

## 1999 Alberta Closed

by John Quiring

The Alberta Closed was an exciting affair in 1999 as **Nigel Fullbrook** of Edmonton came from behind with a last round win to capture first place and the \$300 prize. He scored 5½/7 in this 8-player round robin tournament, and has now qualified to play in the Canadian Zonal Championship in September. Second place and \$200 went to **Rob Gardner**, also of Edmonton, with 5 points. Calgary's **Greg Huber** was third with 4½ points, winning \$100.

Nigel's performance was eerily reminiscent of his result in last year's Closed where he lost his first game and then scored 5/6 to narrowly miss first place. This year, he again lost his first game (to Greg), then conquered the rest of the field scoring 5½/6. Going into the last round, Greg and Nigel were ½-point back of Rob, and the pairings were Nigel vs. Rob and **Andrew Lapides** vs. Greg. Both games were decided as the first time control approached. Nigel got a space advantage and gradually improved his position, then suddenly crashed through to win. Andrew was down a  $\Delta$  and had a somewhat exposed  $\text{♔}$  against Greg, but was able to infiltrate Greg's position with a well-coordinated  $\text{♖} + \text{♗}$  attack to win an exchange and simplify into a won endgame.

My thanks go to the players for their hard-fought efforts in this tournament. Congratulations and best wishes to Nigel as he challenges Canada's best players in the Zonal. And thanks also go to Nigel for providing notes to two of his games.

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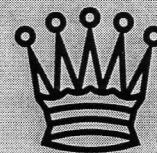
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R Gardner	0	X	1	1	0	1	1	5	
G Huber	1	0	X	½	1	0	1	4½	
A Odachowski	0	0	½	X	1	1	0	3½	
S Grumic	½	1	0	0	X	½	1	3	
A Lapides	0	0	1	0	½	X	1	2½	
W Walker	0	0	0	1	0	0	X	2	
D Haessel	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	X	2

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## Edmonton Closed

by John Quiring

The Edmonton Closed lived up to its nickname of the "weakie qualifier" again this year (a moniker cruelly assigned by a Calgary wag). Only one master came to play, **Nigel Fullbrook**, and as he is one of Alberta's best players, any reasonable person would have considered his victory a near certainty. And so it came to pass. With a score of 7/7, Nigel won this tournament and qualified for a spot in the Alberta Closed. Second went to **David Ottosen** with 5, and third to **Micah Hughey** with 4½.

Nigel's tournament did not consist of seven smashing victories, however. Generally he struggled well into his games before realizing a decisive advantage, and on a couple of occasions his opponents simply lacked the strength to improve good positions.

Overall, the Closed was not a pleasant tournament to direct this year. It seemed clear that several of the players didn't take it very seriously, for example arriving late for games or delivering minimal efforts. And some of the blunders that decided games belong in the Chess Challenge, not in a Closed Championship. Maybe that's to be expected in such a one-sided tournament, but it cheapens the event.

The worst incident was **Brady Ficko's** withdrawal after Round 4. He was playing **Ravi Trikha** in sudden death, and as the clock wound down in a position that had been a dead draw for at least an hour, Brady fell behind on the clock. He offered a draw several times but Ravi refused. Eventually Brady's flag fell and he stated his rather harsh [*but accurate!* -ed.] view of players who would seek to win by such a method. As tournament director, I could only note that no rules were broken so Ravi's win would stand. Brady then withdrew because he considered Ravi's actions to be extremely poor sportsmanship.

In my view this is a completely inadequate reason for withdrawing from a round-robin championship. Any player who enters a round robin is making a commitment because his play affects all the other players. (Refer to the April 1998 *ACR* for a note on how **Nenad Ristovic's** withdrawal due to illness affected last year's Alberta Closed.) In this case, Nigel got a free point from Brady, which practically eliminated David's and Micah's (admittedly

slim) chances of catching him. Withdrawing because you are unhappy with how your opponent beat you is just plain wrong.

Note, by the way, that Brady had recourse in his game. Players nearing the end of sudden death can claim a draw if, for example, they are winning by a mile but don't have enough time left, or if the position is a dead draw, or if the opponent is making absolutely no progress and is just trying to win on the clock. In such a case, the TD rules on the claim, and I would certainly have awarded a draw had Brady made such a claim.

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*Edmonton Reserves* report on p. 7.

## Calgary Closed

by Warrick Walker

This year's tournament was divided into four sections. The top section was a hard-fought contest with **Andrew Lapides** emerging the winner on tiebreak over **Greg Huber**. Both players finished with 7½/9. While both players played well throughout, they were also lucky at times and could easily have finished with lower scores. **Victor Maric** put in a strong showing for 3<sup>rd</sup> with 5 points. This year's field was quite strong, including 7 masters competing for the title of Calgary champion. As a result of his victory, Andrew also qualifies for the Alberta Closed. Congratulations, and good luck Andrew!

Calgary chess club treasurer **Farian Nazarian** won the "B" section with 4½/7. Next year we are going to convince him to play in the top section. Tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> places with 4 points were **Bill Bentley**, **Art Milne**, and **Alan Clark**. The "C" section was won easily by **Brian Miller** with 6½. Brian continues to improve rapidly and I'm sure we will hear great things from him in the future. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 5 was **Bert Valeroso**. The other member of the chess-playing Lapides family, **Paul**, won the "D" section. He scored 6½/7. Paul has lots of talent and it can only help that his dad Andrew is a master-class player. Expect to hear good things from this quiet young man in the future.

Thanks to **Walter Watson** for his help with the event.

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#### Deadline for next issue — August 23

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

**Tournament Directors:** The CFC requires a rating report to be submitted within a month, but strongly urges submissions within 7 days. You owe it to the players to submit a report ASAP. Also, please support your Alberta newsletter by sending a written report to the *ACR*. (A different report than is sent to the CFC is much preferred.) If you have difficulty obtaining games from players in your event, note that game scores are the property of tournament organizers and prizes can be withheld until players submit their games.

Items for the *ACR* may be submitted in many ways. Most preferred is to have them emailed to the editors at: [grant.brown@home.com](mailto:grant.brown@home.com) and [dave@cs.ualberta.ca](mailto:dave@cs.ualberta.ca). They can also be hand-delivered to the editors, if this can be done in a timely fashion. Least preferable is to send them to the ACA mailbox —

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#### Editorial

You will have noticed that this is a double issue. It wasn't planned that way.... Here's how it came about.

I moved to my new house in Edmonton on March 31, and immediately started doing some minor renovations. The deadline for submissions for Vol. 24, No. 2 passed quickly past, and I still lacked about half of the reports I was expecting to have had. I phoned and emailed, coaxed and cajoled, but many of the reports just didn't materialize until May. By this time, I had lined up an electrician and a heating guy to do some work at my place, and thus was unavailable to work on the issue. By the time I got back to the task at hand, I had much more material than could fit into a single issue, and I was still lacking reports on the Calgary Closed and Spraggett lecture, among other things.

The long and the short of it is that I decided to combine the April and June issues into one. It should get to you about a month later than you usually receive the April issue, but a few weeks before you usually receive the June issue, so all things considered I guess it isn't a disaster this time. However, it is not possible to be so flexible on the publishing date for most issues, so TDs shouldn't get the idea that they can routinely procrastinate for over 2 months to submit reports. Also, it is rather annoying for the editor to have to badger everyone for their reports all the time. My schedule isn't so flexible that I can work on this newsletter just whenever it suits others to make submissions. Furthermore, I'm disappointed that, after waiting for over 2 months for the Calgary Closed report to arrive, I got a single, paltry paragraph, and no games. This is one of Alberta's major tournaments each year, and a qualifier to the Alberta Closed as well; our players and our readers deserve a better accounting of the event than that! In the end, I never did receive any reports from the Words tournaments, or from the Calgary Regionals of the youth / challenge cycles, for example.

This will be my second-last issue as editor. I will be asking the ACA board to appoint a new editor at their next board meeting (August 22), so interested parties should contact someone on the board and perhaps ask to make a pitch for the job. The new editor could make a smooth transition into the position by helping me with the next issue.

Editing the *ACR* can be rewarding, but nobody should under-estimate the amount of work that goes into each issue. It can also be a frustrating job at times if you want the *ACR* to be a polished and complete record of chess activity in Alberta. Whoever assumes the mantle of *ACR* editor will need time, dedication, and competence with computers.

For now, please continue submitting reports and information to me at: 9911 87 Ave., Edmonton, AB. T6E 2N8.

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#### Assistant's Editorial

I was asked when the *ACR* was coming out by a couple of people in mid-May. "Well, Grant is still waiting for some tournament reports." "Like what?" "Well, the Calgary Closed is one example... and there were a couple of junior tournaments there too that we don't have reports for. I'm sure there's more, if you want to ask Grant about it." "Maaan, just forget about them and get it out!"

If you've read Grant's editorial, you are aware that he intends to resign the editorship soon. While I don't speak for Grant, I think this is due to a lack of interest — not his interest — your interest. We did eventually get a report for the Calgary Closed. Seven masters played, but apparently none of them played any good games, because none of them sent in any, never mind annotating them. Not that you have to be a master to get a game published in the *ACR*: any of the other 27 players could have done so as well. Only the redoubtable Art Milne provided material: thank you, Art!

Since Len Steele retired from the ACA editorship less than four years ago, we've already been through three editors: John Quiring, David Ottosen, and soon, Grant Brown. All of these people have been very active as volunteers in many ways. As brief examples, John has been the ACA's treasurer for a very long time, and Grant and David are heading up a bid to host the 2000 Canadian Open in Edmonton. Preparing an *ACR* is very time-consuming, and after seeing firsthand the amount of nagging and helpless waiting that goes on, I don't wonder why they have each chosen to dedicate their volunteer time in other ways. If the *ACR* is not a priority for the Alberta chess community, we should reexamine whether it is a worthwhile endeavor.

Do you value the *ACR*? Is it worthwhile to continue its publication? If so, how are you willing to help? In broader terms, what is your contribution to prevent chess volunteer burn-out?

On a brighter note, the room was full for the lecture given by Kevin Spraggett in Calgary. I thought this was a great experience: kudos to Warrick and any other organizers of this event (and thanks again for the meal, Dr. Ron! :-)

Finally, it has become abundantly clear that I am not the best choice for managing the ACA's web site. I wanted to spend some time learning how to make nice pop-up menus, set up a Java game browser, *et cetera*, but I simply don't have the time. In addition to my full-time graduate studies, I am the ACA Membership Secretary, I am an ACA Director, and I help Grant out with the *ACR* by things like proofreading and/or annotating games. If you are willing to put forth significant time and energy towards creating a good-looking web site (that is, the antithesis of the current one!), please email me at [dave@cs.ualberta.ca](mailto:dave@cs.ualberta.ca).

I'm told I have to play for the North side in the Battle of Alberta this year... I haven't figured out which side gets an advantage from that.

Signing off in true Grant fashion,

— David R. Gomboc, B.Sc.

## News from the Alberta Chess Association

by Walter Watson, President

The Canadian Open may be held in Edmonton next year. The ACA board voted in principle to match the \$12,500 the Edmonton Chess Club is putting up toward an Open bid for 2000. That will give organizer Grant Brown backing of at least \$25,000 when he presents Edmonton's bid to the Annual General Meeting of the Chess Federation of Canada in early July. David Ottosen is helping Grant organize the bid. Calgary held the Canadian Open in 1996, and it will be exciting if Edmonton hosts another Open just 4 years later. Stay tuned for further news.

You may have noticed a new logo on the *ACR*. Mike Smith and Mark Leong were joint winners of the ACA logo contest. Congratulations to each of them. Five people submitted entries, and the quality was very high.

As some masters wanted the Alberta Closed to be changed from a round robin to a Swiss tournament, an informal survey was made of this year's Closed players and some other masters. The results showed that the masters are divided on the issue. The board decided to keep the round robin format. Some masters want to change to a Swiss to avoid having to play three games in one day. The board discussed holding the Closed on four days instead of three, including Easter Monday. Doing that would limit play to two games a day, but some players might have to take a day off work to enter. We hope to survey the masters on this issue when the Battle of Alberta is held. Anyone

who has an opinion, please talk to one of the board members. The board made no changes to the Closed Rules this year. Three changes made at the ACA's last AGM now take effect. The changes eliminate the Last Chance Qualifier, replace it as a qualifying tournament with the Over 1800, and allow no participation points for playing in the Alberta Reserves. The updated Closed Rules hopefully will be run in this or the next issue of the *ACR*.

As the Chess Challenge grade championships will be held in Prince Edward Island this year, the board voted to raise the travel subsidy for each player from \$175 to \$225. It did so by reallocating the \$400 for travel to the Canadian Women's Championship and the \$200 for the Red Deer Chess Club. The women's championship won't be held this year, and the Red Deer club is currently inactive. The \$1,000 rental subsidies for the Edmonton and Calgary clubs remain in effect, as do the \$300 for the Words club and the \$200 for the Lethbridge club.

Nigel Fullbrook resigned as a director. The board voted to replace him with Grant Brown until the term expires in October. Jim Daniluk will take over from Grant responsibility for the *Dufferin Game Room* sponsorship. Ford Wong is investigating pairing programs for the ACA. Dave Gomboc will talk to the Edmonton Public Library about their current collection of chess books.

The next board meeting will be held on August 22 in Red Deer.

### ACA Logo Contest

by John Quiring

The logo contest is over! We received entries from Cynthia and Beatrice Wu, Hans Olson, Jim Thomson, Mark Leong, and Mike Smith. When the ACA Board examined the entries and listed their preferences, every entrant received at least one first place vote. Well done, everyone; we appreciate the effort you put into your excellent submissions.

The final result was a tie, as the Board decided to incorporate Mike Smith's design of the Alberta crest with Mark Leong's chess configuration and script. Mike and Mark will share the \$40.00 prize, as well as the fame and glory of seeing their work published.

*(The logo appearing on the front page of this issue is my best effort at reconstructing the winning entry using only Publisher and my scanner. We will be taking this basic concept to a professional graphics company to produce a final image. —ed.)*

### Volunteers Wanted!

ACA Casino — Edmonton  
January — March 2000

The ACA will be hosting its next Casino in Edmonton sometime in the first quarter of 2000. The date of the next ACA Casino will be determined in August. A minimum of 40 volunteers must be signed up. **Ford Wong** will be co-ordinating the volunteer signups in the Fall. Please help the ACA by signing up and helping out if you can.

### The Spraggett Seminar

by Warrick Walker

Calgary's first ever weekend chess seminar was held on April 17-18 at the Quality Inn. Eighteen players (including two from Edmonton), rated from 1600-2300, paid for the privilege of sharing a weekend of chess with Canadian champion GM **Kevin Spraggett**. It was truly a wonderful experience to (along with VP **Jim Daniluk**) pick Kevin up at the airport on Friday and enjoy a delicious lunch with him, during which time both Jim and I received a chess education on such diverse topics as Kasparov, the state of world chess in general, Canadian chess, and the Smith-Morra gambit! Having said our good-byes and left Kevin to get some much-needed rest, we eagerly anticipated what the seminar would be like.

Saturday morning came and it was time to meet Kevin at his room and quickly review the seminar format. Having done that, we made our way to the seminar room where, to much applause, he was warmly greeted by the eager participants. After briefly being introduced to each player, Kevin got down to business. For about the first hour he tested us with some interesting problems that were designed to wake us up! The bulk of the day was devoted to a chess history lesson as to the different "schools of thought." For instance, we examined the Morphy era (all out attack) and the pre-Botvinnik era (classical methods) before going on to the main subject of the seminar — what has become known as the Dorfman method, so-called for GM Josef Dorfman. Kevin says that Dorfman is coming to be known as the new Nimzovitch!

Before continuing my report, it pleases me greatly to be able to announce that the group actually refuted analysis by Steinitz from an old game that Kevin often used to demonstrate certain ideas! Not wanting to admit defeat, Kevin suggested that he let **Fritz** check our line and he would let us know the verdict the next day. To our great satisfaction, Kevin announced to us the next day that we had indeed "busted" the position and

that **Fritz** was in complete agreement with us! Let me add that I was impressed with Kevin's ability to admit this so readily and took it as another sign of his great character and integrity, which he amply demonstrated over the course of the event.

The Sunday part of the program saw us delve deeper into the Dorfman method and how it applies to real positions. As a point of interest, Dorfman has published a book in French explaining his theory. This book, entitled The Method of Chess, will be available this year in English. It is highly recommended by Kevin. Without giving too much away, I feel that the book describes a *new* way to play chess compared to that with which we are all familiar. I have a copy of the book in French and will *definitely* be buying the English version. The last couple of hours of the seminar were devoted to looking at games of the players. Sadly, we only had time to look at two games, but it was well worth it. Now I realize just how badly I really play!

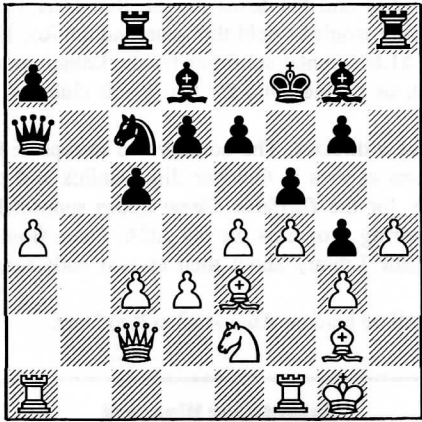
One of the nicest things about the seminar was the time we were able to spend with Kevin *away* from the chessboard. The catered lunch on Saturday, wings and beer at the *Elephant & Castle* Saturday night, and dinner at Nick's on Sunday provided all the participants with ample opportunity to get to know Kevin. The stories and insights he shared with us will stay with me for a long time.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all those who helped make this possible. A great big "Thank you" to the Calgary Chess Club and executive. Thanks Jim Daniluk for meeting Kevin with me at the airport (and especially for carrying that big suitcase!). Thank you **Brian Miller** for videotaping the seminar. A tip of the hat to **Walter Watson** for all of the little things you do. Ditto **Ron Hines**. Kudos to the Quality Inn for another great job. Last but not least, thank you **Art Milne** for getting up early Tuesday morning to drive me and Kevin to the airport for his flight home. If there is anybody I have left out please accept my apologies and my thanks. Once again, thanks to all and let's start thinking about the next seminar!

Round 1:

**Gardner – Grumic**

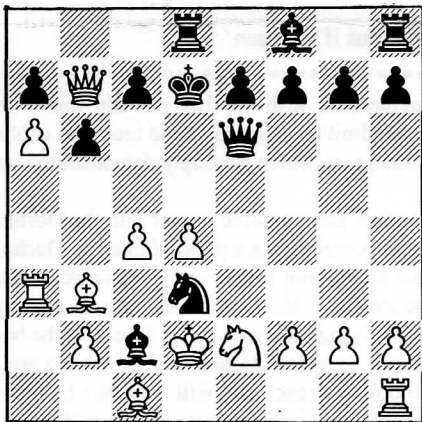
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**Haessel – Walker**

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**Odachowski – Lapides**

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**Huber – Fullbrook**

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Round 2:

**Grumic – Walker**

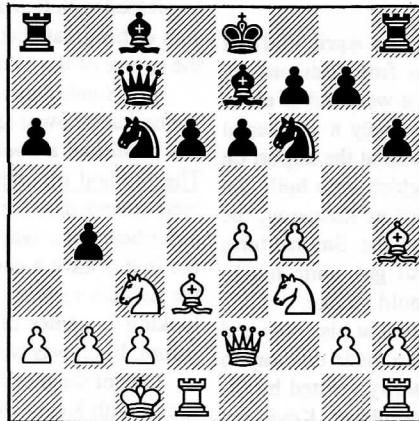
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**Gardner – Huber**

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**Fullbrook – Odachowski**

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.♗d4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 ♗c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 [This position occurred in Fullbrook – Huber, Alberta Closed 1996. Huber played 7...♗b6 8.♗b3 ♗e3 9.♗e2 ♗e2 10.♗e2 with a draw in 66 moves.] a6 8.♗f3 ♗c7 9.♗d3 ♗e7 10.♗e2 h6 11.♗h4 b5 12.O-O-O b4



[Now I had 4 candidate moves to analyse: 13.Na4, 13.Nb1, 13.Nd5 and 13.e5. 13.Na4 and 13.Nb1 looked a little too passive. 13.e5 bc3 14.ef6 gf6 left White's ♗'s position with a big hole. So...] 13.♗d5 ed5 14.ed5 ♗a7?! [The idea behind this move is to guard e7 from c8, but it's a little slow. How about 14...♗d5!? If 15.♗he1 ♗f4!? Or 15.♗e4 ♗f6 16.♗f6 gf6 17.♗he1 ♗a7 and it seems Black survives to a piece-up endgame.] 15.♗f6 gf6 16.♗d4 ♗f8 17.♗he1 ♗b7 18.♗f5 ♗c8 19.♗g4 ♗g8 20.♗h5 ♗h8 21.♗h6 ♗d8 22.♗e3 ♗a7 23.♗de1 ♗c6 24.cd6 ♗c6 25.♗e7! [The quickest way to win is the best.] ♗e7 26.♗e7 ♗e7 27.♗f7# 1-0. NF

**Lapides – Haessel**

1.c4 ♗f6 2.♗c3 e6 3.♗f3 c5 4.d4 cd4 5.♗d4 a6 6.g3 ♗c7 7.♗a4 ♗c6 8.♗c6 bc6 9.♗g2 ♗b8 10.♗c2 ♗e7 11.O-O O-O 12.e4 e5 13.h3 d6 14.♗e3 ♗e6 15.♗e2 ♗a5 16.a3 ♗b3 17.♗ad1 ♗fb8 18.♗d2 ♗d7 19.♗c1 ♗c5 20.♗a2 ♗e3 21.♗e3 ♗b3 22.♗dc2 ♗c1 23.♗c1 h6 24.♗b4 ♗b6 25.♗c3 ♗c8 26.h4 ♗a5 27.♗d1 ♗b6 28.♗e2 a5 29.♗d3 ♗d4 30.♗c2 f5 31.♗c1 f4 32.♗b3 ♗a7 33.♗h2 ♗f8 34.♗f3 ♗g4 35.♗d3 a4 36.♗c1 fg3 37.fg3 g5 38.♗h3 ♗f2 0-1.

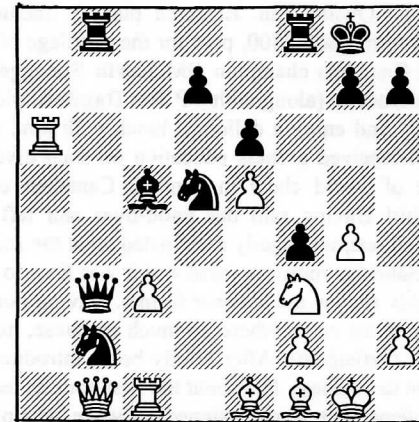
Round 3:

**Walker – Lapides**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♗b4 4.e5 ♗e7 5.♗f3 c5 6.dc5 ♗c3 7.bc3 ♗a5 8.♗d3 ♗c3 9.♗d2 ♗c5 10.O-O ♗bc6 11.♗e3 d4 12.♗d4 ♗e5 13.♗e1 O-O 14.♗b5 ♗f6 15.♗d6 e5 16.♗e4 ♗g6 17.♗b1 b6 18.♗d6 f5 19.♗c8 ♗ac8 20.f4 e4 21.♗c4 ♗h8 22.♗e2 ♗a5 23.♗a6 ♗cd8 24.♗ed1 ♗ec6 25.♗d8 ♗d8 26.♗d1 ♗f6 27.♗d8 ♗d8 28.♗d2 ♗d2 29.♗d2 ♗g8 30.♗c3 ♗f7 31.♗c8 g6 32.g4 ♗e7 33.♗d7 fg4 34.♗g4 ♗d5 35.♗e5 ♗e3 36.♗h3 ♗c2 37.♗g2 e3 38.♗d5 ♗e7 39.♗f1 b5 40.♗g8 h6 41.♗h7 ♗f7 42.f5 gf5 43.♗f5 ♗c4 44.♗c3 ♗2a3 45.♗e2 a5 46.♗d3 b4 47.♗h8 a4 48.♗h7 b3 49.ab3 ab3 50.♗e4 ♗f8 51.♗f6 b2 52.♗b2 ♗b2 53.♗e3 ♗ac4 54.♗f4 ♗g7 55.♗a8 ♗f6 56.♗g3 ♗g5 57.h4 ♗f5 58.♗h1 ♗e5 59.♗b7 ♗bd3 60.♗c8 ♗e4 61.♗b7 ♗e3 62.♗a8 ♗c5 63.♗h1 ♗e4 64.♗h3 ♗f2 65.♗g2 ♗h1 66.♗h1 0-1.

**Haessel – Fullbrook**

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♗f6 3.e5 ♗d5 4.d4 cd4 5.♗d4 e6 6.♗f3 ♗c6 7.♗e4 f5 8.♗e2 b5 9.g3 a6 10.♗g2 ♗b7 11.O-O ♗e7 12.a4 O-O 13.♗d1 ♗b6 14.♗bd2 ♗a5 15.ab5 ab5 16.♗d3 ♗ac8 17.♗d4 ♗c5 18.♗df3 b4 19.♗d2 ♗a6 20.♗b1 ♗c4 21.♗e1 b3 22.♗b3 ♗b3 23.♗a6 ♗b2 24.♗c1 ♗b8 25.♗f1 f4 26.g4



♗e3 27.fe3 fe3 28.♗g2 ♗d5 29.♗e2 ♗c4 30.♗d3 ♗b2 31.♗d5 ed5 32.♗f1 ♗e5 33.♗a5 d6 34.♗h4 ♗f3 35.♗f3 ♗f3 36.♗e1 e2 0-1.

**Huber – Grumic**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♗f6 3.♗c3 g6 4.f4 d5 5.e5 ♗g8 6.♗f3 c6 7.♗d3 ♗b6 8.♗ge2 ♗h6 9.O-O ♗e6 10.♗a4 ♗c7 11.h3 ♗d7 12.g4 b5 13.f5 gf5 14.gf5 ♗f5 15.♗f5 ba4 16.♗e6 fe6 17.♗f7 ♗d8 18.♗f4 ♗b6 19.♗e6 ♗c8 20.♗e8 1-0.

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**Odachowski – Gardner**

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d2f6 3.e5 d2d5 4.d4 cd4 5.f3f3 d6 6.f3c4 de5 7.f2e5 c7c7 8.cd4 e6 9.O-O e7 10. f3f3 d2f6 11.f3c3 d2bd7 12.f2b5 d5d8 13.f3e3 d2b6 14.f3b3 O-O 15.f2ad1 d2bd5 16.f2c3 d2c3 17.bc3 d2d5 18.f3c1 a5 19.c4 d2f6 20.f3a4 c7c7 21.f3f4 b6b6 22.f3b3 b3b3 23.ab3 d2d8 24.h3 d2e4 25.c5 d2c3 26.f2d3 d2e2 0-1.

Round 4:

**Grumic – Lapides**

1.g3 d2f6 2.f2g2 g6 3.c4 f2g7 4.f2c3 O-O 5. d2f3 d6 6.d3 d2c6 7.O-O e5 8.f2b1 f2e6 9.f2g5 f2d7 10.h3 h6 11.f2f3 d2h5 12.b4 d2e7 13.f2b3 c6 14.b5 f2b8 15.e4 c5 16.f2a3 f2a8 17.f2e1 f2e6 18.f2h2 d2d7 19.f2b3 f5 20.f2e2 f4 21.g4 d2f6 22.f2f3 d2h7 23.f2b2 f2f6 24.f2fg1 f2f7 25.f2c3 h5 26.f3 f2h8 27.a4 f2af8 28.f2bd1 f2e8 29.f2a5 d2c8 30.f2c3 f2d8 31.b6 a6 32.f2d5 f2f7 33.d4 ed4 34.f5 f2d5 35.cd5 de5 36.f2de1 f2d5 37.f2d2 d2b6 38.f2e5 f2e5 39.f2e1 f2e1 40.f2e1 f2e7 41.f2b1 f2g8 42.a5 d2c8 43.f2a2 f2f8 44. f2a3 f2e5 45.f2b1 f2f7 46.f2g6 d2f8 47.f2c2 d2e6 48.f2f1 hg4 49.hg4 d2d6 50.f2d3 d2d7 51. f2g2 d2b5 52.f2a4 f2c8 53.f2b2 d2c3 54.f2c3 dc3 55.f2c4 f2a5 56.f2f5 f2f6 57.f2e2 b5 58. f2a2 f2b7 59.f2e6 f2e6 60.f2f4 f2f4 61.f2e6 f2c4 62.f2d5 f2c7 63.f2f7 f2b6 64.f2e6 f2b7 65. f2d5 1/2-1/2.

**Huber – Odachowski**

1.e4 c5 2.f2f3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.f2d4 d2f6 5.f2c3 d2c6 6.f2c4 e6 7.O-O a6 8.f2b3 c7c7 9.f2h1 d2a5 10.f2a4 f2d7 11.f2d7 d2d7 12.b3 f2c8 13. f2b2 f2e7 14.f2f3 c7c7 15.f2e1 d2c6 16.f2c2 d5 17.f2c6 bc6 18.ed5 cd5 19.f2c1 O-O 20.f2g3 d2d7 21.c4 f2g5 22.f2d1 dc4 23.bc4 f2f6 24.f2f6 d2f6 25.f2c1 f2f4 26.f2e2 f2c5 27.f2fd1 f2fc8 28. f2d2 d2d2 29.f2d2 f2f8 30.f2dc2 g5 31.f2g1 h5 32.f2f2 h4 33.f2e4 1/2-1/2.

**Fullbrook – Walker**

1.e4 d5 2.ed5 d2f6 3.d4 f2g4 4.f2f3 d2d5 5.f2e2 e6 6.h3 f2f5 7.c4 f2b4 8.f2c3 f2a5 9.f2d2 d2e4 10.f2e4 f2e4 11.O-O O-O 12.f2e3 f2e7 13.f2d2 f2g6 14.f2b3 f2f5 15.f2f3 c6 16.f2c1 a5 17.d5 f2d8 18.f2d4 f2f6 19.f2b3 e5 20.f2b7 ed4 21. f2a8 cd5 22.f2d2 d2a6 23.f2b7 d2c5 24.f2a7 d2d3 25.f2a5 d2c1 26.f2d8 f2d8 27.f2c1 dc4 28. f2c4 h6 29.f2d4 f2e7 30.f2c8 1-0.

**Gardner – Haessel**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.f2d2 d2f6 4.e5 d2fd7 5.f2d3 c5 6.c3 d2c6 7.f2e2 f2b6 8.f2f3 cd4 9.cd4 f6 10.ef6 d2f6 11.O-O f2d6 12.b3 c7c7 13.f2b2 O-O 14. f2c1 f2d7 15.f2g3 f2f4 16.f2c2 f2b6 17.f2e5 d2b4 18.f2d7 d2d7 19.f2e2 d2d3 20.f2d3 f2ac8 21.f2fe1 f2c6 22.f2h5 f2h6 23.f2h3 f2e8 24.f2g4 g6 25.f2f4 d2f6 26.f2h4 f2g7 27.f3 f2a6 28.a3 f2f7 29.f2f2 g5 30.f2h3 h6 31.f2e3 d2h5 32.g3 f2ec8 33.f2f2 f2c2 34.f2d3 f2e2 35.f2e2 f2b6 36. d2c5 f2c6 37.a4 a5 38.f2d3 f2f6 39.f2g2 d2g7 40.g4 c7c7 41.f2e5 f2e5 42.de5 b5 43.ab5 f2b6 44.h4 f2b5 45.hg5 hg5 46.f2a3 f2b7 47.f2g5 f2b3 48.f2f6 f2g8 49.f2f8 f2h7 50.f2g3 1-0.

**Lapides – Fullbrook**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 d2f6 3.f2c3 g6 4.f2e3 f2g7 5.f2d2 c6 6.f3 b5 7.f2h6 f2h6 8.f2h6 b4 9.f2a4 d2bd7 10.f2d3 f2a5 11.b3 c5 12.f2e2 cd4 13.f2d4 f2e5 14.f2e3 d2d5 15.f2f2 d2c5 16.f2b5 f2f8 17.f2c6 f2b7 18.O-O d2c3 19.f2c5 f2c6 20.f2d3 d2d4 21.f2d4 d2e2 0-1.

**Walker – Gardner**

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cd4 3.c3 dc3 4.f2c3 d2c6 5.f2f3 a6 6.f2c4 e6 7.O-O d2ge7 8.f2g5 f6 9.f2e3 b5 10. f2b3 d2g6 11.f2d4 f2b7 12.f2c6 f2c6 13.f4 f2b4 14.f5 d2f8 15.f2d5 ed5 16.ed5 f2e7 17.f2d4 O-O-O 18.dc6 dc6 19.f2c1 f2d6 20.f2b6 f2d7 21.f2d6 f2d6 22.a3 f2b7 23.f2f2 0-1.

**Odachowski – Grumic**

1.d4 g6 2.c4 f2g7 3.f2f3 c5 4.f2c3 cd4 5.f2d4 d2c6 6.e3 d2f6 7.f2e2 O-O 8.f2c2 d6 9.O-O a6 10.b3 f2f5 11.f2d4 f2d7 12.f2b2 f2a5 13.a3 f2fd8 14.b4 f2g5 15.f2f3 f2h6 16.f2a2 f2ac8 17. f2c1 f2h8 18.e4 f2f8 19.f2d2 f2g4 20.f2b3 d2d7 21.f2fd1 f2g7 22.f2d5 f2b8 23.h3 f2f3 24.f2f3 b5 25.f2e2 f2dc8 26.f2a2 bc4 27.f2c4 a5 28. f2a6 f2d8 29.f2c2 d2a7 30.f2c7 ab4 31.ab4 d2c8 32.b5 d2cb6 33.f2c2 d2a4 34.f2e3 e6 35.f2b4 d2dc5 36.f2c6 d2c3 37.f2d8 d2a6 38.ba6 f2b3 39.f2dc1 1-0.

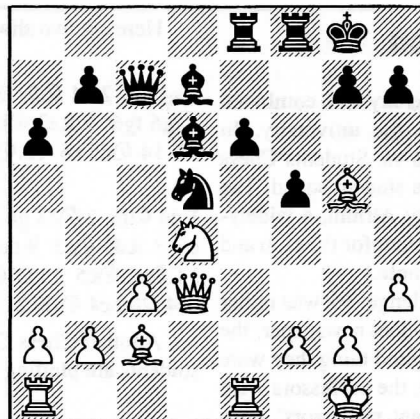
**Haessel – Huber**

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Round 6:

**Gardner – Lapides**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.f2d2 c5 4.ed5 d2d5 5.f2g3 cd4 6.f2c4 d2d6 7.O-O d2f6 8.f2b3 d2c6 9. d2bd4 d2d4 10.f2d4 a6 11.c3 f2e7 12.f2e2 O-O 13.f2e1 f2c7 14.f2b3 f2d6 15.h3 f2d7 16.f2g5 f2ae8 17.f2c2 d2d5 18.f2d3 f5



19.f2e6 f2c6 20.f2e6 f2c6 21.f2d5 f2f7 22.f2e6 f2e6 23.f2b3 f2b3 24.ab3 h6 25.f2e3 f2f7 26. f2d1 f2e6 27.f2d4 f2f7 28.f2f1 f2c7 29.f2e2 f2c5 30.f2c5 f2c5 31.f2d8 f2e7 32.f2d4 f2c7 33.f2d3 f2e6 34.b4 f2e5 35.c4 f2e6 36.f4 f2e7 37.f2d5 f2e6 38.f2d4 g6 39.c5 f2f6 40.f2d6 f2f7 41.f2b6 f2e7 42.g3 g5 43.fg5 hg5 44.b5 ab5 45.f2b5 f4 46.gf4 gf4 47.c6 bc6 48.f2f5 f2g6 49.f2f4 f2e1 50.f2c5 f2g5 51.f2d4 f2c6 52.b4 f2h6 53.f2d6

f2h3 54.f2c6 f2c3 55.f2b6 f2f5 56.b5 f2e5 57. f2d1 f2c6 58.f2b7 f2e7 59.b6 f2c2 60.f2b8 f2b2 61.b7 f2e6 62.f2a1 1-0.

**Grumic – Fullbrook**

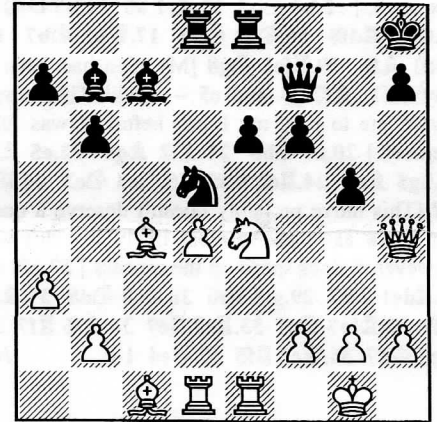
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**Huber – Walker**

1.f2f3 d2f6 2.b4 e6 3.a3 a5 4.b5 d5 5.d4 c5 6.e3 d2bd7 7.a4 d2b6 8.f2e2 f2d6 9.O-O c7 10.c3 f2d7 11.f2a3 d2e4 12.h3 O-O 13.f2fd2 f5 14. d2e4 fe4 15.f2d2 f2f6 16.dc5 f2c5 17.f2c5 f2c5 18.c4 f2b4 19.f2b1 f2a4 20.c5 d2d1 21.f2bd1 d2a4 22.f2e4 f2f7 23.f2a1 de4 24.f2a4 f2f5 25. f2c1 f2c8 26.f2a5 f2fc5 27.f2c5 f2c5 28.f2a8 f2f7 29.f2b8 f2c1 30.f2h2 f2c2 31.f2b7 f2e2 32.f2d7 f2f6 1-0.

**Odachowski – Haessel**

1.d4 d2f6 2.c4 e6 3.f2c3 f2b4 4.e3 c5 5.f2e2 cd4 6.ed4 d5 7.a3 f2e7 8.f2f4 dc4 9.f2c4 O-O 10. O-O d2c6 11.f2e3 f2d6 12.f2h5 d2h5 13.f2h5 d2e7 14.f2e4 f2c7 15.f2ad1 d2d5 16.f2g5 f6 17. f2c1 b6 18.f2fe1 f2b7 19.f2d3 g6 20.f2h6 d2d7 21.f2c3 f2ad8 22.f2h3 f2fe8 23.f2h4 f2f7 24. f2c4 f2h8 25.f2e4 g5



26.f2g5 fg5 27.f2g5 f2g7 28.f2e6 f2f4 29.f2d5 f2g5 30.f2e8 f2e8 31.f2h5 f2e7 32.f2b7 f2b7 33. f2e8 f2g8 34.f2e5 f2g7 35.g3 f2f8 36.f2d3 f2f6 37.f2f3 f2f7 38.f2e6 f2g7 39.f2g4 f2h8 40.f2c6 f2g7 41.d5 f2f8 42.d6 f2b2 43.d7 f2g8 44.f2f7 f2g6 45.f2e8 d2d3 46.f2f8 d2d1 47.f2g2 d2d5 48.f2h3 1-0.

Round 7:

**Walker – Odachowski**

1.e4 c5 2.f2f3 d6 3.c3 d2f6 4.f2e2 d2c6 5.d4 cd4 6.cd4 d2e4 7.d5 f2a5 8.f2c3 d2c3 9.bc3 d2d8 10. O-O e5 11.de6 d2e6 12.f2b1 a6 13.f2c2 f2e7 14. f2d3 h6 15.f2f5 f2c7 16.f2e1 f2b8 17.f2e6 f2e6 18.f2e6 fe6 19.f2g6 f2f8 20.f2d4 1-0.

**Haessel – Grumic**

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d6 3.d4 d2c6 4.d5 d2b8 5.c4 b5 6. cb5 g6 7.f2c3 f2g7 8.f4 d2d7 9.f2f3 a6 10.ba6 f2a6 11.f2a6 f2a6 12.f2e2 f2a8 13.e5 d2h6 14. d2b5 d2d8 15.O-O f2b6 16.f2d2 f2a4 17.f2c3 f2a8 18.f2fe1 f2e8 19.ed6 f2d6 20.f2e5 e6 21. f2h1 f2e7 22.f2d7 f2d7 23.de6 f2f8 24.ed7 1-0.

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**Lapides – Huber**

1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.g3 g6 4.♗g2 ♗g7 5.d3 d6 6.♗e3 e6 7.♗d2 ♗b8 8.♗f3 ♗d4 9.♗d1 e5 10. ♗h4 ♗f6 11.c3 ♗h4 12.cd4 cd4 13.g4 de3 14. ♗e3 ♗f6 15.O-O O-O 16.f4 ef4 17.♗f4 ♗h5 18.♗f2 ♗h4 19.♗a5 a6 20.♗c7 ♗h3 21.♗af1 ♗g5 22.♗d5 ♗g2 23.♗g2 ♗e5 24.♗gf2 f5 25. ♗b6 f4 26.♗d7 ♗g5 27.♗g2 ♗c8 28.♗d6 ♗d8 29.♗f8 ♗f8 30.♗f8 ♗f8 31.♗g4 ♗d8 32.♗f3 ♗f7 33.♗f2 ♗e6 34.♗e2 ♗e5 35.h4 ♗c8 36. ♗d2 ♗d8 37.♗g5 ♗e6 38.♗c5 ♗d7 39.♗c3 h6 40.♗h5 ♗c7 41.♗d2 gh5 42.♗f4 ♗g7 43.♗f5 ♗g6 44.♗h5 1-0.

**Fullbrook – Gardner**

[Rob was half a point ahead of me at the start of the last round so I had to play for a win. I was looking for inspiration and Warrick Walker suggested 1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.c3 ♗f6 4.♗e2!? We looked at a few hair-raising variations and I was ready to play.] 1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.c3 ♗c6 [Drat!] 4.d4 ♗d7 5.♗e3 b6 6.♗bd2 g6 7.h4 h5 8.d5 ♗a5 9.♗g5 ♗h6 10.f3 ♗g7 11.♗e2 ♗c7 [Black has played quite passively and I have more space. I am going to try to build up with Petrosian's boa constrictor method until I get a decisive crack.] 12.b4 ♗b7 13.♗c1 a5 14.b5 O-O-O 15.O-O ♗d8 16.♗c4 ♗d8 17.♗b3 ♗b7 18. ♗cd1 ♗f6 19.♗fe1 ♗g8 [My plan had been to play ♗f1, ♗f2-g3 and e5 – crack! This retreat caused me to play my break before it was fully prepared.] 20.f4 ♗h6 21.♗f2 ♗g4 22.e5 ♗g5 23.hg5 ♗e2 24.♗e2 ♗f5 25.♗e3 ♗e3 26.♗e3 f6? [This move probably doesn't deserve a question mark as Black is most likely lost anyway. However, it does speed up the process.] 27.ef6 ef6 28.♗de1 ♗h7 29.gf6 ♗f6 30.♗e8 ♗d8 31.♗h4 ♗f7 32.♗e7 ♗e7 33.♗e7 ♗e7 34.♗f6 ♗f7 35. ♗g5 ♗d7 36.♗c2 ♗f5 37.♗e4 1-0. *NF*

*Congratulations, Nigel!*

**Alberta Reserves**

by John Quiring

The Reserves featured 18 players in a 5-round Swiss, held during the last two days of the Closed. With the masters all busy in the Closed, the master wannabes took center stage and **Micah Hughey** won easily with 4½/5, a full point ahead of the second place triumvirate of **Chris Kuczaj, Bill Bentley** and **Rod Weiss**.

In the Under 1700 prize group, four players tied for first with 2½/5: **Brian Miller, Bert Valeroso, Tom McKay, and Paul Lapides**.

**Macfie – Bentley**

1.f4 ♗f6 2.♗f3 b6 3.b3 g6 4.♗b2 ♗g7 5.e4 O-O 6.♗f6 [The beginning of a bad idea. White now starts overextending his centre.] ♗f6 7.e5 ♗g7 8.d4 c5 9.c3 d6 10.cd5 bc5 11.♗d5 ♗b6 12.♗bd2 ♗b7 13.♗d3 de5 14.♗c4 ♗c7 15. ♗ce5 ♗d8 16.♗e3 ♗d7 [Black overlooks the vulnerability of f7. Better was 16...e6] 17.♗f7 ♗f7 18.♗c4 [18.♗g5 is probably correct.] ♗f8 19.♗e6 ♗c3 □ 20.♗f2 ♗g7 21.♗f7 ♗h8 22. ♗g5 ♗f6 23.♗e6 ♗d2 24.♗g1 [24.♗e2 gives me my only chance for survival, but then 24...♗g4 25.♗g3 ♗h6 seems to force simplification with Black up a piece.] ♗g2 25.♗f1 ♗g4 26.♗e1 ♗c6 0-1. *BM*

**Hughey – Huang**

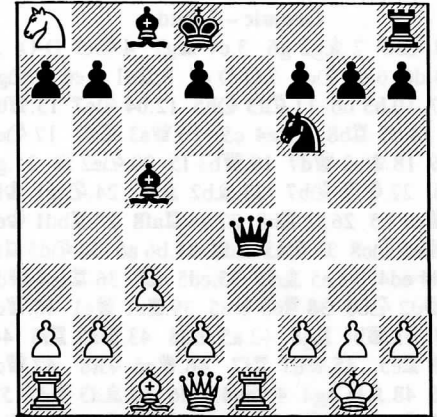
1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♗f6 5.O-O b5?! 6.♗b3 ♗c5 7.♗e5 ♗e5 8.d4 ♗d4 9.♗d4 ♗c6 10.♗c3 O-O 11.♗g5?! [□ 11.♗e1] ♗e4! 12.♗d8 ♗c3 13.♗c7 ♗e2 14.♗h1 ♗ed4! 15. ♗d2 ♗b3 16.♗b3 d5 17.♗ad1 ♗f5 18.c3 ♗e6 19.♗c5 ♗fc8 20.♗f4 ♗e8 21.♗e6 fe6 22.♗fe1 e5 23.♗g3 d4 24.cd4 ed4 25.♗g1 ♗e1?! 26. ♗e1 ♗f7 27.♗f1 ♗e8? [□ 27...♗d8] 28.♗e8 ♗e8 29.♗e2 ♗d7 30.♗d3 ♗e6 31.♗e4 g6 32.a3! ♗a5 33.♗d4 ♗c4 34.♗c3 ♗f5 35.a4 g5 36.ab5 ab5 37.b3 ♗a3 38.♗b4 ♗c2 39.♗b5 ♗e1 40. b4 ♗g2 41.♗c6 ♗f4 42.♗f4 gf4 43.b5 ♗g4 44. b6 ♗f3 45.b7 ♗f2 46.b8=♗ f3 47.♗g3 ♗e2 48. ♗e5 ♗f1 49.♗d5 f2 50.♗d4 ♗g2 51.♗g3 ♗f1 52.♗e3 1-0. *MH*

**Erratum**

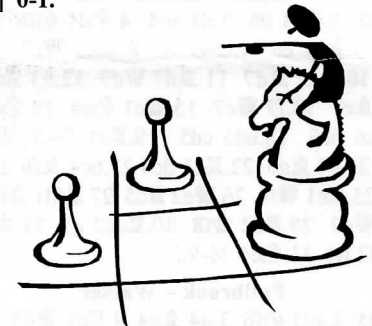
**Derek Lactin** writes: I thought you might enjoy this game. I played it recently at the Lethbridge Public Library (A group of players meets there; a couple are stronger than the group that meets at the University of Lethbridge, including this guy. I think his name is John; last name unknown.)

**John ? – Derek Lactin**

1.e4 ♗f6 2.♗c3 e5 3.♗f3 ♗c6 4.♗b5 ♗c5 5. O-O ♗d4 6.♗e5 ♗b5 7.♗b5 ♗e7 8.♗c7 ♗d8 9.♗a8 ♗e5 10.c3 ♗e4 11.♗e1



♗f2 12.♗f2 ♗h4 13. g3 [13.♗g1 ♗g4 14.h3 ♗f2 15.♗h1 h5 16.♗e2 ♗g3 17.♗g1 b5 18. ♗b6 ♗b7 and 19...♗h3.] ♗g4 14.♗g2 ♗h2 15. ♗f3 ♗f2 16.♗g4 d5 17.♗h4 ♗f6 18.♗h5 ♗h6 # [Who says a Four Knights' game has to be dull?!] 0-1.



**The Lethbridge Chess Club Report**

by Brian Tittley

The Lethbridge Chess Club is a community and university club combined into one, most members being associated with the university. In January-February we held the second annual Professors vs. Students Chess Challenge, in which a team of four professors took on a student squad. The four rounds were held weekly at noon in the University Atrium, a widely-used gathering place. It served as an excellent publicity stunt for the club and the local media even turned up. (Other universities take note.)

Admittedly, the quality of the games in Chess Challenge '99 was rather uneven, but the rivalry was intense. An article in the student newspaper, the *Meliorist*, confidently predicted a student victory. It's a good thing they were not taking bets. At the conclusion of the 16-game series, the professors were ahead by a decisive score of 9½ to 6½. The triumphant professors' team consisted of **Lance "Logic" Grigg** (Education), **Kent "Kamikaze" Peacock** (Philosophy), **Brian "Blitzkrieg" Tittley** (Education), and **Paul "The Penetrator" Viminitz** (Philosophy). The fighting names were adopted as a blatant intimidation tactic – and it worked. The students were represented by **Andy Chan, Mike Gurnick, Brian Hepburn** and **Stefan Kruse**.

Individual scores in the Challenge were as follows: Brian Tittley 4; Paul Viminitz 3; Lance Grigg 2½; Mike Gurnick 2; Brian Hepburn 2; Stefan Kruse 1½; Andy Chan 1; and Kent Peacock 0.

Here are two short games from the series:

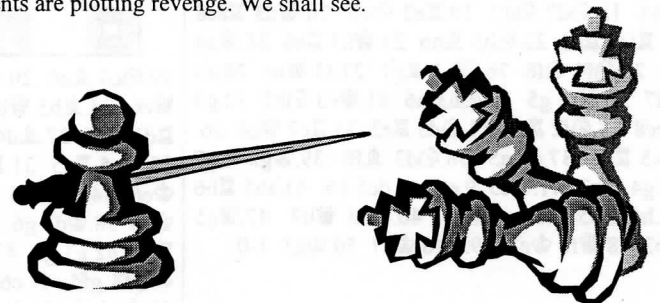
**Hepburn – Viminitz**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♗f6 3.♗c3 g6 4.f4 ♗g7 5.♗d3 O-O 6.♗f3 b6 7.f5 ♗b7 8.fg6 fg6 9.♗e3 ♗bd7 10.♗d2 ♗g4 11.O-O-O c5 12.♗g5 ♗h6 13.♗c4 d5 14.♗d5 e6 15.♗e6 ♗d5 16.♗d5 ♗e3 17.♗d8 ♗h8 18.♗a8 1-0.

**Chan – Tittley**

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗c3 g6 3.♗f3 ♗g7 4.♗g5 d5 5.e3 O-O 6.♗e5 ♗bd7 7.♗b5 c6 8.♗d3 ♗e5 9.de5 ♗d7 10.f4 f6 11.ef6 ef6 12.♗h4 ♗b6 13.♗f2 ♗b2 14.♗e2 ♗c5 15.O-O ♗g4 16.c4 ♗d3 17.♗b3 ♗b3 18.ab3 ♗e2 19.♗fb1 dc4 20.bc4 ♗f2 21.♗f2 ♗c4 22.♗b7 a6 0-1.

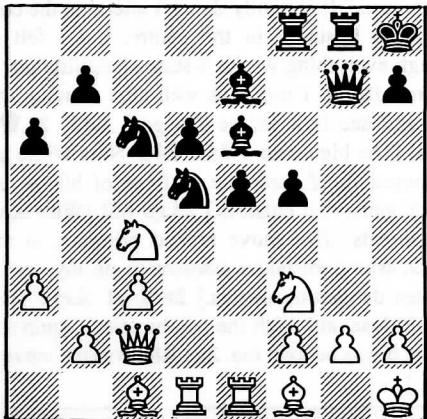
Another Chess Challenge is scheduled for January 2000 and already the students are plotting revenge. We shall see.



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Hughey – Ficko

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♘f6 3.e5 ♗d5 4.d4 cd4 5.♙d4 e6  
6.♘f3 ♗c6 7.♞e4 d6 8.♙e2 ♙e7 9.O-O O-O  
10.♗bd2 f5 11.ef6 gf6 12.♗c4 f5 13.♞c2 ♖h8  
14.♙d2 e5 15.♞ad1 ♙e6 16.♙c1 ♞g8 17.♞fe1  
♙f8 18.♖h1 ♙g7 19.♙f1 ♞af8 20.a3 a6



21.♗d6 e4 22.♗g1 ♙d6 23.c4 ♞e5 24.g3 ♗d4  
25.♞b1 ♗b6 26.♙f4 ♞c5 27.b4 ♞c7 28.♙d6  
♙d6 29.c5 ♞d8 30.cb6 ♞b6 31.♞b2 ♞d8 32.  
♗e2 1-0.

Ottosen – Fullbrook

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc4 3.e4 ♗c6 4.♙e3 ♗f6 5.f3 e5  
6.d5 ♗a5!? [I am always a little scared of David's  
opening preparation. The QGA is my reserve de-  
fense against 1.d4, but I am out of book with this  
move. The manoeuvre ♗/c6-e7-g6 is probably  
safer, but I wanted to mix it up.] 7.♞a4 c6 8.b4!?  
[This move does win a piece, but it seems I get  
sufficient counterplay.] cb3 9.ab3 ♙d7!? 10.b4  
♗d5! [An unexpected surprise.] 11.ed5 ♞h4 12.  
g3 ♙b4 13.♙d2 ♙d2 14.♗d2 ♞a4 15.♞a4 b6  
16.dc6 ♙c6 17.♞a3 ♖e7 [When the smoke  
clears, I have 3 ♖s for the piece. The outcome  
should depend on whether they get blockaded or  
advance freely. With this in mind, David should  
play to remove my strong ♗/a5.] 18.♗e2 ♞hd8  
19.♗c3 ♞d4 20.♙e2 ♞b4 21.♙d1 ♞d8 22.♙c2  
f5 23.♞ha1 ♖f6 24.♗a2?? [Ugly and very bad.]  
♞b2 25.♙b2 ♞d2 26.♙c3 ♞e2 27.♗b4 ♙f3 28.  
♞1a2 ♞a2 29.♞a2 ♖e6 30.♞a1 g5 31.♙d3 f4  
32.♞c1 e4 33.♙c3 ♖e5 34.♗c2 ♗c6 35.♞b1  
♙e2 36.♗e1 ♗d4 37.♞b4 f3 0-1. *NF*

CALGARY CLUB FEBRUARY ACTIVE

by Walter Watson

The February Active was a 6-round open tourna-  
ment. Only 3 players were rated over 1800, and 9  
of the 18 players were rated under 1550. Top-rated  
**Gordon Campbell** conceded a draw to **Alan  
Clark**, but won his other games to finish first with  
5½/6. Alan won second prize with 4½, half a point  
ahead of **Art Milne** and **Rod Weis**. **Brian Watson**  
and **Paul Lapides** continued their success from  
the Calgary Closed, tying for the Under 1550 prize  
with 3½/6. **Ted Borowski**, **Juraj Pivoravov**, and  
**Jack King** all had 3.

*Editor's note:* Tournament reports from Calgary  
by Calgarians have become utterly pathetic to  
non-existent. In the first half of 1999, they amount  
to the above, and the piddling account of the  
*Calgary Closed* on page 1. Let's get with it, guys!

Edmonton Chess Club Reserves

by John Quiring

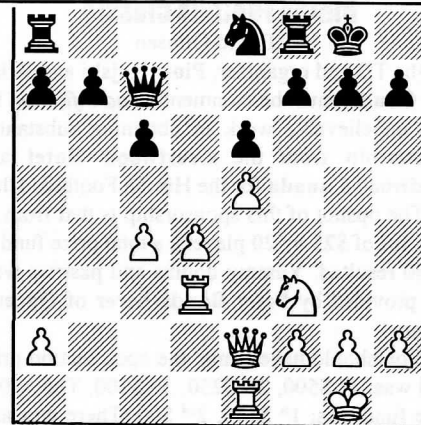
The Reserves is run concurrently with the Ed-  
monton Closed, and features a special prize:  
the winner gets into next year's Closed. As hap-  
pened last year, the top-rated player took a first-  
round bye, then beat up all comers to win the  
tournament. **Rob Brazeau** – he's baaaaaack! –  
ended with 6/7 to edge **Peter Miller** by ½ point,  
and **Kurtis Nystrom** was third with 5. Also des-  
erving mention is **Josh Sterr**, who made the  
largest rating gain, coming from the bottom half of  
the crosstable to score 4 points.

The strategy to win the Reserves is clear, then:  
take a first-round bye. Of course, you also have to  
beat all the other strong players, because in a  
7-round tournament you can't avoid them. So the  
strategy is actually two steps: 1) take a first-round  
bye; and 2) win all of your games. You're wel-  
come.

Brazeau – Dewindt

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♙f5 [I had expected  
simply 3...dc4 and the game would follow normal  
lines in the semi-Slav. After the game, David  
Ottosen berated me for not meeting this move with  
a quick 4.♞b3, threatening to exchange on d5 and  
win a ♖. However, after 4.♞b3 ♞b6 Black is in no  
danger, and the resulting simplification is not  
necessarily a drawback for him. Besides, I don't  
play chess once a week to enter an endgame on  
move five.] 4.♗c3 ♗f6 ± 5.♙g5 = e6 6.e3?!  
[Now, however, 6.♞b3 has to be considered, be-  
cause the pin on the ♗ makes any ♞-move un-  
palatable for Black since his ♖-side ♖ structure  
will be weakened.] ♙e7 7.♙d3 [Here again *Fritz*  
5 suggests 7.♞b3, which has the advantage of not  
allowing Black to exchange pieces in a cramped  
position. The text is designed to trade off Black's  
most-active piece, but this is hardly a concession  
for him.] ♙d3 8.♞d3 ♗bd7 [With the opening  
phase of the game nearly over, Black seems to  
have come out fairly equal. Here, Ottosen's re-  
marks after the game have to be considered credi-  
ble: the position is a QGD where Black has been  
permitted to rid himself of his problem ♙ while  
making no real concessions.] 9.O-O dc4 10.♞c4  
♗b6?! [10...h6 11.♙f6 ♙f6 12.c4 =] 11.♞e2  
♗bd5 ± 12.e4 ♗c3 13.bc3 [Now, however, and  
for no reason that he can be proud of, White's  
position has improved dramatically. The position  
resembles a Grunfeld Defense where Black has no  
powerful ♙ or pressure on the centre. My plan  
over the next handful of moves is to consolidate  
my space advantage, and prepare the central ♖  
thrust.] ♗d7 14.♙f4 O-O 15.♞ad1 ♗f6 16.  
♞fe1 ♗h5 17.♙c1 ♗f6 [Black is wasting tempi  
trying to exchange in this cramped position.  
White, of course, avoids these exchanges as long  
as he comfortably can.] 18.c4 [Now after e4-e5,  
the ♗/f6 can't settle into the strong d5 square.  
White has all of the trumps in this position.] ♙b4  
19.♙d2 ♙d2 20.♞d2 ♞c7 21.e5 [White gains  
space.] ♗e8 22.♞d3

Diagram, top of next column



[This move does a number of things for White.  
Black has to respond to the threatened Ng5, with  
the idea of a sac on h7 and quick occupation of the  
h-file by White's ♞ and ♞. Black's ♞ is therefore  
lured back to e7, where it becomes a target. As  
well, White can switch plans and, if the position  
calls for it, triple on the d-file and do some damage.]  
♞e7 23.♞ed1 [Preparing d4-d5.] ♗c7 24.♗d2 f5  
[Black has had enough of the quiet life and goes in  
for complications; but this move creates too many  
weaknesses in his position, and leaves his ♞ in a  
tight spot. Black does have a very strong move in  
this position, however, and should have went to  
work undermining White's strong center with the  
advance b7-b5.] 25.ef6 [White begins to "deal  
mighty blows," according to *Fritz* 5.] ♞f6 26.d5  
cd5 27.cd5 ♞d8 +– [27...♞e8!? (28.♗e4 ♞g6 ±)  
is absolutely necessary if Black wishes to avoid  
the loss of the exchange, but it is easy to appreci-  
ate that with a thankless defense of a constricted  
position Black is not going to give up any more  
ground.] 28.d6 ♞d6 29.♞d6 ♞d6 30.♗e4 ♞e7  
31.♗f6 gf6 32.h3 [Taking any chance of a swin-  
dle back-rank mate off the table. Now White can  
pick his targets at his leisure. 32.♞e4 b6 +–]  
♗d5?? [An oversight, but Black was lost any-  
way.] 33.♞d5 [And the poor position of the ♞  
decides the game.] 1-0. *RB*

ECC Tournament Schedule 1999

June 3 – June 24 (4 weeks) Art Skeel Memorial  
July 1 – July 29 (5 weeks) School's Out Tourney  
Aug. 5 – Aug. 26 (4 weeks) Summer Open  
Sept. 2 – Sept. 30 (5 weeks) Edmonton Open  
Sept. 30 AGM (7:30pm – 8:30pm)  
Oct. 7 – Oct. 28 (4 weeks) Halloween Open  
Nov. 4 – Nov. 25 (4 weeks) The Dance O' Joy  
Dec. 2 – Dec. 23 (4 weeks) Memories of Fischer  
Sectional Round-Robin Tournament

All Thursday night tournaments require both  
ACA and CFC memberships (*see p. 2 for costs*),  
which may be purchased from the Tournament  
Director. Nightly dues are \$2, and the tournament  
entry fee is \$3 unless noted otherwise.

*Note:* The dates shown are fixed, but the for-  
mat of the tournament within those dates is up to  
the discretion of the TD. This means that the TD  
may set / change time controls, sections, and for  
active / blitz tournaments – the number of rounds /  
day as well. However the Blitz Night is fixed as  
blitz chess, and the Alekhine Active is expected to  
be an active event.

## Hinton Foothills Classic

by David Ottosen

The TD and organizer, **Piotr Rajski** and **Brian Goude**, must be commended *ad infinitum* for their unbelievable work in obtaining substantial sponsorship from the **Crestwood Hotel** and **Weldwood Canada** for the Hinton Foothills Classic. The upshot of this sponsorship is that from an entry fee of \$25 by 20 players, a total prize fund of \$1200 resulted. Yummy donuts and pastries were also provided by **Peter Bundscherer** of **Queen's Bakery!**

You should have come; the open section prize fund was: 1<sup>st</sup> \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$250, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$100. The <1900 prize fund was: 1<sup>st</sup> \$140, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$90. There was also an <1600 section, but I do not recall the exact prizes. [Though, *evidently, they must have totaled \$120.* -ed.]

Top players were: 1. **Rob Gardner** 2317; 2. **Arthur Odachowski** 2239; 3. **Sasha Grumic** 2217; 4. **Micah Hughey** 2075; and 5. **David Ottosen** 2036. You may note that 4 of the top 5 players were from Edmonton; a contingent of masters from Calgary that was rumored to be coming apparently chickened out at the last minute at the thought of losing their Calgary-Chess-Club inbred rating points.

**Round 1:** Gardner is upset by Rajski for a draw. Odachowski won a piece against **Jonathan Day**, but gave it back for a mate that didn't exist; Odie had to play well to draw after that. **Chris Miller** (hero of the Battle of Alberta) escaped a bad opening by sac-ing his ♙s on h7 and g7 so as to obtain a perpetual check against Hughey. Other than that minor detail (i.e. 3 of the top 4 seeds being upset for draws), the first round went as planned.

**Round 2:** On board 1, Grumic's position looked shaky but **Ron Hinds** could not find a winning continuation, and then blundered. Ottosen ended a three week reign on **Ford Wong** as his owner by grinding a win from an extra ♙. Hughey escaped a lost position against Day to win. Gardner played an opponent 1206 points lower and wins.

**Round 3:** Only 3 perfect scores to this point – Grumic, Ottosen, and **John Quiring**. On board 1, Grumic and Ottosen played a long game where Grumic held a big edge throughout. Ottosen defended stubbornly and, after some less-than-stellar play by both, reached an ending of ♖+♙ vs. ♘, with Grumic having the ♙. Despite being low in the sudden-death time control, Grumic outmaneuvered Ottosen and queened the ♙, but had insufficient time to execute a mate. Result: draw. On board 2, Quiring built up a big position against Gardner, but failed to cash in, also resulting in a draw. On board 3, Hughey tried to out-calculate Odachowski but found that he had been out-calculated and lost a piece instead of winning a ♙. Rajski's good tournament came to a halt when he lost to Gardner's 1100-rated opponent of the previous round.

**Round 4:** Standings: Ottosen, Grumic, Odachowski, Quiring 2½; Hinds, Goude, Gardner, Wong 2. Top pairings: Ottosen – Odachowski;

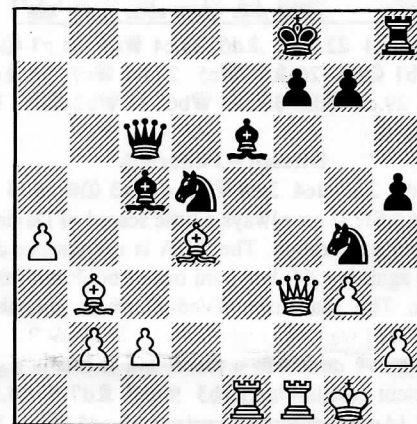
Quiring – Grumic; Goude – Hinds; Wong – Gardner. Ottosen and Odachowski got into a very wild game where Ottosen sacrificed two ♘s for a ♖ and two ♙s, with both ♙s exposed. Odachowski played well to gain the edge after that, but erred in time pressure, allowing Ottosen to restore an equal material distribution. Unsure of winning chances, Ottosen offered a draw which was accepted. On board 2, Quiring quickly won the exchange and two ♙s against Grumic and seemed to be cruising towards victory when he played a move that lost a ♖; he promptly resigns. On board 3, Goude overpressed in a Sicilian and was caught in the counterattack, losing to Hinds. On board 4, Ford ventured a rare 1.e4 and is Sicilianicided by Gardner. Final standings: Grumic 3½ (\$500); Gardner, Hinds, Odachowski, Ottosen 3 (\$87.50 each). In the lower section, Day defeated his opponent to reach 2½ points and won the Under 1900 outright. (I'm sorry I don't know who won the other prizes; we left before some of the games ended.)

Once again, Piotr Rajski and Brian Goude deserve serious congratulations for putting together a fantastic tournament and putting in the work to obtain corporate sponsorship. I would hope that next year their efforts are rewarded by even more players than this year!

### Ottosen – Odachowski [B88]

1.e4 [I had a slight edge to start this game, since Mr. Power and Mr. Big had kept Odie up late the previous night, and my friend the Rocket woke him up every 30 minutes all night to help me.] c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cd4 4.♘d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 d6 [A slight surprise. We had known the pairings the night before, and Odie knew I was going to be preparing for him; I had thought he might avoid his main line. I had looked at this however.] 6. ♙c4 e6 7.♙e3 a6 8.♙b3 ♖c7 [So much for opening preparation. I had only looked at 8...♙e7 9.f4 O-O 10.♖f3 ♘d4 11.♙d4 b5, as played in the Short-Kasparov world championship match.] 9.O-O [The night before, Odie had told us a story about getting sucked into Velimirovic theory recently. The normal continuation to remain in the Velimirovic would be 9.♖e2, but although I know some of the theory, I was not sure which line Odie would play and therefore chose the quieter text move.] ♙e7 10.f4 ♘a5! [A common theme. Usually Black has already castled before playing this move. My next tries to take advantage of the fact that he has not.] 11.♙a4!? b5?! [Falling for my dubious trap. The better continuation is 11...♙d7 12.♙d7 ♘d7 when I am happy to have gotten his light-squared ♙ for mine, but the threat of ...♘c4 leaves White uncomfortable.] 12.♘db5! ab5 13.♘b5 ♖b8 14.♘c7 ♗f8 15.♘a8 ♖a8 16.e5 [When there is no other way to guard a ♙, you might as well push it!] ♘d5 17.♙d4 ♘c4 [In the *post mortem* Arthur felt that this was a dubious move, but I thought it was not too bad. It threatens both the ♙/a4 and the fork on e3. Luckily I have a resource.] 18.♙b3 ♖c6 [18...♘ce3 19.♙d5 or 18...♘de3 19.♖f3 maintains the big mess.] 19. ed6 ♘d6 [Forced; if 19...♙d6 20.♙g7 ♘g7 21. ♖d4 followed by taking on c4.] 20.f5 ♘e4!? [The idea of my last move is 20...♘f5 21.♖f5 ef5 22.

♙d5 ♖d5 23.♙g7 but I had expected 20...♙b7 with the threat of 21...♘e3. I was going to respond 21.♖g4, but am not sure what the consequences of all this attacking and counterattacking would be.] 21.fe6 ♙e6 22.♖e2 ♘ef6 [Black offered a draw but I felt honor-bound to continue since there is a lot of play left in the position and I am not clearly lost.] 23.a4 [Arthur commented that this move is a "kamikaze." It certainly doesn't attend to the considerable business in the centre, but I felt as though everything was in a state of equilibrium in the middle, so I might as well start showing this guy and see how far he can go.] ♙d6 24.♖f3 ♘g4! [The big threat is 25...♘h2. Now White has to loosen the ♙-structure in front of his ♙ and Black gains real chances.] 25.g3 h5! [With obvious threats. This move looked primitive to me, which was a mistaken assessment on my part; it creates dangerous threats.] 26.♖ae1 ♙c5? [This should lose, although the combination required to refute it was beyond me. 26...♖h6 was the move to play.]



27.♖e4? [27.♖e6!! ♙d4 28.♗h1 ♖e6 29.♙d5 was the line I had analyzed, when I thought that 29...♖f6 shut down the attack. But in the *post mortem* I realized that 30.♖a3 would win outright. Therefore, Black must play 29...♖e7 30.♖f7 ♖f7 31.♖f7 ♗e8 32.c3 ♙f6 33.a5 when I do not think Black can stop the ♙s.] ♖h6 28.c3 [I was feeling very nervous around this point; Black has activated all his pieces, and ...h4 at some point is a serious threat.] h4 [Like now, perhaps.] 29.♙c5 ♖c5 30.♖d4 ♖d4 31.cd4 [Hoovering some pieces from the board to reduce the attack.] hg3? [31...♘g8! was preferred by Arthur in the *post mortem*. I can't say for sure, but I suspect White is in grave danger of losing.] 32.♖e6! gh2 33.♗h1 [I offered a draw which was accepted. I felt that the position after 33...♖e6 34.♙d5 ♖e7 35.♙f3 ♘e3 36.♖f2 ♘d7 was probably equal; I doubted having the ♙ provides enough advantage to win. One of the more exciting games I have played in a long time.] ½-½. DO





## Northern Alberta Open

by Adrien Regimbald

The Northern Alberta Open was played at the Edmonton Chess Club from February 20-21. 25 players showed up for a shot at some of the \$600 guaranteed prize fund. With first place in the open section being worth \$200, the competition on the top boards was fierce, producing many interesting games!

The tournament also featured the debut of yours truly as a TD! I was doing the dirty work of the assistant TD for **Ford Wong**. A certain bone-headed assistant TD may or may not have made a couple pairing gaffes, but that aside, pairings went fairly well. There was one minor conflict at the tournament, but nothing major erupted. The TDs were kept very busy by certain players who refused to play a game without getting into trouble (not mentioning any names!). All in all, though, the tournament ran fairly smoothly, and I would like to thank everyone for coming out!

The TDs are a bit puzzled about the lack of turnout, considering that a \$600 prize fund was guaranteed. This could be due in part to the tournament not being advertised in *En Passant* in time, yet I compensated for this by doing a phone blitz to all of the Edmonton players. This little experiment we conducted seems to put some doubt into the theory that players only come out when there is big money at stake. At the ACA board meeting, we thought having a guaranteed prize fund would help lure players to come out, but this doesn't seem to work. There are a few more tournaments left for this experiment to be tried on, though, so it may be that the low turnout was only a result of a lack of advertising in *En Passant*, or perhaps just that the idea is new.

Chess-wise, this tournament was very exciting! There were a few upsets on the higher boards. For example, **Arthur Odachowski** was upset by **Yngvi Bjornsson** in a very thrilling battle. It appeared as if **Nigel Fullbrook** was going to steam-roll the competition for a perfect score and all of the \$200 first prize, yet he was caught in the last round when Arthur ruined his perfect score with an incredible game. Sharing first place overall were Nigel Fullbrook, Arthur Odachowski, and **Warrick Walker**.

The competition on the lower boards was also intense. **Harold Climenhaga** and **Art Milne** shared first place in the under 2000 section. **Branko Palcic** took sole possession of first under 1800, while **Kim Nguyen**, **Jonathan Day**, and **Dave Milward** shared first under 1600. Milward surprised a lot of people, showing that he is probably underrated right now. The under 1600 section featured some relatively new players. **Brian Titley** managed to take first place in his first CFC tournament! [*Brian is an experienced competitive player, however, currently residing in Lethbridge.* -ed.] Sharing second under 1600 were **John Anderson** and **Carolyn McMaster**.

I enjoyed myself TDing this tournament, and I can't wait to do it again! I enjoyed watching all of the games, and I hope you will enjoy these two games. The first game decided first place in the last round, and was full of fireworks! Enjoy!

### Odachowski – Fullbrook [A22]

1.c4 [The English has served me well over the years, and it's the perfect opening to put Nigel to sleep with.] ♀f6 2.♁c3 e5 3.g3 ♁b4 4.♁g2 O-O 5.e4 ♁c3 6.d3 [6.bc3] d6 7.♁e2 b6 [7... ♁e6 is probably better] 8.O-O ♁b7 [Putting pressure on the ♁/c4 is better.] 9.♣c2 ♁bd7 10.f3 h6 [With first place on the line I was forced to reject the obligatory draw offer. ☺] 11.♁e3 a5 12.g4!? [Nigel was sufficiently drowsy by now.] ♁h7 13.♁g3 ♁c5 [13...♁g5!?] 14.♁f5 ♁c8 [The ♁ is doing a lot of travelling. 14...♁e6.] 15.♠ad1 a4 16.♁h1 [16.f4 was a weird option] ♁e6 [16...♁f5 17.ef5! would bring White's ♁s into the action] 17.♣e2 ♠a5? [I have a thing for strange ♠ maneuvers, too.] 18.♠g1 f6 19.h4 ♁h8?! [I had expected something like 19...♁f7.] 20.♁f1 ♠f7 21.♠d2 ♣f8 22.♣d1 [A sneaky move; I like it better than 22.♣e1.] ♁b7 23.♠h2 [Black is suffering from a complete lack of counterplay.] ♁f5 [23...g5 offers better chances for resistance, e.g.: 24.♠g3 ± (24.♁h6!? ♣h6 25.hg5 ♣g7 26.g6 ♣g6 27.♠h6 ♣g7 28.g5 with a big mess.) ♁f5, and now just one of many lines is 25.ef5 ♠g7 26.♠gh3 ♣g8 27.♁d3 ♁c5 28.♁c2 ♣c4 29.hg5 hg5 30.♁g5 with lots of fun.] 24.ef5 ♁d8 25.♁d3 d5 26.cd5 [FM Nenad Risticovic recommended 26.g5!, which cuts down on Black's counterplay. I was not too concerned about the

d↔ during the game.] ♠d5 27.♣c2 ♠fd7 28.♁e4 ♠5d6 29.g5+– [Black is toast.] fg5 30.hg5 a3 31.ba3 [I don't like foreign objects near my 1<sup>st</sup> rank.] hg5 32.f6! [I could have played this move instantly, but used 30 minutes just to make sure.] g6 33.♁g6 [33.♁g5 is objectively stronger (33... ♁f7 34.♁e3+–), but I decided to play differently.] ♣f6 [33...♣g8 34.♁h7 ♠h7 35.♠g5] 34.♁e4 ♁e6 [34...♠g7 35.♠g3] 35.♠h3! [35.♁h7? ♣f3] g4 [35...♁f4 36.♁f4; 35...♁f8 is the best of the bunch.] 36.♠g4 [36.♠h6 wins, too.] ♠d1?! [36...♁f8] 37.♁h2 ♁f4? [After 37...♁f8 Black is still lost: 38.♁g5 ♣e6 (38...♣g5 39.♠g5 ♠7d2 40.♣d2 ♠d2 41.♁g3) 39.♁h7 ♁h7 40.♠h6.] 38.♁h7 [38.♣d1! is much prettier.] ♁h3 [Nigel decided to end the game. It's interesting that all of our past encounters have ended with help-mates.] 39.♠g8# 1-0. AO

### Fullbrook – Walker [B22]

[David Ottosen and Adrien Regimbald annotate....] 1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.ed5 ♣d5 4.♁f3 ♁f6 5.d4 e6 6.♁e3 [More common in this position are: 6.♁d3, 6.♁e2, 6.♁bd2, and 6.♁a3.] cd4 7.cd4 ♁b4 8.♁c3 ♣a5 9.♁d3 [This is rather dubious. After 9...♁c3 10.bc3 ♣c3 Black is up a solid ♁. White has some counterplay with his more active pieces, but careful play by Black should lead to a win.] ♁c6 [Black is not obligated to take the ♁, but now was the time to take it!] 10. O-O ♁c3 [White's strategy seems a bit more sound now that his ♁ is tucked away and safe, so that he can initiate an attack.] 11.bc3 ♣c3 12.♠c1 ♣a3 13.♁e5 ♣d6 14.♠e1 ♁d7 15.♁c4 ♣b8?! [Black's ♣ is misplaced here. 15...♣c7 and 15... ♣d5 were better.] 16.d5 [White rips up the position – opening up the a3-f8 for his dark-squared ♁.] ♁d5 17.♁c5 ♁de7 [17...b6 or 17...♁d8 might have been better, but the position is uncomfortable anyway.] 18.♁d6 ♁f8 19.♁e4 ♁e8 [Black is beginning to feel some major cramping problems.] 20.♁c6 bc6 21.♁f5 [White has Black in a vice now.] ef5 22.♠e7 ♣g8 23.♣f3 ♣c8 24.♠ce1 ♁d7 25.♣h5 g6 26.♣h6 ♁e6 27.♠le6 ♣e6 28.♠e6 fe6 29.♁d4 [White has mate in 8: 29...e5 30.♁e5 ♁f7 31.♣g7 ♁e6 32.♣f6 ♁d5 33.♣d6 ♁c4 34.♣c6 ♁d3 35.♣c3 ♁e2 36.♣c2 ♁e1 37.♁c3#. White has mate in 3 on 29...♁f7 30.♣g7 ♁e8 31.♁f6 h6 32.♣e7#.] 1-0.

## CANADIAN OPEN 2000 BID

by Grant Brown

Consider me crazy, but I have decided to pursue a bid for the Canadian Open Chess Championship in the year 2000. The Edmonton Chess Club and the Alberta Chess Association have each made a commitment in principle to put up \$12,500 to host the event in Edmonton next year. With \$25,000 in backing (before even beginning to look for corporate sponsors), I feel confident that we will win the bid when it is awarded at the CFC Annual General Meeting. So start planning now to take your summer vacation in Edmonton next July!

David Ottosen has agreed to help me with the bid and the organization, and several other Edmontonians have indicated that they will help in an unofficial capacity. We will need many other volunteers — before, during, and after the event — to make this the best Canadian Open ever, so please step forward if you can!

## March of Kings

by Grant Brown

After purchasing a house in Edmonton this week, I decided to come to Calgary and guest-direct the 1999 March of Kings tournament. Walter Watson gladly stepped aside as TD to allow this, but stayed around most of the weekend anyway to watch and to socialize and to help — and even to play a game, as it turned out.

As soon as the pairings for Round 1 were announced, one CFC-rated adult player who had been wandering around the site talking for about 30 minutes approached me to register. To avoid further embarrassment, this person shall remain nameless; but let this be a lesson to you all — I refused to re-do the pairings, and because one other of the 22 registrants had taken a bye in Round 1, this player would have ended up having to take a bye also except for the good graces of our friendly, soft-hearted communist who can't stand to see anyone short-changed, even as a result of their own foolishness, and agreed to play a game he really didn't want to play just to even the pairings.

Inevitably, controversy concerning time controls also arose as Round 1 got underway. Personally, I prefer to play at 40 (or 45) moves in 2 hours, and then adjourn games that haven't finished after the first session. This guarantees that Round 2 can start promptly at 2:00 and Round 3 at 6:00, while inconveniencing only those (relatively few) players who must stick around after 10:00 Saturday night to play out adjournments. (Incidentally, this also encourages people in rather hopeless positions after the first time control to resign rather than adjourn and wait to play them out late at night.) However, after consulting with those milling around before the start, I took the recommendation of a Calgary player who said that 30 moves in 75 minutes and then game in 1 hour (with no adjournments) had become customary. Naturally, as soon as this time control was officially posted, I received complaints that it was too fast, and that time scrambles were more likely to fall at a critical point in the game, and blah, blah, blah.... As some games had already gotten underway by this time, it was too late to make a change by the time the nay-sayers had spoken up; but I compromised by declaring that the time controls would be 40 in 2 and sudden death in 1 for Rounds 4 and 5 on Sunday, when we had more time. This also produced a chorus of complaint, from those feeling that it was somehow "unfair" to change the time controls half way through a tournament. (What about the "unfairness" of the fact that no two players play exactly the same set of opponents in a Swiss tournament, with the same colours?...) Get a grip, folks! Still, maybe something could be done at the ACA Board level to standardize time controls for these tournaments and thus avoid putting TDs in a no-win situation.

In the end, Round 1 saw the Paradox of the Favourites realized — i.e., you would normally expect at least one up-set win or draw; but unexpectedly, all of the higher-rated players won their games, as expected! (I model this newly-minted paradox after the famous "Paradox of the Preface,"

in which an author states at the beginning of a rather large, complex book, "Although I believe every single statement I have written in this book, I also believe that I'm fallible and so there must be at least one falsehood in it." This statement is paradoxical since the author is justified in believing a supposed self-contradiction.)

### Day — Odachowski

1. d3 g6 2. e4 g7 3. d4 d6 4. c3 c6 5. e4 b5 6. b3 e6 7. O-O d7 8. e2 a6 9. e3 c7 10. b2 d2 11. a1 e7 12. c4 O-O 13. c5 ab5 14. c2 a5 15. f1 a8 16. g5 d5 17. e5 f5 18. f4 b4 19. g3 f3 20. e3 f8 21. a3 e7 22. g4 f6 23. f1 f5 24. fe5 f8 25. f2 c5 26. dc5 c5 27. c2 e4 28. e2 c4 29. h3 c7 30. d4 e5 31. b5 b2 32. b1 f6 33. d3 d4 34. d4 d4 35. b7 f1 0-1.

Among the leaders, Round 2 also went according to ratings, except that David Ottosen failed to lay the big smack down against Chris Vermette and drew. (This was the first of 3 draws in the tournament by Mr. "I'd rather lose by pressing for a win than accept a draw" Ottosen.) Young Ashton Anderson began a string of three victories with the following win:

### Luyben — Anderson

1. e4 e5 2. f3 c6 3. b5 a6 4. a4 f6 5. O-O b5 6. b3 e7 7. e1 O-O 8. a3 d6 9. h3 e6 10. c3 e8 11. d4 b3 12. b3 ed4 13. cd4 h6 14. e3 b8 15. h4 b7 16. f5 f8 17. f3 c5 18. g3 e4 19. h6 h7 20. e4 e4 21. d3 h4 22. c3 d5 23. f7 g8 24. g5 h7 25. f3 d4 26. d5 c4 27. e4 e4 28. d8 e5 29. c7 c8 30. ce6 d8 31. d8 g5 32. d1 f6 33. e1 d5 34. e6 c4 35. g4 d2 36. g5 d5 37. g6 b2 38. c5 0-1.

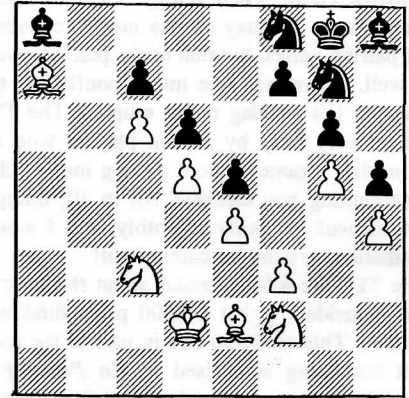
### Flemming — Haessel

1. d4 f6 2. c4 e6 3. c3 b4 4. e3 c5 5. e2 cd4 6. ed4 d5 7. a3 e7 8. f4 O-O 9. cd5 d5 10. d3 c6 11. cd5 ed5 12. h5 f5 13. e3 f6 14. O-O d4 15. d4 d4 16. a1 e6 17. e2 f6 18. c3 d7 19. f1 d4 20. cc2 g6 21. h6 f4 22. c4 f3 23. g3 a8 24. e4 e7 25. g5 c4 26. c4 g5 27. c7 fg2 28. d7 f3 29. g2 d7 30. d1 g4 0-1.

### Odachowski — Clark [E73]

[I give this game only because of the final position, which is very funny.] 1. c4 f6 2. c3 g6 3. d4 g7 4. e4 O-O 5. e2 d6 6. e3 b7 7. g4!? [Why? Well, why not? I don't like 7. f3 any more; 7. f4 opens me up; 7. f3 is bad because the white-squared e is misplaced; 7. h3 is not the kind of move I want to play; I don't want to move my g; etc. Clearly this leaves only one playable move — 7. g4.] e5 8. d5 b6? [Alan was afraid to play 8... c5 on account of the positionally suicidal 9. e5?] 9. h4 c5 10. f3 h5 [In most cases in the Saemisch this is the move; here I'm not so sure. Black has wasted an important tempo with 8... b6, and now he can't maintain the c5.] 11. g5 e8 12. b4 d7 13. h3 a5 14. a3 ab3 15. ab3 b7 16. f2 h8 [Advancing to f-d one or two squares, now or in the next few moves, should be considered. Alan spent the entire *post mortem* trying to convince me how bad his position was. I

thought the degree of his suffering was yet to be determined.] 17. b1 a1 18. a1 g7 19. d2 e7 [19... a8 20. b5!?] 20. a7 +— b8 21. b1!? [21. d1!?] 22. c5 bc5 [22... dc5!?] 23. bc5 a8? [23... dc5 O 24. d6! (Or 24. d3!); Black had missed that after 24. b7 he has 24... a8 25. c7 a7 26. a7, with an interesting position.] 27. c7 a7 28. a7 +— 25. c1 +—] 24. b8 1-0. Black resigned here, but afterward we looked at the following: 24... b8 25. c6 a7 26. a7 f8 [26... c5 27. e5 dc5 28. a6]



Most of the people who saw this position were laughing. Black is the proud owner of two Rookchentos. AO

Top seed Dale Haessel emerged from Round 3 as the only player with a perfect score by defeating 3<sup>rd</sup> seed Chris Kuczaj. Second-ranked Arthur Odachowski had requested a bye, while our most-boastful confrere David Ottosen took out fellow Edmontonian Micah Hughey. For the second round in a row, Ashton Anderson sent his opponent packing, literally, as this time Colin Chumkra withdrew after suffering defeat at the hands of the fledgling.

### Haessel — Kuczaj

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 f5 4. f3 e6 5. e2 c5 6. c4 dc4 7. c4 cd4 8. b5 d7 9. d4 a6 10. f3 a5 11. c3 ab5 12. d6 d6 13. d6 b4 14. e2 e5 15. b4 e7 16. f4 a5 17. a5 a5 18. a3 d5 19. d2 b5 20. c1 c5 21. O-O d3 22. c8 1-0.

### Day — Goude

1. f3 f6 2. d4 g6 3. b2 d5 4. g3 g7 5. g2 O-O 6. O-O b7 7. c4 c6 8. c2 b6 9. c5 f5 10. b3 b7 11. b7 c8 12. c8 fc8 13. h4 e4 14. f5 gf5 15. f3 e5 16. h3 ed4 17. f5 d8 18. d7 d7 19. d1 c5 20. d4 c8 21. e3 d4 22. a1 b2 23. d2 c4 24. dc2 c5 25. f5 e3 26. e3 h6 27. c5 c5 28. c5 e3 29. fe3 g7 30. c6 f6 31. f2 g6 32. f3 f5 33. c5 e6 34. a5 d4 35. ed4 f5 1-0.

The critical match-ups arose in Round 4. Odie's clean victory over Haessel left him in sole possession of 1<sup>st</sup> place with 3½, while Ottosen's draw with Kuczaj moved him into a tie with Haessel and Anderson — who continued to beat up on strong B-class players with a win against Chris Vermette — for 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>.

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**Odachowski – Haessel [E42]**

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 ♖b4 4.e3 c5 5.♗e2 cd4 6.ed4 d5 7.a3 ♙e7 8.♗f4 ♗c6 [Normal here is 8...O-O] 9.c5 [9.♙e3!?] a5 10.♙b5 ♙d7 11.O-O b6 12.♗a4 ♗c8 13.♗d3 [13.♙e3!?] bc5 (13...♗g4!?) 14.dc5 d4 15.♙c6 with a complicated game.] ♗e4 [13...bc5 14.♗c5 ♙c5 15.dc5 d4 16.♗e2 and I like my chances.] 14.♙e3 bc5 [14...♗c3 15.bc3 bc5 16.♗c5 ♙c5 17.dc5 ♗e5 18.c4!] 15.♗e4 cd4 [15...de4 ♗c5 +] 16.♗ec5! [16.♙d4 de4 (16...♗d4 17.♙d7 ♗d7 18.♗d4 de4 19.♗g7 and I was not sure what was going on.) 17.♙g7 ♗g8 18.♗e5 and again it's complicated.] ♙c5 [16...de3 17.♗d7 ♗d7 18.♗e5 +] 17.♗c5 de3 18.♗d7 [18.fe3 ♗b8 19.♗d7 ♗d7 20.♙d7 ♗d7 21.♗d7 ♗d7 22.♗f7 ♗d6 ± with an extra ♗. However, I decided that the game variation was better.] ♗d7 □ [18...ef2 19.♗f2 ♗d7 20.♗c1 +] 19.fe3 [Black has a difficult position. 19.♗ac1! ef2 20.♗f2 ♗b6 21.b4.] f6 20.e4! [I decided to open the centre first, but 20.♗ac1 is the obvious move. If 20...♗b6 21.♗c3 ♗c7 (21...♗d6!?) 22.♗f1 ♗hc8 23.b4: (A) 23...ab4 24.ab4 (24.♗b4!?) ♗a7 25.♗g4 ♗d6 ±; (B) 23...♗d6 24.ba5 ♗a5 ±] ♗b6 21.♗h1 ♗e7 [21...♗d6!?; 21...d4 22.♗ac1 ♗hd8 23.♗c4 ♗d6 24.♙c6 ♗c6 25.♗d4 ♗e7 26.♗d8 ♗d8 27.e5!] 22.ed5 ed5 23.♙c6 [I had wanted to play 23.♗g4! ± during the game, but being in terrible time trouble I decided to play it safe: 23...♗b5 (23...♗f7 24.♗h5 ± g6? 25.♗d5 +-; 23...♗hg8 24.♗fe1 +-; 23...♗cg8 24.♗fe1 +-) 24.♗g7 ♗d6 25.♗f6 ♗c5 26.♗c1 ♗b6 27.♗cc6 ♗c6 when I was afraid of some possible phantom back-rank mate.] ♗c6 24.♗g4 g6 25.♗ad1 [25.♗ae1!?] ♗d8 26.♗h4 h5 27.♗f4 ♗b5? [During the game I had thought that 27...♗e6? was best, but by then I was playing speed chess. It can be met by 28.♗h6 f5 29.♗g7 ♗d6 30.♗fe1 ♗e1 (30...♗de8? 31.♗d5!! ♗d5 32.♗d7 ♗c4 33.♗c1 ♗b3 34.♗d1 and White will mate) 31.♗e1 and Black is in big trouble. 27...♗b2? also fails to 28.♗b1. Best is 27...♗f7! 28.♗h6 f5 29.♗h7 ♗f6 30.g4! (Dale's idea in a very similar line.)] 28.♗h6 +- ♗g8? 29.♗h7 ♗f8 30.♗d7 f5 31.♗fe1 1-0. AO

**Anderson – Vermette**

1.e4 d5 2.ed5 ♗d5 3.♗c3 ♗a5 4.d4 ♗f6 5.♗f3 ♙f5 6.♙d3 e6 7.♙f5 ♗f5 8.O-O c6 9.♙d2 ♙d6 10.♗h4 ♗g4 11.♗g4 ♗g4 12.♗f3 ♗d7 13.♗e4 ♙c7 14.♙b4 O-O-O 15.♙e7 ♗h6 16.♙d8 ♗d8 17.♗eg5 ♗f8 18.♗fe1 ♗g6 19.a4 ♗d5 20.c3 ♗f5 21.h3 ♙f4 22.♗e4 ♙c7 23.b4 ♗f4 24.♗fg5 ♗d3 25.♗e3 ♗f2 26.g4 ♗h3 27.♗h3 ♗g4 28.♗e2 ♗h4 29.♗ef2 ♗f2 30.♗f2 ♙h2 31.♗g2 ♙c7 32.♗h1 ♗g5 33.♗f1 h5 34.♗e4 ♗d5 35.♗g2 g6 36.♗g5 ♗f5 37.♗e2 ♙f4 38.♗f3 ♗d5 39.♗d2 e5 40.♗f3 e4 41.♗d2 e3 42.♗c4 ♗d7 43.♗d3 ♙c7 44.♗e3 ♙d8 45.♗f2 h4 46.♗g2 g5 47.♗f3 f6 48.♗e3 ♗f7 49.♗hf1 1-0.

**Day – Hughey**

1.♗f3 d5 2.d4 c5 3.c3 e6 4.a3 ♗f6 5.g3 ♗c6 6.♙g2 ♙d6 7.O-O O-O 8.♙g5 h6 9.♙f6 ♗f6 10.e3 ♗d8 11.♗bd2 b6 12.♗a4 ♙b7 13.♗fe1 a6 14.♗c2 ♗ac8 15.♗b3 b5 16.♙h3 ♗c7 17.♗ad1 e5 18.de5 ♗e5 19.♗e5 ♙e5 20.f4 ♙d6 21.♗f3 ♗e8 22.♗h4 g6 23.♙g2 ♗ce7 24.♙d5 c4 25.

♗c2 ♙d5 26.♗d5 ♗e3 27.♗e3 ♗e3 28.♗g2 ♗e6 29.♗d2 ♗e7 30.♗d4 ♙c7 31.♗f1 ♙b6 32.♗d2 ♙c5 33.♗d7 ♗d6 34.♗d6 ♗d6 35.♗d6 ♙d6 36.♗e3 ♗f8 37.♗d5 ♗e8 38.♗e2 ♗d7 39.♗f3 ♗e6 40.♗e4 ♙b8 [40...f5 -] 41.♗b4 f5 42.♗f3 a5 43.♗c6 ♙d6 44.♗d4 ♗d5 45.♗b5 ♙c5 46.a4 ♙b6 47.♗a3 ♙c5 48.♗c2 h5 49.♗e1 ♙e7 50.♗g2 ♙f6 51.♗e3 ♗c5 52.h3 ♙d8 53.g4 fg4 54.hg4 hg4 55.♗g4 ♙f6 56.♗f3 ♙h4 57.♗e4 ♙e1 58.♗e5 ♙d2 59.♗d1 ♙c1 60.♗e4 ♙d2 ½-½.

**Flemming – Miller**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 ♗f6 4.♙g5 ♙e7 5.e3 O-O 6.♗f3 ♗bd7 7.♗c2 h6 8.♙h4 b6 9.cd5 ♗d5 10.♗d5 ♙h4 11.♗c7 ♙f2 12.♗f2 ♗b8 13.♗a6 ♙b7 14.♗b8 ♗b8 15.♙d3 ♗c8 16.♗e2 ♗f6 17.♗e5 ♗a8 18.♗hc1 ♗f8 19.♗g1 ♗d5 20.a3 ♗e8 21.♗f1 ♗e7 22.♗ac1 ♗f6 23.♙a6 ♗e4 24.♗c2 ♗d6 25.♗fc1 ♙a6 26.♗a6 ♗h7 27.♗d3 g6 28.♗c7 ♗c7 29.♗c7 ♗g8 30.♗d7 ♗f5 31.♗f7 ♗h8 32.♗c3 ♗d6 33.♗d7 ♗e4 34.♗g6 ♗g6 35.♗c8 ♗g8 36.♗d8 1-0.

**McMaster – Smith**

1.c4 [Hey, that's my opening!] d5 2.g3 ♙e6 3.♙g2 c6 4.c5 g6 5.d4 ♙g7 6.b4 b6 7.e3 bc5 8.bc5 ♗a6 [White has an open ♗-side with good attacking possibilities, as long as the pinned d-♗ doesn't generate problems.] 9.♙d2 ♗c5 10.♗c2 [Threatening the ♗, but attacking the c-♗.] ♗b6 [So that if 11...dc5 11.♗b2] 11.♗a3 [Threatening 12.♗b1.] ♙f5 [X-raying the b1 square.] 12.♗c3 ♗d3 [Breaking White's castling.] 13.♗f1 [I want to naturally move to the white disco diagonal.] c5 14.♙d5 cd4 15.♗c4 ♗c8 16.♗a4 ♗f8 17.♗b1 ♗f6 18.♗a7 ♙e4 [Threatening the ♙ and mate on f2.] 19.f4 ♙d5 20.♗b8 [On the attack.] ♗c6 21.♗e2 ♗c1 22.♙c1 ♗c1 23.♗a5 [White would lose a ♗ to 23...♙h1!?, so she sets up a trick: now this is met with 24.♗d8 +-.] ♗e3 24.♗f1 ♗c1 25.♗f2 ♗b8 26.♗d5 ♗a3 27.♗e2 ♗e3 28.♗g2 ♗e2 0-1. MS

Round 5: Odie failed to cash in on what everyone had assumed was an overwhelming attack against Ottosen, and had to settle for a draw. This allowed Haessel to pull into a tie for 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> overall with 4/5 by ending Anderson's cinderella story. Kuczaj and Alan Clark split their point to take each other out of contention for a prize, as 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> went to Ottosen, Hughey, and Jim Flemming with 3½. Despite his last-round loss to Haessel, Anderson took clear 1<sup>st</sup> in the Under 1800 prize group with 3 – showing signs of benefiting from the tutelage of FM Nenad Risticovic over the past year. Four players finished with 2½ in this prize group, earning a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>: Kim Nguyen, Jonathan Day, Bert Valeroso, and Jonathan Bjornson.

**Haessel – Anderson**

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗c3 ♗f6 4.g3 g6 5.♙g2 ♙g7 6.O-O O-O 7.♗e1 b6 8.d4 d6 9.h3 ♗e7 10.♙g5 h6 11.♗d5 ♗d8 12.♗f6 ♙f6 13.♙h6 ♙g7 14.♗d2 ♗f6 15.♙g5 ♙h6 16.♙h6 ♗e8 17.d5 ♗a5 18.♗g5 ♗g5 19.♙g5 ♗c4 20.b3 ♗a3 21.♗e2 ... 1-0.

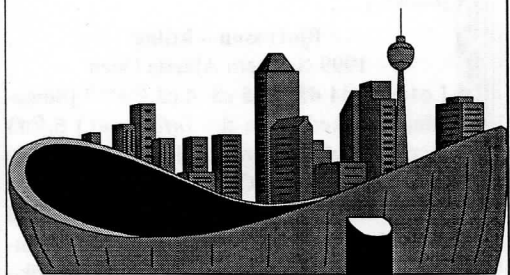
**Day – Flemming**

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 ♙b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♗e2 b6 6.a3 ♙c3 7.♗c3 d5 8.cd5 ed5 9.♙d3 ♙b7 10.O-O c5 11.♗e1 ♗e8 12.b3 ♗bd7 13.♗b5 ♗f8 14.dc5 bc5 15.♙b2 a6 16.♙f6 gf6 17.♗c3 ♗e5 18.b4 c4 19.♙e2 ♗e7 20.♙f3 ♗d8 21.♗e2 ♗e6 22.♗d4 f5 23.g3 ♗g5 24.♙g2 ♗e4 25.f4 ♗e6 26.♗e6 fe6 27.♗d4 ♗c8 28.♗ac1 ♙c6 29.♙e4 fe4 30.♗f1 ♗g7 31.♗g7 ♗g7 32.f5 ef5 33.♗f5 ♗f8 34.♗f8 ♗f8 35.♗f2 ♗e7 36.♗e2 ♙b5 37.♗d2 ♗e6 38.♗e1 ♗e5 39.♗c3 ♙d7 40.♗f1 ♙g4 41.♗f7 h5 42.♗a7 ♙e2 43.♗a6 d4 44.ed4 ♗d5 45.♗a5 1-0.

**Valeroso – Hughey**

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♙c4 ♙c5 4.d3 ♗f6 5.♗c3 d6 6.♙g5 h6 7.♙h4 g5 8.♙g3 ♙g4 9.♙b5 a6 10.♙c6 bc6 11.h4 ♗g8 12.♗d2 ♙f3 13.gf3 ♗b8 14.♗a4 ♙a7 15.b3 ♗c8 16.♗e2 ♗e6 17.hg5 hg5 18.♗h6 ♗d7 19.♗ah1 ♗e7 20.c3 ♗g7 21.d4 ed4 22.cd4 ♗e8 23.♗d3 ♗d5 24.♗f1 ♗f4 25.♙f4 gf4 26.d5 cd5 27.♗d5 ♗e5 28.♗e5 ♗e5 29.♗h5 ♙d4 30.♗h7 ♗h5 31.♗h5 ♗c6 32.♗d5 ♙a1 33.♗d3 ♗g5 34.♗c3 ♙c3 35.♗c3 ♗c5 36.♗d3 ♗c2 37.a4 ♗c5 38.♗d5 ♗b4 39.♗f5 ♗b3 40.♗f4 c5 41.♗f7 ♗a4 42.♗d7 ♗d2 43.e5 c4 44.♗d6 ♗d6 45.ed6 c3 46.d7 c2 47.d8=♗c1=♗ 48.♗g2 ♗f4 49.♗e8 ♗b4 50.♗e4 ♗e4 51.fe4 a5 52.e5 ♗c5 53.f4 ♗d5 54.♗f3 a4 55.♗g4 a3 56.♗f5 a2 57.e6 a1=♗ 58.e7 ♗h8 59.♗g6 ♗e6 60.f5 ♗e7 0-1.

Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to everyone who showed up – especially the out-of-towners such as Brian Goude.



**Calgary Chess Club Schedule**

June 8	Grand Prix #5
June 15-July 13	June-July Open (Over / Under 1800)
July 20 & 27	Active #1
August 3 & 10	Active #2
August 17 & 24	Active #3
August 31	Speed tournament
Sept. 7 - Oct. 5	Fall Class tournament (6-player round robin sections)
Sept. 14 (6:30 p.m.)	Annual General Meeting
October 12	Grand Prix #1
Oct. 19 - Nov. 23	Calgary Open
Nov. 30 & Dec. 7	Active #4
Dec. 14 & 21	Active #5
December 28	Skittles night

# THE ART GALLERY

Note: Avid followers of the *Art Gallery* will be mystified by move 19 of Nazarian-Milne (*ACR* 24/1, p. 8). The move given is 19.♖cc1 where neither White ♖ is on the c-file. The diagram is as if 19.♖ac1 had been played, but in fact it was 19.♖fc1 – since 19.♖ac1 drops the a-pawn. The significance of the error disappears on move 23.♗e1, but not before considerable confusion is done, for which I share the responsibility since the text I sent the Editor indeed read 19.♖cc1.

Here are two sparsely annotated games from the January Open, as per the Editor's open invitation last issue:

## Hughey – Milne

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.ed5 ed5 4.♗d3 ♘c6 5.c3 ♗d6 6.♖f3 ♘ge7 7.♘e2 O-O 8.O-O ♘g6 9.♘f4 ♘ce7 10.♘g6 fg6 11.♗e2 ♗f5 12.♗g5 ♗d7 13.♘d2 ♖ae8 14.♖ae1 ½-½. [It's not a ringing endorsement of the Exchange French line chosen here that White offers a draw on move 14. Note how Black defangs White's "big ♗."]

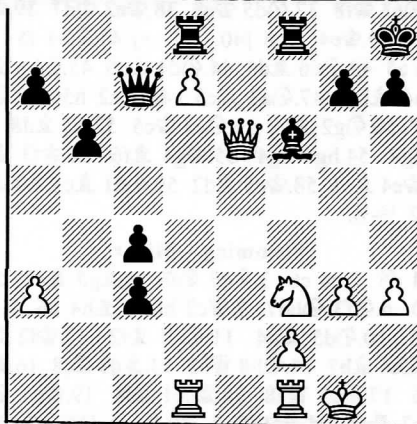
## Milne – Haynes

1.e4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 d5 3.ed5 ♘d5 4.♗c4 e6 5.♘f3 ♗e7 6.d4 O-O 7.O-O b6! 8.♗e2 ♗b7 9.♘e4 ♘d7 10.♗g5 ♘f6 11.♘f6? ♗f6 12.♗f6 ♗f6 13.♘e5?! ♖ad8 14.♗e4? ♗a8! 15.♗g4 h5! 16.♗d1 ♘f4 17.f3 ♘f5 18.g3 ♘c5 19.c3 ♘h4 20.♗f2 ♘hg4 21.hg4 ♘h3 22.♗g2 ♘f4 23.♗f2 ♘h3 ½-½. [Lucky.]

## Bjornsson – Milne

1999 Northern Alberta Open

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♘e7!? [Something I picked up in the *Informant*.] 5.♘f3 ♘ec6 6.♗e2 [Fullbrook (N.A.B. Open 1998) played 6.♗d3 b6 7.O-O ♗a6 8.♗a6 ♘a6 9.♗a4!? with a slight plus for White.] b6 7.O-O ♗a6 8.a3!? [With a view to ♗-side expansion; 8.♗a6 transposes back to Fullbrook-Milne.] ♗e2 [Sidestepping the slight derangement of Black's pieces resulting from an eventual ♗a6 by White, at the price of expediting White's development.] 9.♗e2 ♗e7 10.b4 O-O 11.♗e3 ♘d7 12.♘bd2 ♗c7 13.h3!? [Telegraphing White's intentions of playing ♘f3-h2 and f2-f4, assuring White's bind on the centre.] f6!? [Black's one and only chance to challenge White's centre.] 14.e6 ♗f6 15.♘b3?! [Sharper is 15.♗f4!? e5! 16.♗h2 a6 17.♖fe1 ♖fe8 when the arrangement of Black's pieces enables him to walk out of the pin.] c4 16.♘bd2 [At the negligible cost of cementing the ♗-side, Black has gained a tempo.] e5 17.b5 ed4! [Black cannot afford the disruption of his position by moving the ♘/c6 to a less optimal square.] 18.♗f4!? ♗f4 19.♗e6 ♗h8 20.bc6 dc3 21.g3 ♗c7 22.♘c4 dc4 23.cd7 ♖ad8 24.♖ad1

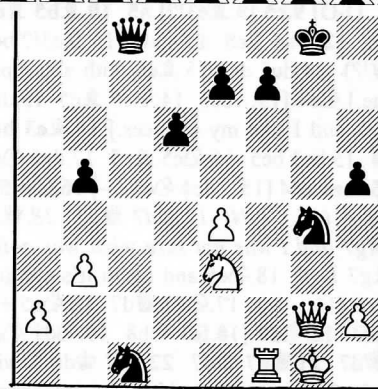


[Black should now relieve the pressure on his back rank with 24...h6, coupled with a timely advance of the ♗-side ♗s. Instead he goes for the gain of material.] c2?! 25.♖d2 ♗b7 26.♖d5!? ♗b2? 27.♘g5 c1=♗ 28.♖c1 ♗c1 29.♘f7 ♖f7 ♘ 30.♗f7 ♗b8 [Forced, to parry 31.♗e8 and 31.♖e5.] 31.♖d1! ♗a3?? [31.♗e3!! holds the draw.] 32.♖e1 ♖f8 33.♖e8 ♗d6 [Hoping for 34.d8=♗ ♗d8 35.♖d8 ♖d8 when the outlook, though bleak, is still an outlook.] 34.♗f8 1-0.

## Milne – Vermette

Calgary Closed "B" 1999

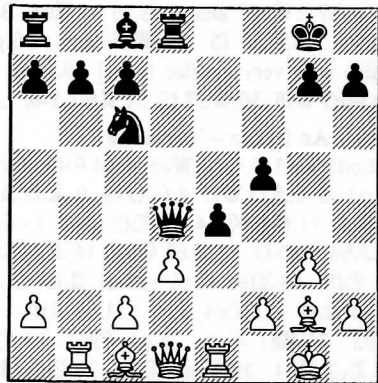
[The main point of this submission is not the game itself but its *sequelae*, more specifically what White should do to clinch winning a piece.] 1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗b5 [The Moscow Variation.] ♗d7 [Considered the main line. Alternatives are 3...♘c6 and 3...♘d7.] 4.♗d7 ♗d7 [4...♘d7 is considered offbeat, though not actually bad.] 5.c4 [The contemporary treatment of this line.] g6 [The main line.] 6.♘c3 ♗g7 7.d4 [Or else Black will freeze the centre with 7...♘c6.] cd4 8.♘d4 ♘c6 9.♗e3 ♘f6 10.f3 O-O 11.O-O ♘e5 [This is a main line of the Moscow Variation which Chris is evidently seeing for the first time...] 12.b3 a6 [This try for a break is inevitable, though it does weaken b6.] 13.♖c1 [Anticipating the opening of the c-file, when b5 comes.] ♖fc8 [The right ♖, since after an exchange on b5, the a-file will open.] 14.♗d2 h5?! [Black goes astray. Better is 14...♖ab8, helping enforce b5 and addressing the b6 problem.] 15.♘de2! [A stock plan in this position, but good.] b5 16.cb5 ab5 17.♘f4 g5? [It's still not too late to deal with the coming ♘f4-d5 by rearranging Black's major pieces to avoid a fork on b6.] 18.♘fd5 [Crushing.] g4!? 19.♘b6 ♗e6 20.♘a8 gf3!? 21.♘b6 fg2 22.♗g2 ♘fg4 23.♗f4 ♘d3 24.♘c8 ♗c8 25.♘d5 ♗d4 26.♗e3 1-0. What if Black had continued in the spirit of the game with 26...♗e3 27.♘e3 ♘c1, arriving at the diagram at the top of the next column. How does White end up a ♖ ahead when further resistance is hopeless, as opposed to up the exchange when Black has reason to continue? Answers: 28.♘g4 hg4 29.♗d2 trapping the ♘/c1; or, more elegantly, 28. b4! ♘d3 29 h3!



I recently played in a quad tournament in Victoria with three B.C. experts, Mike Stanford, Manfred Aquino, and Dimitri Moisseev. Warrick Walker told me as I left to be sure to "kick some B.C. butt," but to be sure some Alberta butt was kicked too. As at this writing, the final games haven't been completed, but I had a nice win over Aquino which I'd like to share with you.

## Milne – Aquino

1.e4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.g3 d5 [The critical line.] 4.ed5 ♘d5 5.♗g2 ♘c3 6.bc3 ♗c5 7.♘f3! [As recommended by the Batsford book on the Vienna.] e4!? 8.♘d4 ♗d4 9.cd4 ♗d4 [The dust settles and White is down a ♗ with plenty of open lines.] 10.♖b1 O-O [10... ♗c4 wins another ♗ – 11.d3 ed3 12.cd3 ♗a2 13.O-O O-O 14.♗b2 and Black has some difficulty completing his development.] 11.O-O ♘c6 12.♖e1 f5 [Significantly weakening the dark squares around the Black ♗, but is there really an alternative?] 13.d3 ♖d8 [Black declared at this point that he was satisfied with his position.]



14.♗h5! [Now the tables are turned: instead of the ♗/e4 exerting pressure on the d-file, the d-file exerts pressure on the ♗/e4, pinned against mate on e8. Now Black thought he stood worse.] g6 [Completing the process begun by 12...f5, but the alternative is to lose the ♗/e4 with a worse position. White's dark-squared ♗ is a monster.] 15.♗h6 ♗g7 16.

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# The Junior Pages

## Edmonton Regionals – Canadian Chess Challenge

by Ford Wong

72 children, plus two TV station camera crews and one radio station crew, attended the Canadian Chess Challenge Edmonton Regionals. This year the attendance was down considerably from the 125 kids of the previous year, which could have been attributed to the short notice announcing the event and to the fact that the event was held on the weekend of a teachers' convention. Many of the regulars, such as **Paul Kirvan** and **Alim Merali**, were missing. Other noticeable absentees included **Stasy Kazakevich** and **Zhouran Li**. Perhaps this is signal of a changing of the guard.

In the past, the rules were more relaxed which allowed more players to qualify for the Provincial Finals. This year the rules reverted back to the original format of approximately 1 in 4 players in each section being allowed to move on. I personally like the idea of sending more kids to the provincial finals as there is nothing more satisfying than seeing a youngster quite excited about having made it (even if that the player would probably be destroyed in the finals). These kids come out for the enjoyment and fun of playing.

This year there were no raffles for free chess sets, as was the custom in the past. However, **Hans Olson** was the winner of a used Novag Constellation chess computer which was kindly donated by **Paul Tilroe**.

Good luck to the following players, who qualified for the provincial championships in Red Deer: *Grade One:* **Andrew Buitendyk** (with one very proud father); and **Kevin Paszkowski**. *Grade Two:* **Mitchel Ng, Ben Nobleman, and Timothy Chow**. *Grade Three:* **Matthew Chang** (with a rude father), **Patrick Paszkowwki, and Igor Markovic**. *Grade Four:* **Nils Reuter, Geoff Nisbet, and John Page**. *Grade Five:* **Josh Nobleman, Vince Rozhdestrensky, Ke Sun, and Cindy Hardin**. *Grade Six:* **Brent Thompson, Jonathan Chi, and Kory Mathewson**. *Grade Seven:* **Gregory Liew, Jeffrey Vaasjo, Peter Lai, and Joshua Fanaeian**. *Grade Eight:* **David Lovi, Steve Rozhdestrensky, and Viatcheslov Belovus**. *Grade Nine:* **Nicholas Haynes, Matthew Lui, Chris Carter, and Leo Potvin**. *Grade Ten:* **Louis Fok and Erik Olson**. *Grade Eleven:* **Hans Olson**. *Grade Twelve:* **Douglas Wu, Jeremiah Gallinger, and Bernie Kan**.

Here is the breakdown of attendees by school: Aurora with 11; Crestwood and Hay Lakes with 7 each; Lago Lindo, St. Rose, Steinhauer, Talmul Torah, and Tempo with 5 each; Maurice Lavallee, Old Scona, St. Gabriel Cyber High, and School of Hope with 4 each; Vernon Barford with 3; Avonmore, Estates Colonale, Grace Martin, Holy Cross, Pere Lacombe, Rideau Park, St. Clements, Satoo, and Two Hills High School with 2 each; and Youngstown with 1.

Once again, thanks go to all of the volunteers who unselfishly gave their time to help out at this event. They are **John Quiring, Dave Ottosen, John MacNab, Peter Alderton, Kurt Lauterwald, Cynthia Wu, Beatrice Wu, Dmitri Shefer, and Adrien Regimbald**. Additional thanks go to **Kevin Whelan** and St. Clements School. A special thanks to all the out-of-town participants, and to all of the teachers and coaches who encourage their students to participate in this event.

## 1999 Alberta Chess Challenge

by Glenn Booth

This year's Chess Challenge was held in Red Deer on March 20. For those who are not in the know, this tournament selects the provincial champion for grades 1-12, with each champion going on to represent Alberta at the national championship.

For many of the players, this is the biggest tournament of the year – and the most intense. This year's winners will be travelling to Prince Edward Island on the May long weekend to compete against the champions from all other provinces. The national championship is a fantastic event, but you have to win the provincials to go!

Given the importance of selecting the provincial champs, there was considerable pre-tournament consultation about the ideal format. In previous years, many age groups played a 5-round Swiss, followed by the top four players playing off in a round robin. In this system, eight games would be played, along with playoff games if ties occurred. After consulting with the regional organizers and other provinces, I decided that a round robin would be played in groups with 5-8 participants, and a straight five-round Swiss would be played in grades with 9 or more participants. In grades with 3 or 4 players, a double round robin would be played. This format was posted prior to commencement of the tournament to ensure that participants understood the format.

Although there was some concern that a straight five-round Swiss would not provide enough games to prevent potential "second-best" winners sneaking in, I believe that the format worked quite well. There were a couple of upsets, but I did not receive any complaints about the format. And the winners were....

*Grade One:* **Hunter Spink**, Calgary. Hunter, who is still in kindergarten, defeated **Kaiz Alarakya** of Calgary in the 7<sup>th</sup> game to go undefeated and win his first provincial championship.

*Grade Two:* **Karim Nurmohamed**, Calgary. Karim improved on last year, when he lost in a playoff, by going 6-1 and taking clear first place for his first provincial championship.

*Grade Three:* **Brendan Eshleman**, Calgary. Brendan, who is the top-rated player in his age group in Canada, steam-rolled the opposition to take his first provincial championship.

*Grade Four:* **Shandy Booth**, Calgary. Shandy won his third consecutive provincial championship, but had to survive a tough game against **Robbie Chwyl** of Calgary to squeeze out the victory.

*Grade Five:* **Ke Sun**, Edmonton. Ke was the lady-killer as he managed to beat both **Anastasia Kazakevich**, last year's champion, and **Adrienne Todd** of Calgary. Adrienne played well and took second place ahead of Anastasia.

*Grade Six:* **Stephen Hazeltine**, Airdrie. Stephen, already a two-time national champion, won handily.

*Grade Seven:* **Jeffrey Mo**, Calgary. Jeffrey Mo upset **Ashton Anderson** of Calgary for his first provincial championship. Jeffrey plays quickly and is very sharp tactically.

*Grade Eight:* **Paul Lapidés**, Calgary. Paul finished ahead of **Joel Adolph** of Calgary to take his first provincial championship. Paul is steadily improving and his constant work is paying off!

*Grade Nine:* **Nicholas Haynes**, Edmonton. Nick upset perennial winner **Jeff Huang** of Calgary with steady play. Nick is very serious and will force his opponents to earn any victories.

*Grade Ten:* **Chris Card**, Lethbridge. Chris repeated his win from last year, despite reduced playing opportunities in Lethbridge since **Grant Brown's** departure from the junior chess scene.

*Grade 11:* **Hans Olson**, Camrose. Hans beat out **John Rajchel** of Calgary to add another championship to his belt.

*Grade 12:* **Douglas Wu**, Edmonton. Doug won for the umpteenth time and will be the leader of our team in P.E.I.

Having been closely involved with the Calgary Junior Chess Club for the past 3 years, I was very pleased to see the results from the Calgary-based players. The playing opportunities provided by the Club are clearly showing up in the provincial results, particularly at the younger ages, as players from the CJCC took 7 firsts from grades 1 - 8.

A special thanks go to **Neil Sharp** for arranging the facilities at Red Deer College and acting as Tournament Director! Neil's continued efforts, despite his son's withdrawal from competitive chess, was much appreciated.

All of the provincial winners have confirmed that they are going to the nationals. Good luck to the team!

# Alberta Youth Championship

by David Otosen

## Under 10:

Player	MN	SB	BE	BN	Total
Mitchell Ng	x	0	0	1	1
Shandy Booth	1	x	0	1	2
Brandon Eshelman	1	1	x	1	3
Ben Nobleman	0	0	0	x	0.

Favorite **Shandy Booth** was upset by **Brandon Eshelman** after an oversight, and Brandon rolled through the rest of his games without great difficulty. The two Edmonton players were hampered by their unique difficulties (Ben by his unfamiliarity with the touch-move rule and Mitchell by his Game Boy...).

## Booth – Eshelman

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙c4 ♘e7 4.O-O ♘f6 5.♙e1 O-O 6.c3 d5 7.ed5 ♘d5 8.♗e5 ♗e5 9.♙e5 ♘f6 10.d4 ♘d6 11.♙e1 ♘g4 12.h3 ♙h2 13.♙f1 ♘f6 14.♙g5 h6 15.♙f4 ♙f4 16.♙f3 ♙g5 17.♙g3 ♗e8 18.♙e2 ♘d6 19.♙b3 ♙f5 20.♘d2 ♘d2 21.♙d2 ♘e4 22.♙e3 ♘d2 23.♙d2 ♙e8 24.♙f4 ♘d3 25.♙g1 ♙g6 [The game score now becomes indecipherable, but obviously...] 0-1.

## Under 12:

Player	JN	JC	NE	AT	Total
Josh Nobleman	x	0	0	0	0
Jonathan Chi	1	x	1	½	2½
Navid Eslami	1	0	x	0	1
Ady Todd	1	½	1	x	2½.

**Jonathan (Jonny-san) Chi** and **Ady Todd** (the only female in the provincial finals) rolled through the field, drawing only with one another. The playoff match saw Jonathan pull off a fork and win the match 2-0 to become Alberta Champion.

## Chi – Todd

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙c4 ♘f6 4.♘c3 d6 5.d4 ed4 6.♘d4 ♘d4 7.♙d4 ♙e6 8.♙g5 ♙e7 9.O-O c5 10.♙b5 ♘d7 11.♙a4 a6 12.♘d7 ♘d7 13.♙e7 ♙e7 14.b4 cb4 15.♙b4 ♘c5 16.♙fe1 O-O 17.♘d5 ♙d7 18.♘b6 a5 19.♙b2 ♙e6 20.♘a8 ♙a8 21.♙d4 ♙d8 22.♙e3 f6 23.♙d5 ♙d5 24.ed5 f5 25.♙ae1 ♙c8 26.♙e8 ♙e8 27.♙e8 ♙f7 28.♙a8 a4 [And eventually...] 1-0.

## Under 14:

Player	AA	JF	PL	JH	Total
Ashton Anderson	x	1	½	1	2½
Josh Finaein	0	x	1	0	1
Paul Lapiques	½	0	x	0	½
Jeff Huang	0	1	1	x	2

**Ashton Anderson** defeated co-favorite **Jeff Huang** with a double rook sacrifice in Round 1 (although to be fair, the first rook sac was entirely declinable and might even be called a cheapo), then defeated the surprising **Josh Finaein** in round 2 before clinching the tournament with a draw in the last round.

## Huang – Lapiques

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.ed5 ed5 4.♘f3 ♙f5 5.♘c3 ♘f6 6.♙e3 ♙b4 7.♙b5 ♘bd7 8.♙e2 O-O 9.

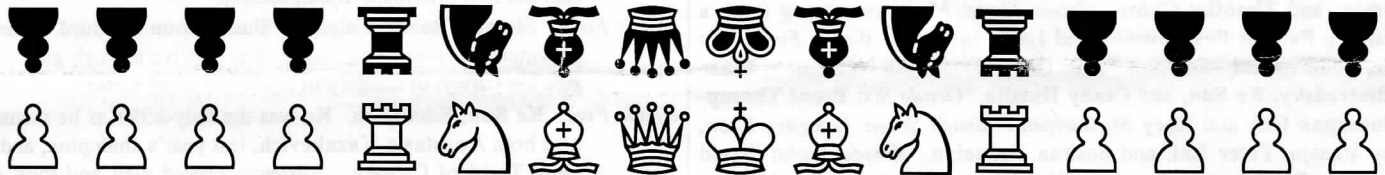
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## Under 18:

Player	JR	NH	AM	HO	Total
John Rajchel	x	1	½	1	2½
Nic Haynes	0	x	½	½	1
Asher Macdonald	½	½	x	0	1
Hans Olson	0	½	1	x	1½.

**John Rajchel** of Calgary scored an impressive round 1 win over Alberta Junior champ **Hans Olson** and had no troubles going on to win with 2½/3. There were a number of interesting anecdotes about this particular section and how one player in particular was inspired by a garbage truck, but they will have to wait for another issue.

Congratulations to all our Alberta Champions, and best of luck at the nationals in Vancouver!



...The Art Gallery, continued from p. 14...

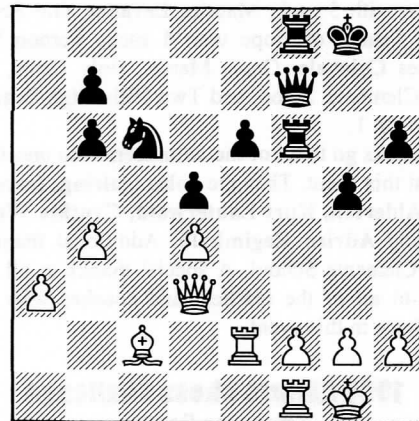
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## Milne – Lapiques

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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♙b4 4.♘e2 ♘f6 5.♙g5 [Entering a little-known line of the MacCutcheon Variation of the French Defence.] h6 6.♙f6 ♙f6 7.a3 ♙a5?! [The downside of this move is that it enables White to establish a bind on the position with no loss of time; 7...♙c3 is better.] 8.b4 ♙b6 9.e5 ♙e7 [Safe and sane; the ♙ becomes a target on g6.] 10.♘a4! [White has to reorganize his minor pieces to deal with a counterattack on the ♙-side by Black.] ♙d7! [Black loses no time to solve the problem of his light-squared ♙.] 11.♘ec3 [White doesn't mind if Black hacks the ♘/a4, as he envisions a situation in which his light-squared ♙ has it all over the Black ♘ on the ♙-side.] O-O 12.♙e2 ♘c6 [Forcing White's hand.] 13.♘b6 [I preferred this to 13.♘c5, for after 13...♙c5 14.bc5 I felt Black had good counterattacking prospects against White's behemoth of a centre.] ab6 14.O-O ♘d8 [Going for the big c5 break – logical.] 15.♘b5! [Threatening c7 and vacating c3 for the ♘.] ♙b5 [Black is only too happy to part with his bad ♙.] 16.♙b5 c5! 17.c3 f5!? [Andrew spent six minutes on this move, to which he ascribed his woes in this game. The truth of the matter is that he has little option if he wants any activity for his pieces, particularly since massing against the

backward a-♙ holds little prospect of success. Still, it does begin the process of loosening the light squares surrounding his ♙.] 18.ef6 ♙f6 19.♙d3 ♘c6 20.♙c2 [Protecting the d-♙ and setting up the battery against Black's ♙.] ♙af8 21.♙d3 g5 [A major concession.] 22.♙ae1 ♙f7 [Attacking f2 and beefing up the light squares around Black's ♙.] 23.♙e2 cd4 24.cd4



♙f4? [The decisive error. 24...♙e8, shoring up e6, had to be tried, with the same idea of going after d4 as in the game. I would then probably have played 25.b5 to dislodge the ♘ from c6.] 25.♙e6! [A pretty deflection and penetration theme.] ♙d4 26.♙g6 ♙h7 □ 27.♙c3! [With the double threats of 28.♙c6 and 28.♙f6.] ♙e4 □ 28.♙e4 de4 29.♙d6 ♙e8 30.♙h3 ♙g7 31.♙f5 ♙h8 32.♙g6! [The best Black can do is reach a totally lost ending with 32...♘e7, as 32...♙f8 is met by 33.♙f6 ♙g7 34.♙f7 ♙g8 35.♙f6.] 1-0.

## The EJCC Report

by Cynthia Wu

**February:** The small January turnout prompted TD **Beatrice Wu** to phone and email all our numerous members about the February meeting a couple of days before Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup>. We were rewarded with a fine turnout of 14 players, 2 of which were newcomers and 1, **Alim Merali**, an old-timer returning from the wonderful world of Junior High. **Evan Kucharski** was our first newcomer, and then came wee, 4-year-old **Aaron Mazo**.

Both enjoyed themselves but decided to withdraw from their first tournament and leave early. This took some effort on Mrs. Mazo's part, as Aaron had become enamored of the large magnetic board hanging on the wall in the club. Regardless, there were enough players with a good rating spread to create an over 1000 and under 1000 category again. This put **Matthew Lui** into great consternation because his rating is just above 1000 and he always ends up in the bottom of his prize category. Ah, well, that's what you get for doing so well in your first tournament!

This time around, the 5-round Swiss was wrought with upsets. The first round proceeded as expected, but then things got chaotic. In round 2, **Matthew Lui** held **Stasy Kazakevich** to a draw, and then beat 4<sup>th</sup> seeded **Ke Sun** in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Stasy was flagged down by both **Alim** and **Joshua Fanaeian**, the top player in the lower prize category. Later I learned that upon her triumphant return from Spain, Stasy had broken her leg and was in a cast for 3 months, and so was slightly out of chess shape. Fourth round saw **Matthew Chang** upset **Jonathon Chi** and **Michael Pettinato** upset **Mitchell Ng**. Finally, the last round closed with 3 more upsets: **Joshua** bested **Matthew Lui**, **Jonathon** bested **Ke**, and **Ben Williamson** bested **Mitchell**. Don't you just love junior chess? Only **Nic Haynes** escaped unscathed from the turmoil and once again walked off with a perfect score and book prize. **Alim** and **Josh** finished with 4 points, losing only to **Nic**, and **Josh** ran off with the under 1000 prize - his first book since his initiation into the club. **Jonathan**, **Matthew Lui**, and **Matthew Chang** also played strongly against higher ranked players to finish with respectable 3, 2½, and 3 points respectively.

### Ke Sun - Nic Haynes

1.d4 f5 2.♟f3 e6 3.e3 ♟f6 4.♙d3 d5 5.♟bd2 ♙d6 6.O-O c6 7.c3 O-O 8.♙e1 ♜e8 9.♜c2 [Maybe 9.♟e5 would have facilitated defense against Black's on-coming ♟-side attack.] ♟e4 10.b4 ♜h5 11.h3 g5 12.♙e2 g4 13.♟h2 ♜h4 14.f3? ♜f2 15.♟h1 ♟g3# 0-1.

**Stalemate in the Ranks:** On March 6, one week after the Chess Challenge Regionals, TDs **Beatrice** and **Cynthia**, plus 14 young chess players, returned once again to the EJCC. After the grade 4-6 Regionals, I was sure that I'd seen enough heartbreaking stalemates for a lifetime, but my dear club proved me wrong. From ratings of 599 to 1464, those stalemates just kept buzzing around! We had one new player, grade niner **Jason Shukuda**, a good friend of **Matthew Lui**, and more or less everyone showed up *early*! A normal 5-round Swiss ensued with two prize categories, 7 players over 1000 and 7 players under 1000. Still, the rating spread was fairly even and competition was stiff. This was reflected in the final standings where 6 out of the 14 players scored 3 points, the third highest score in the tournament. The first round proceeded as expected, with the top half of the tournament winning their respective games. The stalemating started in round two, when **Stephan McNie** stalemated newcomer **Jason** and old timer **Paul Kirvan** stalemated **Joshua Fanaeian**, who was basking in his brand new over-1000 rating. This caused pairings to be flip-flopped a bit and

top-ranked **Paul Kirvan** and **Nic Haynes** ended up meeting in fourth round instead of the third round. After the tournament's longest game, **Nic** took the win, well on his way to a perfect score. **Stephan** played a strong tournament as well, and, after **Josh** stalemated *him* in the last round, snuck into a playoff with **Mitchell Ng**. So, basically, **Jason** was stalemated by **Stephan**, who was stalemated by **Josh**, who was stalemated by **Paul**! Got that? Anyway, **Mitchell** managed to hold his concentration until the very end and bested **Stephan** in both of their playoff games (no stalemates!), running off with his second EJCC book prize. In the over-1000 category (surprise, surprise), **Nic** came up with a perfect score and opted, this time, to wait a month and try to win his first EJCC two-win book prize. Thanks to all those who came out and keep on playing chess, having fun, and corrupting your chess skills in a good hearty game of suicide chess!

**Junior Chess News in April:** The April Edmonton Junior Chess Club meeting boasted 9 players, 2 of which were new members: **Mark Matias** and **John Balla**. The 5-round Swiss tournament was speckled by some more typical-of-junior-chess-players type of upsets. The only one left unscathed (surprise, surprise) was **Nic Haynes** who won his first two-win book prize at the club, interestingly entitled *C.O.O.L. Chess*. Players 2, 3, and 4 respectively were **Ke Sun**, **Matthew Lui**, and **Mark**. **Matthew** upset **Ke**, who beat **Mark**, who upset **Matthew**. All three were beaten by **Nic**. This led to a 3-way tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> and as the club offered two book prizes that tournament, a playoff ensued. Though solid as a player under active time controls, **Matthew** fell away under the heat of 5-minute speed chess playoffs and failed to secure a point in the double round robin playoff. Since **Mark** and **Ke** drew their first playoff game, the second match was the deciding game. **Ke** managed to pull through in the end and snatched up another book prize for his growing collection. Special mention goes to **Jason Shukuda** and **Ben Williamson** who both played well and ended up just ½-point shy of a tie for second place. Good to see all of our players improving and having fun! See you all again next time!

### The Joint Junior High-Elementary School Team Chess

**Tournament:** Once, a long long time ago, there was such thing as an annual Junior High School Team Chess Championship. So long ago that even I had participated in one. On suggestion by EJCC member **Nic Haynes**, my sister **Beatrice** and I decided to revive the tradition. We also decided that since most of our junior chess club members were in elementary school, we would also host at the EJCC the first (as far as I've ever heard of) Elementary School Team Chess Championship. We arranged to hold it on May 1<sup>st</sup>, and as that was a regular EJCC meeting day, we also allowed chess club members to form a Chess Club team and participate. There was only one catch: chess club members could not win the trophies. It was a school activity, after all. So letters were sent out to about 100 junior high and elementary schools in Edmonton inviting them to bring a 4-member team to the club. The former organizer of this event, **John McNab**, graciously phoned up **Granview Heights Junior High** to help us retrieve the large school trophy donated to the junior highs of Edmonton by the *Edmonton Journal* (**Granview** was the last to win the trophy 4 years ago). **Dave Ottosen** ("the big red bear") was roped in as well to help TD the tournament.

Thus, carrying our loot of 9 trophies (first places including the large school trophy) and 16 medals (for second and third places), **Bea** and I trekked to the club that fine Saturday morning. As it was, 4 Elementary schools showed up: **Tempo**, **Lago Lido**, **Talmud**

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Torah, and Holy Cross. Unfortunately (or perhaps fortunately, depending on which side of the story you are on), only one Junior High team came - St. Rose. Needless to say, they won the individual trophies as well as the prized (really heavy and nice) school trophy. Still, in the words of 4<sup>th</sup> board St. Rose player and EJCC member, **Matthew Lui**, "At least we showed up." Congrats to **Leo, Jason Shukuda, Robb, and Matthew** (8 points total). Two Chess Club teams rounded out the number to a nice ...uh... odd number of 7 teams. A 7-round round robin was played with every team playing every other team and receiving one bye. Elementary School point totals only counted against other Elementary Schools.

In the end, Chess Club A (**Stasy Kazakevich, Zhouan Li, Josh Fanaian, and Ke Sun**) swept all their games to win with a perfect 24 points. Chess Club B (**Nils Reuter, Ben Williamson, Michael Pettinato, and Evan Kucharski**) finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall with a fine score of 13½ points. Since there were extra medals from the defaulting junior high spots, the medals were awarded to the chess club teams for their superb effort, despite their equally superb efforts at trying to convince me to give them either the junior high or the elementary school trophies. Hey guys! If that trophy meant so much, you should have dug up a team from school and whipped them into shape! Tempo Elementary (**Brent Thompson, Jonathan Chi, Robert Kaneary, and Andrew Wong**) performed extremely well, totaling 16½ points to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and 1<sup>st</sup> in the elementary section. They took home their trophies and Bea and I convinced their coach to think about finding a sponsor to donate an elementary school trophy. Talmud Torah (**Josh Nobleman, Corey, Cindy, and Sarah** - sorry I didn't catch the last names) finished as the 2<sup>nd</sup>-place elementary school with 9 points, despite their handicap when Corey had to withdraw after the first round. Lago Lindo (**Stephan McNie, Mitchell Ng, Matthew Chang, and Matthew McComb**) pulled close with 8½ points to come 3<sup>rd</sup> in the elementary section. Holy Cross (**Jonathan Pasca, Jeff Hattem, and Kelly Dee**), also short one player, finished 4<sup>th</sup> with 2½ points and many close games.

All in all, things ran smoothly. No one tried to cheat, or, if anyone did, it was done well enough that it escaped the attention of the most attentive TDs. No one acted up. No parents and coaches acted up. Everyone had fun and the TDs managed not to be scared off enough to consider running this again next year. So, work up those teams and bring them on out again!

**High School Team Chess:** The annual High School Team Chess Championships were held at *Old Scona Academic* (OSA) on Saturday May 15. Under full assurance from tournament organizer, OSA chess club president **Doug Wu**, that the school would be open at 8:30, I decided to arrive early to set everything up. This accomplished nothing but a full hour of sitting out in the rain, as a slight miscommunication brought the supervising teacher to school at 9:30. Fortunately, not too many people were keen enough to show up early on a rainy Saturday morning.

All of the problems encountered during the day precipitated before the tournament even started. Except, that is, for the few players (no names mentioned, **Rishi Patel**) who found it necessary to orate very audibly every 5 minutes or so. For Stratford, too few players showed up, and for OSA, strangely, too many players showed

up. Things were finally settled when the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Stratford players decided to enter with a 2 man handicap and the 9<sup>th</sup> OSA player was convinced that watching TV at home was just as attractive an activity. Strathcona's lone team brought the total up to 5 teams: OSA A (**Doug Wu, Bernie Kan, Bradley Gee, Mustafa Hirji**); OSA B (**Rishi Patel, Eric Zhou, Richard Ng, Tim Van Aerde**); Stratford A (**Peter Wang, Kelven Lau, Daniel Doon, Shaun Goodhope**); Stratford B (**Petal Hutchisa, Derek Schlereth**); Strathcona (**Dallas Dyer, Jason Kong, Anton Phipps, Matt Meier**). To add to the mayhem of disorganization, there were not enough clocks. Between obtaining trophies and watching *Jeopardy*, the clocks had been overlooked until it was impossible to secure more than 5. Thanks goes out to **John Quiring** who shipped over 3 ACA clocks the night before the tournament. Clocks were restricted to games that lasted over an hour and to possible playoffs. Although very few games lasted the hour, the tournament ploughed on to 4 o'clock. Later, Strathcona 3<sup>rd</sup> board, Anton, disclosed that his school had purposely practiced up for time controls by hitting imaginary clocks during lunch hour training sessions...

The ensuing 5-round Round Robin proceeded smoothly with few truly grinding matches (team round totals were almost unanimously 4-0 or 3-1). Several individual games, though, proved interesting nonetheless. None will be published, however, as if I take up any more space in this report, the editor will hang me (the fact that no game submissions were asked for during the tournament is really besides the point...). As it was, the 2 players on Stratford B were unable to overcome their handicap and finished 5<sup>th</sup> with no points. Being a team of beginners, though, their games were noticeably well-played, although touch move did manage to catch 1<sup>st</sup> board, Petal, a few times. "Sit on your hands!" coach **John McNab** suggested. Stratford A did quite well, finishing only a point shy of 3<sup>rd</sup> place. 1<sup>st</sup> board, Peter, played a remarkable tournament to finish with 2½ out of 4 points. His loss came about in round 4 when he flagged against OSA A's Doug in a time scramble that gave him a commanding material advantage. Peter also fought to a draw against OSA B's Rishi in the final round. Strathcona finished third with 8 points and proudly took home the bronze medals.

The tournament took an unprecedented turn of events in 3<sup>rd</sup> round when OSA A and OSA B faced off. First, Doug (A) did manage to beat Rishi (B), while Tim (B) bested Mustafa (A): OSA A (1) - OSA B (1). The hour went up and clocks went on. The crowds drew nearer and participants viewed chess clock veterans try to beat out Father Time. In a flurry of flip-flopping advantages, Richard (B) finally wrestled the win from Bradley (A), when Brad blundered in the endgame: OSA A (1) - OSA B (2). 2<sup>nd</sup> boards Eric (B) and Bernie (A) went into time controls fairly even, but the 5 minute cap over the hour saw Bernie crumble beneath the pressure. Still, with 45 seconds left on the clock (yes, Eric timed it after the game) and 3 moves to checkmate, Eric stalemated Bernie in a ♙ + ♚ vs ♚ endgame: OSA A (1½) - OSA B (2½). OSA B increased their lead to 2 points by the end of the tournament and snatched away the trophies from OSA A (13½ - 11½), making OSA history for the first time the B team ousted the A team. The tournament concluded with the crowning of Eric as the stalemate king (when he stalemated his Stratford A opponent, as well, after queening a pawn in round 5), and with OSA A Doug's chagrined comment "all that matters is that it stays in the school." Thanks to all the players and special thanks to **Mr. Ray Adam** who gave up a Saturday to supervise the tournament.





## Alberta Clubs

### Calgary Chess Club:

- Meets at the *Elephant & Castle Restaurant*, 8 Ave. & 4 St. SW. Tuesdays 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.
- Contact: Warrick Walker 294-0753; or Walter Watson 277-5620.

### Under 1800 Club:

- Meets at *Words Books & Cappuccino Bar*, 1715 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW. during business hours.
- Contact: Tedde Davies 277-0209.

### Edmonton Chess Club:

- Meets in #114A, *Prince of Wales Armoury*, 10440 108<sup>th</sup> Ave. Mondays & Thursdays 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.
- Contact: club phone 424-0283; or Adrien Regimbald 475-4102.
- Monday – casual tournaments, no membership required, relaxed noise controls.
- Thursday – CFC-rated tournaments, membership required, strict noise controls. A new tournament starts the first Thursday of each month.

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

- Meets at the *University of Lethbridge*, Rm. A844 Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., September to April.
- Contact: Brian Titley 380-6751.

### 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.

### Lloydminster Chess Club:

- Meets at *Cappuccino Voltaire Coop*, 50<sup>th</sup> Street Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.
- Contact: Doug 825-0528, or Eugene Gibney 875-6352.

### Hinton Chess Club:

- Meets at the *Queen's Bakery & Café*, 124 Market Street, Hinton Mondays 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Contact: Peter Bundscherer 865-5050.

### Grande Prairie Chess Club:

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

### Peace River Chess Club:

- Meets in the Rose Room, *Peace Valley Inn* 9609 101<sup>st</sup> St.
- Contact: Alex Phimester 624-8866.

### Northern Communities Chess Club:

- Contact: Bernie Tynan 771-3757.

### Crowsnest Chess Club:

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

*It is the club's responsibility to make sure your announcement is complete and up to date.*

**Note: Northern Alberta now has a new area code — 780.**

## Up-coming Events

### Words Books Active Tournaments

Every first Saturday of the month: U 1800  
Every third Saturday of the month: unrated.

### Canada Day Open

June 26-27  
Quality Inn, Motel Village, Calgary  
5 round Swiss system in 1 section  
Entry fee: adults \$20; juniors \$15  
Contact: Walter Watson 277-5620.

### Battle of Alberta

August 14, Red Deer.  
There will be a big new trophy for the Battle this year! Interested parties should contact their respective team captains. *(Although team captains have not been officially named yet, Calgary players may contact Walter Watson at 277-5620, and Edmonton players may contact David Ottosen at 425-1584. -ed.)*



### Over / Under 1800 †

September 4-5  
Edmonton Chess Club, Edmonton  
5 round Swiss system in 2 sections  
Entry fee: adults \$20; juniors \$15  
Contact: Walter Watson 277-5620.  
† Qualifier to the Alberta Closed.

### Medicine Hat Open

September 18-19  
Medicine Hat (location unknown at this time)  
Contact: Bill Taylor 526-5484

*Note:* Due to recent changes imposed by the CFC on the format of the youth championships, the time and format of the Under 20, Under 18, Under 16, Under 14, Under 12, and Under 10 age championships will be.

## Top Rated Albertans

*This list comprises the top-rated CFC members who live in Alberta* (Names in *italic type* are CFC members but not ACA members, usually due to inactivity.)

#	Name	now	high
1.	<i>Rob Hawkes</i>	2362	2362
2.	Nigel Fullbrook	2351	2351
3.	Andrew Lapidés	2326	2326
4.	Robert J. Gardner	2306	2387
5.	Dale Haessel	2301	2310
6.	Christopher Demers	2285	2285
7.	Fred South	2263	2300
8.	Arthur Odachowski	2247	2304
9.	Victor Maric	2244	2244
10.	Sasha Grumic	2222	2276
11.	Sardul Purewal	2215	2215
12.	Warrick Walker	2211	2246
13.	Roy Yearwood	2207	2286
14.	<i>Jonathan Schaeffer</i>	2206	2248
15.	Ted Wilson	2205	2245
16.	<i>Sean Perron</i>	2203	2210
17.	Nandor Tot	2202	2210
18.	Eugene Gibney	2199	*
19.	John Ferrar	2191	2314
20.	Zoltan Baunok	2149	2200
21.	Milan Rabljenovic	2145	2145
22.	Dave Gomboc	2129	2144
23.	Jim Daniluk	2104	2193
24.	Chris Kuczaj	2103	2169
25.	David Ottosen	2100	2191
—	Bradley J. Willis	2100	2133
27.	Yngvi Bjornsson	2098	2098
28.	<i>Jim Monaghan</i>	2090	2100
29.	Gordon Campbell	2077	2160
30.	Grant Brown	2071	2133
31.	Farzan Nazarian	2070	2161
32.	Micah Hughey	2052	2133
33.	Walter Watson	2050	2071
34.	<i>Chris P. Fulker</i>	2048	2100
35.	Hans Olson	2032	2032
36.	James Flemming	2024	2056
37.	Walter Zwirner	2018	2034
38.	Barney Fegyverneki	2014	2200
39.	Douglas Wu	2007	2075
40.	William Taylor	2004	2011

*denotes provisional rating \**

◆ Thanks to the CFC for compiling and emailing this list to me.

*Note: Just about one year ago, there were 52 players on the "Top Albertans" list. It is disappointing to see this number shrink so significantly in such a short period of time. Makes one wonder why... -ed.*

Organizers: Please give the ACA Editor plenty of advance notice of the details of your tournaments!