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### Weekend Before Christmas

by Ford Wong

It was the weekend before Xmas when all though the Prince of Wales, not a creature was stirring except for 26 eager chess players. All the pieces were set on the chessboard with care, in hopes that some rating points soon would be there.

The "Twas The Weekend Before Xmas" was won by **Rob Gardner** with a win, win, win, draw, and win. His only major challenge came from **Chris Kuczaj**, who kept pace until the last round. After 3 rounds, Gardner and Kuczaj were in the lead with 3 points each. Their 4<sup>th</sup>-round encounter featured a double ♙ ending and a mad time scramble at the sudden death time control. With ♙s flying all over the board, the TD almost forgot to record the game as he was too busy watching. Both settled for a draw. This weekend featured several other time scrambles where the TD barely kept up recording moves. It wasn't until the last round before a winner emerged; Gardner scrambled down the chimney by defeating **Eric Schocat**, leaving Kuczaj up on the rooftop when he blundered early to **David Ottosen**. This boosted the "Ottomotor" into clear 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The last game to finish in Round One ended in a draw when **Vince Gibson**, in a "clearly" winning position, accepted the offered draw by calmly saying, "Okay, I've had enough." **Hans Olson**, the Alberta Junior Champion, struggled in his games but managed to finish with 3½ and a share of 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Open Section. Other people having a good tournament were **Peter Miller** and **Dave Millard**.

Shame on the meanies who didn't give a poor little girl in a wheelchair, who broke her leg skiing, a break. You had better watch out, as this little girl is going to come back and get you some day. Only **Cor Dewindt** and **Alvin Doo** were nice enough to help her out. Get better **Stasy!**

As usual, this tournament had a traditional, post-day-one "Midnight Snack" action at Boston Pizza where all in attendance witnessed a large pizza beat up on a fellow chess player. This left everybody wondering if this person faked the "Mud Pie" action at Red Robin during the Alberta Open in Calgary earlier this year, and whether he could make amends at the Xmas dinner. That's another story.

Kudos go to the Edmonton Chess Club for the free coffee and to Mr. Domestic (**Bob Davies**) who

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# Alberta Chess Report



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### Trumpeter Classic

by Phil Lefkowitz

The Trumpeter Classic tournament, after a couple of lull years, returned to its classic status. A carload of Edmontonians – **Ford "past big" Wong**, **John "founding father of the world famous John tournaments" Quiring**, **David Ottosen**, **Micah Hughey**, **Adrien Regimbald**, **Josh Sterr** – was joined by **Keith Martin** of High Level, **Larry Stutzman** of Fort St. John, **Dale Cooper** of Dawson Creek, **Alex Phimester** of Peace River, and 8 players of the host team. This made for a truly international flavour. The tournament also has been picking up a little of that *them* (Edmonton) against *us* (Peace Country) flavour in seeing who gets their name emblazoned on the hallowed Trumpeter trophy (since 1983!!) alongside such venerable Alberta grandmaster names as **Jeff Reeve**, and **The Rocket**.

In classic form it came down to sudden death on Board 1. With a minute remaining on each clock, John and Micah agreed to a draw, thus placing Micah's name on the coveted trophy. But that was not all. Peace country players **Elroy Deimert** of the home club and Larry "the rock" Stutzman took the next two spots, getting Ford and company to place the "L" sign on their foreheads, much to the delight of our players.

This is never an easy tournament to win, even though it is held in the boondocks, which Adrien Regimbald found out to his dismay. It would have been okay for him to go back to Edmonton with one point. But it would definitely not be okay to endure a five hour car ride with Ottosen and company, and be the butt of cannon fodder jokes. To elaborate: In the final round Quiring and pals gathered at Board 1 to stare way back to the back of the room attempting to spot Adrien amongst the fodder. They would shade their eyes and squint, make their hands into shapes like binoculars and hold them to their eyes, straining to see the depths of this room as if Adrien were playing on the moon. I don't consider this good chess etiquette, but it was kind of funny and it did relieve some of the moroseness chess can have, especially in the last round which had already begun. Adrien, a nice young man, promptly lost that game as well and just wanted to go back home, but I'm not sure he knew how he should get there; suicide seemed preferable to a

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### January Superbowl Open

by Roy Yearwood

The 1999 January Open in Calgary had 16 participants. The tournament went quite well in spite of the large number of byes taken.

The tournament was won in excellent fashion by **Bill Bentley**. He played with great energy and enterprise to ensure the win of the \$100 1<sup>st</sup> prize. Other participants registering good performances were **Nicolas Haynes**, **Norm Luyben**, **Johnny Lancaster**, and **Micah Hughey**.

#	Name	Old / Perform / New	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1.	Bill Bentley	1853 / 2157 / 1917	+12	+3	=5	+9	+7	4½
2.	A. Odachowski	2236 / 2201 / 2237	=0	=9	+6	=0	+3	3½
3.	Chris Kuczaj	2109 / 2041 / 2098	+8	-1	+10	+5	-2	3
4.	Nicolas Haynes	1629 / 1971 / 1721	=9	=11	=13	=10	+15	3
5.	Micah Hughey	2106 / 1933 / 2077	+14	+13	=1	3	=10	3
6.	Norm Luyben	1707 / 1883 / 1736	+16	=10	-2	+13	=0	3
7.	Don Macfarlane	1468 / 1697 / 1513	-13	+8	+16	+12	-1	3
8.	Johnny Lancaster	1716 / 1667 / 1710	-3	-7	+14	+16	+12	3
9.	Ronald Hinds	1986 / 1836 / 1965	=4	=2	=0	-1	+14	2½
10.	Art Milne	1893 / 1825 / 1881	+15	=6	-3	=4	=5	2½
11.	Roy Yearwood	2218 / 1629 / 2210	=0	=4	=0	=0	=0	2
12.	C. McMaster	1514 / 1568 / 1524	-1	+14	+15	-7	-8	2
13.	Kim Nguyen	1784 / 1628 / 1758	+7	-5	=4	-6	=0	1½
14.	Mike Smith	1626 / 1540 / 1602	-5	-12	-8	+15	-9	1
15.	Byron Olson	1576 / 1336 / 1531	-10	+16	-12	-14	-4	1
16.	Tie Conn	0 / 1217 / 1217	-6	-15	-7	-8	=0	0.

In closing, I would like to say "Thank you" to all who participated, as well as to Joe Santbergen and Walter Watson (who know why). Directing this event was fun, and I look forward to doing so again next year.

*(We especially like to welcome Johnny Lancaster and Byron Olson from British Columbia, and Tie Conn who was playing in his first CFC-rated event. Only one game was submitted from this event so far; perhaps more will arrive in time for next issue. See Haynes – Yearwood on page 6. –ed.)*

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### Annual Membership Fees

- A Chess Federation of Canada membership, which includes an ACA membership, costs: adults \$38; juniors \$26; participating \$11.
- An ACA membership only costs: adults \$5; juniors \$3; participating \$1.
- Tournament memberships cost: adults \$10; juniors \$5.

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### Deadline for next issue — April 13

*Organizers:* Please send details of events, such as date, entry time, location, entry fee, format, and time controls to the *ACR* well in advance.

*Tournament Directors:* The CFC requires a rating report to be submitted within a month, but strongly urges submissions within 7 days. You owe it to the players to submit a report ASAP. Also, please support your Alberta newsletter by sending a written report to the *ACR*. (A different report than is sent to the CFC is much preferred.) If you have difficulty obtaining games from players in your event, note that game scores are the property of tournament organizers and prizes can be withheld until players submit their games.

Items for the *ACR* may be submitted in many ways. Most preferred is to have them emailed to the editors at: [browng@uleth.ca](mailto:browng@uleth.ca) and [dave@cs.ualberta.ca](mailto:dave@cs.ualberta.ca). They can also be hand-delivered to the editors, if this can be done in a timely fashion. Least preferable is to send them to the ACA mailbox —

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### Editorial

I returned from a fantastic five-week trip to South America on February 12. Highlights seemed to involve water, or the lack of it — the world's biggest water falls (by volume), the Iguazú Falls at the intersection of Argentina, Brazil, and Paraguay; the "train to the clouds" and other features of the desert-like altiplano of the northern Argentina-Chile border region; the seafood of Santiago; the marine park near Pisco, Perú; flying over the famous Nazca lines; the world's highest navigable lake, Lake Titikaka (Bolivia); and a very wet Inca trail. (It rained every day on the trail, but at least the clouds were high enough when I got to Machu Picchu to get some clear views of the ruins. Oh, and the train track had been washed out by a flooding river, so I had to walk an extra 16 km. to get back to Qosco.)

I caught a cold as soon as I got back home, so about all I could do for the first week was to badger people by email and phone for reports for this issue of the *ACR*. Some reports from events in 1998 only got to me in the last week of February, while other reports from events in February arrived almost as soon as they ended. As a result, the contents of this issue were not finally decided upon until February 27. In the end, I had just enough space to include everything I have received from events to the end of January. I have reports from the Hinton Classic and the Northern Alberta Open which could not be included this time, as well as another game for the Art Gallery. These will appear next issue along with reports from the Calgary and Edmonton Closed, and the Alberta Closed and Reserves. (Maybe the next issue will have to be an "overflow" issue....)

This issue is a bit late being mailed out, due to my being out of the country and the late arrival of some of the material. Next issue will be in production by the middle of April, so get your reports in on time — the earlier the better! The ACA also needs submissions for the logo contest and proposals for a major tournament in 2000 or 2001.

I have been accepted into the Law program at the University of Alberta, and will be relocating to Edmonton in the next few months, but not likely before next issue. For now, everything remains the same. If you cannot email reports to Dave and me, it's best to mail them directly to me: B-202 20 Berkeley Place, Lethbridge, T1K 4W1.

Grant A. Brown, D.Phil.

### ACA Logo Contest

The ACA needs a new logo for our letterhead, scorebooks, paper boards, promotional materials, and in the *ACR*. — one with more style and impact than the current "A" or "C" superimposed on a checker-board outline of Alberta. And you could win \$40 by designing it!

The winning logo must be legible when reproduced at any size and in black-and-white. Entries needn't be professionally produced, but must clearly symbolize "chess" and "Alberta."

Submit your entry by April 1, 1999. All entries become the property of the ACA.

### Top Rated Albertans

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

#	Name	now	high
1.	Gregory Huber	2370	2385
2.	Rob Hawkes	2362	2362
3.	Nigel Fullbrook	2339	2350
4.	Robert Gardner	2317	2387
5.	Dale Haessel	2304	2310
6.	Robert South	2303	2328
7.	Andrew Lapides	2299	2302
8.	Christopher Demers	2285	2285
9.	Fred South	2263	2300
10.	F. John Parrott	2252	2252
11.	Victor Maric	2246	*
12.	Arthur Odachowski	2237	2304
13.	Sasha Grumic	2219	2276
14.	Warrick Walker	2215	2246
—	Sardul Purewal	2215	2215
16.	Roy Yearwood	2210	2286
17.	Jonathan Schaeffer	2206	2248
18.	Ted Wilson	2205	2245
19.	Sean Perron	2203	2210
20.	Nandor Tot	2202	2210
21.	John Ferrar	2200	2314
22.	Eugene Gibney	2199	*
23.	Zoltan Baunok	2149	2200
24.	Milan Rabljenovic	2145	2145
25.	Dave Gomboc	2129	2144
26.	Zoran Radovic	2118	*
27.	Jim Daniluk	2113	2193
28.	Bradley J. Willis	2100	2133
29.	Chris Kuczaj	2098	2169
30.	Jim Monaghan	2090	2100
31.	Yngvi Bjornsson	2086	2095
32.	Micah Hughey	2077	2133
—	Gordon Campbell	2077	2160
34.	Farzan Nazarian	2075	2161
35.	Grant Brown	2071	2133
36.	Chris P. Fulker	2048	2100
37.	Walter Watson	2047	2071
38.	Virgilio Turingan	2043	2109
39.	David Ottosen	2036	2191
40.	Hans Olson	2032	2032
41.	James Flemming	2024	2056
42.	Walter Zwirner	2018	2034
43.	Barney Fegyverneki	2014	2200
44.	Brady Ficko	2011	2025
45.	Douglas Wu	2007	2075
46.	William Taylor	2004	2011

*denotes provisional rating \**

◆ Thanks to Troy Vail at the CFC for compiling and emailing this list to me.

Visit the ACA website at:  
<http://www.cs.ualberta.ca/~dave/ACA>

The ACA board held its annual budget meeting on January 17 in Red Deer. As usual, the high-budget items are the ACA weekend tournaments, the *Alberta Chess Report*, club support, and subsidies for those playing in the national championships. We are still budgeting \$95/day for the weekend tournaments – \$70 for room rental and \$25 for the tournament director's fee. The *ACR* budget has gone up \$200, while club support has stayed much the same. However, there was a major change to the championship subsidies. The support for Chess Challenge remains at \$2100, which is a \$175 subsidy for each school grade champion going to the nationals in Prince Edward Island. However, the Alberta champion will now receive \$1,000 toward his expenses at the Canadian Championship. The Junior and Women's champions will each receive \$420 toward their expenses. The Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, and Under 18 champions (formerly Youth Chess Festival) will each receive \$400 in expense money. The Under 16 champion, as the Alberta Cadet winner, will receive the \$675 expense money donated by *Dufferin Games*. The Chess Federation of Canada has taken over the Youth Chess Festival program, making all of its championships self-funding by greatly increasing the entry fees. We increased our champions' support to help make up for their extra costs. It should be emphasized that this expense money is for those actually going to the championships, whether the first- or second-place finisher. Amongst our lesser expenses, we again budgeted for tournament directors' workshops in Calgary and Edmonton. We are spending \$450 on a trophy for the Battle of Alberta and \$100 on pairing software. The \$1,000 guaranteed prize fund for the Alberta Open will contin-

ue, and there will also be \$600 guaranteed prize funds for each of the Northern Alberta Open, Southern Alberta Open, and Over/Under 1800.

In other board business, John Quiring, Rod Weis, and Ford Wong are the members of this year's planning committee to draw up the 1999 plan based on our budget. Our treasurer, John Quiring, was authorized to make a one-time long-term investment of \$15,000 in equity mutual funds. John will also register the domain name "chess.ab.ca" for the ACA internet address. Dave Gomboc was appointed our membership secretary to replace Len Steele, who is retiring. Len has done an excellent job in that position for many years.

The Alberta Closed Championship will take place on the Easter weekend, April 2-4. All those who hope to enter should remember that the deadline for written entries is 3 weeks before Good Friday, i.e. **March 12**. Some masters have suggested that the Closed be a Swiss tournament in future years. Anyone having a rating over, say, 2200 or winning a qualifying tournament would be eligible if they had the required participation points. Other masters have strongly objected to this proposal. I invite the masters to give board members feedback on the issue before our next meeting in April. Chris Demers has suggested that the ACA have in place provisions to appoint from time to time a special committee to interpret the Alberta Closed Rules when contentious issues arise. The committee's decisions would be final, with no appeal. The benefit would be that issues would not be politicized as easily happens when dealt with by the board. A similar committee could act as an appeal committee for ACA tournaments. I hope those who are interested will talk to board members on this issue, too.

Finally, for all you ambitious people out there, I told the board at our last meeting that I will not be running for re-election as president this Fall. I hope to comment on what I see as the president's role in a future *ACR*.

### Attention Top Albertans!

1. Those qualifying to participate in the Alberta Closed Championships, including those hoping to qualify by rating, must submit a *written* entry to the ACA by the deadline of March 12. If you are not sure about any of the Alberta Closed rules, please consult the August 1998 *ACR*. It's really quite simple, but if you need further assistance please call Walter Watson at (403) 277-5620.
2. The 1999 Canadian Zonal Championship Tournament (a.k.a. the Canadian Closed Championship) will take place September 2 through September 10 at the Kiwanis Apps Mill Park, 335 Robinson Road, Brantford, Ontario. The tournament will be a 9-round Swiss system format, with a limit of 50 players. To qualify, you must either be a Provincial Champion or have a rating of at least 2250 as of the June 29 or July 13 rating list. Your entry, including an entry fee of \$200 (made payable to the Chess Federation of Canada), must be received at least 45 days before the start of the event. If more than 50 entries are received, then the Provincial Champions plus the top-rated players totalling 50 will be accepted, and the remaining entries will be returned. First prize is 20% of the prize fund plus travel expenses to the next World Championship cycle. For more information, see Section 8 of the *CFC Handbook*, or contact Tony Ficzer by phone at (519) 752-0715 or by email at [blinkie@execulink.com](mailto:blinkie@execulink.com). *Note:* The winner of the Alberta Closed gets \$1000 from the ACA toward expenses for participation in the Canadian Zonal; other Alberta masters who wish to play should seek alternative support.

## \* Final Notice for Aspiring Organizers \*

The ACA wishes to sponsor a major tournament in Alberta in the year 2000 or 2001 – like a Canadian Open or Closed, or a North-Bay-style tournament. We are open to proposals from competent teams of organizers. Initial proposals must be submitted for review at the **April 1999** Board meeting, and must demonstrate strong organizational ability and concrete results to be accepted. (We do not expect organizers to have acquired firm commitments from top national or international players or from sponsors by then; but some tentative commitments, a proposed site, and consultation with organizers of other Canadian events running around the same time as your proposed event would strongly enhance your bid. The more firm details you can supply, the better your bid will be received. A judgment of the quality of the team of organizers will also be made.) *To give prospective organizers a rough idea of the level of financial commitment they can expect from the ACA, the Board has set aside \$10,000 to help fund such an event.*

(Organizers must be strictly volunteers.)



♘g2 ♘d5 23.♘d5 ♘g5 24.♘g3 fg3 25.hg3  
♘g3 26.♘f2 ♘f4 27.♘c4 ♘g2 0-1.

### Haynes – Stasy Kazakevich [A15]

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 ♘c6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cd5 ♘d5 5.g3  
♘c3 6.bc3 e5 7.d3 ♘g4 8.♘g2 ♘e7 9.♘a4  
♘d7 10.♘c2 O-O 11.O-O ♘e6 12.♘b1 ♘b8 13.  
♘d1 b6 14.d4 ed4 15.♘d4 ♘d4 16.cd4 ♘d7 17.  
e4 c6 18.♘f4 ♘bc8 19.♘d2 ♘fd8 20.♘bc1 f6  
21.d5 cd5 22.♘c8 ♘c8 23.ed5 ♘f5 24.♘c1 ♘d7  
25.♘c7 ♘e8 26.d6 ♘f8 27.♘c6 ♘e6?? 28.♘d5  
1-0.

### Jeserich – Schocat [B08]

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♘g7 3.♘f3 d6 4.♘e2 ♘f6 5.♘c3  
O-O 6.O-O ♘bd7 7.♘e1 c5 8.♘c4 ♘b6 9.♘b3  
c4 10.♘a4 ♘g4 11.h3 ♘a4 12.♘a4 ♘d7 13.  
♘c3 b5 14.e5 de5 15.de5 ♘e8 16.♘g5 f6 17.  
ef6 ef6 18.♘h4 ♘c7 19.♘e5 ♘e6 20.♘c6 ♘d1  
21.♘ad1 f5 22.♘b5 ♘b5 23.♘e6 ♘b2 24.♘b1  
c3 25.♘e7 ♘fe8 26.♘bel ♘a3 27.♘e5 ♘e7  
28.♘e7 ♘f7 29.♘e2 ♘d4 0-1.

### Trumpeter Classic, continued from p. 1

a ride in that car. I'd sure like to see him come back here and kick some butt, and he can consider this a personal invitation.

In the fodder sections, I took second in the Over 1550, after Elroy. Tim Trepanier of the home club was first Under 1550 with a four-way tie for second between Alex, Josh, Keith and Gerhard Scherer of the home team.

It was a great tournament full of fighting chess and I extend a sincere invitation to all the players to return next year. A general invitation also to other Albertans tuning your skills to consider this a destination for serious chess. Especially if you are a sympathetic type!!

### Quiring – Ottosen [C00]

[John has recently re-established his ownership of me, drawing at the Alberta Open, and beating me at the November ECC tournament. I was motivated to get my ownership of John back, especially since he kept threatening to smoke a nice big victory cigar in front of the hotel if he beat me again!] 1.e4 e6 2.♘c3 b6 [After the game John suggested that I had played a non-theoretical opening in an attempt to not take advantage of his lack of opening study. On the contrary, I knew what John plays against the Sicilian, and didn't feel like facing it that day. Besides, this opening is sharp and tactical, and I wanted to make John use a lot of time right from the start in a feeble attempt to win on time.] 3.♘c4 ♘b7 4.d3 [I had never seen this line played in this manner by White, but it seems not too bad. If White can get in f4, ♘f3, and O-O, he may well build a strong attack, whereas the Black pressure against e4 is pretty much non-existent.] ♘c6 5.♘e3? [White would do well to continue with the plan of f4, ♘f3, and O-O. 5.♘e3? puts the ♘/c3 and ♘/e3 in an unfavorable position after a later d7-d5.] ♘f6 [Threatens d7-d5-d4. I expected perhaps 6.♘b3, but I was now happy with my position, since White is going to have to move some of his pieces again, and Black will be able to open the position at will.] 6.d4 ♘b4 7.f3 d5! [While this is not a Sicilian or a symmetrical ♘-♘ opening, d7-d5 is still an equalizing (or

better) maneuver. The point would be that with d7-d5, Black transposes to a French defense where his only misplaced piece would be the ♘/c6, which inhibits c7-c5. White, however, has the more serious problem of the ♘/f3, which does not fit in any French structure.] 8.ed5 ed5 9.♘d3 ♘e7 10.♘e2 O-O-O! [One of four times in the five rounds I castled ♘-side. Here I thought White was in big trouble, due to the threat of ♘he8. I had thought that White would have to O-O-O here, when I could wreck his ♘-position with 11...♘c3. The move played, however, made me stop and think "Hmm, maybe I'm not winning."] 11.♘h3! ♘he8 12.♘f2! [Only move, but not a bad move anyway! With only one open file, White will have time to castle by hand and then have a good position. I considered starting a ♘-side ♘-storm, but felt that I should tuck my ♘ away a little better first. As is always said, the reason they call it castling long is that you have to play ♘b8/♘b1 too before you are really safe.] ♘b8 13.♘b5! [John was really stringing a sequence of moves together now, and I thought I might even be losing! The threat is simply to play c2-c3 followed by a4-a5, when Black's ♘ is going to be very uncomfortable.] ♘d7 14.c3 ♘f8 [Not exactly part of the plan.] 15.b4!? [Giving up a ♘. I would have continued with 15.a4 first.] a6 16.♘a3 a5 [Upon further reflection, the ♘ looks a little hot. However, I'm not usually afraid to take dangerous ♘s. Sometimes it pays off, sometimes not (for example in the next round with Ford).] 17.♘b2 ab4 18.♘b5 bc3 19.♘c3 ♘b4! [A move with several points. First of all, it threatens to take the ♘/d3, reducing White's attacking force. Second, it clears the c-file for the ♘-lift ♘e6-c6, which will guard the c7 square. Third, it will allow Black (if necessary) to reposition the ♘/a6, guarding c7 again, as well as the a-file. Finally, it gives the ♘/b7 some hope of living again.] 20.♘e2 ♘e6 21.♘f4 ♘c6 22.♘b3 ♘e8!? [Black is defending checkers style, by putting everything on light squares. At least everything heavy. Unfortunately, White still has a light-squared ♘.] 23.♘c3 [Yowza! 24.♘b5 is not a pretty threat.] g5 24. ♘d3 ♘d3 [I didn't want to play this move, but 25. ♘b5 as well as 25.♘e5 were threatened.] 25.♘d3 [John was very low on time here (see comments to move 2). Unfortunately my position is also very low on soundness. Probably the best move is 25... ♘ce6, but I wanted to whip up an attack, which actually seems not too bad, both from a chessic and a practical point of view.] g4!? 26.♘b5 ♘f5 27.♘c6 [White must take the exchange, as the threat is 27...♘c3 28.♘c3 ♘e4.] ♘c6 [Black's attack is surprisingly strong, considering neither ♘ is involved.] 28.♘he1 [Fritz suggests 28.♘b1, but I still like Black's position. The move played leads to a lost position.] g3 29.gf3 ♘g4 30.♘g1 [Unfortunately, White has no move that holds the ♘/e3, to say nothing of the fact that White's ♘ is under unbearable pressure now.] ♘e3 31.♘e2 ♘d6 32.♘b2 ♘f3 33.♘d1 ♘g8 0-1. DO

### Ottosen – Wong [B60]

[Notes in regular type are by DO; notes in italics are by FW. —ed.]

[It has been a while since Dave and I have played. He has beaten me soundly on those occasions and has gotten a whole lot better, but recently Dave has not been playing too well. I was hoping that the "worm has turned."] 1.e4 [Dave and John always tease me about my horrible record against the English and always threaten to play it against me. I told John that if Dave opened 1.c4 I would say out loud, "Momma!" in a childish voice. (We had been teasing Adrien Regimbald all weekend with this.) I said "Momma" out loud anyway and followed it with "Oops, did I say that out loud?"] [Maybe I should have played 1.c4! Next time for sure!!] c5 [Deciding to go with the Sicilian and to take a chance walking into the lion's jaws as Dave knows a lot of Sicilian lines. If I had tried my Modern 1...g6 I would have had to face the dreaded "Monkey's Bum" 2.Bc4 and 3.Qf3, etc., which was an unpleasant experience. (I managed to survive it against Sasha Grumic recently, however, but still didn't like the type of position I got out of it.) As a joke I kept saying that I was going to allow the King's Gambit, as earlier in the day I watched John Q and Keith Martin analyze their game, a King's Gambit, and stated that now I know all the theory on it and am not afraid to face it.] [I was expecting 1...e5 since Ford recently completed a lengthy study of the King's Gambit, and I was going to test it out!] 2. ♘c3 [Going for a Closed, perhaps?] ♘c6 [I couldn't remember how the Closed Sicilian goes but played this to control d4. Dave now had got me out of playing the Najdorf, as he knew that I liked playing the ...♘d7 line.] 3.♘ge2 ♘f6 4.d4 cd4 5.♘d4 d6 6. ♘g5 ♘b6 [Trying to take advantage of the White ♘'s absence from the ♘-side (some kind of poisoned pawn stuff) and hitting the ♘/d4. After the game Dave said that he felt that this was not right.] 7.♘db5? [Unfamiliar with 6...♘b6, I tried to refute it, with the main idea being 7...a6 8.♘f6! gf6 9.♘d5 +-. However, the move played by Black leads to a main line with Black ahead by a tempo. BCO II gives 7.♘b3 as leading to an edge for White.] e6 [DO: !] [Afraid of the threat of 8. ♘d5. I now realized that my ♘/d6 was en prise, but saw that I got some counterplay with 8... ♘b2.] 8.♘e3 [I had expected 8.b3, and was afraid of it as now White threatens to capture the ♘/d6. After the game Dave said that he didn't like this type of move.] ♘d8 [No harm done, we have both wasted a tempo by moving our ♘ and ♘ twice.] 9. ♘c4 a6 10.♘d4 [When considering 7.♘db5?, I had seen this position, and thought that I had been forced to transpose back to the main line of the Sozin, which isn't a bad thing. However, the main line of the Sozin would run 1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3. d4 cd4 4.♘d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♘c4 e6 7.♘e3 ♘c6, reaching the current position with White to move. However, in this position, it is Black to move. This can be traced to the fact that White has wasted 2 tempi (♘c1-g5-e3 and ♘d4-b5-d4), whereas Black has wasted only 1 (♘d8-b6-d8). At this point in the game I realized what I had done and lost my concentration due to frustration with myself.] ♘e5 11.♘b3 ♘e7 12.f3 [?! Indicative of a dubious plan. White hopes to play as in the Velimirovic, with ♘e2, O-O-O, followed by a

general ♖-side ♠ advance. However, having tossed the tempo in the opening, White's attack will be slower. On psychological grounds, it is also a weak plan; I play the Black side of the Velimirovic with Black castling, and those are the lines I am familiar with. However, Ford tends to avoid castling when we play, because he knows my ♖-side ♠s like to march "Hup, two, three, four!!" b5 13.♖e2 ♠d7 14.g4 h6 15.h4 ♖c7 16.O-O-O ♠c4 [Both sides have pursued their respective plans. However, I have been forced to castle, which presents a more concrete target.] 17.♠f2 [? This move is not a good idea at all. It was based on my expectation of Ford's future play, but he crossed me up.] ♠a5 [Played immediately to eliminate the ♠b3, which holds his ♖-side, threatens possible nasties on e6, and helps control d5.] [!? I had expected 17...♞c8 (threatening 18...♠b2) 18.♠c4 bc4 19.♠d1g1 followed by 20.♠d1 and 21.c3 to solidify my ♖-side position. Then I would resume my ♖-side ♠-storm. Ford's move is good however.] 18.f4 [?! An element of desperation is setting in. I am not predicting many of Ford's moves correctly, and my position feels kind of dubious. With 18.f4?! I simply throw caution to the winds and try to make a big mess and hope for a mistake.] ♠b3 19.ab3 b4 20.♠b1 [? I was worried that if I played 20.♠a2 ♖a5 would be a problem, but 21.♠b1 seems to make things OK. I had considered that with 20.♠b1, at some point I might try to recycle the ♠ to c4 via d2, but things never really worked out.] [This is probably not the best place for the ♠, as it doesn't get back into the game until quite late. On 20.♠a2 I had considered 20...a5.] d5 [I don't think Dave was expecting this move.] [!? I was happy to see this, as I felt it opened the center up and could very well force Ford to castle at some point, when my ♖-side ♠s would become threatening rather than simply symbolic. However, the longer I looked at it, the more I realized that it was endangering those ♖-side ♠s a great deal.] 21.ed5 ♠d5 [Now my ♠ has a nice place from which to view action.] [? I was convinced that I was very close to losing after 21...♖f4 22.♠e3 ♖g4 when White has very few attractive ways to avoid trading ♖s.] 22.f5 ♞c8 [Indirectly defending e6 by putting pressure on c2. Note: the a-♠ is en prise, but will cost White his ♠ if he wants it.] 23.fe6 [23.♖a6? e5] fe6 [I was reasonably happy to have reached this position, as I felt I had gotten more play than I deserved. I still felt my position was inferior, but that I could fight rather than being beaten about the board.] 24.♠d2 [24.♠e6 is not playable yet as White's ♖ is needed to guard c2.] ♠f4 [24...e5 was considered but rejected on account of 25.♠f5.] 25.♖a6 [I had thought Dave might go for this ♠. It temporarily removes the ♖ from the action and relieves pressure on e6. It was hard to defend both e6 and a6, anyway. After the game Dave and I analyzed several lines based on ♞-sacs against my ♠s on e7 and d7, leaving a very open position and White with better chances than what he got in the game.] [?! Many great players have said, "If you're going to have a bad position, you might as well have an extra pawn!" The ♖ has to move anyway, so why not go for the ♠? Other ♖ moves may defend

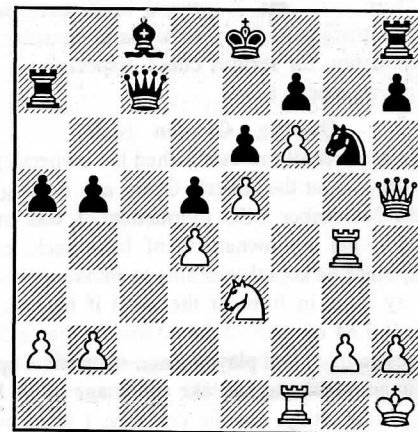
better, but as I stated earlier, I was not willing to defend passively. Time pressure was sort of looming as well, so I felt it was time to say to Ford "Show me!!" e5 [DO: !.] 26.♠e2 [My original plan had been 26.♠b5 ♖b8 27.♠a7 when White has defused much of the pressure against his ♠. Luckily for me, I noticed 26.♠b5 ♠d3 27.♠d1 ♠g4 which likely would have won a large number of my pieces. 26.♠f5 was likely the best move, however. In fact, Fritz prefers White after this (of course, the extra ♠ plays heavily in the evaluation for Fritz). Still, the move threatens g7 and prevents castling, while providing a nice open line for the ♠/d2. I had not considered this idea, in shock that 26.♠b5 suddenly did not work.] O-O [After I played this move, Dave came back to the board and said, "No fair castling!!"] 27.♠f4 [Later analysis suggests that this move might not be necessary. Desperation, perhaps.] ♠f4 [This ♠ also stops ♖c4, forcing the trade of ♖s should Dave find his position too hot.] 28.g5 [This unexpected move helps me out as it gives me f5 for my ♠. Earlier, I had considered ...h5, sacking a ♠ so that I could get ♠f5 in, but was never given the correct opportunity.] hg5 29.hg5 ♠f5 [I don't think Dave saw this move. I think Dave now realized that he was in grave danger.] [! I had missed this entirely. Now White's position is totally gone, because no one can defend against the raking ♠s. My next is a last, desperate cheap shot on the last move of time control.] 30.g6 [Playing for a cheapo.] ♠g5 [Not falling for 30...♠c2 31.♖e6.] [This was my initial candidate move. I had written it down on my score sheet and therefore thought that I had reached time control of 30 moves. (NOT!!) I could have easily used up my time looking at all the sac lines. I had analyzed for a long time to find a win here and with 3 minutes left I realized that time was running low and that I had not reached time control and quickly played this. I think Dave thought that I had thought I had reached time control and so did!! Lucky, I guess. After this the thought "raking \_\_\_\_\_ ♠s" came to mind.] 31.♠e3 ♠d4 [DO: !.] 32.♠g5 ♠d2 33.c4 [33.♠d2 ♖c2 and either a mate is in the air somewhere or my pieces eventually gobble up all of White's material chasing the ♠.] ♠c2 34.♠d1 ♖d7 35.♠d2 ♠d3 [Threatening mate in 2 with ...♠g4.] 36.♠e1 ♖g3 37.♠e2 ♠d3 38.♠d1 ♖f3 39.♠e1 ♖e2# [Played to the death! I had considered playing 39...♠c1 just to prolong Dave's agony. The "worm has turned." A satisfying win against a very strong opponent. This was probably one of my better games in a long time. Perhaps I should go back to playing Sicilians.] 0-1.

### Superbowl Open, continued from p. 1

Haynes - Yearwood

1.♠f3 c5 2.e4 d6 3.c3 e6 [Somewhat stereotyped, but Roy said after the game that he liked this variation as White and didn't want to play the mainline 3...♠f6.] 4.♠b5 ♠d7 5.d4 ♠f6 6.♖e2 ♠e7 7.O-O a6 8.♠d7 ♠d7?! [I didn't like 8...♠d7 for Black simply because White's compensation for the 2 ♠s is his big centre and this reduces Black's grip on it and gives White a free hand.]

9.♠f4 b6 10.♠a3 [This probably isn't as good as 10.♠bd2, but if it psychologically provoked Black's next move than it is fine.] g5? [Maybe I'm too old-fashioned, but weakening Black's ♖-side like so just doesn't seem appropriate.] 11.♠g3 ♖c7 12.♠ad1 b5 13.e5 d5 [Probably forced, but White's next move, even if it isn't good technically, offers practical chances and even though Black played very good defense, one wrong move brings the house down on him.] 14.♠g5!! ♠g5 15.f4 ♠e7 [This is forced. 15... ♠h6 is definitely wrong in the long run as once White opens the f-file, which will happen sooner or later, a timely ♖h5 will attack the weak f-♠ and the dark-squared ♠ at the same time.] 16.♖h5 ♖b6 17.f5! [It's coming! Most of the time you see the masters playing this kind of attack against players like me. If it's a piece I have to invest to get an attack, then so be it.] ♠f8! [This is forced as far as I can see. Obviously I can't sack the f-♠ as I need a file for a good attack.] 18.f6 ♠d8 19.♠f2 cd4 20.♠d4! [During the game I really liked the idea of this ♠-lift.] ♖b8! 21.♠g4 ♠b6 22.♠d4! [If Roy wants to exchange ♠s he will improve my ♠ structure as well.] ♠a7! [This is a really good defensive move as it laterally defends the weak f7-square.] 23.♠c2? ♠g6 24.♠h1 ♠d4 25.cd4 ♖c7 26.♠e3 a5? [Bad, but one can hardly blame Roy for missing my sacrifice that actually works. The correct move is in fact 26...♠b7!, but this is extremely hard to visualize. In my analysis for the next move you will see why.]



27.♠g6!! fg6 28.f7 [Here are the variations that Roy could have played: A) 28...♠f8 29.♖h6 ♠e7 30.f8=♖ +-, B) 28...♖f7 29.♠f7 gh5 30.♠a7 with a much better endgame for White. Notice that if Roy had played 26.♠b7!! this combination wouldn't have worked for me and he would probably have a nice advantage.] ♖f7 29.♠f7 ♠f7 30.♖e2 O-O?? [30...♠d7 should be a draw after 31.♠g4 O-O 32.♠f6 ♠f6!! Amazingly enough, Black has a draw as White cannot penetrate Black's fortress after Black fixes his ♠s on light squares.] 32.g3?? [And the game was agreed drawn. Obviously White could have taken on b5 and won a ♠ and probably the game, but I didn't think Roy would make such a bad blunder, especially considering he had much more time on his clock than I did. The moral of the game: Have faith in your abilities, not your opponents, no matter what the rating.] ½-½. NH

# 1998 ROUNDUP

## Northern Alberta Cadet

by Rob Gardner

The contest to qualify for the Alberta Cadet turned out to be a hard-fought three-way battle. **Nicolas Haynes** obtained first by winning the only decisive game among the three front runners. **Stasy Kazakevich** played two solid draws to obtain the second qualifying spot in the Alberta Cadet. **Erik Olson's** good effort came up a bit short. Erik's friend **Camilo Ramirez** played in his first rated tournament. Although Camilo was unable to take any points away from his experienced opposition, his level of play had noticeably improved by the final round.

1. Nicolas Haynes	X	=	+	+	2½
2. Stasy Kazakevich	=	X	=	+	2
3. Erik Olson	0	=	X	+	1½
4. Camilo Ramirez	0	0	0	X	0.

Here is the decisive game, annotated by Nicolas Haynes (with editorial comments by Gomboc).

### Olson - Haynes

1.d4 ♠f6 2.c4 g6 3.♠c3 d5 [My first tournament game in which I played the Gruenfeld Defense. I was not disappointed.] 4.♠g5 ♠e4 [I came up with this over the board but later found out it was still theory.] 5.♠e4?! de4 [White's capture looks too artificial for my tastes.] 6.f3 [Book is 6.♠d2 ♠g7 7.O-O-O c5.] ♠g7?! [Ignoring White's "threat" with one of my own.] 7.e3 h6?! [Probably wasting a tempo, was Rob Gardner's opinion of this move. I am inclined to agree. Erik Tam suggested 8.c5, which I probably should have played.] 8.♠h4 c5 9.♠f2 ♠c6 10.fe4 ♠a5! [Instead of playing on in a complex middlegame, I head for an endgame in which I, at the very least, have equality.] 11.♠d2 ♠d2 12.♠d2 cd4 13.ed4 ♠d4 14.♠d4? ♠d4 [Giving me the ♠-pair in an open position such as this is a dubious decision at best. (It's a little rough on White to be assigning a ? to the move. Realistically, White's position already sucks, and the ♠ will choke him if he doesn't take it off of the board. White is just choosing one bad position instead of another bad position.)] 15.♠c2 ♠e6 16.♠f3 ♠g7 17.♠d1 ♠c8!? [Fixating on the ♠/c4.] 18.b3 b5!? [Trading a wing ♠ for a centre one is a good idea as far as I can see.] 19.♠d2 ? 19.♠d4 ♠g4 20.♠d2 looks a little more livable, though Black still has the better of it.] O-O [The only good way to connect ♠s. Notice that in theory you are supposed to centre the ♠ in the endgame; here it is a bad idea.] 20.♠b1 ♠g4! 21.♠f3 f5! 22.cb5 fe4 23.h3 ♠f3 24.gf3 ef3 25.♠d7 e5 26.♠a7 e4 27.♠c4 ♠h8 [Now on move 27 (!) it becomes apparent why 7.h6 wasted a tempo: my ♠ can't go to h7 anyway, because White gets slight counterplay because his ♠ is pinning my ♠ and the weak ♠/g6. (Talking about a loss of time on move 7 showing up on move 27 is a little ridiculous to me. Sometimes decisions do come back to haunt you, but it was rather incidental in this case.)] 28.♠f7!? ♠f7 29.♠f7 e3 30.♠g6 e2 31.♠h5 ♠e8!! [There are other ways to win, but this one is the most fun.] 32.♠e8 f2 33.b6 fl=♠ 34.♠fl efl=♠... and Black won on move 38.

## Canadian Junior Report

by Hans Olson

From December 26 to January 2, I was in rainy Vancouver competing in the Canadian Junior Chess Championship. This 12-person Round Robin took place at the Vancouver Bridge Center which proved to be more than adequate. Although this Canadian Junior was not as strong as the last, I still managed to enter with the lowest rating of the pack. However, I had my share of good fortune in this tournament and finished with 5/11, a big improvement over the point I got last year. I would guess that this was a result of knowing what to expect and keeping my wits together, resulting in fewer blunders.

The winner was the dominating **Pascal Charbonneau** with 10/11.

Thank you very much to **Dufferin Games** and the **ACA** for giving me this awesome experience. Thanks also to the **Krys family** in Vancouver for their hospitality.

Here are a couple of games.

### Olson - Voloaca

1.e4 c5 2.♠c3 ♠c6 3.f4 g6 4.♠f3 ♠g7 5.♠b5 ♠d4 6.a4 a6 7.♠c4 e6 8.O-O ♠e7 9.e5 d5 10.ed6 ♠d6 11.♠e4 [After letting go of this piece I nearly died in my chair with the thought of 11... ♠f3 12.♠f3 ♠d4 forking the ♠ off, but thank goodness that it was immune due to 13.♠d6... This proved to be a lucky, good morning slap in the face to wake me up!] ♠c7 12.c3 ♠f3 13.♠f3 O-O 14.d3 ♠f5 15.g4 ♠d6 16.♠b3 ♠d7 17.♠h3 ♠e4 18.de4 c4 19.♠c2 f5 [Resisting my ♠-storm.] 20.gf5 ef5 21.e5 [Establishing a protected passer.] ♠c6 22.♠e3 ♠d5 23.♠d4 b6 24.♠e3 ♠b8 25.♠d1 ♠fe8 26.♠f3 ♠f3 27.♠f3 ♠b7 28.♠b7 [I was assuming that, at least, I had a possible draw in the endgame.] ♠b7 29.h4 ♠f7 30.♠g2 ♠e6 31.♠f3 ♠f8 32.♠ad1 ♠d8 33.♠d2 ♠e7 34.♠h1 ♠d5 35.♠e3 ♠a5 [As this ♠ goes out of play I get some 2-on-1 pressure on the ♠-side.] 36.♠g2 ♠d8 37.h5 ♠g7 38.hg6 hg6 39.♠h6 ♠a4 [At this point, I declined a draw, feeling that for once I might win an endgame.] 40.♠gg6 ♠g6 41.♠g6 ♠f7 42.♠c6? [42.♠d6 is more direct, winning the ♠/b6.] b5 43.♠c5 ♠a1 44.♠d2 ♠h4 45.e6 ♠f6 46.e7 ♠f7 47.♠c8 ♠e7 48.♠c7 ♠b1 49.♠e7 ♠f6 50.♠c2 ♠a1 51.♠d6 ♠g6 52.♠e5 ♠e1 53.♠a7 ♠a1 54.♠g7 ♠h6 55.♠g5 a5 56.♠f5 b4 57.♠f6 ♠h5 58.cb4 ab4 59.♠c6 c3 60.bc3 bc3 61.♠c3 ♠f1 62.♠d3 ♠f3 63.♠e4 1-0.

### Hua - Olson

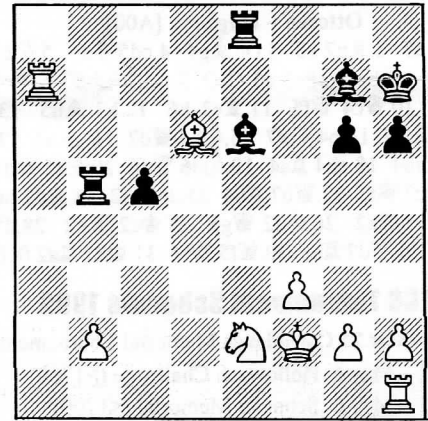
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## Twass the Year End Open

by Nigel Fullbrook

It was the weekend after Christmas and I was in Vancouver visiting my relatives. There happened to be a chess tournament held concurrent with the Canadian Junior Championship. The tournaments were held at the Vancouver Bridge Center. A nice site for chess as the four foot square card tables are a perfect size for a set and clock. I know the owners, **Ken** and **Eugene**, from my bridge playing days. Ken being on a bridge trip to Reno, I had to explain to Eugene that chess ratings are a percentage reflection not cumulative.

My main opposition was expected to come from **Dragoljub Milicevic** (2336). I hit a speed bump in Round 1. In the diagram position



I played 25... ♠b2?? expecting to answer 26.♠e5 with 26... ♠e2 winning 2 pieces for a ♠. My uncooperative opponent played 26.♠g7 and although I played another 38 moves the outcome was not in doubt.

Milicevic lost to **Haukenfers**, and Haukenfers lost to **DeKerpel**. Going into the last round DeKerpel was leading myself, Milicevic and Haukenfers by ½. So I'm on Board 1 trying to salvage some self-respect and rating points. First place is \$100 and second is a chess tube. Sometimes last-round money games are a work of art.

### Stijn DeKerpel - Fullbrook

1.e4 d6 [Suttles used to hammer me at speed chess.] 2.d4 ♠f6 3.♠c3 g6 4.♠f3 ♠g7 5.h3 O-O 6.♠e3 c6 [White is playing a very solid system which is difficult to create active play against. I am going to threaten to expand on the ♠-side and see how he reacts.] 7.a4 ♠a6 8.♠e2 ♠b4 9.♠d2?! [Probably he should have played 9.a5 to cramp my ♠-side and perhaps expel my horse with ♠a4.] b6 10.O-O c5 11.♠b3 cd4 12.♠d4 ♠b7 13.f3? [Ugly and bad. 13.♠f3 is much better.] e5 14.♠f2 ♠h5 15.g3 ♠c8 16.♠d2 d5 17.ed5 ♠d5 18.♠b5!? [I approve of this aggressive nature. However...] a6 19.♠a3 ♠c7 20.c4 ♠e7 21.♠ac1 e4 22.f4 e3 23.♠e3 [If 23.♠e3 ♠c6 wins a piece. Collapse is imminent.] ♠g3 24.♠f2 ♠fd8 25.♠b4 ♠b2 26.♠g4 ♠c1 27.♠h3 ♠b6 28.♠c7 ♠b4 29.♠c8 ♠c8 30.♠a5 ♠c4 [After counting the pieces White resigned.] 0-1.

I lost a speed chess playoff with Milicevic for the chess tube. Perhaps it's sour grapes, but I won't use his clock again.

## ECC December

by David Ottosen

The ECC December Open was another nice small tournament, enhanced by the return of **Ahmet Yamach** from far, far away (i.e. I'm not sure exactly where). He scored an impressive 2/3, only one point behind the winner, **Micah Hughey**. Also with an impressive tournament was **John Anderson**, whose performance rating was nearly 500 points above his initial rating. The club was also gratified to welcome new members **Wendy Dampf** and **Kevin Greanya**.

As usual, the ECC tournament came down to the game of **Ottosen vs. Hughey**. These two played their 10<sup>th</sup> game of 1998, and the maddening familiarity showed through in the choice of openings. Fortunately, it was a good week before they had to play again in the Weekend B4 Xmas Open...

### Ottosen - Hughey [A00]

1.g4 d5 2.♗g2 e5 3.c4 ♗g4 4.cd5 ♗f6 5.♗c3 ♗d6 6.♗b3 ♗c8 7.d3 O-O 8.♗g5 ♗bd7 9.♗c1 ♗c5 10.♗c4 ♗f5 11.♗e3 b6 12.h3 ♗h5 13.♗f3 ♗fe8 14.b4 ♗b7 15.♗h4 ♗d7 16.a3 a5 17.♗b5 ab4 18.ab4 ♗a4 19.♗d6 ♗d6 20.♗f5 ♗d7 21.♗c7 ♗f5 22.♗b7 ♗b4 23.d6 ♗b2 24.♗d2 h6 25.♗c7 ♗d2 26.♗d2 ♗g5 27.♗c2 ♗g2 28.d7 ♗d7 29.♗d7 ♗a8 30.♗f5 ♗c6 31.♗d2 ♗a2 0-1.

## ECC Tournament Schedule 1999

Mar. 4-Mar. 25 Capablanca Memorial Tournament  
Apr. 1 - May 6 Hollowach Challenge (≥1700)  
Apr. 1 - May 6 Schnitka Memorial (<1700)  
May 13 - May 27 Alekhine Active  
June 3 - June 24 Art Skeel Memorial Tournament  
July 1 - July 29 School's Out Tournament  
Aug. 5 - Aug. 26 Summer Open Tournament  
Sept. 2 - Sept. 30 Edmonton Open Tournament  
Sept. 30 Annual General Meeting (7:30-8:30pm)  
Oct. 7 - Oct. 28 Halloween Open Tournament  
Nov. 4 - Nov. 25 Dance O' Joy Tournament  
Dec. 2 - Dec. 23 Memories of Fischer Sectional Round-Robin Tournament

All Thursday night tournaments require both ACA and CFC memberships (see p. 2 for costs), which may be purchased from the Tournament Director. Nightly dues are \$2, and the tournament entry fee is \$3 unless noted otherwise.

Note: The dates shown are fixed, but the format of the tournament within those dates is up to the discretion of the TD. This means that the TD may set / change time controls, sections, and for active / blitz tournaments - the number of rounds / day as well. However the Blitz Night is fixed as blitz chess, and the Alekhine Active is expected to be an active event.

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

ACA CASINO - EDMONTON

January - March 2000.

The ACA will be hosting its next Casino in Edmonton some time in the first quarter of 2000. The date of the next ACA Casino will be determined in August. A minimum of 40 volunteers must be signed up. **Ford Wong** will be co-ordinating the volunteer sign-ups in the Fall. Please help the ACA by signing up and helping out if you can.

## Calgary Chess Club

by Alan Gomes

The Calgary Chess Club Fall Open Tournament ran from October 20 through November 24, 1998. As TD, I relied on several other club members during the tournament, as work-life interfered with my directing duties. Thanks guys!

Round 1 saw two upsets, with **Aaron Ryner** defeating **Rod Weis** and **Carolyn McMaster** drawing **Arthur Milne**. Round 2 paired 2<sup>nd</sup>-ranked **Chris Demers** against 8<sup>th</sup>-ranked **John Parrott**. They drew, and went on to share 1<sup>st</sup> place undefeated. Round 3 finished with **Andrew Lapidés** in sole lead of the tournament with a perfect score. Round 4 created a four way tie for lead position when **Chris Demers** beat **Andrew Lapidés**. The tight race continued into Rounds 5 & 6, resulting in **Chris Demers** and **John Parrott** sharing 1<sup>st</sup> with 5 points, and a 3-way tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> between **Andrew Lapidés**, **Roy Yearwood** and **Jim Daniluk** with 4½.

Other highlights of the Fall Open included **Paul Lapidés's** win against **Nick Podolchuk**, and **Kevin Ward's** victories against **Rod Weis** and **Arthur Milne**.

**Mike Smith** and **Garry Bruckner** had detailed 'new strategy' discussions / analysis after Round 5. They were then paired with each other in Round 6, changed strategies, and **Mike** gained the upset win. This enabled **Mike Smith** to clinch the 1<sup>st</sup> <1600 prize with 3½ points, ahead of **Kevin Ward** with 3. The <1900 1<sup>st</sup> prize went to **Rod Weis** and **Andre Min** who tied with 3½ points.

**Bob Macfie** annotates a game from this tournament (but no mention of who the opponent was): 1.d4 ♗f3 2.♗f6 e6 3. c4 c5 4.d5 d6 5.♗c3 ed5 6.cd5 ♗e7 [It would probably be better for Black to bring this ♗ to the long diagonal after 6...g6.] 7. e4 ♗g4 8.h3 ♗h5 9.♗f4 ♗bd7 10.g4 [A little too aggressive perhaps, considering the White ♗'s centralized position. I thought it was worth trying in light of the crowded nature of Black's minor pieces in the centre, and since the centre is not fully open. Still, I must show care to prevent the e-file from opening to my detriment.] ♗g6 11. ♗d2 O-O 12.♗g2 ♗e8 13.♗g3 ♗b6 14.f4 h6 15.♗f3 ♗d7 16.h4 ♗f6 17.e5?! [Panicked by the way Black has set up the raking ♗s and given the ♗ a clear e-file, I sought to seal things off with a ♗-sac. Still, I should have secured the ♗ with 17. O-O-O first.] de5 [The pin on my e-♗ makes this unnecessary. Black would have caused me more problems with 17...♗c2. This way White cannot find a decent haven for his ♗, and Black's ♗ does not get shut out of the game.] 18.f5 ♗h7 [Black could have played 18...e4, returning the ♗ to open the e-file, which gets closed by White's next move.] 19.♗de4 [Now White has more than satisfactory compensation for the sacrificed ♗. This is the power of *clearance*!] ♗c8 20.d6 ♗b6 21.O-O-O ♗d8 22.g5 hg5? [Black should resist the opening of lines. He could have tried 22...h5, offering the h-♗ to keep the h-file closed.] 23.hg5 g6 [Now the light squared ♗ is weaker than a ♗. The other option to deflect the threat of mate after Qh5 is 23...♗f8, though that also seems disastrous after 24.d7.] 24.♗d5 ♗b5 25.♗e5 [Another clearing sacrifice, but the mating attack justifies

the increased material investment.] ♗e5 26.♗h3 ♗c4 27.♗b1 ♗f8 28.♗e6 ♗f6 29.♗f6 [Black resigned, as mate is inevitable after 29...♗g7 30. ♗h6 ♗h8 31.♗f8#, or 29...♗h8 30.♗h7 ♗h7 31.♗h7#.] 1-0.

## January WORDS

by Tedge Davies

A surprise showing of 11 players graced the tournament in this New Year of 1999. The participants put up quite a battle. **Graham Sorgard** won the tournament with 4½ out of 5, drawing only with runner-up, **Ashton Anderson**. **Ashton** was also our youngest player. **Bert Valeroso** and **Brian Miller** tied for third place, each having played some great games. **Frank Knoll**, our highest-rated player, had a tough tournament with only 2½; undoubtedly we will see a vast improvement in his next chess outing.

Our tournament schedule has changed. On the first Saturday of each month we will have an Under 1800 CFC event, and on the third Saturday we will have a non-rated open tournament.

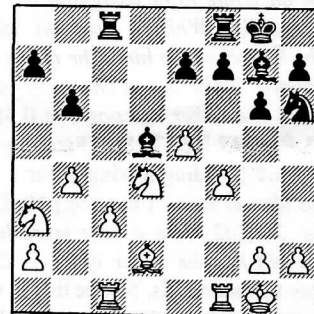
I would like to thank everyone for their support and I wish all players a terrific 1999. (*Given that a game of chess is a zero-sum contest, this last wish is logically impossible to fulfill; but never mind....* ☺ -ed.)

## The Art Gallery

Nazarian - Milne

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1.f4 g6 2.♗f3 ♗g7 3.e4 c5 [Transposing to a Sicilian of sorts.] 4.c3 d5 5.e5 ♗c6 [5...d4 deserves attention, as after 6.d4 Black's pieces have little activity.] 6.d4 ♗b6!? [Sacing a ♗, but 6... cd4 and 6...b6 do not look attractive.] 7.dc5 ♗c5 8.b4!? ♗b6 9.♗d5 ♗h6 10.♗a3 ♗e6 11.♗b5 ♗c7 12.♗c5 b6 13.♗c6!? ♗c6 14.♗b5 ♗c8 15.♗c6 ♗c6 16.♗d2 ♗d5 [The threat was 17. ♗d4.] 17.O-O O-O 18.♗d4 ♗cc8 19.♗cc1



f6! 20.c4?! fe5 21.cd5 ed4 22.♗c6 ♗cd8 23.♗e1 ♗f6 24.♗b5 ♗d5 25.♗a7 ♗d7 [25...♗a8? 26. ♗c8! wins a ♗.] 26.♗c8 b5 27.h3 ♗f5 28.g4 ♗e3! 29.g5 ♗g7 30.♗f2 ♗f4 31.♗e2 ♗f7 32. ♗c5 ♗h4 33.♗e3 de3 34.♗f1 ♗e8 [The ♗/e8 presents less of a target than at e6.] 35.♗b6! ♗d8 [Only move.] 36.♗d5 [Threatening a nasty check on c7.] ♗e5 37.♗f3 ♗a8! 38.♗e3 ♗a2 39.♗d1 ♗d6 40.♗b5 ♗d4 41.♗c1 ♗d7 42.♗c3 ♗h2 43.♗e2 ♗b4 44.♗b4 ♗b4 45.♗c2 ♗g2 46.♗e4 ♗d6 47.h4 e5 48.♗d3 ♗h2 49.♗c4 ♗c6 50. ♗c3 ♗f2 51.♗d5 [With the idea of ♗f6, whereupon I had planned 52...h6.] ♗c2 52.♗d3?? [Realization of the material advantage is difficult after 52.♗c3.] ♗d5 0-1.



## Calgary Junior Chess Club News

by Glen Booth

The annual **Calgary School Team Chess Tournament**, held at Mount Royal Community College on January 23, was a huge success. Fourteen elementary schools and seven junior/high school teams showed up to compete for the chance to win the trophy for their school!

ABC Public Charter School won first place in the Elementary School division, scoring  $16\frac{1}{2}$  out of a possible 20. Congratulations to the team of **Shandy Booth, Brandon Eshleman, Karim and Sameer Nurmohamed**. The win was especially sweet after last year's narrow loss by  $\frac{1}{2}$  point to University Elementary School.

Webber Academy, lead by **Robert Chwyl** and **Sasha Kryuchkova**, on first and second boards, took clear second place. Prince of Wales, lead by the brother team of **Andrew and Jeremy Wong** on first and third boards, stormed from behind by winning all of its games in the final round to steal third place ahead of Andrew Sibbald and the Calgary Christian School.

**Aberhart High** came from behind to take first place in dramatic fashion in the combined junior/high school division. Simon Fraser, with seasoned players **Jeffrey Mo, Fangjin Yang** and **Paul Lapides** on their team, had won all their games in the first four rounds. They split their games in the fifth round but still only needed 1 point in the final round. However, Aberhart was not to be denied as they took  $3\frac{1}{2}$  points from the leaders and won the tournament by  $\frac{1}{2}$  point! Western High School, last year's champions, took third place, lead by **John Rajchel** who won all of his games on first board. Congratulations to **Daniel Adler, Josiah Kung, Steve Brackney**, and **Keith Shustov** from Aberhart.

Each winning school gets to keep the Champion's trophy for one year and each of the individual players on the top three teams received trophies. The 84 players who participated represented a high for participation in recent years at our tournaments.

The CJCC also held regular monthly tournaments on January 10 and February 7, attracting 54 and 64 participants respectively. **Hunter Spink** continues to impress - although he is only 5 years old and in kindergarten, he is currently rated higher than any player in the country in grade one!

**Brandon Eshleman** continues to be the top-rated player in the country in grade three and **Robbie Chwyl** has run up his rating above 1000 to become the fourth rated player in grade four. **Adrienne Todd** has been playing very well lately and is now the fourth-ranked female player in grade 5 in the country.

We are looking forward to the Calgary Regional Grade championship, to be held at the downtown Ramada Inn on February 20 and the Provincial championship, to be held in Red Deer on March 20. For further info, call me at 284-2159.

### Calgary Chess Challenge

The Calgary Chess Challenge was held in the main ballroom of the Ramada Hotel on February 20. The tournament was another success, with 55 keen participants and great press and T.V. coverage. **Channel 7** provided us with a nice spot on both the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. Saturday news, and the **Calgary Herald** did a good article in its Sunday, Feb. 21 edition.

This tournament selects the Calgary City champions by school grade, as well as the city's representatives for the provincial championship, to be held in Red Deer on March 20. Trophies were presented to the winners of each grade, along with silver and bronze medals for second and third.

Thirty-one players qualified for the provincials. This year's champions by grade are:

Grade One:	Kaiz Alarakyia	Grade Two:	Brendan Chwyl
Grade Three:	Brandon Eshleman	Grade Four:	Shandy Booth
Grade Five:	Adrienne Todd	Grade Six:	Stephen Hazeltine
Grade Seven:	Ashton Anderson	Grade Eight:	Paul Lapides
Grade Nine:	Jeff Huang	Grade Ten:	Remus Lacatus
Grade Eleven:	John Rajchel		

The tournament ran pretty closely to form, with the favourites winning in most grades. **Brendan Chwyl** was a bit of a surprise winner in Grade Two, as he upset **Karim Nurmohamed**. Brendan has been improving rapidly, while Karim is in a bit of a slump at the moment. Special congratulations to **Adrienne Todd**, our sole female champion, and star of the T.V. coverage.

Thanks also to **Iqbal Nurmohamed** for arranging a fantastic tournament venue.

## The EJCC a Day After New Year's Day

by Cynthia Wu

The first Saturday and second day of 1999 saw a small and cozy EJCC tournament. 6 diehard chess fans decided to forego their last weekend of Christmas vacation and return once more to the EJCC. The TDs (namely my sister and I) had previously decided that such commendable chess players should deserve an extra-special reward. On Boxing Day, we had spied a little desk calendar filled with 365 chess problems and decided that it was a perfect time to have the EJCC's first draw-your-name-out-of-a-clear-lunch-bag prize (this had NOTHING to do with the fact that it was 50% off). Retrospectively, it would have perhaps been better to have used the prize as an incentive to come rather than as a reward for coming...

Nonetheless, the perfectly even, small number of players allowed for every TD's dream -- no pairing cards!! Thus the club saw its first Round Robin tournament in 5 months. To speed the tournament along, as long as one remembered to record one's score, players were allowed to play their opponents in any order after the first round. Interestingly, some took great pleasure in this tiny form of anarchy....

The draw for the calendar took place during lunch break. Because only one book prize was offered due to the small turnout, I put into place a stipulation that no one could win two prizes. Thus, if the draw winner also won the tournament, he or she would either pass the book or the calendar on to second place. As it turned out, tournament favorite **Nic Haynes** won the draw. Although he did in fact ultimately win the tournament as well, **Joshua Fanaeian** decided that it wouldn't be that easy. Josh became the first lower-ranked player to take Nic down from a perfect score after they agreed to a draw in a ♘ vs. ♙, locked-♗s position. Unfortunately, Josh also dropped a ♖ to **Jonathan Chi** in the last round, and fell half a point behind Jonathan to wind up in third place, Jonathan in second. **John Pop** and **Ben Williamson** tied for fourth place after John stalemated Ben in a winning position, and **Megan Chi** came in fifth. Nic decided to take another book prize and Jonathan found himself in proud possession of a new calendar. Ironically, Jonathan's parents wanted to buy that exact same calendar, also on Boxing Day, but found it sold out in Chapters! Speed and Siamese chess rounded out the year's first EJCC meeting. Come again next month -- you never know when there'll be another draw for beautiful prizes!...

## Alberta Clubs

### Calgary Chess Club:

- Meets at the *Elephant & Castle Restaurant*, 8 Ave. & 4 St. SW. Tuesdays 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.
- Contact: Warrick Walker 294-0753; or Walter Watson 277-5620.

### Under 1800 Club:

- Meets at *Words Books & Cappuccino Bar*, 1715 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW. during business hours.
- Contact: Tedge Davies 277-0209.

### Edmonton Chess Club:

- Meets in #114A, *Prince of Wales Armoury*, 10440 108th Ave. Mondays & Thursdays 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.
- Contact: club phone 424-0283; or Adrien Regimbald 475-4102.
- Monday – casual tournaments, no membership required, relaxed noise controls.
- Thursday – CFC-rated tournaments, membership required, strict noise controls. A new tournament starts the first Thursday of each month.

### Lethbridge Jr. & Sr. Chess Clubs:

- Meets at the *University of Lethbridge*, Rm. A844 Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., September to April.
- Contact: Brian Titley 380-6751.

### Medicine Hat Chess Club:

- Meets at the *Southview Community School*, coffee corner room, during the school year. Wednesdays 7:00 – 10:15 p.m.
- Contact: Bill Taylor 526-5484.

### Lloydminster Chess Club:

- Meets at *Cappuccino Voltaire Coop*, 50<sup>th</sup> Street Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.
- Contact: Doug 825-0528, or Eugene Gibney 875-6352.

### Hinton Chess Club:

- Meets at the *Queen's Bakery & Café*, 124 Market Street, Hinton Mondays 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Contact: Peter Bundscherer 865-5050.

### Grande Prairie Chess Club:

- Meets at the *Royal Canadian Legion* 9912 101st Ave., Grande Prairie Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., September to April.
- Contact: Phil Lefkowitz 538-1903. 9905 75<sup>th</sup> Ave. T8V 6G2

### Peace River Chess Club:

- Meets in the Rose Room, *Peace Valley Inn* 9609 101st St.
- Contact: Alex Phimester 624-8866.

### Northern Communities Chess Club:

- Contact: Bernie Tynan 771-3757.

### Crowsnest Chess Club:

- Meets at the *Royal Canadian Legion* Coleman.
- Contact: John Day 563-5217

*It is the club's responsibility to make sure your announcement is complete and up to date.*

**Note: Northern Alberta now has a new area code — 780.**

## 1999 Tournament Schedule

### Words Books Under 1800 Active

- March 6  
Contact: Tedge Davies 277-0209.

### Calgary Junior Chess Club

- March 7  
Contact: Kevin Adolph 686-2129.

### March of Kings

- March 13-14  
Quality Inn, Motel Village, Calgary  
5 round Swiss system in 1 section  
Entry fee: adults \$20; juniors \$15.  
Contact: Roy Yearwood 272-8392.

### Peace River Spring Active †

- March 20  
Peace Valley Inn, Rose Room  
Contact: Alex Phimester 624-8866  
phimnetster@hotmail.com

### Words Books Non-rated Open

- March 20  
Contact: Tedge Davies 277-0209.

### Stardust Classic ‡

- April 24-25, High Level.  
(No further information supplied.)

### U of A Open

- May 15-16, Edmonton.  
(No further information supplied.)

### Canada Day Open

- June 26-27, Calgary.  
(No further information supplied.)

### Battle of Alberta

- August 14, Red Deer.

### Over / Under 1800 †

- September 4-5, Edmonton.

### Medicine Hat Open

- September 18-19, Medicine Hat.

### Northern Alberta Junior

- September 25-26, Edmonton.

### Southern Alberta Junior

- September 25-26, Calgary.

### Alberta Open †

- October 9-11, Edmonton.  
(AGM held on October 10, between rounds.)

### Northern Alberta Cadet \*

- October 16-17, Edmonton.

### Southern Alberta Cadet \*

- October 16-17, Calgary.

### Alberta Junior †

- October 23-24, Red Deer.

### Peace River Fall Classic ‡

- October 23-24, Peace River.

### Southern Alberta Open †

- November 13-14, Calgary.

### Alberta Cadet \*

- December 11-12, Red Deer.

### Christmas Open

- December 18-19, Edmonton.

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### Alberta Closed

April 2-4

Quality Inn, Motel Village, Calgary  
★ Qualifiers and potential qualifiers by rating should consult the Alberta Closed rules in the August 1998 *ACR*. (See also p. 3 of this issue.)  
Contact: John Quiring (780) 468-9173.  
dma@compusmart.ab.ca

★ FIDE rated; winner advances to the Canadian Zonal (see p. 3 of this issue).

### Alberta Reserves

April 3-4

Quality Inn, Motel Village, Calgary  
Register: 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. April 3; Round 1: 10:00a.m.  
Entry fee: adults \$20; juniors \$15; under 14 \$5 with no-prize option.  
Contact: John Quiring (780) 468-9173.  
dma@compusmart.ab.ca  
(No participation points awarded for this tournament.)

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Register early for the

## 1999 Canadian Open

in Richmond, B.C. (it's relatively close!)

Friday July 2nd to Sunday July 11

11-round Swiss, single section, FIDE rated  
\$15,000 guaranteed prize fund

Entry fees: before 31/03/99 \$105  
before 30/06/99 \$125  
at the door \$150

Discounts: Juniors 50%; Seniors (60+) 25%;  
FIDE rated 25%; FIDE titled free.

Further info: Peter Stockhausen (604) 276-1111  
pstockh@ibm.net  
or see the ad on page 3 of the October 1988 *ACR*.

Make cheques payable and mail with registration information to: Chess Federation of Canada, EI - 2212 Gladwin Crescent, Ottawa, ON. K1B 5N1.

Note: If you are driving to this event and have room to spare in your vehicle for another Albertan, please leave your name and details with Grant Brown at (403) 381-0308 or browng@uleth.ca. If you need transportation to Richmond for this event, also leave your name with Grant Brown. I will try to match players with vehicles so as to maximize the Albertan contingent to Canada's premier event....

*More advance entries have been received to date than for any previous Canadian Open!*

† Qualifier to the Alberta Closed.

‡ Part of the Peace River Grand Prix series.

\* Due to recent changes imposed by the CFC on the format of the youth championships (under 18, under 16, under 14, under 12, and under 10), it is not clear at this point if the Cadet tournaments will take place as initially planned.