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NIC HAYNES GOES DOWN SWINGING VERSUS THE BIG "K"

Recently I was given the unique opportunity to play a world chess champion, Garry Kasparov. I had received an email from a publicist for KasparovChess.com who was looking to generate media attention for the new web site. She was looking for chess players under the age of sixteen who would like to play Garry Kasparov in a simultaneous exhibition over the internet. The event, to be known as the "United Nations of Chess", was to have one participant from twenty different countries, plus ten from the United States. I filled out the necessary paperwork, and, through the luck of the draw, I was the person chosen to represent Canada!

To beta-test the system, I had to play several games against Israeli GMs who worked for ClubKasparov.com. I even somehow managed to scalp Alon Greenfeld with the Black pieces! I prepared for the game with Kasparov by spending an inordinate amount of time

on the Internet, looking over his games, attempting to find a weakness. (No, I didn't find one.) I did, however, get the opportunity to play such strong players as GM Sergei Shipov and IM Teimour Radjabov.

David Ottosen and John Macnab went to great lengths to publicize the event locally. Although I appreciated the attention at first, I was somewhat overwhelmed when five local TV stations showed up (CBC, CTV, ITV, and A-Channel all put in an appearance, and CBC French even stayed for the entire game!) Calgary and Edmonton CBC radio were also there, and an edited version of the interview even played nationally on As It Happens.

Micah Hughey and I tried to look over a few variations at the club the night before, but we really didn't get very far. It was with a sense of trepidation that I sat down to play.

1. d4

As soon as I saw this move on the board, I exclaimed excitedly for the benefit of the various media attending the game "His first move is Pawn to King four!", Dave who was watching from a bit behind me, was much wiser and pointed out it wasn't 1.P-K4 by saying "No it isn't, dummy!" :-)

I think that my decision to play the Old Indian defence was wise, because it tends to give Black a solid position, blunting any powerhouse opening preparation that Garry might have had up his sleeve for some unsuspecting GM.

1...d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 Nbd7 4.Bg2 e5 5.c4 Be7 6.Nc3 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.e4 Re8 9.Re1 a5 10.b3

I had looked at this position before the game, and I felt Black was okay here, though perhaps a bit lacking in ambition.

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(This issue is late; the next issue is coming out almost immediately).

Tournament Directors: The CFC requires a rating report to be submitted within a month, but strongly urges submissions within seven days. You owe it

EDITOR'S NOTE

by Dave Gomboc

I'd like to apologise for the extended delay in getting this issue of the ACR out. True, I ran into some computer difficulties (that is, I lost all of the information on my hard drive, and I couldn't find that backup...!), and I started a new full-time position, while still (albeit extremely slowly) working towards my second degree, but the real reason that it took so long is that I simply have lost interest in creating it. I would like to thank ACA superhero John Quiring for finishing up the work on this issue — he is the main reason you are able to read the issue at all.

I will still remain — for the moment — the ACA's membership secretary, and the president of the Edmonton Chess Club. Those of you who are into computer chess can also find me posting from time to time at the Computer-Chess Club (http://www.icdchess.com/ccc_charter.html).

Beginning with the next issue, Alan Clark will be the ACR Editor. In case you're not already aware of it, Alan has done a great job with the ACA's web site. I encourage everybody to surf over to it and check out the "Mud Pie challenge" section... and I do hope to see you this July in Edmonton, at the 2000 Canadian Open!

to participants to submit a report ASAP. Also, please support your newsletter by sending a written report to the ACR. Note that game scores are the property of tournament organizers. Prizes can be withheld until players submit their games.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by David Ottosen

Another few months pass and the ACA rolls on...

The past couple of months have seen the standard ACA status quo. We held our annual budget meeting in January, where we parcelled out thousands of dollars to various chess activities within Alberta. The most notable new expenditure is to support a second chess club in Calgary, which is to be formed to meet the needs of those players who are unable or unwilling to play in the more social atmosphere of the Elephant & Castle. Also, of course, use of casino money for funding the Canadian Open was approved.

However, the biggest concern in the ACA right now is that tournaments are being sent in for rating too slowly. Several members have emailed or phoned me to complain that such and such tournament has not yet been rated. I urge all TDs, for both weekend and club tournaments, to send reports in promptly.

And speaking of the CFC, Executive Director Troy Vail resigned from his position recently, leaving David Miriguay as the sole remaining member of the office staff. I am sure all ACA members thank Troy for his stellar work on the CFC web page, the CFC books, and in his never ending efforts to perform the process of "Wo-ring" all of the books in the CFC inventory. I know I certainly do!

Finally, the ACA once again has a great web site! In the early days of the Internet, Dean Mah had the ACA web site up and running and did a fantastic job for a long time. Now the ACA has Alan Clark to do it again. The new web site has some great features, including games, a Java viewer, and the fascinating "Head to Head" matchup (shows the record between two given players since 1996). Take the time to visit: <http://www.albertachess.org/>

CALGARY JANUARY OPEN

by Rod Weis

Twenty-four players gathered to match wits against each other in this first Calgary-based ACA Tournament of 2000. Notice that a fight could be expected in every game was served by Taco Van Ieperen and Mike Smith in the first round: Taco upset top-seeded master David Ottosen with an Alekhine's Defence(!), and Mike utilized a well-conceived tactical sequence to defeat Bill Bentley, the sixth seed. The carnage continued in the second round, when junior Ashton Anderson mated the other master in the tournament, Roy Yearwood, in a seventy move marathon, and Colin Chrumka overcame a 200+ rating point difference against Art Milne. Art was then upset in round three when Mike Smith wheeled out what he dubbed the "Polish Attack; Dragon-Slayer variation." One had to look down the pairing sheet to boards five and six to find the masters at this point, a testament to the inspired play of the lower-rated players. Taco continued his winning ways against Roy in round four, carving up Roy's Bird's Opening and patiently converting a winning endgame.

The final round was extremely hard fought, with nine decisive game out of twelve, and even the three draws were not of the "Grandmaster" variety. Juraj Pivovarov capped off a solid tournament with a draw against Art to win the Under 1600 prize of \$30.00, while

Verne Taerum edged out Carolyn MacMaster in a game to decide who would win the \$20.00 for second Under 1600. The Under 1800 top prize was in reach of no less than seven players, but in the end it was split three ways among Taco, Ashton, and Bob Macfie, each of whom pocketed \$33.50 for a fine performance. The Open section showdown was between Kim Nguyen, the sole leader on 4/4, and Chris Kuczaj, who played the "Swiss Gambit" by taking a first round bye, then winning his next three games. Chris prevailed in a lively game to take clear first and \$100.00 at 4.5/5. There was a three way tie for second through fourth among Kim, David, and Dr. Ron Hinds on 4/5, who each received \$46.67 for their efforts.

Two Best Game prizes were also on the line, and I'd like to thank everyone who submitted games. After much consideration, the Best Game Prize of \$30.00 goes to Ashton Anderson for his win over Roy Yearwood in round two. Second place and \$20.00 goes to Taco Van Ieperen, for his win against Roy in round four. Honorable mention to Kim Nguyen's win over Colin Chrumka, Bob Macfie's victory over Tom McKay, Mike Smith's win vs. Bill Bentley, and to Roy for being a gentleman despite having a difficult tournament. The games are presented below for those who would like to see them.

Some side notes from the tournament: For the statistically-minded, of fifty-eight games played, only six(!) were drawn; three of these were played by Juraj. Of the remainder, the handlers of the Black pieces scored thirty-one points, as opposed to only twenty-one by those on the White side. This is easily explained by the recent surge in popularity of the Scandinavian Defence in Calgary chess (yes, the TD is biased in this regard...). Bob scored two draws, no doubt aided by feelings of good will engendered by bringing grapes for all! (just kidding Bob - thanks again from everyone) Taco had a performance rating of 2155, thus bringing his rating to the 1900 mark from 1796. A warm welcome to newcomer Martin Kuwair in his first CFC-rated tournament; he gave a number of established players a scare.

Thank you to all the players for participating, particularly David Ottosen and Nicolas Haynes for making the trip down from Edmonton. The fighting spirit and courteous conduct exhibited by all participants made directing the tournament a pleasure. Special thanks to Bob, Roy, Mike, Kevin Ward and Don MacFarlane for their assistance.

[Young Nicolas was foolhardy enough to purchase a large fries at Peter's Drive-in before heading home with David Ottosen, who mocked him mercilessly until none were left in the box. - DG]

GAMES FROM THE CALGARY JANUARY OPEN

Roy Yearwood - Taco Van Ieperen

1. f4 b6 2. Nf3 Bb7 3. e3 Nf6 4. b3 c5
5. Bb2 g6 6. g3 Bg7 7. Bg2 O-O 8. Qe2
d5 9. O-O Nc6 10. h3 Ne4 11. Bxg7
Kxg7 12. Kh2 Qc7 13. d3 Nf6 14.
Nbd2 Rad8 15. c3 Ba6 16. Rf2 Ne4 17.
Rff1 Nxc3 18. Qe1 Bxd3 19. Rf2 Ne4
20. Nxe4 Bxe4 21. Rc1 e5 22. fxe5
Nxe5 23. Qc3 Rfe8 24. Ng5 f5 25. b4
c4 26. Nf3 Kg8 27. Nxe5 Qxe5 28. Bf1

b5 29. Qd4 Qxd4 30. exd4 Rd6 31. Re2
Kf7 32. Re3 Rde6 33. Ra3 a6 34. Rac3
g5 35. Be2 Kg6 36. h4 h6 37. h5+ Kf7
38. Ra3 Rg8 39. Kh3 Bg2+ 40. Kxg2
Rxe2+ 41. Kf1 Re6 42. Ra5 Kf6 43. a4
Rb8 44. Re1 Rxe1+ 45. Kxe1 Rb6 46.
axb5 axb5 47. Ra8 Rd6 48. Rf8+ Ke6
49. Kd2 Ra6 50. Rb8 Ra3 51. Rb6+
Kd7 52. Rxh6 Rxg3 53. Rb6 Rd3+ 54.
Kc2 Rxd4 55. Rxb5 Kc6 56. Ra5 Rh4
57. h6 g4 58. Ra6+ Kb5 59. Ra5+

Kxb4 60. Rxd5 Rh2+ 61. Kd1 g3 62.
Ke1 Rh1+ 63. Ke2 g2 0-1

Bill Bentley - Mike Smith

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d5 3. e3 g6 4. Bd3
Bg7 5. O-O O-O 6. b3 b6 7. Bb2 Nbd7
8. Nbd2 c5 9. Ne5 Bb7 10. Qe2 Qc8
11. Rac1 Nxe5 12. dxe5 Ng4 13. f4
Rd8 14. Nf3 a6 15. a4 a5 16. c3 f6 17.

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KASPAROV VS. HAYNES

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10...Bf8 11.Rb1 g6 12.d5 Nc5 13.Qc2

This move, along with 11.Rb1, may be a psychological mistake, or perhaps even one over the board -- I'm not sure. The point is that it allows me to get a decent position due to various tactics involving knight captures on e4 and playing the Bishop to f5.

13...cxd5 14.cxd5

[14.Nxd5 Nfxe4+; 14.exd5? Bf5+]

14...Bd7 15.a4 Rc8=

Personally, I think this position is equal, as white will sooner or later have to move his queen to another square and the position is very undynamic. This of course would be an advantage to me as Kasparov can obviously calculate much better than I can.

16.Qd1 h6!?

I thought this was a good prophylactic move, as it prevents Bg5, which can be annoying, since I usually prefer knights over bishops. [16...Bg7!? 17.Ba3 Qe7]

17.Ba3 Rc7=

Now, even Fritz thinks the position is

equal, this is an accomplishment in itself against such an opening authority as Kasparov.

18.Rc1 Qc8 19.Bf1 h5 20.Nb5 Bxb5
21.Bxb5 Rd8 22.Rc4 Nfd7 23.Bc1 Nb6
24.Rc3 Qg4?

The first obvious mistake of the game. The queen isn't doing anything on g4 and it amounts to nothing but a waste of time [24...Bg7!?

25.Kg2!? Be7 26.h3 Qc8 27.Nd2+/=

Now it is white who has the edge due to his active pieces and superior development.

27...Na6 28.Rxc7 Qxc7 29.Nc4 Nc5
30.Nxb6

Here Kasparov misses his chance to achieve a superior position with Nxa5 [30.Nxa5+- Nbxa4 31.Bd2 Nb6+-]

30...Qxb6 31.Be3 Qc7 32.Qc2 Rc8 33.
Rc1 Qd8 34.h4 Kg7 35.Qc4

By playing b6, I would achieve a solid position with only a slight plus for white, but instead I went in for a white piece sacrifice in h4. I did after all, have the fans to think about :-)

35...Bxh4 36.gxh4 Qxh4 37.f3

I missed this move! It didn't help that I was down to 4-5 minutes around now. To start the game Kasparov had two hours and I had one hour.

37...f5?

Not exactly the perfect follow-up to a piece sacrifice.

38.exf5 Qf6 [38...e4 39.Qc3+?+] 39.
Bd7 Rc7 40.Bb5 gxf5 41.Kf1 f4 42.Bf2
Qf5 43.Ke2

I'm down a piece: my next move is the only practical chance

43...Na6 44.Qxc7+ Nxc7 45.Rxc7+
Kg6??

Losing on the spot. After some of the other king moves I may have had slight chances for a perpetual despite the material deficit. Further analysis is needed of course.

46.Bd3 e4 47.Bxe4 1-0

I would like to thank my parents, David Ottosen, John Macnab, Micah Hughey for their support, and last but not least, Garry Kasparov and KasparovChess.com for this wonderful opportunity.

HUGHEY WINS EDMONTON CLOSED

By John Quiring, TD

The Edmonton Chess Club Closed, much maligned as the "weakie" qualifier for the Alberta Closed, was an 8 player round robin featuring an average rating of 1923. This is much higher than other qualifiers, such as the Alberta Open, which had an average rating of just 1809. (This argument might be weak and specious, but it's still an argument).

Rob Gardner had been expected to play, but was forced out due to illness at the last minute and that left David Ottosen as the only Master in the field. David has historically played well in the Closed, and with a rating advantage of 150 points on the entire field it looked like an easy time for him. But a funny thing happened on the way to the coronation as David gave it up early and often, finishing well back.

The contest shaped up between ex-

Calgarian Dave Gomboc and Micah Hughey, with another ex-Calgarian Alan Clark waiting in the wings. The key match-up was round 6, when the gallant young Edmontonian won the head-to-head match-up with Dave, so Micah Hughey is the winner of the Closed with 6/7. In second with 5.5 was Dave Gomboc, and Alan Clark finished third with 5. Gaining the most rating points was Alex Kazakevich who pocketed a cool 100 for his 3.5/7 score.

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h3 Nh6 18. c4 Nf5 19. Kh2 d4 20. exd4
 cxd4 21. Bxf5 Qxf5 22. Nxd4 Qc8 23.
 exf6 exf6 24. Qe6+ Qxe6 25. Nxe6 Rd2
 0-1

Roy Yearwood – Ashton Anderson

1. f4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. g3 b6 4. Bg2 Bb7 5.
 b3 e6 6. Bb2 c5 7. O-O Nc6 8. e3 Be7 9.
 d3 O-O 10. Qe2 Qc7 11. c4 Rfd8 12. Na3
 a6 13. Nc2 Rac8 14. Rac1 b5 15. Ne5 Nd7
 16. Nxc6 Bxc6 17. cxd5 Bxd5 18. e4 Bb7
 19. Ne3 Qb6 20. Kh1 Bf6 21. Ng4 Bxb2

22. Qxb2 Nb8 23. Rcd1 Nc6 24. f5 exf5
 25. Rxf5 Nd4 26. Rf2 Qe6 27. Ne3 Rc7
 28. Rdf1 Qh6 29. Rf4 Ne6 30. Nf5 Qg6
 31. Qe5 Rcd7 32. Rh4 Kh8 33. Rf3 Rxd3
 34. Rxd3 Rxd3 35. Qb8+ Nd8 36. h3
 Rd1+ 37. Kh2 Rd2 38. Qe5 f6 39. Qxc5
 h6 40. Qf8+ Kh7 41. Ne7 Qf7 42. Qxf7
 Nxf7 43. Nd5 Ne5 44. Rf4 Nd3 45. Rf1
 Rxa2 46. Kg1 Rb2 47. Rd1 Rxb3 48. e5
 Nxe5 49. Nxf6+ gxf6 50. Bxb7 Rxc3+ 51.
 Kh2 Ra3 52. Rd6 Kg6 53. Bxa6 b4 54.
 Bb7 b3 55. Rb6 Nc4 56. Rb4 Nd2 57. Bd5
 Kf5 58. Rb5 Kf4 59. Be6 Nf3+ 60. Kg2
 Nd4 61. Rb4 Ke3 62. Bc4 Kd2 63. Bd5

Kc3 64. Rc4+ Kd3 65. Rb4 f5 66. Kg3
 Ke3 67. Rb6 f4+ 68. Kg4 Ra5 69. Bxb3
 Rg5+ 70. Kh4 Nf3# 0-1

Bob Macfie – Tom McKay

1. f4 Nf6 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. e3 d5 4. Bb5 Bd7
 5. b3 a6 6. Bxc6 Bxc6 7. Bb2 e6 8. O-O
 Bd6 9. Ne5 Bxe5 10. fxe5 Nd7 11. Qh5
 g6 12. Qf3 Qe7 13. Ba3 Nc5 14. d4 Bb5
 15. Bxc5 Qd7 16. Qf6 Rg8 17. Rf2 b6 18.
 Ba3 Rc8 19. Nd2 c5 20. c4 dxc4 21. Ne4
 Rc6 22. bxc4 Bxc4 23. dxc5 b5 24. Nd6+
 Rxd6 25. exd6 e5 26. c6 1-0

GAMES FROM THE SOUTHERN ALBERTA OPEN

Robert Gardner – Arthur Odachowski
 (Annotations by Arthur Odachowski)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4
 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Be2 e5 7. Nb3 Be7 8.
 Be3 Be6

8...O-O was possible.

9. Bf3 Rc8?!

According to my database, after 9...a5!?
 10. Nd5 Bxd5 11. exd5 Nb4 12. c3 Na6,
 Black scores well.

10. Nd5 O-O 11. g4!?

11. O-O was also possible.

11...Ne8 12. Qd2 Bh4 13. O-O-O

A risky idea. White underestimates
 Black's play.

12...b6 14. Rhg1 Ne7 15. g5?

15. Nc3 or 15. Kbl were better.

15...Nxd5 16. exd5 Bf5 17. c3 Qd7

Intending 18...Qa4. If 17...f6, then after
 18. gxf6 Nxf6 Black has the better posi-
 tion.

18. Qe2

A logical move, but 18. Nd4 was forced,

for example 18...exd4 19. Qxd4 Qb5 20.
 Qxh4 Rc4 21. Rd4 Rxc3!?

18...f6 19. Bg4?!

19. gxf6 was preferable.

19...Bxg5

Black has a clear advantage.

20. Bxf5 Qxf5 21. Rg4

Over the next eleven moves, I tried to ex-
 change everything off.

21...Bxe3+ 22. fxe3 Qd7 23. Rdg1 f5 24.
 Rg5 Qf7 25. Qg2 f4?!

White has nothing; Black is rushing things
 too much.

26. exf4 Qxf4+ 27. Kbl Rc7 28. Nd2
 Qf2

28...Rcf7 was possible.

29. Ne4 Qxg2 30. R5xg2 Rcf7 31. Kc2
 Rf1 32. Rxf1 Rxf1 33. Kb3 Rf4

If 33...Re1, then 34. Ng5.

34. Re2!

If 34. Ng5, then 34...Nc7.

34...h6 35. c4 Kf7 36. Kb4 g5

If 36...a6, then 37. a4 is unclear. After
 36...Ke7 Black would have a slight ad-
 vantage.

37. Kb5 Kg6 38. Kc6

38. b4!

38...Rf7 39. b4 Rc7+ 40. Kb5 a6+

White had been threatening to play c5.

41. Kxb6

41. Kxa6! Rxc4 42. Kb5 (42. a3 Nc7+ 43.
 Kxb6 Nxd5+ is clearly better for Black)
 Rd4 43. Kc6 [Here 43. b5! is a try for ad-
 vantage. —DG] Rxb4 44. Nxd6 Nxd6 is
 drawn.

41...Rxc4 = 42. a3 Nc7 43. Nxd6 Nxd5+
 44. Ka5 Rc6 45. Ne4 Kf5 46. Nc5 Nc7
 47. Nd3

47. a4, creating a passed pawn, should be
 the priority.

47...e4 48. Nc5?

After 48. Rf2+!, White could still save the
 game.

48...Nb5 49. a4

[49. Nxa6 is perhaps a better try. —DG]

49...Nd4 50. Rf2+?!

Rob suggested 50. Re1, but 50...g4 shows that it's too late to save the game. Even 51. Nxa6 doesn't help.

50...Ke5 -+ 51. Rf8

51. Nxa6 e3 -+

51...e3!

Not 51...Nd5? 52. Rd8+ Kc4 53. Re8 =

52. Nd3+

If 52. Re8+, then 52...Ne6.

52...Ke4 53. Nc5+ Kd5 54. Rd8+ Kc4 55. Re8 e2 56. Re3 g4

The kingside majority says "hi!"

57. b5 axb5 58. axb5 Rxc5 0-1

Andrew Lapides – David Ottosen

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. d3 Rb8 6. Be3 d6 7. Qd2 b5 8. Nge2 b4 9. Nd1 e6 10. O-O Nge7 11. Bh6 O-O 12. Bxg7 Kxg7 13. Ne3 Qb6 14. Kh1 h5 15. f4 Rh8 16. f5 exf5 17. exf5 Nxf5 18. Nxf5+ Bxf5 19. Rxf5 gxf5 20. Qg5+ Kf8 21. Qf6 Rg8 22. Bd5 Rg7 23. Nf4 Nd8 24. Re1 Rh7 25. Ng6+ 1-0

Dale Haessel – Ron Hinds

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. cxd5 Nxd5 4. e4 Nxc3 5. bxc3 g6 6. Bc4 Bg7 7. Ne2 O-O 8. O-O c5 9. d4 Nc6 10. Be3 Bg4 11. f3 cxd4 12. cxd4 Na5 13. Bxf7+ Rxf7 14. fxg4 Rxf1+ 15. Kxf1 e5 16. d5 Nc4 17. Bf2 Qf6 18. Kg1 Rf8 19. Qe1 Bh6 20. Ng3 Qa6 21. Nf1 Nb2 22. Bg3 Qc4 23. Kh1 Nd3 24. Qb1 Nc1 0-1

Dale Haessel – Warrick Walker

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 d6 3. g3 f5 4. Bg2 Nf6 5. d3 Be7 6. e4 c6 7. Nge2 O-O 8. O-O Na6 9. h3 Be6 10. exf5 Bxf5 11. d4 h5 12. a3 Qd7 13. Kh2 Nc7 14. Be3 e4 15. d5 c5 16. Qd2 Rae8 17. Bg5 Nh7 18. Bxe7 Qxe7 19. Nf4 Qf7 20. Rae1 Nf6 21. Re3 g5 22. Nfe2 Qg6 23. Nc1 Qh7 24. f3 g4 25. Nxe4 Bxe4 26. fxe4 gxh3 27. Bxh3 Ng4+ 28. Bxg4 hxg4+ 29. Kg2 Rxf1 30. Kxf1 Rf8+ 31. Kg2 Qf7 32. Re2 Qg7 33. e5 Ne8 34. Qe3 dxe5 35. Qxc5 e4 36. Qxa7 Qe5 37. Qb6 Nd6 38. c5 e3 39. Qxd6 Qe4+ ½-½

David Ottosen – Arthur Odachowski

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bb5+ Nd7 4. O-O Nf6 5. d4 cxd4 6. Qxd4 a6 7. Bxd7+ Bxd7 8. Bg5 e6 9. Bxf6 gxf6 10. c4 Rc8 11. a4 Be7 12. Nc3 Qa5 13. b3 O-O 14. Rab1 Qc5 15. Qd3 Kh8 16. Nd2 a5 17. Rfe1 Rg8 18. Re3 Rg6 19. Rd1 Rcg8 20. g3 Qh5 21. Nf1 Rd8 22. Ne2 Rgg8 23. Nf4 Qe5 24. Nd5 Bf8 25. f4 Qb2 26. Re2 Qxe2 27. Qxe2 exd5 28. Rxd5 Bh6 29. Kf2 Bc6 30. Rxa5 Rge8 31. Nd2 Bg7 32. Qd3 Re6 33. b4 Rde8 34. Kf3 b6 35. Rh5 Bxa4 36. Rd5 Bf8 37. b5 Bd1+ 38. Kf2 Bg4 39. Qd4 Rb8 40. h3 Bxh3 41. Kf3 Be7 42. Rh5 1-0

Frank Knoll – Roy Yearwood

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Qxd5 3. Nc3 Qd8 4. d3 Nf6 5. Nf3 Bg4 6. Be2 Nc6 7. h3 Bh5 8. a3 e5 9. Bg5 Bc5 10. Ne4 Be7 11. Ng3 Bg6 12. Nh4 Nd5 13. Bxe7 Qxe7 14. Nxc6 hxg6 15. Bf3 O-O-O 16. Qd2 Nd4 17. Bxd5 Rxd5 18. Ne2 Rc5 19. Nc3 f5 20. O-O-O Rxc3 21. bxc3 Qxa3+ 22. Kb1 Nb5 23. c4 Nc3+ 0-1

Kris Boehmer – Kevin Thompson

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 e6 3. g3 d5 4. d4 c6 5. Bg2 Nbd7 6. cxd5 exd5 7. Nf3 Bb4 8. O-O O-O 9. a3 Ba5 10. b4 Bc7 11. b5 Re8

12. a4 Ne4 13. Nxe4 dxe4 14. Ng5 cxb5 15. axb5 e3 16. Nxf7 Kxf7 17. Bd5+ Kf8 18. Ba3+ Re7 19. Ba2 Nf6 20. Bxe7+ Qxe7 21. Qb3 Bh3 22. fxe3 Bxf1 23. Rxf1 Ke8 24. Qd3 Rd8 25. e4 Rxd4 26. Qb3 Rxe4 1-0

Micah Hughey – Tom McKay

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. c3 Nf6 4. Bd3 Nc6 5. Bc2 e5 6. O-O Be7 7. Re1 O-O 8. h3 b5 9. d4 cxd4 10. cxd4 Nxd4 11. Nxd4 exd4 12. Qxd4 Qc7 13. Nc3 Bb7 14. Bg5 a6 15. Rac1 Rfe8 16. Nd5 Bxd5 17. exd5 Qd8 18. Re3 h6 19. Bf4 Rc8 20. Qd3 Rc5 21. Rce1 Rxd5 22. Qe2 Kf8 23. Bb3 Rd4 24. Bg3 ½-½

Mike Smith – Paul Lapides

1. b4 d5 2. e3 e6 3. Bb2 Nf6 4. a3 Bd6 5. Nf3 Nbd7 6. c4 dxc4 7. Bxc4 O-O 8. O-O Re8 9. Qc2 Nf8 10. e4 Be7 11. Nc3 a6 12. Rad1 c5 13. bxc5 Bxc5 14. d4 Ba7 15. e5 N6d7 16. d5 exd5 17. Nxd5 Kh8 18. Ba2 Bb8 19. Rfe1 Qa5 20. Ng5 h6 21. Nxf7+ Kg8 22. Nb4 Ne6 23. Nxc6+ gxh6 24. Qg6+ Kf8 25. Bxe6 Rxe6 26. Qxe6 Qd8 27. Qxh6+ Ke8 28. e6 Qc7 29. exd7+ Kd8 30. Bf6 1-0

Brian Miller – Mike Smith

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 d5 3. cxd5 Nxd5 4. e4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Bc4 c6 7. f3 Bg7 8. Nge2 O-O 9. Be3 b5 10. Bb3 a5 11. a3 a4 12. Ba2 Ba6 13. Qd2 Nbd7 14. Bh6 Nb6 15. Bxg7 Kxg7 16. e5 Nfd5 17. Nxd5 cxd5 18. h4 h6 19. Rc1 Nc4 20. Bxc4 dxc4 21. Ng3 e6 22. Ne4 Bb7 23. Nf6 Qa5 24. Rc3 Bd5 25. Qc2 Rh8 26. Rh3 b4 27. axb4 Qxb4 28. Kf2 a3 29. Rxa3 Rxa3 30. bxa3 Qxa3 31. f4 Qb4 32. h5 Rb8 33. hxg6 Qb2 34. Nh5+ Kf8 35. g7+ Kg8 36. Nf6+ Kxg7 37. Rg3+ Kf8 38. Rg8+ Ke7 39. Re8+ Rxe8 40. Qxb2 Ra8 41. Nxd5+ 1-0

VOLUNTEERS AT THE CANADIAN OPEN

When the Canadian Open comes to Edmonton next month (see ad on page 10), there will be a lot of little jobs to do. If you are willing and able to help, please

call Grant Brown at 433-1505.

Some of the jobs:

- pick up/drop off featured players at the airport

- update display boards at the top 3 games
- loan playing equipment to players, then collect it after games
- staff the information table

MONDAY NIGHT CHESS

by John Quiring

Monday night is active chess night at the Edmonton Chess club, with the tournaments being rated by the world famous John Rating System. There are about 300 people who currently have John ratings.

During 1999, all 51 Monday tournaments were run by **Micah Hughey**, which is an incredible service to chess in Edmonton.

The 51 Monday night tournaments consisted of a total of 1611 games played by 123 different people. The average attendance was 19 players, with the largest being Aug 16 (28 players) and the smallest being Dec. 27 (10 players). By comparison, in 1998 there were 48 tournaments, consisting of a total of 1054 games played by 107 different people. The average attendance was 14 players, with the largest tournament being Mar 2 (22 players) and the smallest being June 6 (4 players).

During the 1999 Monday night chess season, the amazing number of 25 different people won or shared first place in the 51 tournaments. And here they are:

Micah Hughey (12 wins), David Ottosen (8), Ferenc Borloi (7), Nigel Fullbrook (5), Dave Gomboc (5), Jonathan Day (4), Alan Clark (3). With 2 wins each: Jim Lynn, David Milward, John Quiring, Alvin Doo, Ravi Trikha, Kurtis Nystrom and Fernando Rey, and single nights of glory (at the chess board, that is) were had by Joe Tumpek, Rob Gardner, Tobias Jeserich, Hafiz Kar-mali, J. Alford, Nic Haynes, Inderpal Kalher, Jack Seredynski, M. Rosenkerr, Skylar Malito and Geoff Newton.

EDMONTON RESERVES

By John Quiring, TD

The ECC Reserves are held concurrently with the Closed and this year featured a prize fund donated by the Club. This lead immediately to an interesting question from Closed participant Dave Gomboc: could he play in both tournaments simultaneously? There is a precedent for this idea: when the Canadian Closed and Canadian Open were held simultaneously in Edmonton in 1985, Brian Hartman and Igor Ivanov both played (with success) in both tournaments, continuously walking back and forth between their two boards. In this case, however, I denied Dave's request because the Reserves is specifically for players not in the Closed.

It has often happened in recent years that a player who would otherwise qualify for the Closed has missed the tournament's start, joined the Reserves a week late, and won all his games. That came to an end this year. Several players entered in round 2, including the two highest rated players, Theo Buitendyk and John Anderson, but no one could catch John Macnab who won by a mile with 6/7. Tied for second with 4.5 were Bob Davies, Cor Dewindt, and newcomer Sean Sorrell who had an excellent result in his first tournament. Sixteen players competed, and John Macnab's win qualifies him for next year's ECC Closed.

John Macnab - Vai Verlik
[Annotations by Macnab]

1.e4 e5 2.d4 Nc6 3.Nf3 ed4 4.Nd4 Ne5 5. Be2 Nf6 6.Nc3?! A better idea would have been to castle, forsaking the pawn for the superior development. Also worth considering are 6.f4 and 6.Bg5. Bb4 7.Bd3?! White admits that he hasn't a clue what to do. Bc3+

8.bc3 0-0 8...d5! 9.0-0 b6 Black continues to play passively. ...d5! remains the best move for several turns. 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 Ng6 12.Bg3 d6 13.f4 Bg4 14.Qd2 Nh5 15. Be1 Bd7 16.f5 A tough choice. The advance is thematic, but the cost is control of e5. Ne5 17.Qe2 Nf6 18.Bd2 c5 19.Nf3 Nfg4 20.h3 Nf3+ 21.Qf3 Ne5 22.Qg3 Qf6 23.Rf4 Primitive, but worth a try. Qg5 24.Qf2 Qf6 25.Rf1 Kh7?! 26.Rh4 Rg8 27.Qg3 g5? The queen is in danger of embarrassment by Bg5!, but better would have been 27...Nd3. 28.fg6+ Qg6 29.Qf2 h5 30.Be2 Kg7 31.Bh5 Qe6 32.Bh6+!? 32.Bf7! Nf7 (32...Qf7 33. Rh7+ Kh7 34.Qh4+ Kg6 35.Qh6#) 33.Rg4+ Qg4 (33...Kf8 34.Bh6+ Ke7 35.Qh4+) 34. Qf7+ Kh8 35.hg4 Qh6 33.Bf7 Qh4 Understandable, but mistaken: 33... Nf3+! 34.Qf3 Qh4 35.Bg8 Rg8 36.Qf7+ White still has an edge, but it is much less than it could have been. 34.Qh4 Nf7 35.Qf6+ 1-0

Theo Buitendyk - John Macnab
[Annotations by Macnab]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.e3 I don't like this move. The dark squared bishop deserves better than this! D6= 6.Bd3 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.b4 Nh5?! Much too early to begin wing action. The centre is nowhere near clarified. Black invites danger on the long open diagonals leading to his King. 9. Qc2 c6 10.Ne2 f5 It looks as though one of the pieces on a1, f3 or d3 will be hanging. Unfortunately they will not be, and this move does nothing except invite White to improve his coordination. 11.de5 de5 12.c5 Kh8?! 13.Bc4 13.e4!? and Black's exposed King looks very sad. a5 14.Bb2?! ab4 15.Rad1 Qe7 16.h4? Nc5 17.Ng3 Ng3 18.fg3 e4 18... Ne4 19.Kh2 Qc5 20.Qc1 Nc3 19.Ng5 Ne6 20.Bg7+ Kg7 21.Qb2+ Kh6? 21...Qf6 22. Ne6+ Be6 23.Qb4 Bc4 24.Qc4 Rad8 22. Qe5! Re8 23.Kf2?! 23.Rd6! Ne5?! Cold feet. 23...Ng5! 24.hg5+ Kg5 25.Qf4+ Kf6 24.Qf4 Kg7 25.Nf7 Ne6 25...Be6! 26.Be6 Ne6 27.Qh6+ Kf7 28.Qh7+ Kf6 26.Qh6+ Kf7 27.Qh7+ Kf6 28.Qh6 Qg7 29.Qg7+ Kg7 30.Rd6 Ne5 31.Rh1 b5 32.h5?? bc4 33.h6+ Kh7 34.Rc6 Ra2+ 0-1

Most Tournaments Played

- Micah Hughey - 51
- Ferenc Borloi - 43
- Jonathan Day - 42
- Kurt Lauterwald - 39
- Alvin Doo - 37
- Kurtis Nystrom - 33

Most Games Played

- Micah Hughey - 174
- Ferenc Borloi - 172
- Jonathan Day - 153
- Alvin Doo - 142
- Kurtis Nystrom - 128
- Otto Benedik - 122

Most Wins

- Micah Hughey - 112
- Ferenc Borloi - 104
- Jonathan Day - 88
- Kurtis Nystrom - 67
- Alvin Doo - 64
- David Ottosen - 61

Highest Winning Percentage

- Nigel Fullbrook - 91%
- David Ottosen - 80%
- Dave Gomboc - 76%
- Geoff Newton - 76%
- Micah Hughey - 74%
- Joe Tumpek - 71%

ACA CASINO

by Ford Wong

On February 6 and 7, the ACA held its 5th Casino at the newly remodelled AS Casino Edmonton on the south side. With the help of 26 volunteers, the ACA contributed \$26,754.38 into the Casino pooling. Activity at the casino was fairly quiet but managed to take \$54,000 from the people who anonymously donated to the association. Although quiet on the floor, the Cashier cage was loud and noisy with the Karpa and Panteluk show keeping most occupants laughing on the first evening. The daytime shift on day one saw Tom MacKay defend the ACA honor by beating all comers at backgammon including a pit boss who always drops in for a game or two. Walter Watson, was one of six Calgarians who drove up to help. Being given the position of Big A was not enough and he demanded to be put to work so he was put in the Cashier Cage to ensure that he did something. Day two saw lots of action in the volunteer room as ACA editor Dave Gomboc had everyone folding Alberta Chess Reports. As usual there were lots of speed chess games played in the volunteer room when people weren't eating. At the end of the two days, I am glad to report that there were no mistakes made by the volunteers and that there is no truth to the rumour that there was a \$30,000 mistake and no explanation why some ACA members are going on a one way extended vacation. The ACA members tried to equal the food bill made by the ECC counterparts at the Baccarat a month earlier, but failed. The major difference was an average cheap buffet and no giant size prime rib. I am glad to report that no volunteers went home hungry.

The ACA would like to thank the following people who gave their time to help out: Ford Wong, Len Steele, Walter Watson, John Quiring, Tom MacKay, Don MacFarlane, Steve Panteluk, Tom Karpa, Yuri Pivarov, Dale Haessell, Kim Nguyen, Micah Hughey, Kurtis Nystrom, Bob Davies, Dave Ottosen, Alex Kazakevich, Josh Sterr, Dawn Rock, Peter Lacroix, Dave Gomboc, Aaron Lovi, Peter Alderton, Kurt Lauterwald, Yngvi Bjornsson, Beatrice Wu and Cynthia Wu. Special thanks to Len Steele who always comes out of retirement to help the ACA out. All volunteers received a deck of cards, a key chain, a pin and a pen for their efforts. The winner of the Casino ABS watch went to Dawn Rock. Thanks again to our advisors Evelyn Curtis, Bill Humphrey and Dick Curtis.

The next Casino will be in Calgary in the Fall of 2001 and the ACA looks forward to its members coming out to help once again.

NORTHERN ALBERTA OPEN

By Adrien Regimbald

On the week of Feb 14, I had been eagerly anticipating my return to weekend tournament chess in Alberta. After an all too long break from it due to the commitments of university, I was beginning to feel starved of chess! As I was preparing for my games by doing nothing chess related, and having dreams of chess pieces floating around the sky, I was suddenly called upon to TD the tournament by John Quiring, as he wanted to play. John has volunteered much of his time to the ACA, and I was not going to greedily play and force him to direct. I am even happier with this decision in retrospect as John proceeded to have a superb tournament!

Having explained why I was directing, I would like to say that this tournament was a pleasure to direct! I was thrilled to see 28 players come out, with strong Edmonton and Calgary contingents. The tournament ran extremely smoothly, with no major disturbances for the TD to quell. The sum of the TD's problems were the typical time scrambles and a mind boggling task of divvying up the prize fund at the end with all sorts of people eligible for prizes in multiple groups. Luckily, I had a large crowd of people surrounding me and making it all that much more confusing! Thankfully the combined expertise of Ford Wong and John Quiring set things straight.

The end result for the tournament was that Greg Huber emerged victorious with 4.5 points and \$200 for 1st place! John Quiring lived up to his reputation as Mr. Power, sharing 2nd place with Rob Gardner. On the way to 2nd place, John massacred Art Milne in an extremely entertaining game (well, as long as your name isn't Art...) that was greatly appreciated by the TD and many other players! The mental imagery of John being in a title bout for the heavyweight title and knocking his battered and bloody opponent about the ring was unmistakable. Jim Daniluk had a solid tournament to finish in 3rd place for the open section. 1st under 2000 was shared by Milne, Dean, Yamach, Nguyen, Sekuloff, and Haynes with 3 points. Anastasia Kazakevich took 1st under 1600 with 3 points. 2nd under 1600 was won by Josh Sterr with 2.5 points. The best junior prize was shared between Nguyen and Haynes.

Perhaps the biggest debacle of the tournament occurred away from the tournament site. An intrepid group of players traveled to a nearby Red Robins for a post tournament meal. The young Nicolas Haynes ordered a nacho platter, and didn't even come close to finishing

it! He then proceeded to further embarrass himself by not being able to admit his own defeat, and ordered a doggy bag for it and tried to finish it off later during the meal, and failed once again! We were all disgraced to even be at the same table! On a more encouraging note, I managed to save some face by demolishing a DOUBLE TAR Mud Pie in record time. I had double tar since the ACR editor can't seem to stomach whipped cream (it's not meat, after all!), and asked for double tar to compensate, and it somehow ended up on mine!

Now, some of you may be complaining about the non-chess content of this tournament report, and I'd like to comment on that now. I don't know about the rest of you, but I think that the social aspect of going to a tournament is incredibly important. Tournaments would be quite boring and dry affairs indeed if nobody talked to anyone else, and we didn't go out for post-game meals, which are always extremely enjoyable! And now for those addicts who NEED games scores ...

John Quiring - Art Milne

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 d6 4.Bc4 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Qe1 0-0 8.Qh4 Nd4 9.d3 Nxc2 10.Rb1 Nd4 11.f5 b5 12.Bd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 Ne2+ 14.Kh1 Nxc1 15.Nxe7+ Kh8 16.fxg6 h6 17.gxf7 Nxd3 18.Ng6+ Kh7 19.Nxf8+ Qxf8 20.e5 Bf5 21.Ng5+ Kg6 22.Rxf5 Kxf5 23.Rf1+ Kg6 24.Qe4+ Kh5 25.g4+ Kh4 26.Nf3+ Kh3 27.Ng1+ Kh4 28.g5+ Kh5 29.Qf3+ Kg6 30.Qf5+ Kh5 31.g6+ 1-0

Tim Dean - Micah Hughey

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Na5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.Be2 h6 9.Nh3 g5 10.d3 g4 11.Ng1 Bc5 12.Nc3 Rb8 13.Na4 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qd4+ 15.Be3 Qxa4 16.b3 Qa3 17.Qd2 Nb7 18.Qc1 Qd6 19.h3 Rg8 20.hxg4 Nxc4+ 21.Bxc4 Bxc4 22.Rxc4 Qd5 23.Nf3 Nc5 24.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 25.Qe3 Qxc2+ 26.Nd2 Be6 27.Qe2 Rd8 28.Ne4 Rxc2+ 0-1

Greg Huber - Jim Daniluk

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 Nf6 4.g3 d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.d3 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Ne4 Nxe4 10.Bxe4 f5 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Re1 g5 13.d4 c4 14.b3 cxb3 15.axb3 Bf6 16.Ra4 0-0 17.c3 Bd7 18.Ba3 c5 19.Rc4 Bb5 20.Rxc5 Bxe2 21.Qxe2 Be7 22.Qxe6+ 1-0

Micah Hughey - Rob Gardner

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.Be2 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.Re1 0-0 8.h3 e5 9.d4 Qc7 10.dxc5 dxc5 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 Nh5 13.Nbd2 g5 14.Bg3 Nxc3 15.fxc3 g4 16.Nh4 gxh3 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.exf5 hxg2 19.f6 Bxf6 20.Qg4+ Bg5 21.Qf5 f6 22.Nf3 Rad8 23.Re2 Qd7 24.Qg6+ Qg7 25.Qh5 Rd6 26.Kxg2 c4 27.Rh1 f5 0-1

ALBERTA CLUBS

If this information is incorrect, contact the Editor (see page 2)

CALGARY CHESS CLUB

Meets at Elephant&Castle Restaurant,
8th Ave and 4th St SW,
Tues 7:00 - 11:00
Contact: Mike Smith (403) 263-5251

UNDER 1800 CLUB

Meets: Word Books and Cappuccino Bar,
1715 - 17 Ave. SW, Calgary, AB,
during business hours.
Contact: Tedde Davies (403) 277-0209

EDMONTON CHESS CLUB

Meets: Prince Of Wales Armoury,
Suite 114A, 10440 - 108 Ave.,
Edmonton AB T5H 3Z9
entrance at south west corner,
open 7-11 pm.
Monday--casual chess tournaments, no
membership required; relaxed noise con-
trols.
Thursday--CFC-rated tournaments, CFC
membership required; strict playing condi-
tions.
Info: club phone (780) 424-0283
Adrien Regimbald (780) 475-4102
Mail: see club address above.
Schedule: A new tournament starts the
first Thursday of every month.

GRANDE PRAIRIE CHESS CLUB

Meets: Royal Canadian Legion,
9912-101 Ave,
Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
September thru April
Info: Phil Lefkowitz (780) 538-1903
Mail: c/o 9905 75 Ave, Grande Prairie, AB
T8V 6G2.

NORTHERN COMMUNITIES CC

Info: Bernie Tynan (780) 771-3757.

MEDICINE HAT CHESS CLUB

Meets: Southview Community School,
Coffee corner room
Wednesdays 7-10:15,
during the school year
Info: Bill Taylor (403) 526-5484.

PEACE RIVER CHESS CLUB

Meets: Peace Valley Inn (Rose Room)
9609 101 Street
Info: Alex Phimester (780) 624-8866

LETHBRIDGE CHESS CLUBS

Junior and adults
Meets: University Of Lethbridge
Room A844
Tues 7:00 pm, Sept through April
Info: Brian Titley (403) 380-6751

LLOYDMINISTER CHESS CLUB

Meets: Cappucino Voltaire Coop,
on 50 Street
Tues 7:30 pm.
Info: Doug (780) 825-0528
Eugene Gibney (780) 875-6352

HINTON CHESS CLUB

Meets: Queens Bakery and Cafe
124 Market Street
Mon 7:00 - 9:00 pm.
Info: Peter Bundscherer (780) 865-5050.

CROWSNEST CHESS CLUB

Meets: Royal Canadian Legion, Coleman
Info: John Day (403) 563-5217

TOP ALBERTANS

1.	Oliver Schulte.....	2446
2.	Greg Huber.....	2341
3.	Arthur Odachowski.....	2336
4.	Rocket Gardner.....	2285
5.	Gilbert Sommerfeld.....	2277
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7.	Chris Demers.....	2266
8.	Dale Haessel.....	2245
9.	Roy Yearwood.....	2221
10.	Eugene Gibney.....	2214
11.	John Parrott.....	2204
12.	Nandor Tot.....	2202
13.	John Ferrar.....	2189
14.	Kris Boehmer.....	2140
15.	David Ottosen.....	2115
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17.	Jim Daniluk.....	2088
18.	Gordon Campbell.....	2077
19.	Micah Hughey.....	2075
19.	Chris Kuczaj.....	2075
21.	Brad Willis.....	2068
22.	Walter Watson.....	2052
23.	Ron Hinds.....	2049
24.	Geoff Newton.....	2044
24.	Hans Olson.....	2044
26.	Bill Taylor.....	2022
27.	Harald Thimm.....	2016
28.	Jim Flemming.....	2002
28.	Alan Clark.....	2002

*Includes players who were active during
the last 12 months.*

COMING EVENTS

All tournaments require ACA and CFC
membership (may be purchased on site)
See page 2 for membership details.

Canadian Youth Chess Championship

July 5-7, Edmonton
What: National championship for youth
Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16,
Under 18
Info: Chess Federation Of Canada
(613) 733-2844

Canadian Open

See ad on page 10

Battle Of Alberta

Aug 12, Red Deer
Info: David Ottosen (780) 425-1584

Over/Under 1800

Sep 2-3, Edmonton
Info: See below

Medicine Hat Open

Sep 16-17, Medicine Hat (natch)
Info: Bill Taylor (403) 526-5484

Alberta Open

Oct 7-9, Calgary
Info: Rod Weis, (403) 295-2558

Alberta Junior Championship

Nov 4-5, Red Deer
Info: David Ottosen (780) 425-1584

Southern Alberta Open

Nov 18-19, Calgary
Info: Rod Weis (403) 295-2558

Two Weekends Before Christmas

Dec 16-17, Edmonton
Info: Ford Wong (780) 481-6474

OVER/UNDER 1800

Winner qualifies for the Alberta Closed !!
When: Sep 2-3
Where: Edmonton Chess Club, see
address in Club listings this page
Format: Two sections, over/under 1800
5 rounds, Swiss system
Time Controls: 30/90, game/60
Registration: 9:00-9:45 Saturday Sep 2
Info: John Quiring (780) 468-9173
Entry fee: \$20 senior, \$15 junior, age 14
and under have "\$5 and no prize"
option

The Edmonton Chess Club, Alberta Chess Association, and Chess Federation of Canada
with the support of Alberta Community Development and Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks & Wildlife
present the

2000 Canadian Open Chess Championship

Edmonton, Alberta July 8 — 16, 2000

Featuring — GMs Joel Benjamin, Igor Novikov, Kevin Spraggett, Jonathan Rowson, Peter Wells, and IMs Dmitri Tyomkin, Boris Kreiman, Deen Hergott, David Ross, Tom O'Donnell, and Michael Schleifer.

Date: July 8th to July 16th, 2000.
Place: University of Alberta Conference Centre ("Lister Hall"), Edmonton, Alberta.
Format: 10-round Swiss, 1 section; CFC & FIDE rated.
Time Controls: 40/120, 20/60, SD/30.
Entry Fees: \$105 before 2000/05/31; \$125 at the site.
Discounts: IMs and GMs free; Juniors (U20) 50% off; FIDE rated 25% off.
Organizers: Grant Brown, Chair (780) 433-1505, grant.brown@home.com
 David Ottosen, Vice-chair (780) 425-1584, dottosen@ab.bluecross.ca.
plus: John Quiring, Ford Wong, Peter Alderton, Adrien Regimbald, and Brad Willis.
Website: <http://members.home.net/cdnopen2000>.
 E-mail to: cdnopen2000@home.com.
Registration: Send name, address, CFC number, phone, email, birth date (juniors only), and advance-bye requests, along with a cheque payable to the Chess Federation of Canada, to: CFC, 2212 Gladwin Crescent, Unit E1, Ottawa, Ontario. K1B 5N1. Phone (613) 733-2844; fax (613) 733-5209. E-mail info@chess.ca. (See the entry form on the next page.)

Note: Boards will be provided; bring your sets and clocks.

All prices quoted here are in Canadian funds, and are fully refundable up to May 31, 2000.

Accommodations — Package Deals

All package deals below include your entry fee, 9 nights accommodation, a "2000 Canadian Open" T-shirt, closing ceremonies banquet, and a tournament book mailed to your home address. (No substitutions.)

Dorm rooms: Located next to the tournament site. Each room has 2 single beds, 2 desks, 2 wardrobes, and 2 bureaus. There are common bathrooms and a common kitchen on each floor.

Double occupancy (per person): \$370 before May 31; \$390 after May 31.

Single occupancy: \$470 before May 31; \$490 after May 31.

Hotel Suites: Located three blocks from the tournament site. They contain a bedroom with queen-sized bed, a living-room area with queen-sized sofa-bed, kitchenette, and private bath. Laundry facilities are available.

Double occupancy (per person): \$620 before May 31; \$640 after May 31.

Single occupancy: \$1020 before May 31; \$1040 after May 31.

Family rates: Pay the single-occupancy rate above and have your partner and (up to) two children stay with you for no extra charge! (If others in your family wish to play as well, simply pay their entry fees.)

Discounts on package deals: Juniors \$50; FIDE \$25.

Note: Parking and tennis courts next to the tournament site are available, as are passes for all University of Alberta recreational facilities.

Prize Fund \$20,000 (based on 200 entries — and we already have over 150!)

	Open	U2400	U2200	U2000	U1800	U1600	U1400 / Unrated
First	3000	500	1000	1000	800	700	400
Second	2000	300	800	750	600	500	300
Third	1500		600	500	400	350	200
Fourth	1000		400	350	300	250	
Fifth	750		250				
Sixth	500						

100% of entries go to the prize fund !! No player may win a prize more than one category below his or her all-time high CFC rating.

Schedule of Events

On-site Registration (at Lister Hall)	July 7, 18:00 – 22:00	Round 1: July 8, 16:00
CFC Annual General Meeting	July 8, 10:00 – 14:00	Round 2: July 9, 10:00
(...continued)	July 10, 9:00	Round 3: July 9, 17:30
GM Peter Wells Simultaneous Exhibition	July 11, 9:00	Round 4: July 10, 18:00
GM Joel Benjamin Lecture	July 11, 13:00	Round 5: July 11, 18:00
Canadian Open Speed Chess Tournament	July 12, 13:00	Round 6: July 12, 18:00
Canadian "Bughouse" Championship	July 13, 13:00	Round 7: July 13, 18:00
	July 14, 13:00	Round 8: July 14, 18:00
		Round 9: July 15, 12:00
Closing Ceremonies & Banquet	July 16, 17:00	Round 10: July 16, 10:00