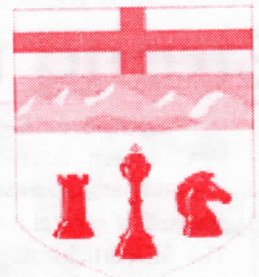


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Ristovic wins Alberta Closed

by Greg Beebe

The 2003 Alberta Closed was won by FM Nenad Ristovic of Calgary.

Ristovic finished with 5.0/7. Of his two losses to Greg Huber of Calgary and Rob Gardner of Edmonton, his loss to Greg is the most memorable. In an ending with a Q+Q

advantage vs Q+B, Nenad grabbed an apparently harmless pawn only to fall victim to a quick mating attack.

Huber and Gardner share second place with score of 4.0/7.

The lowest score in the closed was 2.5/7, which showed that there a fair balance

between playing strengths, and it appears no player was entirely outclassed.

Kris Boehmer, one of the lower rated entrants, appears to have gained the most rating points from the event with an impressive 3.5/7.

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Rocket in Whitecourt



Photo by Whitecourt Star

Rob "Rocket" Gardner visited Whitecourt Junior Chess Club earlier this year and played a simultaneous against a large number of youths.

Alberta Closed 2003 Crosstable

Rob Gardner	2245	X	0	0	=	1	1	1	=	/4.0
Micah Hughey	2070	1	X	=	0	=	1	0	0	/3.0
Kim Nguyen	2013	1	=	X	=	0	0	0	=	/2.5
Kris Boehmer	2020	=	1	=	X	=	0	0	1	/3.5
Greg Huber	2312	0	=	1	=	X	1	1	0	/4.0
Dale Haessel	2231	0	0	1	1	0	X	0	1	/3.0
Nenad Ristovic	2329	0	1	1	1	0	1	X	1	/5.0
Roy Yearwood	2105	=	1	=	0	1	0	0	X	/3.0

Canada Day event sees three-way tie

by Ron Hinds

Fireworks came early but were confined to the chess boards as on June 29 and 30, the Canada Cay Open was held in Calgary.

Twenty players participated and new guests included Trevor Robert-

son from Saskatchewan and Julia Kerr from New York.

Also welcomed were new unrated players, Jason Mrdeza and Dustin Rogers.

Junior Eric Hansen joined us fresh from his Under 12 section victory

in Alberta Youth Chess Championships

The games were quite close and often long such as Janna Poliakov battling into the third hour and final time control.

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Strong field attracted to ECC Sectional

by Andrew Boik

ECC March Sectional was the strongest Edmonton tournament this year and consisted of several round-robins.

The 36 participants were divided into six groups according to rating, each to play 5 games over the weekend.

All of the sections were equally matched, with only 26 rating points separating the highest and lowest rated participants in Section D.

Aside from the opportunity to play similarly rated opposition, yet another improvement was made in this tournament: the use of digital clocks. These clocks are very precise, and allow players to know exactly how much time they have left.

Jeff Reeve used this to his full advantage when he made his last move before time control with only five seconds left.

The only difficulty occurred when a clock malfunctioned and reset during the match between Adrien Regimbald and Tim Dean.

For the first and only time of the tournament, rookie Tournament Director Andrew Boik assumed responsibility and quickly replaced the clock, allowing the game to continue without much disturbance.

Section by Section Blow

In the top section, Rob Gardner continued his five game winning streak from the Northern Alberta Open until he met Dale Haessel in the last round. Despite the loss, Rob clinched first

prize(\$103). Unconfirmed reports have since spotted him in Disneyland.

In Section B, Micah Hughey was all smiles as he got his first win over 12-year-old Brandon Eshleman, and the \$100 first prize with a score of 4/5.

Section C was memorable for Daniel Kazmaier's 4.5/5 victory, as well as Bruce Thomas' return to competitive chess after 20 years!

Ratings dictated the results in Section D as favourite Vladislav Rekhson took first place. Congratulations also go out to Anastasia Kazakevich for playing two games with decisive results.

In Section E, Dave Milward steamrolled to a 4.5/5 victory, drawing only with Alexander Kazakevich. Alex proudly drew all five of his games! ... "Like daughter, like father", or however the saying goes.

Last but not least, Tom Asquith posted the only perfect score of the tournament with 5/5 in Section F. The diminutive 8-year old, Arthur Baser, had trouble reaching the 7th and 8th ranks, but still managed a respectable score of 2/5. Arthur had a dominant position against Tom Asquith, but accidentally touched a pawn that could only be taken by his queen.

I would like to thank Micah Hughey for helping to organize the tournament by recruiting players from Calgary, sending out e-mails, collecting pre-registration fees, and generally doing my work. As Micah said, "I deserve every penny I get."

ECC March Sectional Results played at Edmonton Chess Club March 2003

Section A:

Rob Gardner (2245) 3.5
Jeff Reeve (2389) 3.0
Yuri Vasylev (2146) 2.5
Greg Huber (2312) 2.0
Dale Haessel (2231) 2.0
Roy Yearwood (2115) 2.0

Section B:

Micah Hughey (2049) 4.0
Hafiz Karmali (1995) 3.0
Yngvi Bjornsson (2017) 2.5
Brandon Eshleman (1948) 2.5
Nic Haynes (1951) 2.0
Kim Nguyen (1975) 1.0

Section C:

Daniel Kazmaier (1906) 4.5
Adrien Regimbald (1766) 3.5
Iran Gonzales (1855) 3.5
Juraj Pivovarov (1867) 2.0
Jason Wihnon (1839) 1.5
Bruce Thomas (1889) 0.0

Section D:

Vladislav Rekhson (1759) 4.5
Mark Stark (1754) 3.5
Bruce Meharg (1751) 2.5
Anastasia Kazakevich (1745) 2.5
Danny McIntosh (1743) 1.0
Tim Dean (1733) 1.0

Section E:

Dave Milward (1698) 4.5
Josh Gagnon (1696) 3.0
Alexander Kazakevich (1667) 2.5
Jonathan Chi (1732) 2.0
Jason Ventura (1670) 1.5
Richard Pua (1713) 1.5

Section F:

Tom Asquith (1648) 5.0
Megan Chi (1369) 3.5
Jered Fokkema (1300) 3.0
Arthur Baser (1108) 2.0
Luther Dougherty (1463) 1.5
Justin Ventura (Unr.) 0.0

Alberta Active Championship

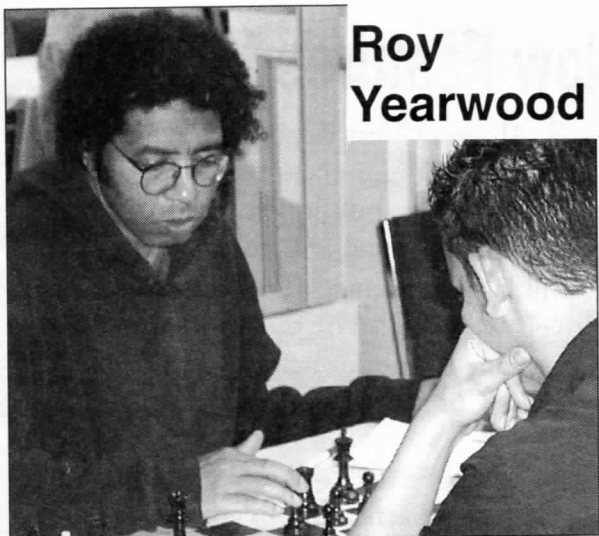
July 26, 2003 at Edmonton Chess Club

Alberta Chess Association Event • Time Control: Active, CFC Rated
Open to All Ages

Tournament Director: Greg Beebe (780) 465-4917, e-mail: smudgenmouser@aol.com
Prince of Wales Armouries, #114A 10440 108 Avenue, Edmonton; Phone: (780) 424-0283

Registration: 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. • Entry Fee: \$15 Adult / \$10 Junior

6 rounds with planned round start times at 10 a.m., 11, 12 noon, 2 p.m., 3, and 4
Soup and sandwiches provided for \$1 per player between third and fourth rounds
Cash Prizes will be awarded for game wins and tournament standings.



**Roy
Yearwood**

Calgary's Canada Day ...

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Justin Snelling was assisted by co-director Ron Hinds and both commented that there were great games by all entrants and the venue was conducive to the concentrative efforts of the players.

The top two prizes had to be split among Roy Yearwood, Kim Nguyen and Arthur Milne as each got four out of a possible five points. Each of the winners won three games and drew their other two games.

The Under 1900 prize was claimed by Brian Miller while Carolyn McMaster captured the Under 1600 prize.

In the overall standings, junior Hansen did very well considering his pre-tournament rating was the lowest in the field but he tied for ninth place.



Janna Poliakov

Canada Day Open Cross Table

No.	Name - Rating	Score	1	2	3	4	5
1	Yearwood, Roy 2117	4	13:W	15:W	11:W	4:D	2:D
2	Nguyen, Kim 1991	4	20:W	6:W	4:D	11:W	1:D
3	Milne, Arthur 1815	4	9:W	16:D	15:D	7:W	8:W
4	Chrumka, Jeff 1949	3.5	17:W	12:W	2:D	1:D	5:D
5	Miller, Brian 1719	3.5	18:W	11:L	17:W	6:W	4:D
6	Dinca, Cornelia 1751	3	8:W	2:L	16:W	5:L	11:W
7	Rogers, Dustin 1600	3	11:L	18:W	0:D	3:L	16:W
8	McMaster, Carolyn 1492	3	6:L	20:W	13:W	16:W	3:L
9	Robertson, Trevor 1512	2.5	3:L	19:W	12:L	13:W	10:D
10	Hansen, Eric 1240	2.5	12:L	17:L	0:W	18:W	9:D
11	Kuczaj, Chris 1960	2	7:W	5:W	1:L	2:L	6:L
12	Kerr, Julia 1688	2	10:W	4:L	9:W	15:L	0:L
13	Beingessner, Andrew 1650	2	1:L	14:W	8:L	9:L	17:W
14	Poliakov, Janna 1502	2	15:L	13:L	18:W	17:W	0:L
15	Sorgard, Graham 1798	1.5	14:W	1:L	3:D	12:L	0:L
16	Swiecicki, Bronislaw 1631	1.5	19:W	3:D	6:L	8:L	7:L
17	Zheng, Fisher 1582	1	4:L	10:W	5:L	14:L	13:L
18	Mrdeza, Jason 1350	1	5:L	7:L	14:L	10:L	0:W
19	Tot, Nandor 2091	0	16:L	9:L	0:L	0:L	0:L
20	Knight, Eugene 1621	0	2:L	8:L	0:L	0:L	0:L

In Remembrance of Kevin Ward

KEVIN WARD passed away suddenly on the weekend of April 19, 2003.

He started playing chess in Calgary in June, 1998 and had generously donated his time to serve as one of our most important volunteers. He was the CCC Treasurer for several years, as well as tournament director, often running the blitz tournaments as well as regular events.

We will miss him very much.

submitted by Rod Wies and Juraj Pivovarov



CCC Championship - Round 2 - Notes by Kevin Ward, Kevin Bentley, Bill

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.b3 e6 4.Bb2 c5 5.e3 Nc6 6.Be2 Be7 7.O-O O-O 8.a3 b6 9.c4 Bb7 10.Qc2 Rc8 11.Ng5 [threatening Bxf6] 11...d4 12.e4 h6 13.Nh3 e5 14.f5 a5 15.Rf3 Nh7 16.Rg3 Ng5 17.d3 Na7 18.Nd2 Rc7 19.Nf3 Nxf3+ 20.Rxf3 Nc8 21.Raf1 Bf6 22.Bc1 Nd6 23.Bd1 [giving my Q access to h5] 23...Bc8 24.Qe2 b5 25.Nf2 bxc4 26.bxc4 Bd7 27.Ng4 Kh7 28.Rh3 Rh8 29.Bxh6 gxh6 30.Rxh6+ Kg7 31.Rxh8 [I could have taken f6, but after Ne8, my R was on the wrong side of the board for the attack] 31...Qxh8 32.Rf3 Kf8 33.Qd2 [fake threat on a5... h6 is what I'm after] 33...Ra7 34.Rh3 Qg7 35.Nxf6 Qxf6 [With the recapture on f6, its all very much over] 36.Rh6 [! mate threat after f6] 36...Nxe4 37.dxe4 Qg7 38.f6 Qg8 39.Qe2 Ke8 [with mate looming] 40.Qh5

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August 15, 2003

Reminder for Tournament Directors

The CFC requires a rating report to be submitted within a month, but strongly urges submissions within seven days. You owe it to participants to submit a report ASAP. Also, please support your newsletter by sending a written or e-mailed (e-mail preferred) report to the ACR. Note the game scores are the property of the tournament directors. Prizes can be withheld until players submit their games.

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New Look, New Features for ACR

Starting with this issue, Alberta Chess Report is taking on a new format, a new co-editor, a new junior chess section and a new mailing system. This is an experiment, but hopefully one which everyone will like and perhaps the changes will become permanent.

We hope all readers will like the changes, and will give us feedback - positive and negative. We will also be open to suggestions, and, of course, we want everyone to submit items to the Report so we can keep the Alberta Chess Community well informed and entertained.

One of the nicest changes will be the addition of photographs. We would encourage all event organizers and directors to take action photos (it's pretty easy not to blur chess photos, although perhaps blitz matches are the exception to that point), along with mugshots and group poses of the winners. If you are taking photos with a digital photo, please set your camera on a higher resolution than 72x72, preferably over 150x150 and send them to us in greyscale (usually 256 grey). It would be best at this point to e-mail them as jpeg or tif attachments to: rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca with an e-mail message about who or what is in the photo. If you are scanning print photos, scan at 200 and, again, in greyscale. If you only have print photos that is fine, give them or mail them to us and we'll process them and then return them if you need them back.

For those thinking that perhaps all these changes will be expensive for the Alberta Chess Association, actually the cost of the ACR should be about the same. A change to publication postage will save a lot of postage money and with assistance from The Roving ChessNuts and Scope Printing and Publishing, the production costs are being discounted and advertising space will be sold. If you own or are associated with a business which might benefit from advertising to the chess community, please consider the Alberta Chess Report. Extra copies of the Report will also be available for \$1.

Another big change will be the addition of Chatter in The Castle, a junior publication, within the Alberta Chess Report. Now the activities of all ages of chess players right across the province will be presented in one package. This issue, and hopefully, future issues, will be going out to all Alberta Chess Association members as well as registered junior players.

Remember, we invite your comments and suggestions.

Your Editors: Greg & Bruce

Do you know of a senior citizen or confined person who plays chess but who can not travel to Edmonton Chess Club or Northgate Seniors Chess Club?

The Northgate Seniors Club and Roving ChessNuts are putting together a program which will see senior and junior players occasionally visit and play chess with persons confined to home, seniors lodge or other institution.

If you know of someone or want to help out, please call:

473-1557 or e-mail: rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca

Kazakevich wins provincial women's title

by Greg Beebe

Anastasia Kazakevich of Edmonton won the Alberta Women's championship with a score of 3.5/4.

In second place was last year's co-champion Cornelia Dinca of Calgary with a score of 2.5/4.

The two drew their respective game, but Dinca was defeated by Megan Chi of Edmonton in the third round which made all the difference.

Chi tied scores with Janna Poliakov of Calgary while Maylin Cui of Calgary placed fifth with one point in the round robin.



Anastasia Kazakevich

Alberta Women's Championship 2003

1	Kazakevich, A.	1745	3.5	X	D	W	W	W
2	Dinca, C.	1771	2.5	D	X	L	W	W
3	Chi, M.	1369	1.5	L	W	X	L	D
4	Poliakov, J.	1500	1.5	L	L	W	X	D
5	Cui, M.	1376	1.0	L	L	D	D	X

Alberta Women's Championship

Kazakevich, Anastasia (1745)

Poliakov, Janna (1500)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 Qa5 7.Bxf6 Nxf6 8.Qa4 Qxa4 9.Nxa4 Bb4+ 10.Nc3 Ne4 11.Rc1 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Ba3 13.Rb1 b6 14.c5 bxc5 15.Rb3 cxd4 16.Rxa3 dxe3 17.fxe3 a6 18.Ne5 Bb7 19.Rb3 f6 20.Rxb7 fxe5 21.Be2 O-O 22.Rf1 c5 23.Rxf8+ Kxf8 24.Bg4 d4 25.cxd4 exd4 26.exd4 cxd4 27.Bxe6 Re8 28.Rf7+ Kg8 29.Re7+ Kf8 30.Rxe8+ Kxe8 31.Kd2 Ke7 32.Bc4 a5 33.Kd3 Kf6 34.Kxd4 Kf5 35.Kc5 Ke4 36.Kb5 Ke3 37.Kxa5 Kf2 38.Bd3 h5 39.Be4 Kg1 40.Bf3 h4 41.h3 Kh2 42.a4 Kg3 43.Kb5 g5 44.a5 g4 45.Bxg4

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Hinds, Chi tie for Alberta Reserves title

by Greg Beebe

Jonathan Chi had an excellent performance, and tied for first place with Ron Hinds in the Alberta Reserves.

Chi, a junior, was

seeded only 11th out of 20 players but climbed his way to the top.

He drew with Hinds in their game, and managed a win from a difficult position against Brian

Miller in the last round.

People said the first time they saw him smile was at the end when he was being congratulated by the tournament director.

Alberta Reserves 2003 Crosstable

Name	Rating	Score	1	2	3	4	5
1 Hinds, Dr. Ronald, Cal.	2000	(4/5)	16:W	6:W	4:W	2:D	3:D
2 Chi, Jonathan, Edm.	1732	(4/5)	20:W	5:W	3:D	1:D	9:W
3 Tot, Nandor, Cal.	2118	(3.5/5)	9:D	10:W	2:D	11:W	1:D
4 Anderson, Ashton, Cal.	1940	(3.5/5)	12:W	19:W	1:L	9:W	6:D
5 Kuwair, Martin, Cal.	1896	(3.5/5)	7:W	2:L	11:D	8:W	10:W
6 Kaminski, Victor, Cal.	1890	(3.5/5)	13:W	1:L	16:W	7:W	4:D
7 Zaradic, Anthony, Cal.	1650	(3/5)	5:L	20:W	19:W	6:L	17:W
8 Pellerin, Frank, Cal.	1873	(2.5/5)	14:D	11:L	17:W	5:L	20:W
9 Miller, Brian, Cal.	1729	(2.5/5)	3:D	14:W	15:W	4:L	2:L
10 Kornilo, Ivan, Cal.	1537	(2.5/5)	15:D	3:L	14:W	13:W	5:L
11 Day, Jonathan, LaLo	1755	(2/5)	18:D	8:W	5:D	3:L	0:
12 Kazakevich, Alex, Edm.	1667	(2/5)	4:L	17:L	0:D	19:W	14:D
13 Swiecicki, Bronislaw, Cal.	1633	(2/5)	6:L	16:L	20:W	10:L	19:W
14 Zheng, Fisher, Cal.	1589	(2/5)	8:D	9:L	10:L	20:W	12:D
15 Bentley, Bill, Cal.	1841	(1.5/5)	10:D	18:W	9:L	0:	0:
16 Hutchings, Tony, Cal.	1700	(1.5/5)	1:L	13:W	6:L	17:D	0:
17 Kaminski, Thomas, Cal.	1491	(1.5/5)	19:L	12:W	8:L	16:D	7:L
18 Pivovarov, Juraj, Cal.	1848	(1/5)	11:D	15:L	0:D	0:	0:
19 Sokol, Ante, Cal.	1799	(1/5)	17:W	4:L	7:L	12:L	13:L
20 Cho, Mark, Cal.	NR	(0/5)	2:L	7:L	13:L	14:L	8:L

Alberta Reserves 2003 - Round 2

Tot, Nandor (2118)

Kornilo, Ivan (1537)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 O-O 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 a6 8.O-O dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5 10.Bb3 Bb7 11.Rc1 c5 12.a3 Re8 13.Qe2 Qb6 14.Rfd1 Rfd8 15.Ne5 cxd4 16.exd4 h6 17.Be3 Qa5 18.Nd3 Nb6 19.Nc5 Bxc5 20.dxc5 Nbd5 21.Nxd5 Nxd5 22.Bd2 Qc7 23.Bxd5 Rxd5 24.b4 Rcd8 25.Be3 Qc6 26.f3 Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 28.Qxd1 Qd5 29.Qxd5 Bxd5 30.f4 f5 31.Kf2 Kf7 32.g3 h5 33.Bd4 g6 34.Ke2 Ke7 35.Be5 Bc6 36.Kd3 Bb7 37.Bg7 Bc6

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Alberta Reserves Games

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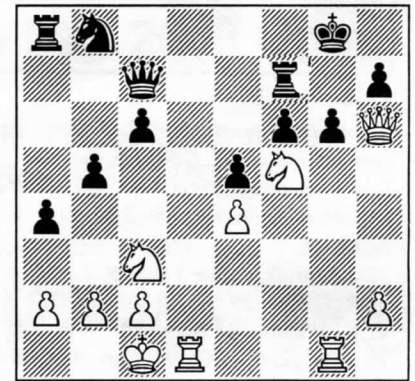
Sokol, Ante (1800)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 Bg7 5.f3 c6 6.Qd2 O-O 7.g4 e5 8.O-O-O a5 9.dxe5 Nxd4 10.fxg4 Bxg4 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Ngxe2 Bxe5 13.Bd4 Qc7 14.Bxe5 dxe5 15.Ng3 a4 16.Nf5 f6 17.Qh6 Rf7 18.Rhg1 b5

White to Play

19.Rxg6+ hxg6
20.Qxg6+ Kf8
21.Rg1 Ke8
22.Qg8+ Rf8
23.Ng7+ Ke7
24.Nf5+ Ke8
25.Ng7+ Ke7
26.Qxf8+ Kxf8
27.Ne6+ Kf7
31.Nd6+ Ke6
35.Rg7 Nd5
36.exd5+

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Chi, Jonathan (1800)

Cho, Mark (Not Rated)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.cxd5 Nxd5 4.e4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bg4 6.f3 Be6 7.Bf4 Nh5 8.Be3 g6 9.d5 Bd7 10.Bd4 Bg7 11.Bxg7 Nxg7 12.Qd4 O-O 13.Bc4 e6 14.Rd1 c5 15.Qxc5 e5 16.Qb4 Na6 17.Bxa6 bxa6 18.Qd6 f6 19.Qxa6 Bc8 20.Qc4 Qd6 21.Qc6 Qxc6 22.dxc6 Be6 23.Nd5 Rac8 24.Ne7+ Kf7 25.Nxc8 Bxc8 26.Ne2 Ne6 27.Kf2 h5 28.Rc1 Nf4 29.Nxf4 exf4 30.Rhd1 g5 31.c7 Kg6 32.Rd8 Rf7 33.Rxc8 h4 34.Rg8+ Kh7 35.c8=Q Rg7 36.Rxg7+ Kxg7 37.Rc7+ Kg6 38.Qf5+ Kh5 39.Rh7#

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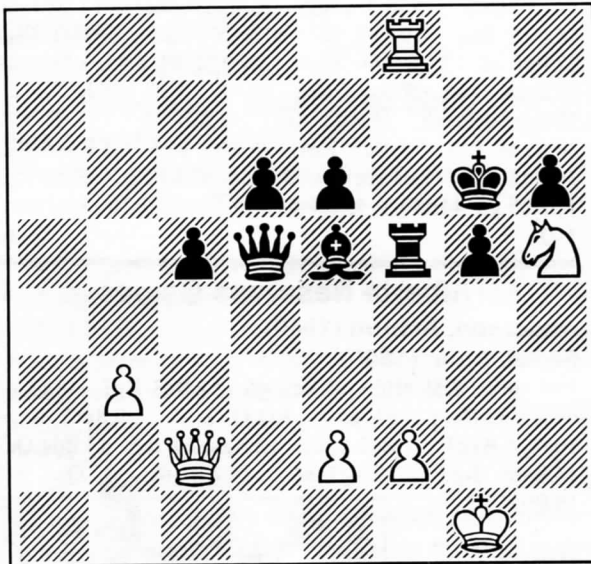
Round 7

Ristovic, Nenad (2329)
Gardner, Robert (2245)

[Annotator "Gardner, Robert"]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.b3 Bg7
7.Bb2 d6 8.g3 Nxa6 9.Bg2 Bb7 10.Nh3 Nb4 11.Nf4 Rxa2
12.Rxa2 Nxa2 13.O-O O-O 14.Nd2 Nb4 15.Nc4 g5
16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nh5 Bh8 18.Qd2 f6 19.Ra1 Qe8 20.g4 h6
21.Ra7 Qb8 22.Ra4 Bc8 23.h3 f5 24.Na5 fxg4 25.Nc6 Nxc6
26.dxc6 gxh3 27.Qd3 Bf5 28.Be4 e6 29.Bxf5 Rxf5
30.c7 h2+ 31.Kh1 Qxc7 32.Ra8+ Kh7 33.Rf8 Qc6+

34.Kxh2 Qd5 35.Qc2 Be5+ 36.Kg1 Kg6
[36...Qd4 37.Rxf5 (37.Ng3 Qxf2+) 37...Qg4+ 38.Ng3 exf5
39.Qxf5+ Qxf5 40.Nxf5] **Black to Move:**



37.e4

[I completely overlooked 37.e4 and came to the quick conclusion later that 36...Qd4 was the move for Black. 37...Rxf8 looked tempting, but it is not so easy to deal with the passed e-pawn White gets.]

37...Rxf2

[37...Rxf8 38. exd5+ Kxh5 39. dxe6 Re8 40. Qf5 Re7]

38.Rxf2 Qb7 39.Nf6 h5 40.Ne8 Qe7 41.Nf6 Qd8
42.Kg2 Kh6 43.Nd5 exd5 44.exd5 Qd7 45.Qe4 Bf4
46.Rxf4 gxf4 47.Qxf4+ Kg6 48.Qe4+ Qf5 49.Qe8+ Kg5
50.Qe7+ Qf6 51.Qe3+ Kg6 52.Qe8+ Kg7 53.Qd7+ Kh6
54.Qc6 h4 55.b4 cxb4 56.Qd7 Qg7+

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Round 2

Ristovic, Nenad
Nguyen, Kim

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6
3. cxd5 cxd5 4. Nc3 Nf6
5. Bf4 Bg4 6. Nf3 e6
7. Bxb8 Bxf3 8. Bg3 Bh5
9. Qb3 Be7 10. Qxb7 O-O
11. f3 Bd6 12. Qa6 Bb4
[Better was 12... Bxg3+ 13.
hxg3 13... Qb8 (Greg
Huber)]

13. e3 Bxc3+ 14. bxc3 Qb6
15. Qxb6 axb6 16. a4 Rfc8
17. Kd2

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Round 5

Haessel, Dale (2207)
Ristovic, Nenad (2329)

1. c4 e6 2. g3 d5 3. Bg2 c6 4. Nf3 Bd6 5. O-O Ne7
6. b3 O-O 7. Bb2 Qb6 8. Qc2 Nd7 9. Nc3 Nf6 10. d4 Qd8
11. Rad1 h6 12. e4 Bc7 13. Rfe1 Ba5 14. Nd2 a6 15. a4 Bb4
16. e5 Nd7 17. Na2 Ba5 18. Ba3 Re8 19. Nc3 Nf8 20. f4 Nf5
21. Nf3 Ng6 22. b4 Bc7 23. c5 b6 24. Rb1 [24. cxb6 24...
Bxb6 25. a5 Ba7 26. Na4 Bb7 27. Nc5 (FM Ristovic, N)]
24... b5 25. Kf2 f6 26. Bc1 fxe5 27. fxe5 Rf8
28. Kg1 Bd7 29. Ra1 a5 30. axb5 cxb5 31. Bd2 axb4 32. Ne2
[32. Na2 32... Ra3 (Idea Rf3 and Nd4)] 32... Ra4
33. Rxa4 [33. Rab1] 33... bxa4 34. Bxb4 Ba5 35. Rb1 Nge7
36. Bd2 Bxd2 37. Qxd2 Nc6 38. Rb6 Qa8 39. Nc3 Na5
40. Qa2 Nc4 41. Rb4 Qa5 42. Qb1 Nfe3 43. Na2 Nxc2
44. Kxg2 44 Rxf3 45. Rxc4 [45. Kxf3 Nd2+] 45... Rb3

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Round 1

Hughey, Micah (2070)
Ristovic, Nenad (2329)

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 c6 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. e3 Nbd7 6. Bd3 dxc4 7. Bxc4 b5 8. Bd3 Bb7
9. O-O a6 10. e4 c5 11. d5 c4 12. Bc2 Qc7 13. dxe6 fxe6 14. e5 Nxe5 15. Nxe5 Qxe5
16. Re1 Qd6 17. Qxd6 Bxd6 18. Rxe6+ Kd7 19. Bf5 Kc7 20. Bh6 Rhg8 21. Rd1 Rad8
22. Rdx6 Rxd6 23. Bf4 Rgd8 24. Re7+ Kb6 25. Bxd6 Rxd6 26. Rxc7 b4 27. Na4+ Ka5
28. Kf1 Bc6 29. b3 c3 30. Re7 Rd5 31. Bc2 Rd2 32. Re5+ Bb5+

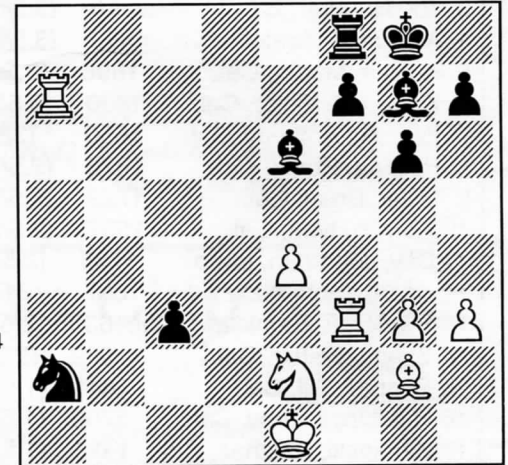
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Round 5

Yearwood, Roy (2105)
Haessel, Dale (2207)

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7
5. f4 d6 6. Nf3 e5 7. d3 Nge7
8. fxe5 dxe5 9. Be3 Nd4 10. Qd2 Bg4
11. Ng1 Qb6 12. h3 Be6 13. Nd1 Rd8
14. c3 Ndc6 15. b4 Qa6 16. bxc5 Rxd3
17. Qc1 Qa5 18. Ne2 Nd4
19. Bxd4 exd4 20. Qc2 Rxc3
21. Ndx3 dxc3 22. Rb1 O-O
23. Rxb7 Qxc5 24. Rf1 Nc6 25. Rf3 Nb4
26. Qa4 Nxa2 27. Qxa7 Qxa7
28. Rxa7 (See Diagram)
28 ... Rc8 29. e5 c2 30. Rfa3 c1=Q+
31. Nxc1 Rxc1+ 32. Kf2 Rc2+
33. Kg1 Bxe5

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Black to Move

Round 3

Nguyen, Kim (2013)
Gardner, Rob (2265)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6
5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Bc4 Qb6 7. Nde2 Ne5
8. Bb3 a6 9. O-O e6 10. Bg5 Be7
11. Ng3 h6 12. Be3 Qc7 13. a4 Nc4
14. Bxc4 Qxc4 15. f4 h5 16. Qd4 Qc6
17. h3 h4 18. Nge2 Bd7 19. a5 Rh5
20. Ra4 Rc8 21. b3 Rc5 22. e5 Nd5 [22...
Rxc3 23. Nxc3 Qxc3 24. Qxc3 Rxc3 25. exf6
Bxf6] 23. Nxd5 Rxd5 24. Rc4 Rxd4

25. Rxc6 Re4 26. Rxc8+ Bxc8 27. Kf2 dxe5
28. Nc3 Rb4 29. fxe5 f6 30. Rd1 fxe5
31. Ra1 Bd7 32. Na2 Rb5 33. Nc3 Rc5
34. Bxc5 Bxc5+ 35. Ke2 Bd4 36. Kd2 Bc6
37. Re1 Bxg2 38. Ne4 Kf7 39. c3 Ba7
40. b4 Kg6 41. Nd6 Bxh3 42. Rh1 Bg2
43. Rxh4 Kg5 44. Rh7 Kg6 45. Rh8 e4
46. Nc4 Bg1 47. Ne3 Bf3 48. Rb8 Kf6
49. Rxh7 g5 50. b5 g4 51. bxa6 g3
52. Rb1 Bf2 53. a7

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Round 3

Boehmer, Kris (2020)
Ristovic, Nenad (2329)

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.cxd5 exd5 4.d4 c6 5.Bf4 Bd6
6.Bxd6 Qxd6 7.e3 Ne7 8.Nge2 O-O 9.Nf4 Ng6
10.g3 Nxf4 11.gxf4 Re8 12.Bd3 Qxf4 13.Qe2 Qg4
14.O-O-O Qxe2 15.Nxe2 Bg4 16.Rhg1 Bxe2
17.Bxe2 Nd7 18.Rg2 Re7 19.Rdgl f5 20.Bd3 Rf8
21.f4 g6 22.Kd2 Kf7 23.h4 Nf6 24.Be2 Rfe8
25.h5 Rxe3 26.hxg6+ hxg6 27.Bd3 Nh5 28.Rf2 Rg3
29.Rh1 Rg4 30.Bxf5 Rxf4 31.Rxf4 Nxf4 32.Bg4 Kg7
33.b4 Re4

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Alberta boasts two youth chess champs

Alberta has two Canadian Junior Champs who won their age groups at the Canadian Youth Chess Championships held July 7 to 10 at Kapuskasing, Ontario.

Anastasia Kazakevich of Edmonton won her third consecutive championship, this time in her new women's 16 and under age category with five victories, one draw and no losses. She was the favorite to win, being the highest rated of the five entrants and also the 14 and under champ from both 2001 and 2002.

In the women's 14 and under category, Cornelia Dinca of Calgary was the second highest rated among the 13 competitors, but ended up on top with a clear first after winning five games and drawing her other two.

It appears Dinca may carry on the Alberta tradition, set by Kazakevich, of dominating the women's 14 and under national competition.

The top three finishers in each group qualify to represent Canada at the

Anastasia Kazakevich repeats Cornelia Dinca takes 14 & under

World Youth Championships held October 22 to November 3 in Kallithea-Halkidiki, Greece.

Alberta also sent four other competitors to the various male age categories.

In the boys' 10 and under division, Lucas Eshleman of Calgary scored 4.0/7 for 10th place out of 23 entrants.

Brandon Eshleman of Calgary in the 12 and under category, got 4.5/7, good for 5th place among 27 competitors.

In the 14 and under division, David Deimert of Grande Prairie scored 3.0/7 and placed 17th out of 27 spots.

Jonathan Chi of Edmonton was 8th out of 15 players in the men's 16 and under class with a score of 3.5/7.

AYCC results inside this issue



Eric Wong (right) looks towards the spectator gallery as he waits to start another round of the National Chess Challenge in Montreal.

Alberta's Top Junior Players by Grade Level according to Chess'n Math Top 50 in Each Grade List, July 8, 2003

(All Alberta players in top 10 of each list are mentioned)

(Ranking is where the Albertan is on the top 50 list)

(High is the rating of the 1st player on the Top 50 list for that grade)

Grade	Name	Rating	Ranking	High	
K	Alec Parker, Calgary	327	39th	815	
1	Aaron Ting, Calgary	535	24th	831	
2	Derek Thomas, Edmonton	998	4th	1188	
	Arthur Baser, Edmonton	965	5th		
3	Thomas Kaminski, Calgary	1068	3rd	1212	
	Luke McDonald, Whitecourt	964	7th		
	Amanda Wang, Edmonton	913	9th		
4	Hunter Spink, Calgary	916	24th	1299	
5	Stephen Dauphinais, Edmonton	1098	13th	1996	
6	Victor Kaminski, Calgary	1684	2nd	2196	
7	Brandon Eshleman, Calgary	1751	3rd	2036	
8	Cornelia Dinca, Calgary	1237	14th	2465	
9	Daniel Kazmaier, Calgary	1726	10th	2465	
10	Wilhen Saravia, Calgary	1140	35th	2391	
11	Ashton Anderson, Calgary	1692	8th	2320	
12	Richard Canal, Calgary	1440	21st	2396	

Alberta team takes third at Challenge

by Bruce Thomas

With five trophies and a first-time third place, 12 junior players from Alberta had a very successful time in Montreal at the 2003 National Chess Challenge, organized by the Chess'n Math Association.

Victor Kaminski led the Alberta effort, winning all nine of his games against other provincial champs and claiming first place in Grade 6.

Brandon Eshleman won the Grade 7 national title with a score of 8.5/9.

In the Grade 3 competition, Thomas Kaminski lost two games, but his 7 points was good for second place.

With a score of 6.5/9, Daniel Kazmaier won second at Grade 9.

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Delwood Club wraps up season

Although catering to students from Delwood Elementary School, Delwood Chess Club is opening its doors to students from other elementary and junior high schools in northeast Edmonton.

The objective of the club which meets Thursdays at Delwood Community Hall, September through June, is to increase the number of junior chess players throughout northeast Edmonton.

Chief instructor/coach Bruce Thomas has had the club members receive additional instructions and practice play with members of the Northgate Senior Chess Club and with instructor Micah Hughey.

Students from a few nearby schools have made the occasional visit to the Delwood Club, a practice which Thomas sees as expanding in the fall.

In five scholastic matches held during the 2002/03 school year, the Delwood Club smashed all competition which in three cases included teams from junior high schools.

At the year-end assembly at Delwood Elementary School, the chess kids got the biggest cheers and Principal Diana Bolan had to pledge to the students that she would keep polishing the growing number of scholastic chess trophies the Delwood students win.

School champs

At the same assembly, awards were given out to the winners of the Delwood School Championships for 2002/03.

Derek Thomas, grade 2, was the big winner, having beaten Stephen Dauphinais, grade 5, in a crucial game and then going on to register a perfect score of five in the

championship tournament.

Thomas received the school trophy, plus the trophy for being the best player in grades 1-3.

Dauphinais finished clear second with four points.

A total of six players finished with three points, but Roland Park got third on tiebreak.

Mitchell Lawler, grade 3, won second place with three points in the best grades 1-3 category.

Although the Delwood Club will continue next season with two provincial grade champs - Thomas and Dauphinais - in its ranks, Coach Bruce Thomas put out a call to other Delwood students to try out for the chess teams because Delwood would be losing some of its top players - Brett Howlett, Roland Park, Michael Bayans and Katharine Park.



Delwood School's top scholastic chess players (left to right): Derek Thomas, Stephen Dauphinais, Roland Park, Brett Howlett and Mitchell Lawler (who substituted for regular A team player Katharine Park in the final scholastic match of the season - see back page of Chatter for more details).

Small field competes for provincial youth titles

Only 23 junior players ventured to Red Deer in June to battle for provincial titles leading to the Chess Federation of Canada's Youth Chess Championships.

There were five entrants combined for the under 16 and 18 categories and Josh Gagnon of St. Albert came away with the winner with a score of 3.5/4, after getting a draw against higher-rated Richard Canal.

Canal also drew against Eric Wong, but ended up in second with 3 points while Wong was third at 2.5. Andrew Goodchild finished with 1 point while Sameel Nurmohamed got a goose egg.

Gagnon was declared the Under 18 Alberta champ while Nurmohamed got the Under 16 title as the only competitor in that age category.

In the under 14 category, Cornelia Dinca was clear first among six players, drawing only one game against Faruq Pradhan. Dinca got 4.5/5, followed by Kivan Kornilo, 4.0; David Deimert, 2.5; Pradhan, 1.5; Ivan Culjaga, 1.5; and Anuar Madeyev, 1.0.

The Under 12 category with only four players saw the biggest upset as Eric Hansen won by beating far higher-rated Brandon Eshleman who also dropped a game to Cristian Stafie.

In the double round-robin, Hansen ended up with a 5.0/6 score, followed by Eshleman's 4.0/6. Stafie was third at 2.0/6 while David Mrugala won one game against Stafie.

The Under 10 section saw eight players with Lucas Eshleman getting first with 4.5/5. Marko Culjaga and Matthew Stoian tied at 3.5, followed by Sarah Pradhan with 3.0.

Other Under 10 competitors were: Stefan Milanovic, 2.5; Ethan White, 2.0; Sasa Sestic, 1.0; and Ryan Petropoulos, 0.0

Chess instructions at Edmonton libraries

Through The Roving ChessNuts, various Edmonton public library branches are offering chess instructional programs.

Using the Chess'n Math Association's series of instructional programs, beginning chess players, usually grades four through 8, earn various certificates as they attend and get tested at weekly sessions.

The cost of one set of four 90-minute sessions is \$20 per student, but that is discounted for families with two or more children enrolled.

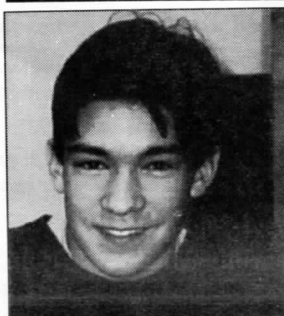
Besides getting more youths playing chess, the

library programs are also steering new players into tournament play as they receive free entry into their first Edmonton Junior Chess Club tournament once an instructor feels they are ready to play in a rated tournament.

The library programs are going to be operating at the Millwoods and

Riverbend branches during both July and August, but other branches can be contacted to see when chess may be offered, or The Roving ChessNuts, 473-1557, may be contacted for further information.

Libraries outside of Edmonton, including St. Albert, may soon be offering similar programs.



Josh Gagnon of St. Albert has only been involved in competitive chess since the spring of 2002, but he is an up and coming player, having won the Alberta Under 18 crown in June.

National Chess Challenge ...

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Andrew Boik had to do some extra work in a tiebreak in order to claim his third place trophy for Grade 11. Boik had a score of 6.0/9 in the regular competition.

Ontario coasted to yet another Chess Challenge victory, scoring an amazing 95 points out of a possible 108 in the May competition.

Quebec once again came in second, gaining 76 points. But for the first time ever, Alberta bumped off Quebec in its match, 6.5-5.5 - only Ontario and British Columbia had previously beaten Quebec.

Alberta's 65 points claimed third spot, six points ahead of Manitoba which at the 2002 Challenge had edged out Alberta for third place behind Ontario and Quebec.

Results of the individual Alberta team members:

- Grade 1 - Aaron Ting, 7th, 4.0/9
- Grade 2 - Derek Thomas, 5th, 4.5/9
- Grade 3 - Thomas Kaminski, 2nd, 7.0/9
- Grade 4 - Lucas Eshleman, 7th, 2.5/9
- Grade 5 - Stephen Dauphinais, 7th, 3.0/9
- Grade 6 - Victor Kaminski, 1st, 9.0/9
- Grade 7 - Brandon Eshleman, 1st, 8.5/9
- Grade 8 - Shandy Booth, Tied 4-6th, 5.0/9
- Grade 9 - Daniel Kazmaier, 2nd, 6.5/9
- Grade 10 - Wilhem Saravia, 6th, 4.0/9
- Grade 11 - Andrew Boik, won tiebreak 3rd, 6.0/9
- Grade 12 - Eric Wong, 5th, 5.0/9



Alberta's National 2003 Chess Challenge Team

Record number of players at Provincial Chess Challenge

by Bruce Thomas

Alberta's Chess Challenge to determine grade champs was more representative of a provincial championship with both more players than ever and more communities represented by young chess players.

Besides the usual big contingents of players from Edmonton and Calgary, this year's provincial challenge held in Red Deer in April attracted competitors from Pincher Creek, Whitecourt, Fort McMurray, Ponoka, Atikameg, Peace River and Red Deer.

The total number of 115 represented a record for the Alberta Challenge.

Competition was close in several grades with tiebreaks having to determine who would get first, second and third place trophies and who would qualify to play on the Alberta Team to the National Chess Challenge.

Grade by grade top results from the Alberta Challenge, including those with tied scores before tiebreaks:

Grade 1 (4 players): 1. Aaron Ting 5.5/6; 2. Wesley Piera 3.0/6; 3. Louise McDonald 3.0/6.

Grade 2 (6 players): 1. Derek Thomas 5.0/5; 2. Arthur Baser 4.0/5; 3. Ben Parker 2.0/5; 4. Ethan White 2.0/5

Grade 3 (17 players): 1. Thomas Kaminski 5.0/5; 2. Amanda Wang, 4.0/5; 3. Daniyl Smorschok, 4.0/5.

Grade 4 (16 players): 1. Lucas

Eshleman 4.0/5; 2. Sarah Pradhan 4.0/5; 3. Yaroslav Babich 3.5/5; 4. Matthew Stoian 3.5/5; 5. Katharine Park 3.5/5.

Grade 5 (15 players): 1. Stephen Dauphinais 5.0/5; 2. Eric Hansen 4.0/5; 3. Marko Culjaga 3.0/5; 4. Fernando Lopes 3.0/5; 5. Ryan Lacy 3.0/5.

Grade 6 (18 players): 1. Victor Kaminski 5.0/5; 2. Karim Nurmohamed 4.0/5; 3. Victoria Merritt 3.0/5; also tied with 3.0/5: Brett Howlett, Jacob Janzen, Carter Dziuba, Roland Park, Johan Piera and Andrei Mogosanu.

Grade 7 (9 players): 1. Brandon Eshleman 5.0/5; 2. Faruq Pradhan 4.0/5; 3. Paul Dauphinais 3.5/5; 4. Megan Chi 3.5/5.

Grade 8 (13 players): 1. Shandy Booth 4.0/5; 2. Cornelia Dinca 4.0/5; 3. Thomas West 4.0/5.

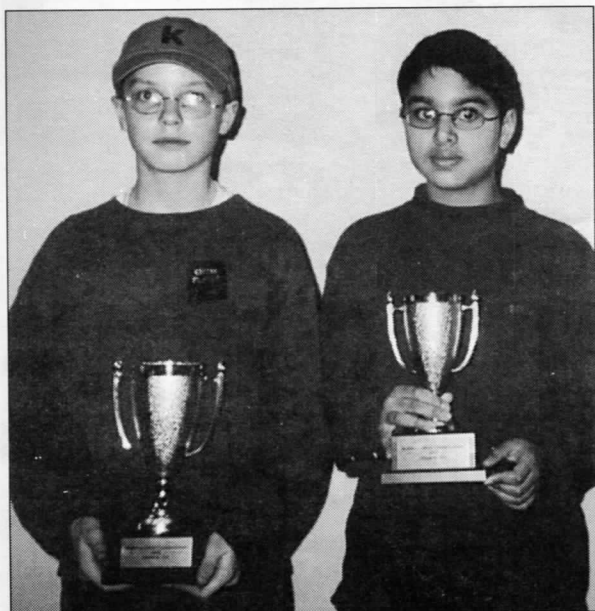
Grade 9 (9 players): 1. Daniel Kazmaier 5.0/5; 2. Fisher Zheng 4.0/5 Tied with 3.0/5: 3. Anastasia Kazekevich, Ken Sun and David Lin.

Grades 10, 11 and 12 played together due to the low number of entries.

Grade 10 (4 players): 1. Wilhem Saravia 2.5/5; 2. Josh Gagnon 2.5/5; Tied with 2.0/5: 3. Nathan Marshall and Joel Boulet.

Grade 11 (4 players): 1. Andrew Boik 4.5/5; 2. Jeffrey Mo 4.0/5; 3. Shawn Michael 2.0/5.

Grade 12 (1 player): 1. Eric Wong.



At the Alberta Chess Challenge, Victor Kaminski (left) took first place while Karim Nurmohamed placed second. Kaminski went on the National Chess Challenge and was the only Albertan to get a perfect score, winning the national Grade 6 title.

Regional Chess Challenge Results and another photo on Page 6.

View from The Castle ...

The Chatter joins Alberta Chess Report

by Chatter Editor Bruce Thomas

Last fall, The Roving ChessNuts published two issues of Chatter in the Castle. Both issues got great reviews, particularly since there were photos of junior players along with news about junior chess around the province.

Due to heavy involvement in organizing chess activities and the logistics of publishing and distributing a stand-alone junior chess publication for just a couple hundred junior players, The Roving ChessNuts had to put the Chatter on the back burner.

But Alberta Chess Association directors remarked how good The Chatter was and asked whether we could spruce up the Alberta Chess Report in the same manner. Since our day job is publishing and printing, including three weekly publications, we said yes. The Chatter Editor also happened to have once been the editor of Alberta Chess Report anyway.

Finally in June, arrangements were made to experiment by reviving The Chatter and combining it with The Alberta Chess Report. What you are reading now is the result and we hope it will be lasting with a new issue coming out every two months. We also hope you, the readers, will like it, contribute material and photos to it, and also add your ideas and suggestions.

This co-operation between the Alberta Chess Association and

The Roving ChessNuts will serve the Alberta chess community well. While the majority of the news gathering, writing and layout of The Report and The Chatter will remain voluntary, the professional approach now being used will not only produce a better looking and better prepared publication, it will also be more convenient for chess players of all ages - one publication serving the entire community. Economically, the combination of the two publications also makes sense and the ACA will realize a big savings in postage from the way it was previously distributing The Report.

Since this is the junior section of the newsletter, we want to remind juniors that they, too, should have a voice in chess affairs. Therefore, we welcome junior players to help submit news, games, photos and even their own comments and suggestions. Feel free to give me a call any time to discuss Chatter in the Castle and its contents. Next deadline for the September issue of The Report and The Chatter is August 15.

One last note. Due to the interruption in publishing The Chatter and the changeover of combining it with The Alberta Chess Report, this issue has some material and photos from what seems long ago. Future issues will have more timely reports and photos, particularly if our readers and event organizers make sure to send us a report and, hopefully, photos of junior players in action!

Ponoka joins junior chess

Central Alberta now has at least one community involved in organized chess.

Thanks to the efforts of teacher Graham McComiskey, some Ponoka students from St. Augu-

stine Catholic School and at least two other local schools have gotten involved in Edmonton tournaments, local tournaments and the provincial chess challenge.

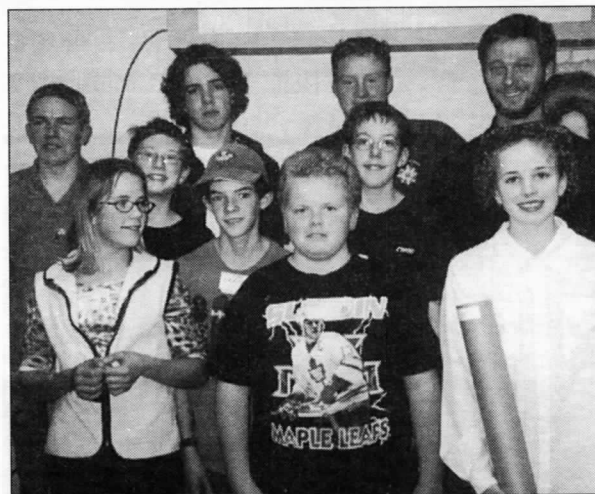
The Ponoka students'

first foray into tournament chess was an eye opener for them.

Arriving at Edmonton Junior Chess Club's Christmas tournament, nine junior high students had a quick evaluation of their play by tournament director Bruce Thomas who determined that while most knew the legal moves, none had any tournament chess skills.

Although the nine Ponoka entrants were kept out of the higher rated round-robin sections, none placed higher than fourth in six-player round-robins usually involving students much younger than the Ponoka players.

Instead of being discouraged, the students and McComiskey went home realizing that tournament chess was more than just moving pieces



These St. Augustine School students and teacher Graham McComiskey (back right) made the Town of Ponoka debut into organized chess by participating in the Edmonton junior tournament.

around the board.

St. Augustine School hosted a Roving ChessNuts instructional workshop and tournament in January and over 30 students began playing chess on a regular basis.

McComiskey organized a regional playoff in Ponoka for the Alberta Chess Challenge and a few students have partici-

pated in tournaments outside of Ponoka.

McComiskey has accepted a teaching position in Calgary, but he says the chess playing in Ponoka will continue as another teacher has agreed to take on the chess club at St. Augustine and Ponoka should be represented in some scholastic matches this fall in Edmonton.

Chatter in the Castle

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Calgary team event attracts 48 players

by Richard Kaminski

Despite arctic weather conditions outside, 48 young chess players showed up in March at Rocky Mountain College in Calgary to participate in the Team Finals tournament. Half of these players had a Chess'n Math rating higher than 750 points!

Six teams of four, led by captains: Daniel Kazmaier, Victor Kaminski, Eric Wong, Fisher Zheng, Thomas Kaminski and Ivan Kornilo, played for trophies and medals.

Another 24 played for medals in a swiss competition.

As always, there were surprising results. The tournament favorite, Kazmaier lost to Victor Kaminski and had a draw against Zheng, while Kaminski had two lucky draws with his brother Thomas and Wong.

Other top players, Wilhelm Saravia, Maylin Cui and Nathan Marshall recorded not a single loss in the tournament. Final standings:

TEAMS:

1. Team F (Daniel Kazmaier, Yaroslav Babich, Bilal Khan, Nathan Marshall) 14.0 points;

2. Team C (Victor Kaminski, Scott Malo, Maylin Cui, Cashie Erskine) 12.5 points;

3. Team A (Eric Wong, Wilhelm Saravia, Jesse Marshall, Feiez Elai) 11.0 points.

BOARD WINNERS:

B1 Victor Kaminski 4.0/5

B2 Wilhelm Saravia 5.0/5

B3 Maylin Cui 4.5/5

B4 Nathan Marshall 5.0/5

RESERVES

1. Steven Pridgen 4.5/5

2. J-P Ekellenkamp 4.5/5

3. Ian Mardsen 4.0/5

4. Christian Stafie 4.0/5

It was a successful tournament with interesting results. Every player went home with a trophy or medal plus a certificate.



Participants in a family chess event pose at Edmonton Chess Club ... parents strained their brains on one side of the room while juniors played on the other.

Juniors find reason to twist arms to get mom/dad to play

Family chess is a new concept for Edmonton, organized by The Roving ChessNuts.

The first family tournament last October attracted a small group of parents and junior players and a few similar events have been held since, with one of the best being during February's Family Day weekend.

Families entering this tournament held at Millennium Place in Sherwood Park, received a family pass to the Place's recreational facilities, thus after chess was over, everyone went swimming in the wave pool or relaxed in the hot tub.

The Culjaga Family seems to be dominating the family events to date with dad Nikola winning the adult sections and sons Marko and Ivan usually doing well among the juniors.

A major prize is usually given to the family whose get the highest score based on the best adult and best junior result. Family prizes have included a gift certificate to a major restaurant and a \$30 gift certificate good at The Bay.

One family event saw four moms battling in their own division with Kathy Dauphinais coming out on top.

A family chess event outdoors, followed by a picnic and soccer, is expected to be held during this summer. Families interested in getting involved should phone The Roving ChessNuts, 473-1557.

This fall a restaurant has agreed to host another family event and it is hoped that a family chess event will be held about every six weeks during the 2003/04 school year.

At the family events, juniors usually play rated games for prizes while the adults play for fun and to help gain points towards the family prize. All levels of players are welcome, but the usual rule is that a junior can not play unless he or she brings along an adult relative w

More information on... 473-1557 or through

Calgary Junior Chess Club

For information contact:
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or Brian Mason, 278-7633

Tournaments result in September
Parkhill Stanley Park Community Centre
4013 Stanley Road S.W.
(turn west off Macleod Trail at 39th Ave. SW)

Regional Chess Challenges

Whitecourt Regional Results:

- Grade 1 - 1. Louise McDonald
- Grade 2 - 1. Tyler Grierson, 2. Sean Hanson
- Grade 3 - 1. Luke McDonald, 2. Tylor Mombourquette, 3. Jeff Fischer
- Grade 4 - 1. Avery Shipton, 2. Julie Godin, 3. John Savage
- Grade 5 - Levi Mattson, 2. Jordan Grierson, 3. Vincent Hawkey
- Grade 6 - 1. Brennan Stang, 2. Daniel Davis, 3. Luke MacKenzie
- Grade 7 - No competitors
- Grade 8 - 1. Joshua Miller, 2. Bryce Bakker, 3. Simon Yackulic
- Grade 9 - No competitors
- Grade 10 - No competitors
- Grade 11 - 1. Tyler Murray
- Grade 12 - 1. Royce Calliou, 2. Bradley Adamiak

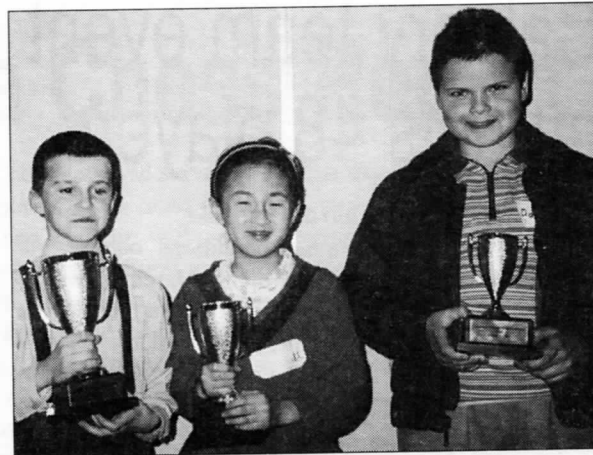
Calgary Regional Results:

- Grades 1 - 2 played together (7 players): 1. Ethan White, grade 2; Wesley Piera, grade 1; 3. Ben Parker, grade 2; 4. Erik Lantz, grade 2; 5. Aaron Ting, grade 1
- Grade 3 (10 players): 1. Thomas Kaminski, 2. Igor Ilic, 3. Mark Ting, 4. Mikayla Benner
- Grade 4 (17 players): 1. Lucas Eshleman, 2. Yaroslave Babich, 3. Simon-Dani Jolicoeur, 4. Matthew Stoian
- Grade 5 (10 players): 1. Cristian Stafie, 2. Eric Hansen, 3. Scott Malo, 4. Fernando Lopes, 5. Sam Benner, 6. Kenton Marshall
- Grade 6 (10 players): 1. Victor Kaminski, 2. Karim Nurmohamed, 3. Andrei Mogosanu, 4. Carter Dziuba, 5. Johan Piera
- Grade 7 (2 players - played with Grade 9): 1. Brandon Eshleman, 2. Gregory Kinash
- Grade 8 (6 players): 1. Cornelia Dinca, 2. Felix Chung, 3. Ivan Kornilo
- Grade 9 (6 players): 1. Daniel Kazmaier, 2. Ken Sun, 3. Fisher Zheng
- Grades 10 through 12 played together:
- Grade 10 (4 players): 1. Wilhem Saravia, 2. Joel Boulet, 3. Nathan Marshall
- Grade 11 (3 players): 1. Jeffrey Mo, 2. Shawn Michael, 3. Ian Marsden
- Grade 12 (1 player): 1. Eric Wong.

Edmonton Regional Results:

- Grade 1 (2 players): 1. Aleksander Pupovuac, 2. Tatiana Sandoval
- Grade 2 (3 players): 1. Arthur Baser, 2. Derek Thomas, 3. Sasha Sestic
- Grade 3 (5 players): 1. Din Milner, 2. Luke McDonald, 3. Daniyl Smorschok
- Grade 4 (10 players): 1. Stefan Milanovic, 2. Katharine Park, 3. Shehzad Kassam
- Grade 5 (12 players): 1. Stephen Dauphinais, 2. Marko Culjaga, 3. Marjun Parcasio, 4. James Maimann
- Grade 6 (2 players): 1. Brett Howlett, 2. Roland Park
- Grade 7 (4 players): 1. Megan Chi, 2. Paul Dauphinais, 3. Evhen Dytyniak, 4. Stefan Klikach
- Grade 8 (3 players): 1. Jered Fokkema, 2. Adam Rogue, 3. Krishnell Prasad
- Grade 9 (5 players): 1. Anastasia Kazakevich, 2. David Lin, 3. Ivan Culjaga
- Grade 10 (3 players): 1. Josh Gagnon, 2. Jonathan Chi, 3. Randy Zern
- Grade 11 (1 player): 1. Andrew Boik
- Grade 12: No competitors

Regionals held in Ponoka and Peace River were apparently not rated, nor were any results submitted



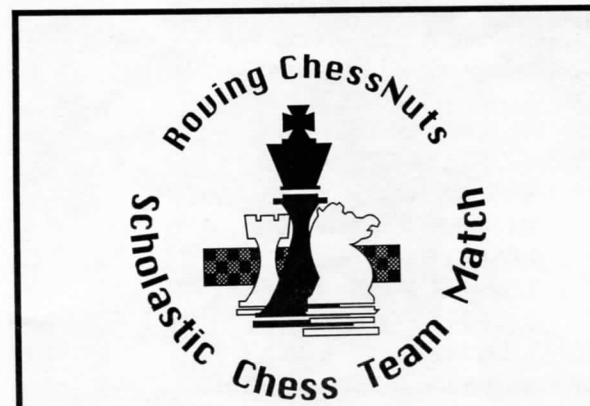
Grade 3 winners at the Alberta Chess Challenge in Red Deer were (left to right): Thomas Kaminski, Amanda Wang and Daniyl Smorschok.

School's out in Whitecourt

Whitecourt Junior Chess Club celebrate the end of the 2002/03 school year with a small tournament on June 28.

Luke McDonald won the top section four-player double round-robin, winning all six games while Joshua Miller was second with a score of 4.0/6.

In the lower section of five players, Matthew Gann was the clear winner with 3.5/4, followed by Jeff Fischer, 2.5/4 and Louise McDonald, 2.0/4.



Thank you to the Schools which participated in 2002/03 Scholastic Matches

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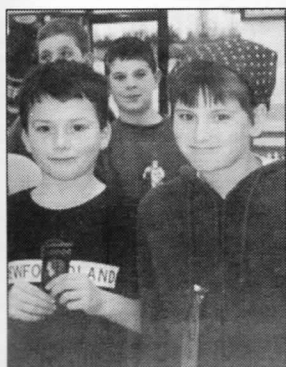
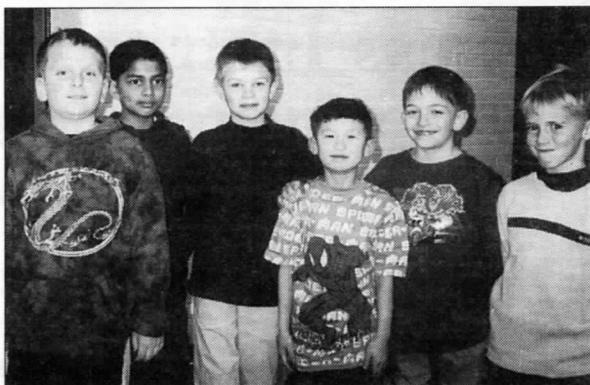
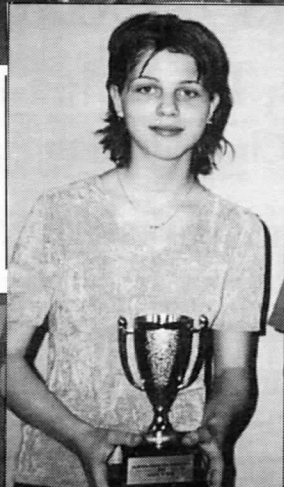
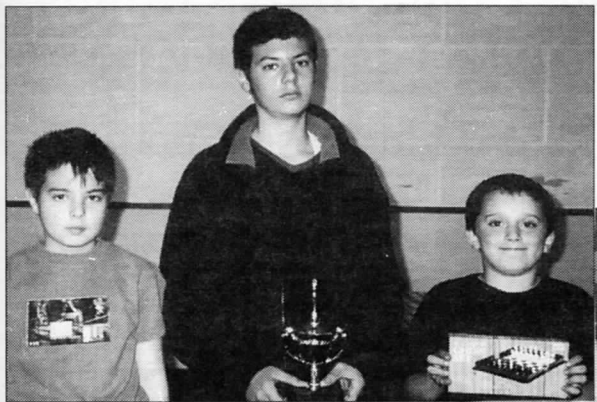
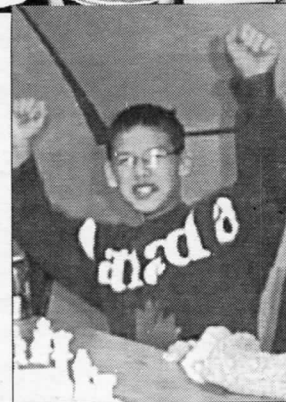
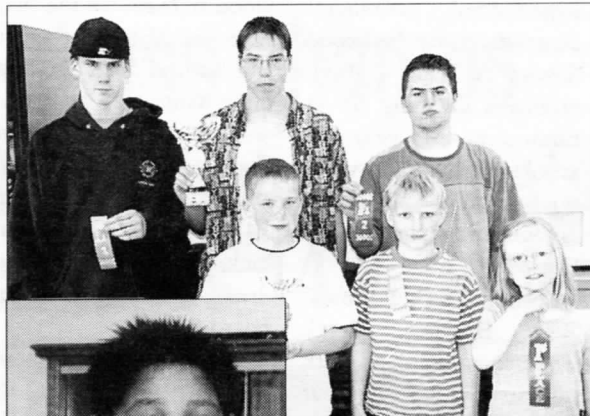
Delwood Elementary, Parkdale Jr. High, Progressive Academy, Holy Family, Frere Antoine, Princeton Elementary, Dickinsfield Jr. High, Elmwood Elementary, Whitecourt Jr. Club, Crawford Plains

We expect many more schools to join the scholastic series during 2003/04.

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Delwood sweeps elementary scholastic match

With two provincial grade champs and two experienced provincial competitors, the Delwood School A Team had no problems cleaning up at Edmonton's year-end scholastic match involving four other schools and organized by The Roving ChessNuts.

Stephen Dauphinais, Brett Howlett, Derek Thomas and Roland Park composed the top four Delwood boards and each won all five of their

games. Playing on the Delwood A Team for the first time was Mitchell Lawler and he did well, getting three wins and one draw.

The Delwood squad buried the competition, getting 24 of a possible 24.5 points. (One team lacked one player so draws were given on board five.)

Freré Antoine School fielded two teams and its A Team with some experienced tournament players

got second place with 14.5 points.

The B Team from Freré Antoine placed fifth with 10 points.

Elmwood School fielded a team of grade 6 players, and although all were new to tournament chess, the team matched the 11.0 score of Whitecourt Junior Club's team of five elementary students.

Whitecourt, however, was awarded third place on tiebreak, having beaten Elmwood, 3-2, in their

Year End Scholastic Match featuring 5 elementary-age teams

1st - Delwood	24.0/25
2nd - Freré Antoine A	14.5/25
3rd - Whitcourt	11.0/25
4th - Elmwood	11.0/25
5th - Freré Antoine B	10.0/25
6th - Crawford Plains	4.5/25

individual match.

Whitecourt was led by Luke McDonald who was the only non-Delwood player to score four points.

Another newcomer to Edmonton's scholastic matches and tournament chess in general was the Crawford Plains School team which scored only 4.5 points.

However, Nicholas Gregg of Crawford Plains won the match's top per-

centage because he won three games, good for 67 per cent of his team's score.

Progressive Academy School hosted the match on June 14 and because there were some extra elementary and junior high players on hand, they played an individual tournament which saw Ivan Culjaga win the junior high title while his brother, Marko, was top elementary player.

Some of the 29 players who battled over the boards at Edmonton's Progressive Academy during the year-end scholastic team match.



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Nguyen triumphs at March of Kings

by T.D. Richard Kaminski

With the absence of the Kings of Alberta Chess, the annual March of Kings tournament in Calgary was ruled by a few attending experts and challenging juniors.

In total 25 players have participated, including one Edmonton envoy Micah Hughey and nine



Cornelia Dinca ... in action at Calgary's Canada Day Open

juniors.

Definitely, the tournament belonged to Kim Nguyen who after three subsequent wins over Norm Luyben, Janna Poliakov and Daniel Kazmaier, added a draw with Hughey in the fourth round.

In the last round, Nguyen played exceptionally well and reigned over Belly Cacho in the decisive game of the last round.

As always, there were some surprises in the tournament made mainly by juniors or lower ranking players.

In the first round, junior Fisher Zheng won over Bill Bentley while strong junior Joel Adolph was defeated by veteran Don Macfarlane.

Another interesting encounter of the third

round was between junior Victor Kaminski and expert Micah Hughey. Victor's attack brought whispers of "Victor is winning with Micah"; however, after Victor's "no" to a draw proposal, Micah slowly regained his strength and won.

Another surprise was delivered by Cornelia Dinca. In the last round, Dinca being an underdog against Daniel Kazmaier played an interesting tactical game and won.

This was my first ACA tournament as director - I

Final March of Kings results:

OPEN SECTION

First

Kim Nguyen 4.5/5

Second / Third Tie

Micah Hughey 4.0/5

Belly Cacho 4.0/5

think the players appreciated my efficiency and the quiet atmosphere.

The only thing I did not like was a request delivered to the participants that they had to cover \$224 expenses for

rent of the venue. I took the matter into my hands by allocating only \$72 from players and requesting Calgary Chess Club or ACA to cover the balance. I went further into the action by cancelling the expensive Ramada venue and securing comfortable, inexpensive and very good located venue at Days Inn as the future place of ACA weekend tournaments in Calgary.

Congratulations to all March of Kings participants!

Under 1800 Kings winners:

First

Jonathan Day 4.0/5

Second / Third Tie

Joel Adolph 3.5/5

Cornelia Dinca 3.5/5

Canada Day 2003 Open

Round 2

Nguyen, Kim (1991)

Dinca, Cornelia (1751) [B57]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 g6

[6...Qb6 7.Nb3 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Bg5 0-0 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Qxd6 Rd8 12.Qg3 Be5 13.Qh3 Bd7 14.Rad1 a5 15.a4 Nb4]

7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.e5 d5

9.exf6 dxc4 10.Qxd8+ Kxd8

11.Bg5 h6 12.0-0-0+ Ke8

13.fxe7 Bxe7 14.Bf4 Be6

15.Ne4 Bd5 16.Rhe1 Kd7

17.Nc3 Bc5 18.Nxd5 cxd5

19.Rxd5+ Kc6 20.Rd2 g5

21.Be3 Rhe8 22.Rde2 Bd6

23.g3 a5 24.Bd4 Reb8

25.Be5 Rb7 26.Bxd6 Kxd6

27.Rd1+ Kc6 28.Rd4 Kc5

29.Ree4 Rb4 30.a3 Ra4

31.Rd7 Rc8 32.Rxf7 Kd5

33.f3 Rc6 34.Rf5+ Kd6

35.Rf6+ Kd5 36.Rxc6 Kxc6

37.c3 (Trapping the rook)

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Canada Day 2003 Open

Round 3

Kuczaj, Chris (1960) (photo at left)

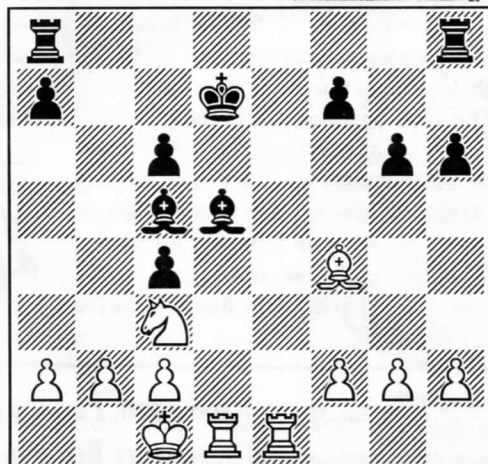
Yearwood, Roy (2117) [B22]

1.d4 c5 2.e4 cxd4 3.c3 Nc6 4.cxd4 d5 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Nf3 e6 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.Bd3 Nf6 9.0-0 Bxc3

10.bxc3 0-0 11.Bg5 b6 12.Re1 Bb7 13.Bc2 [13.Qc2 h6 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Qd2 Kg7 16.Qf4 Rg8]

13...Ne7 14.Re5 Qc6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qd3 Ng6 17.Rh5 Rfc8

0-1



After Move 17 ...Bc5

White (Nguyen) goes on to win

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Hughey, McIntosh share Hollowach honors / Unrated player takes Schnitka glory

by T.D. Greg Beebe

The Schnitka / Hollowach tournament is one of the few annual abnormal tournaments that the Edmonton Chess Club operates.

In this wild and crazy format, we break the standard swiss in half and run a two section swiss with the top half being the Hollowach Challenge, and the bottom half being

the Schnitka Memorial. Directing this tournament made me feel like such a rebel.

In the Hollowach Challenge, Micah Hughey and Danny McIntosh tied for first, each with 3.5 out of a possible four.

I was in this section while directing, and frankly, I had more fun watching the top boards than I did getting beat up

by everyone.

The most stunning game was the final game between Micah Hughey and John Quiring, where John thought a bit too long on a few moves and flagged on move 29 on a very interesting position. This cost him the game as well as his unbeaten streak which had survived an amazing 24 games.

The surprising winner

of the Schnitka Memorial, with 3.5/4, was Ken Storoschuk, who was unrated.

"Ken has played in the casual ECC Johnchess tournaments for quite a while, but I think this excellent result will encourage him to continue playing in the more serious CFC events," said Micah Hughey in a post event commentary.



Occasional tournament director and ACR Editor Greg Beebe

Quiring, J. (1997)

Hughey, M (2070)

ECC Hollowach Challenge 2003

[Notes by Micah Hughey]

[Since last September, John had gone 24 games in a row without a loss. Three of those games were against me.]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bg5 c4 10.b3 Qa5 11.Na4 b5?!

[This is premature, as white's knight does not have to retreat yet. A much better continuation is 11...Be6 reinforcing the d-pawn, which is always a potential weak spot in the Tarrasch.]

12.Ne5! Bb7 13.Bd2?!

[Here, John could have taken advantage of my unprotected d-pawn with 13.Bxf6! shattering my king's pawn shield with 13...gxf6 (because 13...Bxf6? 14.Nc5 Qc7 15.Nxb7 Qxb7 16.Bxd5 wins my d-pawn.)]

13...Qc7 14.Nc3!? Nxd4 15.Bf4 Ne6 16.Nxb5 Qa5?!

[Drops a pawn due to the loose bishop on b7. 16...Qb6 was better, (keeping the bishop protected) when I will still get to play ...Nxf4 soon, breaking up white's pawns without losing any material.]

17.bxc4 Nxf4 18.gxf4 Rad8 19.Qc2 Rc8 20.a4 Ne4 21.Bh3 f5 22.Nd7

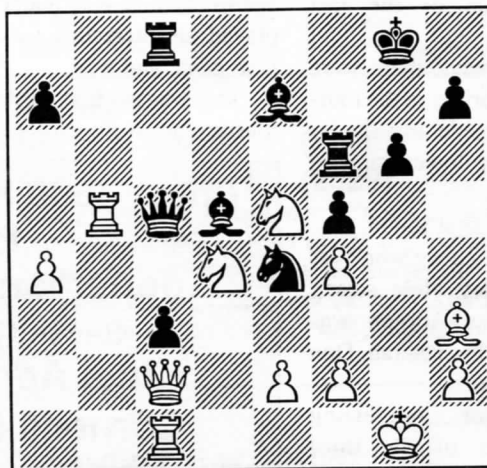
[Now would be a good time for white to break the pin with 22.Qa2!, retaining the extra pawn. John's time pressure was building by now. He had about four minutes to reach move 30.]

22...Rf7

[I avoided 22...Rxc4? because of 23.Qd1 Rf7 24.Ne5 forking the rooks.]

23.Ne5 Rf6?!

[Avoiding the repetition and playing for the win. I am down a pawn, but my pieces are more active. With more time on his clock, though, white should survive.]



Black to move after 29. Rb5

[Here, John's flag fell before he could regain the piece. The game could have continued 29...Qxd4 30.e3 Qd2 31.Qxd2 Nxd2 32.Rxd5 regaining the piece, but after 32...Rb6! the advantage is mine, as it is not easy to stop the passed c pawn.]

0-1 (Time)

24.Nd4 g6 25.Qa2 dxc4 26.Rfc1 [White could keep the extra pawn with 26.Nxc4 Qd5 27.Ne5 although black has good compensation with his active rooks and bishop pair.]

26...Bd5 27.Rab1 c3 28.Qc2 Qc5 29.Rb5?!

[This move does not actually drop a piece, because white can get it back, but it does lead to a bad endgame. John had only 20 seconds left for these last two moves, but 29.e3 was better, securing both of white's knights on good outposts to counter black's good bishops.]

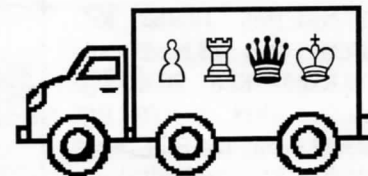
Calgary Chess Club moves

Earlier this year, after some debate, Calgary Chess Club moved its playing sessions out of The Elephant and Castle because of the city's new smoking bylaw which banned minors from the restaurant because it allows smoking.

Since junior players compose up to 30% of entrants in the club's tournaments, the club decided to move to a new location at the Days Inn, 1818 - 16th Avenue N.W.

The club announced the move with a commentary on its past location: "We are sad to leave the Elephant and Castle, because it had a fabulous location and many years of history with us. We will definitely miss it."

Weekly club sessions are held Tuesdays, 7 to 11 p.m. with the drop-in fee being \$2 per night.



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Polish Club hosts cash tournament

Top-rated Jeff Reeve and Zhichao Li drew against each other in the last round of the Polish Club Syrena Tournament held June 7 in Club Syrena, just a short distance from Edmonton Chess Club.

That draw allowed the third highest-rated player in the four-round event to sneak to victory with a perfect score. Paolo Veneracion did not have to face either Reeve or Li and was able to capture the \$125 first prize while \$90 each went to the two masters for the second/third place tie.

A guaranteed prize fund of \$400, enlarged by entry fees, for the unrated, active tournament attracted two dozen players, including two masters and seven juniors.

This second annual tournament is meant to give players of Polish origin, who normally do not participate in competitive chess, a chance to play against the best of the Edmonton chess community. The event is sponsored by the Polish Canadian Society and Club Syrena.

The section below 1900 rating was won by Vladislav Rekhson with three

points, followed by Harvey Caron with 2.5.

The next section was taken by Andrew Boik and Lincoln Camphaug, each winning three of four games.

Finally, among the young juniors (below 14 years old) Derek Thomas was the lucky winner with a 1.5 score.

Great food

Those who didn't have luck at the chess board, had a chance to console themselves with delicious, home-style Polish food Club Syrena is famous for. Tournament director Piotr Rajski did a great job with the event, although he reports his director's duties didn't allow him to fully enjoy a plate of pierogies during the lunch break.

Sets, clocks and tournament supplies were lent to the tournament by the Roving ChessNuts and Edmonton Junior Chess Club with Bruce Thomas and Micah Hughey assisting.

Organizer of the event, Ben Kubiczek, extended an invitation to all players to return next year for another Polish tournament at Club Syrena. He also agreed to host a family chess event, probably sometime in the fall.

Chess enjoyed by all ages



In Edmonton, two chess clubs at the opposite end of the age line held several informal playing sessions during the past school year. The Delwood Chess Club meets only a few blocks away from the Northgate Seniors Centre where each Tuesday afternoon, September through April, about a dozen or more seniors gather to play their favorite game.

Delwood Elementary School principal Diana Bolan, a big supporter of chess for students, has allowed some of her students to occasionally skip last classes of the day so they can go play the seniors at Northgate. More chess field trips will probably occur during the 2003/04 school year.

Meanwhile, the senior chess club invites others to join in the informal play on Tuesday afternoons, 1 p.m. to about 4 p.m., once summer is over. Further information about seniors chess can be obtained from Percy Connell, (780) 461-9626, or Ray Kennedy, 483-6714.

There's a wide range of skills at the Northgate Seniors Chess Club from beginners to some players who use to be among the best in the city. Connell loves to relate the chess history of Edmonton.

Hughey wins ECC Capablanca Classic

The ECC Capablanca Classic was a five-round Swiss, held Thursdays in May at the Edmonton Chess Club.

Competing were 23 players, including two experts and three juniors.

Micah Hughey came away with bragging right after achieving a perfect score.

Hafiz Karmali and Tim Dean shared second place with scores of 3.5 each.

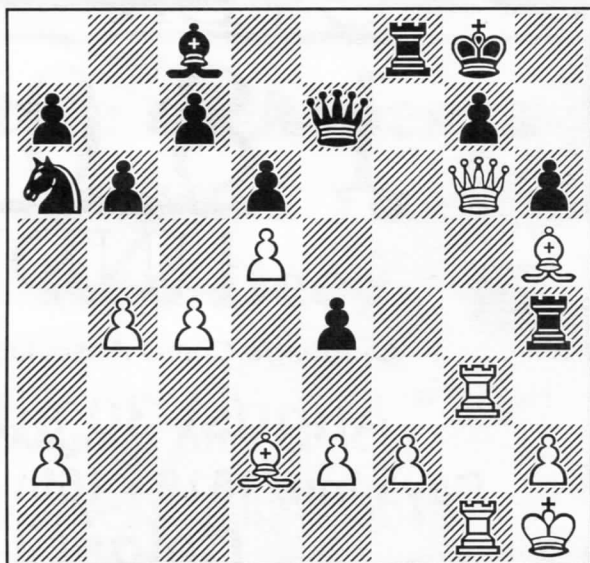
Stephen Dauphinais, a grade five student playing in his first non-junior regular-rated event racked up two victories.

Gardner victorious

Played at Edmonton Chess Club, the Used to be U. of A. Open was held in mid-May and Rob Gardner swept the competition with a five out of five score.

Gardner was able to claim his second consecutive victory over Jeff Reeve, Alberta's highest rated player. Reeve took second place with four victories.

Anastasia Kazakevich took third place, with 3.5.



Black to Move ... This selection is from one of Fred Reinfeld's popular books, *1001 Brilliant Ways to Checkmate*, first published in 1955.

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ECC Spring Open won by Hughey

by **Micah Hughey**
Edmonton Chess Club's Spring Open took place on Thursdays throughout March with 20 players competing including four juniors and two new players.

The winner with 3.5 out of four games was

your modest reporter, Micah Hughey.

There was a big tie for second place as John Quiring, Danny McIntosh, Greg Beebe, Tim Dean and Kevin Smith all scored 3.0. John Quiring extended his undefeated streak to 21 games!

The two newcomers to CFC chess, Tim Canete and Ken Storoschuk, scored 1.5/4 and 1.0/4 respectively.

Among the juniors, Jered Fokkema had the best score, with 2/4. And Paul Dauphinais had a good result in his first non-junior event, scoring 1.5/4.



Edmonton satellite clubs attract attention

To promote chess and see how many more people could be lured to organized chess, Edmonton Chess Club and The Roving ChessNuts created satellite club at various locations around Edmonton during the late winter and early spring.

Under Percy Connell's wing, the club at Millwoods Public Library was the most successful with up to 50 people participating in an informal ladder tournament ... average attendance over 13 weeks was between 25 to 30.

Over at Londonderry Public Library, Bruce Thomas had anywhere from a dozen to 30 people showing up.

Fewer people were attracted to Sprucewood (handled by Micah

Hughey) and Lessard (Anastasia and Alex Kazakevich) Libraries, while Greg Beebe taught a small but devoted group of junior players at Knottwood Community Hall.

While there were mostly junior players at the satellite clubs, some new adult players were discovered. A few of the junior players have since advanced to various tournaments. Edmonton Junior Chess Club was helping the program by awarding free tournament entry vouchers to first-time players.

Library branches were pleased with the response and this summer some instructional programs are being offered while in the fall, some branches may be offering chess nights weekly.

Johnchess:

Edmonton's popular Monday night sessions

by **Greg Beebe**

Edmonton Chess Club uses Monday nights to boost the egos of many aspiring chess players by hosting tournaments that are only rated locally, just for the fun of it.

This gives new players a chance to learn the ropes and the more experienced players a chance to experiment without the risk of damaging their real ratings.

This weekly event is lovingly known as Johnchess, named after its founder John "Mr. Power" Quiring.

Here is a update of the last few months. It shows the progress of some of the players in their bid to prove that they have the biggest or most improved Johnchess rating.

APRIL 28: The winner, with 3.5/4 was Micah Hughey

MAY 5: 24 players joined this week's Johnchess event, including eight juniors and one new player. The top rated player, Vladislav Rekhson took 1st place a full point ahead of the field with 3/4. There was a big tie for 2nd place, as Geoff Newton, Adrien Regimbald, Josh Gagnon, Roland Schech, Steven Hamblin, Kevin Smith, Jered Fokkema and Val Verlik scored 2/4. The Top Junior award is split this week between Josh Gagnon and Jered Fokkema, with 2/4 each.

MAY 12: 20 players competed for the glory of a Johnchess victory, including four juniors and one new player. The glory had to be shared four ways though, as Adrien Regimbald, Ferenc Borloi, Jason Wihnon and Bruce Morton tied for 1st with 3/4. The Top Junior award goes to Jered Fokkema and Marco Culjaga, who scored 1.5/4 each.

MAY 19: 22 players joined the competition this week, including three juniors and one new player. Also, for the first time that I can remember, we had two Masters playing (Zhichao Li and Rob Gardner, Edmonton's #2 and #3 players on the CFC rating list). The Masters didn't stay for the whole tournament, which is not unusual for Johnchess. Many players join for just the first two rounds or sometimes just for the last two rounds. Micah Hughey and Will Graham tied for 1st place with 3/4. Third place was taken by Zhichao Li, who scored 2.5/4 including a win over Rob Gardner.

The top junior this week was Josh Gagnon, with 2/4.

MAY 26: There was a five-way tie for 1st place as Dave Gomboc, Micah Hughey, Adam Tassone, Ferenc Borloi and Will Graham all scored 2.5/4. The Top Junior Award goes to Josh Gagnon and Jered Fokkema, who both scored 2/4. Thanks to Adam Tassone for directing throughout May.

And Johnchess goes year-round at Edmonton Chess Club. So does nicer weather chase players away? Here's the Johnchess report from:

JUNE 30: There was another good turnout at the ECC, with 27 players including one Master, nine juniors and one new player. The winner, with 3.5/4, was Nikola Culjaga. Nikola took a first round bye, then won three games straight. Second place was shared by Jason Wihnon and Tim Dean, both with 3/4. The Top Junior award goes to Andrew Boik, with 2.5/4. Honorable mention must go to the #1 rated player on the Johnratings list, Zhichao "Leaf" Li. He played two games, and showed tremendous defensive resources in both. In round two he recovered against Andrew Boik and ended up winning the game. In round three, I was surprised that he did not resign when he was down a ton of material against a strong player, Paolo Veneracion. But Leaf demonstrated that the position wasn't resignable yet, causing some severe problems for Paolo with a sudden rush of his passed pawns. In the end, it was Paolo who had to escape with a perpetual check.

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Huber, Greg (2312)

Haessel, Dale (2207)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be2 e5 7. Nb3 Be7
8. O-O O-O 9. Kh1 Bd7 10. f3 Bc6 11. Be3 a5 12. a4 Na6 13. Bc4 Nb4
14. Qe2 Qc7 15. Rfd1 Rfc8 16. Rd2 Bd7 17. Bd5 Nfxd5 18. exd5 f5 19. Nb5 Qd8
20. c3 Na6 21. Qf2 Qe8 22. Qe2 Qd8 23. Qf2 Qe8 24. Qf1 Qd8 25. f4 b6
26. Rdd1 g6 27. fxe5 dxe5 (see diagram) **28. d6** Bf8 29. Qd3 Be6 30. Nd2 Rc6
31. Qe2 Qd7 32. Nf3 Bg7 33. Bf2 Bc4 34. Nxe5 Qe6 35. Qf3

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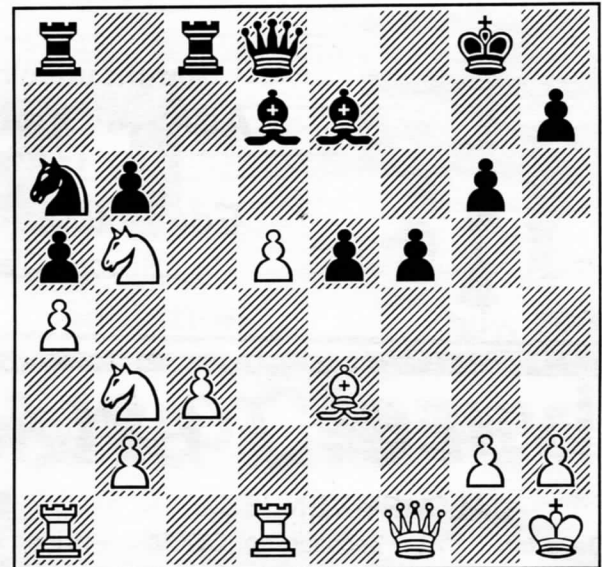
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Gardner, Rob (2265)

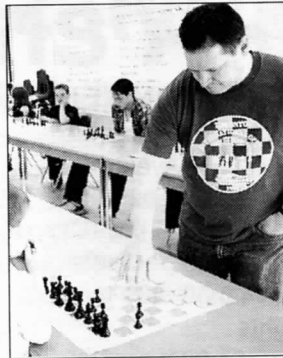
Hughey, Micah (2070)

1.f4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 d5 4.e3 Bg7 5.Bd3 Bf5
6.Bxf5 gxf5 7.Qd3 Qc8 8.c4 c6 9.Nc3 e6
10.b3 O-O 11.Ba3 Rd8 12.Rc1 Qd7 13.Ne5 Qe8
14.O-O Nbd7 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.Nc4 N7b6
17.Bc5 Nxc4 18.bxc4 Nxe3 19.Qxe3 b6 20.d5 bxc5
21.Qxc5 cxd5 22.cxd5 Rac8 23.Qe3 Rc4
24.Qd3 Rdc8 25.Ne2 exd5 26.Rxc4 dxc4
27.Qxf5 Qe3+ 28.Rf2 Rd8 29.Qb1 Rd2 30.Kf1 c3
31.Qb8+ Bf8 32.g3 c2

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Huber -Haessel: After Move 27...dxe5



Whitecourt Star
Rob Gardner playing
a simul at Whitecourt
Junior Chess Club.

CASINO VOLUNTEERS

Casino funding helps
chess in Alberta through
the Alberta Chess
Association and in

Edmonton through the
Edmonton Chess Club.

Travel subsidies to
both senior and junior
players who earn the right
to compete in national
and international events
are made possible through
casino funding as well as
venue rentals for clubs
and tournaments.

Casino funding can
only be derived by having
volunteers serve at cas-
inos on dates where part of
the casino proceeds are
reserved for specific
organizations.

ACA's casino obliga-
tions were fulfilled earlier
this year, but Edmonton
Chess Club's casino
assignment occurs August
25 and 26.

ACA and ECC appre-
ciate those chess players
and friends who volunteer
for casino nights.

In Edmonton's case,
persons wishing to help
with casino duties on
August 25-26 can still
still contact Adam
Tassone, 432-3770, to
make arrangements to
volunteer.

"As with any fund
raising event, we can use
as many people as possi-
ble," says Tassone.

Editors' Thanks ...

We would like to extend a note of appreciation to the tournament directors who submitted reports and others who contributed material to this issue of The Alberta Chess Report.

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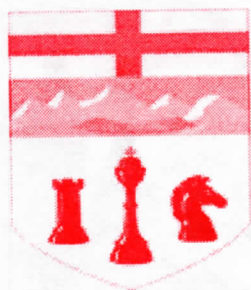
All active chess players and organizers are reminded that they are invited to submit news items, chess problems, photos and other materials to The Report. We also welcome your suggestions and comments. See Page 4 for details. The next deadline for submitting items is August 15.

Greg & Bruce

Top CFC Rated Albertans

(Played at least 1 Tourney since April 1, 2002)

Rank	Name	Rating
1	Jeff Reeve	2371
2	Nenad Ristic	2328
3	Knut Neven	2305
4	Zhichao Li	2302
5	Arthur Odachowski	2294
6	Greg Huber	2283
7	Rob Gardner	2273
8	Christopher Demers	2250
9	Dale Haessel	2207
10	Sasha Grumic	2180
11	Yuri Vasylev	2169
12	Micah Hughey	2143
13	Roy Yearwood	2117
14	Paolo Veneracion	2092
15	Nandor Tot	2091
16	Brad Willis	2078
17	Alan Clark	2072
18	Zoltan Baunok	2070
19	Kris Boehmer	2066
20	Taco Van Ieperen	2049
21	David Ottosen	2040
22	Grant Brown	2027
23	Hafiz Karmali	2017
24	Yngvi Bjornsson	2012
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1818-16 Ave N.W.
Tuesdays 7:00-11:00 PM
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Timothy's
10th Street and Kensington Road.
Fridays 6:00-11:45 PM
Contact: (403) 270-9614
Admission: Buy a Coffee

Devonian Gardens in TD Square
Most afternoons (casual)
2:30-4:40 PM
Admission: Free

The Planet
2212-4th Street S.W.
Most evenings (casual)
Contact: (403) 541-0960
Admission: None

Bad Ass Coffee Company
10th Street & 17th Ave S.W.
Most Evenings (casual)
Admission: None

Ramada Hotel DT
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(403) 269-7600
Special Event Tournaments

Parkhill/Stanley Park Center
4013 Stanley Rd. S.W.
Primary Junior Venue

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TD Square, 3rd Floor
7th Avenue and 4th Street S.W.

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Prince of Wales Armouries
#114A 10440-108 Avenue
Contact: (780) 424-0283
Mondays 7:00-11:45 PM (Casual)
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Wednesdays 6:30-9:00 p.m.
Junior Nights
Admission: \$4.00 per night
Thursdays 7:00-11:45 PM
(Rated Tournaments)
\$2.00 per night + \$3.00 per Tournament.

Delwood Chess Club
Delwood Hall, 7515 Delwood Road
Thursdays 2:30-4:00 p.m. (school year)
Contact: Bruce Thomas (780) 473-1557
Student instruction and tournaments

Stanley Milner Library
100 Street & 102 Avenue
Most afternoons (casual)
Admission: None

Northgate Lions Seniors Centre
7524-139 Avenue
Tuesday afternoons (September-May)
Percy Connell (780) 461-9626

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Maple Leaf Future Generation Club
CONTACT: Maluk

COLEMAN

Royal Canadian Legion
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Royal Canadian Legion
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(September - April)
Phil Lefkowitz (780) 538-1903

HINTON

Queens Bakery and Cafe
124 Market Street
Peter Bundscherer, (780) 865-5050



LETHBRIDGE

University of Lethbridge, Room A844
Tuesdays 7:00-11:00 p.m. (Sept.-April)
Contact: Brian Titley (403) 380-6751

The Penny Coffee House
Wednesdays at 7:30
Kent kentkarapita@hotmail.com



Lethbridge Public Library
Buchanan Room on Sunday Afternoons

LLOYDMINSTER

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Tuesdays 7:30M
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Or Eugene Gibney (780) 875-6352

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Southview Community School
Coffee corner room (September-April)
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Contact: Bill Taylor (403)526-5484

NORTHERN COMMUNITIES

Contact: Bernie Tynan (780) 771-3757

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Thursdays 7-10 pm
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or: Kevin Hay (780) 842-2714

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Brian McDonald (780) 778-5082

