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Dinner At The Weekend B4 Xmas By Ford Wong

"Smorgasborg" Rob "the Rocket" Gardner won the Weekend Before Christmas with a perfect 5-0 record and ended up devouring the entire turkey, stuffing and all. However, the other two masters, Nigel Fullbrook and Sasha Grumic, managed to tear off the the drumsticks and the wings before he did, finishing tied for 2nd. Art Milne had a chance to share in part of the bird but passed the plate when he took a last round draw with Day.

The rest of the dining went as follows: Harold Climenhaga, Igor Shefer, Dmitri Shefer and Chris Vermette chewed up the entire baked ham by splitting the 1700-1900 prizes. The lasagna was swallowed whole by Jonathan Day, Scott Blundell and Aaron Lovi who split the 1500-1700 prizes. All the scalloped potatoes went to Alexander Kazakevich who took the top under 1500 & UNR prize. Keith Martin used up all the gravy (2nd). And Francisco Sarango and Steven Strawson took all the snackies, candies, etc by tying for 3rd in the under 1500 & UNR.

The only thing left was the vegetables and craberry sauce (YUK) which were taken by Adrien Regimbald(top Junior) when Dmitri Shefer opted to partake in the baked ham instead. Sorry but I can't tell you who washed down all the christmas cheer? Hic! Hic!. Everyone else had to find their Christmas Dinner elsewhere.

Thanks to the 39 hungry prospective players who came looking for some grub (14 of which were from out of town, with a strong contingent from Hinton led by the Rajski family). This made the "Weekend Before Christmas", the largest attended weekend tournament in Edmonton for 1997. Some people felt that this turnout was attributed to a phone campaign run prior to the tournament. For those who never made it to the dining table, I would like to thank all the participants. Sorry, but I can't tell you what was served at our table this Christmas but I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope that everyone got enough to eat (burp).

Other tournament trivia:

With only 4 plus 2000 players, this gave all the A and B class players a chance to battle it out. The best B class players took full advantage and scored 3.5 points while the best

A class mates could only muster up 3.0 points. It seems like the A class players were in a giving mood.

Scott Blundell and Jonathan Day had good performances. Adrien Regimbald may be trying to redefine "Regimbald Row" (which is normally the higher numbered boards) by being seen at Board 2 in round 5 against Fullbrook (Is this a mistake?).

Adrien says that next time, he's gonna play harder and make Nigel think longer than 2 minutes! A word of advice to Chris Miller: "might I suggest a bit of INNER PATIENCE!" Some potential juniors are on the way namely: Zhuoran Li, Stasy Kazakevich and Francisco Sarango.

Additional thanks are in order: Aaron Lovi who phoned and saved the T.D. from sleeping in on day 2. (however, no one seemed to notice that the TD was late - it is tough when you are up at 5 am on day 1 to take one of your kids to hockey practice). Thanks to John Quiring who opened the club and accompanied the T.D to the usual post tournament meal at McDonalds and post day 1 meal at Boston Pizza.

Grumic-Gardner[A01]

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.c4 d6 4.d3 f5 5.Nd2 Nf6 6.e3 g6 7.Ngf3 Bg7 8.a3 0-0 9.Qc2 h6 10.Be2 Ne7 11.c5 Be6 12.Nc4 Qd7 13.0-0 g5 14.Rfd1 Ng6 15.a4 Rf7 16.d4 e4 17.Nfd2 d5 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Nh7 20.Rac1 Qe7 21.c6 b6 22.Nb1 g4 23.Rd2 Qg5 24.g3 Bf8 25.Qc3 Be7 26.Rcd1 Qh5 27.Rxd5 Ng5 28.Bc4 Qh3 29.Nd2 Bxd5 30.e6 Rh7 31.Bf1 Qh5 32.Bg2 Bxe6 33.Nc4 Rd8 34.Rxd8+ Bxd8 0-1

I.Shefer - Nguyen [A48]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Bxf6 Bxf6 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 d6 7.c3 b6 8.Qc2 Bb7 9.Nbd2 Nd7 10.h4 h5 11.Bxg6 fxe6 12.Qxg6+ Bg7 13.Ng5 Rf6 14.Qh7+ Kf8 15.Qxh5 Kg8

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Weekend Before Xmas Open

1. Robert J. Gardner	2322	+23	+18	+20	+2	+3	5.0
2. Nigel Fullbrook	2316	+7	+12+6	-1	+9		4.0
3. Sasha Grumic	2220	+21	+13+4		+11-1		4.0
4. Scott Blundell	1801	+17	+15-3		+12	=11	3.5
5. John Quiring	2012	+22	=0 -0		+24	+16	3.5
6. Arthur Milne	2013	+9	+25-2		+20	=8	3.5
7. Aaron Lovi	1760	-2	=28	+19	+32	+17	3.5
8. Jonathan Day	1732	-11	+38	+13	+27=6		3.5
9.0: 9.Adrien Regimbald, 10.Harold Climenhaga, 11.Alan Clark, 12.Dmitri Shefer, 13.Chris Vermette, 14.Tim Dean, 15.Igor Shefer							
2.5: 16.Peter Miller, 17.Brian Goude, 18.Hans Olson, 19.Alexander Kazakevich							
2.0: 20.Kim Nguyen, 21.Piotr Rajski, 22.Branko Palcic, 23.Tobias Jererich, 24.Mike Zukiwski, 25.Brad Kroeker, 26.Keith Martin, 27.Cor Dewindt, 28.Chris Miller, 29.Duncan Campbell							
1.5: 30.Alvin Doo(/2), 31.Zhuoran Li, 32.Robert Davies, 33.Steven Strawson, 34.Francisco Sarango							
1.0: 35.David Ottosen(/1), 36.Vince Gibson, 37.Anastasia Kazakevich							
0.5: 38.Maciej Rajski, 39.Pawel Rajski							

Southern Alberta Open by Fred South

The Southern Alberta Open was held on the weekend of November 15th and 16th. There was an unexpectedly high turnout of 47 players. Pre-tournament favorite Nenad Risticovic was upset by Sean Perron in round 3 and second favorite Greg Huber gave up too many draws. The result was that Rocket Rob Gardner was able to capture clear first with 4.5/5. Not only did Rob take home \$157, but he also secured a place in the Alberta Closed where he will be a strong contender for top spot.

The inexperience of the tournament director created a few small problems, but no major catastrophes. Many thanks to Walter Watson, without whose invaluable assistance things could have been a lot worse.

Sharing second and third were Nenad Risticovic and relative newcomer Sean Perron at 4. Top A class was won by Alan Gomes with 3.5, while Chris Vermette took top B class with 3, and Eduardo Amay won the under 1600 and unrated with 2.5. Many thanks to everyone who participated.

Nazarian-Gardner[A46]

notes by Gardner

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 cxd4 At least this unbalances the pawn structure making things

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Editorial

Another editor jumps ship...

Well, as I have entered what is certain to possibly be one of my last semesters of university, I have come to some sort of conclusion that time is actually not an infinite commodity, and thus, I have made the decision to give up the ACR editorship. As of this time, the ACA has not appointed a new editor, but it is on the agenda for the next ACA board meeting. So, I decided to use this editorial to share the top ten lessons I learned as ACR Editor.

1. Assume no one reads this entire page. Several times I received messages from people asking when the deadlines for submission were. Although it is on this page, I fail to understand why anyone would want to know. When a tournament is finished, submit a report as quickly as possible, and it will be put in the next available issue.
2. Being ACR editor is not as fun as being ACR contributor. As a contributor, I could write lots of stuff I thought amusing. As Editor, there is some duty to let the contributors have their say without interference. The great temptation of being the Editor is to stick in comments in every article, but it bugs people, no matter how witty you might be.
3. Stamp glue doesn't taste as good as it sounds. Ditto for envelope glue.
4. Rob Gardner is capable of writing articles in a semi-timely manner. The key is to continually harass him about it. Fortunately, the Rocket has never heard of something called a "restraining order", or most of the last couple of ACR's would have been blank.
5. Paper is heavy. One sheet, no. 100 sheets, not terribly. 400 ACRs at 5 pages each, yes.
6. People at the post office look at you funny when you walk in and open a duffel bag and just start throwing hundreds and hundreds of envelopes in the box.
7. Len Steele is amazing. He did this job for years and years and years. One year was plenty for me.
8. Being ACR editor helps your chess, sort of. You really can't play over all those games and learn nothing (although I tried).
9. Computers are really annoying. Whether it was Publisher crashing, or email adding a bunch of [Hr]ts, or ChessBase misclassifying ECO codes, many times my monitor was merely a muscle twitch away from getting intimate with a brick.
10. This job is not possible to do alone. Thanks to the people who have helped out (with writing or production): John Quiring, Len Steele, Aaron Lovi, Rob Gardner, Ford Wong, Neil Sharp, Walter Watson, Art Milne, and anyone else who wrote stuff.

Top Rated Albertans

This list comprises the top-rated ACA members who live in Alberta

1. Hawkes, Rob.....2362
2. Huber, Gregory2355
3. Ristovic, Nenad2349
4. Gardner, Robert2322
5. Fullbrook, Nigel.....2316
6. South, Robert.....2302
7. Yearwood, Roy2286
8. Odachowski, Arthur.....2275
9. South, Fred2272
10. Sharp, Neil.....2245
11. Demers, Christopher2238
12. Schaeffer, Jonathan.....2238
13. Brebrich, Branimir.....2225
14. Grumic, Sasha.....2220
15. Purewal, Sardul.....2215
16. Walker, Warrick2213
17. Perron, Sean.....2210
18. Tot, Nandor.....2210
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21. Zaradic, Ante2145
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26. Willis, Bradley.....2126
27. Daniluk, Jim2123
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32. Turingan, Virgilio.....2080
33. Flemming, James2056
34. Thibodeau, Paul2055
35. Danglapan, Leo.....2051
36. Watson, Walter.....2051
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38. Fulker, Chris.....2048
39. Newton, Geoff2046
40. Bjornsson, Yngvi.....2029
41. Davies, Tedge2021
42. Zwirner, Walter2018
43. Trikha, Ravi2016
44. Milne, Arthur.....2013
45. Hughey, Micah2005
46. Hinds, Ronald.....2001
47. Tumpek, Joseph2000

High-rated Albertans with provisional ratings are Victor Maric (2275) and Eugene Gibney (2199)

Errata:

The previous issue gave the wrong site for this year's Alberta Open. Plan early to attend the 1998 Alberta Open in Calgary on the Thanksgiving weekend.

Also, the ACA Board moved the Alberta Closed and Reserves tournament to Edmonton next month. See the ad on the back page.

NEWS FROM THE ALBERTA CHESS ASSOCIATION

By Walter Watson, President

Life is full of humbling experiences. One of mine occurred recently, when I realized that my friend Art Milne's "Art Gallery" column in the ACR is much more widely read than this column is. I rarely get feedback from this column, and if you have opinions on any issue, I hope that you will discuss it with me or another ACA board member. We are concerned with what you think.

The new ACA board held its first meeting in November. The major business was setting the 1998 tournament schedule, printed in the last ACR (but the Alberta Open will be held in Calgary this year, not Red Deer). The only tournament deleted from last year is the Last Chance Qualifier, which had a format that pleased nobody. The Calgary, Edmonton and Alberta Actives are added for July. The former two are qualifying tournaments for the Alberta Active, which will be held in Red Deer (an 8 player round robin,

similar to the Alberta Closed). I hope we will not have to make many schedule changes as the year goes on. One change already is that the January Open will be held on Jan 31-Feb 1 at the Quality Inn instead of a week earlier. The earlier date was not available when I tried to book it, and I was unable to find another suitable site. Some of the top Alberta players have complained about holding the Alberta Closed (with reserves) in Red Deer this year instead of in Edmonton or Calgary. The board will deal with this at the next meeting.

Among other board decisions, Dave Gomboc has agreed on a temporary basis to be responsible for updating our website, the Internet committee will remain inactive for now, and John Quiring, Ford Wong, and I were re-appointed as signing authorities for cheques (two out of three must sign). A scheduled agenda item which we did not have time for was ACA tournament policies, which included the debate on prize distribution which Steve Hansen prepared for the last ACR (thanks Steve!). Also included are time controls, pre-registration discounts, and sectional tournaments. If we have time, we will

deal with it at our next board meeting.

The next board meeting will decide the 1998 budget. Thanks to Grant Brown obtaining junior and cadet sponsorship from the Dufferin Games room, there will be extra budget money available. As I've said before, the big ACA expenses are the ACA weekend tournaments, support for local clubs, and travel for Albertans who have qualified to national championships. Because rural clubs tend to be overlooked, the board had me write to them about their needs and one or two have replied with equipment requests. The Edmonton club will be holding its own casino and the Calgary club may follow, which could affect their future ACA support level. Any ACA member who wishes may attend the budget meeting and participate in discussions, but not make motions or vote.

It has been suggested that the board present future budgets to the AGM for approval. Some Board members have strong opinions on both sides of the issue, while others (including me) are ambivalent. Do you care? Let us know if you do, and why.

Calgary Chess Club by Walter Watson

The top section of the Grand Prix #2 belonged to Warrick Walker. He scored 11.5/12, only a draw with Steve Sauve keeping him from perfection. Bob South and Arthur Odachowski kept it close, each finishing with 9.5. Gordon Campbell had 8 points and Nandor Tot scored 6.5.

After 2 tournaments, the leading scores are: Warrick Walker 54, Bob South 52.5, Arthur Odachowski 51, Gordon Campbell 44, Arthur Milne 41.5, John Ferrar 41, Jim Daniluk and Max Carcamo 40.5, and Steve Sauve 37.5.

Don Macfarlane has taken over directing the lower section, and was both relaxed and efficient. Chris Vermette took an early lead and held on to finish with 9.5/11 despite losing to Kim Nguyen and drawing with John Rajchel in the last 2 rounds. Chris finished just ahead of a closely pursuing Rod Weis at 9. Jordan Davies had 8 points, John Rajchel 7.5, Kim Nguyen and Norm Luyben 6, and Steve Hansen 5.5.

The top total scores are Chris Vermette 52.5, John Rajchel 50.5, Steve Hansen 45.5, Rod Weis 44, Bill Rusk 41.5, Ted Borowski 41, Brandon Eshelman 34, and Kieran Kirchner 33.

Late news ...

The players in the Alberta Closed are Roy Yearwood, Arthur Odachowski, Robert Gardner, Nenad Ristic, Greg Huber, Robert South, David Ottosen, and Nigel Fullbrook.

Average rating: ALMOST 2300

Letter to the Editor

As a former Alberta Champion (a long time ago -- 1975!) with a long-standing interest in the regulations governing chess at all levels, I was quite interested in Mr. Gibney's letter in the November 1997 issue of the ACR. After consulting the rules themselves, I find that I do not agree with his comments.

First, the introduction to the rules actually says: "Note that the minimum rating applies ONLY to those who wish to qualify by rating; winning a qualifying tournament earns you the right to play, regardless of rating." By excerpting only the phrase "winning a qualifying tournament earns you the right to play," Mr. Gibney has made a fundamental error. Taken in context, it is apparent that this statement means only that the winners of the qualifying events are exempted from Clause 6, which otherwise requires that participants in the Alberta Closed have a minimum CFC rating of 2100.

The participation point scheme is intended to ensure that people who aspire to represent Alberta in the Canadian Closed should be active contributors to chess in Alberta. As matters stand under the recently amended rules, a person fulfils the requirements by playing in one of the designated events, plus any other three tournaments, or two designated events and any other tournament. Likely due to the chronic shortage of people willing to undertake the responsibilities associated with organizing and directing competitions, up to one participation point may be in the form of direct-ing events.

Is it really too much to ask that a person play in 3 or 4 chess tournaments during the course of a year as one condition of qualifica-

tion to participate in the provincial championship? Most sports are more demanding in this regard.

As to the "heavily biased" rules against those who do not live in Edmonton or Calgary, from the perspective of an adult player living in Edmonton, the Calgary Closed is not a realistic possibility, and the Alberta Junior Championship is, of course, out of the question. Players in Edmonton and Calgary thus have one "extra" chance to earn a participation point, although it is worth keeping in mind that the two city championships require the players to appear every week for anywhere between 6 and 8 weeks. I certainly did not find it to be a particularly easy way to obtain a participation point, and generally preferred weekend events for that reason.

Perhaps I misunderstood Mr. Gibney's final point concerning the defending Alberta Champion, but the Champion is not excluded from participating in any of the qualifying tournaments. He or she can obtain participation points in qualifying events along with everyone else, and I am sure the organizers would normally hope that the Alberta Champion would take part, perhaps even offering some additional incentives as encouragement! One way to look at it is that the Champion has already made the "qualifying tournament" requirement by winning the Alberta Closed in the preceding year, but still needs to obtain the full number of participation points.

In summary, I think the rules as published in the October 1997 edition were both clear and reasonable.

Stephen Ball

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16.Qh7+ Kf8 17.0-0 Qe8 18.h5 Rh6
19.Qf5+ Kg8 20.Ne6 Rc8 21.f3 Nf6 22.Nxg7
Kxg7 23.g4 Nd5 24.Qg5+ Kh7 25.e4 c5
26.dxc5 Nc7 27.cxd6 exd6 28.Qf5+ Kh8
29.g5 Rxh5 30.g6 Rxh1 31.Rxh1+ Kg7
32.Rh7+ Kg8 33.Qf6 1-0

D.Shefer - Jeserich [A60]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Be7
6.f4 exd5 7.cxd5 0-0 8.Nf3 Re8 9.Bd3 Bg4
10.0-0 Qc8 11.Qe2 Bd8 12.Qf2 Bb6 13.Be3
a6 14.Bc2 Ba5 15.Nd2 b5 16.e5 Bxc3 17.bxc3
Nxd5 18.Ne4 dxe5 19.Nd6 Qc6 20.Nxe8 exf4
21.Bxf4 Bd7 22.Be4 Qe6 23.Bxd5 Qxd5
24.Nc7 Qc6 25.Nxa8 Qxa8 26.Bxb8 Qxb8
27.Qxf7+ 1-0

Olson - Martin [C44]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Bc4
cxb2 6.Bxb2 d6 7.0-0 Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.Qb3
Qc8 10.Ng5 Nd8 11.Nd2 h6 12.Qh3 Nf6
13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Qh5+ Kd7 15.Ngf3 Nc6
16.Rac1 e5 17.Nb3 Qe8 18.Qh3+ Qe6 19.Qh4
Be7 20.Rfd1 f5 21.Nc5+ Kd8 22.Nxe6+ 1-0

A.Kazakevich - Strawson [B10]

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.d3 e5 5.Be2
Bb4 6.Bd2 Bxc3 7.Bxc3 Nd7 8.Bf3 Ngf6
9.Qe2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.Qd2 b6 12.Ne2
Bb7 13.Ng3 e4 14.dxe4 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 dxe4
16.Qxd7 Qxd7 17.Rxd7 exf3 18.Rxb7 fvg2
19.Rg1 h6 20.Rxg2 g5 21.Rg1 Re4 22.Rd1
Rf4 23.Rbd7 Rxf2 24.b3 Rxh2 25.Rf1 g4
26.Rxf7 g3 27.Rg7+ Kf8 28.Rgf7+ Kg8
29.Rh7 1-0

Blundell - D.Shefer [B12]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nd2 e6 5.Ndf3 Nd7
6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 c5 8.c3 Qb6 9.b3 Rc8
10.Ne2 cxd4 11.cxd4 Bb4+ 12.Bd2 Bxd2+
13.Qxd2 Ne7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rfe1 Rc6 16.Rac1
Rfe8 17.Rxc6 Rxc6 18.h3 Qc7 19.Rc1 Rxc1+
20.Qxc1 Qxc1+ 21.Nxc1 Kf8 22.Kf1 f6
23.Ke2 fxe5 24.Nxe5 Nxe5 25.dxe5 Nc6 26.f4
Kf7 27.Ke3 g5 28.g3 gxf4+ 29.gxf4 Kg6
30.Nd3 Kf5 31.a3 b6 32.b4 h6 33.a4 a5 34.b5
d4+ 35.Kf3 Nb4 36.Nxb4 axb4 37.Ke2 Ke4
38.Kd2 Kd5 39.a5 bxa5 40.b6 Kc6 41.f5 a4
42.fxe6 1-0

Gardner -- Fullbrook [B07]

Notes by Gardner

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2
0-0 6.Nge2 Nbd7 7.h3 c5 8.d5 Rb8 9.a4 a6
10.a5 b5 11.axb6 Rxb6 12.0-0 Rb4 The
opening resembles the Benko in many ways
despite the existence of a White pawn on c2.
Black has pressure on e4 and the queenside.
Nigel felt that the opening gave him a signifi-
cant advantage [though he might not have
been referring to precisely this position]. I felt
there was play for both sides 13.f4 I decided to

grab space and threaten a kingside pawn
storm. Whether or not this plan is strictly
correct, it does pose practical problems for
Black who must not allow his position to be
overrun 13...a5 14.g4 Ba6 15.Ra3 Qb6
16.Bf3 To play g5 without allowing ...Nh5
16...Rfb8 17.g5 Ne8 18.Na2 Bxb2 I had
found it so difficult to calculate this move that
I had not seriously considered the alternatives.
Nigel pointed out that 18...Rd4 was possible
though I have a small preference for White
after 19.Nxd4 Bxd4+ 20.Kg2 Bxf1+ 21.Qxf1
[since 21...Bxb2 fails to 22.Rb3]. Also, I be-
lieve was unaware that by unprotecting b5, I
was inviting at least one repetition with
18...Rb5 19.Nac3 Rb4 19.Nxb4 Bxe2
19...cxb4+ 20.Be3 has two interesting contin-
uations which I had underestimated while con-
sidering 18.Na2. One is 20...bxa3 21.Bxb6
which gives Black an annoying a pawn in
compensation for the material. The other
choice, 20...Nc5, also gives compensation.
Play in that line could continue 21.Ra2 Bg7
22.Bd4 with a fight ahead 20.Qxe2 Bxa3
After 20...Bxc1 21.Rxc1 cxb4+ 22.Re3 the
passed a-pawn once again gives Black some
compensation though I think the extra simpli-
fication in comparison to the 19...cxb4+ lines
works in White's favor. For instance, White
might be able to stave off the advance of the
queenside pawns long enough to open up a
kingside file [thanks to the earlier kingside
space grab] 21.Nc6 Bxc1 22.Nxb8 Nigel ex-
plained that he had not foreseen this move in
some crucial earlier calculations 22...Qxb8
23.Rxc1 Qb2 24.Qd1 c4 25.Rb1 The time
control was 30 moves in 90 minutes and I
stated to get short on time around here
25...Qc3 A middlegame drawback of my ear-
lier pawn advances starts to become apparent.
If White is not careful, Black will infiltrate to
harass the White king 26.Rb7?! More to the
point is 26.Kf2 with the plan of Ke2 followed
by Qd2 to expel the Black queen 26...Nc5
27.Rb8 Qe3+ Nigel makes some progress in
my time pressure 28.Kg2 Kf8 29.Qa1 f6?
Nigel was moving faster than I was despite
having plenty of time. Perhaps he assumed
that this move was necessary to deal with the
mate threat. After 29...c3, it is hard to see how
White can play for a win 30.gxf6 Nxe4
31.fxe7+ Kf7 32.Qf1 Nd2 33.Qe2 Qxf4
34.Bg4 Computers can find some things so
easily. It took CM5000 only a few seconds to
find 34.Qe6+ Kg7 35.Qg4 when Black must
drop a piece after 35...Qxg4 36.Bxg4 Kf7
37.Bd7 or 35...Qxf3+ 36.Qxf3 Nxf3 37.Rxe8
Nh4+ 38.Kf2 Kf7 [38...Nf5 39.Rg8+] 39.Rh8
Kxe7 40.Rxh7+ and 41.Rxh4. Of course, only
having an extra half hour to complete the
game made it more difficult to find such moves
34...Ne4 35.Qf3 White can win more material
with 35.Be6+ Kg7 [35...Kxe7 36.Rb7+ is

deadly] 36.Rxe8. Black can then try to harass
the White king but a continuation like
36...Qg3+ 37.Kf1 Qf4+ 38.Kg1 Qg3+ 39.Qg2
Qe3+ 40.Kh1 seems to buy White enough time
to unwind his pieces 35...Qxf3+ 36.Kxf3 I
wanted to move the king closer to the action,
but it might have been better to redeploy the
bishop with 36.Bxf3 intending to attack the
Black a and c-pawns. Now White has to deal
with an endgame factor caused by his earlier
pawn advances: the White pawns are widely
separated and hard to defend 36...Nc5 37.Ra8
h5 38.Bc8 Nc7 39.Rxa5 Kxe7 40.Ra7 I had
been having some doubts about my winning
prospects during the previous few moves, but
here I began feeling more confident again.
The Black king becomes cut off on the edge of
the board. The infamous rook on the seventh
rank strikes again 40...Kd8 41.Be6 N5xe6
Black gets another White pawn, but the trade
of minor pieces makes life easier for the rook.
Als, the trade seems to increase the passive
nature of Black's king 42.dxe6 Nxe6 43.Ke4
Nc7 Nigel might not have liked the predicam-
ent of his king after 43...Ng5+ 44.Kd5 Nhx3
45.Kxd6, but it seems like a trickier defensive
try than the game. One of several plausible
continuations is 45...Ke8 46.Ra3 Ng5 47.Ke5
Ke7 48.Ra7+ Kd8 49.Rg7 Nf3+ 50.Kd6 Ke8
51.Rxg6 Nd4 52.Rg2 when the situation is
starting to look quite good for White, but not
trivial. 43...Nc7 seems kind of passive to me
44.h4 My rook is active while his knight is
passive. My king is centralized while his is on
the edge. Now even my pawns are happy.
Black cannot do much to save his g-pawn
44...Ke8 45.Ra1 Kd7 46.Rg1 Kc6 47.Rxg6
Kc5 48.Rg5+ Kb4 49.Rxh5 Kc3 Nigel em-
barks on his last bit of counterplay as we each
have less than ten minutes to finish the game
50.Rh7 Ne8 51.Re7 Nf6+ 52.Kf5 Nd5
53.Re2 Nb4 54.h5 Nxc2 55.Rxc2+ A com-
mon trick: giving up material to simplify to a
winning pawn ending 55...Kxc2 56.h6 d5
56...c3 57.h7 Kb1 58.h8Q c 59.Qb8+ and we
have reached a position in which Black's extra
pawn on the d-file prevents him from drawing
despite having a c-pawn on the seventh rank.
Once White eventually wiggles his queen to
b3 with check, the continuation ...Ka1 and
Qxc2 will not be stalemate because of the
d-pawn.) 57.h7 d4 58.h8Q d3 59.Qd4 c3
The c-pawn offers the only stalemate chances
in this position, so Black cannot let it drop
with check 60.Ke4 d2 61.Qd3+ Kb2 62.Ke3
c2 There is little alternative 63.Qxd2 Ka1
63...Kb1 64.Qb4+ and both 64...Ka2 65.Kd2
and 64...Kc1 65.Kd3 lead to quick mate. The
move played gives White the chance to blun-
der into stalemate with 64.Qxc2 64.Kd3 1-0

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What's The "Words": Words Calgary Active Tournaments

October Under 2000

After some lean months, a full house played in the Words October Under 2000. Jun Turingan was the 20th and last entrant, but ended first with a perfect 5/5 score. After 4 rounds, he was a point ahead of Alan Gomes, Martin Proulx, Frank Knoll, Colin Chrumka, and newcomer Joe Santbergen, who were all tied with 3/4. A last round loss by Jun would have meant a multiple tie for first and a speed chess playoff, but it was not to be. While Martin drew with Colin, and Joe defeated Frank, Jun defeated Alan to ensure his win. He was followed by Joe Santbergen with 4; Alan Clark, Martin Proulx, and Colin Chrumka with 3.5; Rod Weis, Alan Gomes, Frank Knoll and Phillippe Jackson with 3; and Kim Nguyen with 2.5. Thanks again to Rook St.Peter for being the perfect host despite our using all his tables.

TD Walter Watson

November 1699 And Under

Steve Sauve took advantage of his last opportunity in the 1699 and under category to get his name on the trophy with a 4-1 record and subsequent speed chess tie-break with John Redes. Olivia Ugorji marked her return to chess with a 3.5-1.5 score for third place, losing only to top ranked Frank Knoll and handing Steve Sauve his only loss of the tournament. Twelve players participated in this months tournament.

This competition also hosted the return to tournament action for Doug Hall, and it was my first attempt at tournament directing. Special thanks to Frank Knoll (1766) for participating in the tournament on short notice to even the pairings (without eligibility for the trophy).

TD Alan Gomes

January Under 1700

The January Under 1700 attracted 19 players, four of whom were first time CFC cardcarriers. The top rated players took a series beaten, exempting Norm Luyben who participated in a playoff for first against Mark Driscoll and Erik Tam, each tied with four points. The champion of the day was Erik Tam, a resilient young Internet player, who handle on FICS is "Hustler," so watch out if you are looking for a match in cyberspace. Shandy Booth, the youngest participant, beat over three 1500 players, a 300 rating point difference. Shandy also drew his friend, Jeffrey Mo, who equally had a great result with 3.5. These kids are something to watch. They are exiting, fearless, and hungry. This was our first 1998 tournament and a real pleasure to direct. "Hey guys you were all terrific sports. "Thank you. Have a great 98"

TD Tedge Davies

January Under 2000

Max Carcamo had a serious eye problem recently, but nothing seems wrong with his over the board sight now. Max, former champion of El Salvador, played his usual brand of tactical, aggressive chess in scoring a perfect 5/5. His fourth and fifth round wins over Alan Clark and defending champ Martin Proulx were especially exciting. Alan, who scored 3.5 and tied for second for the umpteenth time, has switched from the Caro-Kann to the Sicilian looking for that elusive first place. Jordan Davies rebounded from a first round upset and Frank Knoll played his usual steady game to tie with Alan. Alvin Remoroza, Martin Proulx, Chris Vermette, Rod Weis, and Tom McKay all scored 3 points, while Alan Gomes had 2.5. There were 18 players, including 12 over 1700. Congratulations, Max!

TD Walter Watson

Calgary Fall Sectional by Nick Podolchak

The Elephant and Castle hosted this year's Calgary Fall Sectional. Eighteen signed on for the >1700 category, while fourteen were registered in the <1700.

The tournament times were set at 30/90, SD/1 so that we might be out by midnight. This did not happen. Week after week, the strongly contested matches went to the limit. Not only did we reach the midnight hour, but post game analysis extended even longer.

In the over 1700 category, after four rounds of play, Roy Yearwood, John Ferrar, Arthur Odachowski, and Virgilio Turingan were all running neck and neck with Roy holding a half point advantage. Unfortunately, Roy had to withdraw. However, Arthur did not slow down. He continued to win. He completed the seven round tournament with six points. Virgilio tied for second place with a score of 4.5 points. Walter Zwimer, a slow starter (at least in this tournament), bounced back from two opening losses to finish in a tie for second with Virgilio.

The under 1700 category was marked by upsets. Chris Vermette, John Rajchel, and Ted Borowski were all tied with four points after five rounds of play. John prevailed. He finished with six points to take first place. Ted Borowski played a strong match and took second with five points, and Chris Vermette took third with four and a half points.

A noteworthy mention is Chris Clark who finished with four points. Chris played most aggressively on his braille chess board. You can blame Chris for some of those upsets.

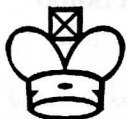
Although the winners could not live comfortably on their prize money, they will certainly eat well (for a while at least). The winners shared two hundred and seventy dollars in cash and two hundred and forty dollars in "Elephant and Castle" food and drink coupors.

See you next year!

Second Coleman Active by Grant Brown

Ten players contested the second Coleman Active tournament on November 29. Top-ranked Alan Clark came back from a second-round loss to Bruce Kiely to finish in clear first with 5 wins in six games. Newcomer Olivia Ugorji tied for second-third with Steve Hansen at 4. Clair Elliston and John Day were the top Coleman players with 2 wins each. Brian Clark is to be commended for his work in organizing this tournament.

#	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1.	Alan Clark	+6	-3	+4	+10	+2	+9	5.0
2.	Chris Vermette	+7	-5	+9	=3	-1	+10	3.5
3.	Bruce Kiely	+8	+1	+5	=2	-9	-4	3.5
4.	Steve Hansen	-9	+7	-1	+8	+5	+3	4.0
5.	Terry Marks	+10	+2	-3	-9	-4	+6	3.0
6.	Brian Clark	-1	-9	-10	+7	-0	-5	1.0
7.	John Day	-2	-4	+8	-6	+10	-0	2.0
8.	Carl Handspiker	-3	-10	-7	-4	-0	-0	0
9.	Olivia Ugorji	+4	+6	-2	+5	+3	-1	4.0
10.	Clair Elliston	-5	+8	+6	-1	-7	-2	2.0



ALBERTA JUNIOR CHESS REPORT



(A Special section of the Alberta Chess Report, February 1998)

Canadian Junior by Hans Olson

From December 27 to January 2 I was in Winnipeg, Manitoba for the Canadian Junior. This was a good experience for me but sadly I blundered my way into last place with a depressing 0.5/11. Thinking back, it is a mystery even to myself as to how I missed some of the howlers that I put down. At present, I am just trying not to dwell on any details so that I don't totally turn myself off chess forever. Even though it was a pretty strong field of players, I probably incurred more damage on more of my games than my opponents did. Oh well, it wasn't all bad. I had the opportunity to be pummelled by some of the best and hey, the food was alright.

For now, I figure I will let the wounds heal, but will still look forward to any other chances that I might have against those guys in the future. In closing, I'd like to say thanks to the my billets, the Burstow family, to my family for their support, to David Ottosen for giving me some much-needed help before the tourney, and lastly to Dufferin games and the ACA for givig me this unique learning experience.

(Some notes from the editor: Having run the junior last year, and working to help Hans prepare for a couple of months beforehand, I was looking forward to watching this year, and the internet coverage was pretty good. In fact, it allowed me to file numerous protests from Edmonton about the pairings and the colour distribution, which led to Hans getting an extra white, possibly just to shut me up. As for Hans' performance, the first half of the tournament, he seemed affected by nerves, and the last half seemed to be due to depression from the first half)

Here is a game that I played against Navid Afrah from B.C. in round 2. This was my one draw and possibly my least embarrassing game!

Olson-Afrah

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 g6 4.cxd4 Nf6

5.Nc3 d6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nge2 Bg7 8.f3 0-0 9.a3 a6 10.Be3 b5 11.b4 Nd7 12.0-0 Qb6 13.Bc2 Qa7 14.Bf2 Nb6 15.Bb3 Bd7 16.Rc1 Qb7 17.Qd3 a5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Bxd5 axb4 20.Bxc6 Bxc6 21.d5 Bd7 22.axb4 Ra4 23.Qd2 f5 24.Bd4 Bxd4+ 25.Nxd4 Qa7 26.Kh1 Ra2 27.Qc3 Rc8 28.Qd3 Rxc1 29.Rxc1 Ra1 30.Rg1 Rxg1+ 31.Kxg1 Qa1+ 32.Kf2 Qb2+ 33.Nc2 fxe4 34.fxe4 Qe5 35.h3 e6 36.dxe6 Bxe6 37.Nd4 Bc4 38.Qe3 Qf6+ 39.Nf3 Qa1 40.Qd2 Qf6 41.Qg5 Qxg5 42.Nxg5 Kg7 43.Ke3 h6 44.Nf3 Kf6 45.Nd2 Bf7 46.Nf3 Bc4 47.Nd2 Ba2 48.Nf3 Bb3 49.Nd2 Bd1 50.Nb1 1/2-1/2

EJCC Reports By Beatrice Wu

Since the September Sicilian Active, the EJCC has held three subsequent tournaments: The October O'Kelly Active, The November Najdorf Active and the January Na-J-dorf Active. Interestingly, the CFC has now waived all rating fees for purely junior tournaments. This has allowed us to award more book prizes per tournament while keeping the \$4 entry fee constant. Spreading out the chess books is in the interest of our basic goal of developing the skills of young players and the CFC's gesture is much appreciated (*hey- thats what us CFC governors are for! psst JQ: don't tell Beatrice how I voted on this motion!!-ed*).

The October O'Kelly Active was won by Douglas Wu with a perfect score of 5 while Paul Kirvan claimed 2nd place with a score of 4. Despite this valiant gasp of the old and decrepit-- (my apologies to Paul-- these past months have seen the emergence of some bright new faces as the dominant players of last year's EJCC scene, many of whom have moved on to high school, have become less active. Early in the season, we saw the phenomenal play of Hans Olson who, after winning the September EJCC meet, went on to become Alberta Junior Champion. Also notable are Zhuoran Li and Anastasia (Stasy) Kazakevich who won 1st (5.5/6) and 2nd (4.5/6) respectively

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Cadet Playoff by Neil Sharp

Alvin Remoroza defeated Nathan McLean in a playoff match to win the Alberta Cadet Championship.

Nathan won the first game in fine style and most of the time had control of game two, but allowed a dangerous passed pawn and lost. Game 3 was another Marshall with Nathan holding the draw in a blocked ending down a pawn. Game 4 was a quick draw in a KID Saemisch. Game 5 was at 30 minutes/game and was a sort of closed Sicilian. Alvin eventually broke through in Nathan's time trouble only to blunder but Nathan didn't see it and lost. In game 6 Nathan couldn't crack Alvin's Dragon and lost.

Remoroza-McLean (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.g3 Qd7 14.d3 Qh3 15.Qf3 Bg4 16.Qg2 Qh5 17.Bxd5 cxd5 18.Re3 Rae8 19.f3 Rxe3 20.Bxe3 Bf3 21.Qf2 Re8 22.Nd2 Be2 23.d4 Re6 24.Re1 Bg4 25.Nf1 h6 26.Qd2 Bf3 27.Qf2 Be4 28.Nd2 Bxg3 29.Qe2 Bxh2 0-1

McLean-Remoroza (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be2 Nf6 5.d3 g6 6.O-O Bg7 7.a3 O-O 8.Bg5 e6 9.Qd2 Bd7 10.Bh6 a6 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.Rfd1 Kg8 13.d4 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Ne8 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.e5 Qa5 17.exd6 Rd8 18.Na2 Qe5 19.Nc3 Rd6 20. Qe3 Qf6 21.h3 Qe7 22.Ne4 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Nf6 24.Nxf6 Qxf6 25.Qd4 Qg5 26.Qg4 Qc5 27.Qc4 Qe7 28.Qd4 Qg5 29.Qg4 Qf6 30.Qd4 e5 31.Qd6 Qg5 32.Bf1 Re8 33.Qd2 Qf5 34.Re1 Qf6 35.Rd1 e4 36.Qd4 Qf5 37.Re1 Qa5 38.Rd1 Qf5 39.Re1 h6 40.c4 Kh7 41.b4 Re7 42.Qe3 h5 43.Rd1 Qf6 44.Qd4 Qf5 45.Qe3 f6 46.Be2 Kg7 47.Rd2 Qe5 48.Qd4 Qg5 49.Qe3 Qf5 50.Rd1 h4 51.Bg4 Qe5 52.Qd4 Qd4 53.Rd4 f5 54.Be2 e3 55.f3 g5 56.b5 ab5 57.cb5 Be8 58.Kf1 Re5 59.a4 Rc5 60.Ke1 Rc1 61.Bd1 Bf7 62.a5 Bc4 63.a6 ba6 64.b6 e2 65.Rd7 Kf6 66.b7 Rb1 67.b8Q ed1Q 68.Rd1 Rb8 and later 0-1

1997 Dufferin Games Room Alberta Cadet by Neil Sharp

This year's edition of the Alberta under 16 chess championship benefitted from the generous sponsorship by the Dufferin Games Room Stores. The winner of this competition will be awarded \$675 to assist him in attending the 1998 Canadian Under 16 Chess Championship.

The tournament was held in Red Deer on December 13-14 and directed by Neil Sharp.

Round one saw the two favorites playing each other. After an exciting struggle, Alvin Remoroza of Calgary defeated Nathan McLean of Rimbey.

Remoroza - McLean [C89]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.d4 dxe4 10.dxe5 exf3 11.exf6 Qxd1 12.Bxd1 Bxf6 13.Bxf3 Bb7 14.Bf4 Rac8 15.Nd2 Bd8 16.Nb3 g5 17.Bg3 Ba8 18.Nc5 Kg7 19.Bg4 f5 20.Ne6+ Kf6 21.Nxf8 fxe4 22.Nxh7+ Kg7 23.Rad1 Kxh7 24.Re8 Bb7 25.Rd7+ Kg6 26.Kf1 Kf6 27.h4 gxh3 28.gxh3 Be7 29.Rxc8 Bxc8 30.Rxc7 Bxh3+ 31.Ke1 Bg2 32.Ke2 g4 33.Rc8 Kf5 34.Rc7 Bf3+ 35.Ke1 a5 36.Rb7 b4 37.Rb5+ Ke4 38.Kd2 bxc3+ 39.bxc3 Bf8 40.Bc7 Bh6+ 41.Kc2 Bf8 42.Bxa5 Be2 43.Rg5 Be7 44.Rg7 Bd3+ 45.Kd2 Bd6 46.Bb6 Ne5 47.Ba7 Nc4+ 48.Ke1 Ne5 49.Be3 Nf3+ 50.Kd1 Ne5 51.Bd4 Kf3 52.Kd2 Bf5 53.Rg5 Nc4+ 54.Ke1 Be4 55.Rg7 Bf4 56.Rf7 g3 57.fxe3 Kxg3 58.Rg7+ Kf3 59.Rf7 Kg3 60.Bf2+ Kf3 61.a4 Bd3 62.Bd4 Be2 63.Rxf4+ Kxf4 64.Kxe2 Ke4 65.Bf6 Kd5 66.Kd3 Na5 67.Bd8 Nb7 68.Be7 Ke6 69.Bb4 Kd5 70.c4+ Ke5 71.Kc3 Ke4 72.Be7 Ke5 73.Kb4 Ke6 74.Bc5 Kd7 75.Kb5 Kc7 76.a5 Nd8 77.Bb6+ Kc8 78.Bxd8 Kxd8 79.Kb6 Kc8 80.c5 Kb8 81.c6 Kc8 82.c7 Kd7 83.Kb7 1-0

Nine year old Anastasia Kazakevich of Edmonton played her best game in round 1, giving Rajchel a scare.

Rajchel - Kazakevich [C65]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6

5.d3 0-0 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Nxe5 Re8 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 Qe7 11.h3 Bh5 12.Re1 Rad8 13.g4 g5 14.gxh5 gxh4 15.Nxh4 Kh7 16.Nf5 Qe5 17.Qd2 Rg8+ 18.Kh1 Rg5 19.f4 Nxe4 20.fxe5 Nxd2 21.Nxd2 Rxf5 22.Ne4 Bd4 23.c3 Bxe5 24.d4 Bd6 25.Rf1 Rxh5 26.Nf6+ Kg6 27.Nxh5 Kxh5 28.Rxf7 Kh4 29.Rf6 Rh8 30.Kg2 Rg8+ 31.Kf3 Rg3+ 32.Kf2 Rxh3 33.Rxh6+ Kg4 34.Rg1+ Bg3+ 35.Rxg3+ Rxg3 36.Rg6+ Kf4 37.Rxg3 1-0

In Round 3, John Rajchel of Calgary faced Remoroza, both with perfect scores. While Alvin defended passively, John built a tremendous attack. At one point he

Dufferin Games Room Alberta Cadet TD: Neil Sharp

#	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
1	McLean	X	0	1	1	1	1	4
2	Remoroza	1	X	1/2	1/2	1	1	4
3	Rajchel	0	1/2	X	1	1	1	3.5
4	Mills	0	1/2	0	X	1	0	1.5
5	Kazakevich	0	0	0	0	X	1	1
6	Davies	0	0	0	1	0	X	1

missed mate in seven. However, he did go into a completely won ending, only to mess it up and have to settle for a draw.

Rajchel - Remoroza [B30]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.d3 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Bd2 Qc7 7.Qc1 a6 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.0-0 d5 10.exd5 cxd5 11.Bf4 Qd7 12.Ne5 Qe7 13.Re1 Bb7 14.Qd2 Nf6 15.Re2 Rd8 16.Rae1 0-0 17.Bg5 Qc7 18.Bf4 Qe7 19.d4 c4 20.Na4 Nd7 21.Nxd7 Qxd7 22.Nc5 Qc6 23.Bh6 Bc8 24.c3 Rfe8 25.Bxg7 Kxg7 26.f4 Qc7 27.g3 Rd6 28.b3 cxb3 29.axb3 Bd7 30.Ra1 Bb5 31.Re3 Qb6 32.b4 Ra8 33.Qa2 Qd8 34.Nb7 Qc7 35.Nxd6 Qxd6 36.Qd2 Qc6 37.Ree1 Rc8 38.Rac1 Qc4 39.Qe3 Qb3 40.g4 Qa3 41.h4 Qb3 42.Kg2 Qb2+ 43.Kg3 Qb3 44.h5 Qb2 45.Qe5+ f6 46.Qe3 [46.h6+ Kxh6 47.g5+ Kg7 48.gxf6+ Kf8 49.Qd6+ Kg8 50.Qxe6+ Kf8 51.Qe7+ Kg8 52.Qg7#] 46...Qb3 47.hxg6 hxg6 48.g5 Bd7 49.Rh1 Rf8 50.Rh2 Kf7

51.gxf6 Ke8 52.Qe5 Qc4 53.Qb8+ Bc8 54.f7+ Ke7 55.Qa7+ Bd7 56.Qc5+ Qxc5 57.dxc5 Rxf7 58.Rh6 Kf6 59.Ra1 Bb5 60.Ra1 Kf5 61.Re1 Bc6 62.Re5+ Kf6 63.Rg5 Rg7 64.Rh8 Bd7 65.Rf8+ Rf7 66.Ra8 Bb5 67.c6 Rc7 68.Rg8 Bd3 69.Re5 Rxc6 70.Re3 1/2-1/2

With Jordan Davies of Calgary withdrawing after the first day, it began to look like a tie for first between Remoroza and Rajchel unless McLean could take something from Rajchel in their last round game. Well, he did, defeating him.

Rajchel - McLean [B51]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nc6 4.d4 Bd7 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bxc6 Bxc6 7.0-0 g6 8.d5 Bd7 9.h3 e5 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Be3 f5 12.exf5 gxh5 13.Nh2 Nf6 14.f4 e4 15.a3 h5 16.Ne2 Kf7 17.c4 Qg8 18.b4 b6 19.bxc5 bxc5 20.Kf2 Qh7 21.h4 Ng4+ 22.Nxg4 hxg4 23.g3 Rab8 24.Rh1 Rb2 25.Bd2 Bf6 26.Qc1 Qg7 27.Kf1 Rxd2 28.Qxd2 Bxa1 29.Kg2 Rb8 30.h5 Rb2 31.Qe3 Ra2 32.Kf1 Qb2 33.h6 Qb1+ 34.Kg2 Qc2 35.Rxa1 Qxe2+ 36.Qxe2 Rxe2+ 37.Kg1 Rb2 38.Kf1 Ba4 39.Kg1 Kg6 40.Rc1 Kxh6 41.Rc3 Rc2 42.Re3 Rxc4 43.Kf2 Rc2+ 44.Ke1 c4 45.Kf1 Rd2 46.Ke1 Rxd5 47.Rc3 Bb3 48.Ke2 Rd3 49.Rxd3 cxd3+ 50.Kd2 d5 51.Kc3 Bc2 52.Kd2 d4 53.a4 e3+ 54.Kc1 Bxa4 55.Kb1 d2 56.Kb2 d1Q 57.Ka2 e2 58.Kb2 Qb3+ 59.Ka1 e1R# 0-1

This left the late starting game between Alec Mills of Calgary against Remoroza to decide the tournament. It seemed the likely win for Remoroza would give him clear first. However, Alec played very well and even missed a crushing move in the opening. Considering his poor position, and Alec's suddenly sound play, Remoroza offered a draw which was accepted. Now Alvin and Nathan will play a two game playoff to decide first place (see page 6 for result)

Mills - Remoroza [B01]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.a3 Nf6 7.0-0 h5 8.d4 c6 9.Bd2 Qc7 10.Ne5 Bf5 11.Bf4 Bd6 12.Re1 h4 13.Bf3 Nfd7 14.h3 Nf8 15.Ne4 [15.d5!!] 15...Bxe4 1/2-1/2

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more interesting in my opinion 4.exd4 d5 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.c3 I was thinking that this gave me a target for a future minority attack on the queenside. 6...Bg4 7.Qb3 Qc7 8.Nbd2 e6 9.O-O With the bishop languishing on c1 and a possible target on c3, I prefer Black here 9. ... Bd6 10.Re1 0-0 11.Qc2 Rfc8 The queenside is where the Black rooks will find action 12.Qb1 a6 13.a4 Rab8 14.b4 Ne7 15.Bb2 White defends his weak pawn but his bishop remains passive 15. ... Bf5 Offering to trade off White's good bishop 16.Bxf5 Nxf5 17.Ne5 This is the logical-looking outpost for the knight, but now Black has a way to grab complete control of the c4 square 17. ... Bxe5 18.dxe5 Nd7 19.Nf3 Nb6 20.a5 Nc4 21.Bc1 Ne7 Redeploying the other knight for pawn harassment duty 22.Qd3 Ng6 23.Qd4 b6 Now it is time for Black to change the queenside pawn structure for the benefit of his rooks 24.axb6 Rxb6 25.h4 I like this attempt to be aggressive in White's sphere of action on the kingside. If White were to passively wait, Black could continue with the plan of ...Rc6 and ...a5 and White would end up having to babysit at least two weak pawns – one on the queenside and one on e5 25...h5 I reluctantly decided that this pawn weakness was justified to prevent the disruption of a further push by the White h-pawn. It is not so easy for White to attack this pawn and now there is another White pawn fixed on a dark square [which indeed later becomes a target]. At least White has prospects of counterplay now 26.Kh1

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in the November Najdorf Active. The tournament was a very interesting seven player round robin as the players were close age-wise. A good showing was made by the Nobleman, 6 year old Ben and older brother Josh who tied for 3rd (4 points) with Nigel Sharp.

The November Najdorf's twin, the January Na-J-dorf, was also a seven player round robin, also won by Zhuoran Li with a perfect score of 6. Paul Kirvan came in second with 5 points, followed by Stasy Kazakevich with 4. But I have to commend Stasy for her endurance. Tending to take all of her 30 minutes, Stasy's games are inevitably the tournaments' "rate limiting steps". Though she ends up running a marathon, left with little time between rounds, she maintains the quality of her game.

I'd like to end by thanking Rob Gardner for agreeing to sub for me in December and Cynthia Wu for her assistance throughout. Now if only we could find some competition for Zhuorann ...

Farzan thought that a timely g3 to defend h4 would have made his position very solid. I believe that he would still have had to go through contortions to defend his weaknesses 26. ... Rc6 Also possible is 26...a5 27.bxa5 Ra6 27.Kg1 a5 28.bxa5 Nxa5 Once again the queenside pawn structure has changed to Black's benefit 29.Qa4 Nb7 30.Bd2 I thought for a few minutes here deciding whether to win the h-pawn with 30...Rc4 or the c-pawn with 30...Nc5 followed by 31...Ne4 [with the alternative possibility of 31...Nd3 going for the e-pawn]. I eventually decided that I would leave the c-pawn as a future target. Perhaps I also thought that taking his h-pawn would allow me to better protect my h-pawn. The downside of 30...Rc4 is that it gave nerve wracking counterplay to White for a while 30. ... Rc4 31.Qa7 Nxb4 32.Nd4 Bringing the knight closer to forking territory 32. ... Nc5 33.Qxc7 Rxc7 34.Ra8+ Kh7 35.Bg5 Ng6 36.Nb5 Rd7 37.Re3 Rg4 38.Bd8 Re4 39.Rh3 Rxe5 40.Bc7 Re1+ 41.Kh2 h4 42.Bg3 Re4 43.Nd4 Nd3 I presume that Black is winning here, but more than once I felt like I was on the verge of blundering. I spent 12 nervous minutes on this move, but things soon resolved happily 44.Nf3 44.f3 Rf4 [45.Bxf4 Ndx4 attacking the trapped rook] still leaves White with insoluble problems 44. ... Ndf4 45.Rxh4+ 45.Ng5+ Kh6 46.Nxe4 Nxb3 45. ... Nxb4 46.Ng5+ Kg6 47.Nxe4 Nhxg2 At last I felt secure 48.Nc5 Rc7 49.Nd3 Kf5 50.Ra4 g5 0-1

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Campbell - Vermette [B09]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.h3 Nbd7 7.Bc4 c5 8.e5 Ne8 9.e6 fxe6 10.Bxe6+ Kh8 11.Ng5 Bxd4 12.Nf7+ Rxf7 13.Bxf7 Nef6 14.Qd3 Qf8 15.Be6 Nb6 16.Bxc8 Rxc8 17.Ne2 e5 18.Nxd4 cxd4 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.Rf1 Qd6 21.c3 Nbd5 22.Bd2 Kg7 23.Rc1 Re8 24.Qb5 e4 25.Bg5 Qg3+ 26.Kd1 Qxg5 27.Rxf6 Ne3+ 28.Ke1 Qxb5 29.Rf2 Rf8 30.Rxf8 Kxf8 31.cxd4 Qf1+ 32.Kd2 Qd3+ 33.Ke1 Nxe2+ 34.Kf2 Qd2+ 0-1

Day - Milne [B24]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.Nge2 Be7 7.Nf4 a6 8.a4 Qc7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 Rb8 11.Be3 b5 12.axb5 axb5 13.b3 Qb6 14.Qe2 Bb7 15.h4 Ra8 16.Bf3 Nd7 17.Qd2 Nde5 18.Bh5 Nd4 19.Bxd4 cxd4 20.Na2 Ra5 21.Nb4 Rfa8 22.Rab1 Nc6 23.Bg4 Nxb4 24.Qxb4 Ra2 25.Recl Kf8 26.Qd2 Bc6 27.Kh2 Bd7 28.Nd5 Qd8 29.Nxe7 Qxe7 ½-½

ECC Alekhine Active by David Ottosen

Despite not having played a CFC rated active game in over two years, David Ottosen managed to win the ECC Alekhine Active, an 18 player, 9 round tournament held in December. After losing in round 2 to Micah Hughey, Ottosen spent the rest of the tournament trying to catch him. Aided by Scott Blundell achieving a draw with Micah in round 6 and Mr.Power himself, John Quiring, defeating Micah in round 9, Ottosen pulled half a point ahead of Hughey, scoring 7.5/9 to Hughey's 7. Also scoring a good performance was Jonathan Day (clear 3rd with 6, despite being rated near the bottom of the crosstable).

The Art Gallery

Carcamo - Milne [B00]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 b6 Something on the Alapin I picked out of the Informant. The idea is to solve the problem of the development of the QB at once 7.a3?! Development of the Black KB to b4 is harmless; why stop it? 7.Nc3 7. ... Bb7 8.Nc3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Qc7 10.Bb2 10.Bd2 is more flexible, as this bishop has no scope on b2 10. ... d5 Black is deceiving himself if he thinks he can do without this move. Too bad the QB is bad once again 11.Bd3 Be7 12.Rc1 Nc6 13.O-O O-O 14.Qe2 The alternative is 14.Bb1 with the idea of 15.Qd3, softening up Black's kingside, but with the crucial QB parked on b2, this idea lacks punch 14. ... Na5 15.Nd2! Opening a line for the Q to h5 and the path of the f pawn. If White can get in f5 with the threat of the rook life to h3, Black is in trouble, notwithstanding the misplaced QB 15. ... Rac8 16.f4 Nc4 Best to counterpunch! 17.Nxc4 dxc4 18.Bc2 I thought 18.Bb1 was more flexible 18. ... f5 Otherwise, White gets this in 19.exf6 Rxf6 20.f5! exf5 21.Rxf5 Rcf8 22.Rcf1 Rxf5 23.Bxf5! Setting Black problems I don't think he can solve. The immediate threat is 24.Be6+, picking up the c-pawn 23. ... Kh8 In light of the next note, 23. ... b5 may have been best 24.Be6? 24.Qh5! g6 25.Bxg6 Rxf1+ 26.Kxf1 and not 26...Qf4+ 27.Ke2, but 26...Bxg2+ 27.Kxg2 Qc6+ 28.Kf2 Qxg6 29.Qxg6 hxg6 30.Ke3 and White cleans up Black's queenside pawns anyways 24. ... Rxf1+ 25.Qxf1 Bd6 26.h3 b5 27.Be1 27.d5 Bxd5 28.Bxd5 Qc5+ 27. ... Be4 28.Bf5 Bxf5 29.Qxf5 a6 30.Bf4!? No game with Max is complete without this Max move! 30...h6 31.Be5 Qe7 32.Bxd6 Qxd6 33.Qc5 Qf4 34.d5 Qc1+ 35.Kf2 Qf4+ 36.Kg1 Qc1+ 37.Kf2 Qf4+ ½-½

Canadian Youth Chess Festival Provincial Championship by David Ottosen

Under 10:

Shandy Booth of Calgary and Anastasia Kazakevich each scored an impressive 6/8 in this 5 player double round robin. In a play-off, Shandy Booth became Alberta Under 10 champion.

Under 12:

Jeffrey Mo and Zhuoran Li tied for first at 5.5/7 in the 8 player round robin that comprised the Under 12 tournament. In a nerve wracking and shocking playoff, Jeffrey Mo found some clever tactics and defeated Zhuoran to take the title.

Under 14:

Jeff Huang nuked the field, scoring 5½/6 to win by a half point over Alberta Cadet Champion Alvin Remoroza. The game that decided first place was a brilliant display of sharp tactics, with Huang successfully navigating the troubled waters to take a full point from Remoroza, thus clinching the tournament win.

Under 18:

Former Alberta Junior champion Douglas "Mud" Wu took his chance for redemption, narrowly beating out current Alberta junior champion Hans Olson to win this tournament. Douglas surrendered draws to Olson and the surprising newcomer Ali Ahmad, while Olson had the draw with Doug and a loss to Ahmad, giving Douglas a half point margin of victory. Strangely, although Ahmad scored 1½/2 against the last two Alberta Junior champions, he only managed ½/5 in the rest of his games.

Canadian Youth Chess Festival National Championship

Under 10:

Alberta representative Shandy Booth scored 3/5 and finished in a tie for 3rd overall.

Under 12:

Alberta representative Stephen Hazeltine scored 2/5, a seventh place finish.

Under 14:

Alberta representative Jeff Huang scored 2/5 to finish in a tie for fifth.

Under 18:

Many time Alberta representative Douglas Wu scored 2½/5 to tie for fourth place.

Calgary Junior Chess Club Fall Report by Glenn Booth

The CJCC held another successful fall season of chess events in Calgary. Before reporting, however, I would like to clarify that the CJCC is an independent Calgary club. The purpose of the Club, as stated in its by-laws, is "to promote chess and provide opportunities for youth in the Calgary region to play and enjoy chess".

The Club is not directly affiliated with either Chess'n Math or the CFC. We run tournaments on our own initiative, set our own fees, hand out our own prizes, etc., independent of any sanction from a national or provincial body. We have chosen to rate our tournaments with Chess'n Math because we like the idea of a separate rating system for children. Chess'n Math provides ratings for children across Canada, including lists of top players in the Prairies, top girls in the country, etc. It provides a lot more motivation for a child to be rated 3rd in the country in Grade 3 than to be simply another kid at the bottom of the heap in CFC ratings.

We buy chess equipment from both the CFC and Chess'n Math and we regularly advertise CFC events at our tournaments. We actively encourage our better players to participate in CFC events.

Now the report. The club ran 3 "regular" tournaments in the fall, attracting 71, 48 and 50 participants respectively. We were hampered by the work-to-rule program by Calgary public school teachers, which meant that no chess clubs were running in the schools all fall. In these circumstances, we were very pleased with our attendance.

We also ran a special Christmas tournament for our top-rated players. We were very gratified to see 18 kids playing serious active chess with clocks. This is a big step up from where we have been at the past in which many of our players were just chasing pawns with their queens!

A number of hot newcomers have joined the Club, including Ashton Anderson, Brandon Eshleman, Jeffrey Mo, Stephanie Thibodeau and Fangjin Yang. Brandon is already rated #2 in the country in grade 2, second only to Nigel Sharp.

Finally, we organized a group instruction course, which was taught by Nenad Ristic. Nine kids enrolled for the 6-week program and reports were very favourable. We plan to start another session at the end of January.

The Club is hosting 5 regular events from January to May, as well as the Calgary inter-school team tournament and the Calgary school grade championship (February 21). Thanks to all the volunteers who make the CJCC possible and to Nenad for his teaching efforts!

Best Game of 1997

Chosen by a panel of GMs, based on aesthetic beauty and contribution to the greater well being of mankind (or, alternatively, chosen by the editor at random to fill a blank column in the ACR at the last minute).

Second runner up:

Odachowski-Grunic[E98]

Alberta Closed

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Ne8 10.Nd3 c5 11.f4 b6 12.fxe5 dxe5 13.b4 Nd6 14.bxc5 bxc5 15.Nxc5 Qa5 16.N3a4 f5 17.Bd3 fxe4 18.Rxf8+ Bxf8 19.Nxe4 Nef5 20.Bd2 Qc7 21.Rc1 Nxe4 22.Bxe4 Nd6 23.Qc2 Bd7 24.Nb2 Qc5+ 25.Kh1 Rc8 26.Bd3 Bg7 27.Nd1 e4 28.Bxe4 Ba4 29.Qd3 Re8 30.Be3 Qa5 31.Nf2 Bd7 32.Bf3 Bh6 33.Bxh6 Re1+ 34.Qf1 Rxf1+ 35.Rxf1 Nxc4 36.Ne4 Bf5 37.d6 Ne5 38.Bd1 Qb5 39.Bb3+ Kh8 40.Rc1 a5 41.Bg5 Kg7 42.Rc7+ Nd7 43.Bf6+ Kh6 44.Bg5+ Kh5 45.Bd1+ Bg4 46.h3 Bxd1 47.Rxd7 h6 48.Rh7 Qf1+ 49.Kh2 Qf8 50.Rxh6+ Qxh6 51.Bxh6 Ba4 52.Nf6+ Kxh6 53.d7 Bxd7 54.Nxd7 1-0

First runner up:

Gardner - Hjartarson(GM)[C05]

Canadian Open

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Nd3 Qb6 8.g3 f5 9.Ne2 Be7 10.Bg2 0-0 11.0-0 a5 12.h3 Ndb8 13.g4 Na6 14.Ng3 cxd4 15.cxd4 Nc7 16.Kh1 Bd7 17.Rf2 Be8 18.Be3 Bg6 19.gxf5 exf5 20.Qg1 Ne6 21.Rd1 a4 22.Bf1 a3 23.b3 Nb4 24.h4 h6 25.Bh3 Rac8 26.Rdd2 Rc3 27.Ne2 Rxe3 28.Qxg6 Nd3 29.Rxd3 Rxd3 30.Bxf5 Rxf5 31.Qxf5 Qa6 32.Qg4 Rxb3 33.axb3 a2 34.Rf1 a1Q 35.Rxa1 Qxa1+ 36.Kg2 Nf8 37.f5 Qb2 38.Kf2 Kh7 39.f6 gxf6 40.exf6 Bxf6 41.Qf5+ Kg7 42.Qxd5 Ng6 43.Qxb7+ Kg8 44.h5 Ne7 45.d5 Qa3 46.b4 Qd3 47.Qb8+ Kh7 48.d6 Nf5 49.Qa7+ Kg8 50.d7 Bd8 51.Qa2+ Kg7 52.Qe6 Nd6 53.Nfd4 Ne4+ 54.Kg2 Nf6 55.Nf5+ Kf8 56.Nxh6 Qxd7 57.Qxd7 Nxd7 58.Nf5 Nf6 59.Nf4 Kf7 60.Kf3 Bc7 61.b5 Bb6 62.Ne3 Ba5 63.Ned5 Ne8 64.Kg4 Kg7 65.Ne6+ Kh6 66.Nd4 Nd6 67.Ne7 Kh7 68.Nef5 Ne4 69.Ng3 Nf6+ 70.Kf5 Nd5 71.Ke5 Nc3 72.Ngf5 Bc7+ 73.Ke6 Bb6 74.Nf3 Nxb5 75.Ng5+ Kg8 76.h6 Nd4+ 77.Nxd4 ½-½

Best Game of 1997:

Huber - Fullbrook [B34]

Alberta Open

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Nde2 Nf6 7.g3 b5 8.Bg2 b4 9.Nd5 0-0 10.0-0 a5 11.a3 Ba6 12.Re1 Ng4 13.h3 Nge5 14.Ra2 e6 15.Ne3 Qb6 16.b3 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Nd4 18.Qd1 Nb5 19.Bb2 Rac8 20.axb4 axb4 21.Kh2 Nc3 22.Bxc3 Rxc3 23.Qe2 Nc6 24.Nc4 Qc5 25.e5 Nd4 26.Qe4 d5 27.exd6 f5 28.Qb7 Nf3+ 29.Kh1 Nxe1 30.Ra7 Qd4 31.f4 Nf3 32.Bxf3 Rxf3 33.Ne5 Rf1+ 1-0

ALBERTA CLUBS

CALGARY CHESS CLUB

Executive: President-Tedge Davies,
Vice-president-Jim Daniluk,
Secretary-Walter Watson,
Treasurer-Farzan Nazarian
Meets at Elephant&Castle Restaurant,
8th Ave and 4th St SW,
Tues 7:00 - 11:00
Contact: Tedge (277-0209),
Walter (277-5620)
mail to 302 - 312 - 6 Ave NE
Calgary AB T2E 0L9

Schedule:

Mar 10-Apr 7: Cgy Club Championship
Apr 14: Grand Prix #4
Apr 21-May 19: Cgy Team Championship
May 26: Grand Prix #5
June 2-June 30: June Open (O/U 1800)
July 7-July 14: Active #1
July 21-July 28: Active #2
Aug 4-Aug 11: Active #3
Aug 18-Aug 25: Active #4
Sept 1: Speed tournament
Sept 8-Oct 6: Fall Class Tournament (5 rounds,
6 people in each group; AGM held Sept 15,
6:30pm)
Oct 13: Grand Prix #1
Oct 20-Nov 24: Cgy Open

ALMOST UNDER 1800 CLUB

Meets: Word Books and Cappuccino Bar,
1715 - 17 Ave. SW, Calgary, AB,
during business hours.
Contact: Rook St. Peter (244-4239) or
Tedge Davies (277-0209)
Tournament Schedule (starts 10 a.m.)
Feb 7: <2000
Feb 21: 1699&under

EDMONTON CHESS CLUB

Meets: Prince Of Wales Armoury, Suite 114A,
10440 - 108 Ave., Edmonton T5H 3Z9
entrance at south west corner, open 7-11 pm.
Monday--casual chess tournaments, no
membership required; relaxed noise
controls
Thursday--CFC-rated tournaments, CFC
membership required; strict noise
controls.

"Will the Real Rocket Please stand up?" by Ford Wong

Rob Gardner, continues his winning ways since returning from the east. First the "Southern Alberta Open" and now the "Weekend Before Christmas". Although this Rob Gardner is winning like the "Rocket" of old, those who knew Rob before he left for greener pastures 3 years earlier are wondering if this is the same

Info: club phone (424-0283); Aaron Lovi (481-7278)

Mail: see club address above.

Schedule for Thursday tournaments:

Feb 26: Blitz tournament
Mar 5-Mar 26: March Open (with entry fees and prizes!)
A new tournament starts the first Thursday of every month.

GRANDE PRAIRIE CHESS CLUB

Meets: Royal Canadian Legion,
9912-101 Ave, Tuesdays at 7:00
p.m. (Sept. 1 - Apr. 30).
Info: Phil Lefkowitz (538-1903; mail: c/o 9905
75 Ave, Grande Prairie T8V 6G2).

NORTHERN COMMUNITIES CC

Info: Bernie Tynan (771-3757).

MEDICINE HAT CHESS CLUB

Meets on Wednesdays 7-10:15, starting
September 25, at Southview Commu-
nity School, Coffee Corner room.
Info: Bill Taylor (526-5484).

PEACE RIVER CHESS CLUB

Meets: Peace Valley Inn (Rose Room), 9609-
101 St. Sat. 9:00-4:00
Dates: Call Todd.
Info: Todd Seitz (624-3256). Mail: Bag 1200,
Peace River T8S 1V1.

RED DEER JR & SR CC

Meet: Red Deer Public Library,
Sun. 1:30-5:00

Albertans Enter World Scene

Recently, Albertan games have been making appearances in fine chess magazines all over the world. The November 1997 issue of "Chess" (from England) quotes the game "Murey-Wong, Winnipeg 1997" in it's tactics section. Also, the January 1998 issue of Inside Chess contains the entire game "GM Julian Hodgson-D.Haessel, Winnipeg 1997" as an example of queen+knight working in concert (but without mention of the saving resource Dale missed!). Obviously, our colleagues at those magazines have been reading their ACR's.....

Rob who came back? Still a bit quiet, this Rob has added some new words to his vocabulary and now enjoys the odd cocktail or two?

What other surprises does he have in store for those people who knew the old Rocket?. Rumor has it while out east, he lived with "Aliens" who performed evil mind altering experiments on him. Do the "Aliens" know that "messing with an Alberta Master" is a capital offence?

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

All tournaments require ACA and CFC membership (may be purchased on site).

ALBERTA CLOSED AND RESERVES

The strongest ever Alberta Closed, featuring Yearwood, Odachowski, Gardner, Ristic, Huber, South, Ottosen, and Fullbrook, will be held at the Edmonton Chess Club April 10-12.
[NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGE] Come and watch the Closed on Friday April 10, then play alongside Alberta's best in the Reserves starting Saturday morning.

RESERVES

When: April 11-12
Where: Edmonton Chess Club (see address under Club listings this page)
Registration: 9:00 - 9:45 Saturday April 11
Format: 5 round swiss, 3 games Sat, 2 on Sun.
Time Controls: (Guess:) 35/105, Game in 30
Entry fee: \$20 adult, \$15 junior, age 14 and under have "\$5 and no prize" option
Information: John Quiring 468-9173

Second Annual Stardust Classic

When: April 25-26
Where: Stardust Inn, High Level, AB
Format: 4 rounds, Regular Swiss
Time Controls: 40/90, SD/60
Prizes: All entry fees will be matched by the Stardust Motor Inn.
Registration: 9:30 Saturday
Org: Keith Martin, 928-2702 or e-mail keithm@fvds.ab.ca
Entry fee: \$20 senior, \$10 junior, age 14 and under have "\$5 and no prize" option
Misc: For room reservations at the Stardust call (403) 928-4222

Coming Events

Apr 10-12: Alberta Closed, see ad above
Apr 11-12: Alberta Reserves; see ad above
May 9-10: U of A, Edmonton
Jun 6-7: Red Deer Open
Jun 27-28: Canada Day Open
Jul 11: Edmonton Active
Jul 11: Calgary Active
Jul 25: Alberta Active Championship
Aug 15: Battle Of Alberta
Sep 5-6: Over/Under Calgary
Sep 12-13: Medicine Hat Open
Oct 10-12: Alberta Open, Calgary

PEACE RIVER GRAND PRIX

\$1.50 per player from each event goes into the prize fund. Contact Jim Kanester for more information 604-782-5637.
Mar 21: Peace River Spring Active
Contact: Keith Lavalley (403)624-5232
Apr 25-26: Stardust Classic (see ad above)