly things can turn around!] 20. ef5 e4 21. ♜e4 ♖f5 22. ♜g1 ♜e4 23. ♚f5? [A concern about material is fine, but 23. ♙e4 was much stronger. After 23...♙e4 24. ♚f4 White's ♜-side attack is crushing.] ♜g3 24. ♚g5 ♜h8 25. ♚g4 ♚g8 26. ♚h4 f5 27. ♙f4 [Practically speaking, White has a wonderful position. The threats include ♙d6 and ♚e1-e7. However, I was content to get 1½ points from Odachowski and Risticovic, who were my main competition by rating, so here I offered a draw.] ½-½.

Campbell — South

1. e4 g6 2. d4 ♙g7 3. f4 c5 4. dc5 ♜a6 [I did not like 4...♙a5 because of 5. b4!?, even though this is probably not as strong as the intended reply, simply 5. ♜c3.] 5. ♙a6 ba6 [I thought a long time about playing 5...♙a5, eventually concluding that Black's ♙ would not be well placed at a6.] 6. c3?! [Not a good plan. White should forget about the c5-♙.] ♙b7 7. ♙d3? [7. ♙e2 or 7. ♙c2, protecting g2, were probably better.] f5! [This wins the e4-♙ by force, and gets a very strong position.] 8. ♜d2 ♜f6 9. ♜e2 ♜e4 [Here I offered a draw since ½ point would clinch the tournament.] 10. ♜e4 ♙e4 11. ♙a6 ♙g2 12. ♚g1 ♙e4 13. ♙e3 e6? [I was under the impression that 14...♙h4 would be a strong follow-up, winning the h-♙. However, White should play 14. ♙d6, intending ♜d4 with strong pressure. Simpler and better was 13...O-O.] 14. O-O-O O-O 15. ♚d2 ♙c7 16. h4 ♜f7 [Getting my ♜ away from the pressure on the g- and h-files.] 17. h5 ♙f6 18. hg6 hg6 19. ♚gd1 ♚fd8 20. ♙d6 [Instead, White should play the unintuitive 20. b4! which would both hold c5 and keep the ♙ away from

a5.] ♙a5 [With Gordon's flag hanging, I get a good ♙-side attack.] 21. a3 ♚ab8 22. ♚d4 [Gordon sees a mate threat from b1 looming.] ♙d4 23. ♙d4 ♙a4 24. ♚d2 ♙a3 25. ♜d1 ♙a1 26. ♜c1 ♚b2 27. ♙e5 ♙c1 [Mate follows on b1.] 0-1.

The second section had eight players rated between 2116 and 1825. Farzan Nazarian was almost 100 points higher than anyone else, and it showed. He clinched first place with a 5½/6 start, before losing in the last round to a determined Alan Clark who needed the win to tie for second. Harold Thimm surprised in tying with Alan at 4½. Alan Gomes scored 4 points, and Edwin Catolos had 3½ in his first regular tournament.

The third section, with eight players rated between 1816 and 1721, finished dramatically. John Rajchel took the early lead, joined by Martin Proulx at 4/5, when Martin beat Steve Hansen. Steve moved up with a win in round 6, when Martin only drew and John lost. John beat Martin in a last-round showdown, leaving Steve a chance to tie for first. Unluckily, he missed a simple endgame win in a long, tiring game. The final scores were: John 5/7; Martin and Steve 4½; and Jordan Davies 4.

The lowest section was a Swiss system of 16 players rated 1720 and under. After 6 rounds, newly returned Chuck Mousseau and rapidly improving Kim Nguyen were tied with 5. Anti-climax struck when Kim couldn't play his last game and received a 0-point bye. Chuck, eager to prove himself a worthy winner, sacrificed the ♜ in a Fried Liver Attack and won both the game and the tournament. Kim nevertheless tied for second with top seed Rod Weis and newcomer Noel Borrás. Norm Luyben and another newcomer Larry Prosser each notched 4 points, while Gary Bruckner and Tom McKay scored 3½. Don Macfarlane and Jim Jarvis tied for the under-1500 prizes, ½ point ahead of Chris Clark and Jack King.

Walter Watson directed the tournament.

Peace River Active

by Alex Phimester

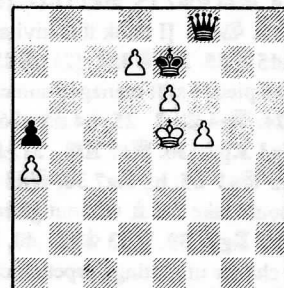
Change. A lot has been said about change: The only thing constant in life is change; times they are a-changin'; a change will do you good; ch-ch-ch-changes (??); the more things change, the more they stay the same.... First our chess club lost the talents of Todd Seitz, giving up chess for running. Then Keith LaValley received a transfer and moved to a town near

Edmonton. This change might be beneficial for Keith's chess. It became quite regular for him to be 5/5 in our local tournaments, only to be beat by Larry Stutzman or Grant McTavish in our grand prix (thus stagnating his rating at around 1500). I predict that if he has time to study chess the way he wants to, his rating will be in the 1700s. As a result of these losses, I am now President, Secretary, high czar, grand pooh-bah, and whatever else fits.

Only 5 participants did battle over the old 64 squares, although 17 kids aged 5-12 played in the just-for-fun section. Thus the Peace River Active became a round-robin. It is the second last grand prix event of the season. The winner was Gerry Scherer, scoring a perfect 4. Second place went to Gary Ockert with 2½. Top-ranked Phil Lefkowitz decided to give up winning for Lent, managing only 2 draws and giving up about 80 rating points in the process.

Scherer — Phimester

1. f4 d5 2. g3 ♜f6 3. c4 e6 4. ♙g2 c6 5. b3 ♙e7 6. ♙b2 O-O 7. ♜f3 ♜a6 8. a3 ♚e8 9. ♙c2 c5 10. ♜g5 d4 11. e3 h6 12. h4 hg5 13. hg5 d3 14. ♙c3 ♚b8 15. ♙e4 ♜c7 16. ♙d3 ♚f8 17. ♙h7 ♜h8 18. ♙c2 ♜g8 19. gf6 ♙f6 20. d4 b6 21. ♜d2 ♙b7 22. ♚h2 ♙e7 23. ♙h7 ♜h8 24. ♙e4 ♜g8 25. ♙b7 ♚b7 26. ♙e2 ♚d8 27. ♚ah1 g6 28. g4 ♙f8 29. ♜e4 ♙g7 30. g5 ♜e8! 31. ♙e1 f6 32. ♙h4 f5 33. ♜f6? ♜f6 34. gf6 ♙f6 35. ♙h7 ♜f7 36. ♜f3 ♚bb8! 37. d5 ♙b2 38. ♚b2 ♚h8 39. ♙g7? ♜g7 40. ♚bh2 ed5 41. ♚h8 ♚h8 42. ♚h8 ♜h8 43. cd5 [After a time scramble in which moves were not recorded, my flag fell in this position.] 1-0.



**Calgary Chess Club Grand Prix Speed Tournament #3:** Fresh from his triumph in the Calgary Closed, Bob South rolled over the opposition in the Over 1800 section of the Grand Prix #3. Bob won 11, lost 0, and drew only against Warrick Walker and Branimir Brebrich to gain first by 1½ points. His closest challengers were Arthur Odachowski with 10½, Chris Kuczaj with 10, Warrick Walker with 9, Branimir Brebrich with 8½, and Jim Daniluk with 8.

**Calgary Chess Club Grand Prix Speed Tournament #4:** Visiting Master John Chang tied for first with perennial high finisher Arthur Odachowski after a tough battle in the Over 1800 section. John drew Warrick Walker in round one and lost to Chris Kuczaj in round two, but went on to beat everyone else but Gordon Campbell, whom he drew, to finish with 11/13. Odie lost only to John and drew Art Milne and John Parrott to earn the tie. Gordon lost to Odie and Edwin Catolos in the final rounds to finish with 10. Warrick had 9½, and Chris had 8.

## Calgary January Open

See Don Macfarlane's report on the Calgary January Open in **En Passant #149** (April 1998), page 36-7. Rather than duplicate that report here, I give you the cross table and the only game from this tournament which was submitted to the ACR, annotated by Art Milne.

#	Name	1	2	3	4	5	T
1.	R. Gardner	+23	+7	+6	+2	+5	5
2.	W. Walker	+20	+11	+5	-1	+7	4
3.	A. Odachowski	+24	+10	=4	=9	+8	4
4.	G. Huber	+26	+15	=3	-5	+14	3½
5.	N. Ristic	+12	+14	-2	+4	-1	3
6.	A. Lapides	+16	+9	-1	=14	=15	3
7.	A. Remoroza	+21	-1	+22	+19	-2	3
8.	P. Thibodeau	=13	+17	=b	+18	-3	3
9.	J. Daniluk	+22	-6	+10	=3	=12	3
10.	J. Davies	+25	-3	-9	+27	+19	3
11.	A. Clark	+27	-2	-19	+24	+20	3
12.	K. Nguyen	-5	+28	=15	+16	=9	3
13.	B. Macfie	=8	-16	+17	=15	+18	3
14.	A. Milne						
15.	J. Flemming						
16.	A. Gomes						
17.	J. Bjornson	-2½					
18.	P. Jackson						
19.	A. Mills						
20.	Wm. Rusk						
21.	M. Smith						
22.	N. Luyben						
23.	J. Rajchel	-2					
24.	Se. Kryuchkov						
	-1½						
25.	L. Jackson						
26.	C. Vermette						
27.	Sa. Kryuchkov	-1					
28.	T. McKay	-½					

I understand that this tournament was Don's directorial debut, and he deserves credit for doing such a commendable job of it. -ed.

### Milne - Huber

1. b3 [I have a good record with this opening in tournament play, including a win against Dale Haessel and draw against Ted Wilson, which have appeared in previous ACRs. So why not try it against Greg, too?] e5 [Expectedly, Greg embarks on the most ambitious response for Black.] 2. ♖b2 ♘c6 3. c4 d6 [Less taxing for White than 3...d5.] 4. e3 f5 [The Dutch treatment; now d2-d4 tends to be met by e5-e4, and White's pieces are deflected to bad squares.] 5. d3 ♘f6 6. a3 ♙e7 7. ♗c2 O-O 8. ♘d2 [Re-establishing White's domination of e4.] ♙e6 9. ♘gf3 ♗h8 [So that if 10. ♘g5, the c8-♙ has a convenient retreat on the optimum a2-g8 diagonal.] 10. ♙e2 ♘d7 [Obviously White is at a key crossroads: O-O-O or O-O? 11. O-O-O has the plus that Black's pieces are not disposed to attack on the ♗-side; 11. O-O has the minus that Black's play is obviously aimed at the ♗-side. Nonetheless — ] 11. O-O!? ♙f6 12. ♙fd1? [In making this move, I was influenced by a recent game with Farzan Nazarian from the 3...d5 line, where it became apparent that I needed my ♙/f1 for defensive purposes. I was also influenced by the possibility of maneuvering the ♘ to f1, with the prospect of... more maneuvering with the ♘s. All of which is bound to impress and mesmerize a player of Greg's

strength. Now the other ♙ is unemployed on a1 for the whole game. Logical and strong is simply 12. d4!, e.g. 12...e4 13. d5! e3 14. ♙f3! with fine prospects.] ♘e7 13. ♘f1 ♗e8 14. ♘d3d2 g5! [Here it comes!] 15. d4 [But now with the ♘ gone from c6, this thematic advance while still necessary is no longer so effective.] e4 16. d5 ♙g8 17. b4? [The first really bad move by White in this game. White's chances of enforcing c5 against Black's deployment are effectively zero. On the other hand, 17. f3! is an excellent move, busting Black's centre after 17...e3 18. ♘f3.] ♗g6 18. ♘g3 g4 19. f4 [Greg thought this was necessary and good.] e3 20. g3 h5 21. f5 f5 22. ♙d3 ♗h6 23. ♘df1 ♘e5 24. ♙e4 ♙f7 25. ♗h1 [This is most definitely a cowardly move, and spells the beginning of the end for White. It was motivated by a desire to make sure the ♘/e5 didn't come to f3 with check, but better instead is simply 25. ♘e2-f4.] ♙af8 26. ♘e2 [More ♘ maneuvers!] ♙h7 27. ♘f4 h4 28. ♙h7 ♙h7 29. ♙d4 [Vaguely threatening the ♗-side ♘s, and over-protecting e3; but this move contributes mightily to White's undoing.] g3 30. h3 ♙g8 31. ♗c3? [A fingerfehler, but White is gonzo anyway. 31. ♙g2 holds out longer.] ♘f5 32. ♙d2 ♘d4 0-1. I consider this my "Crime and Punishment" game: my endless and protracted ♘ manoeuvres were duly punished!

## Calgary March of Kings

by Steve Hansen

Attendance was a fairly low 26 players at the March of Kings regular tournament, with only Zoran Radovic and Brady Ficko making the trip from Edmonton. Yet the fun and excitement were very large.

Time pressure was the rule in the first round, as no fewer than 6 boards had flags hanging! The only upset in this round was recorded by Gary Bruckner, who drew with Ron Hinds. Don Macfarlane annotates:

### Macfarlane — Remoroza

1. e4 c5 2. f4 d6 3. ♘c3 ♘c6 4. ♙c4 e6 5. ♘f3 a6 6. a3 ♘f6 7. d3 g6 8. O-O b5 9. ♙a2 ♙g7 10. ♘g5 ♗c7 11. f5 h6 12. ♘h3 ef5 13. ef5 ♙f5 14. ♘f4 ♘e7 15. ♗e2 O-O 16. ♙d2 ♙ae8 17. ♙ae1 ♗b7 18. ♗f3 ♗d7 19. ♘cd5 [I think this invitation to exchange is premature.] ♘fd5 20. ♘d5 ♘d5 21. ♗d5? [21. ♙d5 was better! Surprisingly, after dropping the piece I still managed some threats.] ♙e6 22. ♙e6 fe6 23. ♙f8 ♙f8 24. ♗e4 ♗h7 25. h4 d5 26. ♗g4 ♗f7 27. c4 dc4 28. dc4 ♗f5 29. ♗g3 ♙g7 30. ♗c7 ♙f8 31. ♙c3 ♙f7 32. ♗g3 ♗f1 33. ♗h2 ♙c3 34. bc3 ♗a1 35. h5 ♙g7 36. ♗d3 [Alvin now used 20 minutes to decide if he could take the ♙ without giving up the perpetual.] ♗e1 37. hg6 ♙g6 38. ♗d7 ♙g7 39. ♗d3 ♙g8 40. ♗d8 ♗f7 41. ♗d7? [I think I had a better chance of getting perpetual check with 41. Qc7.] ♗f6 42. ♗d8 ♗e5 43. ♗d3 [Perhaps 43. ♗b8 was better.] ♗f2 44. ♗h3 bc4 45. ♙c4 ♗f4 46. ♗h1 ♗c4 [I played a few more moves, but...] 0-1.

In the second round, after a particularly easy win over an inexperienced player, one competitor remarked to me that he felt bad about winning so handily, and likened the win to 'clubbing a baby seal.' In this context the remark seemed hysterically funny, and for the rest of the tournament players in a winning position would make the clubbing motion. The director was powerless to stop these zany antics.

After round 3 Dale Haessel and Chris Kuczaj had perfect scores. Matters were settled between them in round 4:

### Haessel — Kuczaj

1. e4 c5 2. ♘c3 e6 3. g3 d5 4. ed5 ed5 5. d4 cd4 6. ♗d4 ♘f6 7. ♙g2 ♘c6 8. ♗a4 Be7 9. ♘ge2 O-O 10. ♙g5 d4? [Given by Chris. 10...♙e8 is likely best here.] 11. O-O-O ♗b6 12. ♘d4 ♘d4 13. ♗d4 ♗a5 14. h4 ♙e6 15. ♘a4 ♙a2 16. ♙b7 ♙ab8 17. ♙f3 ♙fc8 18. ♙e3 ♙b4? [18...♙b3! and then 19. ♘c3 Ba3! 20. ba3 ♙c3 21. ♙d2 ♙bc8 22. ♙hd1 ♙c2 23. ♙d8 ♘e8 24. ♙ld2 ♙e4 25. ♗b2 ♙f3 26. ♙e8 ♙e8 27. ♗c3 a6 and black is OK.] 19. ♘c3 Be6 20. ♙a7 ♙4c4 21. ♙d4 ♙c3 22. bc3 ♙c3 23. ♙d3 ♙c4 4. ♙hd1 g6 25. ♙d4 ♙f5 26. ♙c3 ♙a4 27. ♙c7 ♙a3 28. ♙b2 1-0. [Hansen, with the aid of *Power Chess*.]

In round four, Kim Nguyen quickly developed an overwhelming attack and Alvin Remoroza's position looked hopeless. Then Kim set up a brilliant mate in two, but missed that Alvin had a mate in one. Oops!

Going into the last round, Dale Haessel was alone in first place with 4, followed by Chris Kuczaj, Alvin Remoroza, Virgilio Turingan and Brady Ficko with 3. Haessel and Turingan fought it out in the longest game of the tournament. When the dust had cleared, Turingan may have had a slight edge, but with both competitors having only minutes left on their clocks a draw was agreed. Dale took clear first with 4½, a great performance. Chris Kuczaj won his last round encounter with Remoroza to finish second with 4, and Turingan took third with 3½.

The Edmonton contingent played a game amongst them-selves that Ficko won easily. Alan Gomes beat Rod Weis, giving him second place behind Ficko in the under 2000 class. In the under 1800, Chris Vermette finished with 3 points and first place, after his last round win against Eric Tam. Rod Weis, Steve Sauve, and Nick Podochak tied for 2-4 with 2½ points. In the under 1600 class, Alec Mills scored 2½ points to take first, followed by Eric Tam and Don Macfarlane with 2.

Thanks to Walter Watson and Tedge Davies for providing invaluable assistance to the director.

## Canadian Youth Chess Festival Championship

by Glen Booth

The Canadian Chess championship for the Under 10, Under 12, Under 14 and Under 18 categories was held in Montreal on January 31 and February 1. This tournament is the official Canadian championship, the winners of which proceed to the World Youth Chess Championship, to be held in Spain in October. The local, provincial and national championships were run by Chess 'n' Math with Jeff Coakley once again acting as organizer. The championship has the official sanction of the CFC (a rare example of cooperation between the two groups?).

Ten participants qualify in each age section: one from B.C., one from Alberta, one from "the Prairies" (Man. & Sask.), two from Ontario, two from Quebec, one from the "Maritimes" (P.E.I., N.B. and N.S.), one from Nfld. and one seeded player. Since the seeded player is almost always from Ont. or Que., it means that half the participants come from central Canada while the other half come from the colonies. The Alberta reps were Shandy Booth (U10), Stephen Hazeltine (U12), Jeff Huang (U14)

and Doug Wu (U18). The tournament was run as a five-round Swiss.

I opined to Jeff Coakley that the tournament would likely be a demonstration of the Centre's power as the kids from the outback would get demolished. As it turned out, the top three places in each category were won by the heavies from the Centre, with the exception of a first-place steal in the U12 division by the Manitoba rep. The winners were:

- U10 - Justin Roncal, Ontario
- U12 - Justin Gushuliak, Manitoba
- U14 - Stephen Glinert, Ontario
- U18 - Pascal Charbonneau, Quebec

Shandy turned in the best performance from Alberta, winning 3 and losing 2, landing him in a tie for third place. He lost in a playoff to Jean-Phillippe Mathieu, the top-rated grade 3 player in Canada. Stephen and Jeff both scored 2 points and Doug Wu scored a very respectable 2½. Doug was actually tied for first going into the last round but lost to Pascal Charbonneau, the U18 tournament winner.

## Canadian Chess Challenge — Edmonton Regionals

125 eager children came out to play and made this year's event another success by almost reaching last year's record high of 128 players. The large turnout can be attributed to the many teachers who encourage their students to play chess at school and participate in this event, such as Kevin Whelan, Jonathan Schaeffer, Peter Aquí, Jane Ainsley, Francis Reda, Betty Tam, Lorne Rusnell, Don Goodfellow, Autumn Duvall, and Robin Mayo. Chris Horodek of the Aurora Charter School provided the most students this year. In addition to parents, many of these teachers could be seen at the event actively encouraging their students on. Also adding support were several out-of-town players: David Sykora brought in 6 players from Sibbald and John Babiuk encouraged 4 of his friends to play from Two Hills. (My apologies if I missed anyone's name.)

The following are the winners and qualifiers for the provincial grade championships from the Edmonton Regionals —

**Grade 1:** *Gold:* Michael Vaasjo; *Silver:* Adam Kucher; *Bronze:* Mark Nahornick; *Also qualify:* Jesse Lezarre, Ben Nobleman, Michel Ng. **Grade 2:** *Gold:* Patrick Paszkowski(\*); *Silver:* Matthew Chang; *Bronze:* Nigel Thomson (\*); *Also qualify:* Carolyn Laboucan. **Grade 3:** *Gold:* Alexa Steiner; *Silver:* David Orobko; *Bronze:* Steven Orobko; *Also qualify:* Anthony Trudel, Joshua Tan, Geoff Nisbet. **Grade 4:** *Gold:* Ken Sun; *Silver:* Anastasia Kazakevich; *Bronze:* Mathew Lavalley; *Also qualify:* Josh Nobleman, Brett Tetterington, Shyam Zilka, Aviel Chow, Michael Pettinato. **Grade 5:** *Gold:* Scott Mayo; *Silver:* Jonathan Chi; *Bronze:* Kevin Mayo; *Also qualify:* Sarah Kalitsky, Jonathan Pasca, Ben Tilburn, Stephan McNie, Josh Stoav, Robert Kaneary, Yan Klyashitsky, Braeden George, Neill Walker. **Grade 6:** *Gold:* Zhouan Li; *Silver:* Peter Lai; *Bronze:* John Pop; *Also qualify:* Gregory Liew, Wendy Lavalley, Joshua Fanaeian, Jeffrey Vaasjo, Leon Khodorkovski, Roman Rogatko, Torbin Strohschein, Glen Orr, Michael Chan. **Grade 7:** *Gold:* Spencer Whelan (\*); *Silver:* David Lovi; *Bronze:* Kieran Ryan; *Also qualify:* Nathan Reboh. **Grade 8:** *Gold:* Paul Kirvan; *Silver:* Alim Merali; *Bronze:* Matthew Lui; *Also qualify:* Leo Potvin, Lance Larocque, Kevin Mailo. **Grade 9:** *Gold:* Louis Fok (\*); *Silver:* John Babiuk; *Bronze:* Ashley McLeod; *Also qualify:* Marc Gazelle, Francisco Sarango. **Grade 10:** *Gold:* Hans Olson; *Silver:* Richard Kwoh; *Bronze:* Steven Chau; *Also qualify:* Eugene Chan, Kenman Gan, Maria Kazakevich, Frederic Lepage. **Grade 11:** *Gold:* Douglas Wu; *Silver:* Bernie Kan; *Bronze:* Aaron Schoutstra; *Also qualify:* Luis Ramirez. **Grade 12:** *Gold:* Ali Ahmad; *Silver:* Alan Leong; *Bronze:* David Brodmann; *Also qualify:* Tarek Elsokari, Trevor Hayman, Morgan Kondracky, Baron Paccagnan, Steven Walinga.

(\* ) denotes that the player placed in same position last year in their grade.

Congratulations to all the winners, those who qualified, and those who won chess sets and books. I hope everyone had an enjoyable experience and will return next year. Thanks especially to Kevin Whelan and St. Clements Catholic Elementary and Junior High School for hosting this event. Lastly, thanks to the volunteers: John Quiring, Peter Alderton, John MacNab, Kurt Lauterwald, Jonathan Schaeffer, Aaron Lovi, Rob Gardner, Geoff Newton, Igor Shefer, Dmitri Shefer, Adrien Regimbald, and Dave Ottosen who took charge to run the events.

— Ford Wong

## CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE — ALBERTA FINALS

by Neil Sharp (Organizer and TD)

This year's edition of the Alberta Finals of the Canadian Chess Challenge was held March 21 in Red Deer. It featured 121 of the best school-aged chess players from all parts of Alberta. These players had qualified for the provincials from tournaments held earlier in Edmonton, Calgary, Spirit River, Lethbridge, and Red Deer. A separate tournament is held in each grade with the winners advancing to the next stage, the national finals, which this year is being held in Winnipeg in May.

As usual there were almost no disputes at the tournament, certainly none that had any bearing on the final outcomes. However, I did receive a couple of complaints several days after the event. Of course it is always nice to get complaints at the time of the alleged infraction, when just possibly something might be done about the problem, instead of days later when it is impossible to even verify if there was a problem.... Perhaps more study of the game would better improve results, too.

The top three finishers in each grade received a plaque. National reps receive partial funding for the trip, again much in thanks to the ACA.

<i>First</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Third</i>
1 Mitchell Ng	Karim Nurmohamed	Ryan Haughey
2 Nigel Sharp	Brandon Eshleman	Ross Chaudhry
3 Shandy Booth	Bryan Lanting	Tyler Cunningham
4 Anastasia Kazakevich	Ken Sun	Matthew Lavalley
5 Stephen Hazeltine	Charlie Blair	Nathan Adolph
6 Zhouan Li	Ashton Anderson	Rohan Karkhanis
7 Richard Canal	Alvin Remoroza	Joel Adolph
8 Jeff Huang	Alim Merali	Fangjin Yang
9 Chris Card	Louis Fok	Francisco Sarango
10 Hans Olson	John Rajchel	Richard Kwok
11 Douglas Wu	Bernie Kan	Phillipe Jackson
12 Ali Ahmad	David Brodmann	Morgan Kondracky

Thanks to all the volunteers: Aleksander Kazakevich, David Bond, Keith Lavalley, Angelo Canal, and Geoff Newton. Special thanks to John Quiring and Ford Wong, both representing the ACA, who volunteer their time, pay their own travel costs, and bring the ACA equipment, despite the fact that they don't even have children playing in the event.

## WORDS BOOKS TOURNAMENTS

**February Under 2000 "Freeze in the Dark" Active:** It was cold. It was dark. Just for something different, the Word's entrants decided to play the February tournament without any heat or artificial light. We clustered the tables near the front window, and just to make it more difficult we left the front door wide open in -5° C weather. Chris "Ironman" Vermette even took off his coat. After one round, we decided that the experiment had gone on long enough, and played the rest of the tournament in normal conditions. The result was a tie at 4/5 between December champion Martin Proulx and January champion Max Carcamo. Martin lead going into the last round but was held to a draw by Jordan Davies, while Max won when Chris flagged in a winning position. Chuck Mousseau and Jordan scored 3½, while Steve Sauve, Mike Smith and Chris scored 3. Bill Rusk had 2½. Max and Martin split the first two games of their speed chess playoff before Max unleashed one of his typical combinational thunderbolts to claim another place on the trophy.

**A TDing problem:** One player withdrew after the fourth round, telling everyone. His opponent, Bob Macfie, mistakenly started his own clock rather than that of his absent opponent. Bob wonders, if he hadn't noticed his mistake and punched the right clock, would he have lost on time after half an hour?

— Walter Watson.

**March Under 2000 Active:** Jeepers, it was cold and snowy out there. But 18 chess-players, me, some other people, and Rook the owner were in here.

In round 1, the three top guys, Ronald Hinds, Edwin Catolos, and Bill Bentley were booted, catapulted and sent in for repairs by Colin Chromka, Eric Tam, and John Rajchel. Meanwhile, Walter Watson rocketed into a share of the lead with an amazing victory over Calgary's most improved player, Mike Smith. Walter held a share of the lead at 3½ with Alan Clark going into round five. They were followed closely by Ron, John and Edwin.

In the last round, John lost to the junior genius Alvin Remoroza, while Alan and Edwin drew. Finally, Ron disassembled Walter in a game that was close right up until Ron started sacking Walter's pieces for a positional advantage. That left Ron and Alan tied for first with 4 points. So the clocks were set at 5 minutes each, and Alan and Ron did battle.

Alan won, 2 out of 3. Alan is the champion and he got a trophy to take home, and also got his name engraved on the gigantic and beautiful *Zinner and Sara* trophy. All praise Alan.

A superior time was had by all, and many thanks to Walter for assisting me in directing.

— Steve Hansen.

**April Under 2000 Active:** Andre Min returned to active tournament play after a long absence, and showed no loss of form in taking clear first in this excellent tournament. Andre recorded 4½/5, the only draw coming against second place Ron Hinds, who played without being eligible for the trophy. Walter Watson came third. New player Frank Keller tied for fourth with Alan Gomes, Martin Proulx, Norm Luyben, and Eric Tam.

Another new player, junior Aaron Ryner, also did well, recording a win against Ted Borowski. Carolyn McMaster interrupted her travels around the world to play in the tournament and was rewarded in the third round with a win over Jason Flodberg. We get the impression that Carolyn is taking lessons in Japan, Las Vegas, Europe or wherever it is she happens to find herself. Nice to see ya back!

I also played in the tournament to even up the pairings, and am very pleased to report that I tied munchkin Brandon Eshleman with two points. It is well known that even 1200 players play me at a 2300 level, so this result was very good for me indeed. Mike Smith also got two points, and Mike is a 2750 player from Minsk, I am fairly sure. Last but not least, 12th-ranked Jim Jarvis had a great tournament, scoring 2½.

Thanks to Rook St. Peter for hosting another fine tournament, and to Walter Watson for his invaluable assistance in settling a dispute that threatened to drag on for hours.

— Steve Hansen.

**April Under 1700 Active:** Twenty participants and one perfect score. The five out of five belonged to a familiar face that had not been seen for some time. Welcome back, Jeff Cummer! With a perfect score under his belt and his name engraved on our 4' Lawrence Day trophy, plus a 2' keepsake trophy, this should be a happy champion!

Second place Tom McKay, who barely missed first place, lost on time to Mr. Cummer in a winning position. Perhaps this was not such a joyous day for everyone. Richard Canal clinched third place with an obviously strong performance at 3½. Twenty players are pretty much the maximum we can hold here at the bookstore and that's exactly how the tournament rounded off. Our youngest player, Shandy Booth, put a tremendous scare into Jeff Cummer's championship run, managed to pick up two points, but deserved better. Newcomer Larry Everett put in a strong performance with 3 points along with Mike Smith, Steve Campbell, Paul Lapides, and Jason Flodberg.

Thanks to all the guys for a great time and another successful *Words Books* tournament. A thanks always goes out to Rook St. Peter, our host.

— Tedge Davies.

## Lethbridge News

Chess continues to grow in Lethbridge, albeit it haltingly.

In January, my colleague in the Faculty of Education, Professor Brian Titley, set up a student / adult chess club at the University. We kicked things off with a student-professor challenge match, which the pros won convincingly 11-5. Later, 15 players took part in the Club championship, which ended in a tie for first place between Brian Titley and Philosophy professor Paul Viminitz (formerly of Edmonton) at 4/5. Junior Chris Card finished with an undefeated 3½ for third place.

January also saw two dozen players contest the first ever *Lethbridge Winter Amateur Open* at the Park Place Mall. Derek Lactin easily swept to victory in the adult section, while Chris Card equally easily handled the juniors. A 4-player contingent from Coleman rounded out our numbers nicely. Thanks to our sponsor, the local *Dufferin Game Room Store*.

Although we had been seeing over 20 players per night on a regular basis at the Junior club this winter, only a disappointing 13 players showed up for the Lethbridge Regional Canadian Chess Challenge. Despite a 2-year hiatus from chess, Charlie Blair returned to win Grade 5 convincingly. Nicholas Wynder was our Grade 6 champ this year, while Leslie Stitt again won the right to represent his grade - 7 - at the provincials. Coleman resident David Stecko won in Grade 8, while Chris Card took the Grade 9 top spot and went on to win the provincial title — a Lethbridge first.

Katrina Ruff showed good form to win the Beginner Pool of the Junior Club Championships, while Jeff Quon won a closely contested Intermediate Pool. The big upset was in the Experienced Pool, where Nicholas Wynder split his two games with the pre-tournament favourite, Chris Card, and went on to win his remaining games. Chris suffered another setback at the hands of Matt Smienk, and could only finish second. Thanks to the *Royal Bank* for donating prizes — collector Mountie silver dollars — to the winners.

Chris Card redeemed himself somewhat by handily winning the season-ending speed tourney, going undefeated (and even winning an exhibition game or two from me!).

The Lethbridge clubs are dormant now until September, when I hope to see everyone out again.

— Grant Brown.

## Hinton News

*I didn't receive a report from Hinton, but see En Passant #149 (April 1998) for details of their major event in February. (Big cash prizes!) To save any further embarrassment, I will merely note here the 600-point Expert scalp from this event (and not reprint it). -ed.*



1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. ♘c3 de4 4. ♘e4 ♘f6 [The Bronstein Variation. Black accepts structural defects in exchange for attacking chances along the g-file.] 5. ♘f6 [White must accept the challenge, as 5. ♘g3 g6 6. ♘f3 ♘g7 7. ♘e2 O-O 8. O-O ♗b6 9. b3 a5 gives Black an active position, as in Sax-Larsen, Tilburg 1979] g f6 [5...ef6, though playable, is inferior.] 6. ♘c4 [Or 6. c3 ♘f5 7. ♘f3 ♗c7 8. g3 ♘d7 9. ♘g2 e6 10. O-O O-O 11. ♚e1 ♘g4 12. b4 h5 13. ♗a4 ♘f3 14. ♘f3 ♗b8 15. ♘f4 ♘d6 16. ♘d6 ♗d6 17. ♚ad1 h4 18. c4 and White was judged to have the more dangerous attack in deFirmian-Conquest, London 1986.] ♘f5 7. ♘f4 ♗b6 [7...e6 8. ♘f3 ♘a6 9. O-O ♘c7 10. ♘g3 ♘d6 11. ♚e1 ♗d7 12. ♘h4 ♘g6 13. c3 O-O-O 14. ♗f3 f5 15. ♘e5 ♘e5 16. ♚e5 ♚he8 led to equality in Tal-Larsen, Riga 1979. This line is acceptable for Black because White's dark-squared ♘, a strong attacking piece, has been exchanged. The text is inferior, as it fails to shake the pressure of White's dark-squared ♘ and misplaces the ♗.] 8. ♘b3 ♘d7 9. ♘f3 O-O-O 10. O-O e6 11. ♘h4 ♘g6 [White has played well to this point, achieving a favorable position compared to the main line. The best way to continue now would have been 12. c3, followed by a4-a5-a6, with a strong attack.] 12. ♘g6? [A serious strategic blunder. The ♘h4 and the ♘g6 both impede the Black ♗-side attack. Now Black forms a compact pawn mass on the ♗-side, as well as opening the harder-to-defend h-file.] hg6 13. c3 g5 14. ♘g3 f5! [The effects of 12. ♘g6? are clear. White's ♘ has become a target, allowing Black to gain several tempos for his attack, and now White must weaken his castled position to save it.] 15. f4?! [15. f3 was preferable, not allowing Black to open the g-file. It is understandable that White would like to maintain his grip on the h2-b8 diagonal, but this will not be possible in the long run in any event.] gf4 16. ♘f4 ♘h6! [Showing a strong understanding of the position. Trading off the ♘s relieves a lot of pressure, while at the same time connecting the rooks and preparing a fierce attack on the g+h files.] 17. a4 [A good idea, but too late. Black's attack on the ♗-side has many more open lines, and many more targets, than White's ♗-side play.] ♘f4 18. ♚f4 ♗c7 19. g3 ♘f6! [Bringing another piece into the attack. Note the ♘ stranded on the other side of the board, and the undeveloped ♗/d1 and ♚/a1, all of which will have trouble helping the White ♗.] 20. ♚f2 ♘g4 21. ♚d2 ♘h2!! 22. ♚g2 [Not 22. ♚h2 ♗g3 23. ♚g2 ♗e3 24. ♚f2 ♚dg8 25. ♗f1 ♚h1 #] ♚dg8 23. ♗d3 ♚h3 24. ♗f2 f4! 25. ♚ag1 f3 26. ♚h2 ♚h2 27. ♗f3 ♗b2 28. ♘c2 ♗d6 29. ♗h7 ♗d5 30. ♘e4 ♗g5 31. ♗f7 ♗g4 32. ♗e3 ♗e2 33. ♗f4 ♚g4 34. ♗e5 ♗e4 35. ♗d6 ♗d5 36. ♗e7 ♗d7 37. ♗f6 ♚f2 [38. ♗e5 Qd5#] 0-1.

## ICCL

by David Ottosen

The ICCL, for those who do not know, is the Internet Collegiate Chess League. This year, the championship was held on Saturday April 4, a 4 round swiss with 14 teams, and a time control of 30 minutes, plus a 10-seconds increment per move. The University of Alberta entered a team, consisting of:

Board 1: David Ottosen  
Board 2: Yngvi Bjornsson  
Board 3: Dmitri Shefer  
Board 4: Adrien Regimbald  
Alternate: Aaron Lovi

We entered as the fifth ranked team, behind Illinois, Stanford, Chicago, and Estonia. We were also the only Canadian team represented.

In round 1 we played the Illinois B team and won 3½-½, with Yngvi being held to a draw. Round 2 saw our first tough match, against Stanford. We scored good wins on boards 1 and 3 against a USCF master and expert, but took a tough loss when Yngvi overlooked a mate. Fortunately, Adrien held an amazing draw on board 4 to win the match for us at 2½-1½. In round 3 we had to face the cinderella team from Colorado, which had scored a match win and match draw in the first two rounds, despite being one of the lowest ranked teams. We quickly moved the clock ahead to midnight and slaughtered them 4-0, with all games ending in approximately 15 minutes. The final round saw an unfortunate occurrence: David Ottosen had to head off to work, so Aaron Lovi joined in at board 4, with all other players moving up a board. On board 1, Yngvi outplayed his higher rated opponent in the opening, winning a pawn. However, his opponent fought back hard and eventually won a wild game characterized by connected passers on opposite sides of the board. Dmitri Shefer kept his game simple, and smoothly drew against a 2100 USCF player. Adrien Regimbald scored a stylish win on board 3, and Aaron Lovi clinched the match with a solid game in a key line of the Grunfeld. So Alberta won the ICCL Championship in our first year of competing, with a 4-0 match record. We hope to defend our title next year!

For more information about the tournament, visit the ICCL homepage:

[www.chem.vt.edu/chess](http://www.chem.vt.edu/chess)

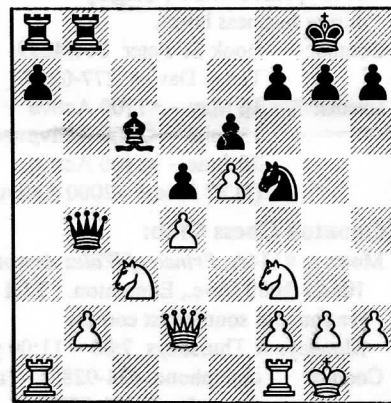
## Lovi — Young (U Chicago)

1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 g6 3. ♘c3 d5 4. cd5 ♘d5 5. e4 ♘c3 6. bc3 ♘g7 7. ♘b5 c6 8. ♘c4 c5 9. ♘e2 O-O 10. O-O ♘c6 11. ♘e3 ♘g4 12. f3 ♘a5 13. ♘d5 ♘d7 14. ♘g5 ♘b5 15. ♚b1 ♘c6 16. ♘c6 ♘c6 17. ♚b7 cd4 18. cd4 ♚b8 19. ♚b8 ♗b8 20. d5 ♗b6 21. ♗h1 ♘e5 22. ♘e7 ♚c8 23. d6 ♘d7 24. ♗a4 ♗b7 25. h3 ♘c5 26. ♗a3 ♘b2 27. ♗e3 ♗a6 28. ♘d2 ♗b5 29. ♚b1 ♘d3 30. ♚b2 ♘b2 31. d7 1-0.

More annotated games from the ICCL tournament will be published next issue.

## Bjornsson — Schaeffer (U Colorado)

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♘c6 5. ♘f3 ♗b6 6. ♘e2 cd4 7. cd4 ♘ge7 8. ♘c3 ♘f5 9. ♘a4 ♗a5 10. ♘d2 ♘b4 11. ♘c3 b5 12. a3 ♘c3 13. ♘c3 b4 14. ab4 ♗b4 15. ♘b5 ♘d7 16. ♘c6 ♘c6 17. ♗d2 [This ends the theoretical line in MCO-13. I later asked Yngvi about his strong knowledge of this line, and he told me that he is currently playing an email game in it, and therefore knows it quite well. This, in turn, had a good effect on Yngvi, who had been plagued by time pressure in his first two rounds. However, this line is considered to be equal at this stage.] O-O 18. O-O ♚fb8



19. ♚ab1! [It might look strange to take a ♚ off an open file, simply for the purpose of defending a weak ♘, but White has a good understanding of the position here. Black must attack the ♗-side, and specifically the b-♘. White, on the other hand, must attack the ♗-side. With 19. ♚ab1 White defends his ♗-side without removing a ♗-side attacker.] ♚b7 20. g4 ♘e7 21. h4 ♚ab8 22. h5 ♘b5? [Both sides had pursued their plans quite well to this point. This move, however, is a mistake. Black's ♘ has no future on this square; the only possible point is to force the White ♚ off of the f-file, which simply aids a future ♚-lift via e1-e3, furthering the ♗-side attack. Better would have been to continue the ♗-side attack with 22...a5!, when the game would have continued its sharp course.] 23. ♚fd1 [I'm not sure what White's reasoning for going to the d-file was; perhaps to allow the queen to move away by overguarding the d-♘.] ♘c6 24. h6! [Natural and strong. Now Black is paying the price for his dalliance.] g6 25. ♚dc1! [Setting up a veiled threat against the ♘/c6, which Black overlooks.] a5 [25...♘c4 had to be played at some point and now would be a good time, although White's position is still superior] 26. ♗f4 ♗e7?? [Now there was absolutely no choice; 26...♘c4 27. b3 (27. ♗f6 ♗f8 is good for Black) ♘b3 28. Nd5 ed5 29. ♚c6 leads to a double edged position, where I think I prefer White in the short term, but Black in the long term.] 27. ♘b5 ♚b5 28. ♚c6 ♚b2 29. ♚b2 ♚b2 30. ♚c8 ♗f8 31. ♗f6! ♗c8 32. ♗g7# 1-0.

## Alberta Clubs

### Calgary Chess Club:

- Meets at the *Elephant & Castle Restaurant*, 8th Ave. and 4th St. SW, Calgary.  
Tuesdays 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.
- Contact: Tedge Davies 277-0209; or Walter Watson 277-5620.
- Events: 26 May – Grand Prix #5  
2-30 June – O/U1800  
7-14 July – Active #1  
21-28 July – Active #2

### Under 1800 Club:

- Meets at *Words Books & Capaccino Bar*, 1715 17th Ave. SW, Calgary during business hours.
- Contact: Rook St. Peter 244-4239; or Tedge Davies 277-0209.
- Events: 16 May – <1700 Active  
13 June – <2000 Active  
20 June – <1700 Active  
(?) 27 June – <2000 Active

### Edmonton Chess Club:

- Meets in #114A, *Prince of Wales Armoury*, 10440 108th Ave., Edmonton. T5H 3Z9 (entrance at south-west corner)  
Mondays & Thursdays 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.
- Contact: club phone 424-0283; or Aaron Lovi 481-7278.
- Monday – casual tournaments, no membership required, relaxed noise controls.
- Thursday – CFC-rated tournaments, membership required, strict noise controls. (A new tourney starts the first Thurs. each month.)

### Red Deer Jr. & Sr. Chess Clubs:

- Meets in the *Red Deer Public Library*  
Sundays 1:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Contact: Neil Sharp 346-0420.

### Lethbridge Jr. & Sr. Chess Clubs:

- Meets at the *University of Lethbridge*  
one evening per week, September to April.
- Contact: Grant Brown 381-0308.

### Medicine Hat Chess Club:

- Meets at the *Southview Community School*, coffee corner room, during the school year.  
Wednesdays 7:00 – 10:15 p.m..
- Contact: Bill Taylor 526-5484.

### Grande Prairie Chess Club:

- Meets at the *Royal Canadian Legion*  
9912 101st Ave. Grande Prairie  
Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., September to April.
- Contact: Phil Lefkowitz 538-1903.  
9905 75th Ave. T8V 6G2

### Peace River Chess Club:

- Meets in the Rose Room, *Peace Valley Inn*  
9609 101st St.
- Contact: Alex Phimster.

### Northern Communities Chess Club:

- Contact: Bernie Tynan 771-3757.

### Crowsnest Chess Club:

- Meets at the *Royal Canadian Legion*  
Coleman.
- Contact: John Day 563-5217

## Calgary Casino

June 6-7

*Cash Casino*, 4040 Blackfoot Trail, Calgary.  
**N.B.:** If you are signed up to be a volunteer at this event, please contact Walter Watson (277-5620) in Calgary or Ford Wong (481-6474) in Edmonton to confirm that you can help out and exactly when you will be needed. Thanks!

*\*This is our only fundraiser of the year.\**

## Red Deer Open

June 20-27

*Red Deer College*, room #823  
Register by 9:45 at the site; entry fee \$20.  
5 round Swiss System; one section.  
Contact: Neil Sharp 346-0420.

*\* Note the new date \**

## Canada Day Open

July 3-4

*Quality Inn*, Motel Village, Calgary  
Register by 9:45 at the site; entry fee \$20.  
5 round Swiss System; one section.  
Contact: Walter Watson 277-5620.

*\* Note the new date \**

## Edmonton Active

July 11

Contact: John Quiring 468-9173.

## Calgary Active

July 11

Contact: Nenad Ristic 294-0473.

**N.B.:** The top 4 finishers at each of the Calgary and Edmonton Actives qualify for the Alberta Active Championship in Red Deer.

*\* See next issue for details. \**

## Alberta Active Championship

July 25

An 8-player round robin — just like the Alberta Closed Championship, only faster!  
Contact: Neil Sharp 346-0420.

## Battle of Alberta

August 15

Our own Civil War — North vs. South! Each player plays 2 games against his or her counterpart on the other team, with 10 or 12 players per side. Battlefield: Red Deer.  
If you are interested in participating, please let your respective Team Captain know.  
*North:* David Ottosen 425-1584.  
*South:* David Gomboc 569-9662.  
TD: Neil Sharp 346-0420.

## Help Wanted!

*In the process of putting together this issue of the ACR, I have become acutely aware of just how thinly stretched our regular volunteers have become. Please offer to lend them a hand!*

## CANADIAN CADET

by Alvin Remoroza

The 1998 Canadian Cadet Chess Tournament was held in the "city of bridges" Saskatoon, Saskatchewan from March 23-27. There were 10 participants in the tournament. Quebec was well represented by three strong players, Ontario fielded two young national masters, and the Maritimes and other provinces have their own representatives. The site of the tournament was the auditorium of Nutana Collegiate Institute. The five-day tournament went well, except on the first day when the school's centralized paging system became bothersome for the players. Thanks to the brilliant idea of TD Jill Koshinski, they disconnected the speakers' wiring.

Pascal Charbonneau of Quebec won the tournament. Interestingly, six players tied for second place, all with six points. I only managed to score a disappointing 1½/9 and lost the chance of bringing myself and Alberta a decent finish. There were at least two games that I should have won but missed the winning line. Well, this was a good experience for me; I was able to identify areas in my game that need improvement. Even though I ended badly, none of this would stop me from playing again in the national tournament in the future.

I would like to thank my family, the Calder Inn in Saskatoon, the tournament officials for the everyday food, the *Dufferin Game Room Stores* for their sponsorship, and the ACA for giving me the opportunity to compete in this prestigious event. It was a great experience.

Here is a game that I won in Round 1 against Brian Bersheid of Saskatchewan. No doubt, my best game of the entire tournament.

### Bersheid — Remoroza

1. e4 c5 2. ♘f3 ♘c6 3. d4 cd4 4. ♘d4 g6 5. ♘c3 ♘g7 6. ♘e3 ♘f6 7. ♘c4 O-O 8. ♘b3 ♘a5 9. O-O d6 10. f3 ♘d7 11. ♘e1 ♘ac8 12. ♘f2 ♘h5 13. ♘c6 ♘c6 14. ♘d4 ♘fd8 15. ♘g7 ♘g7 16. ♘e2 ♘g5 17. ♘e3 ♘e3 18. ♘e3 e5 19. g3 ♘d7 20. ♘d1 ♘f6 21. ♘ed3 ♘cd8 22. ♘d5 b6 23. ♘f6 ♘f6 24. ♘d5 ♘d5 25. ♘d5 ♘c6 26. ♘g2 ♘c7 27. c3 ♘c5 28. ♘f2 f5 29. ef5 gf5 30. ♘c5 bc5 31. c4 ♘b8 32. b3 h5 33. h3 a5 34. ♘d3 ♘h8 35. ♘d1 ♘d8 36. g4 hg4 37. hg4 f4 38. ♘g1 ♘g8? 39. ♘e2? ♘h8 40. g5? ♘f5 41. ♘d3 ♘g8 42. g6 ♘g6 43. ♘g6 ♘g6 44. ♘e4 ♘f6 45. ♘d5 ♘f5 46. a3 e4! 47. fe4 ♘g4 48. ♘d6 f3 49. e5 f2 50. e6 f1=♘ 51. e7 ♘f6 [? 51... ♘f7 52. ♘d7 ♘f5 -- -ed.] 52. ♘d7 ♘d4 53. ♘e6 ♘e4 54. ♘d7 ♘f5 55. ♘d8 ♘f6 56. ♘d7 ♘d4 57. ♘e6 ♘e4 58. ♘d7 ♘b7 59. ♘e6?? [59. ♘d8 ♘b8 60. ♘d7 ♘b3 61. e8=♘ ♘c4 -- -ed.] ♘c6 60. ♘f7 ♘d7 61. ♘f8 ♘f5 62. ♘g8 ♘e6 63. ♘f8 ♘f6 64. ♘e8 ♘f5 65. ♘d7 ♘c6 0-1.

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