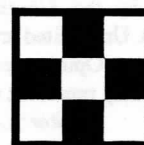




ALBERTA CHESS REPORT



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1993 Canadian Chess Challenge by Phyllis Flower

On the May long weekend Alberta's national scholastic team stood its ground and battled hard against the scholastic teams from the other nine provinces at the Canadian Chess Challenge finals in Edmonton. It was a struggle to hold our fourth place position (our position these last couple of years).

We did, however, take home more trophies this year than last! *Congratulations to Alberta's individual trophy winners:*

- Gerard O'Reilly, 1st place, grade 2
- Nathan McLean, 3rd place, grade 5
- Douglas Wu, 2nd place, grade 6
- Adam Wu, 2nd place, grade 11

and congratulations to the rest of the team:

- Grade 1 Angle Seitz
- Grade 3 Brent McLean
- Grade 4 Seth Dodd-Flower
- Grade 7 Amanda Dodd-Flower
- Grade 8 Cynthia Wu
- Grade 9 Sherwin Chan
- Grade 10 Beatrice Wu
- Grade 12 Grant Yiu

The winners from across Canada were:

- Grade 1 1 (BC) Scott Roebuck
2 (Ont) Daniel Storisteanu
3 (Nfld) Nikhal Joshi
- Grade 2 1 (Alta) Gerard O'Reilly
2 (Sask) Kelly Huang
3 (Que) Joshua Elbaz
- Grade 3 1 (Ont) Stephen Glinert
2 (Que) Jonathon Gottlieb
3 (BC) Kenneth Vezina
- Grade 4 1 (BC) Andrew Ho
2 (Que) Pascal Charbonneau
3 (Ont) Stephanie Chu
- Grade 5 1 (Que) Lefong Hua
2 (Ont) Roman Golts
3 (Alta) Nathan McLean
- Grade 6 1 (BC) Shahin Mohammadnabi
2 (Alta) Douglas Wu
3 (PEI) Aaron Cooper
- Grade 7 1 (BC) Darryl Kong
2 (Que) Barvyr Mirican
3 (PEI) Ian Richardson
- Grade 8 1 (Que) Anthony Castillo
2 (Ont) Meng Lou
3 (BC) Briang Kong
- Grade 9 1 (Que) Marc-Andre Fortier
2 (Ont) Umadasen Casinathan
3 (BC) Mark Marcil

- Grade 10 1 (Ont) Radu Butan
2 (Que) Jean-Francais Chabot
3 (PEI) Tim England
- Grade 11 1 (Que) Felix Leriche
2 (Alta) Adam Wu
3 (NB) Rajan Verma
- Grade 12 1 (BC) Howard Wu
2 (Que) Johanne Charest
3 (NB) Jim Ferguson

For the first time in its 5 year history the Canadian Chess Challenge tournament was held in the west in 1993, hosted in Edmonton. Lister Hall at the University of Alberta was the site where participants, provincial coordinators, coaches, parents, and volunteers from coast to coast gathered for a very successful and exciting event. Everyone who experienced the majesty and high drama of the event came away enriched for having participated in their respective roles.

The Canadian Chess Challenge would not have been the success it was without a lot of hard work by a lot of dedicated people. On the national level, thanks to the Chess 'n Math Association (Larry Bevand) for organization and funding of the event. On a local level, kudos to Ford Wong, who along with the Alberta Chess Association (ACA) contributed funding and hard work, and thanks to the Tournament Director, Jim Daniluk, for a job well done, and the many volunteers who helped with everything from taking people to and from the airport—to setting up and cleaning up the tournament site. We also owe a debt of appreciation to the Government of Alberta and the City of Edmonton (funding came from the Provincial Recreation and Sport Branch Alberta Tourism, Recreation and Parks, and Edmonton Parks and Recreation). Finally, we express our appreciation to Bernie Tynan, the white knight who rode to the aid of the Chess Challenge when it was in trouble financially, and saved one and all with his generosity.

The Canadian Chess Challenge 1994 will be held in St. John's, Newfoundland. It seems an exciting prospect to travel so far, but we are faced with the dilemma of obtaining funding for our team as the costs for this trip may be prohibitive. During the next months I will be seeking funding for the travel costs for the Alberta team. Any help you can provide in this regard would be

appreciated by one and all. *If you can help or donate please contact:*

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Canadian Chess Challenge
1339 Lake Ontario Dr. SE
Calgary, AB T2J 4X9
403-278-3842

LOVERS OF CHESS — HELP!

Please help get our Alberta scholastic team to the Canadian Chess Challenge Nationals in St. John's, Newfoundland next May! Fundraising plans are underway. Rummage sales are to be held in various cities during the summer. Calgary's is on **August 28-29**. *You can help by donating items, donating money, and/or by volunteering your time.*

For further information please contact:
Phyllis Flower or Rand Dodd
Calgary, phone 278-3842

Edmonton Junior Chess Club

Tourneys on some Saturdays at the Main Library (downtown south of Churchill Square; Edmonton Room, left of check out area, as you enter). Low entry fees. Usually active chess (30 minutes per player). CFC/ACA memb. needed. Chess equipment is supplied. For more information contact Ford Wong (481-6474).

EJCC Schedule, Saturdays:

September Seance (Sept 18)

October Overfest (Oct 2)

November Nightwatch (Nov 6)

December Dalliance (Dec 4)

Register: 9:30-10:00 a.m. (rd 1 10:15)

Calgary Junior Chess Club

Site: McDougall United Church, 8516 Athabasca St SE. Entry fee \$2. Anyone interested in playing or in helping out can contact Jim Daniluk at 248-7456.

CJCC Schedule, Saturdays:

September 18

October 16

November 20

December 18

Register: 9:30 a.m (round 1 at 10:00)

Leduc Junior Chess Club

Info: August Hangartner (986-0459).

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ACR Deadline

Material for inclusion in the next *ACR* should be received by: **October 29**. Items received after that date may be delayed to a later *ACR*.

Reminder to Tournament Directors

The CFC requires a report to be submitted within 7 days after an event—you owe it to your participants to send in rating and membership reports ASAP. Also send a written report to the *ACR* (please support your Alberta newsletter!)—prize list, crosstable, and/or game(s) an asset.

Clubs

Please ensure that your listing is *correct*. Also, your members likely appreciate reports in the *ACR* on your activities.

Organizers of Events

Please send *ACR* details well in advance.

Always Get a Receipt

When you pay for a CFC/ACA membership, be sure to get a dated receipt signed by the person who collected your money. Retain the receipt until your new CFC card arrives.

Alberta Chess Clubs (not including junior and school clubs)

(We rely on clubs to keep the list current; you may wish to verify info before attending)

CALGARY CC

Meets: Rosemont Community Assoc. Hall 2807-10 St NW. Tues., 7:00-11:00.
Info: Barney Fegyvermeki (243-6351; mail: c/o 1724-49 Ave SW, Calgary T2T 2T9).

CCC Schedule

Dates "tba": *Grand Prix Speed*.
Dates "tba": *Active Tournaments*.
Dates "tba": *Regular-rated tournaments*.
 [Based on last year's schedule, the editor thinks that the 7(?) round *Fall Open* will start Sept 7 or 14. So, you should register Aug 31 or early on Sept 7, I expect. Call Barney for info to be sure.]

EDMONTON CC

Meets: Oliver Community Hall, 10326-118 St, Edmonton T5K 2K9, Thurs., 7:30-12:00.
Info: Arniel Frialde (481-2552); Kurt Lauterwald (434-7536).

ECC Schedule

Sep 2: *Annual General Meeting*.
Sep 9: *Edmonton Open* begins.

GRANDE PRAIRIE CC

Meets: Royal Canadian Legion, 9912-101 Ave, Tues., 7:00 p.m. (Sept. 1 - Apr. 30).
Info: Phil Lefkowitz (538-1903; mail: c/o 9305-74 Ave, Grande Prairie T8V 6G2).

HINTON CC

Info: Peter Bundscherer, President (mail: c/o Queen's Bakery & Cafe, P.O. Box 3217, Hinton T0E 1C0).

NORTHERN COMMUNITIES CC

Info: Bernie Tynan (689-2476; mail: Box 558, Boyle T0A 0M0).

RIMBEY CC

Info: Cameron McLean (843-3736; mail: c/o Box 733, Rimbey T0C 2J0).

RED DEER CC

Canadian Correspondence Chess Assoc. Young/old, experts/beginners can enjoy chess by mail! A wide variety of tournaments is available, in your class and in open events leading to the Canadian Championship. You can also play in our international program. Make friends and enjoy yourself in the comfort of your home! Exciting and instructive games plus 6 issues of *CHECK!* for an annual membership fee of only \$21 regular, or \$18 if under 18 (junior) or over 65 (senior). For more info and/or a sample copy of *CHECK!* (only \$4), write:

Manny Migicovsky
 RR #1, L'Original, ON, K0K 1K0

Meets: Dawe Centre, room 709. Monday evenings, starting at 7:30 p.m. (After Labor Day weekend to the May long weekend.)
Info: Henry Vandervaart (341-3415, c/o #307, 40 Cardinal Ave, Red Deer T4P 2T1).

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA CC

Meets: SUB 030D (if same as 92-93), approx. 11:00-4:00 weekdays, September-April.
Info: Dave Bullas (440-3966; mail: Box 92, SUB, U of A, Edmonton T6G 2J7).

Did you know that...

John Quiring, ACA Treasurer, is now the Chess Federation of Canada's Secretary for 1993-94. Congrats, John!

Due to reduction in our annual base grant, the ACA can no longer pay entry fees for our Champions for national closed events.

Reports are that the movie "Searching for Bobby Fischer" is one you'll want to see!

Top-Rated Albertans

(as of July/93)

Lev Gorelik	2341
Arniel Frialde	2292
Dale Haessel	2281
Greg Huber	2253
Rob Gardner	2233
Arthur Odachowski	2221
Andrew Paduch	2180
Sardul Purewal	2165
Ted Wilson	2151
Réjean Plante	2137
Neil Sharp	2130
Tony Peredo	2127
Chris Demers	2116
Jim Daniluk	2108
John Parrott	2093
Barney Fegyvermeki	2078
Paul Usselman	2062
Wilf Lahrkamp	2051
Farzan Nazarian	2051
Adam Wu	2041
Christiaan Dartana	2037
Warrick Walker	2036
Ford Wong	2032
Darse Billings	2027
Hafiz Karmali	2024
Lev Becker	2020
Ken Salmon	2013
Lloyd Yeudall	2013
Tony Dy Reyes	2001

Only current or 'recent' (expired in the past year) ACA members are included. Those not known (by ACR) to have played in a regular-rated *Alberta* event in about the past year are: R. Hawkes 2353; R. South 2248; Z. Baunok 2194; G. Campbell 2160; B. Willis 2160; M. Rabljenovic 2145; O. Farid 2058.

NEWS FROM THE ACA

ACA Casino in Calgary by Ford Wong, ACA President

The Elbow River Inn Casino on July 2-3 was the ACA's first major fundraising effort and was considered a success. Day one started out on a losing note and continued that way with the gamblers ahead early (helped by big wins on the high stakes blackjack tables), keeping the volunteers, especially chip runners and cashiers, busy for most of the day. With an hour and a half remaining, the feeling was that the Casino was down about \$15,000. However, a rally by the Casino during the final hour of the day resulted in a profit. For day one the gross of \$7,000 did not cover expenses (roughly \$15,000/day). The general feeling was that "It was a good thing that the ACA was involved in a pool" (the ACA also had a "no loss" guarantee). Day two started out slowly and continued that way for the rest of the day with less work for the volunteers. It was unclear whether the Casino was up or down, but when the final tally was made, day two had a gross profit of \$35,000.

Overall the Casino raised over \$12,000, a lower than normal profit over the two days (this isn't too bad considering the terrible start on the first day). The actual amount the ACA will receive will not be known until the end of September—we are in a pool (where several casino-sponsoring organizations join together to share their winnings). The average take per organization in a casino pool is about \$20,000. Let's hope the other casinos do a lot better. For a few days work and a minimal amount of volunteer effort, a tremendous amount of money can be made quickly (it sure beats selling chocolate bars!).

The money raised by the Casino will be used to support several major projects (e.g. Canadian Open in 1995 in Calgary) and to help pay some of the costs for the '93 Canadian Chess Challenge Finals held in Edmonton in May. Fundraising by having a Casino may pave the way towards more financial self-sufficiency. Although the ACA now will have funds to support some major projects, where funds from a casino are spent is tightly controlled by the Alberta Gaming Commission and they can't be used for just anything.

The ACA is indebted to the following volunteers who gave their time—and some who spent their own money (e.g. travel, lodging, etc.)—to help out: Ford Wong, Paul Usselman, John Quiring, Barney Fegyverneki, Len Steele, Arniel Frialde, Rand Dodd, Phyliss Flower, Robert Davies, Bernie Tynan, Nick Podolchak, Tim

McMurphy, Andrew Beingessner, Jim Van Wyck, Mark Adam, Rob Gardner, Jeff Rouse, Jack King, Reinder Sloot, Kevin Turner, Tom McKay, Jim Daniluk, Brian Starkes, Dale Haessel, and Tony Peredo. Special thanks to: John Quiring and Barney Fegyverneki, who worked both days as cashiers (the only position requiring someone working at all times and one of the toughest jobs), making few mistakes considering the amount of money which passed through their hands; Ford Wong and Paul Usselman, who worked the entire two days and made all the necessary preparations; Phyliss Flower, who joined the ACA just so that she could help with the Casino; Rand Dodd, who answered our call for help on day one and ended up working almost the entire two days (thanks also go to Rand's neighbour, who unexpectedly ended up watching his children on day one); and those who came from out of town, especially Bernie Tynan, who drove in from distant Wandering River.

The volunteer work at the casino varied and depended on the position (a volunteer can only hold one position, i. e. switching to another position is not allowed). The Bankers monitored the books, the Chip Runners ran chips to the tables, the Chip Fillers prepared the chips for the Chip Runners, the Cashiers exchanged cash for chips, the Count Room Supervisor watched the people in the Count room, and the Count Room staff spent their time sorting and counting money. Each position had specific times when it was needed. When not needed, there was time to relax, and during these breaks the volunteers were able to catch a meal (courtesy of the ACA) in the Casino Cafeteria, watch TV or videotapes, play speed chess, and watch the Casino games in action. One person wanted to be a shill and fortunately there was no such volunteer position otherwise the ACA was in a whole lot of trouble (if this was the best that the ACA could do for a shill!). Overall, being a casino volunteer was fun and not very demanding. The cards used at the Casino will be divvied up amongst the volunteers as a small, albeit token, reward.

Special thanks for their help also go to Mae Weis, our Casino Advisor, Sandra Fritz, who was the Count Room Supervisor, and Bob Klewchuk and Ritchie Bogle of Arkay Casino.

For those people who wanted to help but were unable to make it this time around, another opportunity will be available in about two years, when the ACA plans to have another casino. Thanks once again to all the volunteers who assisted with the Casino!

Annual General Meeting & Elections

The ACA Annual General Meeting will be held between rounds three and four of the "Alberta Open" in Calgary on Sunday, October 10th. This year the President and Treasurer positions along with four director positions are up for election.

The ACA would like to thank the following people who have completed their terms on the ACA Board of Directors: Ford Wong, John Quiring, Paul Usselman, Brian Murdoch, Réjean Plante, and Bruce Kiely, and encourages them to run for the Board again. Everyone with an interest in guiding the direction of chess in Alberta is encouraged to stand for election for any of the vacant positions on the ACA Board.

Unfortunately, due to other commitments, Ford Wong will not be able to run for another term as President (no, we will not be able to convince him to reconsider!). It is a responsible job, requiring a person who is able to get things done—or at least ensure others get them done—and sees that they're done before the "last minute".

Thanks to Ford Wong for working so hard over the past few years, bearing much of the ACA work load. He is to be commended for his dedication to Alberta chess! He has a lot of "irons in his chess fire", amazingly still running both junior and senior chess tournaments and contributing in a major way to the ACR (check this issue!), usually providing his articles on computer disk.

In Memoriam BRANKO GEORGIJEVIC

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Branko Georgijevic at 72 years of age. Branko's failing health made it necessary for him to consider leaving home and to look for a place where he could receive proper care. Regrettably, while in Calgary for that purpose, he passed away late in June.

Branko was an organizing dynamo in school and junior chess in northeastern Alberta—certainly the most enthusiastic and committed chess volunteer one could ever meet! Despite his health problems and increasingly reduced mobility, Branko traveled many kilometers to visit "his chess kids" in schools in his area, teaching the basic elements of chess, distributing supplies to start clubs, and—perhaps most importantly—spreading his enthusiasm to the kids.

Branko is gone now, but his legacy lives on. We will miss him!

(Anyone who didn't see the April/91 ACR profile of Branko can write to the ACA to request a copy.)

U of A Open Success Story
by Ford Wong, TD

The U of A Open was a huge success with an unexpected 36 participants, partly due to the 'road warriors' (2 Wandering River, 5 Red Deer, 4 Calgary, 1 Camrose, 4 Saskatchewan) who dropped in and the 4 'born agains' who shook off their cobwebs to play after several years absence.

One of the latter players was Lev Gorelik, who quietly and modestly won the tournament with a perfect 5-0. Lev says he was a chess trainer in the Soviet Union and that he hasn't played since the mid 80's (last rating around 2100) and that he has caught the chess bug and feels the need to play again. It doesn't look like Lev has lost a step, as shown by wins against Frialde, Usselman and Bentley. "Welcome back". He says this is his first perfect score tournament ever!"

If Lev can do it, I wonder how many more strong players are out there who have yet to make their appearance in the Canadian chess scene. "Shades of Torsten Linker".

Other winners were Greg Huber and John Seaman splitting 2nd and 3rd overall, John Quiring and Eric Schocat splitting top 1700-1900, David Ottosen, Jeff Rouse, Branko Palcic and Bernie Tynan splitting top 1500-1699, newcomer Juan Rodriguez taking Under 1499 and Unrated with Gordon Hatch 2nd, Nathan Steingart took top Junior and Nathan McLean was 2nd.

The tournament featured some revenge taking as several players managed to avenge previous losses to old rivals (Ottosen-McLean, Quiring-Dewindt), several losses on time (e.g. Gardner to Frialde), and a very quick smothered mate (N. Steingart-Ottosen). Nathan Steingart had a quick game, but Walter Steingart failed to take advantage by dragging his game on (maybe to avenge the hours Nathan has made him wait around).

Thanks to everyone who played, especially the road warriors and the born agains, the anonymous cookie donor, and Wayne Mendryk, who helped monitor several time scrambles. For everyone who played, it was tough having to sacrifice Mother's Day for chess and I hope that they understand!

W. Bentley - C. Dartana (rd 3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 0-0 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.e5 Ne8 8.exd6 cxd6 9.Bd3 Nef6 10.0-0 Nb6 11.Qc2 Bd7 12.b3 Bg4 13.Bb2 Bxf3 14.Rxf3 d5 15.c5 Nbd7 16.f5 e6 17.fxg6 fxg6 18.Re1 Re8 19.Nb5 Nf8 20.Nd6 Re7 21.Qf2 Rc7 22.Nb5 Re7 23.Rxf6 Bxf6 24.Qxf6 a6 25.Nd6 Qd7 26.Bc1 e5 27.Rxe5 Rxe5 28.Qxe5 Qe6 29.Bf4 Qxe5 30.Bxe5 Nd7 31.Bf4 Nf6 32.h3 Rb8 33.Be2 Kf8 34.Bf3 Nd7 35.Bxd5 (1-0)

P. Montambault - W. Steingart (rd 3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.Nc3 g6 5.0-0 a6 6.Bxc6 bxc6 7.d4 d5 8.Re1 cxd4 9.Qxd4 Bg7 10.e5 Nd7 11.Ng5 0-0 12.Qh4 h6 13.Nxf7 Rxf7 14.e6 Rf6 15.exd7 Qxd7 16.Bxh6 e6 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Re3 d4 19.Rh3 Kf8 20.Qxf6+ (1-0)

J. Kaastrup - W. Bentley (rd 2)

1.Nf3 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Ng5 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bf5 5.Bc4 e6 6.f3 Bc5 7.Ngxe4 Nxe4 8.Nxe4 Bxe4 9.fxex4 Qh4+ 10.g3 Qxe4+ 11.Qe2 Qxh1+ 12.Qf1 Qxh2 (0-1)

P. Usselman - L. Gorelik (rd 3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Be2 a6? [LG: better 9...Re8] 10.e5 dxe5 11.fxe5 Ng4 12.Bg5 Qe8 13.d6 Nc6 14.Nd5 Be6 15.Nc7 Qd7 16.Nxa8 Rxa8 17.0-0 Ngxe5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Bf6 Qxd6 20.Qxd6 Bxd6 21.Bf3 Rc8 22.Rad1 Nd4! 23.Bxb7 Rb8 24.Bxa6 Rxb2 25.a4 Bd5 26.Rf2 Bxh2+ 27.Kf1 Rb4 28.Bb5 Bg3 29.Rfd2 Nxb5 [LG: 29...Rxb5!/?] 30.Rxd5 Rf4+ 31.Kg1 Rxf6 32.axb5 Bf2+ 33.Kh2 Rf4 34.g3 Rb4 35.Kg2 Bd4 36.Kf3 Rb3+ 37.Kg2 Kg7 38.Rd2 h5 39.Kh3 Rb4 40.Kg2 Rb3 41.Kh3 Rb1 42.Kg2 Rb3 43.Kh3 Kh6 44.Rd1 f6 45.Rd2 Be5 46.R2d3 Rxb5 47.Ra3 Rb2 48.Ra6 c4 49.Rc6 g5! (0-1)

N. Steingart - D. Ottosen (rd 4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.exd5 Ne7 9.c4 Bd7?? (1-0) [10.Nxd6#]

L. Gorelik - W. Bentley (rd 4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.c3 d6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Bg4 9.Nbd2 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.Qa4 Nxg3 12.hxg3 Ne7 13.Qc2 a6 14.Bc4 b5 15.Bb3 Ng6 16.Bd5 Rb8 17.b4 Bb6 18.a4 Qd7 19.axb5 axb5 20.Ra3 Be6 21.Rfa1 Bxd5 22.exd5 g4 23.Nh2 f5 24.R1a2 Qf7 25.c4 bxc4 26.dxc4 Bd4 27.Ra4 e4 28.Nb3 Bg7 29.Na5 Ne5 30.Nc6 Nxc6 31.dxc6 Qe8 32.b5 e3 33.Qd3 exf2+ 34.Rxf2 Qe5 35.Raa2 Qc5 36.Rad2 Ra8 37.Qd5+ Qxd5 38.Rxd5 Be5 39.Nf1 Ra4 40.c5 Bd4 41.cxd6 Bxf2+ 42.Kxf2 cxd6 43.Rxd6 [LG: 43.b6] 43...Rb4 44.Rd5 Rb8? 45.c7 Rc8 46.Rd8+ (1-0)

J. Quiring - C. Dewindt (rd 4)

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 Nf6 3.e3 b6 4.Ne2 g6 5.c4 Bb7 6.d4 e6 7.b3 Bg7 8.Ba3 Nbd7 9.0-0 Rc8 10.Nbc3 a6 11.Nf4 c6 12.Rc1 Bf8 13.Bxf8 Nxf8 14.Rc2 Qe7 15.cxd5 exd5 16.e4 dxe4 17.Re1 Ne6 18.Nxe4 0-0 19.Ng5 Qd6 20.Nfxe6 fxe6 21.Rxe6 Qa3 22.Rce2 Rce8 23.Rxf6 Rxe2 24.Rxf8+ Kxf8 25.Qxe2 Qc1+

**Red Deer Chess Club
— The Year in Review**
by Henry Vandervaart

The past year was one of change and growth for the Red Deer Chess Club. Moving to a public venue, although hard on club finances, allowed the membership to more than double, and by the end of the year the calibre of chess being played was quite impressive. The last open tournament had almost as many upsets as this year's Stanley Cup playoffs. In terms of changes, the main one occurred when our dedicated and inspirational leader of so many years, Brian Murdoch, moved to Mission, B.C. We thank him for all the work he did on behalf of chess players in Central Alberta and wish him and his family the very best in their new endeavors.

In the final club tournaments of the 92-93 chess season, Neil Sharp won the closed section with a perfect score of 6 pts, with Henry Vandervaart finishing a distant second with 3 pts. The open section was won by Juan Rodriguez, a young aspiring chess player visiting us from Uruguay. He finished with 5.5 points—5 wins and a bye! Nathan McLean was second with 4 pts, while Mark Jackson and Dave Neustaeter wound up tied for third with 3.5 pts each.

It's worth noting that the top finishers in the open tournament were all students. Juniors make up about half of our present membership, reflecting both the growth of our club and the great work Neil Sharp is doing with young players in the area.

Yes, it has been an interesting and eventful year. What with hosting the Alberta Open in the fall of '92 and the Red Deer Open this June, we look forward to continued growth and lots of good chess next year.

26.Qf1 Qxg5 27.Qc4 Qf6 28.Qc3 Qd6 29.Qe3 Bc8 30.Qe5 Qxe5 31.dxe5 Bd7 32.f4 Ke7 33.Kf2 c5 34.Bd5 Bb5 35.Ke3 Bd7 36.Kd3 Bb5+ 37.Bc4 Bxc4+ 38.Kxc4 (1-0)

Arniel Frialde - Lev Gorelik (rd 5)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.g3 b6 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 Be7 6.c4 0-0 7.Nc3 d5 8.Ne5 Nbd7 9.f4 c5 10.e3 Qc7 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Nb5 Qc8 13.e4 Nc7 14.Nxc7 Qxc7 15.Be3 cxd4 16.Bxd4 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Bc5+ 18.Kh1 Qe7 19.Qe2 Rfd8 20.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Rd8 22.a3 a5 23.h4 Rd7 24.h5 Qd8 25.Rxd7 Qxd7 26.Qg4 f5 27.exf5 exf5 28.Qe2 Bxg2+ 29.Kxg2 Qd5+ 30.Kh2 Kf7 31.h6 g6 32.Bc3 Qe4 33.Qxe4 fxe4 34.g4 Bf8 35.g5 Bd6 36.Kg3 Ke6 37.Kg4 e3 38.f5+ gx f5+ 39.Kf3 Kf7 40.Kxe3 Be7 41.Kf4 Kg6 42.Bg7 Bxg5+ 43.Ke5 Be3 (0-1 at move 56)

Edmonton Invasion at Red Deer Open
by Neil Sharp, TD
(games corralled by Ford Wong)

The '93 Red Deer Open was held June 5 & 6. Rob Gardner of Edmonton won with a perfect 5-0. However, his wins were not all easy. Even his round one game with Dean Mah of Red Deer was tough, requiring Rob to grind out a long, difficult endgame.

John Quiring of Edmonton captured 2nd with 4 pts. His games were generally exciting affairs. Third prize also went to Edmonton, Ford Wong with 3.5 pts, after he won a long, clever ending from Eric Schocat.

Prizes in the Under-1700 section went to Henry Vandervaart with 3 pts and Alex Grefner with 2.5 pts, both from Red Deer. Top Junior was taken by ten year old Nathan McLean of Rimbey with 2.5 pts and a 1600 performance, including draws in the last two rounds with Vandervaart and Cor Dewindt.

John Quiring - Rob Gardner (rd 2)

1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 d5 4.d3 e6 5.0-0 Bd6 6.Nc3 Nge7 7.Re1 0-0 8.Nb5 Bb8 9.c4 a6 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Nc3 d4 12.Ne4 b6 13.e3 dxe3 14.Bxe3 Nd5 15.Bd2Bg4 16.Qb3 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Nd4 18.Qd1 Nxf3+ 19.Qxf3 Ra7 20.Qf5 Ne7 21.Qh5 Qxd3 22.Rad1 Qd5 23.Bg5 Qf5 24.Qe2 Nc6 25.Qd3 Ne5 (0-1)

Eric Schocat - Ford Wong (rd 5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Bg5 Re8 10.0-0-0 c6 11.Nxe5 Rxe5? 11...Nxe4 12.Rd8+ Re8 13.Bxf6 Rxd8 14.Bxd8 Be6 15.Ba5 Nd7 16.Kc2 Ne5 17.b3 c5 18.Nb5 Nc6 19.Bc3 Bxc3 20.Kxc3 a6 21.Nc7 Rd8 22.Nd5 Nd4 23.Bd3 Nc6 24.Rd1 Kg7 25.Rd2 f6 26.a3 a5 27.Bc2 Kf7 28.f4 Nd4 29.b4 axb4+ 30.axb4 b6 31.Bb1 Nc6 32.b5 Na5 33.Ba2 Rb8 34.h3 h5 35.e5 fxe5 36.fxe5 Bf5 37.Rf2 Ke6 38.g4 hxg4 39.hxg4 Bxg4 40.Rf6+ Kxe5 41.Rxg6 Be6 My draw offer was declined. 42.Rg5+ Kd6 43.Bb1 Bxd5 After rooks are gone, its good knight vs bad bishop. 44.Rxd5+ Kc7 45.Bf5 Rd8 46.Rxd8 Kxd8 47.Be4 Ke7 48.Bd5 Kd6 49.Kd3 Ke5 50.Ke3 Nb3 51.Be4 Nd4 52.Bb1 Ne6 53.Bh7 Ng5 54.Bg8 Ne4 55.Bd5 Nd6 56.Bg8 Nf5+ 57.Kd3 Kf4 58.Bd5 Nh4 59.Be4 Nf3 60.Bd5 Ne5+ 61.Ke2 Ng4 62.Bf3?! 62.Bc6 62...Ne3 63.Bc6 63.Bd5 Nxd5 64.cxd5 Ke5+ 63...Nxc4 64.Kd3 Na5 65.Bd5 Ke5 66.Bg8 Nb7 67.Bb3 Nd6 68.Ba4c4+ 69.Kc3 Ke4 70.Kb4 Kd4 71.Bc2 c3 72.Bb1 Nb7 73.Bc2 Nc5 74.Bh7 Nd3+ 75.Kb3 Nc1+ 76.Kc2 Ne2 77.Bd3 Nf4 78.Bf5 Nd5 79.Bh7 Nc7 79...Kc4?? 80.Bg8 80.Bd3 Ne8 81.Bg6 Nd6 82.Bd3 Nc4 83.Be2?! Na3+ 84.Kb3 Ke3 84...c2! 85.Bg4 c2 (0-1)

Edmonton not so Active in June
by Ford Wong, TD

June seems to be a poor month to run a tournament in Edmonton as only 10 players came to play in the June Active. Last year's tournament in June drew only 8 players.

The winner was Ford Wong, who was powered by his first ever tournament win against Rob Gardner. Mr. Big's perfect score was ruined in the last round when he lost to Sardul Purewal in a time scramble (that's ACTIVE chess!). However, victory was preserved by help from David Ottosen, who found a way to draw the "Rocket" which prevented him from tying for first. This also kept David's record intact as never having lost a game as White against the Sicilian! Ford says "Thanks David, now we're even" (in January, David took a half point from Ford, which cost him the unofficial Trum-peter Classic speed chess Championship).

David Ottosen finally got a chance to play "Mr. Big" and get a point, but fell short when his Queen got trapped. Other winners: Rob Gardner, 2nd; David Ottosen and Gerhart Reuter split top 1400-1799; and Lian Chang took the Under 1399 and Junior prize.

Being an active event, the tournament ran very fast and everyone was home by 5 o'clock. Thanks to those who came to play.

Ford Wong - Gerhart Reuter (rd 2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 g6 4.e4 Bg7 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 Nc6 7.Nge2 e5 8.d5 Ne7 9.Qd2 Ne8 10.g4 b6 11.Ng3 a5 12.h4 Nf6 13.h5 Nd7 14.Bh6 Nc5 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.hxg6 Ng8 17.Qh2 h6 18.gxf7 Rxf7 19.Nf5+ Bxf5 20.gxf5 Qf6 21.Rg1+ Kh7 22.Rg6 Qe7 23.0-0-0 Rg7 24.f6 Qxf6?! 25.Rxf6 Nxf6 26.Bh3h5 27.Bf5+ Kg8 28.Qh4 Kf7 29.Qh3 Ke7 30.Be6 Rf8 31.Nb5 Kd8 32.Na7 Rh8 33.Nc6+ Ke8 34.a3 a4 35.Kc2 Rf8 36.Rf1 Rh8 37.Qf5 Rf8 38.Rf2 Nfxe4 39.Qxh5+ (1-0)

David Ottosen - Rob Gardner (rd 5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 e6 7.Qf3 Qc7 8.g4 Be7 9.Be3 Nc6 10.O-O-O Nxd4 11.Bxd4 e5 12.fxe5 dxe5 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 exd4 15.Re1 O-O 16.Bd3 Bg5+ 17.Kb1 Bd7 18.h4 Qf4 [DO: ??] 19.hxg5 [DO: !!] Qxf3 20.Bxh7+ Kh8 21.Bg6+ Qxh1 22.Rxh1+ (draw)

Rob Gardner - Frank Pellerin (rd 5)

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.exd5 e4 4.d3 Nf6 5.dxe4 Nxe4 6.Nf3 Bc5 7.Bb5+c6 8.Qe20-0-0 dxc6 bxc6 10.Qxe4 Re8 11.Ne5 cxb5 12.Qxa8 Bg4 13.Nc3 Qd4 14.Rf1 Bb4 15.Bd2 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Qc4 17.Kf2 Qc5+ 18.Be3 Qxc3 19.Nxg4 h5 20.Ne5 f6 21.Qd5+ Kh7 22.Qd3+ Qxd3 (1-0)

Alberta Active Chess Championship

On Good Friday in Calgary, while the Alberta Closed was being played upstairs in the Solarium, 22 players gathered for the five round Alberta Active. The class of the field, as shown by his 5-0 score, was Tony Peredo—he didn't use much of the available 30 minutes in any of his games. Art Milne and Mark Adam each lost only to Peredo and scored 4-1 to tie for 2nd-3rd. The entire Wu clan (i.e. A, B, C and D) came down from Edmonton, but this time it was "D", the youngest, who led the pack—Douglas Wu was 4th overall, scoring 3.5. Lee Nagle was TD, under the guidance of Barney Fegyverneki, who organized for the ACA.

Alberta Reserve, Easter '93
by Brian Starkes, TD

While the "big boys" were playing the Alberta Closed upstairs, a 4-round Swiss tournament was played on Saturday and Easter Sunday. Twenty players took part, with the winner being #1 rated Tony Peredo, who had a perfect score of 4 pts. Tied for second were M. Adam, C. Dewindt and F. Pellerin. Top Under 1700 went to D. Ottosen, with a 4-way tie for second between T. McKay, R. Dodd, L. Miazga and M. Tachuk. Top Junior was shared by S. Dodd-Flower and G. O'Reilly.

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Hafiz Karmali outdistanced the pack, scoring a perfect 4-0 knockout. Robert Davies took the Under 1800 prize.

[It's hard to say who was second overall. The crosstable has F. Borloi scoring 3-1—if correct, he'd be second—but it also shows he played Davies in the last round and both won, and has them playing in round 2 as well (can't play someone again in a Swiss!). The final round Dewindt-Yamach game is listed as lost by both players (a double-forfeit is possible, but...). So, I'm not sure how those four players were really paired or what they really scored in the last round, but if Borloi didn't win that game, then R. Gouge would be tied for second at 2.5/4 with Davies.—ed.]

Eric Schocat — Hafiz Karmali (rd 4)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bg4 4.c4 e6 5.Nbd2 Nbd7 6.Qb3 Qc8 7.Be2 c6 8.Qc3 a5 9.a3 Bd6 10.c5 Bc7 11.b4 O-O 12.O-O Ne4 13.Qb2 f5 14.b5 f4 15.b6 Bb8 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Ng5 f3 18.Bc4 Nf6 19.Qb3 Nd5 20.gxf3 Bxf3 21.Qc2 e5 22.Nxf3 Qg4+ 23.Kh1 Qxf3+ 24.Kg1 Rf6 25.Bxd5+ cxd5 26.Re1 Qh3 27.f4 Rg6+ 28.Kh1 Qf3+ (0-1)

Etiquette, Rights, and Duties of a Chess Participant

A personal view by Ford Wong

As a Tournament Director, I am often surprised by players who forget their etiquette and/or some of the rules of chess. For new players, this is understandable, but it can happen to tournament regulars. Hence, I felt it would be beneficial to comment about the rights and duties of a chess player and what you can or cannot do during a tournament. Most information given here is in the CFC Handbook or is often repeated by TD's and should be common knowledge. If you play in tournaments, you should have a good understanding of the the rules of chess.

Before the game starts:

It's up to you to check the clock to ensure it has been set at the right start time. You should also be aware of the time controls.

It's courteous to shake hands with your opponent prior to starting the game.

The pieces, board and clock to be used must be mutually agreed upon by both players (*It's more usual, at least in Alberta, that the organizer provides and/or specifies the equipment-ed.*). If you want to use a different set of pieces than normally used (3-1/2" S-1 Tournament), then your opponent must agree. If a different clock is to be used and you don't mind, you should have your opponent explain how the clock works (especially how time control is determined). You or your opponent may use a different set of pieces or board ONLY if MUTUALLY AGREED upon by both.

Place the clock to the right of the player with the black pieces. The TD may require clocks to face inward (towards the aisle) and players may need to be seated accordingly.

Verify the board is arranged properly, pieces are on their proper squares, and White is on the correct side of 'numbered' boards.

Ensure you are playing the right color. If a game has started with the wrong colors and more than 1/4 of the time control has elapsed, the game will be allowed to continue.

Start the clock at the designated round start time. The TD need not start clocks (but usually does it if the players don't).

If your opponent fails to arrive within 1 hour from the designated start time (not one hour on your opponent's clock) you may claim a win by default.

Once the game has started:

You are not allowed to discuss your game with anyone while it is in progress or consult chess material pertinent to your game.

Please leave the board to have a conversation with anyone. Do not carry on a conversation while sitting at your board as it will be disruptive to your opponent. In fact, you

aren't supposed to carry on a conversation with your opponent during the game.

Most games are played using the "Touch Move" rule. If you deliberately touch a piece or pick up an opponent's piece, you are obligated to move it or take it, provided it is legally possible.

To adjust a piece, you must say "J'adoube" or "I adjust" before touching the piece, and it is best to have either your opponent or a spectator witness it. You can only adjust when it's your turn to move.

Should a touch move dispute arise, then be sure that someone else has witnessed the touch move. A TD cannot arbitrate such disagreements without a witness—otherwise it's your word against your opponent's.

The proper way to castle is to move your king first and then the rook (if moving one piece one at a time).

A move is completed when you have removed your hand from the piece (not when you have pushed your clock) or, if you capture an opponent's piece, when you have removed your hand from the piece which made the capture. *Note:* for the purpose of time control, a move is not completed until the player has stopped his clock.

You need not remain at your table. However, you must not leave the playing area for extended periods without notifying the TD.

It is illegal to distract or annoy your opponent in any manner whatsoever. Things like banging the table, shaking your legs (and the table), making wild noises such as grunting and sniffing your nose, or repeatedly offering a draw may be considered harrassment. Other possible harrassment might include such things as holding your hand over a piece for a long time before moving it, or screwing your pieces into the board. Often players put up with it, but they do not have to. You can kindly ask that your opponent stop doing it or complain to the TD. (*It is also frowned upon to fall asleep at the board, and I personally feel that eating at the board, especially crunchy foods, is discourteous, though drinking coffee, pop, etc. is acceptable—ed.*)

As a matter of etiquette, captured pieces which have been removed from the board shouldn't be played with, such as lining them up, etc. (some people like to play with Queens, especially near promotion time).

Spectators or other players are to remain silent and not interfere with any games. A spectator interfering with a game should be reported to the TD. You should ask anyone who is talking loudly to be quiet.

You are not obligated to say "Check!", but doing so is a courtesy.

If your opponent makes an illegal move, you may stop his clock and ask your oppo-

nent to make another move. You may also do this if your opponent is obligated to make a move with a touched piece but did not (touch move rule), or if your opponent accidentally knocks over pieces or wrecks the board (e.g. spills his drink, etc.). Your opponent must restore the board on his/her time.

Should you realize that an illegal position has occurred, then the game should be reinstated before the illegal move was made and restarted from there. (This does not apply for Active chess!).

The hand used to move pieces must also be used to stop a clock.

If your opponent forgets to stop his clock after making a move, you are not obligated to tell him. For a new player who is not familiar with the clock, you should do so as a matter of courtesy.

You should also watch to ensure that your clock is functioning properly. If not, notify the TD immediately.

You are not allowed to pick up a clock once a game has started and you may stop both clocks only when you wish to to summon a Tournament Director (arbiter) for one of the following:

- to claim a draw by repetition or the 50-move rule;
- to verify if the required number of moves has been made or to get an extra chess piece (e.g. promoted Queen); Normally, you may just borrow a captured Queen from another board;
- to claim a win on time, resign, or a draw has been agreed to.

No player is permitted to cover more or less permanently the button of his own clock with one of his fingers.

You are obligated to write down the moves of your game. Unless you are handicapped, no one may record the moves for you. Your scoresheet belongs to the organizers and not yourself, and must be surrendered to the TD upon demand.

Other than recording the time used, you are not allowed to write down any notes or enter evaluation symbols (e.g. "?", "!") on your scoresheet.

If you have not reached time control and have less than 5 minutes on your clock, you may omit writing down your move, BUT you should try to make a checkmark on your scoresheet after each move. When time control is reached, you will be required to write down all your moves made (on your own time if your opponent's scoresheet is up to date). If you quit recording your moves in severe time trouble, the TD or designate is usually around to record the moves.

During a time scramble, you may not ask anyone (not even the TD) if the required number of moves has been made. The TD is

not allowed to tell you. Unless your opponent is not writing down his moves, you may be able to look at your opponent's scoresheet (however, he/she is not obligated to show it to you or verify how many moves have been made). Some players have been known to record their games off by a few moves to fool players in a time scramble. Only when a player's flag falls will the TD stop both clocks to determine if the required number of moves has been made.

If there is a problem or a dispute, you should consult an arbiter or TD immediately. Waiting until after a game is completed to resolve a problem may be too late.

Ending the game:

The proper way to propose a draw is to make a move and then offer it. If an opponent offers a draw without making a move, you may request a move be made first. A draw offer may be declined by a verbal NO or by making a move. To accept a draw you should stop both clocks and offer to shake hands. Note: it is unsportsmanlike and unethical to pre-arrange a draw (i.e. without even starting play or after only a few moves). TD's should not condone or allow such draws.

As a matter of etiquette, you should not offer a draw in a disadvantageous position. Let the person who is winning or has the advantage propose the draw.

Normally, if you are playing someone who is rated quite a bit higher than you and he offers you a draw, you should take it as a matter of respect for the higher player (normally the higher rated player would offer a draw in a position that he feels is drawn).

(The editor disagrees with the previous two paragraphs. It is discourteous to offer a draw when you are way down in material, I suppose, unless your opponent is very short of time. However, though it may often be the smart thing to do, agreeing to a draw offer from a 'quite a bit higher rated player' simply because it is offered, without reference to the position or clock time, is not a matter where courtesy should be a factor.)

A draw by three move repetition can be claimed when: A. it is your turn to move and you can demonstrate that, if you were to make your intended move (i.e. *don't actually make it on the board!*—ed.), you will force your opponent to evaluate the same position (*with all the pieces having the same possibilities to move*—ed.) for a third time; or B. your opponent's last move had faced you with the same position for a third time.

Remember that "RESIGNING or AGREEING TO A DRAW IS FOREVER". Once done, you cannot take it back, e.g. sometimes a player resigns and then realizes that his opponent's flag has fallen—the resignation stands. This can happen in active chess where, unlike speed chess, if your king is in check and you forget, your opponent cannot take your King for the win (I once saw someone resign thinking that he had lost because his King was taken).

For a timed game, it is up to you to claim a win on time. (*In regular-rated games the TD can also point out a win on time*—ed.)

The proper way to resign is to tip over your King and stop your clock and shake hands. It is poor etiquette to resign and

comment on the opponent's play with remarks such as "You should have won the game many moves ago." or "You were lucky." One should resign gracefully.

Although you are not obligated to, it is good etiquette to resign obviously lost positions rather than play them out. This may also save you some energy for the next game.

It is poor sportsmanship to quit a lost game by leaving without being courteous enough to resign or notify the TD. This type of action may bring on subsequent penalties.

After a game, you are not obligated to analyze the game with your opponent, but it's the courteous thing to do (try to be objective during your post-game analysis). If you do analysis, go to the designated skittles/analysis area as discussion at your board may disturb other games in progress.

The winner is to mark up the score, but it's a good idea for the loser to verify that the score has been recorded properly. In the case of a draw, the player with White is to record the game result.

Other considerations:

If you can not make it to a particular round or decide to quit the tournament, it is your responsibility to notify the TD (*as far in advance as possible!*—ed.).

In addition, it's your responsibility to find out when the next round starts.

Remember, that in case of any dispute the TD (Arbiter) has the right to render a decision. If the TD's decision is still not satisfactory to you, you may file an appeal (in writing within 1/2 hour after the game ends) for Appeals Committee consideration.

Rocket to Vegas

by Rob Gardner



Rob Gardner and Greg Huber went to the 1993 National Open in Las Vegas, June 11-13. The setting was quite interesting and we had a good time. I started off well, but my play deteriorated as the tournament went on. Huber played well enough to place in an eight-way tie for the 2200-2399 prize.

R. Gardner—FM Joe Bradford (2530 US)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 Qb6 8.g3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Be7 10.Bh3 a5 11.Ne2 a4 12.0-0 f5 13.exf6 Nxf6 14.Kh1 a3 15.bxa3 Ne4 16.Ng5 Nxe5 17.fxg5 Bd7 18.Rf3 Rf8 19.Bf4 g6 20.Rb1 Qa6 21.Nc3 Nd8 22.Bf1 Qa7 23.Bb5 *My original intention was 23.Nb5 provoking 23...Bxb5. However, I changed my mind thinking that if I provoked 23...Nc6, I could play Nb5 more effectively later on. After the game, my opponent said that if I had played 23.Nb5 his game would have collapsed in about ten moves, if he chose not to resign*

sooner. 23...Nc6 Now I began to worry about my d4-pawn so I changed my mind again. 24.Bxc6 bxc6 25.a4 Rf5 26.Rb3 Kf8 27.g4 Rf7 28.Be5 Bxg5 29.Rxf7+ Kxf7 30.Qb1 Qa5 31.Ne2 31.Rb7 Qxc3 and Black threatens mate in two with ...Qf3+ 31...Qxa4 32.Qf1+ Kg8 33.Rf3 Qc2 34.Ng3? I played 34.Ng3 so that 35.Rf7 could not be met by 35...Qe4+ but I completely overlooked 34...Qc1 shutting down the attack. I still had 20 minutes left so I cannot blame time trouble. After the game my opponent recommended 34.h4 as preparation for 35.Rf7 since 35...Qe4+ could be met by 36...Kh2. I think his intended continuation may have been 34...Bh6 which creates possibilities like ...Rxa2 (since f8 is protected) and 35.Rf7 Qe4+ 36.Kh2 Qxg4 (since g7 is protected). I'm not sure what 35.g5 would lead to. 34...Qc1 35.Qxc1 Bxc1 36.Rb3 Kf7 37.Rb7 Ke7 38.Ne2 Bg5 39.Nc3 Ra3 40.Ne2 40.Rb3 offers a rook trade but it may be a better try. 40...Rxa2 41.Ng1 Be3 42.Nh3 g5 43.Rb8 c5 44.dxc5 Be6 45.Rc8 Bb5 46.Bd6+ Kf6 47.Rb8 Bd3 (0-1)

Rocket Attacks ECC Spring Active

by Rob Gardner



Despite being gouged for half a point by Randy Gouge in the first round, Rob Gardner sprang into clear first in the last round.

Eric Schocat's active play led him to the top 1700-2000 spot with 3 points out of a possible 4.

David Ottosen oughtta soon see a large rating increase as well as the Under 1700 prize due to his 3 points.

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(crossables provided by Cor Dewindt)



Section A, a 4-player round robin, went to Sardul Purewal (2 wins, and a draw with H. Karmali). F Borloi was second with 2-1.

Section B, a 6-player Swiss, saw Kurt Lauterwald and David Ottosen tie for first place with 2.5/3 after they drew in their last round game. Art Skeel was third with 1.5/3.

Hungarian Experience, Part I

by Michael Yip

I played in 5(!) IM-norm tournaments (4 in Kecskemet, 1 in Budapest) and the Budapest Spring Festival. As an added bonus I also played a 10-game training match (openings preselected) with a local IM.

Hungary is having a chess event explosion largely through the efforts of the "First Saturday Tournament Series (Budapest)" organized by Laszlo Nagy. They have a GM norm and an IM norm tournament every month together with Scheveningen tournaments every month. Players are treated to a feast of chess as all the games take place in two connected playing rooms.

It was here that I witnessed the first GM norm of GM-elect Peter Leko (age 13; elo 2560!). Leko has since collected another norm in France and will soon be the youngest GM in the world.

There's a stark contrast between the fighting chess of Budapest tournaments and Kecskemet's monthly IM norm tournaments, where many games are regularly drawn without players even showing up on site. I remember a game scheduled to start at 4:30 and the result was already marked as a draw at 2:00! This is done with the organizer's full knowledge and consent—he is basically in the business of providing norm chances, not a tournament as we know it. This is a sad defect of the Hungarian chess industry.

Probably the most helpful thing I did, apart from playing the games, was the work with Tibor Karolyi jr, the trainer of Peter Leko (Karolyi had taken Leko from 1900 to 2500 strength in about four years!).

(The foregoing section is edited from material sent to En Passant, but not yet published. The following, which will be continued next issue with more annotated games, is an exclusive to the ACR.)

I had the pleasure of playing in Europe for 4 months and in that time I managed to spend some time with one of Hungary's best and probably least known trainers—Tibor Karolyi jr.

His approach is more radical than other Hungarian trainers for openings (my favourite area!). Basically, all his students start with a repertoire geared for 2450 level play and all explanations are given accordingly. He expects his students to make an explosion in progress and does not want them to arrive at IM-norm tournaments without a suitable repertoire. Having said this, most of our time was not spent on openings but endgames and analyzing my games. Unfortunately, we were unable to work together for an extended

period. He requires about 200 hours of work with a student to produce anything that he would consider progress (i.e. 2350-2400).

The first step for his work with me was to do a statistical analysis of my European games to date (about 60 games) and then analyze my recent games and answer any questions I may have. We had about 20 hours total to work with, so obviously I was not getting the full treatment. We covered queen endings because it was a relatively short module and so that I should see the level I should aim for in my independent work on my return to Canada.

The method is basically a brief summary (3 hours) of queen endgame basics, followed by a quiz session based on positions from Speelman's *Test Your Endgame Ability* and other endgame books. I was really amazed at the kind of depth we went to for an area that we were basically going through quickly as queen endgames are, as everyone knows, quite rare.

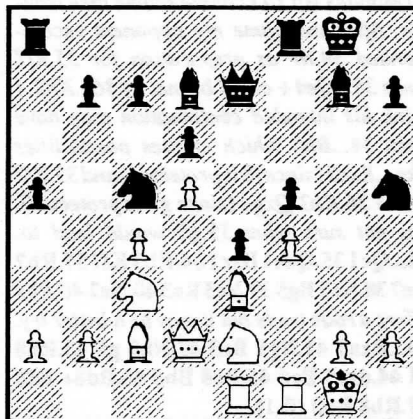
It was the statistical analysis of my recent European games that was most surprising. It's no secret in Alberta that I play the Najdorf and the Nimzo-Indian/Queen's Indian, however he concluded that those openings were not my "style" and that I did not play them particularly well! Needless to say, I was a little distressed. However, it should be remembered that the weakest (!) players that I was playing were in the 2250 range. As for opening choices, one facet of his advice is to play defences (i.e. *as Black—ed.*) that you don't like facing as White.

But enough talk, now some games!

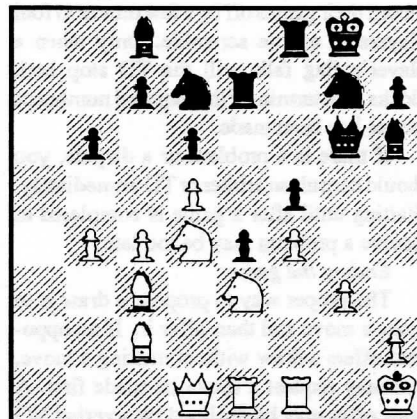
M. Yip (2100) - S. Farago (2370) [E88]

Budapest, April 2, 1993

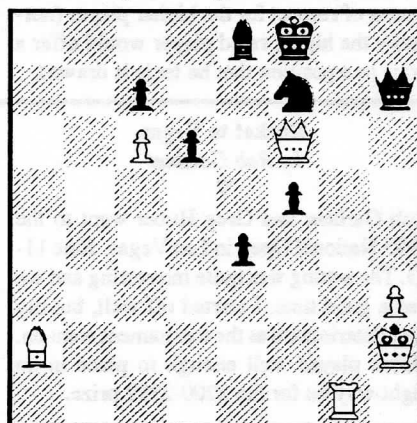
Little did I know that this would be my first draw with an IM. 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 Na6 8.Bd3 Nc5 9.Bc2 a5 Black tries for counterplay without ...c6, but this is not enough. 10.Nge2 Nh5 11.0-0 f5 12.exf5 gxf5 13.f4 Qe7 14.Qd2 Bd7 15.Rae1 e4?!±



Fixing the centre like this gives a pawn structure favourable to White. 16.Bd4 Nf6 17.Nd1 Rf7 18.Ne3 b6 19.Bc3 Raf8 20.Nd4 Ne8 21.Kh1 Bh6 22.g3 Ng7 23.Qe2 Qe8 24.b3 Re7 25.a3 Qg6 26.Qd1 Bc8 27.b4 axb4 28.axb4 Nd7±



White should try to invade on the a-file and force c5. 29.Ne2 Nf6 30.h3 Bd7 31.Bb3 Nge8 32.Rg1 Qh5 33.Rg2 Bg7 34.Kg1 Kh8 35.Rf1 Qg6 36.Qd2 h5 37.Nd4 Ng8 38.Bd1 Nh6 39.Kh2 Nf6 40.Bb3 Rg8 41.Bb2 Ne8 42.Ne2 Bxb2 43.Qxb2+ Reg7 44.Qd4 Kh7 45.Rfg1 Nf6 46.Kh1 Qf7 47.Bc2 Qe7 48.Nc3 Rg6 49.Ne2 R8g7 50.Bb1 Kg8 51.Ba2 Kf7 52.Qc3 Rh7 53.c5 bxc5 54.bxc5 h4 55.c6 Be8 56.Nd4 hgx3 57.Rgx3 Rgx3 58.Rgx3 Nh5 59.Rg1 Nxf4 60.Ne6!? Nxe6 61.dxe6+ Kf8 62.Nd5 Qxe6 63.Nf6! Qe7 64.Nxh7+ Qxh7 65.Qf6+ Nf7 66.Kh2=∞



66...Qh8?! 67.Qxh8+ Nxh8 68.Rg8+ Ke7 69.Rxh8 Bxc6 70.Rh7+ Kd8 71.Kg3 e3 72.Bc4 Be4 73.Kf4 d5 74.Be2 d4 75.h4 c5 76.h5 d3 77.Bxd3 Bxd3 78.Kxe3 c4 79.Kd4 Ke8 80.Rc7 Kf8 81.Ke5 Kg8 82.h6 Kh8 83.Kf4 Kg8 84.Kg5?? 84.h7+ Kh8 85.Kg5 My only excuse was the five minutes I had left to finish the game. 85...f4 86.Kh5+- Bxh7 84...f4= 85.Kxf4 Kh8 86.Kg5 Kg8 87.Rd7 Be4 88.Rc7 Bd3 89.Kf6 Kh8 90.h7 Bxh7 91.Rc8+ Bg8 92.Kg6 c3 93.Rxc3 Bh7+ 94.Kh6 Bg8 95.Rc7 Bd5 (draw)

Lots more games next ACR in Part II...



ALBERTA JUNIOR CHESS REPORT



(A special section of the Alberta Chess Report, August 1993)

EJCC May Mayhem and Wrap-Up of the Season by Adam Wu

The May Mayhem was the last EJCC tournament of the season, and I'm proud to say that to my memory the seven tournaments this season have been the most successful for the club. Before going into the tournament proper, I'd like to pause for some recognition of certain interesting achievements by participants in the past season.

The most tournament victories by a single player was two, a feat accomplished by Sherwin Chan and Beatrice Wu. Meanwhile, there was a 7-way tie for the most class prizes between Jerome Wong, Aaron Lovi, Cynthia Wu, Jason Ventura, Bernie Kan, Nathan McLean, and Rob Grue, each with 1 victory (speaking of parity...). Jerome Wong, Jason Ventura, and Rob Grue each accomplished the impressive feat of winning a prize in their first tournament. The youngest player to win a game was one of the Mayo twins (I don't know exactly which!). Unofficially, the player with the most intriguing time scrambles was Aaron Lovi (last year it was Cynthia Wu). The Best Game Prize is jointly awarded to Douglas Wu (Wu-Lovi) and Valentine Pui (Pui-Ottosen). Dave ("The

Dragon is Losing") Ottosen gets a Thank You Note for a Thankless Job for the part he played as an organizer and promoter in bringing new players to the club.

And finally, the greatest recognition is reserved for Ford Wong, whose tireless organization literally revived the club from an agonized death. I'm sure I'm expressing the gratitude of all the players by saying "Thank you Ford for your efforts!".

Well, now, on to the May Mayhem. It was mayhem indeed, even though the strongest players, desperately afraid of losing rating points, did not show up. White players had a field day, winning 17 times against only 8 losses. The games were generally hard fought, complex, messy, and lots of fun. Douglas Wu survived a harrowing draw against Aaron Lovi, in which Aaron, up a Q for R, offered a draw because he was short on time. Douglas thus captured first prize with 3.5/4, besting his sister Cynthia, who also worked her own brand of miracles. Rob Grue, proving again that "unrated" doesn't stand for 0, claimed the Under 1000 prize with 2.5/4. I'd originally included some of the better games in this article, but unfortunately, the censors on violence in family publications got to the rough copy first.

As a final note, last ACR (18/2), I anno-

tated the game D. Wu - Lovi, which started: 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 O-O 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.O-O O-Bd7 10.Bc4 a6 11.h4 Re8 12.h5 b5 13.Bb3 Nxb5 14.g4 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Nf4? 17.Qe3 Here, I wrote "I leave the reader to analyze 17.Rxh7!!" with the "!!" implying that the move won for White. This is hardly the case. As Aaron pointed out, after 17.Rxh7? e5! wins for Black. Also, after 17...Kxh7 18.Rh1+Nh5 19.gxh5 20.g5! Black's just fine. So, my annotation was rather out to lunch. The correct winning line (aside from the text's Qe3, which also wins, but slowly) is 17.e5! Black now has two choices, 17...g5 or 17...Ne6 (17...Ng2? 18.Qd2). If 17...g5, 18.Qe4 Ng6 and now 19.Bxf7+! (I'll leave Bxf7+ for the reader) or 19.Rxh7! wins. For example, 19...Kxh7 20.Bxf7 Rg8 21.Rh1+ or 19...e6 20.Rdh1 Kf8 21.Rxf7+. If Black plays 17...Ne6 18.Bxe6 Bxe6 19.Qe3! f6 20.Qh6 Bc4 21.e6! followed by Qxh7+ with mate on the way.

A final thank you to all the players, and of course, a thank you to the financiers, pep ralliers, surrogate coaches, and chauffeurs—namely, the parents. We eagerly await your return next year!

see the front cover for more Junior news

Calgary Open a Big Success by Brian Starkes, TD

The 1993 Calgary Open Chess Championship was held March 9 to April 20 and was one of the strongest (quantity and quality) events held in Calgary for a long time, with 35 players (18 being 'A' Class and above).

The eventual winner was Jim Daniluk (6/7), with a final round 90+ move win over third place A. Odachowski (5.5). In second place was P. Usselman (6). D. Bolianatz (4.5) was top A Class, with B. Bentley (4) in second. Leading the B Class was K. Turner (4), with A. Sun in second and M. Adam third. Winning the Under 1600 and U/R prize was C. Vermette, followed by P. Charland and R. Dodd.

An excellent tournament to direct. I hope to see you all again next year—remember to bring a chess friend with you.

Art Milne annotated two games:

A. Milne — P. Charland

1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. d3 Nc6 4. Nf3 Bc5 5. c3 O-O 6. Nbd2 d5?! 6...d6 7. exd5 Nxd5 8. O-O Be6? 8...Bg4; 8...f6 9. Ne4 Bd6 10. Neg5 h6 Doubling of the e-pawn is inevi-

table, e.g. 10...Qd7 11. Nxe6 Qxe6? 12. Ng5 +- 11. Nxe6 fxe6 White emerges from the opening with a decisive positional advantage. 12. Qe2 Qd7 13. Bb5 Nf4 14. Qe4 Better to centralize the queen than hack off the Nf4 at once. 14...Rf6 15. Re1 Qf7 16. Bxc6 bxc6 17. Be3 Rf8 Δ 18...Nxc2 etc. 18. Nd2 Rg6 19. Bxf4 Forced, but now a Black rook doesn't come to f4. 19...exf4 20. Nf3 h5 21. Qxc6 h4 22. h3 22. Nxb4 f3 23. g3 Rg4 opens lines where Black wants them. 22...Rh6 23. c4 Qf5 24. Qe4 Qh5 25. d4 g5 Black's last hurrah. 26. c5!? g4!? 27. hxg4 Qxg4 28. Kf1!? Black's attack is insufficient anyway: 28. cxd6! h3!? 29. Nh2 Qh4 30. dxc7 hxg2 31. Qxg2+ Kf7 32. Ng4 Δ f3 +- 28...h3 29. gxh3 Qxh3+ 30. Ke2 Be7 31. Rg1+ Kf7? 31...Kh8 32. Ne5 f3+ 33. Kd3 and Ng6+ is ruinous. 32. Ne5+ Kf6 32...Ke8 33. Qc6+ and Qd7# 33. Rg6+ Rxc6 34. Qxc6# (1-0)

W. Lahrkamp — A. Milne

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Bb4 3. g3 Ne7 So Black's move order makes a real difference: on e7 the KN doesn't block ...f5 & supports e5, if necessary, from g6. 4. Bg2 O-O 5. e3 Bxc3 Otherwise, White's pawn structure doesn't suffer after Nge2. 6. bxc3 d6 7. Ne2 Nbc6

8. O-O Be6 9. Qa4 The alternative is 9. d3, aiming for a Botvinnik structure with 10. e4. 9...Qd7! 10. d4? Bh3 10...Nxd4! 11. d5? 11. Bxh3 = 11...Nd8? 11...Nd4! +- 12. Qxd7 Bxd7 13. Ba3 b6 14. f4!? exf4 15. gxf4 Nb7 16. Bb4 Nc5 =/+ 17. e4 Ng6 Now the justification for Black's opening set-up becomes evident—e5 is restrained. 18. Rad1 ...Nd3 can be tactically unpleasant in the right situation. 18...Rfe8 19. Ng3 Rab8! A mysterious rook move! Bxc5 is inevitable, so Black grabs what will become an open file. It also avoids tactics on the h1-a8 diagonal. 20. Rd2 Protecting b2, anticipating Bxc5. 20...Bc8!? Speculative. What will White do about c4? 21. Bxc5 21. Rd4 Nh4 22. Bh1 f5 is complicated but not necessarily in Black's favour. 21...bxc5 22. e5? 22. Re2 f5 or Ba6 -/+ 22...dxe5 23. fxe5 Nxe5 24. d6!? Activity at last for the English bishop, but too late! 24...cxd6 25. Rxd6 Be6 Unnecessarily cautious; 25...Nxc4! 26. Rc6 Ne3!, followed by Nxc2 and Bb7 -+ 26. Bd5 Nxc4 27. Bxc4 Bxc4 28. Rf2 Rb1+ 29. Kg2 Ra1 [-+] 30. Rdd2 f6 31. Nf5 Be6 32. Nd6 Rd8 33. Rfe2 Rxa2! Simplifying to an easy endgame win. 34. Rxa2 Bxa2 35. Rxa2 Rxd6 36. Rxa7 Rd2+ 37. Kg1 Rc2 38. Ra3 Kf7 (0-1)

Qualifying for the 1994 Alberta Closed
— full rules available from the ACA —

Participants must have at least 2 participation points since the previous Alta Closed. Qualifying events (except the previous Alta Closed) are worth 1 pt; all other rated Alberta events 1/2 pt. (TD's get up to 1 participation point through directing.)

All wishing to participate (qualifiers or by rating) must register in writing. The ACA must receive the written registration by **March 10**. It is the potential entrant's responsibility to register—the ACA need not issue invitations.

Eight participants. Round robin Easter weekend. Site: Edmonton. EF \$20—all to prize fund; qualifying tournaments contribute \$1 per entry toward prizes; minimum of \$250: 1st-50%, 2nd-30%, 3rd-20%.

Each candidate must have been an Alberta resident at least 6 months in the year before the Closed. Candidates qualify by earliest eligible qualification chance. Check rules for tiebreaking. If player(s) still needed (no automatic entrants by rating!), the highest rated registrant(s) in the latest CFC rating list before March 10, will be accepted (but must have completed at least 1 qualifier). Organizers must apply to hold Rural Qualifiers.

Qualifying events for the '94 Alta Closed
'93: Alta Closed; Alta Open; Alta Jr Closed; S. Alta Open; '94: Edmonton Closed; Calgary Closed; N. Alta Open; "Rural Candidate".

**Triathletes Wander Aimlessly;
Frialde Arrives First**
by David Ottosen

The Edmonton Chess Club held its first Triathlon recently, with fourteen would-be iron men showing up. The format in each of the four rounds consisted of two blitz games (worth 1/2 pt each towards the final total), an active game (1 pt), and a regular game (1 pt), with a total of 3 pts/rd available. The eventual winner was Arniel Frialde, followed at a distance by Christiaan Dartana. In the individual categories, Arniel swam through the shark infested waters of the blitz with an easy 8-0, and cycled across the active desert at 4-0, while Dartana sprinted through the regular time control marathon 4-0. Other highlights included: a visit from the Ghost of Mispairings Past, who paired 1 vs 14, 2 vs 13, 3 vs 12, etc. in round 1; the ill-fated idea of TD by imagination, where we all imagined some other player was the TD; the return of the prodigal, Ravi Trikha, who experienced a little déjà vu by receiving 3 blacks in a row (this was not a mispairing, everyone just decided it would really be funny); and, naturally, several attempts by Mr. Big to strongarm "volunteers" for the casino ("Do it or I'll go to sleep and start snoring!"—this threat led Schocat and me to convince everyone to sign up...yeh, sure-ed.) TD: at alternating times, everyone or no one. [Kurt Lauterwald reports P. Pisz was 1st and A. Yamach 2nd in the Under 1800 division.]

1800 and Over / Under 1800
Sept 18-19, Edmonton

Site: TBA (phone organizer to confirm)

Register: 9:00-9:45 a.m.

5 round Swiss (round 1: 10:00 a.m.)

Entry Fee: \$20.00 senior \$15.00 junior

Time Control: 45/2, 25/1

TD/Org: John Quiring (468-9173)
Ford Wong (481-6474)

Winter Open
Dec 18-19, Edmonton

Site: TBA (phone organizer to confirm)

Register: 9:00-9:45 a.m.

5 round Swiss (round 1: 10:00 a.m.)

Entry Fee: \$20.00 senior \$15.00 junior

Time Control: 45/2, 25/1

TD/Org: Ford Wong (481-6474)

Southern Alberta Open
Nov 13-14, Calgary

Site: TBA (phone organizer to confirm)

Register: 9:00-9:45 a.m.

4 round Swiss (round 1: 10:00 a.m.)
Qualifier for 1994 Alberta Closed

Entry Fee: \$20.00 senior \$15.00 junior

Time Control: 40/2, 20/1

TD/Org: Barney Fegyvermeki (243-6351)

NOTE: The tournament info is as accurate as we can make it at publication time (phone to verify, if you wish; info updated each ACR—check for changes). As far as the ACR knows, all are:

Invitational Junior Tournaments

Sept 25-26 • S. Alberta Cadet, Calgary
• S. Alberta Junior, Calgary
• N. Alberta Cadet, Edmonton
• N. Alberta Junior, Edmonton

Nov 6-7 • Alberta Junior, Edmonton

Dec 11-12 • Alberta Cadet, Edmonton

**** ALBERTA OPEN ****
Oct 9-11, Calgary

Westgate Motor Inn
3440 Bow Trail SW
(403) 249-3181, fax: (403) 240-2348
Room Rates: \$45.00 Single + GST
\$50.00 Double + GST
(additional person \$8.00)

Register: 9:00-9:45 a.m.
(to save \$5, enter in advance!—but still check in with the TD by 9:45 a.m.)

Entry Fees
Advance: \$25.00 senior \$20.00 junior
(must be received by October 1st; send to 'ACA/Alta Open'; address on p. 2)
At Site: \$30.00 senior \$25.00 junior

Cash Prizes! (overall & 'rating divisions')

6 Round Swiss (2 rounds per day).
Time Control: 40/2, tba/1

Qualifier for 1994 Alberta Closed
TD/Org: Ted Wilson and
Barney Fegyvermeki (243-6351)

**1993-94 10th Annual
Alta-B.C. Peace River Grand Prix**

Sept 25 & 26 Golden Harvest Open
Dawson Creek, B.C.
Contact: Forrest Nelson (604) 782-1119

Oct 30 Ft. St. John Fall Active
Ft. St. John, B.C.
Contact: Larry Stutzman (604) 785-7830

Nov 27 Dawson Creek Fall Active
Dawson Creek, B.C.
Contact: Grant MacTavish (604) 782-7349

Jan 15 & 16 Trumpeter Classic
Grande Prairie, Alta
Contact: Phil Lefkowitz (403) 538-1903

Feb 19 & 20 Mukluk Open
Ft. St. John, B.C.
Contact: Larry Stutzman (604) 785-7830

Mar 26 Swan City Active
Grande Prairie, Alta
Contact: Jim Roy (403) 568-3961

4-rd, rated: active (30 min/game) or regular (45/2 the 30/1). To qualify for GP pts (sum of 4 best scores), must play in at least 4 GP events. No player may win more than one prize. Based on \$1.50 fee/entrant/event, clubs guarantee to max. of \$300: 1st overall 25% of prize fund, 2nd overall 17%; 1st 1400-1700 25%, 2nd 1400-1700 17%; 1st Unrated & Under 1400 16%. Jim Williams Memorial Trophy to overall winner. Ratings used for G.P. purposes are regular ratings as per 1993 En Passant Yearbook.