



# Alberta Chess Report



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## March of Kings

This year a total of 28 players competed making it the largest turnout in over 5 years. Last year there were only 15 players. Having players like Hansen, Ristovic, and Moloney made it the strongest March of Kings ever (well, in the last 5 years anyway). Special mention goes to Boston Pizza on 32nd Ave NE for their generous donation to the event. A variety of door prizes were given away totaling over \$350! Hansen built the picket fence with 5 straight wins to take first all alone. Coverage on page 5



## Trumpeter Classic

Tim Pradzinski reports on the annual Trumpeter Classic in Grande Prairie. This year they added a speed chess tournament on the Friday before the battle. Two Edmontonian's captured first and second in speed, but GP's Wade Caughlin stopped the sweep by taking third.



Wade's Sun Life Financial sponsored the speed event. England's Nicholas Moloney, currently living in Calgary captured first with a perfect 5-0! Reports start on page 3.

## Northern Alberta Open

An excellent turnout of 57 players, making it the largest event ever held at the new home of the Edmonton Chess Club. Reporting was slim as no report was submitted, however thanks to Vlad for providing some photos. Go to page 9.

## Alberta Youth Chess Championship

Richard Pua reports on the recently completed AYCC. 26 players competed and winners were declared in U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18. The winners earn the right to represent Alberta at the 2009 CYCC being held in Victoria BC this summer. The ACA pays for travel expenses for each of Alberta's winners. Story on page 6.



## Calgary Regional Chess Challenge

Simon Ong has been a busy guy lately. In January he organized the Schleinich Memorial, then ran the University Battle of Alberta. Now he reports on his latest efforts at the Calgary Regional Chess Challenge. I stopped by to watch some of the action, and couldn't help but notice the unusual mating methods displayed by some of the players. Winners will take part in the upcoming Alberta Chess Challenge taking place on April 18 in Edmonton. Simon's report begins on page 11.





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**Next ACA board meeting April 26**

The next ACA board meeting will be held April 26 in Red Deer, starting at 10 a.m. The exact location will be announced by April 3 and all board members will be notified by email. The notice will also be posted on the ACA website under "About Us". Agenda items should be emailed to the president, and copied to the executive director, and the secretary.  
email the president: sekuloff@telus.net  
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**2009 Red Deer Open Cancelled**

The resurrection of the Red Deer Open will have to wait until at least this coming fall. It was decided best to put off this tournament until the Red Deer Chess Club gained more players. Hopefully the club will return to its former glory in the near future. If you know a player in the Red Deer area who might be interested in a volunteer position, please contact the ACA. This city has great potential, all that is needed are a few dedicated players to make things happen.

**2009 Canadian Junior in Victoria BC**

The Canadian Junior will take place from July 25 through July 28 in Victoria BC immediately following the Canadian Youth Chess Championship. For more information email victoriajuniorchess@gmail.com. The chief organizer is Brian Raymer.

**Canadian Open taking shape**

The organizers of the Canadian Open are putting together an exciting list of international players for Edmonton this summer. Big names include GM Alexei Shirov, and GM Michael Adams. There will be several other GM's from a host of countries taking part in what promises to be yet another Alberta classic! The event will take place at the Delta Edmonton Centre in downtown Edmonton. See the full page ad on the back cover of this issue, or visit the official tournament website for full details which can be found at www.edchess.ca. See you there!

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## 2009 Trumpeter Classic

By Tim Pradzinski

The 2009 Trumpeter Classic took place at the Sandman Hotel in Grande Prairie, Alberta on Jan 31 - Feb 1, 2009. There were 20 participants playing in this year's Trumpeter Classic with people coming from Edmonton, Calgary, Grand Forks, BC, Fort St. John, BC, Fairview, LaCrete and of course Grande Prairie.

We had a new pre-tournament event this year! We had a Friday Night Speed Chess Tournament and there were nine people competing for the \$200 prize fund. The Friday Night Speed Chess Tournament was proudly sponsored by Caughlin Financial Services, and the Alberta Chess Association. This was a Road Warrior event. Here are the results of the speed tournament:

1st - \$100 - Aaron Sequillion (Edm) - 8 / 9  
 2nd - \$60 - Ford Wong (Edm) - 7 / 9  
 3rd - \$20 - Wade Caughlin (GP) - 6 / 9  
 3rd - \$20 - Mike Zeggelaar (Edm) - 6 / 9

In the Open section, Nicholas Moloney captured 1st place with a perfect 5-0 score beating John Quiring, Aaron Sequillion, Tim Pradzinski, Roy Yearwood and Wade Caughlin along the way to the title, all rated 1788 or higher. Although Nicholas's pre-tournament CFC rating showed him as 1680, his FIDE rating was 2199. He had played in only one tournament in Canada prior to the 2009 Trumpeter. The CFC adjusted his rating before the tournament was officially rated.

Here are the results of the 2 sections:

### Open Section

1st - \$240 - Nicholas Moloney (Cal) - 5 / 5  
 2nd - \$150 - Tim Pradzinski (GP) - 4 / 5  
 3rd - \$40 - Roy Yearwood (Cal) - 3.5 / 5  
 3rd - \$40 - Mike Zeggelaar (Edm) - 3.5 / 5

### U1700 Section

1st - \$80 - Phil Lefkowitz (Grand Forks, BC) - 2.5 / 5  
 1st - \$80 - David Miller (GP) - 2.5 / 5

Thanks again for all of those people who came to play in the 2009 Trumpeter Classic. We really do appreciate the support of



all of the chess players in the province and look forward to hosting this event again next year!

A printed tournament book will be available to all of the participants of the tournament once it is ready thanks in part to the generous support of Mr. Power, John Quiring!

Here are a couple of interesting games.

**Caughlin, Wade (1788)**

**Pradzinski, Tim (1907)**

**A29 2009 Trumpeter Classic (Rnd 2)**

Wade decided to play an English Opening against me this time. He normally plays 1. e4 against me but I have been playing the Phillidor Defense (1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6) against him lately with excellent results and he decided to steer clear of this opening. This was an interesting game that hinged on Wade getting his queen trapped on the side of the board and his game quickly falling apart soon after.

**1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 d6 5.d3 Be6 6.Nf3 h6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Bd2 Qd7 9.Re1 0-0-0 10.b4 Bh3 11.Bh1 Nh5 12.b5 Nd4 13.e3 Ne6**



**14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.Qxh5 Ng5 16.Nd5 Bc5 17.d4 Bg4 18.Qh4 Nh3+ 19.Kf1 g5 20.Nf6 gxh4 21.Nxd7 Rxd7 22.gxh4 exd4 23.exd4 Bxd4 24.Rac1 Bxf2 25.Re2 Bxe2+ 26.Kxe2 Re8+ 27.Kd1 Be3 28.Rc2 Nf2+ 0-1**

**Stutzman, Larry (1642)**

**Miller, David (1365)**

**A23 2009 Trumpeter Classic (Rnd 5)**

**1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 d5 5.e3 Be6 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.a3 Nc6 8.Nf3**

**h6 9.b4 e4 10.Ng1 Ne5 11.d4 Nd3+**



**12.Kf1 Ng4 13.Ra2 Rc8 14.Rc2 Ngxf2 15.Rxf2 Nxf2 16.Kxf2 Rxc3 17.Ne2 Rc6 18.Rf1 Bg4 19.Qa4 a6 20.h3 Bxe2 21.Kxe2 b5 22.Qb3 Rc4 23.Bd2 Bd6 24.g4 0-0 25.Rf5 Bg3 26.Qd1 Rc6 27.Qg1 Bh4 28.Qd1 Rf6 29.Rf4 g5 30.Rf1 Rxf1 31.Qxf1 Kg7 32.Bc3 Qf6 33.Qg1 Rc8 34.Kd2 Qf2+ 35.Qxf2 Bxf2 36.Bxe4 dxe4 37.d5+ Kf8 38.d6 Rd8 39.Ke2 Bg3 0-1**

This game shows why David Miller was the 2009 Trumpeter Classic Junior champion. He played a fine game against former 2-time Trumpeter Classic Champion, Larry Stutzman. I predict David Miller will be Grande Prairie Chess Club champion within 5 years if he continues to improve the way he has been.



Two time Trumpeter champ Larry Stutzman

## 2009 Trumpeter Classic Junior

By Tim Pradzinski

This year's Trumpeter Classic Junior Chess Tournament was held on Saturday, January 17, 2009. Our turnout was somewhat less than expected with a number of our regular attendees having prior commitments. However, we had 8 players in the tournament and this year's champion was David Miller with a perfect 6-0 score. Second place was won by Alex Pradzinski with 5/6 points losing only to David. Mitchell Driedger from LaCrete, Alberta made the 5 hour trek to compete for the trophy but came up short against both David and Alex. He ended up in 3rd place with 4/6 points.

Overall the tournament was a great success as the Williamson brothers (Austin and Jacob) played in their second tournament and we had 2 chess players from the Swanavon Elementary Chess Club, Brayden Webb and Caitlin Vance, both competing in their first chess tournament. Previous Swanavon Elementary Chess Club (2 time) champion, Stephanie Pradzinski, came out of semi-retirement to play in this year's event. She was quite rusty, finishing with 2.5/6 points.

This event was sponsored by the Grande

Prairie Chess Club and was organized and directed by Tim Pradzinski. A great time was had by all!

David Miller took home the \$100 first place prize. Alex Pradzinski took home

the \$25 second place prize. Mitchell Driedger took home the \$20 third place prize. Everyone went home with at least one door prize of some kind.



The participants of the 2009 Trumpeter Classic Junior tournament

## Road Warrior incentive offered by ECC

By Vlad Rekhson

From now on Edmontonians travelling to ACA sponsored events will receive an incentive from the Edmonton Chess Club. Any time an Edmonton Road crew consisting of at least 3 players will travel to an ACA sponsored event the driver will receive \$50 to cover some of the fuel costs. The driver must be a member of the Edmonton Chess Club and all 3 people in the crew must be Edmontonians (of course they must also participate in the event).

The first event for which this incentive will become available will be the Lethbridge Open. The second is the Alberta Closed/Reserves/ Women's championship. To receive the money the driver should inform the ECC board of the fact that he drove and who was in the car after coming back.

### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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## March of Kings

By Tony Ficzer

The 2009 edition of the March of Kings was attended by 28 brave players, almost doubling last years' turnout of only 15. On the chess side of things, this was arguably the strongest March of Kings in years. FM Eric Hansen, FM Nenad Ristic, and newly planted Nicholas Moloney were the three masters fighting for first. Eric Hansen went 5/0 to claim first for himself, but not without some anxious moments. Jim Daniluk gave Eric a scare in round 2 when Jim attacked with the white pieces. At one point, I was certain Jim stood better, but Eric's precise play won the day. In the final round, it was student vs. teacher as Hansen had the white pieces against his former teacher Nenad Ristic in an exciting game which was also the last to finish. I'm still trying to get the game score for this one as the one I have was not readable. Two other players surprised everyone with their excellent performance. Junior Jan Lazo defeated Ristic in round 3 with the white pieces, losing only to Hansen in round 4, scoring 4/5. Lazo gained enough rating points to put him over 2000 CFC.



Nenad Ristic vs Rick Pedersen

Jesse Beaudin also played solid chess going undefeated scoring 4/5, giving up draws to Nicholas Moloney and David Zhang. Rick Pedersen's strong showing should not go unnoticed as he also went 4/5, losing only to Ristic, but defeating Moloney. All three of these players split 2-4th place.

Top U2100 honours went to Roy Yearwood and Hafiz Karmali at 3/5. Paul Usselman earned Top U1900 cash with 3/5 while Nika Kalaydina took 2nd U1900 scoring 2.5/5. Veteran Bronislaw Swiecicki proved once again that age isn't a factor in chess when he took the Top U1700 prize with Simon Ong, both finishing with 2.5/5.

Special honours go to Bob Macfie who provided fresh fruit to all players, and showed his gentlemanly ways by taking a last round bye (while still in the hunt) to give another player a paring. Bob displayed real class throughout the event.

Once again I offered door prizes in every round which might have had a small impact on the number of play-

ers attending. In all, over \$350 in door prizes were handed out. Boston Pizza on 32nd Ave NE here in Calgary were very generous by donating four large pizza coupons with a total value of \$100! As the official restaurant of the March of Kings, we should get behind this sponsor and give them our support as often as possible. We will likely get them to provide more sponsorship in the future. Other sponsors included three different Shoppers Drug Marts (Country Hills, Symons Valley, and Sarcee Trail), Future Shop on 32nd Ave NE, and Cineplex Odeon at Sunridge. Thanks for your donations which went a long way to making this a memorial event.

Here are the winners of the door prizes:  
Round 2: Jesse Beaudin, Boston Pizza  
Round 2: Thomas Kaminski, movie pass  
Round 3: Shankar Raman, Boston Pizza  
Round 3: Jim Daniluk, Shoppers Drug Mart gift basket

Round 4: Nenad Ristic, Boston Pizza  
Round 4: Hafiz Karmali, Digital Picture Frame from Staples

Round 5: Jan Lazo, Boston Pizza  
Round 5: Ethan White, Shoppers Drug Mart gift basket

Over 30 games are available to view on the ACA website as well as a selection of pictures. Honourable mention also goes to DeJesus Navarrete who acted as official photographer for the duration of the tournament.



Gentleman Bob Macfie deep in thought

## Alberta Youth Chess Championship

By Richard Pua

The Alberta Youth Chess Championship 2009 was held at Edmonton Chess Club on March 7-8. It attracted 26 players competing in U8 U10 U12 U14 U16 and U18 age group sections. The winner gets ACA sponsorship to the CYCC in Victoria, BC. It felt like the biggest event of its kind in 10 years. It had its share of drama and surprises.

In the Under 8 Section, Ian McCullough was the overall winner finishing with a perfect 5/5 score. For those who don't know him, Ian is currently Canada's best Grade 1 player and national champion. It appears that his chess successes will continue. Andre A. Tolentino captured 2nd place with 4/5 and Johnston Wang took 3rd with 3/5.

In the Under 10 Section, Diwen Shi finished on top with a perfect 5/5. His play is much more advanced than his 1586 rating would suggest and I believe that he will become an expert in two years. Jamil Kasam took 2nd place with 3.5/5. Zhonglin

Huang and Jakob Kaiser shared 3rd with 3/5.

In the Under 12 Section, Richard Wang was the clear favourite to win since his rating is above 2000. He did win with 4.5/5 but had a lost position against David McCullough in the very first round. A typical knight sacrifice for the g and h pawns exposed Wang's king. After a few inaccurate moves McCullough could have forced a checkmate. Desmond Baron took 2nd with 3.5/5. David McCullough and Kevin Zhao shared 3rd with 3/5. This despite David not losing a single game!

The Under 14 Section was problematic since there were only 3 players present. Thomas Kaminski won with a score of 3/3. David Zhang finished with 1/3 and Tony Cai ended up with 0/2. The games were uneven since it became a double round-robin and someone always had to have a bye. Thomas had to play David twice and won both crucial games. Since he had enough points the match was over and they all cancelled their remaining games.

Under 16 Section featured a 4-game match between Jan Lazo and Allan Wu. The two players were quite sportsmanlike and accommodating as Allan had

to postpone the match until afternoon because of a high school application. When they finally started Jan gained the upper hand by winning his first two games. But far from feeling discouraged, Allan came back by winning round 3 and scored a quick victory out of the opening in round 4. Both players looked exhausted and were not looking forward to the tie-break games. I then "offered" them a choice between completely knocking themselves out or to split the ACA sponsorship fund. Both accepted to share first place and both will compete in the CYCC in Victoria. So they are co-winners with 2/4 score.

Under 18 Section would have featured Eric Hansen vs. Victor Kaminski. Unfortunately Eric couldn't make it so Victor was declared winner.

There were trophies, medals and even cash prizes won, perhaps a first for the AYCC.

I thank Bruce Thomas and Alex Kaiser for taking photos of the event, Rob McCullough and Howard Louie for buying lunch for a hungry TD and to all the players and parents that participated.

See you in Calgary next year.



*Ian McCullough, Thomas Kaminski, Richard Wang, three of the winners from the 2009 AYCC*



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# Calgary International Chess Classic

May 14-18, 2009  
 Calgary Chess Club, 274-3359 27st.NE

## INTERNATIONAL SECTION:

9 Round Swiss, CFC/FIDE rated  
 IM norms will be possible  
 Limit of 24 players  
 Minimum CFC/FIDE rating of 2200  
 All players must have a FIDE rating  
 Time control: 90 minutes/40 moves, 30 minutes for rest of game, + 30 second increment added to each move starting from move one  
 Schedule: May 14 7 p.m., May 15-17 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
 Prize Fund: Estimated \$4,000 (minimum guaranteed \$2,500)  
 Registration Fee: Based on FIDE rating

Featured Players include  
 ARG GM Anton Kovalyov  
 USA GM John Fedorowicz  
 CAN IM Edward Porper  
 ESP IM Renier Castellanos  
 USA IM John Donaldson  
 CAN IM Tom O'Donnell  
 HUN IM Sandor Kustar

FIDE Rating	By April 30	After April 30
Over 2400	\$100	\$125
Over 2300	\$150	\$175
Over 2200	\$200	\$225
Over 2100	\$250	\$275

Top 3 boards will be broadcast live on the internet  
 Lecture & Simul schedule:  
 Wednesday, May 13, 7 p.m.: IM John Donaldson  
 Wednesday, May 13, 8:30 p.m.: TBA  
 Simul: Thursday, May 14, 11 a.m.: TBA  
 \$5 each. \$10 pass gets you into all lectures & simuls

## RESERVE SECTION:

May 16-18, 6 Round Swiss, CFC/FIDE rated  
 Time Control: Game in 110 + 30 second increment starting from move 1  
 Schedule: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. each day  
 Entry: \$40 adult, \$35 junior (under 18)

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## *Road Warrior Update*

The 2008 Road Warrior program is now complete. Here are your top finishers.

Place	Warrior	Home	Points
1	Chris White	La Crete	35.0
2	Roy Yearwood	Calgary	33.5
3	Micah Hughey	Edmonton	21.5
4	Rick Pedersen	Edmonton	19.5
5	Mike Zeggelaar	Edmonton	19.5
6	Tim Pradzinski	Grande Prairie	18.0
7	Eric Hansen	Calgary	17.0
8	Aaron Sequillion*	Edmonton/Calgary	16.5
9	Rob Gardner	Edmonton	11.5
10	Steve Panteluk	Edmonton	11.0
11	Stan Longson	Edmonton	11.0
12	John Quiring	Edmonton	11.0
13	Terry Chaisson	Lloydminster	8.5
14	Nandor Tot	Calgary	8.0
15	David Miller	Grande Prairie	8.0

Chris White finishes first for the second year in a row and earns \$175  
 Roy Yearwood finishes 2nd again for a whopping \$75  
 Micah Hughey takes clear 3rd for the \$50 cheque  
 Congratulations to the winners, see you on the road in 2009!



## 2009 Road Warrior Changes

We have changed the awarding of points slightly for 2009. There are now two ways to earn points. A single point will now be awarded to each player for each event they attend in addition to any "travel points" they accumulate. So, a typical trip from Calgary to Edmonton will get you 1 participation point, plus 3 travel points for a total of 4 points for that event.

## Seeking Sponsorship

The ACA is actively seeking sponsorship for the Road Warrior program. Watch our website for details and announcements.

Standings as of March 31, 2009			
#	Road Warrior	City	Pts
1	Roy Yearwood	Calgary	15.0
2	Aaron Sequillion	Edmonton	15.0
3	Nicholas Moloney	Calgary	14.0
4	Rick Pedersen	Edmonton	9.0
5	Ali Razzaq	Edmonton	9.0
6	Mike Zeggelaar	Edmonton	7.0
7	Rob Nisbet	Grande Prairie	7.0
8	Tim Pradzinski	Grande Prairie	7.0
9	David Miller	Grande Prairie	7.0
10	Chris White	La Crete	6.0
11	Steve Panteluk	Edmonton	6.0
12	Stan Longson	Edmonton	6.0
13	John Quiring	Edmonton	6.0
14	Ford Wong	Edmonton	6.0
15	Roland Schech	St.Albert	6.0
16	Stan Filtler	La Crete	6.0
17	Paul Viminiz	Lethbridge	6.0
18	Tom Fox	Lethbridge	6.0
19	Gregory Holmes	Lethbridge	6.0
20	Jim Daniluk	Calgary	6.0
21	Shanker Raman	Calgary	6.0
22	Terry Chaisson	Lloydminster	6.0

<i>2009 Registered Road Warrior Events</i>				
#	DATE	NAME	ORGANIZER	LOCATION
1	Jan 2-4	Schleinich Memorial	Jim Daniluk	Calgary
2	Jan 31-Feb 1	Trumpeter Classic	Tim Pradzinski	Grande Prairie
3	Feb 14-16	Northern Alberta Open	Micah Hughey	Edmonton
4	Mar 14-15	March of Kings	Jim Daniluk	Calgary
5	Apr 4-5	Lethbridge Open	Paul Viminiz	Lethbridge
6	Apr 10-12	Alberta Closed	Tony Ficzero	Calgary
7	Apr 11-12	Alberta Reserves	Tony Ficzero	Calgary
8	Apr 11-12	Alberta Women's	Tony Ficzero	Calgary
9	Apr 25-26	<b>Red Deer Open CANCELLED</b>	Tony Ficzero	Red Deer
10	May 14-18	Calgary International Open	Tony Ficzero	Calgary
11	Jun 27-28	Battle At The Border	Jamin Gluckie	Lloydminster
12	July 11-19	Canadian Open	Micah/Vlad	Edmonton
13	Sept 6-7	Over / Under 1800	Jim Daniluk	Calgary
14	Sept 19-20	Medicine Hat Open	Dr. Bill Taylor	Medicine Hat
15	Oct 10-12	Alberta Open	Ford Wong	Edmonton
16	Nov 21-22	Southern Alberta Open	Jim Daniluk	Calgary
17	Dec 19-20	4th Edmonton International Chess Festival	Vlad Rekhson	Edmonton
18	Dec 20-21	WBX Team Tournament (part of EICF)	Vlad Rekhson	Edmonton





# BEYOND ALBERTA

Take a look to see how Albertans are doing outside of the province in the rest of Canada and around the world. If you played outside of Alberta, please send in a report.

## FM Hansen at Aeroflot

The 2009 Aeroflot Open took place in February with the usual assortment of GM's from around the world. The tournament is divided into four sections; A1, A2, B, C. Eric played in a very strong A2 section which had 84 players in total made up of 20 GM's, 33 IM's, and an assortment of WGM's, WIM's, and FM's. Hansen faced tough opposition in each round and finished with a respectable 3.5/9. Eric managed wins against IM Nikola1 Pokazanjev, IM Andrei Obodchuk, and FM Oleg Zilbert, all of Russia. Eric also managed a draw against IM Nikolay Konovalov of

Russia. Congratulations on your fine performance Eric.

## Saskatchewan Open

Several Alberta players travelled to Saskatoon to play in the 2009 Saskatchewan Open. Keith MacKinnon of North Battleford SK went undefeated with 4.5/5 to take clear first. Rick Pedersen put in the best Alberta performance with 4/5, followed closely by Roy Yearwood at 3.5/5. Micah Hughey and Aaron Sequillion managed 3/5, while Jamin Gluckie and Terry Chaisson finished with 2.5/5. Mike Sekuloff rounded out the pack scoring 1.5/5. A total of 22 players took part and 4 provinces were represented (AB, SK, PEI, MB). Robert Sasata directed.

## Donation Grant Program

Whether it's a donation of \$10 a month or \$100 a month, Albertans know the importance of charitable giving. In fact, Albertans are already some of the most giving and generous people anywhere, and it is through this giving that the Alberta government has developed the Community Spirit Program.

- Maximum donation grant is \$25,000 per year, with total donation grants not to exceed \$50,000 over three years.
- \$1,000 in eligible cash donations is required prior to applying for a donation grant.
- The donation grant can be used to support operations, programs and/or capital projects.

Donations must come from "individuals" and not from a business.

The donation grant will be calculated by dividing the program's available funds by the amount of eligible cash donations from individuals that have been received by eligible applicants. The donation grant will vary from year to year depending on the number of applications and value of donations, subject to an annual maximum of \$25,000 per organization or \$50,000 over three years.

The program has an annual application deadline date of December 31 and is based on cash donations from individual Albertans that have been raised over a 12 month period ending on the organization's year end date.

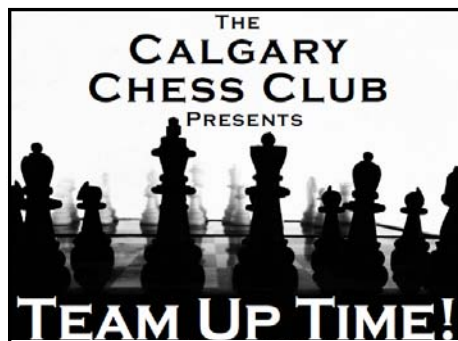
Donations prior to January 1, 2007 will not be accepted.

The Alberta Chess Association is asking for your donation. You can make your donation at the club, or by mail. Cheques should be made payable to "The Alberta Chess Association" and in the notes section it should specify that the money is being donated towards the Community Spirit Program.



Please mail your cheques to Tony Ficzer, 58 Martin Crossing Court NE, Calgary, Alberta, T3J 3P3

For more info visit [www.communityspiritprogram.ca](http://www.communityspiritprogram.ca)



**T**his five (5) rounds tournament will take place every Tuesday, starting at 7:00 P.M., from April 14 to May 12 of 2009, at the CCC (274-3359 27 Street NE. Calgary, AB T1Y 5E4. Tel.: (403) 264-9498.)



**For more information contact Stephan Vasilev by email at [stephanchuk77@yahoo.com](mailto:stephanchuk77@yahoo.com)**

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## Calgary Regional Chess Challenge

By Simon Ong

As of March 20th, registrations for the Calgary Regional Chess Challenge had reached over 35 players, including previous provincial champions: Diwen Shi, YueKai Wang (Quebec champion), Nicka Kalaydina, David Zhang, and Johan Piera. As well, we had many strong players (over 1500 CFC) who participated in this year's Junior Battle of Alberta: Jose Luna, Jan Edmund Lazo, Tony Cai, and Raymond Ong. One of the biggest problems with the CJCC this year was that we had little success in attracting lower grade players.

However, thanks to Angelo Tolentino, the chess teacher of **St. Vincent de Paul**, for getting many of his students, including his sons to play in our tournament. The Calgary Regional Chess Challenge was held on March 21st with poor weather and road conditions. Many players who had originally signed up dropped out early that morning. Despite this, the regional attracted nearly 30 players. Winners of the regional advance to the provincial finals, the Alberta Chess Challenge being held in Edmonton on April 18. Winners of the provincial will receive free airfare to Toronto to play in the Canadian Chess Challenge over the long weekend in May.

The Calgary Regional Chess Challenge was comprised of four sections: grade 1-2, grade 3-5, grade 6-7, and grade 8-12. Players had a chance to compete with players in their own grade and other grade levels. We awarded trophies to the winners and runner-ups. We managed to crown twelve Calgary regional champions:

Grade 1. Patrick Angelo D. Tolentino

Grade 2. Andre Angelo D. Tolentino

Grade 3. Artyom Akhverdiev

Grade 4. Diwen Shi

Grade 5. Bill Xu

Grade 6. YueKai Wang

Grade 7. Tony Cai

Grade 8. David Zhang

Grade 9. Jan Edmund Lazo

Grade 10. Raymond Ong

Grade 11. Jose Luna

Grade 12. Johan Piera

Three of the regional champions dominated their sections and obtained perfect scores: Andre Tolentino, Diwen Shi and Jose Luna. Andre Tolentino had been runner-up at many junior tournaments includ-



Jan Lazo



Jose Luna

ing the Calgary Youth Chess Championship U8/U10 and Alberta Youth Chess Championship U8. However, this time he became Calgary Grade 2 champion and defeated all grade 1 and 2 players that participated. Likewise, Diwen Shi is another improving junior who had recently earned a perfect score against players his same age. Other than this tournament, Shi also obtained perfect scores in the Calgary Youth Chess Championship U8/U10 and

Alberta Youth Chess Champion U10. Even though there were no 11th graders who would challenge Jose Luna for the title of Calgary 11th grade champion, he proved to everyone he deserved the title by beating two of the strongest expert-level juniors: David Zhang and Jan Edmund Lazo. However, Luna's positions against the two experts were not always good as Zhang obtained a passed pawn, and Lazo had a strong king side attack. Despite this,

Luna managed to pull off the win against Zhang by mating him with two rooks and bishop after Zhang mistakenly pushed his passed pawn. Luna pulled off the win against Lazo after Lazo fell for a simple back rank mate. Another highlight of the tournament was that many of our strong juniors, including Diwen Shi and David Zhang, finished their opponents with nice mating patterns. Instead of using the heavy pieces, they used the knights. Of course, two knights can not force mate to a lone king without the help of your opponent. Both Shi and Zhang used at least four knights to finish their opponents! This style of mating was started by Jan Lazo. Lazo's mating style has greatly influence many of our juniors after his excellent performance at the March of the Kings tournament. Overall this was an excellent tournament with a great turnout considering the poor weather conditions. I will consider organizing and directing the 2010 Calgary Regional Chess Challenge and hopefully I will make this tournament better and more professional than this year. Thanks go to Stephan Vasilev and Paul Gagne who helped me get everything organized before the start of each round and DeJesus Navarrete for taking photos of players. Of course, thanks to all players that came out. Last but not least, I want to congratulate the Calgary regional champions and runner-ups and I will see you all at the Alberta Chess Challenge in Edmonton. So, "good luck" to you all. More information about the Calgary Junior Chess Club can be obtained by email: [simong89@yahoo.ca](mailto:simong89@yahoo.ca) or website [www.geocities.com/calgarychess4juniors/home.html](http://www.geocities.com/calgarychess4juniors/home.html)

**Lazo, Jan  
Zhang, David**

**B16 2009 Calgary Chess Challenge**

*Notes by Jan Lazo*

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6!?**

The Bronstein-Larsen variation. An ambitious line by black offering an inferior pawn structure in exchange for the g file and some active play.

**5.Nxf6+ gxf6 6.g3**

A change from my usual setup. I usually go for the setup in the Scandinavian defence with Bc4, Qe2, Bd2, and 0-0-0. This time, I used something different as I had a feeling he might be prepared. This setup blunts the g file, points my bishop on the queenside where the enemy king will castle, and allows me to get my classical

pawn centre (c4, d4) without limiting the scope of my bishop.

**6...Bf5**

Better was to show aggression with 6...Qd5 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Bg2 Nd7 9.0-0 0-0-0, etc.

**7.Bg2 Nd7 8.Nf3 e6 9.0-0 Qc7 10.c4**

Getting my classical pawn centre. So far, White is doing fine and Black is going for his usual setup and is ready to castle queenside. The battle of the opposing wings for the initiative will start soon.

**10...0-0-0 11.Be3**

Might have been better to delay the movement of the bishop assuming that the bishop will be exchanged later on. The tempo might be spent starting the pawn storm or moving the queen to a4 or b3 instead.

**11...Ne5 12.Qb3 Nxf3+ 13.Bxf3 Bh3!**

Stopping the movement of the h pawn which can be used to stop the black rook pawn from penetrating the enemy base.

**14.Rfd1**

14.Bg2? Allowing the exchange of bishops just weakens my control of the light squares and the strength of my queenside attack.

**14...Kb8?**

14...h4 is the move of the moment as Black's attack is faster than White's because of the open g file and the inability of White to stop the movement of the h pawn. This waiting move unnecessarily gives White extra time because of a future pin on the b file.

**15.a4 h5 16.a5 a6 17.c5?**

There was no need for White to commit himself to this pawn structure. It was time to move the rook to b4 via a4 and later place the bishop to e2 to support the queenside attack.

**17...Bh6 18.Ra3?!**

Although it defends the third rank, it's too slow if White is going for a queenside attack. Better was 18.Ra4 going for b4.

**18...h4!**

The pawn can't be captured as it opens the g file which is vital for White to blunt for as long as he can.

**19.Qc3 Rdg8 20.Bxh6?**

This only helps Black as he needs to get rid of his bishop to continue his kingside attack. Better was 20.Rb3 with the idea of Be2-a6.

**20...Rhx6 21.Qe3 Rgh8?**

21...Rg6 is the way to go as White's plan is too slow to distract Black from its kingside attack. Black's idea to place both rooks on the g file is to sacrifice a rook to

be able to place his queen on g3 going for the mate. After 21...Rgh8, White is getting some of the time he needs to continue his queenside attack.

**22.Rb3 hxg3 23.fgx3!**

White needs to defend his kingside with his remaining pieces. 23.hxg3 lessens the chances of White surviving the attack because both rooks are on the h file.

**23...Rg6 24.Be2**

Going for the cheap trick Ba6 and Rxb7.

**24...Bf5?**

24...Ka7! Is the right way to defend against the queenside attack as after 25.Rb6, Black has enough resources with 25...Qc8! To defend his queenside pawns. After 24...Bf5, the tables have turned in favour of White because of his next move.



**25.Bxa6!**

Black forgets the fact that the rook is on b3, and not a3. White's attack is now decisive.

**25...Bc2 26.Rxb7+! Qxb7 27.Bxb7 Bxd1**

Black gets his two rooks for his queen but the three passed pawns and the insecurity of the Black king makes White's queen superior to the two rooks.

**28.Bxc6 Kc7 29.Bf3?**

The White bishop need not be exchanged as it only eases Blacks problems. The way to keep the advantage is 29.Bg2 with the idea of Qe4, exploiting Black's light square weaknesses.

**29...Bxf3 30.Qxf3 Rb8 31.Qf4+ Kc8 32.Qd2?**

32.a6 is the move and after that, it will soon be game over. Black can't take the b2 pawn as 33.a7 Rb1+ 34.Kg2 Rb2+ 35.Kh3, Black can't stop the pawn from promoting because 35...Ra2 allows 36.Qb8+ Kd7 37.a8=Q and 37...Kb7 hangs a rook after 38.Qb8+.

**32...Rg5 33.b4 Rd5 34.Qc3 Kc7 1-0**

## Edmonton scholastic players eager for improving their competitive skills

By Bruce Thomas

With the emphasis right now being on preparations for the Alberta Chess Challenge on April 18, Edmonton and region scholastic chess players are heavily involved not only in tournament play but in various learning opportunities.

The Roving ChessNuts have opened a training facility at 12013 76 Street in Edmonton which is offering lessons to individuals and groups as well as training tournaments for various levels of players, ranging from raw beginners to provincial and national contenders. The facility has electronic chess boards to record games and is adding video and computer stations to supplement live instructions, and to also offer chess instruction to schools and individuals located anywhere via internet and video conferencing.

At Friday night drop-in sessions, instructor Ivan Gonzalez offers a lesson and coaching tips, and the players are involved in an on-going tournament which will end in early May. On other scholastic chess

fronts, a number of Edmonton and region schools are now putting together their best teams for the 2008/09 school year, Team Chess Championship which is to be held Sunday, April 26, at Edmonton Chess Club. The championship title appears up for grabs as defending Westbrook Elementary has won only one of the four team matches this school year. York Academic has won two of the matches while New Horizons won the last one held on February 22.

In regards to the Alberta Challenge, the main Edmonton regional event attracted 78 players, and secondary qualifiers for those players unable to attend the March 22 regional are involving another 20 to 30 players. Edmonton is hosting the 2009 Challenge and so far besides scores of Edmonton region players, the event will have competitors from Medicine Hat, Lacre and Calgary. Persons interested in scholastic chess activities can e-mail [rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca](mailto:rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca) and subscribe to the free almost weekly Chess Teasers filled with news, photos, and notices of upcoming events, including special summer Chess and Barbecue in the Park and year-round chess learning opportunities.



*The success of chess students at New Horizons School led to the charter school which has relocated to Ardrossan from Sherwood Park, to buy a chess-only trophy case for its lobby. The trouble now is that after three years of various victories in elementary school team events, the trophy case is close to being filled! Principal Ted Zarowny poses with some of this year chess team players.*

# Alberta Chess Challenge

## Saturday, April 18, 2009

Hungarian Cultural Society Hall, 12845 68 Street Edmonton

**12 Scholastic Chess Champions will be determined in round-robin and swiss sections**

Each champ will receive trophy, \$100 award from Society of Alberta Chess Knights (SACK), airfare to Toronto for the National Chess Challenge from Alberta Chess Association (ACA), other expenses paid from proceeds from this event and various regional chess challenges. Other awards and draw prizes to be presented to other participants.

- Participants have to register and pay entry fee (\$25 which includes pizza lunch) by April 15 after having qualified at a regional challenge. Registration forms and information sheet available at: [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com)
- Registered participants must sign in at playing site between 9:30 and 10 a.m. on April 18.
- Further information about this event and how to enter it can be obtained from Bruce Thomas, provincial coordinator for Chess'n Math Association, 780-474-2318, or e-mail: [rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca](mailto:rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca)



This event is supported by **Alberta Chess Association** and **Society of Alberta Chess Knights**  
 Organized by **Roving ChessNuts** as part of **National Chess Challenge** under the national **Chess'n Math Association**

## WHERE TO PLAY CHESS IN ALBERTA!

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<p><b>Calgary Junior Chess Club</b> #274, 3359-27th St. NE (Parma Tech Centre, North Building) Contact: Simon Ong Email: <a href="mailto:simong89@yahoo.ca">simong89@yahoo.ca</a> Website: <a href="http://www.geocities.com/calgarychess4juniors/home.html">www.geocities.com/calgarychess4juniors/home.html</a></p>	<p><b>Hanna Chess Club</b> United Church on Centre St. Contact Jon, 403.854.3412</p>	<p><b>Sherwood Park</b> Second Cup on Baseline Road Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to closing time Contact: Les Jones, 780.467.7393</p>
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<p><b>Edmonton Chess Club</b> #204, 10840-124 St. Mondays &amp; Thursdays, 7-11 p.m. Saturdays, 1-5 p.m. Phone 780. 424.0283 Website: <a href="http://edmontonchessclub.org/">edmontonchessclub.org/</a></p>	<p><b>Lethbridge</b> Contact: Kent Karapita Email: <a href="mailto:kentkarapita@hotmail.com">kentkarapita@hotmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>EDMONTON CASUAL CHESS</b> For general information or if you are interested in setting up a new casual site in Northern Alberta. Contact: Bruce Thomas 780.474.2318 Email: <a href="mailto:rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca">rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca</a></p>
<p><b>Edmonton Castle Downs</b> Castledowns Public Library program room, 106 Lakeside Landing, 15379 Castle Downs Road Tuesdays 1-4:30 p.m. Casual chess - no clocks, no ratings; open to all ages, up to 16 players involved.</p>	<p><b>University of Lethbridge</b> Contact: Thomas Fox Email: <a href="mailto:thomas.fox@uleth.ca">thomas.fox@uleth.ca</a> Website: <a href="http://people.uleth.ca/~chess.club/">people.uleth.ca/~chess.club/</a></p>	<p><b>Edmonton-Blackspot Café</b> 15120 Stony Plain Road Sundays, 2-10 p.m. Sets are available.</p>
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### Upcoming ACA Events at a Glance

DATE	NAME	ORGANIZER	LOCATION
Apr TBD	La Crete	Chris White	La Crete
Apr 4-5	Lethbridge Open	Paul Viminitz	Lethbridge
Apr 10-12	Alberta Closed	Tony Ficzere	Calgary
Apr 10-12	Alberta Reserves	Tony Ficzere	Calgary
Apr 10-12	Alberta Women's	Tony Ficzere	Calgary
Apr 18	Alberta Chess Challenge Finals	Bruce Thomas	Edmonton
Apr 26	ACA Board Meeting		Red Deer
May TBD	La Crete	Chris White	La Crete
May 14-18	Calgary International Chess Classic	Tony Ficzere	Calgary
June 6	Alberta Active Championship	Adie Todd	Calgary

## 2009 Alberta Closed

April 10-12  
 Calgary Chess Club, 274 3359 27th St. NE, Parma Tech Centre, North Building  
 CFC/FIDE rated (FIDE rules apply)  
 \$600 prize fund & the winner earns a spot in the next Canadian Closed, expenses paid by the Alberta Chess Association  
 The games may be broadcast live via DGT boards.  
 Format: 6 player round robin  
 The drawing of lots will take place April 10 prior to the first round  
 The final list of players are:  
 Eric Hansen, Edward Porper, Rob Gardner, Greg Huber, Jeff Reeve, Vladimir Pechenkin  
 Tournament Director: Tony Ficzero  
 Schedule:  
 Round 1: Friday, April 10, 7 p.m.  
 Round 2: Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m.  
 Round 3: Saturday, April 11, 6 p.m.  
 Round 4: Sunday, April 12, 10 a.m.  
 Round 5: Sunday, April 12, 6 p.m.  
 Time Control: 90 minutes/40 moves, then 30 minutes, +30 seconds increment from move 1



## 2009 Alberta Reserves

April 10-12  
 Calgary Chess Club, 274 3359 27th St. NE, Parma Tech Centre, North Building  
 5 Round Swiss, CFC/FIDE rated (FIDE rules apply)  
 CFC membership required, can be purchased at site  
 TD: Tony Ficzero  
**Time Control:**  
 Rounds 1-3 Game in 90 + 30 second increment from move 1  
 Round 4&5 Game in 110 + 30 second increment from move 1  
**Byes:** 1/2 point byes available in first 3 rounds if notified before the start of round 1  
**Schedule:**  
 Round 1: Friday, April 10, 7 p.m.  
 Round 2: Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m.  
 Round 3: Saturday, April 11, 5 p.m.  
 Round 4: Sunday, April 12, 10 a.m.  
 Round 5: Sunday, April 12, ASAP after round 4  
**Registration:** \$30 Adult, \$25 Junior (under 18)  
 Email tficzero@telus.net to register  
 On-site registration: Friday, April 10, 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Cash only on site!  
**Prize Fund:** Based on entries + donations  
 Door prizes may be available. Contact the organizer for suggestions



## 2009 Alberta Women's Championship

April 10-12  
 Calgary Chess Club, 274 3359 27th St. NE, Parma Tech Centre, North Building  
 CFC/FIDE rated (FIDE rules apply)  
 CFC membership required, can be purchased at site  
 TD: Tony Ficzero  
**Format:** Depends on the number of entries  
 Format 1: 7 or more entries - 5 Round Swiss  
 Final format will be announced April 9  
**Time Control:** To be determined after format is decided  
**Schedule:** To be determined after format is decided  
**Registration:** \$30 Adult, \$25 Junior (under 18)  
 Email tficzero@telus.net to register  
 On-site registration: Friday, April 10, 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Cash only at site!  
**Prize Fund:**  
 Winner will represent Alberta in the next Canadian Women's Champion, expenses paid by ACA.  
 Cash Prizes: Based on entries + donations  
 All 3 events are registered *Road Warrior* events, sponsored by the ACA



## TOP 40 CFC RATED ALBERTANS

31-Mar-09

#	Name	Rating
1	Porper, Eduard	2460
2	Hansen, Eric	2428
3	Gicev, Blagoj	2378
4	Huber, Gregory	2351
5	Reeve, Jeff	2324
6	Pechenkin, Vladimir	2321
7	Peter, Steven	2309
8	Kaminski, Victor	2301
9	Ristovic, Nenad	2300
10	Neven, Knut	2287
11	Haessel, Dale	2270
12	Kazmaier, Daniel	2266
13	Gardner, Robert J.	2244
14	Haynes, Nicolas	2228
15	Schaeffer, Jonathan	2206
16	Moloney, Nicholas	2206
17	Hughey, Micah	2179
18	Grumic, Sasa	2174
19	Vasilev, Stephan	2160
20	Rekhson, Vladislav	2157
21	Kazakevich, Anastasia	2142
22	Nguyen, Kim	2140
23	Booker, Brad	2138
24	Perron, Sean	2134
25	Robichaud, Martin	2132
26	Kaminski, Thomas	2096
27	Gluckie, Jamin	2093
28	Monaghan, Jim	2090
29	Gold, Itohan	2088
30	Pedersen, Rick	2080
31	Gorelik, Lev	2079
32	Campbell, Gordon	2077
33	Willis, Bradley J.	2072
34	Yam, Alex	2060
35	Purewal, Sardul	2059
36	Yearwood, Roy	2040
37	Karmali, Hafiz	2023
38	Lazo, Jan	2020
39	Dean, Tim	2009
40	Wang, Richard	2008

## TOP 10 FIDE RATED ALBERTANS

31-Mar-09

#	Name	Rating
1	Porper, Edward	2435
2	Hansen, Eric	2398
3	Pechenkin, Vladimir	2312
4	Peter, Steven	2264
5	Ristovic, Nenad	2252
6	Huber, Greg	2245
7	Kaminski, Victor	2244
8	Reeve, Jeff	2241
9	Haessel, Dale	2203
10	Neven, Knut	2199



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**BYES:** Maximum of 3 available rounds 1-8  
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## SCHEDULE

Round 1 Saturday July 11th 4.00 PM  
Round 2 Sunday July 12th 4.00 PM  
Round 3-7 Monday to Friday July 13th-17th 6.00 PM  
Round 8 Saturday July 18th 4.00 PM  
Round 9 Sunday July 19th 12.00 PM  
Awards Presentation Sunday July 19th 6.00 PM

## ENTRY FEE:

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1 <sup>st</sup> : \$3000	\$1,200	\$1,100	\$1,000	\$700	\$600	\$500	Top Senior 50+ \$550
2 <sup>nd</sup> : \$2000	\$800	\$750	\$700	\$500	\$400	\$300	Top Junior <18 \$550
3 <sup>rd</sup> : \$1500	\$500	\$600	\$500	\$300	\$300	\$200	Top Female \$550
4 <sup>th</sup> : \$1200	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$250	\$250		
5 <sup>th</sup> \$800	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200		
6 <sup>th</sup> \$600							
7 <sup>th</sup> \$500							
8 <sup>th</sup> \$400							

\*Each participant can claim only one prize