



Alberta Chess Report

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GM Khachiyan claims Edmonton International title

by **Vladislav Rekhson**

Grandmaster Melik Khachiyan proved that he is a real monster and took the field apart with a 7.5/9 score at Edmonton Chess Club, site of the invitational match, August 2 through 6.

GM Jesse Kraai was able to recover from a slow start to finish with 6.5/9.

IM John Donaldson earned his 33rd IM norm as he cruised to a very nice 6/9 result, finishing third.

GM Valeriy Aveskulov and IM Axel Bachmann didn't have very good tournaments and tied for 4th.

Aveskulov had problems with Albertans and

also lost badly against IM Donaldson, while IM Bachmann couldn't quite compete with the top guys even though he was probably the most convincing in beating the Albertans.

Albertan results

There was a two-way tie for the top Albertan between Leaf Li and Greg Huber who each finished with 3.5/9.

They both finished with a point against the three GMs, as Leaf drew GM Aveskulov in the last round.

FM Yanayt had his IM hopes crushed early and finished with 3/9.

Last place was shared by Jeff Reeve and Dale Haessel with 2/9 each.



Edmonton International organizer and match director, Vlad Rekhson watches FM Greg Huber play event winner Grandmaster Melik Khachiyan.

Calgary Club gets its own site; Edmonton Club is renovating

Thanks to its first dose of casino funding, Calgary Chess Club players now have their own rented facility.

The club recently opened at #274, 3359 27 Street NE (Parma Tech Centre - North Building) and has both a tournament room and club room with a total space of 2000 square feet.

"We can accommodate all types of players, from the casual to the tournament type," says the club's website at: www.calgarychess.com.

Meanwhile in Edmonton, renovations at the chess club's #204, 10840 124 Street location continue.

An interior wall has been moved to increase the tournament room so it can comfortably seat up to 60 adult players.

Exterior window signs, window shades, new paint and other improvements have been made.

However, the laying of new carpet has been delayed pending negotiations with the landlord

over a leaking roof problem.



Edmonton Chess Club's skittles area is usually a beehive of activity for spectators and players.

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WHERE TO PLAY CHESS IN ALBERTA!

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Reeve takes Alberta Closed title

by **Richard Pua**
Losing only one game, Jeff Reeve of Edmonton became the 2007 Alberta Champion in April

rob in held in Calgary and directed by ACA director Micah Hughey, Reeve finished with the top score of 4/5.

was Vicente Lee Jr. of Edmonton while Alberta's top rated junior, Victor Kaminski of Calgary, tied with Edmontonian Rob Gardner for third place.

In a 6-player round-	Runner-up in the event		
1 Reeve, Jeff	2322 2547 2344	X 1 1 1 0 1	4.0
2 Lee Jr., Vicente	2340 2384 2344	0 X 0 1 1 1	3.0
3 Kaminski, Victor	2305 2311 2306	0 1 X 0 = 1	2.5
4 Gardner, Robert J.	2304 2311 2305	0 0 1 X = 1	2.5
5 Neven, Knut	2307 2230 2299	1 0 = = X 0	2.0
6 Mitrovic, Sinisa	2280 2076 2260	0 0 0 0 1 X	1.0

FM Gicev captures Northern Alberta Open

by **Richard Pua**
Knights of Columbus Nazareno Chapter and the Alberta Chess Association teamed up to produce an extremely interesting 2007 Northern Alberta Open earlier this year.

rated over 2000 - 20 - was astonishing. And seven of those were rated over 2300.

defeating IM Vicente Lee Jr. in the final round.

Arniel Frialde and Micah Hughey organized the event which had a guaranteed prize fund of \$2000.

Blagoj Gicev of Edmonton took clear first place prize of \$500 with a perfect score of 5/5.

Desperately trying to win, Vicente was creating great complications in a queen+knight+pawns ending when his clock ran out.

The event attracted 53 players of all strengths, but the number of players

There was a four-way tie for second overall between Greg Huber, Victor Kaminski, Zhichao (Leaf) Li and Nic Haynes each having 4/5 scores.

In the 1801-2000 section, David Mrugala and Rick Pedersen shared first with 3.5 out of 5 points.

Li capped off his comeback to Alberta chess by

In the 1601-1800 section, Wade Caughlin took first with a 2.5/5 score.

Adam Harris, Terry Chaisson and Mike Sekuloff were runner-ups with 2/5.

In the Under 1600 and Unrated sections, Itohan Gold won with 3.5/5 points.



Blagoj Gicev, Edmonton's current chess champ and winner of the Northern Alberta Open took on and beat all challengers at a Canada Day simultaneous display on the steps of Edmonton City Hall. Related article and photo on Page 6.

Chess Federation of Canada Top 50 Players of Alberta as of August 15, 2007

1	Gicev, Blagoj	Edmonton, AB	2382
2	Huber, Gregory	Calgary, AB	2324
3	Reeve, Jeff	Edmonton, AB	2320
4	Peter, Steven	Calgary, AB	2303
5	Neven, Knut	Calgary, AB	2299
6	Li, Zhichao	Edmonton, AB	2278
7	Kaminski, Victor	Calgary, AB	2259
8	Mitrovic, Sinisa	Calgary, AB	2257
9	Haessel, Dale	Calgary, AB	2257
10	Hansen, Eric	Calgary, AB	2235
11	Schaeffer, Jonathan	Edmonton, AB	2206
12	Perron, Sean	Cochrane, AB	2200
13	Grumic, Sasa	Edmonton, AB	2197
14	Rekhson, Vladislav	Edmonton, AB	2185
15	Kazmaier, Daniel	Calgary, AB	2182
16	Nguyen, Kim	Calgary, AB	2172
17	Yearwood, Roy	Calgary, AB	2157
18	Hughey, Micah	Edmonton, AB	2152
19	Booker, Brad	Calgary, AB	2145
20	Robichaud, Martin	Calgary, AB	2142
21	Monaghan, Jim	Cold Lake, AB	2090
22	Campbell, Gordon	Calgary, AB	2077
23	Purewal, Sardul	Edmonton, AB	2075
24	Willis, Bradley J.	Edmonton, AB	2063
25	Daniluk, Jim	Calgary, AB	2056
26	Mrugala, David	Edmonton, AB	2040
27	Yam, Alex	Calgary, AB	2027
28	Karmali, Hafiz	Edmonton, AB	2025
29	Stark, Mark	Edmonton, AB	2019
30	Kaminski, Thomas	Calgary, AB	2016
31	Kuczaj, Chris	Calgary, AB	1997
32	Dean, Tim	Edmonton, AB	1989
33	Watson, Walter	Calgary, AB	1987
34	Trikha, Ravi	Calgary, AB	1984
35	Steele, Len C.	Edmonton, AB	1984
36	Pedersen, Rick	Edmonton, AB	1982
37	MacIntosh, John J.	Calgary, AB	1974
38	Miller, Brian	Calgary, AB	1971
39	Regimbald, Adrien	Edmonton, AB	1967
40	Rusnell, Lorne	Edmonton, AB	1966
41	Hinds, Dr. Ronald	Calgary, AB	1959
42	Tinio, Allen	Wainwright, AB	1944
43	Sorgard, Graham	Iron Springs, AB	1935
44	Tot, Nandor	Calgary, AB	1929
45	Pivovarov, Juraj	Calgary, AB	1919
46	Chrumka, Jeff	Calgary, AB	1910
47	Taylor, William P.	Medicine Hat, AB	1907
48	Milne, Arthur	Calgary, AB	1896
49	Santbergen, Joseph	Calgary, AB	1890
50	Pradzinski, Tim	Grande Prairie, AB	1885

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Help needed to keep updated

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Harris Wang and Kyle Duggan were runner-ups with 3/5 points.

See the CFC crosstables section for all results: www.chess.ca/xtable.asp?TNum=200703047

South soundly beats North

by Bruce Thomas

Led by the teenage Kaminski brothers of Calgary, The South blew away The North, 15.5 to 8.5, in the Battle of Alberta played in Red Deer on August 18.

Alberta's only junior Master, Victor Kaminski, and his brother, Thomas, were the only players from either side to win both their games in this annual competition that pits the top 12 players from southern Alberta against the top 12 players from northern Alberta in two-game matches.

While the North had won the Battle trophy in 2006 and went into the latest Battle with a higher average rating (2173.5 compared to the South's 2163.6), it was the South that easily triumphed.

In the individual matches, each side had six players paired against lower-rated players.

The top performer for The North was Lizandro Lopez who scored 1.5 - 0.5 over his opponent, Taco Van Ieperen.

For the North, four players, Blagoj Gicev, Nic Haynes, Sasa Grumic,

Anastasia Kazakevich and Jamin Gluckie, managed to split their matches.

But the South surged ahead with the Kaminski boys contributing four points, backed up by 1.5 efforts by Knut Neven, Itohan Gold, Daniel Kazmaier and Ravi Trikha.

The North team was captained by Micah Hughey while Jim Daniluk organized the victorious South squad.

The Battle Trophy will now reside in the new residence of Calgary Chess Club.

Battle of Alberta Results

North Player - Rating (Score)	South Player - Rating (Score)
1. FM Blagoj Gicev 2374 (1)	FM Greg Huber 2323 (1)
2. Rob Gardner 2273 (0.5)	Knut Neven 2299 (1.5)
3. Leaf Li 2266 (0)	Victor Kaminski 2285 (2)
4. Nic Haynes 2229 (1)	Eric Hansen 2231 (1)
5. Vlad Rekhson 2185 (0.5)	Itohan Gold 2219 (1.5)
6. Micah Hughey 2181(0.5)	Daniel Kazmaier 2214 (1.5)
7. Sasa Grumic 2177 (1)	Roy Yearwood 2164 (1)
8. Anastasia Kazakevich 2153 (1)	Martin Robichaud 2142 (1)
9. Lizandro Lopez 2134 (1.5)	Taco Van Ieperen 2049 (0.5)
10. Jamin Gluckie 2120 (1)	Jim Daniluk 2037 (1)
11. Hafiz Karmali 2025 (0)	Thomas Kaminski 2016 (2)
12. Rick Pedersen 1965 (0.5)	Ravi Trikha 1984 (1.5)

GM Yermolinsky wins Active

A spring tour of Alberta by Grandmaster Alex Yermolinsky gave many players in Edmonton and Calgary a chance to learn and play.

The Grandmaster topped off his visit by winning the Alberta Active Championship.

Yermolinsky's Calgary visit consisted of a lecture on Friday evening, winning the Active on Saturday and then conducting a Sunday clinic for players rated 2200 and above.

ACA director Vlad Rekhson noted that while it might seem strange for a U.S.-based GM to hold the Alberta Active title, "he isn't exactly an Alberta resident, but with all his trips to Alberta in the past couple of years I think that he is close enough".

But the GM did not go home without a battle wound.

He scored only 5/6 at the Alberta Active which

was the same score as a young Calgary Master.

"He actually had to share first place with Victor Kaminski, but because he defeated him in a head to head match and that is the first tie-break in Alberta tournaments, he gets this all important title," reports Rekhson.



GM Yermolinsky ponders a move during a simultaneous display at the Edmonton Chess Club

Yermolinsky's one loss was to Calgarian Roy Yearwood who after 30 years of playing competitive chess was able to get his first GM scalp.

"I don't think that I've ever seen Roy so happy!" noted Rekhson.

Yearwood finished third with a 4.5/6 score.

At the closing lecture attended by 12 players, the Grandmaster spoke on opposite colour bishop end games, along with some middle game ideas.

He also analyzed Micah Hughey's games against GM Kevin Spragett and the end of his own Alberta Active game against Greg Huber.

Huber was responsible for organizing Yermolinsky's appearances in both Edmonton and Calgary.

Alberta Chess Association sponsored this GM tour and had previously sponsored an appearance by GM Yermolinsky in Medicine Hat.



Rick Pedersen (left) and Richard Pua battle in the C Section of the Edmonton International.

Four sectional first places shared by seven players

While most of the attention at the Edmonton International was focused on the invitational top section, there were four other round-robins which were played August 3, 4 and 5, at Edmonton Chess Club.

FM Blagoj Gicev won the six-player B section with four points out of a possible 5.

Section C saw a tie between David Mrugala and Richard Pua as each scored 3.5/5.

There was a traffic jam at the top of Section D as Jason Wihnon, Terry Chaisson and Yi Lun (Allan) Wu each scored 3.5/5.

George Sponga claimed Section E with five wins in six games, although his last victory of the competition took 138 moves.

A total of 25 players were involved in these sections which were directed by Micah Hughey.

Gicev defeats Lee for Edmonton Champ title

This special tournament comprised of 16 of Edmonton's top players engaged in a 2-game-match knockout format to determine the Edmonton champion of 2007.

Round 1 results:

There was only one upset in this round. Richard Pua defeated Sardul Purewal in a play-off. The first game was drawn and then the second game was cancelled. Pua then won the playoff match of two games played in G/25 minutes + 30 sec increments.

Vicente Lee, 2337, vs. David Ostapchuk, 1818, ended with Lee winning both games.

Blagoj Gicev, 2324, vs. David Brodman, 1833, saw two victories for the higher rated player.

Jeff Reeve, 2306, vs. Jason Wihnon, 1845, had

Reeve win both contests.

Robert Gardner, 2302, defeated Rick Pedersen, 1882, in their two games.

Micah Hughey, 2282, bumped off Mark Stark, 1967, in two straight.

Vladislav Rekhson, 2208, vs. David Mrugala, 1995, had Rekhson win both games.

Sasa Grumic, 2134, knocked out Tim Dean, 2067, with two victories.

Round 2 results:

Vicente Lee Jr., Robert Gardner, Jeff Reeve and Blagoj Gicev won their respective matches.

Gicev had the toughest pairing as he drew his first two games with Rekhson. The first two playoff games were drawn as well. In the second set of playoffs, Gicev managed to win both games which occurred at G/10 minutes + 10 sec increments.

Lee eliminated Grumic with a 1.5-0.5 score.

Gardner knocked off Hughey, 1.5-0.5.

Jeff Reeve crushed Pua's hopes in two straight games.

Round 3 results:

Lee defeated Gardner, 1.5-0.5, to get a chance to defend his Edmonton Closed title.

Meanwhile, Gicev defeated Reeve in a play-off, 2.5-1.5.

Round 4 results:

FM Gicev won the first game against IM Lee with the black pieces in an English Opening.

Then he hung on for a draw in the last game to capture the title of Edmonton Champion for 2007.

See Page 8 for Reserves results



Casual players enjoy some sunshine and chess at Edmonton's Winston Churchill Square.

City helps promote chess

Through the efforts of The Roving ChessNuts, chess is being promoted on a regular basis in co-operation with the City of Edmonton, and the long-term plan is for permanent outdoor chess tables to be installed at Sir Winston Churchill Square.

In May and June, The ChessNuts' Bruce Thomas and Richard Pua held casual chess sessions on the Square on Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. These sessions attracted a variety of people, ranging from young street people, the occasional drunk, office workers and passers-by. Information about Edmonton Chess Club and other chess learning and playing opportunities were distributed.

The casual chess sessions on Wednesdays are now continuing in August and until September 12, 10:30 to 1:30 at the Atco Patio on the south side of the square. All levels and ages of players are invited to attend.

Alberta Chess Association Schedule for rest of 2007

The following tournaments/events are sponsored by the Alberta Chess Association or are among those receiving ACA support

Date	Name of Tournament/Event	Organizer	Location
August 26	ACA Board Meeting	Ford Wong	Red Deer
September 1-2	Over / Under 1800	Mark Cole	Calgary
September 15-16	Medicine Hat Open	Dr. Bill Taylor	Medicine Hat
September 29-30	Junior Battle at the Border	Bruce Thomas	Lloydminster
October 6-8	Alberta Open	Ford Wong	Edmonton
October 27	Junior Battle of Alberta	Bruce Thomas	Red Deer
November 10-11	Alberta Junior	Richard Pua	Calgary
November 17-18	Southern Alberta Open	Jim Daniluk	Calgary
November 25	ACA Board Meeting	Ford Wong	Red Deer
December 15-16	Before Christmas Open	Vlad Rekhson	Edmonton

**For further information about these events check on the websites:
<http://acachess.org/> or www.rovingchessnuts.com**



A radio mascot looks on as FM Blagoj Gicev plays a Canada Day simultaneous on the steps of Edmonton City Hall - this has been just one of many chess promotional activities occurring recently in Edmonton.

Yearwood wins last event at old Calgary playing site

Wrapping up its activities at the Banff Trail Centre prior to moving to its new location, Calgary Chess Club held its Summer Active #2 Tournament during July, directed by Simon Ong.

Roy Yearwood was the overall winner with four victories and one draw against runner-up Eric Hansen who suffered a second draw against Raymond Ong.

Right behind Hansen's four-point effort was Brian Miller at 3.5.

There were four play-

ers tied for fourth place with 3.0 scores each: Vladimir Lapiy, Daniel Kazmaier, Ravi Trikha and Vlad Constantinescu.

Scoring 2.5 out of a possible five points were: Raymond Ong, Aaron Sequillion and Chase Cunningham.

Arthur Milne was the only player with two points.

Other competitors finishing with 1.5 or 1.0 scores were: Tony Cai, Simon Ong, Diwen Shi, Dewese Wood and Gordon Cheung.

Opinion Column ...

Promoting the Value of Chess

by Bruce Thomas

Many chess authorities are reporting that chess in North America has never been more popular, even surpassing the previous high tide mark when a media craze was created in the early 1970's as American Bobby Fischer took the world championship crown away from Russian Boris Spassky.

Most of the growth in organized chess is coming in the youth sector while adult chess numbers are fluctuating in various parts of the continent. In Canada, the Chess Federation of Canada has been experiencing various problems including membership numbers, but the Chess'n Math Association continues to do well with the number of new youths joining its rating lists.

Chess is the world's most popular and respected board game with a rich history in many parts of the world. While the game originated in the Middle East and was introduced in Europe prior to the 1400's, it has continuously spread to the point that almost every country now has a national chess organization.

The greatest chess talents used to be products of European nations, the former Soviet Union and occasionally the United States and a few other countries like Cuba. But now Grandmasters, often at a young age, are cropping up around the globe and countries like China and India are gaining prominence in the top levels of the sport.

Young talent and public awareness

In Canada, and in Alberta, the rise of talented young chess players has been great. Chess awareness by the general public has also grown, thanks to chess being viewed as a game of intelligence and constantly being used in advertising by a variety of professions and businesses, and also thanks to chess being used educationally in a growing number of North American school jurisdictions.

Outside of the major professional sports, there is not another game or sport that is as often portrayed in the major media. The Edmonton Journal has twice in the past year featured local junior players on its front page and there are frequent chess photos in most major newspapers. Again in Edmonton, local chess has been recently used in the news or as a feature by at least three television stations.

Thanks in large part to generous provincial casino funding, the chess community in Alberta is the envy of chess bodies across the country. Despite still having relatively few adult numbers, casino funding has allowed the Alberta Chess Association and the chess clubs of Edmonton and Calgary to host major events, support the travel of top players to national and international events, and have respectable chess facilities in the two cities.

Tremendous growth in scholastic chess has been seen in Edmonton and the surrounding region through aggressive school programming, and there are other smaller pockets of growth in Alberta youth chess.

Public awareness of chess has also been helped a lot by not only the media attention forementioned, but by promotional activities such as Calgary Chess Club providing players for a formal charity event. There have also been numerous promotional activities in Edmonton which involved chess being featured at large scale public events associated with Family Day and Canada Day and outdoor chess in public places. Not to be forgotten is the Medicine Hat Giant Chess Set which has become a major tourist attraction.

But despite all this good news, there is still a lot of work to be done by chess organizations and players to attract more players and more sponsorship. This has to be done by promoting the value of chess as a sport and as an educational tool for all ages, whether it be teaching young students how to use logical reasoning or using chess to improve and maintain the mental faculties of senior citizens.

At the National Chess Challenge, provincial co-ordinators from eastern provinces said that national chess is beginning to suffer because without more sponsorship or funding such as Alberta enjoys, it is just getting too expensive for chess players to compete outside their own provinces.

To get sponsorship support is a matter of numbers. Corporations want to support high profile activities where there are thousands of participants and/or thousands of spectators. Chess has a long way to grow in order to get proper support and a higher profile.



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Hansen triumphs in June Sectional

The June Sectional held in Calgary attracted 28 players and younger players played a dominant role in the two-day competition.

Section A was won by teenager Eric Hansen with a score of 3.5/5 points. His performance rating of 2409 was achieved by playing against four masters and an expert, which brings his rating up to the master level.

1	Hansen, Eric	2199 2409 2221	X = 1 0 1 1 3.5
2	Haessel, Dale	2265 2315 2270	= X = 1 0 1 3.0
3	Neven, Knut	2299 2309 2299	0 = X = 1 1 3.0
4	Mitrovic, Sinisa	2260 2236 2257	1 0 = X = = 2.5
5	Hughey, Micah	2181 2172 2181	0 1 0 = X = 2.0
6	Kazmaier, Daniel	2238 2001 2214	0 0 0 = = X 1.0

Andrew Boik made it look easy in his Section B victory where he scored 4.5/5 points. He was not even supposed to play but filled in for a player that dropped out at the last moment.

1	Boik, Andrew	2145 2348 2184	X = 1 1 1 1 4.5
2	Daniluk, Jim	2037 2130 2056	= X 1 0 = 1 3.0
3	Pedersen, Rick	1965 1984 1970	0 0 X = = 1 2.0
4	Yam, Alex	2041 1969 2027	0 1 = X = 0 2.0
5	Yearwood, Roy	2164 1944 2119	0 = = = X = 2.0
6	Tot, Nandor	1933 1910 1929	0 0 0 1 = X 1.5

Saskatchewan teenager Keith MacKinnon took first place in Section C with an undefeated score of 4.5/5 points. This performance brought his rating to an all time high of 1994. He proceeded to reach expert strength shortly afterwards.

1	MacKinnon, Keith	1914 2184 1994	X 1 = 1 1 1 4.5
2	Pua, Richard	1923 2022 1942	0 X 1 = 1 1 3.5
3	Harris, Adam	1807 1885 1824	= 0 X = = 1 2.5
4	Weis, Rodney	1917 1783 1889	0 = = X 0 1 2.0
5	Milne, Arthur	1926 1781 1896	0 0 = 1 X = 2.0
6	Cai, Tony	1745 1577 1713	0 0 0 0 = X 0.5

Aaron Sequillon won Section D with a convincing score of 4.5/5 points. This marks the fourth straight sectional win for him which included Schleinich, ECC Spring and May Round-Robin.

1	Sequillon, Aaron	1686 1855 1729	X 1 1 = 1 1 4.5
2	Constantinescu, Vlad	1627 1627 1629	0 X 1 1 1 0 3.0
3	Corsmeier, Tom	1507 1571 1527	0 0 X 1 = 1 2.5
4	Zhang, Dalwei	1603 1484 1577	= 0 0 X = 1 2.0
5	Ong, Simon	1609 1483 1578	0 0 = = X 1 2.0
6	Ong, Raymond	1390 1366 1387	0 1 0 0 0 X 1.0

Elementary students Myron Loke and Diwen Shi shared the Section E title by both scoring 5/6 points.

1	Shi, Diwen	1255 1508 1386	X X = = 1 1 1 1 5.0
2	Loke, Myron	1339 1504 1405	= = X X 1 1 1 1 5.0
3	MacKinnon, Donald	1314 1046 1260	0 0 0 0 X X 1 = 1.5
4	Cheung, Gordon	1070 969 1013	0 0 0 0 0 = X X 0.5



During activities leading up to the Edmonton International earlier this month, American IM and chess author John Donaldson gave a lecture attended by about 20 people at Edmonton Chess Club. Afterwards, he played a simultaneous.

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IM and GM share first in Grande Prairie

The 2007 version of Grande Prairie's Trumpeter Classic was a great success with 21 players showing up to compete for over \$2,100 in prizes and to try to get their name on the coveted Trumpeter Classic Trophy.

In the end, IM Vicente Lee Jr. of Edmonton and GM Pascal Charbonneau of Montreal each ended up with 4.5/5 points to tie for first place.

Lee won the beautiful champion's desktop Bulova clock on tie break.

Thanks to the support of the Alberta Chess Association and other sponsors, it was possible to have a Grandmaster play in the event and to offer a substantial prize fund.

Besides the local players, competitors from Calgary, Edmonton, St. Albert, British Columbia and LaCrete in far northern Alberta attended.

There were many awards that were won besides the cash prizes.

The biggest upset award (a bocce ball set) was given to Chris White (rating 1578) for his victory over Tim Pradzinski (1867).

The shortest game prize of a wall clock was given to Micah Hughey for his victory over Chris White.

There was an 11-move victory in Round 5 with Dale Campbell trouncing Stan Longson, but the short game prize had to be won prior to the last round.

The longest game prize of a duffel bag suitable to carry a sleeping bag to use during future games, was given to Larry Stutzman for his 76-move victory over Roland Schech.

"Next year's Trumpeter Classic will be bigger and better than this one was," says chief organizer Tim Pradzinski, adding, "Next year's

event will be the 25th Anniversary for this prestigious tournament!"

Besides Pradzinski's efforts, Phil Lefkowitz, Dean Johnson, Wade Caughlin and Elroy Deimert helped in organizing and fund raising.

Open Section Winners

IM Vicente Lee (4.5 points, \$750 and Desktop Clock)

GM Pascal Charbonneau (4.5 points, \$750)

Roy Yearwood (3.5 points, \$75, Kasparov's Greatest Games)

Rob Gardner (3.5 points, \$75)

Under 1900 Winners

Ford Wong (3.5 points, \$200)

Tim Pradzinski (3 points, \$100)

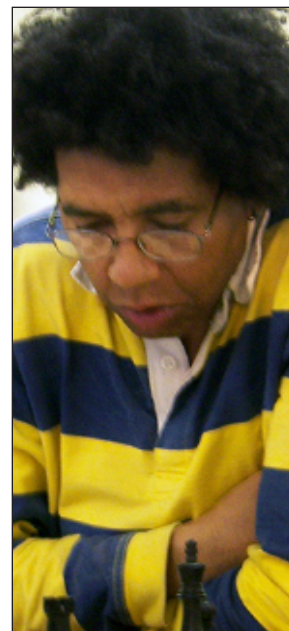
Rick Pedersen (2.5 points, \$50 Walmart Gift Card)

Dean Johnson (2.5 points, Fire on Board Book)

Under 1500 Winners

Dale Campbell (2.5 points, \$100)

Stan Longson (1 point, \$50)



Roy Yearwood of Calgary is a frequent chess traveller, playing often outside of his home city. In Grande Prairie earlier this year, he tied for third with a score of 3.5 out of 5.

Edmonton Reserves: Mrugala victorious

by Richard Pua

The 2007 Edmonton Reserves featured players who did not make the Closed or players knocked out of the Closed.

David Mrugala won this event with a score of

6.5 out of a possible 8 points.

After losing his match in the Closed, he went undefeated in the next six games, defeating Sardul Purewal in the last round to capture first place.

Young Richard Wang finished in second place with 6/8 points. He scored an upset in the final round by defeating Mark Stark.

Mike Sekuloff and Yi Lun (Allan) Wu were tied for best Under-1800 prize.

"You must coordinate the action of your pieces"
Middle game advice from J.R. Capablanca in "My Chess Career"

Li wins Edmonton International Qualifier

by Vladislav Rekhson

Attempting to win a seat at the Edmonton International in August, 24 players competed in April in a qualifier.

There was a three-way tie for first place between Zhichao "Leaf" Li of Edmonton and Hong Kong, and two Calgarians, Dale Haessel and Eric Hansen. Li won on better cumulative tie-breaks.

The tournament had a surprising anti-climactic finish as Haessel offered a draw on move 9 in the final round even though, he must have known that he had to win in order to qualify.

Besides being a qualifier, the event was also a fundraiser for the International and the total money raised was \$420!

Terry Seehagen directed the event held at Edmonton Chess Club.

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* This is full adult membership. Lower for juniors, families, participating.



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Played at Edmonton Chess Club August 2 through 6, 2007 More Games on Pages 10 and 11

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[Black "Li, Zhichao"]
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[WhiteElo "2136"]
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[Date "2007.08.02"]
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[WhiteElo "2211"]
[BlackElo "2335"]
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1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 Nc6 5. d3 Rb8 6. Be3 b5 7. Qd2 b4 8. Nd1 Qb6 9. f4 d6 10. Nf3 Nh6 11. h3 f5 12. O-O O-O 13. e5 d5 14. d4 c4 15. Nh2 e6 16. g4 a5 17. g5 Nf7 18. h4 Ba6 19. c3 Rb7 20. h5 Rfb8 21. Nf3 a4 22. Nh4 Nh8 23. Bf3 bxc3 24. Nxc3 Qa5 25. Rab1 Nb4 26. h6 Bf8 27. a3 Nd3 28. Nxd5 Qxd2 29. Nf6+ Kf7 30. Bxd2 Rxb2 31. Rxb2 Rxb2 32. Be3 Bxa3 33. Ra1 Rb3 34. Bd1 Bb5 35. Nf3 Bb2 36. Ra2 a3 37. Nd2 Nc1 38. Bxb3 cxb3 39. Rxb2 axb2 40. d5 exd5 41. Nxd5 Bd3 42. Nc3 Ke6 43. Na4 b1=Q 44. Nxb1 Bxb1 45. Bxc1 Bc2 46. Nc5+ Kd5 47. e6 Kxc5 48. e7 b2 49. Bxb2 Ba4 50. Bxh8 Kd6 51. Bf6 Ke6 52. Kf2 Kf7 53. Ke3 Bb5 54. Kd4 Ba4 55. Ke5 Bb5 56. Kd6 Ba4 **1/2-1/2**

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[Date "2007.08.03"]
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2nd Annual Edmonton International Round Robin Table:

Participant #, Name	- Ratings* -	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Final Score
1 Khachiyan, Melikset	2490 2660 2520	X	1	=	1	=	1	=	1	=	1	7.5
2 Kraai, Jesse	2466 2574 2485	0	X	=	1	=	=	1	1	1	1	6.5
3 Donaldson, John	2518 2524 2518	=	=	X	=	1	1	=	=	=	1	6.0
4 Bachmann, Axel	2466 2485 2469	0	0	=	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	5.5
5 Aveskulov, Valeriy	2548 2476 2535	=	=	0	1	X	=	0	1	1	1	5.5
6 Li, Zhichao	2266 2329 2278	0	=	0	0	=	X	=	1	=	=	3.5
7 Huber, Gregory	2323 2323 2324	0	0	=	0	1	=	X	=	=	=	3.5
8 Yanayt, Eugene	2335 2277 2325	=	0	=	0	0	0	=	X	=	1	3.0
9 Haessel, Dale	2270 2196 2257	0	0	=	0	0	=	=	=	X	0	2.0
10 Reeve, Jeff	2349 2187 2320	0	0	0	0	0	=	=	0	1	X	2.0

*Ratings explanation: first # is rating at beginning, second # is performance rating for event, third # is new rating.

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 [White "FM Huber, Gregory"]
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 4. Bg2 Bb7 5. d3 e6 6. Nf3 d6
 7. O-O Be7 8. b3 Nf6 9. Bb2
 Nbd7 10. Nd2 Qb6 11. h3 h5
 12. a4 Rb8 13. axb5 axb5
 14. Ne2 e5 15. c3 h4 16. d4 cxd4
 17. cxd4 hxg3 18. Nxc3 g6
 19. Re1 Nh5 20. Nxh5 Rxh5
 21. Nf1 Bf6 22. d5 Bh4 23. Re2
 f5 24. exf5 Nf6 25. Bd4 Qc7
 26. f4 Kf8 27. fxe5 Nxd5 28. exd6
 Qf7 29. Qd2 Bg5 30. fxg6 Qd7
 31. Rf2+ Kg8 32. Qe2 Rh4
 33. Qe5 Nf4 34. Rxf4 **1-0**

[Date "2007.08.03"]
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 [Black "Li, Zhichao"]
 [WhiteElo "2525"]
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 [Round "3"]
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 4. cxd5 cxd5 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Bf4 a6
 7. Rc1 e6 8. e3 Bd6 9. Bxd6
 Qxd6 10. Be2 O-O 11. O-O Bd7
 12. Na4 Na7 13. Nc5 Rab8
 14. Qb3 Bb5 15. Bxb5 Nxb5
 16. Rc2 Qe7 17. Rfc1 Nd6
 18. Ne5 Rbc8 19. Qb6 Rc7
 20. Ncd3 Rxc2 21. Rxc2 Nfe8
 22. Nc5 f6 23. Ned3 g5 24. h3
 Rf7 25. Rc1 h6 26. b3 Kh7
 27. Qb4 Ng7 28. Qd2 Qe8
 29. Na4 Re7 30. Qc2 Qg6
 31. Qd2 Nge8 32. Ndc5 Kg8
 33. Nb6 Qf7 34. f3 Rc7 35. a4
 Nc8 36. Na8 Rc6 37. Nxa6 Qd7
 38. Nc5 Qe7 39. a5 Ned6
 40. Qd3 Qh7 41. Qxh7+ Kxh7
 42. Ra1 e5 43. b4 exd4 44. exd4
 Nb5 45. Nxb7 Ra6 46. Rc1 Rxa8
 47. Rc5 Nxd4 48. Rxd5 Nc6
 49. Rb5 Ra6 50. Rc5 N6e7
 51. b5 Re6 52. Kf2 Kg6 53. Rc7
 Re5 54. Nc5 Nd6 55. b6 Nd5
 56. b7 Nxb7 57. Rxb7 Nf4
 58. Nb3 Re2+ 59. Kf1 Rxc2
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1/2-1/2

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 4. e3 b6 5. d4 cxd4 6. exd4 Bb4
 7. Bd3 O-O 8. O-O Bb7 9. Bg5
 h6 10. Bh4 Be7 11. Re1 d6
 12. Bc2 Nbd7 13. Qd3 Re8
 14. Rad1 **1/2-1/2**



GM Valeriy Aveskulov

[Date "2007.08.04"]
 [White "Li, Zhichao"]
 [Black "GM Khachiyan, M."]
 [WhiteElo "2143"]
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 7. O-O Bf5 8. Bxf5 gxf5 9. Qb3
 Qb6 10. Qxb6 axb6 11. cxd5
 Nxd5 12. Nxd5 cxd5 13. Bd2 Nc6
 14. Rfc1 Ra4 15. Kf1 Rfa8 16. a3
 e6 17. Bc3 b5 18. Rab1 Bf8
 19. Ne1 f6 20. Nd3 Kf7 21. Ke2
 Bd6 22. Bd2 Rc4 23. g3 e5
 24. dxe5 fxe5 25. Bb4 Nxb4
 26. Nxb4 Bxb4 27. axb4 Ra2
 28. Kf3 Ke6 29. Rc3 Rxb4 30. b3
 e4+ 31. Kg2 d4 32. exd4 Rxd4
 33. Kg1 Rdd2 34. Rf1 Rdc2
 35. Rxc2 Rxc2 36. Ra1 Kd5
 37. Ra8 Kd4 38. Rf8 Rc5 39. Rh8
 Rc7 40. Rf8 Kc3 41. b4 Kxb4
 42. Rxf5 Ka4 43. Re5 b4
 44. Rxe4 Ka3 45. f4 b3 46. Re5
 b2 47. Rb5 Rc4 48. Rxb2 Kxb2
 49. f5 Kc3 50. f6 Rc6 **0-1**

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 [Black "GM Kraai, Jesse"]
 [WhiteElo "2205"]
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 4. e5 Nfd7 5. f4 c5 6. Nf3 Nc6
 7. Be3 cxd4 8. Nxd4 Bc5 9. Qd2
 O-O 10. O-O-O a6 11. h4 Qc7
 12. h5 Nxd4 13. Bxd4 b5 14. Kb1
 b4 15. Ne2 a5 16. Qe3 Ba6
 17. Bxc5 Nxc5 18. Nd4 a4
 19. Bxa6 Rxa6 20. Nb5 Qb6
 21. Nd6 a3 22. f5 axb2 **0-1**

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 [Black "Reeve, Jeff"]
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 Bg7 7. f3 Nc6 8. Qd2 O-O 9. Bc4
 Bd7 10. O-O-O Rc8 11. Bb3
 Nxd4 12. Bxd4 b5 13. Nd5 Nxd5
 14. exd5 a5 15. Bxg7 Kxg7
 16. a3 Rc5 17. h4 h6 18. Rhe1
 Re8 19. Re3 Qc7 20. Rde1 a4
 21. Ba2 Bf5 22. c3 g5 23. hxg5
 hxg5 24. Rh1 Qb7 25. f4 Rg8
 26. g4 gxf4 27. Qh2 Kf8
 28. Qh6+ Ke8 29. Qxf4 Be6
 30. Rh5 Bxd5 31. Bxd5 Rxd5
 32. Qe4 e5 33. Rd3 **1-0**

[Date "2007.08.04"]
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 [Black "Li, Zhichao"]
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 Be7 10. Bf4 O-O 11. Rac1 Qd7
 12. e4 dxe4 13. dxe4 Nxe4
 14. Nxe4 Bxe4 15. Ne5 Nxe5
 16. Bxe4 Nc6 17. Rfd1 Qc8
 18. Qa4 Rd8 19. Rxd8+ Qxd8
 20. Bxc6 bxc6 21. Qxc6 a5
 22. b3 Ba3 23. Rc4 Qd1+
 24. Kg2 Rd8 25. Bg5 Rd7
 26. Qa8+ Bf8 27. Qxf8+ Kxf8
 28. Rc8+ **1-0**

[Date "2007.08.03"]
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 [Black "FM Huber, Gregory"]
 [WhiteElo "2466"]
 [BlackElo "2211"]
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 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 d6 6. Bd3
 Be7 7. O-O Nf6 8. f4 Qc7 9. Kh1
 O-O 10. Qe2 Nbd7 11. Bd2 g6
 12. Nf3 b5 13. e5 Nh5 14. a4
 bxa4 15. Ne4 dxe5 16. fxe5
 Nxe5 17. Nxe5 Qxe5 18. Bc3
 Qc7 19. Rxa4 f5 20. Rc4 Qd7
 21. Nc5 Qd5 22. b4 Bf6 23. Bxf6
 Nxf6 24. c3 a5 25. Rd4 Qc6
 26. Bc4 axb4 27. cxb4 Ra7 28.
 Qe5 Qb6 29. Rb1 Kg7 30. Rd6
 Qb8 31. Qd4 Re7 32. Bxe6
 Rfe8 33. Re1 Qb5 34. h3 h5
 35. Kh2 Qb8 36. Bxc8 Qxd6+
 37. Qxd6 Rxe1 38. Be6 h4
 39. b5 Nh5 40. Qd4+ Kh7
 41. Qxh4 Rc1 42. Bxf5 Kh6
 43. Ne6 **1-0**

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 10. cxd5 Nbd7 11. e4 Be7
 12. Nh4 g6 13. f4 O-O-O 14. Nf3
 Ne8 15. Be3 Ng7 16. Rc1 f5
 17. exf5 Nxf5 18. Bf2 h5 19. Re1
 Rhe8 20. b4 Kb8 21. h3 Bf8
 22. Ng5 Ng7 23. Nce4 Be7
 24. Qd3 Bxg5 25. Nxc5 Nf8
 26. Rxe8 Rxe8 27. a4 a5
 28. bxa5 bxa5 29. Ne4 Nd7
 30. Nc3 Nf5 31. Nb5 Qb6
 32. Rb1 Ba6 33. Qd1 Ka8
 34. Nd4 Qc7 35. Ne6 Qa7
 36. Qd2 Bc4 37. Qc3 Nb6
 38. Rxb6 Qxb6 39. Qxc4 Kb8
 40. Be4 Re7 41. Qc3 Qb4
 42. Qh8+ Ka7 43. Bxf5 gxf5
 44. Qd8 Rb7 45. Qxd6 Qb1+
 46. Kh2 Qc2 47. Qxc5+ **1-0**

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 [White "FM Yanayt, Eugene"]
 [Black "Li, Zhichao"]
 [WhiteElo "2335"]
 [BlackElo "2143"]
 [Round "6"] [Result "0-1"]
 [ECO "D11"]
 1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6
 4. Qc2 g6 5. Bf4 Bg7 6. e3 Bf5
 7. Qb3 Qb6 8. c5 Qxb3 9. axb3
 Bxb1 10. Rxb1 O-O 11. h3 Re8
 12. Be2 Nbd7 13. b4 a6 14. O-O
 Ne4 15. Rfe1 e5 16. Bh2 Re7
 17. Bd1 exd4 18. exd4 Rae8
 19. Bf4 Nf8 20. Bc2 Ne6 21. Be3
 f5 22. Rbd1 Bf6 23. g4 f4 24.
 Bc1 N4g5 25. Nxg5 Bxg5 26.
 Kg2 Bf6 27. Bb1 f3+ 28. Kg3
 Nxd4
 29. Rxe7 Rxe7 30. Be3 Be5+
 31. Kh4 Ne2 32. Bg5 Rf7
 33. Rd2 Kg7 34. Bd3 Nd4
 35. Be3 Ne6 36. g5 d4 **0-1**

[Date "2007.08.05"]
 [White "Reeve, Jeff"]
 [Black "IM Donaldson, John"]
 [WhiteElo "2205"]
 [BlackElo "2413"]
 [Round "6"] [Result "0-1"]
 [ECO "B27"]
 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 g6 3. d4 Bg7
 4. c4 d6 5. Be2 Qb6 6. Nc3 cxd4
 7. Nd5 Qa5+ 8. b4 Qd8 9. Nxd4
 Nf6 10. Nxf6+ Bxf6 11. Be3 O-O
 12. O-O Nc6 13. Rb1 Nxd4
 14. Bxd4 Bxd4 15. Qxd4 Qb6
 16. c5 dxc5 17. bxc5 Qc7
 18. Bc4 Bd7 19. f4 Rad8 20. Qe3
 Bc6 21. Bb3 e6 22. h4 Qe7
 23. h5 Rd7 24. hxg6 hxg6
 25. Rf3 Rfd8 26. Rc1 Rd4
 27. Rh3 Bxe4 28. Bc2 Bxc2
 29. Rxc2 Qf6 30. Rf3 Qf5
 31. Rc1 Rd3 32. Qe5 Qxe5
 33. fxe5 Rd1+ 34. Rf1 Rxc1
 35. Rxc1 Rd5 36. Rb1 Rxc5 **0-1**

[Date "2007.08.06"]
 [White "Haessel, Dale"]
 [Black "GM Kraai, Jesse"]
 [WhiteElo "2136"]
 [BlackElo "2525"]
 [Round "8"] [Result "0-1"]
 [ECO "E00"]
 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. g3 c5 4. d5
 exd5 5. cxd5 c4 6. Nc3 Bb4
 7. Bg2 O-O 8. Qd4 d6 9. Bg5
 Nbd7 10. Qxc4 Bxc3+ 11. Qxc3
 h6 12. Bxf6 Nxf6 13. Nf3 Bf5
 14. O-O Be4 15. Nd4 Bxg2
 16. Kxg2 Nxd5 17. Qb3 Nb6
 18. Rfd1 d5 19. a4 Qe7 20. Rac1
 Rac8 21. e3 g6 22. h3 Rc4
 23. Rxc4 dxc4 24. Qc2 Qb4
 25. Ra1 a5 26. h4 h5 27. e4 Rd8
 28. Nf3 Rd3 29. e5 Qe7 30. Rd1
 Qd7 31. e6 fxe6 32. Ng5 Rxd1
 33. Qxg6+ Kf8 **0-1**

[Date "2007.08.04"]
 [White "Haessel, Dale"]
 [Black "GM Aveskulov, Valeriy"]
 [WhiteElo "2136"]
 [BlackElo "2539"]
 [Round "5"] [Result "0-1"]
 [ECO "A58"]
 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5
 4. cxb5 a6 5. bxa6 g6 6. Nc3
 Bxa6 7. e4 Bxf1 8. Kxf1 d6 9. Nf3
 Bg7 10. g3 Nbd7 11. Kg2 O-O
 12. Re1 Qa5 13. e5 Ng4
 14. exd6 exd6 15. Bf4 Rfb8
 16. Re2 Qa6 17. Rc1 Nge5
 18. Nxe5 Nxe5 19. Bxe5 Bxe5
 20. b3 Rb4 21. Rd2 Qb7
 22. Rcc2 f5 23. Ne2 Ra3 24. Ng1
 Kg7 25. Nf3 Bf6 26. h4 h6
 27. Rc4 g5 28. Qc2 Rxc4
 29. Qxc4 Qb4 30. Rc2 Qxc4
 31. bxc4 g4 32. Nh2 Bd4 33. f4
 Kf7 34. Nf1 h5 35. Nd2 Re3
 36. Nb3 Bc3 37. Nc1 Be1
 38. Ne2 Ke7 39. Rb2 Kd7
 40. Kh2 Kc7 41. Kg2 Bc3
 42. Rc2 Bb4 43. Rb2 Kb6
 44. Nc1 Ka5 45. Rb3 Re1
 46. Nd3 Re2+ 47. Kf1 Rxa2
 48. Nb2 Ra1+ 49. Kf2 Rb1
 50. Kg2 Rc1 51. Kf2 Rc2+
 52. Kf1 Rc3 53. Rxc3 Bxc3
 54. Nd3 Ka4 55. Ke2 Kb3
 56. Ne5 dxe5 **0-1**

[Date "2007.08.05"]
 [White "Haessel, Dale"]
 [Black "FM Yanayt, Eugene"]
 [WhiteElo "2136"]
 [BlackElo "2335"]
 [Round "7"] [Result "1/2-1/2"]
 [ECO "A45"]
 1. d4 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7
 4. e4 O-O 5. Ne2 c5 6. c3 cxd4
 7. cxd4 d6 8. Nbc3 Nc6 9. d5
 Ne5 10. h3 b5 11. f4 Nc4 12. b3
 b4 13. Nb5 Na5 14. Be3 Ba6
 15. Nbd4 Nb7 16. Nc6 Qd7
 17. Rc1 e6 18. Nxb4 Bxe2
 19. Qxe2 exd5 20. exd5 Rfe8
 21. O-O Ne4 22. Kh2 Nc3
 23. Qd2 a5 24. Nc6 Nxa2
 25. Rc4 Nb4 26. Nxb4 axb4
 27. Rxb4 Rac8 28. Rc1 Nc5
 29. Bf3 Qe7 30. Bf2 Rb8 31. Re1
 Nxb3 32. Rxb3 Rxb3 33. Rxe7
 Rxe7 34. Qd1 Ra3 35. Kg2 Rb7
 36. Bd4 Ra2+ 37. Kf1 Bxd4 **1/2-1/2**

[Date "2007.08.06"]
 [White "Li, Zhichao"]
 [Black "GM Aveskulov, V."]
 [WhiteElo "2143"]
 [BlackElo "2539"]
 [Round "9"]
 [Result "1/2-1/2"]
 [ECO "E10"]

[Date "2007.08.05"]
 [White "FM Huber, Gregory"]
 [Black "GM Khachiyan, M."]
 [WhiteElo "2211"]
 [BlackElo "2490"]
 [Round "6"] [Result "0-1"]
 [ECO "B23"]
 1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 g6 3. g3 Bg7
 4. Bg2 Nc6 5. d3 Rb8 6. Be3 b5
 7. Qd2 b4 8. Nd1 d6 9. Ne2 Nd4
 10. O-O Qb6 11. Nc1 Nf6 12. c3
 Nc6 13. Bh6 bxc3 14. bxc3 O-O
 15. Bxg7 Kxg7 16. h3 e5 17. Kh2
 c4 18. dxc4 Be6 19. Ne3 Na5
 20. Rd1 Nxc4 21. Nxc4 Bxc4
 22. Qxd6 Qxf2 23. Nb3 Rfe8
 24. Qd2 Nxe4 25. Qxf2 Nxf2
 26. Rd2 Nd3 27. Be4 Bxb3
 28. axb3 Nc5 29. Bd5 Nxb3
 30. Bxb3 Rxb3 31. Rxa7 Re6
 32. Rc7 Reb6 33. Rf2 Rf6
 34. Re2 Rb5 35. Re7 Rf5
 36. Kg2 Rc5 37. Re3 Kf6
 38. Re8 h5 39. h4 Rd5 40. Re2
 Rd3 41. c4 Rc3 42. Rc8 Rff3
 43. Rf2 Rxf2+ 44. Kxf2 Kf5
 45. Rc7 f6 46. Rc6 e4 47. c5
 Rf3+ 48. Kg2 Kg4 49. Re6
 Rxc3+ 50. Kh2 Rc3 51. Rxf6
 Rxc5 52. Rxc6+ Kxh4 53. Re6
 Rc2+ 54. Kg1 Kg3 55. Kf1 Kf3
 56. Rf6+ Ke3 57. Rf5 h4 58. Rh5
 Kf3 59. Rf5+ Kg4 60. Re5 h3
 61. Kg1 Kf4 **0-1**

[Date "2007.08.06"]
 [White "GM Khachiyan, M."]
 [Black "Haessel, Dale"]
 [WhiteElo "2490"]
 [BlackElo "2136"]
 [Round "9"]
 [Result "1-0"]
 [ECO "C42"]
 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nxe5 d6
 4. Nf3 Nxe4 5. d4 d5 6. Bd3 Bd6
 7. O-O O-O 8. c4 c6 9. Qc2 Na6
 10. a3 Re8 11. Nc3 Bf5 12. Re1
 Nxc3 13. Bxf5 Rxe1+ 14. Nxe1
 Ne4 15. Bxe4 dxe4 16. Qxe4
 Qa5 17. Nf3 Qa4 18. Qe2 c5
 19. d5 b5 20. Be3 bxc4 21. Nd2
 Qc2 22. Re1 Qxb2 23. Nxc4 Qf6
 24. Nxd6 Qxd6 25. Bf4 **1-0**

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 d5 4.
 g3 Be7 5. Bg2 O-O 6. O-O dxc4
 7. Qc2 a6 8. Qxc4 b5 9. Qc2
 Bb7 10. Bd2 Ra7 11. Rc1 Be4
 12. Qb3 Nbd7 13. Ba5 Qa8
 14. Nbd2 Bd5 15. Qd1 Rc8
 16. b4 Ne8 17. Qf1 Nef6 18. a3

[Date "2007.08.05"]
 [White "IM Bachmann, Axel"]
 [Black "Haessel, Dale"]
 [WhiteElo "2466"]
 [BlackElo "2136"]
 [Round "6"]
 [Result "1-0"]
 [ECO "C42"]
 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nxe5 d6
 4. Nf3 Nxe4 5. Nc3 Nxc3 6. dxc3
 Be7 7. Be3 Nc6 8. Qd2 O-O
 9. O-O-O Ne5 10. Kb1 Bf6
 11. Nd4 Re8 12. f4 Nc6 13. h3
 Nxd4 14. cxd4 Bf5 15. g4 Be4
 16. Rg1 d5 17. g5 Be7 18. Bd3
 Qd7 19. Bxe4 dxe4 20. Qg2
 Rad8 21. Rd2 f5 22. Qe2 c6
 23. h4 b5 24. c4 a6 25. Rc1 Bb4
 26. Rdc2 Rc8 27. Qd1 Red8
 28. a3 Ba5 29. h5 Bb6 30. Rd2
 bxc4 31. Rxc4 Qb7 32. Qb3 Rd5
 33. Rdc2 Rb5 34. Qa2 Kh8
 35. a4 Rd5 36. Rxc6 Rdd8
 37. Rxc8 Rxc8 38. Qe6 Rf8
 39. h6 gxh6 40. gxh6 **1-0**

[Date "2007.08.06"]
 [White "FM Yanayt, Eugene"]
 [Black "Reeve, Jeff"]
 [WhiteElo "2335"]
 [BlackElo "2205"]
 [Round "8"]
 [Result "1-0"]
 [ECO "A48"]
 1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. c4 Bg7
 4. Nc3 O-O 5. e4 d6 6. Be2 e5
 7. O-O Nc6 8. d5 Ne7 9. Ne1
 Nd7 10. Be3 f5 11. f3 f4 12. Bf2
 g5 13. a4 a5 14. Nd3 b6 15. b4
 h5 16. c5 axb4 17. cxd6 bxc3
 18. dxe7 Qxe7 19. Qb3 Kh8
 20. Rfc1 g4 21. Qxc3 Qg5
 22. Kh1 Bf6 23. Qxc7 Rg8
 24. Ne1 g3 25. Bg1 gxh2 26. Bf2
 h4 27. Rc6 h3 28. Bf1 Rg7
 29. Qxc8+ Rxc8 30. Rxc8+ Kh7
 31. Kxh2 Be7 32. a5 Bb4
 33. gxh3 bxa5 34. h4 Qh5
 35. Bh3 Nf8 36. Rac1 Rg8
 37. R8c7+ Kh8 38. R1c6 Rg7
 39. Rc8 Rg8 40. Rf6 Bxe1
 41. Bg4 Qh7 42. Bxe1 Qe7
 43. Rh6+ Kg7 44. d6 **1-0**

Bd6 19. Rc2 Nb8 20. Ne1 Bxg2
 21. Qxg2 Qxg2+ 22. Kxg2 c6
 23. Nef3 Nfd7 24. Rd1 Rb7
 25. e3 Re8 26. Ne4 Bf8 27. Rcd2
 f6 28. Nc5 Ra7 29. e4 Kf7 30. e5
 Nxc5 31. dxc5 Be7 32. Bd8 Bf8
 33. h4 Rb7 **1/2-1/2**



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Gardner is victorious in Calgary's Schleinich Sectional

by Richard Pua

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Sections were broken into round-robins involving six players each.

Section A: Rating Average of 2256. Rob Gardner of Edmonton captured first place with a score of 3.5/5 points. Eric Hansen of Calgary was runner-up with 3/5 points.

Section B: Rating Average of 1997. There was a three-way tie between Thomas Kaminiski, Chris Kuczaj and Jim Daniluk, all of Calgary. Each scored 3/5 points.

Section C: Rating Average of 1882. Rodney Weis finished first with

4/5 points. Keith MacKinnon of North Battleford, Saskatchewan finished second with 3.5/5 points.

Section D: Rating Average of 1717. Abner Diaz got a perfect 5/5 score. Runner-up was junior Tony Cai with 3/5 points.

Section E: Rating Average of 1413. Aaron Sequillion and Simon Ong shared first place with a score of 3.5/5 points each.

Section F: Rating Average of 1161. Mike Zeggelaar won with a perfect 4/4 score. There was



Rob Gardner

a forfeited game in his section. Second place went to Raymond Ong with a score of 4/5.

Sorgard wins Lethbridge Open

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Graham Sorgard won

the event by scoring 4.5 out of a possible five points. Runner-up was Jack Davies with 4/5.

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