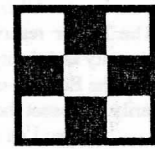


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## 1995 Southern Alberta Open by Grant Brown, TD

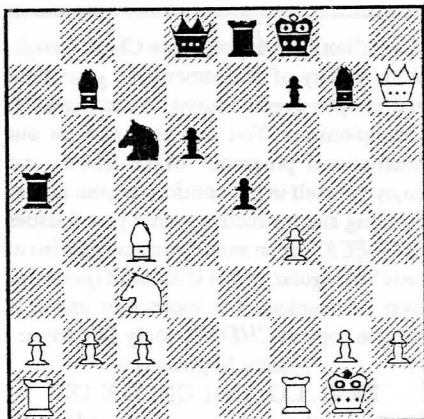
No problems; everything went smoothly. There were only 18 players (8 in the Open section—3 from Edmonton; 10 in the <1800), partly because of the weather, I think.

Greg Huber won the Open section with 4.5/5—although he dropped a draw in round 1 against Art Milne and almost drew in round 2 (up a pawn in a Bs of opposite colour ending) against Leo Danglapien. Things picked up from there—he beat Paul Usselman, Farzan Nazarian, and David Ottosen (for his victory over Dave, Greg won the Best Game prize). John Quiring, Usselman and Danglapien split the 2nd-3rd place prize money (and it looks like Ottosen got a 50% share of the \$25 as the loser in the 'best game' prize contest; thanks to Grant for donating the 'best game' and 'best rating gain' prizes! - ed).

Jordan Davies and Jose Managase tied for 1st in the Under 1800 section, with 3.5/5. Jordan won the \$25 best rating gain prize. Verne Taerum, Jonathan Day and Nick Podolchak followed at 3 points, just out of the money. Jeff Huang, Rodney Stoesz and Rishi Patel split the Top Under 1550 cash.

### G. Huber - D. Ottosen (round 5) Best Game Prize

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Bxf6 gxf6 9.Na3 f5 10.exf5 b5 11.Naxb5 axb5 12.Bxb5 Bb7 13.O-O Be7 14.Qh5 O-O 15.f6 Bxf6 16.Bd3 Re8 17.Qxh7+ Kf8 18.f4 Bg7 19.Bc4 Ra5



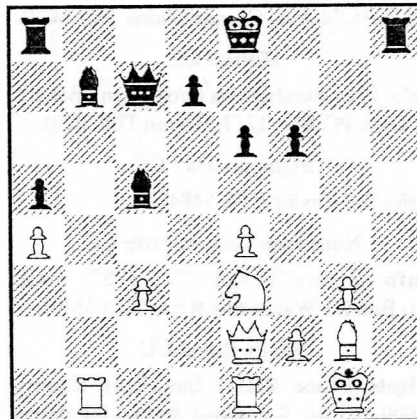
20.Bxf7 Kxf7 21.fxe5+ (1-0).

### F. Nazarian - G. Huber (round 4)

1.d4 d5 2.e3 c5 3.c3 cxd4 4.exd4 Nf6 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.f4 g6 7.Nf3 Bf5 8.Bxf5 gxf5 9.Ne5 e6 10.Nd2 Bd6 11.Ndf3 Ne4 12.O-O Qc7 13.Be3 O-O 14.Qe1 f6 15.Nd3 Kh8 16.Kh1 Rg8 17.Rg1 Qf7 18.Nf2 Qh5 19.Nxe4 fxe4 20.Qh4 Qxh4 21.Nxh4 f5 22.g3 b5 23.b3 Rac8 24.c4 bxc4 25.bxc4 dxc4 26.d5 exd5 27.Nxf5 Rgd8 28.Rgd1 Ba3 29.Nd4 Bb2 30.Nxc6 Rxc6 31.Bd4+ Bxd4 32.Rxd4 c3 33.Rc1 c2 34.Kg2 Rb8 35.Rd2 Rb2 36.a4 d4 (0-1).

### G. Huber - P. Usselman (round 3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 a6 3.Nf3 b5 4.Bd3 Bb7 5.O-O Nf6 6.Re1 c5 7.c3 Qc7 8.a4 b4 9.Bg5 c4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Bf1 h5 12.g3 a5 13.Nbd2 Ba6 14.Bg2 Bb7 15.Qe2 Nc6 16.d5 bxc3 17.bxc3 Ne5 18.Nxe5 Qxe5 19.Nxc4 Qc7 20.Ne3 h4 21.Rab1 hxg3 22.hxg3 Bc5 23.dxe6 fxe6



24.Rxb7 Qxb7 25.e5 Qa7 26.exf6 Bxe3 27.fxe3 Rc8 28.Qg4 Qc5 29.Qg7 Qf8 30.f7+ Kd8 31.Qg5+ Qe7 32.Qxa5+ Rc7 33.Rb1 (1-0).

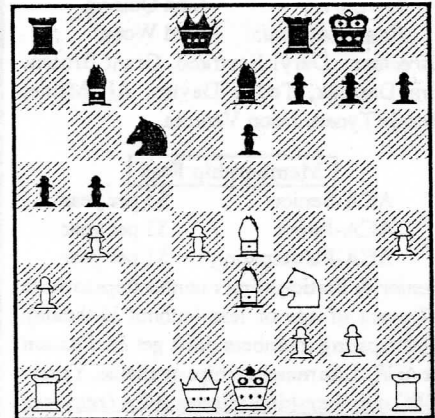
### P. Usselman - F. Nazarian

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 Be7 4.f4 d6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.c3 Bg4 7.O-O Qd7 8.a4 exf4 9.Bxf4 Nh5 10.Be3 Nf6 11.Qb3 O-O 12.a5 Bxf3 13.Rxf3 Ne5 14.Rf4 Nxc4 15.Qxc4 b6 16.Nd2 d5 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Rd4 Bc5 19.Rxd5 Bxe3+ 20.Kh1 Qe6 21.Nf3 c6 22.Re5 Qxc4 23.dxc4 Bc5 24.Nd4 Bxd4 25.cxd4 Rfd8 26.d5 cxd5 27.cxd5 f6 28.Re7 Kf8 29.Re7 Rxd5 30.axb6 Rad8 31.h3 Rd1+ 32.Kh2 axb6 33.Raa7 g5 34.Rf7+ Kg8 35.Rg7+ Kh8 36.Rxh7+ Kg8 37.Rag7+ Kf8 38.Rb7 Kg8 39.Rhg7+ Kh8 40.Rgf7 R1d6 41.b4 Kg8 42.Rfc7 Re8 43.b5 Red8 44.Rc6 Rxc6 45.bxc6 Rc8 46.Rxb6 Rc7 47.Rb8+ (1-0)

Some games from the Under 1800 section:

### J. Managase - J. Day

1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Nc3 Qd8 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.d4 a6 8.h3 e6 9.a3 Be7 10.Be3 Nc6 11.Bd3 O-O 12.h4 b5 13.b4 Bb7 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 a5



16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Qh5 Bxg5 19.hxg5 f6 20.g6 (1-0).

### J. Davies - J. Managase

1.Nf3 Nc6 2.g3 b6 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.b3 Nf6 5.Bb2 g6 6.d4 d5 7.Ne5 Bg7 8.Nd3 O-O 9.e3 e6 10.Nc3 a6 11.Qe2 Re8 12.O-O-O a5 13.f4 Ba6 14.h4 h5 15.Bf3 Bxd3 16.Rxd3 Nb4 17.Rdd1 Ne4 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.g4 Kh7 20.gxh5 Bh6 21.hxg6+ fxg6 22.h5 Rg8 23.Rdgl g5 24.Kb1 gxf4 25.exf4 Rxg1+ 26.Rxg1 e3 27.Qxe3 Qf6 28.Qe4+ Qf5 29.Qxa8 Qxc2+ 30.Ka1 Qf5 31.Qg8# (1-0).

### L. Lamoureux - P. Gauthier

1.e4 e6 2.d3 Nf6 3.g3 c5 4.Nd2 Nc6 5.Ngf3 Be7 6.Bg2 O-O 7.O-O d5 8.Re1 h6 9.c3 b5 10.e5 Nd7 11.d4 cxd4 12.cxd4 Qb6 13.Nb3 a5 14.Be3 Ba6 15.Rc1 Rfc8 16.a3 b4 17.a4 Qa7 18.Nc5 Nb6 19.b3 Nd8 20.Nxa6 Qxa6 21.Qd2 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Rc8 23.Bf1 Rxc1 24.Qxc1 Qc8 25.Qxc8 Nxc8 26.Ba6 Na7 27.h4 Ndc6 28.Nh2 f5 29.f4 h5 30.Nf3 Kh7 31.Ne1 Kg8 32.Nd3 Kf8 33.Nc5 Bxc5 34.dxc5 Ke7 35.Kf1 Kd7 36.Ke2 Kc7 37.Kd2 Nb8 38.Bb5 Nbc6 39.Be2 g6 40.Ke1 Kd7 41.Kf2 Ne8 42.Kg2 N8e7 43.Kh3 Ke8 44.Bf3 Kd7 45.Be2 Ke8 46.Bf2 Kd7 47.g4 fxg4+ 48.Bxg4 hxg4+ 49.Kxg4 Nf5 50.Kg5 Nce7 51.Kf6 d4 52.c6+ Nxc6 53.Kxg6 Nxh4+ 54.Bxh4 d3 55.Be1 Nd4 56.Kf6 Nf3 57.f5 exf5 58.e6+ Ke8 59.Bxb4 axb4 60.a5 d2 61.a6 d1=Q (0-1).

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Info: Todd Seitz (624-3256; mail: Bag 1200, Peace River, AB T8S 1V1).

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Info: Henry Vandervaart (341-3415, mail: c/o #307, 40 Cardinal Ave, Red Deer T4P 2T1).

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Info: David Bullas (440-3966; mail: Box 92, SUB, U of A, Edmonton T6G 2J7).

## Top-Rated Albertans

(as of 12 January 1996)

Greg Huber .....	2357
John Ferrar .....	2301
Nigel Fullbrook .....	2271
Sasha Grunic .....	2267
Yuri Vasylev .....	2255
Arniel Frialde .....	2252
Dale Haessel .....	2241
Neil Sharp .....	2203
Jim Daniluk .....	2196
Hafiz Karmali .....	2155
Paul Usselman .....	2155
Nandor Tot .....	2145
Arthur Odachowski .....	2143
Ante Zaradic .....	2143
Adam Wu .....	2139
John Parrott .....	2132
Farzan Nazarian .....	2104
Leo Danglapan .....	2093
James Flemming .....	2054
Walter Watson .....	2052
John Quiring .....	2051
Paul Thibodeau .....	2051
Arthur Milne .....	2029
Barney Fegyvermeki .....	2020
Danny Federkevic .....	2007
Lev Gorelik .....	2248/10*
Victor Maric .....	2191/5*
Michael Jorgensen .....	2108/8*
Eugene Gibney .....	2081/6*
Tedge Davies .....	2057/12*
John Shepherd .....	2028/18*
Yngvi Bjornsson .....	2024/21*

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## Two Weekends Before Xmas Open

by Jeff Cummer, TD

(Organizer: Ford Wong)

Twenty-eight players came in from the cold on December 16-17 to play chess in the sauna of the City Centre Inn in Edmonton. This made one less entrant than the previous year, because this time I decided not to play, but the total of twenty-eight was reached entirely without the assistance of Calgarians. Imagine, if there hadn't been a junior tournament the same Saturday, and a few Calgarians had decided to make the journey north, it might have been the largest tournament in the province in years...oh, well...I was happy.

So, it wasn't the biggest tournament, but it was possibly the strongest, boasting more masters than the Alberta Closed. Last year's winner, **Sasha Grumic**, along with **Nigel Fullbrook**, **Yuri Vasylev** and **Arniel Frialde**, formed a log jam at the top in round 4. Grumic and Fullbrook defeated Vasylev and Frialde, respectively, and just as I was eagerly anticipating another classic Fullbrook-Grumic battle, they agreed to a draw, before the game actually (*if I recall correctly from what Jeff told me, they did play something like 5 'moves' - ed*), and they took home \$87.50 apiece.

[CFC Tournament Rule Art. 10.10(2): "It is unethical and unsportsmanlike to agree to a draw before a serious contest has begun. The same is true of all agreements to prearrange game results. In cases of clear violations of the moral principles of the game, a director should impose penalties at his discretion." Fortunately for Grumic and Fullbrook, I did not look this up until I got home that night, or the game would have been a double forfeit, and the players fined and expelled from the tournament.]

John Quiring, however, took the moral high ground throughout, in winning the top Expert prize of \$60. He refused draws in several rounds, grinding out his opponents in the ending long after all other games in the round were over. In the fifth round he needed a draw to clinch the prize, as did his opponent, Dan Federkevic. Quiring refused a draw offer, later blundered a piece to a two-move combination, then accepted his opponent's draw offer. Federkevic said that he offered the draw because of his nerves (indeed, he is probably the most nervous chess player I have ever seen). He took home \$50 for his efforts in winning the 1800-1999 prize.

Daryl Bertrand won the top 1700-1799 prize (\$50), as he continued his hot streak, losing only to Vasylev and Frialde, while 'scalping' David Ottosen. His round two win

over Ottosen was his easiest of the tournament, as Ottosen stayed up ALL night talking to GMs on the Internet, then snuck behind the room partition to catch a quick nap after his first round victory, waking about half an hour after he had forfeited the game.

Duncan Campbell took the 1500-1699 prize with a lastround victory over newcomer Dan Hermansen. Campbell managed to exactly duplicate Bertrand's victory over Ottosen to gain the point, and \$40.

Another newcomer, Kay Duchesne of Llyodminster, formerly of the People's Republic of China, won the Under 1500/Unrated prize of \$30. She quickly gained respect as she nearly upset Harold Climenhaga in the first round, and played strong chess throughout the tournament.

Climenhaga won the upset prize, with his victory over Kenneth Chao in the third round, but was not available to collect his \$25 (*Jeff, I trust you put it away in an interest-bearing account for him...just kidding - ed*)

### S. Grumic - Y. Vasylev (round 4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 Be7 8.O-O O-O 9.Re1 Qa5 10.Be3 Rd8 11.Qf3 Bd7 12.Qg3 Rac8 13.f4 a6 14.Rad1 b5 15.e5 Ne8 16.f5 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 d5 18.f6 Bf8 19.fxg7 Nxc7 20.Rf1 Be8 21.Ne2 b4 22.Rf4 Qb5 23.Rd3 Kh8 24.Qh4 a5 25.Rh3 h5 26.Ng3 Kg8 27.Rg4 f5 28.exf6 e.p. hxg4 29.Qh8+ Kf7 30.fxg7 Bc5 31.g8(Q)+ Ke7 32.Rh7+ Kd6 33.Qe5+ Kc6 34.Qxe6+ (1-0).

### A. Frialde - N. Fullbrook (round 4)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c5 4.d3 Nc6 5.O-O Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.exf3 e6 8.f4 Be7 9.Nd2 O-O 10.Nf3 b5 11.a4 b4 12.Re1 Rc8 13.g4 Ne8 14.Be3 Na5 15.Rb1 Nd6 16.Qe2 Re8 17.Ne5 Bf6 18.g5 Bxe5 19.fxg5 Nf5 20.Qg4 Qd7 21.Ra1 c4 22.d4 b3 23.c3 Nc6 24.h4 Nce7 25.h5 Rc6 26.Ra3 Ra6 27.Re1 Rb8 28.Bh3 Ra5 29.Kg2 Rb6 30.g6 fxg6 31.hxg6 Nxc6 32.Bg5 Rba6 33.Rh1 Rxa4 34.Rxa4 Rxa4 35.Qh5 Nf8 36.Rg1 Qf7 37.Qe2 Ra2 38.Kh2 Ng6 39.Bc1 a5 40.Qh5 a4 41.Rg5 N5h4 42.f4 a3 43.f5 axb2 44.Bxb2 Rxb2+ 45.Kg3 exf5 46.Rxf5 Rg2+ (0-1).

### C. Dartana - J. Quiring (round 4)

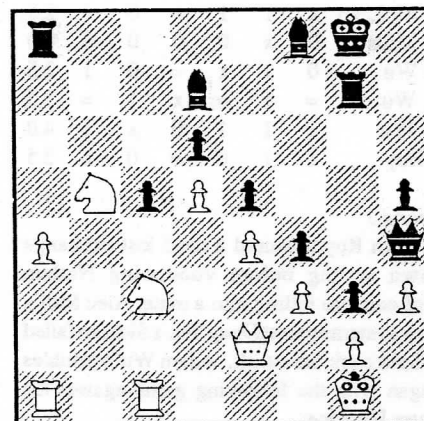
1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.f4 Nxe4 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Bb5 d5 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 e6 10.Bd2 a6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.O-O Oc5 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.g4 g6 15.h4 h5 16.g5 Ng4 17.Na4 Bd4 18.Bc3 Bxc3 19.Qxc3 O-O 20.Qd4 Rb8 21.Nc5 Qd6 22.Rde1 Rb5 23.b4 a5 24.a3 axb4 25.axb4 R8b8 26.c3 Qb6 27.Kc2 Ra8 28.Ra1 Qc6 29.Kb2 Rbb8 30.Rxa8 Rxa8 31.Ra1 Rxa1 32.Kxa1 Qb5 33.Kb2 Qe2+ 34.Kb3 Ne3 35.Ka4 c6 (0-1).

### N. Fullbrook - Y. Bjornsson (round 3)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Qb3 Bg7 7.cxd5 O-O 8.g3 Nbd7 9.Bg2 Nb6 10.Nge2 Bf5 11.O-O Bd3 12.d6 exd6 13.Bxb7 Rb8 14.Bg2 Re8 15.Qd1 Bf5 16.b3 Ne4 17.Be3 Rbc8 18.Rc1 Nd7 19.Nxe4 Bxe4 20.Bxe4 Rxe4 21.Qd3 Re8 22.Qa6 Nb6 23.Nf4 Qd7 24.d5 g5 25.Nh5 Nxd5 26.Nxc7 Nxe3 27.Nxe8 Qxe8 28.Rxc8 (1-0).

### J. Quiring - S. Grumic

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 O-O 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 e5 7.d5 Nh5 8.O-O Nf4 9.Ne1 a5 10.Nd3 Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 f5 12.f3 f4 13.c5 g5 14.b3 Rf7 15.Ba3 Bf8 16.Rfc1 h5 17.cxd6 cxd6 18.Kh1 Bd7 19.Nb2 Na6 20.Nba4 b6 21.Nb5 Nc5! (*I'm assuming that such annotations on the scoresheet were by Grumic - ed*) 22.Nac3 g4 23.b4 axb4 24.Bxb4 Rg7 25.Bxc5 bxc5 26.a4 Qh4! 27.Kg1? g3 28.h3



28...Bxh3 29.gxh3 g2 30.Qe1 Rg3 31.Ne2 Qxh3 32.Rc3 Be7 33.Qc1 Bh4!! 34.Nxf4 Qh1+ 35.Kf2 g1=Q+ 36.Ke2 Qgg2+ (0-1).

### H. Climenhaga - J. Quiring

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Be2 O-O 6.O-O c6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Be3 b5 9.a3 Nbd7 10.h3 Nb6 11.Qd2 Kh7 12.Nh2 Nc4 13.Bxc4 bxc4 14.Qe2 d5 15.e5 Ng8 16.f4 Rb8 17.Rab1 f6 18.Na4 fxe5 19.fxe5 Rxf1+ 20.Qxf1 Qa5 21.Nc5 c3 22.Nb3 Qa4 23.bxc3 Qxa3 24.g4 e6 25.Ra1 Qe7 26.Bc1 Rb7 27.Ba3 Qf7 28.Qxf7 Rxf7 29.Nc5 Bf8 30.Rf1 Rxf1+ 31.Kxf1 g5 32.Ke2 Kg6 33.Bb4 Be7 34.Nb3 Kf7 35.Nf3 Ba6+ 36.Kf2 Bb5 37.Bxe7 Nxe7 38.Nc5 a5 39.Nd2 a4 40.Nb1 Ng6 41.Na3 Nf4 42.Nb7 Nxc3+ 43.Kg3 Nf4 44.Nd6+ Kg6 45.N6xb5 cxb5 46.Nxb5 h5 47.gxh5+ Nxc5+ 48.Kg4 Ng7 49.Na3 Nf5 50.Kf3 Kh5 51.c4 Nxd4+ 52.Ke3 Nf5+ 53.Kf2 dxc4 54.Nxc4 Kg4 55.Na3 Kf4 56.Nc4 Ke4 (0-1).



# ALBERTA JUNIOR CHESS REPORT



(A special section of the Alberta Chess Report, January 1996)

## Alberta Junior by David Ottosen

The 1995 Alberta Junior saw longtime junior kingpin Adam Wu in his final year of eligibility, and with a host of players eager to get their last crack at him before he moves on to 'fogey' chess with the rest of us. However, it was not to be a triumphant departure for Adam, as little brother Douglas Wu shed his nickname 'Mud' to take the Alberta Junior championship in shocking fashion. Although Adam defeated Douglas in their individual encounter, Adam's GM-like draws with black cost him the title. Fortunately, he picked off one of the rating spots for the Canadian Junior, and both Wu brothers will go to Windsor.

N. McLean	x	1	1	=	0	0	2.5
A. Mills	0	x	0	0	0	0	0.0
B. Wu	0	1	x	=	0	1	2.5
A. Wu	=	1	=	x	1	=	3.5
D. Wu	1	1	1	0	x	1	4.0
J. Roy	1	1	0	=	0	x	2.5

### Round 1

Jim Roy acquired a dead lost exchange down ending before voodooing Nathan McLean into falling into a mate. Alec Mill's slow system against Doug Wu's Sicilian failed to hold back the attack. Adam Wu's troubles began with the following game against his sister Beatrice:

#### B. Wu - A. Wu

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Be3 Bg7 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.f3? *There is no need for this. Either 7.Bc4 or 7.Be2 would be normal. 7...0-0!? 7...d5! would allow Black to transpose into a normal Dragon line, except a tempo up, having played d7-d5 instead of d7-d6-d5. 8.Bc4 d6 9.Qd2 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Rc8 11.Bb3 Ne5 12.h4 a5!? Committing himself to Q-side action and daring White to mate him first. The text anticipates a rook sac on c3, followed by a4. 13.Bh6? Bxh6 14.Qxh6 a4? Fingerfehler. Adam intended 14...Rxc3 15.bxc3 a4 16.Bd5 e6 17.Bxb7 Qb6 with material advantage and attack. This same position (after 15...a4) was reached in Quiring-Brown, July Open 1994 (ACR, 19[4], Nov/94 p. 5), when White continued 16.Bxa4 Bxa4 and was lost soon after. 15.Bxa4 Rxc3 16.Bxd7 Qxd7! 16...Rxc2+ would win a pawn back, but forcing White to mangle the Q-side is preferable. 17.bxc3 Qa4 18.Kd2?! Too passive. White needs to keep attacking in dragon spirit; e.g. 18.g4! Nc4 19.Rdg1 Qxa2*

*20.Kd1 Qa1 + 21.Ke2 Qxc3 22.Nf5 Qxc2+ 23.Kf1 Qd1 + 24.Kg2 Qe2+ 25.Kg3 gxf5 26.gxf5 and White wins. 18...Rc8 19.Rb1!? Again, consider 19.g4, e.g. 19...Qc4! 20.Nf5! Nxf3 + 21.Kc1 gxf5 22.gxf5 Qxe4 23.Rdg1 +! Nxf1 24.Rxf1 + Ng4 25.Qg5 + Kf8 26.Rxf4 winning (yes, but isn't it Black?; e.g. 26...Qe1 + 27.Kb2 Qxc3 + 28.Kb1 Qxc2 + 29.Ka1 Qd1 + 30.Kb2 Rc2 + 31.Ka3 Qd3 + 32.Ka4 Rxa2 + 33.Kb4 Rb2 + 34.Ka5 Qb5# - ed.). 19...Nc4+ 20.Kd3 Ne5 + 21.Kd2 Nc4+ (draw)*

### Round 2

Nathan's wholesale pawn storm rolled over Alec. Beatrice unwisely allowed Douglas to mess up her pawns, then he hacked off a bunch of pieces and won the ending. Adam continued to have uncharacteristic problems...

#### J. Roy - A. Wu

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.b3 *Not a move I could find in any book. 4...g6!? I might prefer 4...bxc4 5.bxc4 e6, reaching a Modern Benoni setup where the exchange of b-pawns favors Black. 5.Bb2 Bg7 6.Qc2 b4?! Releasing the tension on the Q-side gives White a free hand in the center. 6...0-0 was likely better. 7.Nd2 0-0 8.e4 d6 9.Ngf3? 9.f4! is begging to be played. Black has two pawn breaks to loosen White's grip, a5-a4 and e6, so White must act before they arrive. After 9.f4 e6 10.Bd3! (not 10.e5 Ne8 11.Ngf3 Bb7!) 10...Nbd7 11.Ngf3 Bb7 12.0-0-0, White's K-side attack will be better than Black's Q-side, if only because Black can only open one file, whereas White can hit Black with e5, f5, g5, and h5, all opening Black up. 9...Nbd7 10.Be2 a5 11.0-0 a4 12.Rae1 Nb6 The price of White's hesitation is now getting clearer. Black has been given time for a5-a4, while White has accomplished nothing in the center. 13.h3? Bd7 14.Kh1? Qc7 15.Nh2?! axb3 16.axb3 Ra2! I have been harsh on White's last few moves, although with good reason. By dawdling, he has allowed Black to catch up in development, open the Q-side and begin penetration. 17.Rb1 e6! 18.Qc1 exd5 19.cxd5? Incomprehensible. Perhaps White felt the c4 square would be of use later. However, he is merely creating Q-side pawn weaknesses. 19.exd5 is obvious and good. 19...Re8 20.f3 Nh5! Now Black has attacking ideas on the Q-side, K-side, and center! 21.Rf2 Ng3+ 22.Kg1 Nxe2+? 22...Nxd5! shatters White, e.g. 23.Bc4 Nc3 24.Bxc3 Bxc3 25.Ndf1 Rxf2 26.Kxf2 Bd4 + 27.Ne3 Nxe4 +! 28.fxe4 Rxe4 29.Nhf1 d5 30.Bxd5 Qf4 + 31.Kg1 Rxe3! Whites position might best be described as*

*"pee-yew!" 23.Rxe2 Bb5? 23...Nxd5 is still good. Adam later stated that he had simply missed it. 24.Rf2 Bd3 25.Bxg7! Kxg7 25...Bxb1 26.Qxb1 Rxd2 27.Rxd2 Kxg7 is no better. 26.Rb2 Rea8 27.Rxa2 Rxa2 28.Nb1 Qa7 29.Ng4! Nd7 Necessary to guard f6. 30.Qh6+ Kg8 31.Rxa2 Qxa2 32.Nd2 Qa1+ 33.Kh2 Qg7!? 33...c4! looks like an interesting winning try. 34.bxc4 f5!! The key move; if 34...Qd1 35.e5 dxe5 36.c5 wins. 35.exf5! Bxf5 36.Qe3 Ne5 37.Nb3 Qc3 38.Qxc3 bxc3 39.Nxe5 dxe5 40.c5 Bd3! and now (A) 41.c6? Bc4 42.c7 Ba6 43.Nc5 Bc8 44.d6 c2 45.d7 Bxd7 46.Nxd7 c1=Q wins, or (B) 41.d6! Kf7 42.c6 Bb5 43.c7 Bd7 44.Nc5 Ke8 45.Kg3 c2 46.Nd3 looks unclear, but most likely a draw—this ending, especially after 40...Bd3, is a little too complex for me... 34.Qf4 Ne5 35.Nxe5 (draw)*

### Round 3

Jim played quickly against Alex to make it to another appointment, and was fortunate not to lose. Adam brought Douglas (and himself, to some extent!) back to reality by toasting Doug with the dreaded long diagonal. However, the game of the round was, with no doubt, Nathan's win over Beatrice:

#### B. Wu - N. McLean

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 Bb7 9.d3 d5?! *This move is also not in my books. Perhaps it has something to do with the line 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Rxe5 c6 13.d4 Bd6 14.Re1 Qh4 15.Qf3, when Black appears to have little. Beatrice may have been influenced by some past 'horror' experiences against the Marshall, one of which I myself was a party to. 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.d4? Not good. White opens the game up, despite being behind in development. Now Black rears back and blasts White off the board in impressive style. 11...exd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 c5! Opening the long diagonal with tempo. 14.Qd1 c4 15.Bc2 Bc5 16.Be4? White, down many tempi already, continues to move the same piece over and over again. Maybe White should try 16.Qh5 g6 17.Qg5, although Black will still have a big attack. 16...Qh4! 17.Qf3? Rae8 18.Re2 Bxf2+!! The K-side is decisively breached. Capturing on f2 loses the B on e4 while scarcely reducing the attack. 19.Kf1! Bb6 20.b3 Ne3+ 21.Bxe3 Bxe4 22.Qf2 Qxf2+ 23.Kxf2 Bd3 24.Re1 Rxe3! 25.Rxe3 Re8 26.bxc4 Rxe3 27.cxb5 Re2+ (0-1). A masterful performance by Nathan.*



#### Round 4

Doug rebounded and continued his winning ways by infiltrating Jim's queenside to the tune of an exchange. Adam's KID stood up to Nathan's Saemisch attack until the time scramble, which ended with Nathan forcing a perpetual. Alec missed his first win this round...

#### A. Mills - B. Wu

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 Nf6 *Aaagh!! It's the Red Deer Bishop!* 4.Nc3 e6 5.d3 Nc6 6.0-0 Be7 7.d4?! cxd4 *White transposes to an Open Sicilian a tempo down.* 8.Nxd4 a6 9.a4 Qc7 *By playing quietly, White hopes to minimize the effects of his tempo loss.* 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 Nxe4? *Cute, but it has a flaw.* 12.Nxe4 Bxh4 13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.Nxd6+ Ke7 15.Nxc8+? 15.Nxf7! *wins a pawn after 15...Kxf7 16.Qh5+ Kf8 17.Qxh4.* 15...Raxc8 16.Bb3 Rhd8 17.Qe2 Bf6 18.Rab1 Rd6 19.Rfc1 Rcd8 20.c3 Rd2 21.Qc4 Qb6 22.Rf1 R8d6 23.Ra1 Rxb2 24.Ra3 Rdd2 25.Qb4+ Qxb4 26.cxb4 Bd4? 26...Rxf2! 27.Rxf2 Rb1+ 28.Rf1 Bd4+ 29.Kh1 Rxf1# *is more aesthetic.* 27.h3 Bxf2+ 28.Kh1 Ba7 29.Bd5 Rxd5 30.Rc1 Bb8 31.b5 Rdd2 32.Rg3 Bxg3 (0-1)

#### Round 5

Beatrice caught Jim in an opening trap, and rolled him off the board speedily. Adam won quickly over Alec, and waited anxiously to see if Nathan could draw or defeat Douglas, which would create a tie for first. Unfortunately for him, this is what he saw...

#### D. Wu - N. McLean

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e5 *Czech Benoni; quoth MCO "White has the better chances in a maneuvering game".* 4.Nc3 d6 5.Bg5? *Wastetime. 5.e4 is natural and good.* 5...Be7 6.Qd2 0-0 7.0-0-0 Nbd7 8.e4 a6 9.Bd3 Ne8! *Offers to trade bad B for good B, while unblocking the f-pawn; Adam looked happy for now.* 10.Be3 Rb8 11.Nge2 Qa5 12.Kb1 b5! *With the center locked, Black is proceeding nicely with a wing attack.* 13.Nc1 b4?? *Harsh punctuation, but deserved. White has not started his K-side attack, but now the Q-side is closed and White has all the time in the world to roll on over and squash Black. Best was 13...bxc4* 14.Bxc4 Rb4 15.Nb3 Qc7 16.Qe2 Nb6! 17.Bxa6 Bxa6 18.Qxa6 Nf6, *when Black has a good attack for the pawn; e.g.* 19.Nb5 Qd7 20.Qxb6 Rxb5 21.Qa6 c4 22.Nd2 c3! 23.Nb3 Rc8 24.bxc3 Nxe4 *and White is barely holding on.* 14.N3e2 Qb6 15.f4 a5 16.f5 Qd8 *Black's position is hopeless. He is condemned to passive defense with very little space to maneuver. For the rest of the game note White's patience in bringing everyone to the party on the K-side.* 17.g4 g5 18.h4 f6 19.Ng3 Bb7 20.Nce2

#### EJCC Sizzling September Sacrifice

by Adam Wu

Seventeen players appeared at this chess year's inaugural tournament to take advantage of the spacious food court in our new site at Eaton's Centre. Co-TDs and new club organizers Adam Wu and Dave Ottosen got to watch first hand a tight race featuring 'sacrifices' galore, sound and unsound, the latter predominating. The top three finishers were each a half point apart. Aaron Lovi emerged on top with 4.5/5, Dmitri Shefer scored 4/5 and Matt Wong 3.5/5. Behind them, the brothers Kan (Bernie and Arthur), Jeremiah Gallinger, Alim Merali, Rishi Patel and newcomer Faizal Virani all scored 3. In the playoff, Rishi claimed the book prize.

In round 2, Matt Wong and Jeremiah Gallinger continued the pattern set in their previous encounters and played ping pong with their queens. Unfortunately for Matt's chances in the race for first, he aced his first serve. I guess racket sports and high tempo chess just don't mix.

When the dust cleared, Dave Ottosen gave a simul, which the author unfortunately could not witness. He scored 12/17, but was trounced by a player he had once beaten with the legendary/infamous Hammerschlock (*that's Hammerschlog - ed.*) Def...um, I mean ATTACK!—he also managed to win a game with that same epitome of classic chess theory.

#### EJCC Outstanding October Outpost

by Adam Wu

Having been abandoned by fellow TD Dave Ottosen, the author had to brave the perils of this tournament alone. After overcoming all odds to secure a playing area after the mall staff erroneously thought the tournament was to occur the next week and committed all the tables to a dinosaur display, 13 hardy players sat down to chessic fisticuffs.

Dmitri Shefer again was undefeated, and

again gave up one draw too many to end up out of the prizes. Aaron Lovi had to take a last round bye and bowed out of the race for first. This month belonged finally to Matt Wong, who scored 4.5/5 to seize the book prize. Newcomer Steve Norm played well enough to score 3.5/5 and finish third overall, but was unfortunately too old to qualify for the unrated prize, even if it had actually existed.

#### EJCC New November Knockdown

by Adam Wu

Yours truly was away on 'academic matters' for the first three rounds, and must give profuse thanks to Beatrice Wu, who, in the small time intervals spent not agonizing over whether or not to play, managed to register the participants, start the tournament, and get three rounds done. There were four unrated newcomers, or so I was told. I saw only one of them, as three withdrew just as I arrived.

Now for the tournament itself. Newly crowned Alberta Junior Champion Douglas Wu condescended to mingle with us mortals and crunched the opposition with incisive tactical forays. The author arrived just in time

to see him dismantle top seed Matt Wong with a creative attack on a stranded centralized king that began with a speculative piece sacrifice. The scattered scoresheets that he left around gave testimony to a brutal destruction of Faizal Virani in round 2 that featured a double check. Aside from Doug's rampage, Matt Wong and Cynthia Wu survived traumatic outings against the winner to both score 4/5 and tie for second. Unfortunately, there was no prize for second place... Steven Ho, the only unrated newcomer not to withdraw after round 3, earned the under 1200 book prize for his resilience.

Ng7 *By now, Adam was looking quite unhappy.* 21.Ng1 h6 22.Nf3 Kf7 23.hxg5 hxg5 24.Rh7 Rh8 25.Rdh1 Rxh7 26.Rxh7 Qg8 27.Qh2 *At this point, most of us watching realized that Black was in zugzwang on a full board of pieces...threats of Qh6, Nh5 mating or simply Rh8 winning the queen are all unstoppable.* 27...Kf8 28.Rh8 (1-0)

Congratulations to Douglas Wu on what I am sure will be the first of many Alberta Junior Championships!

#### EJCC Delightful December Dustup

by David Ottosen

Matt Wong left the junior ranks with a solid victory at the EJCC, his departure much to the relief of all the other players. His draw with Bernie Kan gave Bernie a chance to take a share of first; but Bernie 'chose' to get destroyed by his brother Arthur in the last round, thereby foregoing his first place option. Perhaps it was the Xmas spirit that led Bernie to mutter "Sleep with one eye open tonight 'brother'" (watching for Santa, I am sure!).

**Alberta Cadet**  
by David Ottosen

Regrettably, in my recent move to Winnipeg, my copies of the Alberta Cadet game scores were somehow 'misplaced', so this report will have to be rather short. To state it concisely, **Douglas Wu** and **Jordan Davies** tied for first, each scoring 3-1. Jordan lost to Douglas, but Doug was shockingly upset by Duncan Campbell. You may notice that only 4 games were played (Niño Caoile was a surprise last minute no show from Calgary due to poor weather).

[I would like to use some space for a brief diatribe... The Alberta Cadet is a serious chess event. In my view, several of the players did not treat it as such, and would do well to consider the fact that the Alberta Chess Association is using this tournament to select its representative for a national championship. The contrast in atmospheres between here and the junior was shocking to me as a tournament director. A more serious atmosphere would likely improve the quality of play.]

In any event, a playoff match between Doug and Jordan is scheduled to take place at the site of the January Open in Calgary (January 27-28; see page 8 for information on that tournament).

**Chess'n Math's — Calgary  
November & December Events**  
by Larry Bevand

**Nov. 19**

There were 22 players. **Gurb Singh** outclassed the field in the top division. **Gerard O'Reilly**, who has a national reputation on the scholastic chess scene, cleaned up in his division—he's in grade 5 at St. Cecilia School. **John Webster** took honours in the third division. **Shandy Booth**, in grade 1 at University Elementary, shut out his older opponents—his scholastic rating went from 301 to 399.

**Dec. 17**

Only 13 players (perhaps it was too close to Xmas; we'll see what happens at the next tournament, January 21st). **Joseph Sealy-Harrington**, in the 2nd grade at University Elementary (what do they feed kids at that school anyway?), won the rated under 400 division, which resulted in his rating leaping from 301 to 513! **Adam Alladin** took top honors in his division—he's in grade 7 at Queen Elizabeth School and now has an 811 scholastic rating.

**Canadian Youth Chess Festival:  
The Road To Montreal 1996**  
by Ford Wong

Several changes have occurred since the successful first year of this event. It is now the 'Canadian Youth Chess Festival' instead of 'Corel Canadian Youth Chess Festival' (Corel, last year's major sponsor, withdrew its support). This year the event has been taken over by Chess'n Math, which also sponsors the Canadian Chess Challenge. Corel should be commended for their support last year, as they provided some excellent participation prizes and significant financial contributions.

This year the schedule of events was also moved up—Regionals were held in late fall, Provincial Finals in December, and the National Finals are in mid-January. This change in time may have caught many prospective participants offguard.

Congratulations to **Nigel Sharp** (Under 10), **Gerard O'Reilly** (Under 12), **Douglas Wu** (Under 14) and **Gurb Singh** (Under 18), who will represent Alberta at the 1996 Canadian Youth Chess Festival Finals in Montreal in January.

**Alberta Finals**  
(Edmonton, December)

**Under 10**—**Nigel Sharp** salvaged a draw against favorite Stephen Hazeltine and won all his other games to finish first. Stephen fell short when he surrendered a first round draw to Kevin Mayo. Nigel was the story of the day as he is only 5 years old. (Note: Nigel, like Capablanca, started playing chess at the age of 4, but proud father Neil was not about to unleash Nigel on the chess world until he was ready, i.e. Nigel needed to work on his concentration and attention span.)

**Under 12**—**Gerard O'Reilly** placed clear first with a perfect 4-0 record. Second and third place required a playoff between Alim Merali, Wendy LaValley and Justin Pagliaroli, who finished in that order, respectively.

**Under 14**—**Douglas Wu**, the current Alberta Junior champion, withstood all challenges to win. A surprising but strong performance was given by Jesse Darling.

**Under 18**—**Gurb Singh** was in trouble in several games but managed to finish tied for first. His games included a round 1 win against Zach Sonnleitner, who couldn't finish him off with 2 extra pieces at one point. Gurb won a playoff with **Dmitri Shefer** to take the under 18 group. Jeremiah Gallinger could've finished clear first, but failed to win in the last round vs. Dmitri.

**Edmonton Junior Chess Club**  
Site: Food Concourse, Eaton Centre, lower floor by the "giant chess set". **Registration:** 9:30-10:00 a.m. Entry fee \$4. Usually active chess (30 minutes per player). CFC/ACA memb. needed. Equipment is supplied.  
**Organizers:** Adam Wu (462-0838); Mark Kirvan (939-5986)

**Tournaments (Saturdays)**

Feb. 3 Frozen February Fantasy  
Mar. 2 Magnificent March Madness  
Apr. 6 or 13 Mysterious May Malady  
May 4 Awesome April Aspirations  
(dates still have to be confirmed with Eaton Centre, but are 'probable'—call Adam for info)

**Chess'n Math Calgary Tournaments**  
(for students from kindergarten - grade 12)  
1996: Jan. 21; Feb. 18; Mar. 17; Apr. 14

**Location:** Lord Nelson Inn, 1020-8 Ave SW  
**Entry:** \$10 (\$7 if subscribe to Scholar's Mate, Canada's chess magazine for kids).

**Registration:** noon - 12:30 p.m.

- everything is over by 4 p.m.
- players are grouped in sections of 6 by scholastic rating; newcomers play by grade
- medal for the winner of each section
- souvenir for each participant
- rated by Chess'n Math Association, Canada's national scholastic chess organization
- Information: Jim Daniluk 248-7456

**Alberta Regionals**

The winners at the regionals were:

**Calgary:** **Under 10**—Stephen Hazeltine; Aidin Sadr (9 players). **Under 12**—Jeff Huang; Gerard O'Reilly (3). **Under 14**—Jordan Davies; John Rajchel (2). **Under 18**—Gurb Singh; Niño Caoile (4).

**Edmonton:** **Under 10**—David Rutledge; Kevin Mayo (6 players). **Under 12**—Paul Kirvan; Alim Merali; Justin Pagliaroli (12). **Under 14**—Kris Steinbach; Alexander Lokshin (9). **Under 18**—Dmitri Shefer; Cynthia Wu; Jeremiah Gallinger (12).

**Peace River:** **Under 10**—Chip Boyer; Mathew LaValley (6 players). **Under 12**—Wendy LaValley (4). **Under 14**—Jesse Darling (1).

**Red Deer:** **Under 10**—Nigel Sharp (2 players); **Under 18**—Zach Sonnleitner (1).

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped at these tournaments (especially the organizers: Todd Seitz, Jim Daniluk, Neil Sharp, and Ford Wong). Thanks also to all the participants, and the parents who patiently (and sometimes even unemotionally!) waited at the sidelines during the games. Finally, a special thanks to Chess'n Math for sponsoring the Youth Chess Festival.



**Canadian Chess Challenge 1996**  
by Neil Sharp

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The Canadian Chess Challenge is Canada's National School Chess Championship program. Provincial winners are determined in each grade from 1 to 12. These 12 players represent the province in the National Championship to be held in May, probably in New Brunswick.

This year it is not necessary to begin competition at the school level. Anyone may enter a regional tournament. Entry fee is \$10, payable at the tournament site. Make cheques payable to 'Canadian Chess Challenge'.

Choose the regional tournament which is most convenient (*it's safe to assume you can only play in one regional - ed*). Call your regional tournament organizer for more details—this will help to give the organizer an idea of approximately how many students will attend his regional tournament.

**ECC Winter Open (Under 1700)**  
by Kurt Lauterwald, TD

The Edmonton Chess Club Winter Open attracted 29 players this time around. It was a five round tournament run from November 16 to December 14. We had a '1700 and over' section and an 'under 1700' section, and started with Aaron Lovi and myself as co-TDs. The idea here was that two relatively green tournament directors could help each other out, since two heads are better than one. However, it didn't quite turn out this way, as Aaron took over the upper section while I looked after the lower one. From then on we worked independent of each other.

In my first tournament as a director I found that it is quite useless to make pairings ahead of time, since there always seemed to be 'somebody who gave a message to somebody else that he couldn't make it that night' (*yup, TDs do have to put up with and make adjustments for such things at 'club tournaments' - ed*). When changes had to be made on short notice, however, I could depend on help from more seasoned directors, such as Ottosen and Dewindt (*yup again, at least for Dewindt, since he has definitely been around the ECC for a lot of seasons - ed*).

Now to the results in the Under 1700 section... The top two players, with four points each, were **Micah Hughey** (an unrated player, but well known to the downtown 'library players'; *I hope I've got the first name*

**Regional tournaments, and coordinators:**  
Feb. 4

Red Deer (Neil Sharp, 346-0420)

Feb. 10

Calgary (Jim Daniluk; 248-7456)

Edmonton (Ford Wong; 481-6474)

Lethbridge (Grant Brown; 381-0308)

Ralston—near Medicine Hat

(Dave Blemings; 544-3535w, 526-0238h)

Feb. 17

Slave Lake (Bernie Tynan; 771-3757)

Feb. 24

Peace River (David Bond; 624-3273)

Top players in each grade at regionals will win prizes and qualify for the Provincial Championship, March 23, Red Deer, organizer Neil Sharp. EF also \$10, payable at site.

There are three prizes in each grade at the provincials. Also, the winner of each grade will receive at least partial funding towards his or her airfare to the National Championship in May. Accommodation and meals at the National are paid by the organizer.

It's not necessary to be a CFC member to attend these tournaments. They are not rated, and are 30 minutes/game time control.

**Now Even More Video Tapes**  
Available for Borrowing

Thanks to funding from a Parks and Recreation RPW Foundation grant, the ACA has increased its stock of chess videos. Copies are kept in both Calgary and Edmonton, and are free to ACA members to borrow on a three-week basis.

For beginners:

- *Opening Principles*; and *Understanding Chess* (both by Bruce Pandolfini)
- For 'advanced' players:
- *How To Visualize Combinations*; and *Pawn Structures* (both by Danny Kopec)
- *Middlegame Analysis*; and *Rook and Pawn Endgames*; and *Tactics in the Opening, Middlegame and Endgame* (all 3 by Edmar Mednis)
- *Middlegame Planning*; and *How to Play Winning Attacks* (both by Patrick Wolff)

To borrow, please contact John Quiring (468-9173; Edmonton) or Jim Daniluk (248-7456; Calgary). These videos are, of course, also available to ACA members residing outside of Calgary or Edmonton.

*right—I've seen it as 'Mica' and 'Micah' - ed* and Val Verlik, who had come back to the Club after many years of absence. Also notable was the performance of Fred Linnemann, who ended up with three points even though he was the lowest rated player in the group, with a rating of 1397.

**Qualifying for 1996 Alberta Closed**  
(full rules available from the ACA)

All entrants need at least 2 participation points since the previous Alta Closed. Qualifying events (*except* prev. Alta Closed) are worth 1 pt; all other CFC-rated Alberta events 1/2 pt. (TDs get up to 1 pt by directing.)

ALL wishing to participate (current Champion; qualifiers; by rating) must register in writing (verifying eligibility requirements met). The ACA must receive the written registration by **10 March 1996**. It is the responsibility of the potential entrant to register—the ACA need not issue invites.

Eight player RR Easter Weekend. EF\$20, all to prize fund. *Qualifying tournaments, except Calgary and Edmonton Closes, contribute \$1 per entry towards prizes*. Prize fund minimum \$250: 1st-50%; 2nd-30%; 3rd-20%.

Candidates qualify by earliest eligible qualification chance. Each must have been an Alberta resident for at least 6 months prior to the Closed.

If player(s) still needed (*no automatic entrants by rating!*), the registrant(s) highest rated in the latest CFC list before March 10 will be accepted (*entrants by rating must have completed at least 1 qualifier*).

Qualifying events for '96 Alberta Closed: '95—Alta Closed; Alta Open; Alta Jr Closed; S. Alta Open. '96—Edmonton (ECC) and Calgary (CCC) Closes; N. Alta Open. 'Rural Candidate'—organizers must apply to hold Rural Qualifiers (held by January 31st; rural candidate must reside in a region other than Calgary or Edmonton). If no rural qualifier, the ACA may sponsor a Rural Open Qualifier (open to all but those already qualified).

Should a qualifying tournament winner be unable or unwilling to attend the Alberta Closed, or not otherwise qualify, that position will be filled from the list of players who have requested in writing by March 10th to qualify by rating (exception: Edmonton and Calgary Closes—the 2nd place finisher can qualify).

**Calgary Fall Open**

This 7-round, 18-entrant tournament ran at the Calgary Chess Club from September 14 to October 24, 1995, and was directed by Barney Fegyverneki, who sent in a copy of the crosstable.

**Leo Danglapen** snagged first place with a 6-1 score, losing only to Art Milne in round 5. Walter Watson, ACA President, was clear second at 5.5-1.5, losing to Danglapen in round four and drawing Bill Bentley in round 5. Milne (lost to Watson in round 6) and Bentley (lost to Danglapen in round 3), who were paired together in the last round, drew that game to finish tied for third at 4.5-2.5.



**January Open**  
**January 27-28 Calgary**

Sandman Inn  
888 - 7 Ave SW  
(237-8626; fax 290-1238;  
\$46.95 room rate with proof of  
membership, i.e. CFC card or receipt)

5-round Swiss System  
3 rounds Saturday; 2 rounds Sunday

Register: 9:30 a.m. Saturday

Entry fee: \$20 senior; \$15 junior  
(CFC/provincial membership required)

Time Controls: 40/1:50 15/0:30

Contact: Paul Usselman (☎ 282-0419)



**Northern Alberta Open**  
**February 24-25 Edmonton**

City Centre Inn, room B395  
109 St & 113 Ave (opposite Kingsway Mall)  
[479-2042; 1-800-528-1234]

5-round Swiss System  
3 rounds Saturday; 2 rounds Sunday

Register: 9:15-9:45 a.m. Saturday  
(round 1 at 10:00 a.m.)

Entry Fees: \$20 senior \$15 junior  
(CFC/provincial membership required)

Time Controls: 40/1:50 15/0:30

TD: Len Steele (☎ 487-8652)  
(Winner qualifies for 1996 Alberta Closed,  
provided all other requirements met)



**1995-96 12TH ANNUAL**  
**ALTA-B.C. PEACE RIVER GRAND PRIX**

**Feb. 10 Dawson Creek Spring Active**  
Dawson Creek [Jim Kanester (604) 782-5637]

**Mar. 30 Peace River Spring Active**  
Peace River [Keith LaValley (403) 624-5232]

4 rounds, rated: active (30 min/game) or  
regular (Time controls: 45/2 then 30/1). To  
qualify for GP prize (points based on sum of  
4 best scores), *must play in at least 4 of the 6*  
*GP events*. No one may win more than one  
prize. Based on \$1.50 fee/entrant/event: 1st  
overall 30% of prize fund, 2nd overall 20%;  
1st under 1700 30%, 2nd under 1700 20%.  
Jim Williams Memorial Trophy to overall  
winner. Ratings used for GP purposes are  
regular ratings as per the 1995 *En Passant*  
Yearbook (i.e. August).

**March Open**

**March 16-17 Calgary**

Quality Inn, Motel Village  
2359 Hwy 1A NW  
(‘double’ rooms: \$64)

5-round Swiss System  
3 rounds Saturday; 2 rounds Sunday

Register: 9:30 a.m. Saturday

Entry fee: \$20 senior; \$15 junior  
(CFC/provincial membership required)

Time Controls: 40/1:50 15/0:30

Contact: Paul Usselman (☎ 282-0419)

**CANADIAN OPEN**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**CALGARY JULY 13-21**

(sorry, folks, the organizers haven't sent any  
info, so for now the above is all we have...)

**Interested in Tournament Directing?**

The ACA still needs TDs for some tournaments, and pays a \$25 per day honorarium. Contact us if you want to give it a try. (For some events, especially the more ‘major’ ones, it's desirable to have a TD who has some previous experience, and/or has taken one of our TD workshops.)

**1996 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

Check future issues for updates (contacts given can verify details)  
All Alberta (ACA-sponsored) events: no smoking, no computers.

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Organizer (may also be TD)</u>
Jan 13-14	Trumpeter Classic	Grand Prairie	Phil Leikowitz (538-1903)
Jan 27-28	January Open	Calgary	Paul Usselman (282-0419)
Feb 10	Dawson Creek Spring Active (BC)	Dawson Creek	Jim Kanester (604-782-5637)
Feb 24-25	Northern Alberta Open	Edmonton	Len Steele (487-8652)
Mar 16-17	March Open	Calgary	Paul Usselman (282-0419)
Mar 30	Peace River Spring Active	Peace River	Todd Seitz (624-3256)
Apr 5-7	Alberta Closed	Edmonton	John Quiring (468-9173)
Apr 6-7	Alberta Reserves, 2 sections	Edmonton	John Quiring (468-9173)
May 11-12	U of A Open	Edmonton	Ford Wong (481-6474)
Jun 8-9	Red Deer Open	Red Deer	Neil Sharp (346-0420)
July 13-21	CANADIAN OPEN	Calgary	Ted Wilson (547-3441)
Aug (tba)	August Active (tentative event)	Edmonton	(tba)
Sep 14-15	Medicine Hat Open	Medicine Hat	Bill Taylor (526-5484)
Sep 21-22	1800 & Over / Under 1800	Calgary	Paul Usselman (481-0419)
Sep 28-29	Northern Alberta Junior	Edmonton	Ford Wong (481-6474)
Sep 28-29	Southern Alberta Junior	Calgary	Jim Daniluk (248-7456)
Oct 12-14	Alberta Open	Edmonton	Ford Wong (481-6474)
Oct 19-20	Northern Alberta Cadet	Edmonton	Daryl Bertrand (486-5297)
Oct 19-20	Southern Alberta Cadet	Calgary	Jim Daniluk (248-7456)
Oct 26-27	Alberta Junior	(tba)	Ford Wong (481-6474)
Nov (tba)	Golden Harvest Open (BC)	Dawson Creek	Grant MacTavish (604-782-1170)
Nov 23-24	Southern Alberta Open	Calgary	Paul Usselman (282-0419)
Dec 14-15	Alberta Cadet	(tba)	Daryl Bertrand (486-5297)
Dec 21-22	(Almost) Xmas Open	Edmonton	Ford Wong (481-6474)

**Internet, WWW, E-Mail, Diskettes...**

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Rated ‘correspondence’ chess by e-mail  
(see CCCA info on page 2)

Latest CFC regular ratings

<http://www.chesscanada.org/ratings.html>

Dean Mah's Alberta chess info page

<http://www.cs.ualberta.ca/~mah/ACA/>

**A player 14 years of age or younger...**  
...may enter any ACA-sponsored tournament for a fee of \$5.00 and not participate in the prize fund (or, alternatively, may pay the usual junior entry fee and compete for prizes). Note: in either case, the player is still responsible for membership fees.