



ALBERTA CHESS REPORT



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By John Quiring, TD

The Alberta Closed was held in Calgary on the Easter weekend. This is not a Zonal year in the world championship cycle, so the winner does not advance to the Canadian Championship. Even so, an exceptionally strong field showed up to battle for the money, the glory, and entry into next year's championship.

The contestants, in order of starting rating: **Greg Huber** has won everything there is to win in Alberta. As the highest rated player (again), he is the favourite (again).

Nenad Ristovic was playing in his first Closed. During his relatively short residence in Alberta, he has won some strong tournaments, and has generally impressed with his play.

Dale Haessel was on a hot streak, having recently tied for first in the Calgary Closed (with Nenad) and gaining 100 rating points in the process.

Arniel Frialde, who has represented Alberta in several Canadian Championships, has been playing rather infrequently, enough to qualify for the Closed but not much more. But he seems to have a knack for winning the big games.

Sasha Grumic is a dangerous player who has the potential to beat anyone. He revels in dynamic positions where tactical shots abound.

Arthur Odachowski has played in several Closures. He has an amazing ability to calculate variations, and each year I wonder whether this will be the year he challenges for first place.

Warrick Walker won the "last chance" qualifier in Red Deer to capture the final spot in the Closed. This was his first trip to the Championship.

Douglas Wu, at age 15, is surely the youngest player ever in the Closed. He qualified to play in the Closed by winning the Alberta Junior Championship. As Doug was the lowest rated player by far, he could expect his opponents to play stubbornly for the win in every game.

The time control was 30 moves in 90 minutes, then 20 moves per hour, which leads naturally to a 5 hour, 50 move playing session. There were no adjournments, perhaps since the schedule called for playing adjourned games early Sunday morning. (It is impossible to play 7 games in 3 days and have a "nice" schedule).

The crosstable, as usual, tells the story. Nenad and Doug played above expectations, and Arniel and Warrick played below expectations. The other players performed roughly as their ratings would indicate. Nenad's performance was overpowering. He plays in a calm, confident and

Alberta Closed

March 28-30, 1997 TD: John Quiring

#	Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Tot
1	Nenad Ristovic	2365	x	=	1	1	1	1	=	1	6.0
2	Dale Haessel	2305	=	x	0	1	0	1	1	1	4.5
3	Greg Huber	2363	0	1	x	=	=	1	=	1	4.5
4	Arthur Odachowski	2220	0	0	=	x	1	1	=	=	3.5
5	Sasha Grumic	2241	0	1	=	0	x	0	1	1	3.5
6	Arniel Frialde	2257	0	0	0	0	1	x	1	1	3.0
7	Douglas Wu	1961	=	0	=	=	0	0	x	0	1.5
8	Warrick Walker	2122	0	0	0	=	0	0	1	x	1.5

professional style, and appears to have excellent theoretical knowledge in both openings and endings. Significantly, he defeated both Greg and Arniel, who between them have dominated the Alberta Championships recently.

Many thanks to Walter Watson and Tedge Davies who organized this tournament. Thanks also to ACR editor David Otosen for data entry of all the games. And thanks to the players who gave up their weekend for our entertainment.

Round 1

Huber - Grumic

1.e4 g6 2.d4 d6 3.Nc3 c6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 d5 6.e5 h5 7.Be2 Nh6 8.Be3 Bf5 9.Qd2 Nd7 10.h3 Nf8 11.0-0 b5 12.Rdgl a5 13.Kd1 Ne6 14.Ng5 h4 15.Bf2 a4 16.Ke1 Ng8 17.Nd1 Nxc5 18.fxc5 e6 19.c3 Ne7 20.Qf4 b4 21.Bxh4 a3 22.cxb4 axb2 23.Nxb2 Rxa2 24.Nd1 Qb6 25.Kf1 Qxb4 26.Be1 Qb3 27.Qe3 Qc2 28.g4 Be4 29.Rh2 0-0 30.Rf2 c5 31.Nc3 cxd4 32.Qxd4 Nc6 33.Qb6 Nxe5 34.Nxa2 Qxa2 35.Rg3 Qa1 36.Qb7 Ra8 37.Rc3 d4 38.Rc8+ Rxc8 39.Qxc8+ Kh7 40.Qa6 Qb1 41.Qb5 Qc2? [41...d3 42.Qxb1 dxe2+ 43.Kxe2 Bxb1-+] 42.Qb4 Nd3 43.Qd2 Nxf2 44.Qxc2 Bxc2 45.Kxf2 d3 46.Bf1 Bd4+ 47.Kf3 e5 48.Bd2 Bd1+ 49.Ke4 Be2 50.Bg2 Kg7 51.Bf3 Bf1 52.h4 Kf8 53.h5 gxh5 54.gxh5 Be2 55.Bxe2 dxe2 56.Kf3 Kg7 57.Kxe2 f5 1/2-1/2

Wu - Haessel

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 e5 7.Nf3 Nbd7 8.a4 Be7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 Nc5 11.Kh1 d5 12.Qe1 dxe4 13.Bxe4 exf4 14.Bxf4 Be6 15.Rd1 Qe8 16.Nd4 Nfxe4

17.Nxe4 Bc4 18.Nd6 Bxd6 19.Bxd6 Bxf1 20.Qxf1 Nxa4 21.Bxf8 Qxf8 22.Qf3 Qb4 23.b3 Re8 24.Rf1 Rf8 25.c3 Qxc3 26.Qf4 Nc5 27.Rc1 Qd3 28.Rf1 Nxb3 29.Ne6 Nd2 30.Nxf8 Qxf1+ 31.Qxf1 Nxf1 32.Nd7 Ne3 33.Nc5 b5 34.Nxa6 f5 35.Kg1 Kf7 36.Kf2 Nd5 37.Ke2 Ke6 38.Nc5+ Ke5 39.Nb3 Nf4+ 40.Kf3 Ne6 41.Ke3 Kd5 42.g3 Kc4 43.Nd2+ Kc3 44.Nb1+ Kb2 45.Nd2 Kc2 46.h3 b4 47.Nc4 b3 48.Na3+ Kc1 49.Kd3 b2 50.Kc4 b1Q 51.Nxb1 Kxb1 52.Kd5 f4 53.Ke4 fxc3 54.Kf3 Ng5+ 55.Kxc3 Nxc3 0-1

Ristovic - Odachowski

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 c6 8.h3 e5 9.e4 Qb6 10.Re1 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne8 12.Nde2 Qb4 13.Qb3 Qxb3 14.axb3 Nc5 15.b4 Nd3 16.Rd1 Nxb4 17.Bg5 f5 18.Ra4 Na6 19.b4 Rf7 20.Be3 Be6 21.exf5 gxf5 22.b5 cxb5 23.Nxb5 Nc5 24.Bxc5 dxc5 25.Nf4 Rd7 26.Rxd7 Bxd7 27.Bxb7 Rd8 28.Bd5+ Kh8 29.Rxa7 Be5 30.Nd3 Bd4 31.Nxd4 cxd4 32.Ne5 1-0

Walker - Frialde

1.e4 g6 2.d4 d6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Bc4 c6 5.Qf3 e6 6.Nge2 Qe7 7.0-0 Nd7 8.Bf4 e5 9.Bg5 Ngf6 10.a4 0-0 11.Qe3 h6 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.f4 exd4 14.Qxd4 d5 15.e5 dxc4 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Qxc4 Bf5 18.Ng3 Bxc2 19.Nce2 Qe3+ 20.Kh1 Bd3 21.Qb3 Rad8 22.Rf3 Qd2 23.Rd1 Bxe2 24.Rxd2 Rxd2 25.Nxe2 Rxe2 26.h3 Rxb2 27.Qc4 Rd8 28.Rd3 Rxd3 29.Qxd3 Kg7 30.Qc4 a5 31.g4 Rb4 32.Qc5 Rxa4 33.g5 hxg5 34.fxc5 Bd4 35.Qd6 Rc4 36.h4 b5 37.h5 gxh5 38.Qh6+ Kg8 39.g6 fxc6 40.Qxc6+ Kf8 41.Qd6+ Ke8 42.Qb8+ Kd7 43.Qb7+ Ke6 44.Qe8+ Ke5 45.Qe8+ Kf4 46.Kg2 a4 47.Qf7+ Ke3 48.Qf3+ Kd2 49.Qf4+ Kc2 50.Kf1 a3 51.Ke2 a2 0-1

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Reminder to Tournament Directors

The CFC requires a rating report to be submitted within 7 days after an event--you owe it to the players to send in rating and membership reports ASAP. Also, please send a written report to the *ACR*. Support your Alberta newsletter! Be warned: If you don't send something, we will write it ourselves with an excess of mockery of YOU! Report or be mocked!

Myyyy Editorial

Well, another change at the "top"; John Quiring finally was convinced that he was carrying too much of the load for the Alberta Chess Association (something many who know him had long suspected), and agreed to give up some of his responsibilities. Given a choice among: his job, his life, his CFC Executive position, his ACA Treasurership, or his *ACR* Editorship, the *ACR* ranked just barely behind his life, and hence, I have been appointed the new editor of the venerable *Alberta Chess Report*.

I doubt you will notice a huge change in how the *ACR* looks (at least for the time being), seeing as John has instructed me in the use of Microsoft Publisher as well as providing me with numerous templates of the layout of the *ACR*. John deserves accolades for his work (yay John!).

Anyways, enough quackage (to quote Tom O'Donnell). I guess a substantive topic would be a welcome addition to this editorial, so I will introduce one: *Alberta Chess*.

As some of you know, I went out to Toronto to play in the May long weekend Toronto International. There were 295 players, including 55 in my section (Under 2100). The most lasting impression I have of the tournament, however, is not GM games, or even my own games. It is the attitude of the players in the East.

In Alberta, people tend to play and let the chips (or prize money) fall where it may. In Ontario, there is a much more "professional" attitude, with players doing short draws, playing on the "win with white, draw with black" strategy, and others.

As for me, I simply went out trying to win each game. I was chastised after my round 4 game (where I declined two draw offers with black and went on to lose) by a player who knew nothing about my game except that I was black. He felt I was being "wildly optimistic" in trying to win with black. It was a welcome relief to get back to Alberta, where the chess is tough, and the players are tougher. For all their "strength", the Ontarians only showed me that they play from a fear of losing, rather than with an eye towards winning.

David

Coming Next Issue...

Overflow Issue!!

EVERYTHING GETS IN!!

**SO START
SUBMITTING!!!!**

Top Rated Albertans

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

1. Nenad Ristovic	2365
2. Gregory Huber	2363
3. Rob Hawkes	2362x
4. John Ferrar	2314x
5. Robert South	2314
6. Dale Haessel	2305
7. Nigel Fullbrook	2300
8. Martin Oberrauch	2290p
9. Victor Maric	2276
10. Fred South	2272x
11. Armiel Frialde	2257
12. Sasha Grumic	2241
13. Jonathan Schaeffer	2238
14. Neil Sharp	2229
15. Branimir Brebich	2225
16. Arthur Odachowski	2220
17. Roy Yearwood	2218
18. Sardul Pirewal	2215x
19. Ted Wilson	2205
20. Eugene Gibney	2162x
21. Gordon Campbell	2160x
22. Christopher Demers	2155
23. Milan Rabljenovic	2145x
24. Nandor Tot	2145x
25. Ante Zaradic	2145
26. Dave Gomboc	2144
27. Jim Daniluk	2136
28. Michael Jorgensen	2126x
29. Warrick Walker	2122
30. F. John Parrott	2119x
31. Grant Brown	2109
32. Bradley J. Willis	2108
33. Geoff Newton	2105
34. Zoltan Baunok	2092x
35. Jim Monaghan	2090x
36. Virgilio Turingan	2078
37. Alvin Remoroza	2075p
38. Leo Danglapen	2069
39. David Ottosen	2067
40. Adam Wu	2040
41. Farzan Nazarian	2038
42. Walter Zwirner	2034x
43. Walter Watson	2028
44. Barney Fegyvermeki	2027
45. Hafiz Karmali	2026
46. Tedge Davies	2021p
47. Chris Kuczaj	2021
48. James Flemming	2015
49. Yngvi Bjornsson	2010
50. Ford Wong	2007
51. Arthur Milne	2003

Top Rated Albertans "Legend"

x - Player has been inactive

p - Player's rating is provisional

NEWS FROM THE ALBERTA CHESS ASSOCIATION

By Walter Watson, President

In an effort to attract new members who might have trouble paying the regular \$38 annual membership fee, the CFC has instituted a tournament membership which entitles the member to play in one CFC rated tournament while receiving a permanent CFC number and rating. The cost of the new membership in Alberta is \$10 for adults (6 for CFC, 4 for ACA) and \$5 for juniors (3 for CFC, 2 for ACA). A tournament member deciding to play in another tournament will have to pay the same fee again, or become a regular member for \$38. The CFC will monitor the situation to ensure that it does not lose a lot of revenue through numerous regular members becoming tournament members instead. Further information should be in the June En Passant.

There have been some personnel changes since the last ACR. Grant Brown has been appointed head of the Internet Committee, to work with Dave Gomboc, Aaron Lovi, David Ottosen, and Paul Usselman. John Quiring wound up a successful stint as ACR editor, with David Ottosen as the new editor. John deserves our continued thanks as he is the most valuable worker in the ACA, doing a huge amount of expert work in a number of positions.

The six 1997-98 CFC Governors for Alberta have been appointed. They are Grant Brown (381-0308), David Ottosen (425-1584), John Quiring (468-9173), Ford Wong (481-6474), Neil Sharp (346-0420), and Walter Watson (277-5620). Aside from me, they all have email addresses. In 1989, the ACA Board decided that CFC Governors would be appointed at the president's discretion, presumably to avoid the politicking

which might result from elections by the board. The following are some of the qualities that I look for. Most important, a Governor must be prepared to vote and send in opinions on matters before the CFC. This requires an ability to deal with paperwork, as the Governor's Letters are several pages long and not easy reading. Governors must also be able to meet the deadline for opinions and votes. I prefer to appoint Governors from the ACA Board, as board membership will inform them of the issues facing Alberta chess. For the same reason, governors should be involved in organizing chess at the local level. There should also be a geographical balance with Governors coming from various areas of the province. The Governor's Letters are now published on the CFC's website. I urge you to read them and give the Alberta Governors your input on the issues.

What's The "Words"- Words Books Tournaments

by Tedge Davies

April 27th Open

Ten players showed up for the first Words Active open. Fred South astounded any doubters with his stellar performance as he went on to win with a perfect score. Fred mentioned it had been 6 years since his last active and evidently he had not lost a stride. Welcome back Fred!

Dale Haessel, clearly upset with his loss, regained his composure to capture clear second. Though my own performance left something to be desired, directing the event was enjoyable and I look forward to future tournaments. With six players tied with two points, that left Ted Borowski with one and Joe Nemeth with a perfect score of 0. Uncle Joe says it is always a pleasure just to participate.

TD Roy Yearwood

April Under 1700

This active was action packed. It all began at the front door, 30 players lined up for 22 chairs. Sorry guys, the first 22 registered are the players on the roster, maybe next time. These 22 stood in array awaiting for their pairing partner, the veterans cool and collected, young bloods pacing eagerly waiting to jump in for the

harvest of plenty. Oh yes, the calm before the storm! The top four rated players never got a chance to catch their breath against the onslaught of the young newcomers. Martin Proulx swept through his opposition with tenacious resolve, yielding only a draw to capture clear first with 4.5. Andre Min, losing only to a previous champion, wrapped up second place in hand with another youngster, Hans Olsen, each with 4. Where are they coming from? echoed a startled voice. Jim Jarvis another fresh face, tied for third, with veteran Chris Vermette.

As TD, I would like to thank you for the good sportsmanship and express to you all, my appreciation.

TD Tedge Davies

April 1700-2000

Alan Gomes, playing in his first full rated tournament since moving to Calgary from New Brunswick, was the surprise winner of the April Word's tournament. Don Coward was playing for his second consecutive first place finish, but lost to Alan in the third round. Thirteenth seed Alex Kozak was another surprise. His upset of second seed Rod Weis led to a fourth round

showdown with Alan, but Alan won a game with chances for both sides and then Alan played a last round draw with Rod to score a winning 4.5/5. The other top scores were Don Coward 4; Rod Weis 3.5; Alex Kozak, 12 year old newcomer Alvin Remoroza, Bruce Kiely, and Gurb Singh, all with 3. There were 16 players, including 6 newcomers.

TD Walter Watson

May 1700-2000

Farzan Nazarian made a triumphant return to chess competition by convincingly winning Word's May tournament with a perfect 5/5 score. Don Coward continued his string of successes in the tournament (3rd-1st-2nd) with another second place at 4/5, losing only to Farzan in round 3. Andre Min (losses to Nazarian and Coward) and Bill Bentley (losses to Min and Nazarian) tied for third with three points, followed by defending champion Alan Gomes. Colin Chrumka, Martin Proulx, and John Redes, all with 2.5. As always, we were fortunate to have Rook St. Peter as our host.

TD Walter Watson

Attention: The ACA wants your E-mail Address!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Alberta Chess Association is considering making the Alberta Chess Report (or some form of it) available to be delivered via email. However, to do this, we require your email address! Some of the items to be delivered via email would include: some form of the ACR, upcoming tournament announcements, new information (such as the new membership categories), and other items of interest/reminders (eg. reminding you to volunteer for the Casino in Calgary). To join the "ACA emailing list" email to

David Ottosen (dottosen@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca).

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Round 2

Odachowski - Walker

1.d4 c5 2.e3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Bd3 d5 5.c3 Qc7
6.Nbd2 cxd4 7.exd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Nh6 9.Re1 0-0
10.Nf1 Bg4 11.Ne3 Rad8 12.Nxg4 Nxg4 13.h3
Nh6 14.Bg5 Kh8 15.Qd2 Ng8 16.Bf4 Qc8
17.Re2 f6 18.Rae1 Rde8 19.Bb5 g5 20.Bg3 h5
21.Re6 Bh6 22.Qd3 Kg7 1/2-1/2

Wu - Huber

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3
a6 6.f4 Nbd7 7.Be2 e6 8.Be3 b5 9.0-0 Bb7
10.Bf3 b4 11.e5 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 bxc3 13.exf6
cxb2 14.Rab1 Nxf6 15.Qc6+ Nd7 16.f5 e5
17.Ne6 fxe6 18.fxe6 Rc8 19.Qa4 Rb8 20.Rf7
Be7 21.Rxg7 Rf8? 22.Rxh7?? [22.Bg5! Rf4
23.Qxd7+ Qxd7 24.exd7+ Kxd7 25.Rxe7+ and
white is a clear piece up] 22...Qc7 23.exd7+
Qxd7 24.Qxa6 Qb5 25.Qxb5+ Rxb5 26.Bh6
Rf5 27.g4 Rf3 28.g5 Rb4 29.h4 Rg4+ 30.Kh2
Rf2+ 31.Kh3 Rb4 32.g6 Rxh4+ 33.Kg3 Rhh2
34.g7 Rhg2+ 35.Kh3 Rh2+ 36.Kg3 1/2-1/2

Haessel - Frialde

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Nge2 Nf6 5.g3
Bg4 6.Bg2 Qc8 7.h3 Bd7 8.Be3 Nc6 9.d5 Na5
10.Qd3 c5 11.f4 0-0 12.g4 b5 13.Nxb5 Rb8
14.Na3 Rxb2 15.Bd2 Qc7 16.0-0 Rbb8 17.Bc3
Rfc8 18.Rab1 c4 19.Qe3 a6 20.Bd4 Bb5
21.Nc3 Qd7 22.Bb6 Nb7 23.Naxb5 axb5
24.Nxb5 Nc5 25.Nd4 Ra8 26.a3 Qa4 27.Nc6
Bf8 28.Rb4 Qxc2 29.Rc1 Qd3 30.Bxc5 dxc5
31.Qxc5 (Both players were in significant time
pressure. Arniel, while quickly writing down
his move, noticed Dale move his queen and
assumed Dale was trading off queens. He
immediately reached out and snapped off 31. ...
cxd3 and hit the clock, but it was his own queen
sitting on d3. I hit the clock back and replaced
the black queen. However, it was still "touch
move", which explains Arniel's peculiar pawn
push--JQ)...c3 32.Qxc3 Qxc3 33.Rxc3 e6
34.Rbc4 Rde8 35.d6 e5 36.Rd3 Nd7 37.Nxe5
Nxe5 38.fxe5 Rxe5 39.d7 Rd8 40.Rc8 Be7
41.Rb3 Kg7 42.Rxd8 Bxd8 43.Rb8 Be7
44.d8Q Bxd8 45.Rxd8 Ra5 46.Rd3 Kf6 47.Kf2
g5 48.Ke3 Ra4 49.Kd2 Ke5 50.Kc2 Ra7
51.Kb3 Rb7+ 52.Kc3 Rb1 53.a4 Ra1 54.a5 h5
55.Kb4 Ra2 56.Bf3 h4 57.Ra3 Rb2+ 58.Rb3
Ra2 59.Ra3 Rb2+ 60.Kc5 Rc2+ 61.Kb6 Rb2+
62.Kc7 Rc2+ 63.Kd7 Rd2+ 64.Ke7 f6 65.a6
1-0

Grumic - Ristic

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.g3 Bc5 5.Bg2 Nc6
6.Ng3 dxe4 7.dxe4 e5 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qe2 a5
10.Nb3 Bd6 11.a4 b6 12.Rd1 Ba6 13.c4 Qc8
14.Bg5 Ne8 15.Rac1 Qe6 16.Qf1 f6 17.Be3
Qf7 18.Nh4 g6 19.f4 Ng7 20.Nd2 Rad8 21.b3
Bb4 22.Ndf3 Ne6 23.Rd5 Bc5 24.Bxc5 Nxc5
25.Qd1 exf4 26.gxf4 Qe7 27.Nd2 Nb4 28.Rc3
Nxd5 29.exd5 Rde8 30.Nhf3 Bc8 31.Nf1 Qe2
32.Qxe2 Rxe2 33.Nd4 Re1 34.Nb5 Re7 35.Ne3

Rfe8 36.Kf2 Bf5 37.d6 cxd6 38.Bd5+ Be6
39.Kf3 Rd8 40.Nd4 Bxd5+ 41.Nxd5 Re1 42.Nc6
Rf8 43.Nxb6 g5 44.f5 Rfe8 45.Nd5 Kg7
46.Nxa5 Rf1+ 47.Kg2 Rxf5 48.b4 Re2+ 49.Kh3
Ne4 50.Rb3 h5 0-1

Round 3

Frialde - Odachowski

1.Nf3 d6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nd7 5.0-0
Ngf6 6.d4 0-0 7.Nc3 c6 8.h3 e5 9.e4 Qb6
10.Rb1 exd4 11.Nxd4 Re8 12.Be3 Qb4 11.e4 c5
2.Nc3 d6 3.Nge2 a6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.d4
cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.a4 Bd7 10.Bg5
Nc6 11.Nde2 h6 12.Bd2 Ne5 13.b3 Rc8 14.h3
Bc6 15.Ra2 e6 16.Be3 Qe7 17.Qd2 Kh7 18.Rd1
Ne8 19.Nd4 f5 20.Nxc6 bxc6 21.exf5 3.Qb3 a5
14.Nc2 Qxb3 15.axb3 Nc5 16.Bxc5 dxc5 17.f4
Nd7 18.Rbd1 Nf8 19.Rfe1 Ne6 20.e5 Ra6
21.Ne4 Rb6 22.Re3 a4 23.b4 Nd4 24.Nxd4 cxd4
25.Rxd4 Rxb4 26.Ra3 Be6 27.Bf1 b5 28.Rd2
Rb8 29.Nd6 (flag) 0-1 (The players used
Arthur's Insa clock, which Arniel is not entirely
comfortable with. It has a very large face, an
expanded display of the last 2 minutes. But while
the flag moves UP until time control is reached,
the hand in the expanded display of the last two
minutes moves DOWN until it points to zero. I
think this confuses Arniel in the heat of time
pressure, and he has lost at least two games on
time using this clock. The solution is simple:
ignore the expanded display and look only at the
flag (i.e. treat it like any other clock).-JQ)

Walker - Grumic

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.c3 Bg7 4.f4 Nf6 5.e5 Nd5
6.Nf3 0-0 7.Bc4 c6 8.0-0 Na6 9.Na3 Nac7
10.Nc2 c5 11.a4 b6 12.Bd3 e6 13.Qe2 Bb7
14.Ng5 Rc8 15.Ne4 Ne8 16.Rf6 Ne7 17.Rh3 c4
18.Bxc4 Bxe4 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Qxe4 Nd5
21.Ne1 Rc7 22.Nf3 Rc7 23.g3 Ndc7 24.Bd2
dxe5 25.Nxe5 Bxe5 26.fxe5 Qd5 27.Qh4 Qf3
28.Bf4 Rd7 29.Rf1 Qe2 30.Rf2 Qe1+ 31.Kg2
0-1

Huber - Haessel

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nge2 a6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7
6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.a4 Bd7
10.Bg5 Nc6 11.Nde2 h6 12.Bd2 Ne5 13.b3 Rc8
14.h3 Bc6 15.Ra2 e6 16.Be3 Qe7 17.Qd2 Kh7
18.Rd1 Ne8 19.Nd4 f5 20.Nxc6 bxc6 21.exf5
gxf5 22.Ne2 d5 23.Qa5 Qb7 24.Nf4 Nc7 25.Bd4
Nd7 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.Qc3+ Kh7 28.Nd3 Ne8
29.Re1 Rf6 30.Raa1 Nd6? 31.Nc5 Nxc5 32.Qxf6
Qd7 33.b4 Nce4 34.Qd4 Rg8 35.c4 Nxc4
36.Rxe4 fxe4 37.Bxe4+ Rg6 38.Bxg6+ Kxg6
39.Qg4+ Kf6 40.Rd1 Qb7 41.Qh4+ Kg6 42.Rd4
Qxb4 43.Rf4 Qe1+ 44.Kg2 Qe5 45.Qg4+ Kh7
46.Rf7+ Kh8 47.Rf8+ 1-0

Ristic - Wu

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d6 5.Nf3 0-0
6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.e4 c6 9.h3 Qb6 10.Re1
Re8 11.Re2 a5 12.Be3 exd4 13.Nxd4 Qa6
14.Rc2 Nc5 15.f3 Be6 16.Bf1 Nfd7 17.Bf2 Rad8
18.Nxe6 Rxe6 19.Nd5 Qa7 20.Nf4 Ree8

21.Qxd6 b6 22.Qd2 Ne5 23.Qe3 Qd7 24.Be2
Qe7 25.h4 Ned7 26.Qa3 Be5 27.Rd1 Qf6 28.Ng2
Ne6 29.Rcd2 Ndc5 30.Rxd8 Rxd8 31.Rxd8+
Qxd8 32.b4 axb4 33.Qxb4 Nd4 34.Bxd4 Qxd4+
35.Kh2 Qf2 36.f4 Nxe4 37.Qe1 Qxe1 38.Nxe1
Bc3 1/2-1/2

Round 4

Grumic - Frialde

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c6 4.f4 d5 5.Nf3 Bg4
6.Be3 e6 7.Qd2 Bxf3 8.gxf3 Nd7 9.0-0-0 b5
10.Bd3 f5 11.Rhg1 Bf8 12.Ne2 Nb6 13.h4 Qxh4
14.Ng3 Nc4 15.Bxc4 bxc4 16.Bf2 Qd8 17.Rde1
Kf7 18.exf5 exf5 19.Re5 Bd6 20.Rge1 Nf6
21.R1e2 Qd7 22.Qe1 Rab8 23.c3 a5 24.a3 Rb7
25.Rc2 Rbh8 26.Qe2 Qc8 27.Be3 Rxb2 28.Rxb2
Bxa3 29.Kb1 Rxb2+ 30.Qxb2 Bxb2 31.Kxb2
Qb7+ 32.Kc1 a4 33.Bf2 a3 34.Re2 Qb3 35.Be1
a2 0-1

Huber - Ristic

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 c6 3.Bf4 Qb6 4.Qc1 Bg4 5.Ne5
Bh5 6.e3 Nf6 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0-0 e6 9.c4 Nxe5
10.Bxe5 Be7 11.Nc3 Bg6 12.Bxg6 hxg6 13.cxd5
cxd5 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Na4 Qb5 16.b3 Bd6 17.g3
Ke7 18.Kg2 Rac8 19.Qd2 Bb4 20.Qd1 Ba3
21.Qd2 Rc6 22.Nb2 Bb4 23.a4 0-1

Wu - Walker

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.e3 b6 5.g3 Bb7
6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc3 Qc8 9.Qe2 d6 10.e4
cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nc6 12.Nc2 a6 13.f4 Na5 14.Ne3
b5 15.cxb5 axb5 16.e5 dxe5 17.fxe5 Nd7 18.Ng4
Qc4 19.Qxc4 bxc4 20.Bxb7 Nxb7 21.Ne4 Nbc5
22.Nd6 Bxd6 23.exd6 Nb3 24.Rb1 Rxa2 25.Rd1
Rc8 26.Be3 Rc6 27.Bd4 Rxd6 28.Bc3 Rxd1+
29.Rxd1 Ra1 30.Rxa1 Nxa1 31.Ne3 Nb3
32.Nxc4 f6 33.Kf2 Ndc5 34.Ke1 Kf7 35.Kd1 g5
36.Kc2 h5 37.Nd2 Nxd2 38.Bxd2 e5 39.b4 Nb7
40.h3 Ke6 41.Kd3 Kd5 42.g4 hxg4 43.hxg4 Nd6
44.Be1 Ke6 45.Bf2 Kd5 46.Be1 Nb5 47.Bd2 Na3
48.Be3 Nc4 49.Bf2 e4+ 50.Ke2 Ne5 51.b5 Nxg4
52.b6 Kc6 53.Bd4 f5 54.Ke1 f4 55.Ke2 Nh2
56.Kf2 Nf3 0-1

Haessel - Odachowski

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3
d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 Be7 8.0-0-0 0-0 9.Nb3 Qb6
10.f3 Rd8 11.h4 a6 12.Be3 Qc7 13.g4 b5 14.g5
Nd7 15.h5 Nde5 16.f4 Nc4 17.Bxc4 bxc4 18.Nd4
Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Rb8 20.g6 Qb7 21.b3 cxb3
22.axb3 fxg6 23.hxg6 h6 24.Bxg7! Kxg7
25.Rxh6! Kxh6 26.Qh2+ Kxg6 27.Rg1+ Kf7
28.Qh5+ Kf8 29.Qh8+ Kf7 30.Rg7+ Kf6
31.Qh6# 1-0

Round 5

Walker - Huber

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6
6.Bc4 Qc7 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Bf4 Bg4 9.Qb3 e6 10.Nb5
Qb8 11.Ng5 a6 12.Nxd6+ Bxd6 13.Bxd6 Qxd6
14.Qxb7 0-0 15.Nxf7 Qc5 16.Rac1 Na5 17.Nh6+
gxh6 18.Bxe6+ Bxe6 19.Qxa8 Qb6 0-1

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Frialde - Wu

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.h3 0-0 5.e3 d6 6.Be2 c5 7.c3 Nc6 8.0-0 a6 9.a4 Bd7 10.Nbd2 cxd4 11.exd4 Nd5 12.Bh2 e5 13.Nc4 Be6 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Ncxe5 Re8 16.Nc4 Qe7 17.Re1 Rad8 18.Qc1 b5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Na5 Nxa5 21.Rxa5 b4 22.c4 Nb6 23.c5 Rc8 24.Bd6 Qxd6 25.cxd6 Rxc1 26.Rxc1 Bxb2 27.Rc6 Nd7 28.Bc4 Bf5 29.Rc7 Bc3 30.Raa7 Re4 31.Bd3 b3 32.Rxc3 Rb4 33.Bxf5 1-0

Ristovic - Haessel

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 b6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Bb7 7.e3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 d6 9.Nd2 Nbd7 10.f3 e5 11.Bd3 Qe7 12.Bf2 Nf8 13.Qc2 Ne6 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rfc1 g6 16.Bh4 g5 17.Bf2 Nd7 18.Nf1 Ng7 19.Ng3 Bc8 20.Be4 Rb8 21.Nf5 Qe6 22.Nxg7 Kxg7 23.Qa4 a5 24.Bd5 Qe7 25.e4 c5 26.Rab1 Bb7 27.Bxb7 Rxb7 28.Rb2 Rd8 29.Rd1 Rbb8 30.Rbd2 Nf8 31.Qc6 Rdc8 32.Qb5 Rd8 33.dxe5 dxe5 34.Rd5 Qc7 35.Bg3 f6 36.h3 Rxd5 37.Rxd5 Rd8 1/2-1/2

Odachowski - Grumic

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Ne8 10.Nd3 c5 11.f4 b6 12.fxe5 dxe5 13.b4 Nd6 14.bxc5 bxc5 15.Nxc5 Qa5 16.N3a4 f5 17.Bd3 fxe4 18.Rxf8+ Bxf8 19.Nxe4 Nef5 20.Bd2 Qc7 21.Rc1 Nxe4 22.Bxe4 Nd6 23.Qc2 Bd7 24.Nb2 Qc5+ 25.Kh1 Rc8 26.Bd3 Bg7 27.Nd1 e4 28.Bxe4 Ba4 29.Qd3 Re8 30.Be3 Qa5 31.Nf2 Bd7 32.Bf3 Bh6 33.Bxb6 Re1+ 34.Qf1 Rxf1+ 35.Rxf1 Nxc4 36.Ne4 Bf5 37.d6 Ne5 38.Bd1 Qb5 39.Bb3+ Kh8 40.Rc1 a5 41.Bg5 Kg7 42.Rc7+ Nd7 43.Bf6+ Kh6 44.Bg5+ Kh5 45.Bd1+ Bg4 46.h3 Bxd1 47.Rxd7 h6 48.Rh7 Qf1+ 49.Kh2 Qf8 50.Rxh6+ Qxh6 51.Bxh6 Ba4 52.Nf6+ Kxh6 53.d7 Bxd7 54.Nxd7 1-0

Round 6

Wu - Odachowski

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 Nbd7 7.Qd2 c5 8.d5 a6 9.a4 Qa5 10.Bd3 Ne5 11.Nge2 e6 12.0-0 exd5 13.exd5 Re8 14.Ng3 Qb4 15.Nge4 Nxe4 16.fxe4 Nxc4 17.Bxc4 Qxc4 18.Qf2 f5 19.g4 Bxc3 20.bxc3 Rxe4 21.Bf4 Bd7 22.Bxd6 Rxc4+ 23.Bg3 Qxd5 24.Rad1 Qe6 25.Rfe1 Re4 26.Rxe4 fxe4 27.Rd6 e3 28.Qe2 Qg4 29.Qxe3 Re8 30.Qd2 Bc6 31.Rd8 Qe4 32.Rxe8+ Qxe8 33.Qf4 Qe4 34.Qxe4 Bxe4 35.a5 Kf7 36.Bd6 c4 37.Kf2 Ke6 38.Bg3 Bc6 39.Ke3 Kd5 40.Bb8 b6 41.axb6 a5 42.Kd2 a4 43.Kc2 Kc5 44.Bc7 g5 45.Kb2 Kb5 46.Ka3 h6 47.Kb2 h5 48.Ka2 g4 49.Kb2 h4 50.Ka2 Bb7 51.Kb2 Kc5 52.Ka3 Bc6 53.Kb2 Kd5 54.Ka3 Ke4 55.Kb4 Kd3 56.Be5 Kc2 57.Ka3 1/2-1/2

Ristovic - Walker

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.g3 g6 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 Na6 10.Nd2 Nc7 11.a4 b6 12.Rb1 Nh5 13.Qc2 Na6 14.Na2

Qe7 15.Nc4 f5 16.h3 f4 17.g4 Bd4 18.e3 f3 19.exd4 fxg2 20.Kxg2 Bxg4 21.hxg4 Qh4 22.Qd1 [22.gxh5 Qg4+ 23.Kh1 Qxh5+ 24.Kg2 Qg4+ 25.Kh1 Rf3-+] 22...Rf4 23.Bxf4 Nxf4+ 24.Kf3 Nxd5 25.Ke4 Re8+ 26.Kd3 cxd4 27.b4 Nf4+ 28.Kc2 Re2+ 29.Kb3 Qh3+ 30.f3 Qg2 31.Rb2 d3 32.Nc1 d5 33.Nd2 Nc7 34.Rh1 Nce6 35.Nxe2 dxe2 36.Qg1 Nd4+ 37.Kc3 e1Q 38.Qxe1 Nfe2+ 39.Kd3 Nxf3 40.Nxf3 Qxf3+ 41.Kd2 1-0

Huber - Frialde

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Be2 Nf6 6.0-0 0-0 7.a4 a5 8.h3 Na6 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Qc1 Nb4 11.Nd2 d5 12.e5 Ne8 13.Na2 c5 14.Nxb4 axb4 15.c3 bxc3 16.bxc3 c4 17.Bf3 e6 18.Qb2 Bd7 19.Rfb1 Bc6 20.Qb4 Qa5 21.Bg5 Qxb4 22.Rxb4 f6 23.exf6 Nxf6 24.Re1 Rfe8 25.Bd1 Kf7 26.Bc2 Bf8 27.Rbb1 Bd6 28.Nf3 Nd7 29.Bh4 Kg7 30.Ng5 e5 31.Bg3 Bb8 32.dxe5 Bxe5 33.Bxe5+ Nxe5 34.f4 Nd7 35.Ne6+ Kf6 36.Nc7 Rxe1+ 37.Rxe1 Rc8 38.Ne8+ Rxe8 39.Rxe8 Nb6 40.Rf8+ Ke7 41.Rh8 h5 42.a5 Nd7 43.Bxg6 Nc5 44.Rh7+ Kd6 45.Bc2 Nb3 46.Rh6+ Kc5 47.Rxh5 Nxa5 48.f5 Kd6 49.Rh6+ Ke7 50.g4 Nb3 51.g5 d4 52.f6+ Kf8 53.g6 Bd5 54.Rh8+ 1-0

Haessel - Grumic

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Nge2 Nf6 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 c5 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.Be3 Na6 9.h3 Qa5 10.0-0 Rd8 11.Qc1 Be6 12.Bd2 Qb6 13.Nf4 Bc4 14.Re1 Nc7 15.b3 Ba6 16.e5 Nfe8 17.Na4 Qb5 18.c4 Qd7 19.Bc3 Bxc4 20.Nxc5 Qb5 21.Nxb7 Bd5 22.Nxd8 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Rxd8 24.Qc2 Qc6+ 25.Kg1 Nb5 26.Rac1 Rc8 27.Re3 g5 28.Ne2 Qe6 29.Nh2 Nxc3 30.Nxc3 Bxe5 31.Qe2 f6 32.f4 gxf4 33.Rxe5 fxg3+ 34.Kxg3 Qxe5+ 35.Qxe5 fxe5 36.Kf3 Kf7 37.Kc3 Ke6 38.Kd3 Nd6 39.Rg1 Rf8 40.Ke3 Rf4 41.Rg8 Rh4 42.a4 Rxh3+ 43.Kd2 Rh2+ 44.Kc1 Nf5 45.b4 Nd4 46.b5 Rc2+ 0-1

Round 7

Frialde - Ristovic

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Nxg5 hxg5 10.Bxg5 Nbd7 11.exf6 Bb7 12.g3 Qb6 13.Bg2 0-0-0 14.0-0 Ne5 15.a4 b4 16.dxe5 Rxd1 17.Nxd1 Qd4 18.Ne3 Bc5 19.Rac1 Ba6 20.Bf4 Kc7 21.b3 cxb3 22.Nf5 exf5 23.Be3 Qxe3 24.fxe3 Bxe3+ 25.Kh1 Bxc1 26.Rxc1 Bd3 27.Rxc6+ Kb8 28.Rc1 b2 29.Rd1 b1Q 0-1

Grumic - Wu

1.b3 Nf6 2.Bb2 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.Be2 d5 6.0-0 b6 7.d3 Bb7 8.Nbd2 c5 9.c4 dxc4 10.Nxc4 Nc6 11.a3 Qc7 12.Rc1 Rfd8 13.Qc2 e6 14.Qb1 Qe7 15.Qa1 Nh5 16.Bxg7 Nxg7 17.Rc2 Nf5 18.Ncd2 Qf8 19.Ne4 Qg7 20.Nf6+ Kh8 21.Rfc1 Nce7 22.g4 Nd6 23.g5 Nd5 24.e4 Nf4 25.Bf1 Nb5 26.Qe5 Nxd3 27.Bxd3 Rxd3 28.Ne1 Rxb3 29.Rd1 Nd4 30.Rxd4 cxd4 31.Rc7 d3 32.Rxb7 d2 33.Rb8+ 1-0

The Art Gallery

Milne - Turingan

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 The option is 6.d4, transposing into a Catalan **6...Nc6** BCO gives 6...c5 **7.Bb2** The English treatment; 7.d4 is possible, transposing into a Tchigorin's defense, where owing to White's unorthodox flank development, Black should experience no difficulties **7...d4 8.d3 e5 9.Na3!** 9.Nbd2? is positionally lost for white due to his inability to counter Black's advance in the center with ...f5 and ...e4 **9...Ne8!?** **10.Nc2** Bearing down on the critical squares b4 and d4, Whites N is ideally placed here **10...f5 11.Qd2** 11.b4!? Nxb4 12.Nxb4 Bxb4 13.Nxe5 c6 and if 14.Bxc6 the position is quite dicey for white; otherwise, the position is fairly equal **11...a5 12.e3 dxe3 13.fxe3?!** The pawns on e3 and d3 are optically strong, but in reality weak, as Virgilio proves; on the other hand, 13.Nxe3 is clearly better for white **13...Bd6 14.c5 Bxc5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Nf6 17.Bd4!** Black's KB is a powerful piece **17...Bxd4 18.Nxd4** White felt he was better here, because of the N/d4 and the considerable lead in development, but he is mistaken **18...Ng4!** Neglecting development, but the only way for white to make progress is to advance the center pawns, and black puts every technical obstacle in his path **19.Rae1 c6 20.Kh1** Sad when moves like this present themselves, but White did not want to become subject to the pin ...Qb6 after a future e4 **20...Qd6 21.Nf3 Bd7 22.Qc3 Rae8 23.d4 Qh6!?** 23...b6 with the idea of ...Qh6 **24.Qxa5 Nxe3 25.Rf2 Nxg2 25...f4 26.Kxg2 Rxe1 27.Qxe1 Re8 28.Re2 Rxe2+ 29.Qxe2 Qd6 30.Qd2** Drawn on black's offer, but after 30...Be6 31.Kf2 Bd5 32.Ne5 Bh1 black retains winning chances 1/2-1/2

Odachowski - Huber

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 e5 10.h3 h6 11.Be3 0-0 12.Rac1 Be6 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.b4 Qe8 15.Qc4 Qf7 16.Qb5 Nd8 17.a4 Qg6 18.Nd2 a6 19.Qb6 Rc8 20.b5 axb5 21.Nxb5 Rc6 22.Rxc6 bxc6 23.Na7 Nxe4 24.Nc8 Bh4 25.Nxe4 Qxe4 26.a5 Nf7 27.Nxd6 Qa4 28.Rd2 Bd8 29.Qb7 Qa1+ 30.Kh2 Qxa5 31.Qxc6 Qc7 1/2-1/2

Walker - Haessel

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.Nf3 e6 6.cxd4 d6 7.Bc4 Nb6 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.a3 dxe5 10.dxe5 Qc7 11.Bf4 Nd5 12.Bg3 b6 13.0-0 Bb7 14.Qe2 Be7 15.Nbd2 0-0 16.Qe4 g6 17.Qg4 Rfd8 18.Be4 Rac8 19.Rac1 Qd7 20.Bb1 Bf8 21.Ne4 Ba6 22.Rfd1 Na5 23.Rxc8 Qxc8 24.Re1 Nc4 25.h4 Nxb2 26.h5 Bd3 27.hxg6 hxg6 28.Nfg5 Bxe4 29.Bxe4 Bg7 30.Qf3 Rd7 31.Bxd5 exd5 32.e6 fxe6 33.Rxe6 Qc1+ 34.Kh2 Qxg5 35.Re8+ Kh7 0-1



ALBERTA JUNIOR CHESS REPORT



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EJCC Flowers of May Open

by Adam "Daisy" Wu

In the past few months, the EJCC president has taken pity on the poor, overworked ACA editor and avoided sending him tonnes of EJCC stuff. The moment of generosity, however, has passed, and the EJCC president is once again his old, sadistic self, wha ha ha ha ha..

The Edmonton Junior Chess Club concluded another successful season with Flowers of May Open, won convincingly by Hans Olson. Other tournaments in 1997 included the April Showers Active, won by Doug Wu, the Long March Active, won by Eric Zhou, the 1000 Points to GM Open, won by Duncan Campbell, and the Junior Rockets Endgame Festival.

Many thanks to all the players and their parents for their dedication! We hope to see you all again next season, which will begin on Saturday, Sept 6, 1997, with the EJCC September Searching for Bobby Fischer Open.

The following exciting game was played in one of the EJCC tournaments and is instructive on many levels. The ending, unfortunately, was not played very well, but is nevertheless instructive. Any up and coming junior seeking to improve his or her endgame play should study this game's ending carefully, and don't play like Black.

Hans Olson - Alim Merali
notes by Adam Wu

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nd5 An enterprising gambit that's not in my limited opening repertoire. It seems unsound to me, but scores points for creativity 5...Nxd5 5...Nxe4 accepting the pawn would have been also interesting. 6.exd5 Qe7+? a common mistake of inexperienced players is to give in to the urge to check all the time. This move does nothing useful and is the source of future awkwardness. 7.Be2 Ne5 8.0-0! Nxf3+ 9.Bxf3 Qc5 10.Re1+ Kd8 11.Bg5+ f6

Alberta finishes 4th, takes 6 medals at Chess Challenge

- Grade 1: Nigel Sharp 1st
- Grade 2: Shandy Booth 3rd
- Grade 3: Matthew Lavalley 3rd
- Grade 4: Stephen Hazeltine 1st
- Grade 5: Wendy Lavalley 9th
- Grade 6: Spencer Whelan 9th
- Grade 7: Alex Mills 9th
- Grade 8: Jordan Davies 5th
- Grade 9: John Rajchel 4th
- Grade 10: Douglas Wu 3rd
- Grade 11: Ali Ahmad 7th
- Grade 12: Martin Oberrauch 1st

Final Team Standings:

1st: Quebec	91
2nd: Ontario	83
3rd: British Columbia	68.5
4th: Alberta	62

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12.Bh5? overzealous. Abandoning a central strong point for a wing attack, no matter how enticing, is usually inadvisable. 12.Qe2 Qe7? (12...Be7 13.Bh4 with threat of Bg3, followed by d6 13...Re8 is answered by 14.Bh5, and 13...Bd6 puts Black in a very awkward position.) 13.Qd3 Qc5 14.Qe4 Qe7? 15.Qxd4 Qd6 16.Bf4 Qb4 17.Qe3 Qe7 18.Qc3! is a humorous example of the perils of premature Q development 12...Be7 forced and strong. 13.Bh4 Qxd5 with the fall of the central strong point, the game turns around. 14.Qe2 Qe6 15.Qd1 Qf5 16.Qe2 Qe5? Black returns a pawn in order to exchange Q's, betraying nervousness about Q endings. There is nothing wrong with a Q ending 2 P's up. Now White gets good activity for the pawn. 17.Qxe5 fxe5 18.Bxe7+ Kxe7 19.Rxe5+ Kf6? 19...Kd6 20.Rae1? 20.Rd5 20...g6 21.Bd1 d6 21...c6 22.Rd5 Be6 23.Rxd4 Bxa2?? falling into a classic trap. 24.b3 Rhe8 25.Be2?? 25.Rxe8 Rxe8 26.Kf1! and nothing will save the B/a2 now 25...Re7!

white will find the pin on the e-file extremely unpleasant. 26.Ra4 Bb1 27.c4 27.Rxb1 Rxe2 28.Rc4 c6 29.Kf1 Rae8 30.Ra1 a6 31.Rd1 d5 32.Rc5 might be a little better 27...Bd3 28.Ra2 Rae8 29.Kf1 Bxe2+ liquidation to a winning K and P ending, but now Black must win it! 30.Rexe2 Rxe2 31.Rxe2 Rxe2 32.Kxe2 h5 Black betrays to his shame his unfamiliarity with the key principles of K and P endings with this move. In a very brief synopsis of K and P endings, the stronger side should seek in general to: a) obtain a strong K position, b) create a passed pawn by advancing the candidate or otherwise, c) decoy the defending K with the passer, d) win the undefended pawns on the other wing with his own K, and e) queen a pawn and deliver checkmate. The text does none of the above 33.Ke3 Ke5 34.f4+ Ke6 35.Ke4 c5? to find a better move, consider b). 36.h3 a6 36...h4! and White has no counterplay at all. There's no rush for the stronger side in any ending, so prophylaxis is often a good, practical idea 37.g4 h4 38.f5+ gxf5+ 39.gxf5+ Kf6 40.Kf4 40.Kd5 is the best practical chance here. 40...Kxf5 41.Kxd6 Kf4 42.Kxc5 Kg3 43.Kb6 Kxh3 44.Kxb7 Kg4! the only winning move! 45.c5 h3 46.c6 h2 47.c7 h1Q+ 48.Kb8 Qh2! and Black wins, but if Black had played 44...Kg3?, then this move would not have been possible, and White queens and draws because Black has no checks! This well illustrates the nuances found in even the simplest pawn endings 40...b5 41.cxb5 axb5 42.Ke4 c4 43.bxc4 bxc4 43...b4 also wins, using the principle of the outside passer as decoy c) 44.Kd4 Kxf5 44...d5! making a protected passer, is the easiest win 45.Kxc4 Ke5 45...Ke4 taking the opposition, wins easily 46.Kd3 d5 both Kd5 or Kf4 were easier wins. 47.Ke3 d4+ 48.Kd3 Kd5 again, Kf4, using the decoy, is easier 49.Ke2 Ke4 50.Kd2 d3 51.Kd1 Ke3 52.Ke1 d2+?? the last chance to win was to play Kf3 53.Kd1 Kf3 54.Kxd2 Kg3 55.Ke2 Kxh3 56.Kf2 Kg4 57.Kg2 h3+ 58.Kh2 Kh4 59.Kh1 1/2-1/2

Alberta Reserves

TD: John Quiring

1. Robert South	2314	+14	+9	+2	+5	+6	5.0
2. Chris Demers	2155	+3	+18	-1	=4	+5	3.5
3. Rodney Weis	1749	-2	+8	=12	+15	+11	3.5
4. Chris Kuczaj	2021	-13	+19	+15	=2	+10	3.5
5. Alvin Remoroza	2075	+8	+16	+11	-1	-2	3.0
6. David Ottosen	2078	-9	+20	+13	+14	-1	3.0
7. Jonathan Day	1631	=11	=12	-10	+19	+14	3.0
8. Jeff Huang	1687	-5	-3	+17	+20	+13	3.0
2.5:	9. Steve Hansen, 10. Andre Min, 11. Bruce Kiely, 12. Cor Dewindt						
2.0:	13. Bob MacFie, 14. Martin Proulx, 15. Don Coward						
1.5:	16. Colin Chrumka, 17. Jim Jarvis						
1.0:	18. Ken Bourassa, 19. Wayne Mendryk						
0.5:	20. Mike Smith						

By John Quiring

I consider the Reserves to be a "bonus" tournament. We have the room booked for the Alberta Closed already, so why not see if anyone else wants to play some chess? And as an added bonus this year, all the players received a \$5.00 voucher for food at the Quality Inn's restaurant.

This year 20 players said "count me in", including Bob South who scored 5/5 to win by a mile. Bob wanted to play in the Closed, but didn't have enough participation points to apply for entry.

In second place with 3.5/5 were Chris Demers, Chris Kuczaj and the surprising Rod Weis who came from the bottom half of the crosstable to upset Bruce Kiely and Don Coward. It was great to see both South and Demers come out, two players who haven't played much tournament chess for the last few years.

Excellent results were also turned in by two unrated players, which shows why we all fear the unknown. Andre Min scored a solid 2.5/5, and Alvin Remoroza with 3/5 was the topic of many conversations as he had a perfect score until meeting South and Demers in the last two rounds. We'll hear Alvin's name again, I'm sure.

Also with a "perfect" score was Cor Dewindt, with 5 consecutive draws.

R. Weis - J. Huang

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.e3 Nc6 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Nc3 O-O 8.Bd3 Bg4 9.a3 Re8 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Na5 12.Nxd5 Nb3 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.Rd1 Qxd4 15.Bc3 Qb6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Qxf6 gxf6 18.Bc2 Nc5 19.b4 Na6 20.Rd7 Rad8 21.Bf5 Rxd7 22.Bxd7 Rd8 23.Bb5 Nb8 24.Ke2 c6 25.Bd3 h6 26.Rd1 Kf8 27.Rc1 Nd7 28.Bf5 Ne5 29.f4 Ng6 30.g3 Ne7 31.Bd3 a6 32.Be4 Kg7 33.Rc5 Nd5 34.Bxd5 Rxd5 35.Rxd5 cxd5 36.Kd3 Kf8 37.Kd4 Ke7 38.Kxd5 Kd7 39.e4 b6 40.e5 f5 41.g4 fxg4 42.hxg4 b5 43.f5 Kc7 44.e6 fxe6+ 45.Kxe6 Kd8 46.Kf7 Kd7 47.Kg7 Ke7 48.f6+ Ke6 49.f7 a5 50.f8Q axb4

51.axb4 h5 52.Qf7+ Ke5 53.Qxh5+ Kd4 54.Qxb5 Ke4 55.Qf5+ Kd4 56.b5 Kc4 57.b6 Kd4 58.b7 Ke3 59.b8Q Kd2 60.Qb3 Ke2 61.Qbd3+ Ke1 62.Qff1# 1-0

D. Ottosen - R. South

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 e6 5.Bb5 a6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.O-O c5 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Nc3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Bd7 12.Nd2 Bc6 13.Qg4 O-O-O 14.Nb3 h5 15.Qf4 c4 16.Nd2 Bd5 17.Qe3 f5 18.a4 g5 19.Qe2 Qd7 20.Rfb1 Qc6 21.Rb4 a5 22.Rb5 b6 23.f3 Rhg8 24.Nf1 f4 25.Nd2 g4 26.Kf2 Rg6 27.Rbb1 Rdg8 28.Rg1 h4 29.Ne4 h3 30.Nf6 gxf3 31.Nxg8 Rxg8 32.gxf3 Rxg1 33.Rxg1 Qxa4 34.Rg4 Qa1 35.Rxf4 Qxc3 36.Kg3 a4 37.Kxh3 a3 38.Re4 a2 39.Qe1 a1Q 0-1

B. MacFie - C. Dewindt

Notes by MacFie

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 d6 4.Bb5 Bd7 5.Ne2 a6 6.Bxc6 Bxc6 7.O-O Nf6 8.c4 Maybe 8.d4 is better. 8. ... b5 9.d4 bxc4 10.bxc4 10.dxe5 is better. 10. ... exd4 11.Nxd4 Bd7 12.Nc3 And now my pieces get tangled up. 12. ... g6 13.h3 Bg7 14.Qf3 O-O 15.Nde2 Rab8 16.Rab1 Be6 We both overlooked 16...Bf5 17.e4 Nxe4 17.Nd5 Bxd5 Less violent than 17... Rxb2 18.Rxb2 Nxd5 19.cxd5 Bxb2 20.dxe6 fxe6 21.Qb7, but it seems to carry a more solid promise, by leaving me with my centre as a target. 18.cxd5 Qe7 19.Ba1 Ne4 20.Rxb8 Forced, as 20.Rd1 meets 20. ... Rxb1, while for 20.Rbd1 there's 20. ... Bxa1. Interesting is 20.Bxg7 Nd2 21.Bxf8 Nxf3+ but the check by the knight unravels White's assault. 20... Rxb8 21.Nd4 Bxd4 Black rules out any hope of a "counterfork". 22.Bxd4 Nd2 23.Qf4 Nxf1 24.Bf6 Qf8 24...Qe8 is the best move, allowing both 25.Qh6 Qf8 and queens must exchange if White doesn't want to face an extra piece; and also 25.Kxf1 Qb5+ followed by 26. ... Kf8 and Black's king is able to slip out of the net.

ACA CASINO FINAL SCORE.

\$ 22,517.52

by Ford Wong

The last Casino hosted by the ACA brought in \$22,517.52, which consisted of \$20,004.98 and an additional \$2,512.54 from VLT's.

The ACA would like to thank again all our members who helped out at the Casino in Edmonton on February 14-15. These funds will be used to finance many of the ACA's projects in the upcoming years.

Some of these funds will be used for: possibly hosting another major Canadian tournament, assisting with out of province travel for our representatives at national championships, and club support.

Use of Casino revenues is strictly controlled by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission and all expenditures require approval. The next ACA Casino is scheduled to be held in Calgary sometime in April to June of next year. The ACA looks forward to our members helping out again at that time.

For information about how to volunteer for the next Casino, contact:

Ford Wong (EDM) - 481-6474

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Edmonton Chess Club News

By John Quiring

David Ottosen has been on a tear at the ECC lately, going undefeated in the March and April events. In March, he tied for first with John Quiring and Jan Vandenberg with 4/5, followed by George Heagle and Yngvi Bjornsson with 3.5. Other players seizing decent rating gains were Robert Brazeau, Ted Allen and Val Verlik. Twenty four players competed.

In April, David tied with Brady Ficko with 3.5/4, followed by Chris Dartana and George Heagle with 3 points each. The field of 19 players included Wayne Mendryk and Bill Turin, who both turned in big rating gains. In the two tournaments, the ECC was very pleased to welcome seven players to their first CFC-rated event.

25.Kxf1 h6 26.h4 Kh7 27.g4 Qg8 (assumed-report had 27...Qg7-ed) 28.h5 Qe8 Still good, but now it doesn't win any tempo. 29.Kg2 a5 30.g5 Qf8 31.Bd4 hxg5 Not 31. ... gxf6 32.Qf5+ Kg8 33.Qf6 32.hxg6 Kxg6 Better is 32. ... fxg6 33.Qh2+ Qh6 33.Qf6+ 1/2-1/2 The black king can no longer evade check.

A. Remoroza - B. Kiely

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Be2 Be7 6.O-O O-O 7.Re1 c6 8.h3 a6 9.b3 Qc7 10.Bb2 b5 11.a3 Re8 12.Bf1 Bf8 13.Qd2 Bb7 14.b4 Rad8 15.Rad1 g6 16.Bd3 Bg7 17.Na2 Nh5 18.g3 Nb6 19.Qe2 Bc8 20.Kh2 f5 21.Qf1 f4 22.g4 Nf6 23.dxe5 Nxg4+ 24.hxg4 Bxg4 25.Qg2 Bh5 26.Be2 Bxf3 27.Qxf3 dxe5 28.Nc1 g5 29.Nb3 Na4 30.Ba1 Re6 31.Rxd8+ Qxd8 32.Rd1 Qe8 33.Qg4 Rh6+ 34.Kg1 Re6 35.Na5 Kf7 36.Qxg5 Rg6 37.Bh5 Bf6 38.Bxg6+ hxg6 39.Qg4 Nb6 40.Nb7 g5 41.Nd6+ 1-0

The Used To Be U of A Open

by Ford Wong

The stranger rolled into town looking for trouble (tough competition), found the town almost deserted (a disappointing 10 players showed up), tried to paint the town red, dodged several bullets (i.e. got lucky and turned his games around from tough positions), formed a posse (i.e. got enough people together to share two large pizzas), did a turtle (hockey style - not a Don Cherry type of guy) in the last round (i.e. got a draw which was all he needed) and left town with the goodies (i.e. he won the Tournament). Congratulations to Grant Brown and all the winners.

Where is everyone? It is a shame that guys like Grant Brown drive all the way from Lethbridge to find a very dismal number of players who want to play chess. Where are all the Edmonton players? (4 of the 10 players came from out of town). With such a low turnout, the tournament was changed to a one day four round swiss using an accelerated time control that still allowed the event to be regularly rated. With a time control of game in 75 minutes, many of the games were see-saw

battles with the outcome unclear until near the end of the game. (Of course you might say the games were decided on the last move). Thanks to everyone who came to play.

If there is any consolation to the weekend, everyone got Sunday off and by not having to play a second day, everyone got to enjoy Mother's day with you know who.

Congratulations to the winners:

Open

1st: Grant Brown

2nd: Yngvi Bjornsson and John Quiring

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1st: Hans Olson

2nd: Jimmy Argue

Yngvi Bjornsson - Grant Brown

"The Turtle Game"

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Bc5 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 h6 5.Nge2 0-0 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Kh1 d6 8.h3 a6 9.Be3 Bxe3 10.fxe3 Na5 11.Bb3 Nxb3 12.axb3 Be6 13.Ng3 g6 14.Qf3 Kg7 15.Rf2 c6 16.Raf1 Nh7 17.d4 Qe7 18.Nf5+ gxf5 19.exf5 Bxb3 20.cxb3 f6 1/2-1/2

Rural Qualifier

Warrick Walker was the decisive winner at the Rural Qualifier in Red Deer. After winning the critical round four matchup against Ted Wilson (the only master in the field), he drew with Grant Brown in the last round to ensure first place. With his victory, Warrick qualified to the Alberta Closed.

Milne - Wilson

notes by Milne

1.b3 I no longer feel any need to apologize for this opening; my recent record with it includes a win over Haessel, a loss against Ristic, and this draw 1...Nf6 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.c4 The Larsen English; three moves into the game and no one has touched a center pawn 3...e5 4.e3 d6!? Perhaps Black can go for the gusto with 4...d5 5.a3 Be7 6.Qc2 6.d3 6...0-0 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.d3 Bf5 8...Bxf3 leaves black weak on the light squares, so he loses a tempo to place the B on its most effective diagonal; now the game revolves around Black enforcing ...e4 9.Nbd2 h6 10.Be2 a5 11.0-0 Rc8 It is not apparent to me what plan of blacks this moves lies behind or what plan of Whites it thwarts; to all intents and purposes the loss of two tempi, because two moves later, the R returns to a8. However, in an opening this slow, the loss of one or two tempi is by no means a matter of life and death; 11...Re8 is perhaps better 12.Rfd1 With the idea of Ne4 12...Nd7 Aiming at c5 13.Bc3 So that if 13...Nc5 14.b4 13...Ra8 14.b4 Consistent 14...Bf6 Moving the B to a diagonal where it might reasonably expect some action 15.Nf1! Signifying a general reorganization of Whites

minor pieces to achieve a configuration that can restrain the push ...e4 15...Re8 16.Ng3! Hitting the B and guarding e4 16...Bh7 17.Nd2! Freeing the f3 square for the B and guarding e4 17...Bh4 Since blacks dark squares are well guarded, Black decides to reduce some of Whites control over e4 by hacking the N/g3 18.Bf3 Threatening 19.b5; White now has 5 units guarding e4 18...a4 This pawn will be a permanent weakness in the endgame 19.Be4! Effecting the exchange of Whites most passive piece for blacks most active one 19...Bxg3 20.Bxh7+ Kxh7 Drawn on black offer. After 21.hxg3 f5 22.f3 White retains control over e4, eg.22...Qg5 23.Nf1 and, as Ted said, Black is going nowhere, but White has interesting breaks all over the board 1/2-1/2.

Final Standings

1.	Warrick Walker	4.5
2-5.	Grant Brown, Ted Wilson, Arthur Milne, Gord Cannon	3.5
6.	Barney Fegyverneki	3.0
7-9.	Chris Kuczaj, Jens Kaastруп, Victor Bilodeau	2.5
10.	Kim Nguyen	2.0
11.	Chris Miller	1.5
12-13.	Cor Dewindt, Gerald Caovette	1.0
14.	Brad Kroeker	0.5
15.	Nigel Sharp	0.0

Peace River Spring Active

by Alex Phimester

He came, he saw, he kicked butt. He squashed his opponents like a bug (right, Keith?!). He was a god among mere mortals and a king against wayward serfs. Who am I talking about? I thought you'd never ask!

Phil Lefkowitz, that's his name, and playing chess is his game. Phil finished with a perfect 4/4, including a win over top ranked Larry Stutzman. Larry had to settle for a second place tie with Paul McGinnis, each scoring 3/4, Larry having defeated Paul in their individual encounter. There was a three way tie for first Under 1500 between Alex Phimester, Wendy Lavalley, and Matthew Lavalley, each scoring 1.5/4.

A big thank you to Keith Lavalley for TDing and organizing this, the sixth (and final) Grand Prix Event of the 1996-97 Season. Final results of the Grand Prix are forthcoming.

Calgary Speed Grand Prix #4

by Walter Watson

The top section of the Calgary Chess Club's Grand Prix #4 was surprisingly balanced. In a ten player, double round robin, Ted Wilson split evenly with six opponents while finishing first at 12/18. He was followed by Don Coward and Branimir Brebich with 11, Ron Hinds (back in Calgary) and Jeff Chrumka at 10, Art Milne with 9, and Jim Daniluk and John Ferrar with 8. Roy Yearwood and Alan Clark (promoted from the lower section after his success in the Calgary Open) trailed. Jim Daniluk scored 8/12 before being forced to withdraw due to work commitments.

Steve Sauve scored another outstanding result in the lower section, losing only to Gary Bruckner and finishing first out of 16 players at 14-1. He may be due for promotion to the top section next year. The other leaders were Martin Proulx 12, John Rajchel 11, Tony Zaradic and Kim Nguyen 10.5, newcomer James Birbetti 10, Gary Bruckner 9, Alec Mills 8.5, Jeff Huang 8, and Colin Chrumka 7.

With only one tournament to go, the top section has about \$150 in prize money to be split among three prize winners, and the lower section has about \$225 to be split among five winners. The leaders in the top section are: Branimir Brebich (108.5), Jeff Chrumka (98.5), Jim Daniluk (87), Ted Wilson (86.5), and Art Milne (68). Steve Sauve leads the lower section with 110 points, followed by John Rajchel (102), Colin Chrumka (93), Gary Bruckner (73), Kim Nguyen (72.5), Bill Rusk (72) and Ted Borowski (58). The last tournament will be interesting.

1997 Calgary Open

by Don Macfarlane

Maybe it's the Calgary Chess Club's relocation to the Elephant and Castle. Maybe it's the new people introduced to the chess community through Saturday Active tournaments at Words Books. Maybe it's the Flames inability to play winning hockey, freeing up people's Tuesday nights. Whatever it is, the 1997 Calgary Open was the largest club tournament in recent memory, attracting fifty entrants.

The first four rounds saw something unexpected in each round. The first two rounds saw serious upsets; the largest of them saw Carolyn McMaster overcome a 731 point difference to win her game. In the third round, the top three tables all had time scrambles; Jim Daniluk and Walter Watson both lost to higher rated opponents on time while being better on the board. Walter in particular has to learn the fine art of shuffling a rook (he was better on both the board AND the clock until his own flag fell). The top three boards all drew in round four, leading to a very tight race as the last three rounds approached.

With four players tied at 3.5/4, the two masters in the group lost their games in the fifth round, leaving Chris Demers and Jim Flemming to play on board one in round six. Another win for Chris put him at clear first with 5.5/6, playing the only 5/6 remaining, Bob South (who had dropped a point way back in one of those early round upsets, and had been climbing back since). Bob won, securing clear first in the tournament. Chris had to make do with splitting second-third with Nenad Ristic, who lost only his second club game in Calgary to Chris in the fifth round.

Under 1900 was won by 1679 rated Martin Proulx, just ahead of Alan Clark and Don Coward at 4.5/7. Alan is a new player to Calgary, and managed a +0 -0 =5 score against two masters and three experts. I expect we will hear more from Calgary's newest chess playing Scot.

With Proulx claiming first in the under 1900, Jeff Huang and Nick Podolchak were left to split first-second in the under 1700 with 4/7. Ante Sokol and Gary Bruckner split third with 3.5/7.

The under 1500 section saw top seeded Jimmy Argue (1481) reach 3.5/7 to split first-second with the lowest seed in the tournament, Carolyn McMaster. I suspect her rating may be going up from the 1038 she entered the tournament with, considering that two and a half of her points came from players rated over 1600. Jack King and Steve Strawsson round out the prize winners, tying for third at 3/7.

I need to thank a few people: Walter Watson, who kept an eye out to make sure my first directing experience would be successful;

Tedge Davies, who along with Walter encouraged me to direct the Open and who has done so much to develop chess in Calgary; Scott Beezly, who ensured the TD had his fluid levels topped up throughout, keeping him in good working order; and finally, all of the players who were the victims of my directing, and who were patient throughout.

B. South - Demers

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 Qb6 8.Na4 Qa5+ 9.c3 cxd4 10.b4 Qc7 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 a6 13.Bd3 b5 14.Nb2 Bb7 15.0-0 g6 16.Qe2 Nb6 17.f5 gxf5 18.Bxf5 exf5 19.e6 0-0-0 20.Bxh8 Re8 21.Qh5 Bd6 22.Bd4 Rxe6 23.Rxf5 Nc4 24.Nd3 Ne3 25.Rxf7 Bxh2+ 26.Kh1 Qg3 27.Rf8+ Kd7 28.Nc5+ Kc6 29.Qxh2 1-0

Stardust Classic

By John Quiring

The Stardust Motor Inn in High Level was the site of a chess tournament on April 19-20, and like bees to honey the chessmobile was inexorably drawn northward. Ford Wong and Chris Dartana boarded in Edmonton on Friday afternoon, and we hauled Adrien Regimbald in as we bolted through Whitecourt, then on to the flooded town of Peace River, through Manning and finally to High Level. The eight hour trip went amazingly quickly, and we pulled into the Stardust a bit after midnight.

The tournament was organized by Piotr Rajski, and sponsored by Stardust owner Said Morad, who very generously matched all entry fees, effectively doubling the prize fund. A total of 15 players showed up, and Ford and I would like to sincerely thank all chess players rated higher than us for not going to High Level, as we were able to share first place (3/4) and take home a whopping \$150.00 each. On tie-break, I won the first place trophy. Chris Dartana and Piotr Rajski tied for third. Class prizes were won by Robin Hinton of High Level and Jonathan Marten of La Crete.

Piotr provided able tournament direction and cleverly scheduled three games on Saturday and only one on Sunday so that we could get on our way back home by mid-afternoon. He also contacted the local newspaper, which resulted in a published article complete with pictures.

My personal highlight was beating Ford. It took five tries over several years, but I finally was able to snag a full point from the legend himself, in a tense English in which I stood slightly worse most of the game. I also got a draw against Chris in a long game in which I stood slightly lost most of the time. Sometimes Caissa smiles at the talent-impaired.

Kudos to Piotr and the Northwestern Alberta Active Chess Society for creating chess activity up north. Many thanks to Mr. Morad for

sponsoring this event. The accommodations at his motel were terrific, as was the food (and you know how important that is to Ford and I). Like MacArthur, we too shall return.

Quiring - Rajski

notes by Rajski

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 e6 The era of Internet and email brings excellent possibilities to seek and exchange information. I have to admit that this opening was not a surprise for me as I knew that John likes to play this system (*who would betray such information? obviously, some Benedict Arnold type - ed*). 3...e6 prepares a freeing ...d5, which John tries to prevent 4.Bc4?! 4.Nf3 d5 5.Bb5 Nf6 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.e5 Nd7 8.0-0 Ba6 9.d3 c4 10.d4 Be7 11.Be3 Rb8 12.Rb1 g6 13.g4 h5= is the book continuation 4...a6 5.a4 prevents ...b5, but leaves the p/a4 fragile 5...Nge7 6.Nf3 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.d3?! It would probably be better to exchange on d5. The text move fixes the weakness on a4, although it maintains the lead in the development 8...Nxc3 9.bxc3 Bd6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Be3 Qf6?! This seems too optimistic. 11...Bd7 was probably better. John finds an interesting way to defend his c3 pawn 12.Ng5! Bd7 If 12...Qxc3 13.Ne4 wins a piece 13.Rf3 Na5 14.Rh3 Bxf4?! 15.Bxf4 Qxf4 16.Qh5 h6 17.Ne4 Nxc4 18.Rf1 Qe5 19.Nf6+! I have to complement John on his fierce and purposeful attack. All of his pieces are involved in the assault, while some of black's pieces are still waiting for something useful to do. The following simplifications are to John's advantage 19...Kh8 20.Nxd7 Qxh5 21.Rxh5 Ne3 22.Nxf8? Tired and under time pressure, John miscalculated at this point. I was afraid of 22.Rf3, and if 22...Rfd8 23.Rxf7 with unpleasant infiltration on the seventh rank. To avoid this, I probably would have had to give him the exchange by playing 22...Nf5 22...Nxf1 23.Nxe6?! Better would have been 23.Kxf1 Rxf8 24.Rxc5 and 25.Rc7 23...fxe6 24.Kxf1 Rc8 25.Ke2 Kg8 26.Ke3 Kf7 27.Ke4 Kf6 28.Re5 At this point we started an informal discussion on the topic that "all rook endings are drawish". I felt that black was a little better due to white's weaknesses on a4 and c3. Also, John was "on the flag", so I decided to make a few moves and see what would happen 28...b5?! 29.axb5 axb5 30.Kf4 Ke7 31.Ke4 Kd6 32.d4? cxd4 33.Kxd4?? Rxc3? A pawn isn't bad, but why not take a whole rook with 33...Rc4+ 34.Kd3 Kxe5 34.Re2 Black ended up with an extra pawn, and I am sure there must be a way of winning this ending (perhaps someone could demonstrate?). Shortly, I found myself under time pressure, and seventeen moves later, we concluded that rook endings are in fact drawish 1/2-1/2

Alberta Club Listings

CALGARY CHESS CLUB

Executive:

President-Tedde Davies,
Vice-president-Jim Daniluk,
Secretary-Walter Watson,
Treasurer-Farzan Nazarian

Meets at Elephant&Castle Restaurant
8th Ave and 4th St SW,
Tues 7:00 - 11:00

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ALMOST UNDER 1800 CLUB

Meets: Word Books and Cappuccino Bar,
1715 - 17 Ave. SW, Calgary, AB,
during business hours.

Contact: Rook St. Peter (244-4239) or
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Tournament Schedule (starts 10 a.m.)

June 7 - 1700 to 2000
June 21 - 1699 & Under
July 5 - 1700 to 2000
July 19 - 1699 & Under
August 2 - 1700 to 2000
August 16 - 1699 & Under

EDMONTON CHESS CLUB

Meets: Prince Of Wales Armoury, Suite
114A, 10440 - 108 Ave., Edmonton T5H
3Z9 entrance at south west corner, open 7-
11 pm.

Monday--casual chess ("John") tournaments,
no membership required; relaxed noise
controls

Thursday--CFC-rated tournaments, CFC
membership required; strict noise controls.

Info: club phone (424-0283); Kurt
Lauterwald (434-7536).

Mail: see club address above.

Schedule for Thursday tournaments:

Tournaments starting First Thursday of
Every Month (next tournament starts June
5th)

GRANDE PRAIRIE CHESS CLUB

Meets: Royal Canadian Legion,
9912-101 Ave, Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
(Sept. 1 - Apr. 30).

Info: Phil Lefkowitz (538-1903; mail: c/o
9905 75 Ave, Grande Prairie T8V
6G2).

NORTHERN COMMUNITIES CC

Info: Bernie Tynan (771-3757).

MEDICINE HAT CHESS CLUB

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

PEACE RIVER CHESS CLUB

Meets: Peace Valley Inn (Rose Room), 9609-
101 St. Sat. 9:00-4:00

Dates: Call Todd.

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Peace River T8S 1V1.

NORTHWESTERN ALBERTA ACTIVE CHESS SOCIETY

La Crete

Meets: La Crete Public School
Info: Keith Martin (928-2702)

High Level

Meets: High Level Public Library
Info: High Level: Piotr Rajski (926-4658)

Fort Vermillion

Info: Theresa or Aung Zaw-Tun (927-3274)

Schedule:

Jun 14: La Crete CFC Rated Active

RED DEER JR & SR CC

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

Info: Neil Sharp (346-0420). Mail c/o 1512,
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RIMBEY CC

Info: Cameron McLean (843-3736).

and now...for something completely different..

I DON'T HAVE TO GO FISHING FOR G's

Generally when I go travelling, I often try
my hand at fishing for G's. But this summer I
won't have to, as many of them will be playing
at the Canadian Open, July 12 to 20th in
Winnipeg. This is almost like fishing from a
barrel. Maybe I'll get lucky and catch one and
without having to resort to using dynamite.

I know that me and a few of my friends will
be there and even if we don't catch anything, we
are going to have whole lot of fun. Winnipeg
is the place to be this summer without having to
go fishing for G's. Maybe we'll see you there.
Ford (I use Red Devils) Wong

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

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

RED DEER OPEN

Where: Room 832, Red Deer College
(use 32 street exit from Hwy 2)

When: June 7-8, 1997

Format: 5 round swiss

Contact: Neil Sharp (346-0420)

Entry: Adult \$20, Junior \$15, age 14 and
under \$5 with "no prize" option

CALGARY AUGUST OPEN

Where: Quality Inn, Motel Village
2359 Banff Trail NW, Calgary

When: August 2-3, 1997

Format: 5 round Swiss

Contact: Art Milne (259-3182)

Entry: Adult \$20, Junior \$15, age 14 and
under \$5 with "no prize" option.

Time Control: 40 moves/1 hour 50 min,
then 15/30.

BATTLE OF ALBERTA II - the grudge match

Where: Room 832, Red Deer College

When: August 16, 1997

Contact: Neil Sharp (346-0420)

Teams to be gathered by captains in Edmonton
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Wanted: Volunteer to help St. Albert
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Where: Winnipeg, Manitoba

When: July 12-20, 1997

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