

Alberta Chess Report



Publication of the Alberta Chess Association ♦ February 2011



University Battle of Alberta

This event returned for the 3rd year and was just as successful as previous editions. The University of Alberta organized this year's tournament, held at the home of the Edmonton Chess Club. Vlad Rekhson reports.

Calgary Chess Club News

This issue sees the first news column from the Calgary Chess Club. Tony Ficzero reports on the happenings at the club and plans on making this a regular column in the ACR. Among the items discussed is the 4th Calgary International Chess Classic.



**2011
AYCC
Edmonton**

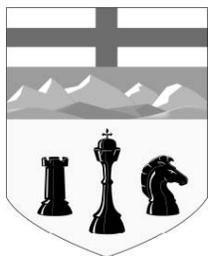
Alberta Youth Chess Championships

Edmonton hosted the largest AYCC on record in Alberta. With 36 players throughout 6 sections, all age groups were competitive for the most part. An outstanding job by Bruce Thomas and Richard Pua. Congratulations to the 6 winners and best of luck this summer in Richmond Hill, Ontario at the Canadian Youth Chess Championships!

Why is this man smiling?

Congratulations to Vlad Rekhson on his appointment as the new ACA Executive Director!





Alberta Chess Association

President
Rick Pedersen

Past President
Ford Wong

Vice-President
Jim Daniluk

Secretary
Dale Haessel

Treasurer
Ali Razzaq

Directors
Brad Willis
Robert Bezjack
Roy Yearwood
Richard Pua
Tim Pradzinski
Hemant Persaud
Paul Usselman
Leonard Steele

The Alberta Chess Association in partnership with the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, provides a more active lifestyle to Albertans by providing programs to enhance living through playing chess. The ACA greatly acknowledges the support provided by ASRPWF

Government of Alberta



The ACR is printed by
Scope Printing & Publishing
12015 76th St. NW
Edmonton AB T5B 2C9
780-474-8929
780-479-8363

ALBERTA CHESS REPORT

The ACR is published 5 times each year. Publication months are February, April, June, September and November. Contact the editor for submission deadlines and changes. We want your submissions! We are always looking for articles on chess as they relate to Alberta.

Submissions are acceptable in any electronic text form, while pictures can be submitted in the following formats: tiff, jpeg, bmp, gif. All articles are written by the editor unless otherwise credited.

Submit your request by email to:
vrekhson@yahoo.ca

To speak to the editor, call toll free outside of Calgary 866.971.2437, in Calgary call 403.970.8032

Editor: Vlad Rekhson, #404-1913 11th Ave SW, Calgary, Alberta, T3C 0N9

The articles contained in this publication do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Alberta Chess Association.

ACR Ad Rates

Advertising in the ACR is an effective way to promote your business, tournament, or sell chess related articles. This is a great way for chess teachers to get the word out. All ACA sanctioned tournaments receive free ad space while non sanctioned or out of province events are subject to ad rates.

Size	1 issue	2 or more issues
Full page	\$100	\$75 per issue
Half Page	\$75	\$50 per issue
Quarter Page	\$50	\$35 per issue
Classified	\$20	\$15 per issue

Add \$20 layout if you do not provide camera ready material (does not apply to Classified ads). Add \$50 for colour (each issue). The editor reserves the right to edit or refuse any ads submitted.

Send your ads by email to vrekhson@yahoo.ca or call 403.970.8032, outside Calgary 866.971.2437.



The Alberta Chess Association

To find out more about chess in Alberta visit www.albertachess.org
Call toll free in Alberta at 866-971-CHESS (2437)
In Calgary call 403-970-8032

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

2011 University Battle of Alberta
ACA hires new Executive Director
2011 Schleinich Memorial
Calgary Chess Club News
2011 Trumpeter Classic
Beyond Alberta
2011 Alberta Youth Chess Championship
Calgary Youth Chess Championship
Road Warrior
Pre-Valentine's Tournament

TOURNAMENT ADS

2011 March of Kings
2011 Lethbridge Open
2011 ACA Tournament Schedule
4th Calgary International
2011 Northern Alberta Open
2011 Alberta Closed Championship
2011 Alberta Reserves Championship
2011 Alberta Women's Championship

CLUB ADS

University of Calgary Chess Club
University of Alberta Chess Club
University of Lethbridge Chess Club
Calgary Chess Club
Grande Prairie Chess Club
Edmonton Chess Club
Lethbridge Chess Club
Medicine Hat Chess Club

REGULAR LISTINGS

Top CFC & FIDE Rating List
Alberta Chess Clubs

The ACR is online at
www.albertachess.org
(requires Adobe Acrobat)
Call the ACA by phone
Toll free in Alberta
866-971-2437
In Calgary call
403-970-8032



Affiliated with the
Chess Federation of Canada
www.chess.ca

2011 University Battle Of Alberta

By Vlad Rekhson

This was the third instalment of what has now become a new traditional event on the ACA schedule. The two previous events took place in Calgary, but this year the tournament was held in the Edmonton Chess Club, on the weekend of February 5-6. The 2011 University Battle of Alberta tournament was very well organized by Roger Zhang and directed by Anastasia Kazakevich.

The University Battle of Alberta features a unique format for chess in Alberta. The event follows the normal Swiss rules and it is open to anyone; however, this is also a team event, since the University with the highest combined scores of its top 4 performance wins the team challenge.

All in all, a total of 31 participants took part in the event. Those included members of the University of Alberta, University of Calgary and the University of Lethbridge.

A total of 7 rounds were played. The first 5 were played on Saturday with the active time control, while the remaining 2 were played on Sunday with the regular time control.



Tournament players

The winners were National Masters; Peter Kalisvaart of the UofA and Alex Yam. They both scored 5.5/7. Third was shared by Dan Kazmaier of UofC, Damon Macleod of UofA and Richard Wang who will play for a University in approximately 6 years from now!

The team event was won by the University of Alberta with 18.5 points. University of Calgary finished second with 16.5 and



Party at the Boston Pizza

University of Lethbridge scored 11.5 points.

I believe that the main goals of this event were met, as players from the different university clubs met, socialized and played chess together. The event also attracted a total of 12 previously unrated participants. A truly great number for Alberta Chess!

We will see the university participants next year at the Calgary Chess Club.

ACA hires new Executive Director

Vlad Rekhson has been hired by the ACA as Executive Director as of February 15th. Tony Ficzer was unable to continue in the position any longer and the ACA reviewed at least 3 applicants for the job. We wish Tony all the best in the future and thank him for the work he has done in the past for the ACA.

Vlad has a wealth of experience as an organizer, FIDE Arbiter and is well known in Alberta chess. Vlad will take on all existing duties of the position and will work closely with the ACA board to handle the ACA's business affairs.

If you have any questions or concerns relating to Alberta chess, please contact Vlad by email: vrehkson@yahoo.ca or by phone: 403-970-8032.





UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

Chess Association

Visit us online at
<http://homepages.ucalgary.ca/~chess/index.html>

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

Chess Club

- ◇ All skill levels welcome to attend!
- ◇ Blitz once each month in CAB 373 or 369

Email uachess@ualberta.ca for info
<http://uachess.wetpaint.com/>




University of Lethbridge

CHESS CLUB

University of Lethbridge Chess Club

Contact Thomas Fox
 Email fox@uleth.ca
 Website people.uleth.ca/~chess.club



Schleinich Memorial

By Tony Ficzer

The Schleinich Memorial is held each year in memory of John Schleinich. Tradition has it that this event is run in sections of six players in round robin format. We were able to run two full sections of six players at the top and decided to hold an eight player swiss at the bottom.

We were able to broadcast all the games in the A section live on the internet, thanks to the Edmonton Chess Club who provided the DGT boards. The website also carried standings and crosstables throughout the tournament. The audience was mostly from Alberta but approximately 20% came from other locations in Canada and around the world (believe it or not!).

The A section was both CFC and FIDE rated. Knut Neven and Roy Yearwood finished 1st & 2nd to split the money with 4/5. Knut gave up his point to Sean Perron while Roy lost to Knut in round 1.

The B section saw Brian Miller go unde-



feated with 4/5 to take clear 1st. Brian drew with Chris Kuczaj and Bill Bentley. 2nd place went to current Alberta Junior Champion, David Miller, of Grande Prairie with 3.5/5. Adie Todd was home for the holidays and graced the tournament with her participation, playing in the B section.



The C section was made up of juniors for the most part. Diwen Shi had little trouble disposing of his opposition to go 5/5 to take 1st all alone. Chenxi Zhao continues to improve and finished clear 2nd with 3.5/5.

2011 March of Kings



March 5-6
Calgary Chess Club
274 3359 27th St. NE
Parma Tech Centre, North Building

5 Round Swiss, CFC & FIDE Rated, ONE SECTION

CFC membership required, can be purchased on site
Note: CFC membership (if expired) must be renewed prior to start of round 1

TD: Roy Yearwood
Time Control: Game in 90 + 30 second increment

Round Times: Saturday 10 am 2:30 pm 7 pm, Sunday 10 am & ASAP after round 4

Byes: Maximum 2 half point byes available in first 3 rounds if notified before start of round 1

Prizes: Entries less expenses

Entry Fee: Adult \$35, Junior (<18) \$30. Free entry to I.M.'s & G.M.'s.

Registration: Advanced entries encouraged. Email calchess@telus.net

On-site Registration: Saturday, March 5, 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Advanced entries required to check in at registration desk by 9:45 a.m. or you will not be paired for first round.

CASH ONLY AT SITE, NO CHEQUES

This is a *Road Warrior* event



Sponsored by the Alberta Chess Association



Next year may see some changes in the format of this event. While sectionals provide even competition, they are more difficult to organize and are likely to experience more problems from an organizational point of view prior to the start of an event. Attendance was up this year so the low attendance from 2010 may have just been an anomaly.

Thanks to Jim Daniluk for his help in getting the players out and thanks to both Deweese Wood and Bob Macfie for their help during the event.

Calgary Chess Club News



New Year Open

January 4-February 1

The Calgary Chess Club held its first event of 2011 with the New Year Open. This 5 round CFC rated swiss was free for all Calgary Chess Club members. Directed by Tony Ficzero, there were 13 players registered.

Roy Yearwood continued his winning ways to take 1st with 4/5. Brian Miller was the only player to take a point of Roy in round 3. Vlad Rekhson and Brian Miller tied for 2nd-3rd with 3.5/5. The last round also saw Terry Chaisson and Frank Kluytmans enter to take up the slack.

Speeding on Ice

February 8

This event was held on the Tuesday following the New Year Open. The speed tournament was well attended with 18 players in total taking part. There were plenty of spills and thrills throughout the evening with many exciting games. David Zhang made his return to the club after a long absence and won the event with 11/14. Alex Yam took 2nd with 10.5/14. Alex was a late entry and things might have been different if he had shown up in time for the first round. As it went, Alex was lucky against Ivan Kornelo where he scored 1.5/2. Ivan missed a perp in the first game and went down in flames. Biggest upset of the tournament was scored by Krishneel (Krish) Singh, however, he left early and the prize went to Ted Borowski.

Calgary Closed & Reserves

The annual Calgary Closed is an eight player round robin, both CFC and FIDE rated. Running each Tuesday evening from February 15th through March 29th, this year the section is strong once again with Eric Hansen entering three days before the start of the event. Other players include Alex Yam, Erik Tam, Jean-Francois Wen, Roy Yearwood, Sean Perron, Vlad Rekhson and Jim Daniluk, bringing the average

CFC rating to 2195. The winner receives the bulk of the prize money plus \$400 towards expenses to a tournament of their choice.

The Reserve section has 17 players registered after the first week. Prizes are made up of the bulk of entry fees plus \$100 donated by the club. Players can still register in the first three rounds. Standings and games are available on the tournament webpage.

www.calgarychess.com/2011CCR.html

2011 Calgary International

The executive of the Calgary Chess Club voted in favour of hosting the 4th edition of the Calgary International Chess Classic. Full details are not yet available, but the dates will be May 19-23. The International section will be a 10 player round robin with guaranteed IM norm possibilities. The event may be upgraded to GM norm status if fundraising goes well.

There will be several active fundraisers held on Sunday's leading up to the main event. There will also be a variety of side events, simuls, lectures and the Calgary International Reserve section, will be a 6 player CFC/FIDE rated swiss, running from May 21-23. The tournament plans on broadcasting all games from the International section live on the internet using DGT boards.

Other details will be available in the coming weeks. The tournament website should be up in early March. Visit the Calgary Chess Club website for details.

www.calgarychess.com/

Calgary Chess Club



274 3359 27th St. NE
Tuesdays, Thursdays
Fridays from 7 p.m.
Saturday Junior program
1-4pm
Lessons available
www.calgarychess.com

Trumpeter Classic

By Tim Pradzinski

The Trumpeter Classic crowned a brand new champion this year! Roy Yearwood took the honors with 4.5 out of 5 points. David Miller and John Quiring each had 4 points to tie for second place.

In the Under 1750 section, Phil Lefkowitz and Stephen Stone each had 3 points to tie for 1st in that section. In the Under 1600 section, Rick Braitenbach had 2 points and received a copy of Jeremy Silman's End-game Course book.

All in all, the tournament was a success and the Grande Prairie Chess Club would like to thank all of the people who played in this year's event. Currently, we are in negotiations to move the Trumpeter Classic to the first weekend in June for the 2012 chess season and beyond. Many of you have never seen Grande Prairie in the warmer months so that news is probably a welcome one to many!



1st Apostolic Church

9932 91 Avenue
(Basement, enter at back closest to 100 St.)

Tuesdays 6pm-10pm
(Sept-June)

Contact us

Tim Pradzinski 780-518-2281
Email database@telusplanet.net
www.gpchessclub.com



BEYOND ALBERTA

2011 Berkeley International

This annual event took place from January 2-8, 2011 at the Berkeley Chess School in Berkeley, California. With over \$7,500 in the prize fund and the chance to earn a GM or IM norm, the lure was too much for Dale Haessel. Dale made the trip once again. I know Dale has played in Berkeley at least once before as well.

Dale finished with a respectable 4.5/10 in a very strong field. Had Dale been able to earn another half point, he would have tied for 1st for the top Under 2300 prize. With 11 GMs and 12 IMs, the competition was tough. Dale scored reasonably well against his IM competition, defeating IM Amanov in the first round. Dale even faced one of the tournament organizers, IM David

Pruess, but was unable to win that game.

A total of 58 players were in the section and first place was taken by GM Loek van Wely with 8/10. 2nd place went to GM Sergey Erenburg with 7.5/10, while 3rd place was taken by GM Magesh Panchanathan with 7/10. If that name sounds familiar it is because Magesh won the 2009 Edmonton International.



Alberta Youth Chess Championships 2011

By Bruce Thomas

The Alberta Youth Chess Championship took place in Edmonton at the Edmonton Chess Club February 12-13. Six provincial age-champs were determined at one of the largest Alberta Youth Chess Championships held in recent years, if not an all-time record for the event. A total of 36 participants came from Edmonton, Calgary, Sherwood Park and Grande Prairie.

Here are the final standings in each age group:

Under 8

1st Kaixin Wang, Edmonton 5/6; 2-3 Kaining Lin, Edmonton and Ian Zhao, Calgary; 4. Alex Apostulo, Edmonton

Under 10

1st Patrick Tolentino, Calgary 3.5/5; 2-3 Ian McCullough, Sherwood Park and John Vaganov, Calgary; 4-5 Andre A. Tolentino, Calgary and Boris Stevanovic, Edmonton; 6 David Yao, Edmonton

Under 12

1st Jamil Kassam, Edmonton 4.5 + tie-break win; 2 Diwen Shi, Calgary; 3-4 Nicholas Lee, Calgary and Noah Hoffner of Sherwood Park; 5-6 Jakob Kaiser, Edmonton and Zeiling Li, Calgary; 7-8 Mark Nie, Edmonton and Filip Stevanovic of Edmonton; 9 Vinh Nguyen, Edmonton

Under 14

1st Richard Wang, Edmonton 5/5; 2 Henry Song, Edmonton; 3 Naveed Virji, Edmonton, 4-7 David McCullough, Edmonton; Patience Tram, Calgary; Derek Zhang, Calgary and Sebastien Despres, Edmonton; 8 Dennis Situ, Edmonton

Under 16

1st David Zhang, Calgary 4/5; 2 Krishneel Singh, Calgary; 3 Yuekai Wang, Calgary; 4. Nicka Kalaydina, Calgary; 5 Derek Thomas, Edmonton; 6. Etienne Leclerc, Fort Saskatchewan

Under 18

1st David Miller, Grande Prairie 3/3; 2-3 Raymond Ong, Calgary and Anthony Wu, Edmonton

Thanks to Richard Pua for doing a great job directing the event despite the challenges of handling six age groups of players and their parents. Thanks to the players and parents for participating in the event which will see the six champs, sponsored by the Alberta Chess Association to attend the Canadian Youth Chess Championships in July in Ontario.

2011 Lethbridge Open

April 2-3

Lethbridge Lodge, 320 Scenic Drive (right downtown)

TD: Tony Ficzer tficzere@telus.net

Phone: 403-971-2437

5 round swiss, CFC rated, CFC membership required (available on site)

TC: Game in 90 minutes + 30 seconds per move

Registration: 9:15-9:45am Saturday at site. Register in advance by email to either Paul Viminitz vimip0@uleth.ca or Tony Ficzer tficzere@telus.net

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

Entry fee: \$35 adults, \$30 Junior (18 and under). Free to GMs and IMs.

All fees returned as prizes (Organizer will cover ACA fees)

Free wine and cheese at home of Paul Viminitz, 1313 4th Av. S., after last game on Saturday!

Some billets available

For reservations at Lethbridge Lodge call 1-800-661-1232

Hotel Website: www.lethbridgelodge.com

For more info contact Dr. Paul Viminitz at vimip0@uleth.ca or call 403-331-3295 or 403 329-2505

This is a *Road Warrior* event

Sponsored by the Alberta Chess Association



Calgary Youth Chess Championship

By Roy Yearwood & Simon Ong

On January 2nd and 3rd, the annual Calgary Youth Chess Championship took place at the Calgary Chess Club. There were a total of 17 players participating in the tournament. They were grouped into sections where they battled against players their own age. Winner of each age section were awarded a medallion, an official Calgary YCC T-shirt and funding to play at the Alberta Youth Chess Championship. Funding is provided by the Calgary Chess Club.

There were two age sections with one player: Under 8 and Under 18. Even though both of these players won the tournament by default, they played against relatively strong oppositions and performed very well. The Under 8 and Under 18 champions were Ian Zhao and Raymond Ong, respectively. Ian managed to score 2/3 against U10 players, whereas Raymond scored 3/3 against U16 players.

There were 3 players competing in the Under 10 section. The overall winner was John Vaganov, a new player from Russia. John scored flawlessly. The other two players were Albert Lambino and Jonas Alcantara who scored 0/2 and 1/2, respectively.

Winners of the other sections were Diwen Shi (Under 12 Champion), Chenxi Zhao (Under 14 Champion), and Yuekai Wang (Under 16 Champion).

Thanks to all participants for playing the first Calgary tournament of the New Year and congratulation to all the section winners and good luck in Edmonton.

There will be regular chess lesson for youth at the Calgary Chess Club starting January 14th. See Calgary chess club website for details.

Here are a few games from the event with annotations provided by Roy Yearwood.

□ Wang, YueKai

■ Cai, Tony

2011 Calgary Youth Chess Championship

Sicilian Sveshnikov [B33]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6
5.♘c3 e5

This is the Sveshnikov variation of the Sicilian. It features the backward pawn on the d-file and the question of whether Black will have enough counter-play to compensate for this weakness.

6.♘db5 d6 7.♙g5 a6 8.♘a3 b5 9.♘d5
♙e7 10.♙xf6 ♙xf6 11.♙d2

Better is ♙d3 or c3.

11...♙g5



12.♘e3 0-0 13.0-0-0

This is an aggressive plan for White.

13...♙b6 14.h4 ♙h6 15.♙e2 ♙e6 16.g4
♙f4 17.♘b1 ♘a5 18.c3 ♙fd8 19.♙f3

Black has a comfortable position because of White's inaccuracy on move 11.

19...♘c4 20.♘axc4 ♙xc4 21.♘xc4 bxc4
22.♙c2 a5 23.♙d1 ♙db8 24.g5

Better is a4.

24...♙b7 25.♘a1 a4 26.a3 ♙ab8 27.♙b1
1-0.



Unfortunately, Black lost on time. After 27...♙c5 with the idea of ...♙b3, Black has a small but persistent initiative. I guess you have to play theoretical position quickly to avoid time pressure.

□ Li, Zeling

■ Lee, Nicholas

2011 Calgary Youth Chess Championship

2.c3 Sicilian [B22]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♘f6 3.e5 ♘d5 4.♙c4 ♘b6
5.♙x7+??



This is a terrible error. White should know better. If you going to play theoretical openings, you should know what to do.

5...♘x7 6.♙f3+ ♘e8 7.♘h3 ♘c6 8.e6
dxe6 9.♘g5 ♙d5 10.♙f7+ ♘d8 11.0-0??
♙xg5 12.d4 ♙f6 13.♙h5 cxd4 14.♙g5

White tries to play like Tal but does not know enough about the principles required to play in this manner.

14...♙g6 15.♙xg6 hxg6 0-1.

□ Wang, Stanley

■ Ong, Raymond

2011 Calgary Youth Chess Championship

French Defence: Exchange Variation [C01]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.♘c3 c6
5.♘f3 ♘f6 6.♙g5 ♙d6 7.h3 0-0 8.♙d3
♘bd7

Better is ...♙e8.

9.0-0 ♙c7 10.♙e1 h6 11.♙h4 g5 12.♙g3
♙xg3 13.fxg3 ♙xg3



While Black has won a pawn, he has lost some control of his ♖-side's light squares and control the b1-h7 diagonal. White must act quickly as the pawn plus will soon tell

14.♙e2

Better would have been 14.♘e2 in order to

transfer the Knight to the ♖-side. Also, it makes way for the pawn to go to c4 for some initiative in the centre.

14...♠h5 15.♞e1!? ♞xe1+ 16.♞axe1 ♠f4
17.♞e3 ♠xd3 18.♞xd3 ♠f6 19.♞de3

Better might be 19.♞e6 closing e-file. One of the ways to win when you're up material is to shut down all of your opponent's counter-play.

19...♞b8 20.♠a4 ♠e4



This is an easy position for Black to play. He can make different miss-steps, but because of his material superiority and pawn plus and solid position, White finds it very hard to make an impression in order to gain counter-play

21.♠e5 f6 22.♠d3 ♠d7 23.♠ac5 ♠f5
24.♠xe4 ♠xe4 25.c3 ♠xd3 26.♞xd3 ♞fe8
27.♞de3 ♠f7 28.g4 ♞xe3 29.♞xe3 ♞e8
30.♞xe8 ♠xe8 31.♠f2 ♠e7 32.♠e3 ♠e6
33.b4 b6 34.a4 a5 35.bxa5 bxa5 36.♠f3
f5 37.gxf5+ ♠xf5 0-1.

□ Shi, Diwen

■ Lee, Nicholas

2011 Calgary Youth Chess Championship
Torre Attack [A46]

1.d4 ♠f6 2.♠f3 e6 3.♠g5



This is the Torre attack. This is an excellent opening for White. The former Alberta Champion for youth, Richard

Wang, make this a standard part of his opening theory. This opening poses some difficult problems for juniors.

3...c5 4.c3 ♠c6 5.♠bd2 ♠e7 6.e4 b6
7.♠d3 ♠b7 8.0-0 0-0 9.♞e1 ♞c8 10.♠f1 d5
11.h3 cxd4 12.♠xf6

Better is e5 according to Diwen Shi

12...♠xf6 13.cxd4 ♠xd4 14.e5 ♠xf3+
15.♞xf3 ♠g5 16.♠b3 ♞d7 17.♠d3 ♞c7
18.h4 ♠e7

Nicholas is outplaying Diwen quite easily thus far.

19.♠d4 f6 20.♞h5 g6?



Better is ...f5 as ...g6 gives White at least a draw, but of course, he wants more!

21.♠xg6 hxg6 22.♞xg6+ ♠h8 23.♞h6+
♠g8 24.♞e3 ♠c5 25.♞g3+ ♠f7

An unfortunate turn of events for Black. Unfortunately, White's growing initiative starting at move 19 has resulted in the loss of a Queen. Oh well, sometimes an accident will happen.

26.♞g7+ ♠e8 27.♞xd7 ♠xd7 28.exf6 e5

White makes good use of the overloaded Bishop on c5 to advance his ♖-side pawns.

29.♠b3 ♠d6 30.♞h7+ ♠e6



31.♠d4+ exd4 32.♞e1+ ♠e5 33.♞xc7 1-0.

Road Warrior



Chris White of La Crete won 1st place in the 2010 Road Warrior contest. Chris accumulated 52 points to take 1st and the \$400 prize. Roy Yearwood of Calgary took clear 2nd with 33.5 points, good enough for \$200. Phil Holmstrom and Ali Razzaq, both of Edmonton tied 3rd-4th with 31.5 points, each earning \$100. David Miller of Grande Prairie finished 5th with 31 point, collecting \$100. The 6th and final spot was taken by Edmonton's Rick Pedersen with 28.5 points, also earning him \$100.

The budget for 2011 is smaller than last year with just \$300 up for grabs. It is possible that sponsorship money might be obtained to top up the prize fund.

The points have not been updated for the University Battle of Alberta (should be available by February 21). After 2 events, here are the top 10 players:

#	Name	City	Pts
1	Paul Viminitz	Lethbridge	11.0
2	David Miller	Grande Prairie	10.0
3	Roy Yearwood	Calgary	10.0
4	Steve Panteluk	Edmonton	6.0
5	John Quiring	Edmonton	6.0
6	Ford Wong	Edmonton	6.0
7	Roland Schech	St.Albert	6.0
8	Stephen Stone	Edmonton	6.0
9	Archie Robertson	Fairview	2.5
10	Chris Mercredi	Valhalla Centre	2.0

You can view the full standings on the Road Warrior webpage.

www.albertachess.org/Road_Warrior.html

Edmonton Chess Club

#204, 10840-124 St.



Mondays & Thursday

7-11 p.m.

Saturdays

1-5 p.m.

Phone 780.424.0283

Website

www.edmontonchessclub.org

2011 ACA Tournament Schedule

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

Date	Event	Organizer	Location
Feb 19-20	Northern Alberta Open	Rick Pedersen	Edmonton
March 5-6	March of Kings	Roy Yearwood	Calgary
March 20	Edmonton Regional Chess Challenge	Bruce Thomas	Edmonton
March 20	Calgary Regional Chess Challenge	Roy Yearwood	Calgary
TBA	Medicine Hat Regional Chess Challenge	Bill Taylor	Medicine Hat
April 2-3	Lethbridge Open	Paul Viminitz	Lethbridge
April 16	Alberta Chess Challenge Finals	Bruce Thomas	Red Deer/Edm
April 22-24	Alberta Closed	TBA	Calgary
April 23-24	Alberta Reserves	TBA	Calgary
April 23-24	Alberta Women's	TBA	Calgary
May 19-23	Calgary International Chess Classic	Tony Ficzero	Calgary
June 4	Alberta Active	Rick Pedersen	Edmonton
June 18-19	Edmonton International Qualifier	Vlad Rekhson	Edmonton
July 27-Aug 1	Edmonton International Chess Festival	Vlad Rekhson	Edmonton
TBA	Battle of Alberta	Hughey/Daniluk	Red Deer
Sep 3-4	Over / Under 1800	Roy Yearwood	Calgary
Sep 17-18	Medicine Hat Open	Bill Taylor	Medicine Hat
Oct 8-10	Alberta Open	Rick Pedersen	Edmonton
Oct 28-30	Edmonton Fall Sectional	Rick Pedersen	Edmonton
Nov 5-6	Alberta Junior	Roy Yearwood	Calgary
Nov 19-20	Southern Alberta Open	Roy Yearwood	Calgary
Dec 3	Christmas Youth Open	Roy Yearwood	Calgary
Dec 17-18	WBX Team Tournament	Ali Razzaq	Edmonton

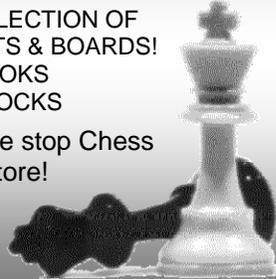
Lethbridge Chess Club
 Contact Kent Karapita
 Email kentkarapita@hotmail.com

Medicine Hat Chess Club
 Next Step Residential Services Building
 402 Maple Avenue SE
 Wednesdays
 mid-September to mid-June
 Contact: Bill Taylor 403.526.5484
 403.527.3574, taylormw@shaw.ca

The ChessMart
 12015 - 76 Street, Edmonton Phone (780) 474-2318
 Fax (780) 479-8363
 Email rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca

LARGE SELECTION OF WOOD SETS & BOARDS!
 CHESS BOOKS
 CHESS CLOCKS

Your one stop Chess store!




Section A players



Section H players

Chocolate prizes a hit at Pre-Valentine's Tournament

By Bruce Thomas

Due to Edmonton Chess Club being a busy place with other tournaments during February, including Alberta Youth Chess Championships, the usual Society of Alberta Chess Knights (SACK) Valentine's Tournament had to be held January 30. A Valentine's theme was still recognized with the awarding of eight hearts filled with candy treats.

As usual, a draw was held for each section of players. Thanks to Rob McCullough, Bruce Thomas, Colin Broughton for directing the tournament, to Kathy and Tony Chan for operating the snack concession and players for participating.

- Results:**
Section A: 1. Noah Hoffner 2. Dennis Situ, 3-4. David McCullough and Jakob Kaiser
Section B: 1. Ian McCullough 2. Henry Song 3. Sebastien Despres 4. Lukas Muliawan
Section C: 1. Allan Stanislus 2. Kaining Lin 3-4. Kaixin Wang and Zachary Kirsch
Section D: 1. David Yao 2. Darren Li 3. Rayden Lin 4. Austin Hesse 5-6. Alex Broughton and Filip Stevanovic
Section E: 1. Vinh Nguyen 2. Adam Mawani 3. John Cervantes 4-5. Boris Stevanovic and Ibrahim Elmallah, 6. Jeremy Kerr
Section F: 1. Raghu Manohar 2. Kevin Stanislus 3. YingTu Li 4-6. Diana Muzyka, Patrick Cervantes and Zachary Chaisson
Section G: 1. Praanesh Sureshkumar 2. Alvin Wu 3. Stefan Stanescu 4. Dean Holbertson 5. Siddhartha Chitrakar
Section H: 1. Alex Apostulo 2. Ada Broughton 3. Haresh Sureshkumar 4. Jacques Zhang 5. Andrew Chan.

4th Calgary International Chess Classic

May 19th to May 23rd, 2011
Calgary Chess Club
#204-3359 27th St. NE



International Section

By invitation only
May 19-23
10 player round robin
CFC & FIDE rated
IM norm opportunity guaranteed (may be upgraded to GM norm)
All games will be broadcast live
Contact Tony Ficzero for info
tficzere@telus.net
Phone 403.971.2437

Lecture and Simul

TBA
Calgary International Speed Championship
TBA



Reserve Section

May 21-23
6 round open swiss
CFC & FIDE rated
\$40 entry fee
Space is limited to 32 players, register early
Contact Tony Ficzero for registration info
tficzere@telus.net
Phone: 403.971.2437

Calgary International Active Fundraisers

\$20 entry fee, 50% returned as prizes
5 Sunday events, all start at 11 am

Calgary Chess Club

Sunday, March 13
Sunday, March 27
Sunday, April 10
Sunday, May 8
Sunday, May 15



Website will be available by March 1, 2011
Visit www.calgarychess.com for updates
Sponsored by the Calgary Chess Club and the Alberta Chess Association



2011 Northern Alberta Open

February 19-20
Edmonton Chess Club, #204 10840 124 St, T5M 0H3
Phone: 780-424-0283

Tournament Director: Rick Pedersen 780-434-1046 email rpedersen@interbaun.com

5 Round Swiss, CFC & FIDE rated, CFC membership is required and available at the site: \$41 adults, \$27 juniors

Entry fee: \$35 for CFC members, \$55 for non-members and \$45 for junior non-members

Register early and pay by February 17th and entry costs just \$30. No refunds after February 17th.

Vlad Rekhson will collect entries in Calgary. **Free for GMs and IMs.**

If you live outside of Edmonton and Calgary you can mail a cheque to the Edmonton Chess Club (address above) made payable to Rick Pedersen. Mail entries should be posted no later than February 11.

Registration: 9am-9:45am Saturday, February 19

Round times: Saturday, 10am, 2pm, 6pm. Sunday, 10am, 2:00pm

Time controls: G/90 + 30 seconds

Byes: Up to two half-point byes are available for rounds 1-4 if announced before the start of round 1

Prize fund: Guaranteed \$600 in prizes. More prizes if there are 25+ paid entries

First prize guarantee: \$200!

Miscellaneous: The winner qualifies for the 2011 Alberta Closed Chess Championship (if an Alberta resident)

Limit of 60 players so register early to guarantee your spot!

Default late time is 60 minutes



This is a *Road Warrior* event



TOP 40 CFC RATED ALBERTANS

AS OF FEBRUARY 16, 2011

1	Hansen, Eric	2537
2	Porper, Edward	2517
3	Pechenkin, Vladimir	2392
4	Gicev, Blagoj	2386
5	Reeve, Jeff	2322
6	Gardner, Robert J.	2309
7	Haynes, Nicolas	2294
8	Neven, Knut	2268
9	Wang, Richard	2266
10	Kazmaier, Daniel	2256
11	Yam, Alex	2256
12	Valencia, Belsar	2256
13	Ristovic, Nenad	2252
14	Kalisvaart, Peter	2243
15	Grumic, Sasa	2240
16	Yearwood, Roy	2218
17	Robichaud, Martin	2200
18	Booker, Brad	2192
19	Hughey, Micah	2182
20	Wen, Jean-Francois	2166
21	Willis, Bradley J.	2164
22	Rekhson, Vladislav	2163
23	Zhang, David	2158
24	Perron, Sean	2107
25	Campbell, Gordon	2077
26	Gorelik, Lev	2076
27	Tam, Erik	2075
28	Pedersen, Rick	2067
29	Ebrahim-Shirazi, Behrooz	2061
30	Purewal, Sardul	2050
31	Newton, Geoff	2050
32	Karmali, Hafiz	2045
33	Daniluk, Jim	2035
34	Pivovarov, Juraj	2019
35	Beaudry, Lukas	2003
36	Tot, Nandor	2000
37	Regimbald, Adrien	1996
38	Miller, Brian	1988
39	Pua, Richard	1982
40	MacIntosh, John J.	1974

TOP 10 FIDE RATED ALBERTANS

AS OF FEBRUARY 16, 2011

1	Porper, Edward	2437
2	Hansen, Eric	2412
3	Gicev, Blagoj	2325
4	Pechenkin, Vladimir	2305
5	Reeve, Jeff	2230
6	Ristovic, Nenad	2229
7	Wang, Richard	2195
8	Valencia, Belsar	2175
9	Gardner, Robert J.	2170
10	Haynes, Nicolas	2163

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS IN ALBERTA!

Airdrie Chess Club
Airdrie Public Library, 111 304 Main St.
Thursday evenings, contact Denis Young,
panaspor@hotmail.com

Calgary Chess Club
#274, 3359-27th St. NE (Parma Tech Centre, North Building)
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights from 6:30-11 p.m.
Phone 403.264.9498
Website: www.calgarychess.com

Calgary Junior Chess Club
#274, 3359-27th St. NE (Parma Tech Centre, North Building)
Contact: Simon Ong
Email: simong89@yahoo.ca
Website: www.geocities.com/calgarychess4juniors/home.html

University of Calgary Chess Club
Contact: Dan Kazmaier
Email: chess@ucalgary.ca

Edmonton Chess Club
#204, 10840-124 St.
Mondays & Thursdays, 7-11 p.m. Saturdays, 1-5 p.m.
Phone 780. 424.0283
Website: edmontonchessclub.org/

Edmonton Castle Downs
Castledowns Public Library program room, 106 Lakeside Landing, 15379 Castle Downs Road
Tuesdays 1-4:30 p.m. Casual chess - no clocks, no ratings; open to all ages, up to 16 players involved.

University of Alberta
Student Union Building @ Avenue Pizza Restaurant/Lounge
September through April (excluding Dec), Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Contact: Stephen Stone
Email: StephenRStone@gmail.com
Website: uachess.wetpaint.com

Grande Prairie Chess Club
Abundant Life Church, 9932 91 Ave
Tuesdays from 6-10 p.m.
Contact: Tim Pradzinski 780.518.2281
Email database@telusplanet.net
Website: www.gpchessclub.com

Hanna Chess Club
United Church on Centre St.
Contact Jon, 403.854.3412

Hinton
Queen's Bakery and Café, 124 Market St.
Contact: Peter Bundscherer, 780.865.5050

Lethbridge
Contact: Kent Karapita
Email: kentkarapita@hotmail.com

University of Lethbridge
Contact: Thomas Fox
Email: thomas.fox@uleth.ca
Website: people.uleth.ca/~chess.club/

Lloydminster
Contact: Terry Chaisson H. 780.875.8186
Or cell: 780.871.3995

Medicine Hat Chess Club
402 Maple Ave SE
Mid September to mid June, Wednesdays, 7-10:30 p.m.
Contact: Bill Taylor, 403.526.5484
Email taylormw@shaw.ca

Medicine Hat Junior Chess Club
1015 3rd St. N.W.
End of October to early March, Saturdays 1:30-4 p.m.
Contact: Bill Taylor, 403.526.5484
Email taylormw@shaw.ca

Okotoks Chess Club
Contact: Richard Bradley
Email: richard.bradley@shaw.ca

Sherwood Park
Second Cup on Baseline Road
Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to closing time
Contact: Les Jones, 780.467.7393

Wainwright Chess Club
Showtime Video, #701 10 Main St.
Thursdays 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Contact: Allen Tinio, 780.842.4123
Email: amtinio@telus.net

EDMONTON CASUAL CHESS
For general information or if you are interested in setting up a new casual site in Northern Alberta.
Contact: Bruce Thomas 780.474.2318
Email: rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca

Edmonton-Blackspot Café
15120 Stony Plain Road
Sundays, 2-10 p.m. Sets are available.

Edmonton-ChessMart
12015-76 St
Open weekdays 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and some evenings and weekends. Casual games can be arranged and evaluation of players of all ages.

Edmonton-Millwoods
Seniors Drop-in Centre inside Millwoods Town Centre Mall
Thursdays, starting 1 p.m.
For changes, corrections, or additions to this listing email vrekhson@yahoo.ca

The Alberta Chess Association is pleased to help out our existing chess clubs with any support they may require. We also encourage the formation of new clubs through our Chess Club seeding program. If you would like to start a chess club in your town, please contact the ACA to see if you qualify for the program. Email vrekhson@yahoo.ca for more information.



2011 Alberta Closed



Dates: April 22-24
Calgary Chess Club
274 3359 27 St. NE
Parma Tech Centre North Building
Phone: 403-264-9498

Tournament Director: TBA
Tournament Organizer: Vlad Rekhson

6 player Round Robin, CFC & FIDE rated

CFC membership is required and available at the door

Time controls: 40\90 minutes, then game in 30 minutes with a 30 second increment for each move from move 1.

Prize fund: Guaranteed \$600 in prizes
First place also receives a spot in the 2011 Canadian Closed. If no Canadian Closed is held, the winner may play in the 2011 Canadian Open. The ACA will cover expenses for any one of these tournaments up to \$2,000!

Who Qualifies:

The winners of the following events qualify:
2010 Alberta Open: IM Edward Porper
2010 Southern Alberta Open: Vlad Rekhson
2011 Northern Alberta Open: ?
2010 Alberta Closed Champion: FM Dale Haessel

Two players by rating as of the: April 6 rating list.
Replacements would be taken from the same rating list.
All participants must meet the Alberta Closed participation requirements.

Default late time is 60 minutes

This is a *Road Warrior* event!



2011 Alberta Reserve Championship



Dates: April 23-24
Calgary Chess Club, 274 3359 27 St. NE
Parma Tech Centre North Building
Phone: 403-264-9498

Tournament Director: TBA
Tournament Organizer: Vlad Rekhson

5 round swiss
CFC & FIDE rated, CFC membership is required

Prize Fund: Sum of entry fees less expenses.

Time Control: Game in 90 + 30 seconds

Round Times: Saturday, 10 am, 2 pm, 7 pm; Sunday 10 am, 2 pm or ASAP.

Entry Fee: \$30

Byes: A minimum of two ½ point byes available in the first three rounds if notified before the start of round 1.

Registration: Email Vlad Rekhson to get on the list at vrekhson@yahoo.ca
Onsite registration Saturday, April 23 from 9 am to 9:45 am
Note: All email registered players must check in at the registration desk by 9:45 am on Saturday to be paired for round 1.

You can pay your entry on any Tuesday at they Calgary Chess Club.

This is a *Road Warrior* event!



2011 Alberta Women's Championship

Dates: April 23-24
Calgary Chess Club, 274 3359 27 St. NE
Parma Tech Centre North Building
Phone: 403-264-9498

Format: Depends on number of entries

Prize Fund: Sum of entry fees less expenses

Time Control: Game in 90 + 30 seconds

Entry Fee: \$30

Registration: Email Vlad Rekhson to get on the list at vrekhson@yahoo.ca.
Registration closes April 16, 2011.

CFC Rating list of April 6 will be used.

This is a *Road Warrior* event!

