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NATO Chess Championship

If the ACA awarded Road Warrior points for tournaments in Denmark, Corporal Stephen Stone would be in first place! Pictured left is a miniature village located in Kjøge, Denmark. Between rounds, the Canadian team did some sight-seeing and came across this cozy-medieval town dating back to 1865. Scale = 1:10.

Stephen give a full report in this issue.

3-way-tie at the Southern Alberta Open

The cold weather might have contributed to the low turnout this year, but this left the door wide open for top spot. Calgary juniors continue to impress and win 4 of the 7 prizes up for grabs. Vlad Rekhson (with murder in his eyes), Rick Pedersen and Roy Yearwood all tied for top honours with Vlad taking the qualifying spot in the 2011 Alberta Closed with better tie-breaks.



Alberta Junior Championship

When Richard Wang added his name to the list of players, almost everyone thought the outcome was inevitable. Almost everyone, except perhaps David Miller. David is the new Alberta Junior Champion and will represent Alberta in the 2011 Canadian Junior.



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Joining the Canadian Team in Køge, Denmark

for the 21st NATO Chess Championship

By Stephen Stone



We seemed a rag-tag band of men, decent players all, but hopelessly outgunned. If you looked at list of opponents we might be facing, you'd see numbers after their names. Big numbers. Numbers that were much bigger than ours. But, we grit our teeth and set ourselves to the task. We fought tooth and nail, and we rose to the challenge.

October 16-24 was one of the most dreamlike and surreal weeks of my life. For my entire year off teaching English in Korea, I'm granted but 5 days of holiday of my choosing. So I had to make the most of it. It demanded something awesome. Something ridiculous. Something amazing to compensate for a year of toil, for my year of teaching kindergarteners that at times would rather throw books in the air ("Whoops! Did I do THAT teacher?")



Opening Ceremony, complete with buglers and timpanist on horse. A very unique job, we all agreed, being the timpanist on the horse.

written tauntingly on a face) than read them. NATO Military Chess Tournament in Denmark. Oh yeah! Whhhhhaaaaaatttt?

As I strolled through the airports in Seoul and Istanbul, I couldn't help but walk briskly with a grin. Did I meet any other travelers with a more random purpose in the airports than myself? Nope! How to explain: "Well... I'm a Canadian teaching

English in Korea. But before that I studied music at university, where I also made a chess club. And... well, I was a musician for the military as well. Part-time. And that's actually why I'm going to Denmark right now... The military. Which I'm on leave from (but will be going back to). I'm playing chess for them."

And so, I join the Canadian team: the NATO country with by far the smallest military, the largest land area and the least formal qualification process for this tournament (well, until we become a chess SUPERPOWER next year, anyways!).

Q: What's more random than a Canadian from Korea playing chess in Denmark?

A: A Canadian from Korea travelling from Denmark to Sweden with his Turkish friend.

And so I met the team. The Turkish team, that is. As it turns out, they were on the same flight as me from Istanbul to Copenhagen and we took the same van from the airport to the tournament site in the small homely town of Køge. We weren't talking long before we became friends. Especially John (that's written "Can") and I.

Somehow it comes up that I like to run. "Let's go running in the mornings at 6:30am before our games!"

"Sure, why not!"

I mention I would like to visit Malmö, Sweden, just across the bridge from



Canadian team + family.

Left to Right (behind): MCpl Rodney Goodall (2 Svc Bn, Petawawa), Cpl Stephen Stone (L Edm R, Edmonton), Cpl Frédéric Langelier (3 R22R, Quebec), MCpl Brian Murray (Joint Signals Regiment, Kingston), Maj Régis Bellemare (1 Svc Bn, Edmonton),
From Left to Right (in front): Abeda Ghiacy, Jelani Ghiacy (Atco Fronte Kandahar, Kingston) Humaira Ghiacy, Mariam Ghiacy April Murray



Handshakes between team captains + mayor of Koge (lady behind) and high ranking military personnel at the opening ceremonies.

Copenhagen. I have a percussionist friend there.

“I too would like to see Malmo! I will go with you!”

And so there was great company for the trip (a much too short but wonderful and packed visit).

I cannot find my team upon arrival at the tournament site.

“Join ours!”

And so I did. We walked around the town of Køge and had Shawarmas for lunch at a Turkish restaurant... it is interesting that for a town of 40,000 people, 1,500 are Turkish there (I thought perhaps Turkish was a more useful language than English). Between the Turkish team and the Turkish neurologist I was chatting with on the plane from Seoul to Istanbul (along with the layover in Istanbul), I felt like I got a small taste of Turkey from the whole adventure.

Being in Denmark and playing chess in a NATO tournament was an experience like no other I have had before. Certainly, it was great being able to see a bit of Denmark... But, more than it being a Danish experience, it was really a *multicultural* experience. Players from 15 NATO countries met up for this tournament and it is certainly not every day that you find such a mixture of people and languages in one place. I think I will always remember my games against the players from France and Belgium. Along

with my Québécois roommate and team Captain, it was also a really great opportunity for practice of my French (the first time I've done post-game chess analysis “en français”).

And to meet up with everyone in Denmark, seeing most of the team for the first time, but unifying as Canadians, was very special. As the Arrogant Worms “2nd national anthem” written for our country simply states it: “Canada is Really Big!” It's not every day that one gets to meet up with our brethren that live off in some other part of the country.

Whether chatting with the Germans, going on adventures with my Turkish friends or even hearing the stories of our own fellow Canadians (note, our one team-mate, Jelani, is Afghan-Canadian and I think it was good to hear of the world over there directly from him and his family), it was certainly an enriching experience filled with much camaraderie. Especially, that is, shared amongst the stories of battles fought at the board.

The games of course, were the point of it all! Intense bloody battles as two countries round after round duke it out on the 8x8 board. A deceptively civil looking battlefield. For all of us, we shake hands and then exchange token gifts from our respective countries. But then it starts... For myself, my mind becomes set: FIGHT! KILL! RIP EM TO SHREDS. ARRRRGHGGG! FOCUS. CALCULATE. SQUEEZE. DON'T GIVE AN INCH. My opponent is my friend when I shake his hand, when we talk before the game or when we look at it afterwards. But during the match he is the foe I must obliterate!

The tournament itself was actually the strongest tournament I have (to this point) played in my life. The bulk of the players were rated over 2000, reaching up to 2519 (with the top player from Germany). If you looked at our team on paper, we were by far the lowest rated. Considering the pool of people available though, ours is also the smallest and spread out over the largest area (especially if you consider, say, the



Tournament Hall, before the first game. Complete with NATO country flags.



Jelani Ghiacy (left), from Kingston, Ontario and Team Captain Major Régis Bellemare (right), from Edmonton, Alberta. **Canadian Content Note:** Régis Bellemare founded the International Chess Club in Kandahar, Afghanistan, which Jelani Ghiacy continues to operate as the current president.



My good friend and roommate Frédérique Langelier (Cpl) of Québec (right), deep in concentration against a Belgium player.

Changing of the Guard Ceremony on Parliament Hill, Ottawa). At the time of writing he is teaching English in South Korea. Stephen studied music at the University of Alberta where he also founded the current U of A Chess Club. He will be returning to Edmonton in time for this 2010 Christmas.

Questions About Military Chess in Canada?

If you have any queries, comments or want to become involved, contact Major Régis Bellemare, Canada's ring-leading Military Chess organizer. If you're in the military or are a civilian working with the military, there are military chess tournaments throughout the year (both in and out of Canada) you could be involved with.

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odd person taken from Afghanistan or Korea). A break-down of a few of the countries' military numbers, courtesy of Wikipedia: (comparison of Active + Reserve Personnel, approximate): Canada 80,000 (maybe 100,000, if including "supplementary"). Lithuania 115,000. Belgium 147,000, Germany, 600,000 Turkey 1,000,000, USA 3,000,000.

Despite being outgunned though, throughout the tournament we had focus and we had determination and as it turned out, the big intimidating numbers by people's names were not such a big deal (you start to get into the mindset of: oh, only rated 2000? No problem!). We were happy with our end-result: it is the first time (in Canada's three years since its return to the tournament) that the team had a full roster and also that it has taken

down another full complement team. We finished above Luxemburg (not-so-fully manned) and Lithuania! Throughout the tournament, we cautiously followed the scores with hope, only half-jokingly making it our goal to take down our "arch-nemesis". We were rewarded in the end.

As per performance rating in the tournament, we all played hundreds of points above our supposed ratings. For myself, considering the calibre of players, I was actually very happy with my 2.5/7, in my first international tournament (I could have maybe won 2 more of my games, being a little more careful... but I could have lost the ones I got, as well!). Major Régis Bellemare, our other Western Canadian representative (currently also from Edmonton) took the top Canadian spot with his 3/7. And at this tournament, any win a person gets there counts for a lot, when you consider the strength of the opponents they are torn away from. We all got at least one! All in all, despite being the "little guys" at a strong competition, we held our own in and gave a respectable showing.

As a whole, it was an amazing experience and an interesting taste of the Scandinavian countries. The chess was great, but the people even better. A feeling of family amongst our Canadian team and friends with all the faces from other countries... that alas, may be difficult to see in the foreseeable future. But then, perhaps we may all be able to meet again at the next NATO Chess tournament: summer 2011 in Lithuania.

About the author

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Prepping for one of the craziest games I've ever played, against my good friend Can (it's not often a person can sacrifice a queen and only one tempo (and no pieces) in return and then have a winning position...). Can's fierce determination saw him through in the end, but there were points at which I had winning opportunity as well. It was an excellent game.



Tivoli: amusement park/nature park in the middle of Copenhagen. A beautiful surreal little world.



Southern Alberta Open

The weather in Calgary tends to be very unpredictable at the best of times. You can experience all 4 seasons in the same day. Winter decided to show up just a few days before the Southern Alberta Open was to start. This contributed to the lower than average turn-out. We would have hit the 30 mark if the weather had co-operated.

The SAO is a qualifier for the Alberta Closed, so it usually features a number of masters battling it out for a spot in the Alberta Championship. This year, the strongest players were Roy Yearwood and former Edmontonian, Vlad Rekhson. Having a relatively weak field (no offence intended to anyone) meant that almost anyone could make it to the top in the final round. This made for some very interesting games along the way and of course, suspense in the final two rounds.

The first round seemed to be an indication of what was to come. Junior player, Nicholas Lee, fresh off his fine performance in the Alberta Open, held veteran Bob Macfie to a draw, in spite of Bob's aggressive play in that game. Jim Daniluk was surprised by Ivan Kornilo where Jim got the worst of the opening, made an unsound exchange sacrifice and went on to lose. Ali Razzaq was also surprised by Tim Kowalyk when Tim

found a nice exchange of Bishop for 3 pawns, enough to win in the endgame. Round 2 and 3 made it look like things were back to normal. The only full point upset was scored by Arthur Milne over Hafiz Karmali while Diwen Shi and Mike Scholz both managed draws against Yuekai Wang and Eoin Dunne.

Round 4 was very interesting in more ways than one. Rekhson vs. Yearwood was a 10 move GM draw with Rekhson having the better position, offering the draw which Roy quickly accepted. Such draws are frowned upon from a spectators point-of-view. I did not have an anti-draw rule in place for this tournament (I don't really believe in the no-draw rule in under 30 moves anyway) so the players did not commit an infraction in the technical sense of the word. I think there are better ways of avoiding this problem, one of them being scoring higher when you draw with the black pieces. Frank Kluytmans returned to chess this tournament and filled in when needed to make sure there were no forced byes. Frank faced Diwen Shi in round 4 and was handed his hat by move 29. Krishneel continued to impress, this time by winning against Tom McKay. Rick Pedersen kept his chances alive by defeating Hafiz Karmali this round. Bob Macfie played a nice game against Yuekai Wang, if you get a chance, play it through on the ACA website. Bob made it look easy.

The top 2 boards in round 5 featured

Pedersen vs. Rekhson and Shi vs. Yearwood. Rekhson would only need to draw to gain the title and that is what he did. The game was a fight and was interesting in several points. Shi took a lesson from Roy, but Diwen did well to play on board 2 in the final round. Yuekai Wang vs. Krishneel Singh was fun to watch. Yuekai won a pawn by move 13. Krishneel sacked an exchange on move 25 to get a hold of the dark squares with his Bishop. No doubt, White was a little better in the struggle that followed, but Yuekai blundered, missing the mate threat on his b2 square.

Vlad Rekhson, Rick Pedersen and Roy Yearwood all finished with 4/5 to split the money, Vlad claiming the spot in the 2011 Alberta Closed with better tie-breaks.

The rest of the prize winners were all much shorter, younger and better looking than me. Diwen Shi and Krishneel Singh split Top U1900 with 3/5. Nicholas Lee won Top U1600 with 2.5/5 (can't wait to see how he plays when he reaches 10 years of age). Nicholas is a natural talent and is not taking any lessons or instruction. Zeling Li scored 2/5 and picked up 2nd U1600.

The top 3 boards were available for all to watch live, thanks to the Edmonton Chess Club once again for providing the DGT boards. All games (I think we are only missing one) are available to play or download on our website as well.

www.albertachess.org/2010SAO.html

Thanks to Frank Kluytmans, Jim Daniluk and especially Deweese Wood who did most of the work behind the scenes over the weekend. Thanks also to Bob Macfie for his unsolicited help which was greatly appreciated.



Top boards in the last round. Background, board 1: Rick Pedersen vs. Vlad Rekhson
Foreground, board 2: Diwen Shi vs. Roy Yearwood

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2011 ACA Tournament Schedule

All tournaments subject to change by the ACA and/or Organizer. For updated info, visit our website: www.albertachess.org/

#	Date	Event	Organizer	Location
1	Jan 7-9	Schleinich Memorial	Tony Ficzer	Calgary
2	Jan 29-30	Trumpeter Classic	Tim Pradzinski	Grande Prairie
3	Feb 5-6	University Battle of Alberta	U of A	Edmonton
4	Feb 12-13	AYCC Championship	Richard Pua	Edmonton
5	Feb 19-20	Northern Alberta Open	Rick Pedersen	Edmonton
6	March 5-6	March of Kings	Roy Yearwood	Calgary
7	March 20	Edmonton Regional Chess Challenge	Bruce Thomas	Edmonton
8	March 20	Calgary Regional Chess Challenge	Roy Yearwood	Calgary
9		Medicine Hat Regional Chess Challenge	Bill Taylor	Medicine Hat
10	April 2-3	Lethbridge Open	Paul Viminitz	Lethbridge
11	April 16	Alberta Chess Challenge Finals	Bruce Thomas	Red Deer/Edm
12	April 22-24	Alberta Closed	TBD	Calgary
13	April 23-24	Alberta Reserves	TBD	Calgary
14	April 23-24	Alberta Women's	TBD	Calgary
15	May 19-23	Calgary International Open	Tony Ficzer	Calgary
16	June 4	Alberta Active	Rick Pedersen	Edmonton
17	June 18-19	Edmonton International Qualifier	Vlad Rekhson	Edmonton
18	July 27-Aug 1	Edmonton International Chess Festival	Vlad Rekhson	Edmonton
19		Battle of Alberta	Hughey/Daniluk	Red Deer
20		Junior Battle of Alberta		Red Deer
21	Sep 3-4	Over / Under 1800	Roy Yearwood	Calgary
22	Sep 17-18	Medicine Hat Open	Bill Taylor	Medicine Hat
23	Oct 8-10	Alberta Open	Rick Pedersen	Edmonton
24	Oct 28-30	Edmonton Fall Sectional (new in 2010)	Rick Pedersen	Edmonton
25	Nov 5-6	Alberta Junior	Roy Yearwood	Calgary
26	Nov 19-20	Southern Alberta Open	Roy Yearwood	Calgary
27	Dec 3	Christmas Youth Open	Roy Yearwood	Calgary
28	Dec 17-18	WBX Team Tournament	Ali Razzaq	Edmonton

ACA 2011 Planning Meeting

The ACA held it's annual Planning Meeting in Red Deer on Sunday, November 28. Attendance was high and we even had one board member attend via Skype. Tim Pradzinski was at the meeting by computer and was able to take part in all discussions as if he was there. Using a snowball microphone and the ACA projector, Tim was sitting at the end of the table for all those present in Red Deer to see. This proved to be a very economical way for Tim to attend the meeting as Grande Prairie is over 7 hours away by car. The ACA will look into holding an online meeting via Skype or a similar program in 2011.

Aside from setting our tournament schedule for the year, the ACA also set their budget cap for 2011. It was decided that our 2011 budget limit will be \$45,000. This should allow the ACA to carry out its regular programs as usual. A proposal to host the 2011 Canadian Closed was also presented and approved on the condition that sponsorship be obtained. If sponsorship is not found by January 23 (date of the 2011 budget meeting), the bid will not be presented to the Chess Federation of Canada.

Other highlights include the formation of several committees. President Rick Pedersen will be on all of these committees.

Sponsorship & Fundraising Committee

Chair: Tim Pradzinski
Members: Rob Bezjack, Paul Usselman, Rick Pedersen

Planning Committee

Chair: Vlad Rekhson
Members: Len Steele, Rick Pedersen

Appeals Committee

Chair: Vlad Rekhson
Members: Dale Haessel, Tony Ficzer

Full details on the meeting can be found in the meeting minutes which will be available on the ACA website by December 16.



Road Warrior Update

With only one event left on the Road Warrior schedule for 2010, there are still a few spots to be determined for the top 6 prizes. Chris White has clinched the top spot and the \$400 1st prize. Phil and Ali can jump into 2nd and 3rd if they play in the WBX, while Roy could take 2nd if he plays. So all the prize winners will be the top 6 as listed on the right, it's just a matter of where everyone will finish. Vlad Rekhson can only finish in 7th spot in spite of his moving to Calgary a few months ago in an attempt to make it to the top 6.

The Road Warrior program should be back for 2011. Events and prize money will be

2010 Road Warrior Top 10

1	Chris White	La Crete	52.0
2	David Miller	Grande Prairie	31.0
3	Phil Holmstrom	Edmonton	30.5
4	Ali Razzaq	Edmonton	30.5
5	Roy Yearwood	Calgary	29.5
6	Rick Pedersen	Edmonton	27.5
7	Aaron Sequillion	Edmonton	24.5
8	Vlad Rekhson	Calgary	22.5
9	Jim Daniluk	Calgary	20.5
10	Alex Yam	Calgary	20.0

determined at the 2011 Budget meeting which takes place on January 23rd in Red Deer.

Girl's chess starting in Edmonton

With about a half dozen girls competing in the Northern Alberta Scholastic Chess Championships in Edmonton December 5 and more girls playing chess in Roving ChessNuts' school programs, the ChessNuts and Society of Alberta Chess Knights believe it is time to put some effort into promoting chess just for females.

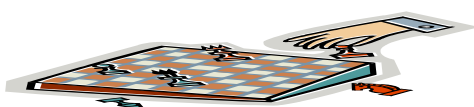
"Unfortunately at tournaments and in most schools and other chess programs, the boys so greatly outnumber the girls that the girls feel intimidated and overwhelmed," reports Bruce Thomas of the ChessNuts. "Plus girls have a more cautious approach to learning and playing chess which requires different teaching methods that often gets short-circuited when there are aggressive boys who want to play as fast as possible and destroy their opponents."

Thomas says elementary girls are actually better chess students than boys of the same age because they will take the time to focus and think about their moves.

While there has been some past girls-only tournaments in Edmonton which have attracted from 4 to 10 entrants, this winter the girls-only chess activities are going to be expanded to include a girls-only weekend class conducted by Georgia Davies, an organizer with the University of Alberta Chess Club, a graduating education major and a part-time instructor with The Roving ChessNuts. Davies will begin her class in January and a girls-only tournament will be held in February.

The girls-only chess promotion got a boost on December 5 when Diana Muzyka, sometimes the only girl in some Edmonton youth tournaments, won the Grade 6 Amateur Northern Alberta Scholastic Championships, winning three out of four games and beating out three boys on tiebreak.

"We have in some of our school programs, girls who are showing good potential so we want to lure them into other classes and events which will develop that potential in an atmosphere not dominated by all those boys," explains Thomas.



2011 Schleinich Memorial



January 7-8-9
Calgary Chess Club
274-3359 27th Street NE

Sectional Tournament

6 player sections, Round Robin format
CFC rated, Top two sections FIDE rated (if possible)
CFC membership required
(can be purchased on site)
TD: Tony Ficzero
Time Control: Game in 110 + 30 seconds
Times: Friday 7 pm, Saturday 10 am, 4 pm, Sunday 10 am, 4 pm
Entry: \$35

Prizes: 1st \$120 2nd \$60 each section

NO BYES ALLOWED

Registration: Pre-registration required
Registration closes January 5.
email tficzero@telus.net

The rating list of January 5 will be used to determine your section
Drawing of lots on Thursday, January 6 and the final pairings will be posted on the ACA website by 8 pm.

This is a *Road Warrior* event



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2010 WBX Team Tournament

December 18-19

Edmonton Chess Club, #204 10840 127th Street



The event is a team tournament where 3 players will be allowed per team plus one possible substitute. The average rating of the team playing in every round cannot exceed **2000**. The format of the event will depend on the number of registered teams but will probably be a Swiss. Before you register a team, please make sure that you read the full regulations!

Who can play? Anyone who is a CFC member, or willing to pay \$20 extra for adult, \$10 for junior. CFC memberships are available on-site.

How do I join a team? It's easy, ask a few people around the club, or chess players you know, make sure that your team meets the tournament's regulations. Decide on who will be the captain and let Ali know!

How does the maximum rating regulation work? Each team must field a team in which the average of the 3 playing members does not exceed **2000**. For example, a team can have three players rated 2200, 2000, 1800 (2000 average), or 2400, 2000, 1600 (2000 average), or even 1600, 1500, 1400 (below 2000 average). Another possibility is to have a team with substitutes so that some players will get to take a round off (there is no such thing as a team bye). It must be ensured that the 3 players in each round never exceed the 2000 threshold. For example, if a team consists of a 2300, 2200, 2100 and a 1500, the 1500 will have to play all the games while the other three players can alternate.

Which rating period will be used? The rating at the time of the official registration will be used.

Will CFC ratings be used? Yes, unless the individual doesn't have a CFC rating. In that case the determination of the rating will be up to the organizer. If a player has a FIDE rating, the highest rating will be used.

Who will I get to play? Teams will have pre-determined board orders. In each match the 1st board will play the 1st board of the other team, 2nd board against the 2nd board of the other team, 3rd board against the 3rd. The board order will not change during the event. Board order will generally be based on ratings, however, the teams can change two players that are within 100 points of each other as long as it's done before the event. For example, board 1 can be 2150 while board 2 could be 2225, however, if board 1 is 2150 board 2 can't be 2275.

How many rounds will there be and what is their schedule? There will be 5 rounds. Round times will be as follows: Saturday: Rd 1: 10am, Rd 2: 2pm, Rd 3: 6pm. Sunday, Rd 4: 10am, Rd 5: 2pm or ASAP. Any player who shows up 1 hour late for a round will be forfeited.

What is the time control? The time control will be game in 90 minutes plus 30 second increment from move 1.

What is the entry fee? The entry fee per team will be **\$90** and the team captain is expected to collect it from team members. An additional \$20 for adult, \$10 for junior will be charged per non-CFC member of a team.

Will there be discounts? Yes! A team will have a \$5 discount per junior (18 and younger) player in its roster. Teams with FIDE titled players (GM, IM, FM) will receive a \$20 discount (such players must play in at least 3 games to be eligible for the discount).

What are the prizes? 100% of entries will be returned as prizes. Class prizes will be available.

What are the duties of the team captain? The team captain will be responsible for all communications with the tournament organizer. This includes determining who will play each round, making appeals and paying the entry fee. The team captain can also advise team members regarding draw offers. If a member of a team is offered a draw, the team captain can be consulted and their answer can only be yes, no, or no response (the answer must be made without looking at the board position as the decision will be based solely on the needs of the team). The team captain will also be responsible for determining the team name.

What if I can't find a team? It is advisable for individuals to try and organize their own teams (It's also a lot more fun that way), however if you absolutely can't find players, please contact the organizer.

Who is the defending champion? In 2009 the team who took first was "The Road Warriors" (Aaron Sequillion, Ali Razzaq, Phil Holmstrom).

How to contact the organizer? Please email me at ali_alnajmi@hotmail.com with any requests.

This is the final *Road Warrior* event for 2010



Alberta Junior Championship

By Bruce Thomas

Defending champ and highest rated player by a long shot, Richard Wang, of Edmonton, suffered two draws to lose his title at the 2010 Alberta Junior Chess Championship held at the Edmonton Chess Club on November 6 and 7. Wang's two half-points opened the path for David Miller of Grande Prairie, Derek Thomas of Edmonton and Jordan Schibler of Medicine Hat, each having a shot at the title in the final round of play. Thomas lost to Miller, allowing Miller to be champ with a 4.5/5 score. Schibler lost to Chenxi Zhao of Calgary. Wang, a national master rated near 2300, had to settle for a tie for second with Zhao, each with 4 points. Schibler, Thomas and Ryan Lacy of Edmonton tied for fourth place with 3.5 points each.

The first upset of the two day event, directed by Richard Pua, was delivered by Thomas as he drew Wang in Round 2. Lacy also drew Wang in Round 4. Miller was third highest-rated among the 18 players in the championship and missed a perfect score with a draw with Schibler in the fourth round. Second-highest rated at 1934, Yuekai Wang of Calgary tied for seventh place with three points after losing to Lacy in round 2 and to Richard Wang in round 3. Zhao was top player in the 1100

2010 Alberta Junior Final Standings

#	Name	Rtg	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Tot
1	David Miller	1833	W8	W10	W6	D4	W5	4.5
2	Richard Wang	2289	W16	D5	W7	D6	W10	4.0
3	Chenxi Zhao	1112	L7	W14	W12	W9	W4	4.0
4	Jordan Schibler	1794	W12	W11	W9	D1	L3	3.5
5	Derek B Thomas	1653	W13	D2	W11	W10	L1	3.5
6	Ryan Lacy	1498	W14	W7	L1	D2	W9	3.5
7	Yuekai Wang	1934	W3	L6	L2	W12	W11	3.0
8	Jakob Kaiser	1096	L1	W18	L10	W17	W14	3.0
9	Mark Nie	1380	W15	W16	L4	L3	L6	2.0
10	Krishneel Singh	1473	W18	L1	W8	L5	L2	2.0
11	Naveed Virji	1386	W12	L4	L5	W13	L7	2.0
12	Nicholas Lee	1035	L4	W17	L3	L7	W16	2.0
13	Kaining Lin	250	L5	W15	L16	L11	W18	2.0
14	Allan Stanislus	unr.	L6	L3	W15	W16	L8	2.0
15	John Clapham	unr.	L9	L13	L14	W18	W17	2.0
16	Adam Mawani	1220	L2	L9	W13	L14	L12	1.0
17	Boris Stevanovic	unr.	L11	L12	W18	L8	L15	1.0
18	Kaixin Wang	unr.	L10	L8	L17	L15	L13	0.0

to 1500 category while Jakob Kaiser of Edmonton scored three to be best in the Under 1100 and Unrated group.

The 2010 championship tied with the 2009 event for having the most participants in recent history - 18. In 2006, only four players competed for the event. In some past years, only those rated above 1500 or 1600 were eligible to play in the championship, but this year an open swiss tournament was the format.

The event is sponsored by the Alberta Chess Association and Champ Miller will be sent by the ACA to the next Canadian Junior Championship.

Halloween 2010

By Bruce Thomas

There were pirates, mad hatters, clowns, bums, superman and other characters playing in the most recent elementary school team match held in Edmonton by The Roving ChessNuts. Since the event



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was held on Halloween day, the six teams of five players each were invited to come in costume and the above team from New Horizons School was awarded a first place costume trophy. The same team had the competition first place trophy taken from them by Westbrook Elementary. The two schools' A teams are arch rivals since New Horizons took the championship title from Westbrook in the spring of 2009 and has dominated the team matches since then. But Westbrook A Team finally got revenge on Halloween by edging New Horizons A, 17.5 to 16. The match boiled down to the last round between the two teams.

New Horizons had to win all five of its games to clinch first. Westbrook managed to win one game and claim the match title. Garneau Elementary was third and Westbrook B Team was fourth. Glenora Elementary and New Horizons B Team placed fifth and sixth respectively.



2010 Alberta Junior Champion David Miller



Southern Alberta Active Youth Chess Championship

By Roy Yearwood

Held at the Calgary Chess Club on December 4th, the initial Southern Alberta Active Youth Chess Championship could be considered a moderate success, with 10 entrants (4 players withdrawing at the last moment). Calgary has never had large junior tournament participation. This could be due to the fact that we do not have the Chess n' Math organization to put on these events, but it is more likely due to the fact that winter and December are in general are a poor time to hold youth events, at least in Calgary anyway. The tournament was rated both CFC Active and Chess n' Math.

As for the games themselves, there are many interesting points. For instance, K. Zhao vs. R. Ong featured the possibility of 17. ♗f6 which would win the exchange since 17...gxf6 fails to 18.gxf6+. The participants conducted themselves in a manner that reflected a high standard of respect for the game as well as for their opponents. Kudos to all. We will be putting together a collection of the games so stay tuned for those.

The result in the reserve section was pretty much expected. Master Lee has been competing in some tough tournaments of late, this fact, in addition to a studious approach to his chess study is producing the expected good results. It was also good

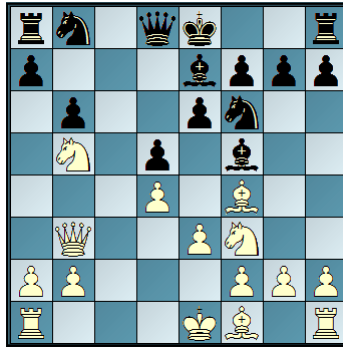
to see the participation of Patience Tram in the in this event. Patience is taking lessons from Tony Ficzero and is, it seems, starting to show some progress towards her chess improvement. In the closed section, Diwin Shi won with relative ease. Diwin is also a tough competitor so I guess his performance really should not be thought of as a surprise.

I'll say thanks to Simon Ong and Tony Ficzero for their able assistance. I hope to do a few things for next year's event to bring up attendance.

Krishneel Singh has kindly submitted one of his games from this tournament with some brief analysis.

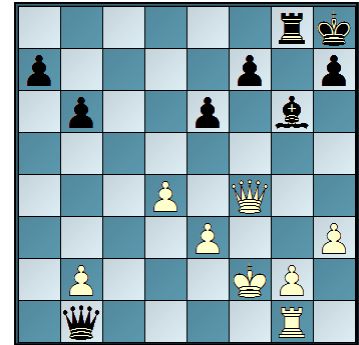
□ Kalaydina, Nicka (1418)
 ■ Singh, Krishneel (1214)
Southern Alberta Active Youth Chess Ch (3), 04.12.2010
Slav Defence [D13]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♟c3 ♟f6 4.♟f3 ♗f5
 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.♟b3 b6 7.♗f4 e6 8.e3 ♗e7
 9.♟b5



9...0-0 10.♟c7 ♟c6 11.♟b5 ♟a5 12.♟c3
 ♟e4 13.♟c1 ♟b4+ 14.♟f1 ♟c8 15.♟a6

♟c4 16.♟xc8 g5 17.♟xd5 ♟xd5 18.♟a6
 ♟cd2+ 19.♟xd2 ♟xd2+ 20.♟g1 gxf4
 21.a3 ♟b3 22.♟f1 ♟xa1 23.♟c4 ♟a5
 24.axb4 ♟xb4 25.♟xa1 ♟xc4 26.h3 fxe3
 27.fxe3 ♟c7 28.♟e1 ♟h8 29.♟h4 ♟d8
 30.♟f4 ♟g8 31.♟f2 ♟d5 32.♟g1 ♟e4
 33.♟h6 ♟c2+ 34.♟e1 ♟g6 35.♟f4 ♟b1+
 36.♟f2



36.♟e2 ♟f5+ (36... ♟d3+ 37.♟e1 ♟f5-
 +) 37.♟xf5.

36...♟f5 37.♟xf5 ♟xf5 0-1.

Top Section (CMA Ratings)

#	Name	Rtg	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Diwen Shi	1573	+4	+2	+5	=3	+6	4.5 / 5
2	Krishneel Singh	1275	+6	-1	+4	+5	+3	4.0 / 5
3	Raymond Ong	1629	+5	+4	+6	=1	-2	3.5 / 5
4	Nicka Kalaydina	1776	-1	-3	-2	+6	=5	1.5 / 5
5	Kevin Zhao	1295	-3	=6	-1	-2	=4	1.0 / 5
6	Chenxi Zhao	1177	-2	=5	-3	-4	-1	0.5 / 5

Reserve Section (CMA Ratings)

#	Name	Rtg	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	Nicholas Lee	1000	+4	+4	+3	+3	+2	+2	6.0 / 6
2	Lee Ma	915	+3	-3	+4	+4	-1	-1	3.0 / 6
3	Derek Zhang	804	-2	+2	-1	-1	+4	+4	3.0 / 6
4	Patience Tram	0	-1	-1	-2	-2	-3	-3	0.0 / 6



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Calgary Blitz Championship

The University of Calgary hosted the 2010 Calgary Blitz Championship on November 27th. Dan Kazmaier was the organizer and



provided a great day of fun for the players.

By the time registration had closed, 18 players had signed up. A little later, one more player wondered into the playing room and enlisted, at which time, Tony Ficzer withdrew so that nobody would get the bye. Tony brought his equipment and did the pairings for the event.

Recently, Calgary juniors have been finishing near the top of the crosstables. This was not to be the case at the Blitz Championship with a few master and other seasoned veterans taking up the challenge. The format was an 8 double-round swiss, games in 5 minutes.

Dan Kazmaier finished in clear first with 15/16, giving up a single point to Jean-Francois Wen in round 5. Roy Yearwood



grabbed 2nd with 12/15 while Jean-Francois Wen and Victor Kaminski shared 3rd with 10.5/17. Ivan Kornilo took top honours in the Under 1800 section.

The event was open to everyone and was promoted at the University of Calgary as well as on the Calgary Chess Club website. If you would like more information on the University of Calgary Chess Club, contact Dan Kazmaier by email at dan.kazmaier@gmail.com

#	Name	Tot
1	Daniel Kazmaier	15.0
2	Roy Yearwood	12.0
3	Jean-Francois Wen	10.5
4	Victor Kaminski	10.5
5	Ivan Kornilo	10.0
6	Yassen Bogoev	9.0
7	Daniel Cormeau	9.0
8	Ali Pourahmadi Laleh	8.5
9	Simon Ong	8.0
10	Raymond Ong	8.0
11	Frank Kluytmans	8.0
12	Krishneel Singh	8.0
13	Jim Daniluk	7.5
14	Diwen Shi	7.5
15	Eoin Dunne	7.5
16	Tony Ficzer	4.5
17	Michael Wanless	2.5
18	Ali Honarmand	2.0
19	Deweese Wood	1.0

Chess Skins Tournament

By Bruce Thomas

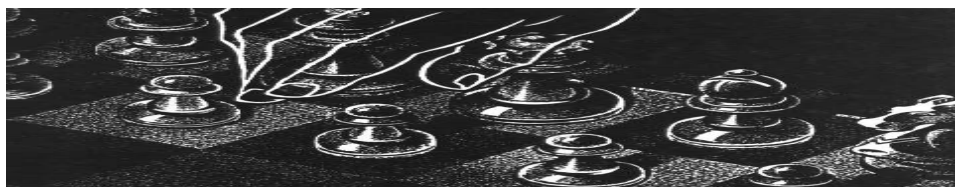
Chess Skins Tournaments, organized by the Roving ChessNuts, have become popular in Edmonton among junior/senior high school players and a few adults are beginning to join in. All entry fees, plus some ChessNuts sponsorship money, are thrown into the pot and each game won or drawn is worth cash, plus there is bonus money for those finishing first through third in two classes by rating. The two most recent skins events featuring three rounds of active chess have seen participants taking home zero dollars to a high of \$45. Above, the Skins Tournament held on Grey Cup Sunday saw Raymond Ong of Calgary (centre) claim a \$45 prize while Sean Lacy (left) and David



McCullough (right) won \$32.50 each. Dennis Situ (not shown) won the second biggest amount - \$35.



Rob McCullough (left) and Simon Ong could not cheer on their favourite football teams on Grey Cup Sunday so instead they played in a chess skins tournament hosted by The Roving ChessNuts. Between these two, Rob got \$20 at the event while Simon received \$10 to go towards gas money for the trip back to Calgary.



Northern Alberta Scholastic Chess Championships

By Bruce Thomas

A wide range of chess talent was involved in the first annual Northern Alberta Scholastic Chess Championships for Grades 1 through 12. The event attracted 87 players to the Central Lions Seniors Recreation Centre in Edmonton on December 5 and by the end of the afternoon, 15 players had been declared champions. Player skill ranged from three older students from Leduc who appeared had never been taught tournament chess and lost every one of their games to provincial champs from the 2010 Alberta Challenge. One of these players tried to scholar-mate a former provincial champ.

Introduced at this event by the Society of Alberta Chess Knights (SACK) was the concept of a Pro and Amateur. With the realization that some young chess players will devote many hours to chess, take extra lessons and coaching, and play as often as possible, most do not have that type of commitment, often because they are just tied up with too many other sports, music lessons or other activities. Other sports recognize this range of skills by having a variety of competition divisions and distribute awards in recognition to a much larger number of participants.

For the Northern Alberta Scholastic Championships, Grades 4, 5 and 6 had enough participants with a wide enough range of chess ratings to have a Pro section for the highest rated players and an Amateur section for the lowest and unrated.



Grade 1 Winner Daniel Zhang (left) and runner-up Alex Apostula

The Grade 4 Amateur champion was Luke Bristow, an unrated player in his first tournament and with only a few chess lessons at his school under his belt. Obviously the most skilled chess in Grade 4 was being played in the Pro section which was won by Ian McCullough who has been a national champ and repeat provincial champ. But Bristow, his parents, his school mates and others thought it was great that this new player could be recognized as a champ in a competition with his chess-skill peers.

The Championships featured not only the chess competition, but also a Half the House Raffle which netted \$336 for one of the chess parents and a secondary prize of a folding chess set to another raffle ticket purchaser. The SACK snack concession did a booming business during the afternoon and The ChessMart was on site selling a variety of chess items. There were 15 draw prizes ranging from chess books and travel chess sets to Tim Horton gift cards and fancy Christmas ornaments. Prior to the start of competition, SACK also gave out certificates and awards to its 2009/10 Grand Prix Chess program which had a total of 41 participants.

This event was the second largest participation-wise in Alberta during 2010, according to SACK director Rob McCullough. It was organized by The Roving ChessNuts for SACK and directing the event were Bruce Thomas, Rob McCullough, Alexander Kaiser, Ryan Lacy, Wang Yip, Sylvian Leclerc, Derek Thomas and Collin Broughton. A number of other parents assisted including Camille Robertson with the raffle and Valorie Harrison who operated the concession. Patricia Thomas and other volunteers looked after registration.

Northern Alberta Scholastic Chess Championships results were:

Grade 1: 1. Daniel Zhang, 2. Alex Apostula.

Grade 2: 1. Kaining Lin, 2. Kaixin Wang, 3. Ying Li, 4. Siddhartha Chitrakar, 5. tied Peter Daye and Ada Broughton, 7. tied Dawson Reed and Bryce Emes.

Grade 3: 1. Tian (David) Yao, 2. Sean Robertson, 3. Alvin Wu, 4. Stefan Stanescu, 5. Torsten Sopczek.

Grade 4 Pro Section (ratings 929 to 1586): 1. Ian McCullough, 2. Adam Mawani, 3. Kevin Stanislus, 4. Jeremy Kerr, 5. Boris Stevanovic.

Grade 4 Amateur Section (ratings under 700): 1. Luke Bristow, 2. Remi Hou, 3.

Alex Emes, 4. tied Alex Makarian and Stephen Shen, 6. tied Matthew Kim and Tyler Kantor, 8. Nicholas Makarian.

Grade 5 Pro Section: (ratings 1191 to 1683): 1. Jamil Kassam, 2. Jakob Kaiser, 3. Mark Nie, 4. Lucas Muliawan, 5. tied Poplar Wang, Rayden Lin, Vinh Nguyen, 8. Alex Broughton.

Grade 5 Amateur Section (ratings below 1190): 1. Adam Roth, 2. Andrew Keates, 3. Brendan Lacy, 4. Patrick Cervantes, 5. Ethan Chew, 6. tied. John Cervantes, Tammy Duong and Matteo Parpinel, 9. Kirk Pasatiempo, 10. Xenia Jacinto.

Grade 6 Pro Section (ratings 1109 to 1818): 1. Noah Hoffner, 2. Allan Stanislus, 3. Ibrahim Elmallah, 4. tied Austin Hesse, Luciano Di Blasi, Filip Stevanovic and David Gutenberg, 8. Merhshad Sahebsara, Grade 6 Amateur Section (ratings below 1105): 1. Dianna Muzyka, 2. Collin Harrison, 3. Jonathan Martins, 4. Josh Robertson, 5. tied Nish Pillay, Simon Humphrey, Anthony Volk, Haresh Sureshkumar and Jatin Buriac, 10. tied Lucia Li and Liam Simmonds.

Grade 7: 1. David McCullough, 2. Dennis Situ, 3. Sebastien Despres, 4. tied Tony Yang, Ryan Jensen, Ragu Manohar, 7. Colter MacDonald, 8. Elijah Haberman.

Grade 8: 1. Prabjeet Bansal, 2. Henry Song, 3. David Lacy, 4. Darren Li, 5. Praanesh Sureshkumar, 6. Rishi Durupala.

Grade 9: Naveed Virji.

Grade 10: 1. Derek Thomas, 2. Etienne Leclerc, 3. Jovan Cainglet.

Grade 11: 1. Jeff de Guzman, 2. Sean Lacy, 3. Terry Batbold.

Grade 12: 1. Anthony Wu, 2. Marivelle Villamiet.



Rob McCullough, a tournament director and treasurer of the Society of Alberta Chess Knights, congratulates Anthony Wu, Grade 12 winner at the Northern Alberta Scholastic Chess Championships.

3rd Annual University Battle of Alberta Open

Edmonton Chess Club, 204-10840 124 Street NW, Phone (780) 424-0283
February 5-6, 2011



CFC Active Rated & CFC Regular Rated & FIDE Rated

Tournament Organizer:

Roger Zhang, University of Alberta

Tournament Director:

Anastasia Kazakevich, University of Alberta

Open to all University and College students, professors and staffs are able to compete for their University Team. Community members are encouraged to join, to compete as individuals.

Format:

9 round Swiss modified. Members from the same university team will not play each other.

Time Control:

Saturday Games (5 Active Games): Game in 25min + 10 second increment.

Sunday Games (2 Normal Length Tournament Games): Game in 90min +30 second increment.

Schedule:

9:00 am: Registration at the Edmonton Chess Club. Meet and greet.

Saturday round times (G/25 +10): Rnd 1, 10 am, Rnd 2 11:30 am, Lunch, Rnd 3 2 pm, Rnd 4 3:30 pm, Rnd 5 5 pm.

6:30 pm: Official Supper for all Participants/Special Event.

Sunday (G/90+30): Rnd 6 9 am, Rnd 7 1:30 pm

Closing Ceremonies/Awarding of Prizes: Approx 5:30 pm (early finish so travelers can get on the road asap)

CFC Membership is required for tournament rating. It can be purchased on site

Entry Fee:

- \$10/per university students, professors and staff (with current CFC membership)
- \$20/per non-university students, professors, and staff (with current CFC membership)
- \$30/per university students, professors, and staff (who want to purchase one-tournament CFC membership), \$20 goes to the CFC, \$5 goes to the ACA, \$5 goes to the prize fund.
- \$51/per university students, professors, and staff (who want to purchase full CFC membership), \$41 goes to the CFC, \$5 goes to the ACA, \$5 goes to the prize fund.

Prizes:

- (1) The results of the top 4 finishers of each university/college team will count toward the score to determine the winner of University Battle of Alberta. The winning team will obtain the trophy and will be displayed in their university/college for a year.
- (2) The entry fee will be used as cash prize and will be awarded to individuals who have the best performance in different categories, e.g., Overall 1st 2nd 3rd as well as U1700 1st 2nd 3rd, U1400 1st 2nd and Unrated 1st. Community members are eligible for cash prize!!

Team Captains:

U of A: Katlan and Roger chem_kat@hotmail.com, Tongjun.zhang@ualberta.ca

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U of L: Thomas Fox chess.club@uleth.ca

Community Members: Contact the Tournament Organizer (Roger Zhang): Tongjun.zhang@ualberta.ca

TOP 40 CFC RATED ALBERTANS

AS OF DECEMBER 13, 2010

1	Hansen, Eric	2537
2	Porper, Edward	2517
3	Pechenkin, Vladimir	2396
4	Reeve, Jeff	2322
5	Gardner, Robert J.	2289
6	Wang, Richard	2285
7	Haynes, Nicolas	2280
8	Kazmaier, Daniel	2264
9	Valencia, Belsar	2256
10	Yam, Alex	2255
11	Ristovic, Nenad	2252
12	Neven, Knut	2248
13	Grumic, Sasa	2245
14	Robichaud, Martin	2236
15	Yearwood, Roy	2215
16	Schaeffer, Jonathan	2206
17	Kalisvaart, Peter	2203
18	Booker, Brad	2192
19	Gold, Itohan	2187
20	Hughey, Micah	2186
21	Wen, Jean-Francois	2166
22	Willis, Bradley J.	2164
23	Zhang, David	2158
24	Gluckie, Jamin	2134
25	Rekhson, Vladislav	2125
26	Perron, Sean	2097
27	Campbell, Gordon	2077
28	Gorelik, Lev	2076
29	Tam, Erik	2075
30	Purewal, Sardul	2072
31	Ebrahim-Shirazi, Behrooz	2061
32	Stark, Mark	2053
33	Newton, Geoff	2050
34	Daniluk, Jim	2045
35	Karmali, Hafiz	2045
36	Sequillion, Aaron	2044
37	Pivovarov, Juraj	2019
38	Tot, Nandor	2000
39	Pedersen, Rick	2000
40	Zeggelaar, Mike	1999

TOP 10 FIDE RATED ALBERTANS

AS OF DECEMBER 13, 2010

1	Porper, Edward	2437
2	Hansen, Eric	2412
3	Pechenkin, Vladimir	2314
4	Reeve, Jeff	2230
5	Ristovic, Nenad	2229
6	Wang, Richard	2212
7	Valencia, Belsar	2175
8	Gardner, Robert J.	2166
9	Yam, Alex	2162
10	Neven, Knut	2153

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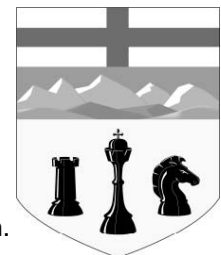
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for more information.



2011 Trumpeter Classic

Sandman Hotel (next to Earl's)
9805 100 St., Grande Prairie
January 29-30, 2011

TD & Organizer: Tim Pradzinski



5 round swiss, CFC membership required (can be purchased on-site)

TC: Game in 90 + 30 seconds increment from move one

Times: Saturday 10 am, 2:30 pm, 7 pm; Sunday 9 am, 1:30 pm

Entry Fee: \$40 Adult, \$30 Junior (18 and under). Free entry to GMs, IMs, 2011 Trumpeter Classic Junior Champion and defending champion, Tim Pradzinski

Prize Fund: **\$700 Prize Fund plus some awesome door prizes!**
(Prize Fund Based on 20 Adult Entries)

Registration: Saturday, 8:45 am to 9:45 am on-site.

Pre-register online on the GP Chess Club website: www.gpchessclub.com/trumpeterclassic

Special Event: Friday Night Speed Chess Tournament

Sponsored by Caughlin Financial Services

Guaranteed \$200 prize fund

1st - \$100, 2nd - \$60, 3rd - \$40

January 28, 2011 (Friday Night)

Time: 8:00 pm at the Sandman Hotel

Register Friday from 7 pm to 7:45 pm (on site)

Time Control: Game in 5 minutes

Entry Fee: \$10

This tournament will be limited to 10 players as this will be a Round Robin tournament.

If more than 10 register, we will take the top 10 highest rated players.

Car Pool Cash Incentive Program

If you car pool with 3 or more chess players (who ALL play in the Trumpeter Classic), the Grande Prairie Chess Society will help with the high cost of gasoline and snacks!

Here are some sample incentives:

Edmonton - \$50 per car

Calgary - \$75 per car

Other cities must call (\$75 max per car)

Accommodations

10 rooms have been set aside at the Sandman for us (under Grande Prairie Chess Club). \$99 for a single/double or \$109 for a junior corporate suite.

For reservations, contact the Sandman Hotel at 1.800.SANDMAN (726.3626)

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For more information contact Tim Pradzinski by email at database@telusplanet.net or phone 780.518.2281

This is a *Road Warrior* event!

