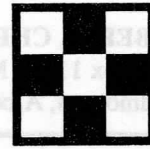


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## A Personal Account of the 1989 Alberta Open by Steven Peter, Alberta Open Champion

The 1989 Alberta Open was held on October 7th to 9th in Calgary and was well directed by Darse Billings. This tournament, which I consider to be the most prestigious Swiss event in Alberta, was the second of its kind in which I have participated. As in 1986, I had a successful result and faced several skilled opponents.

After two consecutive wins, I had perhaps my most difficult game in round 3. White played an apparently innocuous variation against the Sicilian, and Black's handling of the opening did not appear to be sufficiently testing. Black's later control of the only open file produced an interesting exchange sacrifice with a resultant bind on the position. After missing h4 against Black's h5, White's position deteriorated, and his return of the exchange proved futile.

A. Milne - S. Peter  
(Sicilian - B20)

1.e4 c5 2.b3 d6 3.f4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 g6 6.Bb2 Bg7 7.Nd5 0-0 8.Nxf6+ exf6 9.d3 d5 10.Be2 Re8 11.Nd2 Nd4 12.0-0 f5 13.e5 f6 14.Bxd4 cxd4 15.exf6 Qxf6 16.Nf3 Qe7 17.Rf2 Qe3 18.g3 Bd7 19.Nh4 Rac8 20.Ng2 Qe7 21.Bf3 Qc5 22.Qd2 Re3 23.Re1 Rce8 24.Rfe2 Rxf3 25.Rxe8+ Bxe8 26.Rxe8+ Kf7 27.Qe2 Re3 28.Nxe3 dxe3 29.Rb8 Qc7 30.Ra8 Bd4 31.c4 dxc4 32.dxc4 h5 33.Kf1 Qc6 34.Kg1 Qc7 35.Kf1 Qc6 36.Kg1 h4 37.Rd8 Qe4 38.Rxd4 Qxd4 39.Kg2 Qe4+ 40.Kg1 h3 (0-1).

In round 4, I faced the highest rated player in Alberta. White's handling of the opening appeared imprecise, and further weakening of his Queenside (17.b3) resulted in Black netting the exchange. I believe that 22.f6 would have caused Black more difficulties. Black later returned the exchange to secure the full point.

J. Reeve - S. Peter  
(Sicilian Scheveningen - B81)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.g4 Nc6 7.g5 Nd7 8.Be3 Be7 9.h4 0-0 10.Qe2 a6 11.0-0-0 Nxd4 12.Rxd4 b5 13.Kb1 Qa5 14.a3 Rb8 15.Qd2 Qc7 16.f4 Nb6 17.b3 e5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Rxd5 Bb7 20.f5 Bxd5 21.exd5

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## ANDREW PADUCH WINS

### CANADIAN CADET CHAMPIONSHIP

Alberta Cadet Champion **Andrew Paduch**, of Calgary, is the new Canadian Cadet Champion! He thereby qualifies for the World Cadet Championship in Singapore (June 1-16). Congratulations Andrew!! Steven Peter, Andrew's coach and current Alberta Open Champion, will accompany him. They have worked hard to prepare for the World Cadet. The ACA will assist both Andrew and Steven to its fullest capacity with their preparations and expenses not funded by other sources.

## ROBERT SOUTH

### 1990 ALBERTA CLOSED CHAMPION

**Robert South**, of Calgary, dominated this year's Closed, securing an amazing 7-0 perfect score, with a performance rating said to be over 2600 (!), pushing his CFC rating above 2400. This gave him the \$500 first prize donated by WIL Systems Plumbing (Ted Wilson). The nearest to him, 2.5 points back at 4.5-2.5, were Greg Huber, Chris Demers and Jeff Reeve. Other scores: Rob Gardner 3; Roy Yearwood 2.5; Tony Peredo 1.5; John Baser 0.5. Roy won \$100 from Vacuum Rebuilders Ltd. for the "Best Repair Job of a Damaged Position". *Full report next ACR!*

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### There's an internal conflict when...

...the ACR Editor knows that events have been held, but does not receive a report on them. What goes through the Editor's mind might include: "I already spend a lot of time on the ACR, why should I have to seek out reports when it's the responsibility of the directors to submit them?" or "It's part of a tournament director's responsibility to ensure that participants in the event see the report they deserve to see in the ACR!" or "Why should the players suffer because a report was not submitted? I guess I'll see what I can find out...", etc.

Well, your "Temporary Editor" (TE) thought these thoughts, all of them, and decided to carry out the last one (this time!) because you, the players and ACR readers, deserve some consideration. In this issue are some reports based on those in *En Passant*, the national chess magazine. In most of those cases, a report was not submitted to the ACR (shame on the person who should have sent it in!). However, it's not fair to paint all Tournament Directors with the TE's sweeping brush as it's possible that the omission of a report or two is due to an "internal failure" to relay the report to the Editor (hence, the Tournament Directors of such events will not be listed, both to protect the innocent and to not compound the embarrassment of the "guilty"). Whatever the reason, those who did not carry out their responsibility to the players know who they are... (and I hope that this might remind some to send in reports and information for future ACR's!).

Speaking of the ACR, the next should include reports on the Alberta Closed, U of A Open, "7+1" tournament(s), Swan City Open, Canadian Junior and Canadian Cadet, club tournaments, etc.

Now to switch to another topic. The ACR received a letter from Farzan Nazarian of Calgary, but for a couple of reasons it will not be reproduced here. However, I will make some comments related to issues brought up in Farzan's letter regarding an incident in the Calgary Closed.

### Top-Rated "Active" Albertans ("active" = played in events rated from May 11/89-May 7/90)

Jeff	Reeve	Calgary	2357
Robert	South	Calgary	2342
Steven	Peter	Calgary	2302
Greg	Huber	Calgary	2293
Arniel	Frialde	Edmonton	2284
Fred	South	Calgary	2277
Robert	Gardner	Edmonton	2228
Tony	Peredo	Calgary	2227
Chris	Demers	Calgary	2180
Gilbert	Sommerfeld	Calgary	2176
John	Parrott	Calgary	2165
Zoltan	Baumok	Red Deer	2161
Roy	Yearwood	Calgary	2147
Neil	Sharp	Lacombe	2138
Mike	Yip	Edmonton	2107
Barney	Fegyverneki	Calgary	2105
Brad	Willis	Red Deer	2103
John	Baser	Edmonton	2100
Jim	Daniluk	Calgary	2095
Réjean	Plante	Edmonton	2094
Ted	Wilson	Calgary	2076
Darse	Billings	Calgary	2065
Omar	Farid	Calgary	2052
Dale	Haessel	Calgary	2051
Andrew	Paduch	Calgary	2044
Len	Steele	Edmonton	2043
Jim	Monaghan	Calgary	2040
Lev	Becker	Calgary	2037
Bob	Bosenius	Edmonton	2035
Salah	Chehayeb	Edmonton	2033
Tracy	Kolenchuk	Edmonton	2028
Chris	Kuczaj	Calgary	2023
Paul	Usselman	Calgary	2020
Ferenc	Borloi	St. Albert	2013
Ronald	Hinds	Calgary	2013
Farzan	Nazarian	Calgary	2003
Chun	Ye	Edmonton	2002

Members (Alta residents) not "active":  
B. Brebrich (2225), G. Campbell (2160),  
M. Rabljenovic (2145).

Farzan stated that one of his games featured mutual time trouble, with his opponent claiming a win on time (neither scoresheet was complete). In discussion with the Director, Farzan suggested the game could not be reliably reconstructed (to verify a loss). A problem arose when bystanders (players in his section) "jumped in" uninvited with comments to which Farzan objected, accusing him of a touch move violation, etc. Bystanders should generally only comment when and if the Director specifically requests input from witnesses!



**Sacrifices to the ACA  
are forged in Steele**  
by Fred A. McFaul

No volunteer for President had been found by the ACA for some time. The President is the Chief Executive Officer and the ACA simply must have one. Len Steele has had a deep concern for the ACA's welfare ever since its inception nearly 17 years ago. This concern caused him to set aside other obligations and assume the Presidential duties. After two years as President, he did not want continue in the post but volunteered because the ACA needed him to do so. A Director of the ACA suggested that I should step forward. How could I? My duties as the Editor would not permit sufficient time for proper service as President - unless someone relieved me of the duties of Editor! On January 21, 1990, Jim Van Wyck graciously offered to assume the role of Editor and I, in turn, volunteered as President. (*Unfortunately, a rather overwhelming number of things combined to make it impossible for Jim to remain as Editor and to finish off the work he began on this issue, which explains why it is late. Len Steele took over editing of this ACR in mid-May. Bob South, after a scramble to fix up his computer's hard drive, etc., will be Editor thereafter.*) My position as Secretary had to be vacated. Another Director of the ACA, Roy Yearwood, volunteered to act as Secretary. Len Steele became the Past-President and John Schleinich, who had occupied the post of Past-President, could finally relax. The ultimate result of this mass reshuffle is that your Board of Directors has one seat vacant: that of Director-At-Large (Yearwood's old post).

We would be grateful for a volunteer for this vacated position. It is especially necessary that someone be found from outside the area of Edmonton and Calgary. We have received occasional complaints that the ACA is focused on the two cities. How can it be otherwise when no other volunteers are found?

The report on our 1989 activities and the 1990 Application for Funding have been prepared by Len Steele and submitted to Alberta Recreation and Parks.

In order to accomplish this task, he took one week's leave from work. His end-less, selfless sacrifices for the ACA do not appear to be appreciated by the members at large. Perhaps this due to his modesty. He doesn't like to make these magnanimous efforts known to the general membership. In order to save his possible embarrassment, I won't mention it! (*...and in order not to offend the new Pres, I'll leave this in! - Ed.*) I'll simply say that I appreciate the tremendous contributions that Len has made to the ACA.

*("Alberta Open", continued from page 1)*

Rfe8 22.g6 Rbc8 23.Rg1 Qc3 24.gxh7+ Kxh7 25.Qf2 Bf6 26.Bg5 e4 27.Bxf6 Qxf6 28.h5 e3 29.Qf3 Rc3 30.Be2 Rec8 31.Bd3 Rxd3 32.cxd3 Qc3 33.Qxe3 Qxb3+ 34.Ka1 Qxa3+ 35.Kb1 Qb3+ 36.Ka1 Qa4+ 37.Kb1 Rc2 (0-1).

Round 5 brought me against one of Canada's strongest players, and yet this game was surprisingly and deceptively the easiest. White's idea of Bf1-h3-g4 suggests that 9...Nd4 may actually be a poorer alternative to 9...d5 as he has a lonely and offside knight defending his Kingside. White's basic idea was to consolidate and protect his Queenside (e.g. Rhe1-e4-b4, a3) and slowly push h5 and/or f5 in order to break down Black's defenses. 24.Qe2 focuses on the points b5 and e7, and prepares h5 after f4. 36.g6+ is a horrible blunder (nerves?) as White could have finished the game quickly with 36.Rf5+ (which everyone saw but me!).

S. Peter - T. O'Donnell  
(Sicilian Dragon - B76)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6 11.Kb1 Qc7 12.g4 Rfc8 13.g5 Nh5 14.Bxg7 Nxb7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Qc5 17.Bh3 Rc7 18.Bg4 a5 19.h4 Nh5 20.Rhe1 a4 21.a3 Ra5 22.Re4 Ng7 23.Rb4 b5 24.Qe2 Kf8 25.f4 Rb7 26.h5 gxh5 27.Bxh5 Nf5 28.Qe4 e6 29.dxe6 Re7 30.Bxf7 Raa7 31.Rd5 Qg1+ 32.Ka2 Rf7 33.exf7 Re7 34.Qf5 Re1 35.Qc8+ Kf7 36.g6+ hxg6 37.Qd7+ Kg8 38.Rxa4 bxa4 39.Qxa4 Re6 40.Qc4 Kh7 41.Rxd6 Rxd6 42.Qc7+ Kh6 43.Qxd6 Qf1 44.Qd4 Kh5 45.Qe4 (1-0).

Round 6 was not an easy half point as my draw offer around move 10 was flatly ignored - a tribute to Arniel's fighting temperament. After this, a tense struggle proceeded and no draw offers were forthcoming from either side! The game proved fairly complex. White achieved a comfortable opening, but hesitated to play f4 due to Black's firm control of e5 (after capturing on f4) and the thought that he would launch a successful counterattack from this point. 20...Nfd7 runs into 21.Qf7+. 25.Ng3 (or 26.Ng3) is probably better than 25.Be4 (or 26.Qc4). Repetition of moves at the end of the game ensured the draw and the title of Alberta Open Champion for 1989. Black's long term weaknesses on the Queenside and White's nice rook and knight posts probably would have enabled White to win if he was hard up for the extra half point.

S. Peter - A. Frialde  
(Pirc - B07)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Bd3 e5 5.Nge2 Qb6 6.dxe5 dxe5 7.0-0 Bg4 8.Be3 Qc7 9.h3 Bh5 10.Qd2 Bxe2 11.Nxe2 Nbd7 12.Qc3 Bd6 13.Ng3 g6 14.a4 h5 15.Ne2 0-0 16.a5 Rfe8 17.b4 a6 18.Qb3 Nf8 19.f4 exf4 20.Bxf4 Be5 21.Rf3 Ne6 22.Bxe5 Qxe5 23.Raf1 Nxe4 24.Re3 f5 25.Bxe4 fxe4 26.Qc4 Qd5 27.Qxe4 Qxe4 28.Rxe4 Ng5 29.Rxe8+ Rxe8 30.Nf4 Kg7 31.Nd3 Re2 32.Rf2 Re4 33.Rf4 Re2 34.Rf2 (draw).

In retrospect (of course!), I was glad to have participated in this event. When I first entered the tournament hall more than a few players were surprised by my presence, and further by my payment of the entry fee (I was actually going to play!). Due to my past (and continuing) idleness as a participating player, a few chess nuts (not to be confused with chestnuts) have directed some impolite comments and otherwise about my inactivity. Of course, as with everybody and anybody, my reasons are my own. As a final comment, the growing number of juniors in the Calgary Chess Club is a welcome sight and if any of them find mistakes in the above games I would be pleased to hear from them.

## TOURNAMENT REPORTS

(also see Junior Section)

### A Cold Winter's Knight"

by Craig Vokey (T.D.)

This tournament was held over four consecutive weekends late in 1989 at the U of A Chess Club. First place went to **Chun Ye** (3.5-0.5); second was taken by Craig Vokey (3 points); while six players ended up with even scores. Top-ranked Salah Chehayeb could muster only two points after being surprised in the opening round by A.J. Rankel.

The tournament was intended to be a friendly affair (as it was somewhat small); this, however, was not the case. In this TD's memory, a poorer display of sportsmanship on behalf of certain players was hard to find, and it left quite a bitter taste in one's mouth. It is amazing how certain people feel they should be able to win games and tournaments by divine right, and when they don't it is amazing how interesting they become. In this TD's opinion, chess is still a gentleman's game and those players who can't keep this in mind should perhaps find a different hobby.

### Red Deer Chess Club Report

by Jens Kaastrup (Feb 9/90)

With some of our higher rated players missing in this 5 round swiss, newcomer **Karl Faltin** managed to take first spot with a 4-1 score, drawing two games (vs A. Grieb and R. Murdoch). Scoring 3.5-1.5 were Jens Kaastrup, who had a last round loss to Gordon Cannon (3-2), and Brian Murdoch, who lost only to Kaastrup.

### Crosstable for 1990 Edmonton Closed

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Pts
1. R Gardner	2256	x	0	1	=	1	1	1	1	5.5
2. J Baser	1992	1	x	0	1	0	=	1	1	4.5
3. R Plante	2098	0	1	x	0	1	1	=	=	4.0
4. S Chehayeb	2006	=	0	1	x	0	1	0	1	3.5
5. B Willis	2101	0	1	0	1	x	0	=	1	3.5
6. A Frialde	2290	0	=	0	0	1	x	1	1	3.5
7. C Ye	1968	0	0	=	1	=	0	x	1	3.0
8. S Purewal	2067	0	0	=	0	0	0	0	x	0.5

### 1990 Edmonton Closed

by Len Steele & Vahid Vejdani (T.D.)

The Closed was held Jan 20-21 and 27-28. The top 8 accepting the invitation battled it out in the round robin (average rating 2097; sponsored by ECC and ACA). When the last clock was stopped, **Rob Gardner** stood alone in first at 5.5-1.5, becoming the 1990 Edmonton Closed Champion and qualifying for the Alberta Closed. John Baser, rated second lowest, "surprised" by placing second highest with a fine 4.5-2.5 score, handing Gardner his only defeat. Réjean Plante was third at 4-3. The top three finishers shared in the \$300 in prize money (1/2, 1/3 and 1/6, respectively). Only 5 of the 28 games were draws and no one went undefeated, which speaks well for the players' fighting spirit. (Vahid expresses his thanks to Arniel Frialde, Len Steele and Salah Chehayeb for their help. The ACA thanks Vahid for his work at the Closed, and for donation of profits from his popular sale of coffee, donuts and muffins at the 1990 N. Alberta Open!).

### C. Ye - R. Gardner

(Closed Sicilian Reversed - A00)

annotations by Gardner

**1.a3 g6** I once played 1. a3 against Mike Yip and he later found out that 1. ... g6 is a recommended reply. The idea is that it's more likely to make 1.a3 look like a wasted tempo. **2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 e5** I decided to play for a reversed Closed Sicilian, believing that the move a3 would not be that useful for White. **4.g3 Ne7 5.Bg2 d6 6.e3 Nbc6 7.Nge2 7. b4**, with the idea of eventually playing b5 to dislodge the knight, is another possibility. Maybe 7. ... Be6 8.Qa4 Qd7 9.b5 Nd8 (when White's queen looks a bit awkward) or 8.d3 e4 9.Bb2 exd3 (when 10.Qxd3 Ne5 looks bad for White). **7. ... Be6 8.Nd5** Réjean Plante suggested 8.b3, with the idea of Bb2 and perhaps an eventual d4. **8. ... 0-0 8. ... Qd7** (aiming for ... Nd8 and ... c6 to fight for

the center) 9.Nec3 and, if 9. ... Nd8, then 10. d4 looks like it might give equal chances. **9.b4** A mistake. I like 9.Nec3. If 9. ... Qd7, then 10.Qa4 to delay ... Nd8. **9. ... e4 10.Rb1** 10.Nxe7+ is met by Qxe7, but 10.Nec3 Bxd5 11.cxd5 Nxd5 survives longer after 12.Bb2. **10. ... Nxd5 11.cxd5 Bxd5 12.Nc3** If 12. Nf4, then 12. ... Ba2. **12. ... Bc4** I thought 12. ... Bxc3 13.dxc3 Ne7 would give White compensation due to the absence of the dark-squared bishop. Now Black gets control of the squares around White's King. **13.Bxe4 d5 14.Bg2 Ne5 15.d4** (0-1). White resigned due to 15. ... Nd3+ 16. Kd2 Nxf2. (15.Bf1 yields interesting analysis - Ed.)

### S. Chevaheb - B. Willis

(Two Knights - C55)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.Re1 d5 7.Bxd5 Qxd5 8.Nc3 Qa5 9.Nxe4 Be6 10.Neg5 0-0-0 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Rxe6 Bd6 13.Bd2 Qh5 14.b4 Rhf8 15.h3 Qd5 16.Re1 Rd7 17.Rb1 Rdf7 18.Rb3 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Qg4+ Kb8 21.Re2 h5 22.Qg5 Rf5 23.Qe7 Qb5 24.Rf3 Bd6 25.Rxf5 Qxf5 26.Qxg7 b6 27.Be1 Qf4 28.Qg3 Qc1 29.Qb3 h4 30.Re4 Bf4 31.Qa4 Kb7 32.Qd7 Be3 33.Qd5+ Kb8 34.b5 Bxf2+ (0-1).

### J. Baser - R. Gardner

(Sicilian Najdorf - B99)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.g4 b5 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.g5 Nd7 13.f5 Nc5 14.f6 gxf6 15.gxf6 Bf8 16.Bh3 b4 17.Nce2 Bb7 18.Ng3 Rg8 19.Rhe1 a5 20. Qh5 Rg6 21.e5 Ba6 22.exd6 Bxd6 23.Bxe6 Bf4+ 24.Kb1 fxe6 25.Nxe6 Nxe6 26.Rxe6+ Kf8 27.Re7 Qb6 28.Qd5 Rxf6 29.Rxh7 Rb8 (White has 4 min. to move 40, Black 2 min.) 30.Nh5 Qd6 31.Rh8+ Ke7 32.Re1+ Kd7 33.Nxf6+ Kc7 34.Qf7+ Kc6 35.Re6 Rxh8 36.Rxd6+ Bxd6 37.Qd5+ Kc7 38. Qxa5+ Kb7 39.Qd5+ Kc7 40.Ne4 Rd8 41.Qa5+ (1-0).

### B. Willis - A. Frialde

(Bird's/Nimzoindian Reversed - A03)

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 Nc6 4.Bb5 Bf5 5.Bxc6+ bxc6 6.b3 Rc8 7.Bb2 e6 8.0-0 Nf6 9.d3 Be7 10.Nbd2 Bg4 11.Qe1 Bxf3 12.Rxf3 g6 13.e4 d4 14.Nc4 Qc7 15.Bc1 0-0 16.f5 exf5 17.Bf4 Qd8 18.Bh6 Re8 19.h3 Bf8 20.Qh4 Bxh6 21.Qxh6 fxe4 22.dxe4 Rc7 23.e5 Ne4 24.h4 Re6 25.Raf1 Rd7 26.a4 Rc7 27.g4 Rd7 28.Kg2 Rc7 29.Rd1 Qd5 30.Qf4 g5 31.hxg5 Rg6 32.Ne3 dxe3 33.Rxd5 cxd5 34.e6 e2 35.exf7+ Kf8 (0-1). Willis' flag fell, but Frialde had only 7 seconds left!



## 1990 "7+1 Annual" (Calgary)

January Installment

Organized by Roy Yearwood

*(Other than the following game, I did not find any information on the results, either in the material sent to me by the former ACR Editor or in En Passant. It is, of course, possible that the report was submitted by Roy, but somehow did not get up to Edmonton - Ed.)*

### S. Sklenka - A. Odachowski

annotations by Sklenka

(Sicilian Najdorf - B90)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 (For his efforts, Arthur now took a well deserved 25 minute break.)  
6.a4 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Bg5 Nbd7 9.f4 exf4 10.Bxf4 Ne5 11.Be2 Qc7 12.0-0 Be7 13.Kh1 White has the freer game. This is mainly due to Black's isolated d-pawn and the bishop hemmed in on e7. Black's aim is to free his game by playing d5. White's aim is to prevent this. 13. ... Nc6 14.Nc5 This will enable White to exchange one of the knights for Black's better bishop. Black needs the light-squared bishop to guard the d5 square. Without it, he will find it extremely difficult to ever push d5. 14. ... Nd8 15.Nxe6 Retaking with the pawn and later pushing d5 would only result in an isolated pawn for Black. 15. ... Nxe6 16.Be3 0-0 17.Qe1 Initiating Kingside aggression. To be followed by Qg3, Bd4, etc. 17. ... Nc5 18.Bf3 18. Bxc5? would be all wrong. It would give up White's powerful bishop, eliminate Black's weak pawn, open the b8-h2 diagonal for Black's Queen, create a semi-outpost for Black on b4 and d4, and so on. 18. ... Ncd7 19.Qg3 Kh8 20.Rad1 Putting pressure on the d-file and that all important d5 square. 20. ... Rad8 21.Bd4 This immobilizes the Knight on f6 and applies pressure along the a1-h8 diagonal. 21. ... Ne5 22. Be2 Probably not necessary, as Black would be ill-advised to take the Bishop. If 22.Rg1 Nf3 23.gxf3, Black can't play d5 anyway, as his Queen is not protected. Furthermore, the bishop on f3 is not all that effective, and the open g-file now offers White additional attacking chances. 22. ... Qc6 Threatening d5. 23.Bf3 Qc7 24.Be2 Qc6 25.Bf3 My offer of a draw here was refused. 25. ... Rde8 26.h3 Bd8 Here starts the bad

Bishop's trek to dislodge its powerful counterpart on d4. 27.Qf2 Preventing 27. ... Bb6. 27. ... Ba5 28.Rfe1 Bb4 29.Re3 Bc5 30.b3 Bxd4 31.Rxd4 Qc5 32.Qd2 Protects the rook and attacks the Achilles' heel in Black's position, the d-pawn. 32. ... Re6 33.Nd5 Nxd5 34.Rxd5 Qa3 35.Rc3? This prevents Black from siezing the half-open c-file. However, the rook on c3 is rather awkward, and White's pieces no longer interact harmoniously. It also does nothing to prevent Black from infiltrating on the first rank. 35. ... Nxf3 36.gxf3 Qa1+ 37.Kh2 Rg6 Black's resourceful play gives him mating threats out of thin air, it seems. This is especially remarkable since Arthur was experiencing serious time trouble. White's next three moves are forced. 38.Qe3 Of1 39.Rg5 Rh6 40.f4 f6? 41.Rg2? 40. ... f6? sets up for White 41. Rg1!, but he misses it. This myopia can be attributed to serious time trouble which both sides were experiencing. 41. ... Qa1 42.Qg3 Rg6 43.Of3 Rxc2+ 44.Kxc2 Of course not 44.Qxc2??, as the rook is left hanging. 44. ... Re8 45.Rc7 Qe1 The speed chess is over. Now back to the "regular game". 46.Rxb7 d5! 47.e5 fxe5 48.fxe5 Qxe5 49.Rf7! With this move, Black is forced to go back on the defensive. 49. ... Qd6 50.Qg4 Qh6 51.Rf2 and Black offered a draw, after having refused it on move 46 and then again on move 49. The draw was accepted. The position is hardly played out, as there are attacking possibilities for both sides. Black probably stands a little better, as his King is shielded. Not a bad game. I think neither player can be disappointed with the outcome, although it is probably fair to say that White had the upper hand throughout most of the game. Arthur did not have a particularly good tournament (for him), however, I'm sure he'll do much better in the next one.

## 1990 Calgary Closed

by Greg Huber (T.D.)

The 1990 Closed was held during January and February, and as usual attracted exactly 32 people to come and play in one of the four eight-man round robins.

Section 1 (average rating 2120) saw Greg Huber and John Parrott in a close race for first during most of the tournament, and it was not until Parrott's unfortunate blunder in the last round against third-placing Roy Yearwood that it became clear who was going to collect top honors. Greg Huber (with a little bit of luck on his side) managed to finish first at 6-1 with Parrott a point back at 5-2. Yearwood's third place finish was earned by his 4-3 score.

Section II (average rating 1900) was equally "up for grabs" right up to the last round. In the end, Jim Daniluk was able to pull off an important victory against Farzan Nazarian in order to guarantee Daniluk first place (with 6-1) and allow Andrew Paduch to pull into second with 5.5-1.5. Nazarian finished 3rd with 5-2.

Section III (average rating 1600) was pretty well dominated by the much improved Steve Sklenka, who gave up only one point in order to finish clear first with 6-1. Jim Van Wyck and Bruce Marsales also had good tournaments, and they each finished a point back with 5-2. Van Wyck officially finished second due to a better tie-break.

Section IV (average rating 1365) was pleased to see the return of Norm Luyben after a few years' hiatus from chess (perhaps his opponents were not quite as pleased to see him back!). Luyben finished clear first with a convincing 6-1, with J.G. King second at 5.5-1.5 and junior Dave Gomboc third with 4.5-2.5.

### J. Parrott - G. Huber

(Benoni - A75)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 a6 10.a4 Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nbd7 13.Bf4 Qc7 14.Re1 Rfe8 15.Qd2 c4 16.Rad1 Rab8 17.a5 Nc5 18.e5 dxe5 19.d6 Qxa5 20.Bxe5 Nd3 21.Bxf6

Rxc1+ 22.Rxe1 Bxf6 23.Re2 Rd8  
24.Bxb7 Rxd6 25.Ne4 Qa1+ 26.Kh2  
Be5+ 27.Ng3 Nxf2 (0-1).

**T. Peredo - R. Yearwood**  
(English - A36)

1.e4 d6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c5 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2  
Bg7 6.Nge2 Nc6 7.d3 a6 8.0-0 Rb8 9.h3  
Bd7 10.Be3 Qc8 11.Kh2 h5 12.Qd2 h4  
13.g4 Bxg4 14.hxg4 Nxb4+ 15.Kh1 h3  
16.Bf3 Nge5 17.Ng1 h2 18.Bg2  
hxg1=R+ 19.Kxg1 Nf3+ 20.Bxf3 Qh3  
21.Bf4 Qxf3 22.Bh2 Be5 23.Rfe1 Rxh2  
(0-1).

**P. Usselman - R. Yearwood**  
(Benko Gambit - A57)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3  
e6 6.e4 Bb7 7.Nc3 exd5 8.e5 Qe7 9.Qe2  
Ng8 10.Nh3 d4 11.Ne4 Bxe4 12.Qxe4  
Ra7 13.b6 d5 14.bxa7 Qxa7 15.Qxd5  
Ne7 16.Qb3 Ng6 17.e6 f6 18.Bf4 Nc6  
19.Qa4 (1-0).

**T. Peredo - G. Huber**  
(English - A10)

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 e5  
5.e4 Nge7 6.Nge2 0-0 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 Be6  
9.h3 Qd7 10.Kh2 a6 11.Be3 Nd4 12.f3  
b5 13.b3 c6 14.Qd2 Rab8 15.Rf2 f5  
16.Raf1 b4 17.Nd1 Nxe2 18.Rxe2 f4  
19.gxf4 exf4 20.Bf2 g5 21.d4 Rf6 22.d5  
Bxh3 23.Bd4 Rh6 24.Nf2 Bxg2+  
25.Kxg2 Ng6 26.Ng4 Nh4+ 27.Kf2  
Rg6 28.Bxg7 Qxg7 29.e5 dxe5 30.Nxe5  
Rh6 31.dxc6 Kh8 32.Qd4 Rf8 33.Nf7+  
Kg8 34.Nxh6+ Qxh6 35.Qd5+ Kh8  
36.Re5 Ng6 37.Rxg5 Qh4+ 38.Kg2  
Rc8 39.Rxg6 hxg6 40.Rh1 (1-0).

**J. Parrott - T. Peredo**  
(King's Indian - E80)

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e4 d6 5.f3  
Nbd7 6.Nge2 e5 7.Be3 b6 8.Rc1 h6 9.d5  
a5 10.Ng3 Nc5 11.a3 Bd7 12.b3 0-0  
13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Bc2 Kh7 15.0-0 Ng8  
16.b4 axb4 17.axb4 Nb7 18.Ra1 h5  
19.Ba4 h4 20.Bxd7 Qxd7 21.Nge2 f5  
22.Bg5 h3 23.g3 Rxa1 24.Qxa1 Nd8  
25.Qa7 Nf7 26.Be3 Nf6 27.Nb5 fxe4  
28.Qxc7 exf3 29.Qxd7 Nxd7 30.Rxf3  
Kg8 31.Nec3 Rc8 32.Rxf7 Nf6  
33.Nxd6 Ra8 34.Ne2 Ra1+ 35.Bc1 Ra2  
36.Rxf6 Bxf6 37.Kf2 Be7 38.Nc8 Bxb4  
39.Nxb6 Kf7 40.Nd7 e4 41.c5 Ra5  
42.c6 Bd6 43.Nb6 Bc7 44.Be3 Rb5  
45.Na8 Ba5 46.c7 Bxc7 47.Nxc7  
"Black played on many moves" (1-0).

**G. Huber - P. Usselman**  
(Caro-Kann - B13)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nf6  
5.Bf4 Nc6 6.c3 e6 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.Bg3 0-  
0 9.0-0 Bxg3 10.hxg3 a6 11.Nbd2 b5  
12.a3 Rb8 13.Qe2 Bb7 14.Rae1 Qb6  
15.b4 Ne7 16.Nb3 Nc8 17.Nc5 Nd6  
18.Ne5 Rbd8 19.g4 h6 20.f3 Nc4  
21.Qf2 Nxe5 22.Rxe5 Nd7 23.Rh5 f6  
24.Bb1 Rf7 25.Qe2 Nf8 26.Re1 Bc8  
27.Qf2 Qc7 28.Qe3 Re7 29.f4 Rde8  
30.Qf3 Qd6 31.Rf1 Qd8 32.g5 hxg5  
33.fxg5 f5 34.Nd3 Ng6 35.Qh3 Qc7  
36.Ne5 Nxe5 37.dxe5 Rd7 38.g6 Kf8  
39.Rh8+ (1-0).

**Chinook Active Tournament**

(Calgary Chess Club)  
by Greg Huber (T.D.)

The Chinook Active Tournament was held during the two weeks after the Calgary Closed. Greg Huber took first with 6-0, defeating second place Roy Yearwood, who finished with 5-1. Omar Farid finished third with 4-2, losing only to the first and second place finishers.

**1990 Northern Alberta Open**

by Len Steele (T.D. & decathlete?)

Gold medalist Arniel Frialde set the pace for the 42 entrants who walked into the 1990 NAO (Edmonton, Feb 17-18), but none could run with him in this chess steeplechase. Once the gun went off, Arniel raced around the track into a pentathlionic 5-0 mark, hurdling over masters Rob Gardner and Jeff Reeve in the last two laps, dashing their hopes for prize money (also, Barry Bell had hammered out a draw with Jeff in round 1). Vaulting to 4-1 scores were Réjean Plante (undefeated; dead heats with Alex Kuti and Mario Molinari), Roy Yearwood, Bill Bentley and Jerome Sheahan. Réjean and Roy shot into top "CM" honors, while the other two put away loads of rating points: Bill (1837)

sprinted into top "A", triple jumping over Yearwood (2085), Chehayeb (1984) and Gardner (2254); Jerome (1681) hopped into top "B", stepping over Ye (1979) and Purewal (2067) near the finish line. Jogging along at 3.5-1.5 were Ford Wong (2nd "A") and Sam Sia (2nd "B"; top junior). Others who jave-lined a prize were Adam Wu and Louis Wang (top "C"), and Greg Woodward and Carlos Morgado (top "D" and unrated). A marathon of performance-enhancing substance consumption was traced to Vahid Vejdani's donut and coffee concession tables ("Benoids" not available!). End of discussion... (except to say sorry, I got "lazy" this year, so this is the same as my *En Passant* report).

	Rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Pts
1 A. Frialde	2269	+20	+17	+11	+10	+6	5.0
2 R. Plante	2067	+18	=13	+9	+19	=7	4.0
3 R. Yearwood	2085	+16	-4	+27	+14	+11	4.0
4 W. Bentley	1837	+37	+3	-6	+25	+10	4.0
5 J. Sheahan	1681	-7	+37	+40	+12	+19	4.0
6 J. Reeve	2372	=22	+26	+4	+8	-1	3.5
7 M. Molinari	2264	+5	+21	-10	+30	=2	3.5
8 F. Wong	1906	+39	=9	+15	-6	+20	3.5
9 S. Sia	1733	+42	=8	-2	+24	+17	3.5

3.0: 10 R. Gardner; 11 C. Dartana; 12 C. Ye; 13 A. Kuti; 14 R. Thiel; 15 C. Dewindt; 16 E. Schocat.

2.5: 17 R. Trost; 18 J. Vandenberg; 19 S. Purewal; 20 P. Kalher; 21 B. Knudskov; 22 B. Bell; 23 A. Wu; 24 L. Wang.

2.0: 25 S. Chehayeb; 26 G. Woodward; 27 P. Pisz; 28 T. Philip; 29 E. Holleman; 30 D. Strauss; 31 B. Lowe; 32 C. Morgado; 33 V. Vejdani.

1.5: 34 S. Kiss; 35 J. Macnab; 36 P. Jachowicz.

1.0: 37 M. Roth; 38 A. Chan; 39 P. Montambault; 40 X. Pan; 41 B. Wu.

0.5: 42 B. Mayo.



Rob Gardner - Arniel Frialde

(Closed Sicilian - B23)

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 e6 3. Nge2 a6 4. g3 Nc6 5. Bg2 Nf6 6. O-O Be7 7. d3 Qc7 8. h3 d6 9. Be3 Bd7 10. Qd2 b5 11. Rae1 Rc8 12. Nd1 O-O 13. f4 d5 14. e5 d4 15. Bf2 Nd5 16. g4 f6 17. exf6 Rxf6 18. Bh4 Rf7 19. Bxe7 Nxe7 20. c3 Qb6 21. c4 bxc4 22. dxc4 Nb4 23. a3 Nc6 24. Ng3 Na5 25. Qd3 Rcf8 26. Be4 g6 27. Ne2 Qb3 28. Qxb3 Nxb3 29. Bd3 Bc6 30. Rf2 e5 31. fxe5 Nd2 32. b4 Rf3 33. Rf3 Nf3+ 34. Kf2 Ne5+ 35. Kg3 Rf3+ (0-1).

Arniel Frialde - Jeff Reeve

(Closed Sicilian - B25)

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. d3 d6 6. Nge2 e6 7. O-O Nge7 8. Bg5 h6 9. Be3 Nd4 10. Qd2 Qa5 11. Kh1 Nec6 12. f4 Bd7 13. Rae1 O-O-O 14. a3 Nxe2 15. Rxe2 Nd4 16. Ree1 Bc6 17. Qf2 h5 18. h4 f5 19. Ra1 e5 20. Nd5 Rde8 21. b4 Qd8 22. bxc4 dxc4 23. c3 Bxd5 24. exd5 exf4 25. Bxf4 Re2 26. Qg1 Rhe8 27. Rac1 Nb3 28. Rb1 Qb6 29. Rb3 Bd5 30. Rb6 Bg1 31. Rg6 (1-0).

Réjean Plante - Mario Molinari

("King's Indian" - E60)

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 0-0 5. 0-0 d6 6. d4 Nc6 7. d5 Na5 8. Nbd2 c5 9. e4 a6 10. a4 Rb8 11. Re1 Nd7 12. Qc2 b5 13. axb5 axb5 14. cxb5 Ne5 15. Nxe5 Bxe5 16. Qa4 Nb7 17. Nc4 Bg7 18. e5 Bf5 19. Bf4 Bd3 20. Ra3 Bxc4 21. Qxc4 Qc8 22. b4 cxb4 23. Qxb4 dxe5 24. Bxe5 Bxe5 25. Rxe5 Nd6 26. Bf1 Nxb5 27. Bxb5 Rxb5 28. Qxb5 Qc1+ 29. Kg2 Qxa3 30. Qd7 Qa8 31. Rxe7 Rd8 32. Qc6 Qxc6 33. dxc6 Rc8 34. c7 Kf8 (draw).

Jeff Reeve - Bill Bentley

(Queen's Gambit Declined - D58)

1. Nf3 d5 2. d4 Nf6 3. c4 e6 4. Nc3 Be7 5. Bg5 0-0 6. e3 h6 7. Bh4 b6 8. Be2 Bb7 9. 0-0 Nbd7 10. Rc1 c5 11. cxd5 Nxd5 12. Bxe7 Qxe7 13. Nxd5 Bxd5 14. Bb5 cxd4 15. Rc7 Rfd8 16. exd4 Qd6 17. Rc3 a6 18. Bxd7 Qxd7 19. Ne5 Qb7 20. Qh5 f6 21. Ng4 Rd7 22. Rg3 Kf8 23. Nxf6 gxf6 24. Qxh6+ Ke7 25. Rg7+ Kd6 26. Qf4+ Kc6 27. Rc1+ Kb5 28. Rg3 a5 29. a3 Ka6 30. b4 a4 31. b5+ Ka7 32. Rgc3 Qb8 33. Rc7+ Bb7 34. d5 Qd8 35. d6 Qg8 36. Qe4 Qc8 37. Qxa4+ Kb8 38. Rxc8+ Bxc8 39. Qc4 (1-0).

Rob Gardner - Mario Molinari

(Closed Sicilian - B25)

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. Nge2 Nf6 4. g3 g6 5. Bg2 Bg7 6. d3 d6 7. 0-0 Bd7 8. h3 Qc8 9. Kh2 h5 10. Bg5 Nd8 11. Qd2 Ne6 12. Be3 h4 13. g4 Nd4 14. f3 b5 15. Nd1 e5 16. c3 Ne6 17. f4 Rb8 18. g5 Nh5 19. f5 Nd8 20. f6 Bf8 21. Nf2 Qc7 22. c4 Ne6 23. Nc3 Qd8 24. Nd5 Nc7 25. Nd1 bxc4 26. dxc4 Nxd5 27. cxd5 Ng3 28. Re1 Rb4 29. Qc2 Qb8 30. Bd2 Rb7 31. a3 Rb3 32. Re3 Ba4 33. Qc4 Qb5 34. Qxb5+ Rxb5 35. b4 Rb7 36. Nc3 Bc2 37. b5 Rh5 38. Ree1 Bd3 39. a4 Kd7 40. a5 Bxb5 41. Nxb5 Rxb5 42. Reb1 (1-0).

1990 "7+1 Annual" (Calgary)

February Installment

Organized by Roy Yearwood

The second tournament of the 1990 7+1 Annual was a hotly contested affair. A lot of the games were of uneven quality, but interesting none the less. However, before going to the games, a few words of thanks. Firstly, to Jeff Rouse, who has always been very accommodating and very patient despite the misfortune I have, in my position as Tournament Director, heaped upon him. Secondly, to Taco Van Ieperen and the U of C Chess Club for the use of excellent facilities for the tournaments - Taco, "Thanks Very Much!". Thirdly, to Steve Sklenka and Bob Macfie for providing interesting post-tournament conversation. Finally, to the competitors who have participated in both events - keep coming out "because these ones are for you".

Round 1

Nothing of much interest happened this round except in Macfie-Daniluk. As played, White is forced to sacrifice the Queen for rook and minor piece, and doesn't get out of the opening alive. Looking in BCO (2nd ed., p. 174), after 6. Qxc4 only 6. ... O-O is given.

B. MacFie - J. Daniluk

(Gruenfeld Defence - D96)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. Qb3 dxc4 6. Qxc4 a6 7. a4 b5 8. axb5 axb5 9. Qxb5+ c6 10. Rxa8 cxb5 11. Rxb8 0-0 12. e3 Qa5 13. Bd3 b4 14. Rb5 Qa1 15. Nb1 Ba6 16. 0-0 Bxb5 17. Bxb5 Qxb1 (0-1).

Round 2

An unfortunate incident in Milne-Demers: after a placid opening, where White played to maintain his centre, Chris brought strong pressure to bear on the dark squares. White missed the possibility of 18. a3, which would have attacked the weak point at b4. Chris says the resulting complications would not have been in his favour, e.g. 18. a3 Qd6, 19. e5 Qd7, 20. g4 Bh8 (planning Ng7), 21. e6!? (21. hxg5 Qxh3, unclear) Qxe6, 22. Ng5 Qd7, 23. gxh5 ±.

A. Milne - C. Demers

(Sicilian Rossolimo - B31)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 g6 4. c3 Bg7 5. d4 cxd4 6. cxd4 Qb6 7. Bxc6 dxc6 8. h3 Nf6 9. Nc3 0-0 10. 0-0 Be6 11. Qe2 Rfd8 12. Bf4 Nh5 13. Be3 Qb4 14. Rfd1 Bc4 15. Qc2 Rac8 16. Rac1 b6 17. b3 Ba6 18. Nb1 e6 19. Nbd2 c5 (0-1). (That's where the game score ended on the computer disk copy which I received - Ed.)

Swiecicki-Macfie was an interesting Vienna where Black's knights were never able to get stable footholds in the centre. Black, however, fought with great vigour and was close to a draw when he blundered.

B. Swiecicki - B. Macfie

(Vienna Opening - C25)

1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Bb4 3. Bc4 Ne7 4. a3 Bxc3 5. bxc3 0-0 6. d4 a6 7. Nf3 d5 8. exd5 b5 9. Ba2 Nxd5 10. Bb2 e4 11. Nd2 e3 12. Nf3 exf2+ 13. Kxf2 Bg4 14. Re1 Nf6 15. h3 Bh5 16. Qd2 Bg6 17. Kg1 Nbd7 18. Bb3 Ne4 19. Qf4 Nd6 20. a4 Nb6 21. a5 Nbc4 22. Ba3 Re8 23. Bxd6 Rxe1+ 24. Nxe1 Qxd6 25. Qf3 Re8 26. Bxc4 bxc4 27. Qf1 Qe6 28. Kh1 Qe2 29. Qf4 Bxc2 30. Nf3 Qf2 31. Qxc7 Bd3 32. Qc6 Kf8 33. Ne5 Qe2 34. Qxa6 Be4 35. Rg1 Bd5 36. Qd6+ (1-0).

Barkwell-Odachowski shows that Mike knows how to attack if given the chance. It should be noted, however, that Arthur knows the Caro but wants to experiment - c'est la vie. Perhaps 13. ... Bf8 with the idea of g6 & Bg7, although 14. g3 g6, 15. Bf4 Qa5 is pleasant for White since he has a dandy weak point at d6 to work with.

M. Barkwell - A. Odachowski

(Caro-Kann - B19)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5  
5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.Bd3  
Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Ngf6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1  
Qc7 12.c4 Bd6 13.Nf5 Bf4 14.Nxg7+  
Kf8 15.Nxe6+ fxe6 16.Rxe6 Kg7  
17.Bxf4 Qxf4 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.dxe5  
Ng4 20.Qd7+ Qf7 21.Re7 Nxe5  
22.Rxf7+ Nxf7 23.Qxb7 c5 24.b3 Rhe8  
25.Rd1 Kg6 26.Rd7 Ne5 27.Rd6+ Kf5  
28.Qh7+ Kf4 29.Rf6+ (1-0).

Gravells-Matrosovs was a very uneven game. Doug has only recently returned to the chess scene and its good to see him back. His opening systems, however, are from an earlier time and as a result he got poor opening and middle game positions, but he does play fighting chess (keep it up, Doug). The game itself got down to a rook endgame where White held some advantage. Some time spent with Mednis' book "Practical Rook Endings" would have allowed White to go for the full point. During the game, 27. Rd5 gets one question mark, and 27. ... Qe6 gets two., 38. ... g5+ is weak, and 46. Re7, with the idea of e6 or Kf6 if Kf8, wins.

Doug Gravells - Kyle Matrosovs

(Bishop's Opening - C24)

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 d5 4.exd5 Nxd5  
5.Qe2 c6 6.Nf3 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3 b5  
9.Bb3 Re8 10.Re1 h6 11.c4 Nf6  
12.cxb5 cxb5 13.Nc3 a6 14.Nd5 Nc6  
15.Be3 Nxd5 16.Bxd5 Bb7 17.Be4 Nd4  
18.Nxd4 Bxe4 19.dxe4 exd4 20.Bxd4  
Bb4 21.Red1 Qh4 22.f3 Rad8 23.Bf2  
Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Qf4 25.a4 Bd6 26.g3  
Qe5 27.Rd5 Qe6 28.Qd3 Bc7 29.axb5  
axb5 30.Qxb5 Rb8 31.Qd7 Qxd7  
32.Rxd7 Ba5 33.Bd4 Bd2 34.Kg2 Bc1  
35.Kf2 Bxb2 36.Bxb2 Rxb2+ 37.Ke3  
Kf8 38.Kf4 g5+ 39.Kf5 Kg7 40.e5 Rb6  
41.Rd6 Rb5 42.f4 gxf4 43.gxf4 Rb3  
44.h4 Rg3 45.Rd7 Re3 46.Kg4 Re4  
47.Kf3 Re1 48.Rd2 Kg6 49.Re2 Rf1+  
50.Kg3 Kf5 (draw).

Round 3

Sklenka-Milne starts off as a Pirc and mutates to a Philidor. The game features some interesting tactical play by White and a nice closing shot in 30. Bxf7!.

S. Sklenka - A. Milne

(Philidor - B07)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 Qa5  
5.Bd3 e5 6.h3 Nbd7 7.Bg5 Be7 8.Qd2  
b5 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3 Re8 11.Rfe1 Bf8  
12.b4 Qc7 13.Ne2 a5 14.Ng3 axb4  
15.axb4 Rxa1 16.Rxa1 g6 17.Be3 Bb7  
18.c3 Ra8 19.Rxa8 Bxa8 20.Qa2 Bb7  
21.Ng5 Nb8 22.dxe5 dxe5 23.Bb6 Qd7  
24.Bc2 h6 25.Nf3 Bd6 26.Be3 Kg7  
27.Bb3 Na6 28.Qd2 Qe7 29.Bxh6+  
Kh7 30.Bxf7 (1-0).

In Yearwood-Barkwell White gets nothing from the opening. 5. e3 is more prudent, holding onto the central dark squares. After some strong play by Black (11. ... Bh3; 19. ... f5), Mike has the advantage. 21. ... Rf7 & Rhf8 would have caused White a lot of problems. As played, White gets a position that could have come from Euwe's "Judgement and Planning in Chess". In his excellent endgame primer "From Middlegame to Endgame", Edmar Mednis explains why the Queen exchange that occurs on move 24 is very bad for Black.

R. Yearwood - M. Barkwell

(Torre Attack - A48)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2  
d6 5.e4 h6 6.Bf4 Nc6 7.c3 Nh5 8.Be3 e5  
9.Bb5 Bd7 10.g3 a6 11.Be2 Bh3 12.d5  
Ne7 13.Nh4 Nf6 14.Bf1 Bxf1 15.Kxf1  
Qd7 16.Kg2 Ng4 17.h3 Nxe3+ 18.fxe3  
0-0-0 19.c4 f5 20.Qc2 Rdf8 21.b4 g5  
22.Nxf5 Nxf5 23.exf5 Qxf5 24.Qxf5+  
Rxf5 25.Raf1 Rhf8 26.Ne4 Rxf1  
27.Rxf1 Rxf1 28.Kxf1 Kd7 29.Kg2 b6  
30.Kf3 Ke7 31.Kg4 Kf7 32.Kh5 Bf8  
33.Nf2 Kf6 34.e4 Ke7 35.Kg6 Kd7  
36.Kf7 Be7 37.g4 Bd8 38.b5 axb5  
39.cxb5 c6 40.dxc6+ Kc7 41.Ke6 (1-0).

Demers-Daniluk is another feast for the dreaded Huber Sicilian. Perhaps some indication of how to play against it is to be found in the play of Arniel Frialde. The game Gardner-Frialde, Northern Alberta Open 1990, bears examination (see previous page, column 1 - Ed.).

C. Demers - J. Daniluk

(Closed Sicilian - B25)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7  
5.Nge2 e6 6.d3 d6 7.0-0 Nd4 8.a3 Ne7  
9.Bg5 0-0 10.Qd2 h6 11.Bxh6 Bxh6  
12.Qxh6 Nxc2 13.Rac1 Nd4 14.Nxd4  
cxd4 15.Ne2 Nc6 16.f4 Qf6 17.g4 Qg7  
18.Qh4 Bd7 19.Rf3 e5 20.f5 g5 21.Qe1  
f6 22.Ng3 Qe7 23.Nh5 Kf7 24.h4 Rg8  
25.Rh3 Raf8 26.Bf3 gxh4 27.Qxh4 Rg5  
28.Bd1 Ke8 29.Bb3 Kd8 30.Kf2 Rh8  
31.Rch1 Be8 32.Kf3 Bf7 33.Ba4 d5  
34.Qe1 Rhg8 35.Bxc6 bxc6 36.Qa5+  
Ke8 37.Qa6 dxe4+ 38.dxe4 Bxh5  
39.Qxc6+ Kf8 40.Rxh5 Rxc6 41.Rh6  
Kf7 42.Rh7+ R4g7 43.Rxc6+ Kxc6  
44.Qc4 Rh8 45.Rg1+ Kh7 46.Qf1 Qf8  
47.Rg6. (Actually, the game score I got on computer disk had 47. Rg8. I'm assuming 47.Rg6, and a 1-0 result - Ed.)

(Unfortunately, neither a crosstable nor game scores for rounds 4 & 5 were relayed to me from Calgary with the ACR materials; however, I have printed Roy's comments on the last two rounds to at least give you a "feel for what happened". Given the round 5 comments by Roy, Chris Demers took first place.- Ed.)

Round 4

Only 3 games submitted this round and all Black wins. Daniluk-Barkwell has Mike's e-pawn going for a girl. Gravells-Macfie has the Black knights galloping to victory. Yearwood-Demers is a good example of what can happen when White overextends in an English Opening.

Round 5

A tough loss for Jeff in Rouse-Macfie, a very thematic Chigorin Defence to 1. d4. Demers-Odachowski is a quick draw for the \$80 first prize - well done Christopher! Daniluk-Yearwood is interesting after a poor 13th move by Black (Bh6!?), and the game fizzles to a draw.

**We get all kinds of things in the mail...**

...for example, an announcement for the 8th International Dornbirn Chess Open in Dornbirn, Austria, August 11-19. If you might be in the vicinity at that time and are interested, write the ACA for details. (We exchange newsletters with an Austrian club, which explains why we got the notice!)



### 1990 Rural Qualifier

(April 7-8, Red Deer)

by Len Steele; Neil Sharp & Rob South (TD's)

		Rating	rd1	rd2	rd3	rd4	Pts
<b>Rob South</b> always plays strongly, so his taking first in the 1990 Rural Qualifier was no surprise. The fact that he scored "only" 3.5 out of 4, drawing in the first round with Jens Kaastrup (rated about 600 points lower), was surprising. However, as the crosstable shows, Jens must have used up most of his good	1 R South	2342	=6	+8	+2	+4	3.5
	2 N Sharp	2141	+7	+5	-1	=3	2.5
	3 A Odachowski	1983	+8	=4	-5	=2	2.0
	4 A Paduch	1964	+9	=3	=7	-1	2.0
	5 C Dartana	1962	+10	-2	+3	+9	3.0
	6 J Kaastrup	1758	=1	-7	-9	-10	0.5
	7 C Dewindt	1733	-2	+6	=4	+8	2.5
	8 D Mah	1687	-3	-1	+10	-7	1.0
	9 B Murdoch	1667	-4	+10	+6	-5	2.0
	10 M Cyr	unr.	-5	-9	-8	+6	1.0

moves on that game! Clear second with a 3-1 score was Christiaan Dartana, who has played quite well of late, jumping substantially in rating. Neil Sharp and Cor Dewindt also finished with better than even scores.

### Revision of Alberta Closed Rules

A Committee, headed by Greg Huber, is looking into this subject and will present its report this summer for consideration by the ACA Board of Directors. It's always difficult to set up qualification rules that satisfy everyone, taking into account both performance by and ratings of individuals and some regional representation. The Committee will also study the format of the Closed, and may make recommendations for other Alberta invitational championships. It is hoped that we can then avoid "hard feelings" when people feel, perhaps with some justification, perhaps not, that a particular current rule is unfair and that they have "suffered" as a result.

### Alberta-B.C. Peace River Grand Prix, 1989-90

Quite a while ago the ACR received a report which gave the complete results after 3 of the 4 tournaments in this series. Due to the delay in publishing, the standings will not be printed in their entirety (apologies to Jim Kanester!) as the final event, the Swan City Open, has been held (Grande Prairie, March 31 & April 1). After the 3 events, Forrest Nelson (tied for first in the Trumpeter Classic; "report" in this issue) and Jim Kanester (winner of the Dawson Creek Golden Harvest) led with 8.5 points (they were co-winners of the Fort St. John Mukluk Days tournament), followed by Larry Stutzman (7.5), Grant McTavish (7.0), and Phil Lefkowitz (6.0). All had played the required 3 events (best 3 scores count for the final standings). The ACR will wait and publish the 89-90 award winners when (hopefully not "if"! ) the Swan City report and a list of the final Grand Prix standings are received.

**Edmonton CC Championship** (info from *En Passant*): **Arniel Frialde** won all his games to score 4.5-.5 (1st rd bye). F. Borloi and D. Strauss were second at 4-1. K. Wong and R. Douziech were 1st and 2nd A. Class B was shared by A. Kuti, G. Kohler, S. Panteluk and B. Bell, all 3-2. B. Lowe's 2.5 led Under 1600, ahead of V. Vejdani and G. Bukowski.

**Edmonton CC Fall Tournament, 1989** (info from *En Passant*): **Eric Schocat** and **Cor Dewindt** shared first with scores of 3.5-0.5.

**Edmonton CC Fall Open** (info from *En Passant*): **Frank Borloi** "surprised" by taking first with 4 points. A point back, sharing second, were A. Frialde, K. Wong and C. Dartana. Winners in rating categories were A. Skeel, A. Kuti, B. Bell, C. Dewindt, J. Pavez, G. Bukowski and M. Roth.

**Calgary CC Fall Active** (info from *En Passant*): **Greg Huber's** perfect 6-0 put him 1.5 points up on J. Van Wyck (who "startled" in second, playing five CM's and Masters) and R. Yearwood. Other fine performances were turned in by F. Jones and S. Sklenka.

**Southern Alberta Open** (info from *En Passant*): **Salah Chehayeb** won with an exceptional 2600+ performance, winning four straight games against the top four rated entrants, including three masters! In another fine achievement, Bronislaw Swiecicki (rated 17th at 1652) was alone in second. R. Gardner, T. Peredo and J. Daniluk tied for third. First and Second A went to W. Muller and B. Bentley, while D. King was Top B and M. Parsons 2nd B. F. Northover headed the Under 1600 category. Jeff Rouse and Dave Gomboc split the Top Junior award.

**Calgary CC Championship** (info from *En Passant*): **Roy Yearwood** grabbed the title with a 6.5-0.5 score, followed by J. Daniluk (6-1) and J. Van Wyck (5-2). Other award winners were: W. Muller (Top A), J. Flemming (2nd A on tiebreak), B. Vandermeer (Top B), F. Northover (Top C), T. McMurphy (2nd C), K. Elliot (Top Under 1400), and R. Forhmzway (2nd Under 1400).

**Edmonton Active** (info from *En Passant*): **Salah Chehayeb** won with a 4-0 crush. F. Borloi followed at 3-1. O. Benedik (2.5-1.5) took "Over 1600". K. Lauterwald and V. Vejdani split "Under 1600".

**Edmonton CC Reserve** (info from *En Passant*): **Christiaan Dartana** was first with a fine 4.5-0.5 score. Grouped next at 3.5-1.5 were F. Borloi, M. Sekuloff, D. Strauss, G. Newton, and B. Bell. G. Heagle was "Under 1600" winner, and G. Woodward "Top Unrated".

**Seventh Annual Trumpeter Classic** (info from *En Passant*): Another traditional close finish, with surprise entrant and top-rated **Réjean Plante** of Edmonton tying at 3-1 with **Cor Dewindt** of Thorhild and **Forrest Nelson** and **Grant MacTavish** (last year's winner), both from Dawson Creek, B.C. The Under 1650 section saw Jim Williams (Grande Prairie) and Eric Stutzman (Fort St. John, B.C.) tied for first.



# ALBERTA JUNIOR CHESS REPORT

(a Special Section of the Alberta Chess Report)



## THE 1990 GEMS CHESS CHALLENGE

by Rob Gardner, Alberta GEMS Coordinator

Since this is only the second year this tournament has been run, it may not be familiar to everyone. Participating schools hold school championships (separately in each grade) to qualify students to the regional playdowns. The regionals then qualify students to the provincial championship. Provincial champions in each grade are sent to the nationals.

GEMS stands for Global Ed-Med Supplies (Canada) Inc. The charity provides help with education and health care in Third World countries. Entry fees are paid by the students at the school and regional levels - all the funds collected are then donated to a worthwhile cause. This year the proceeds from the GEMS challenge are to help Mona Kelly, a Canadian nurse working in slums in Brazil. Organizational costs are covered by the sponsor (note: in the previous ACR, Fred McFaul, myself and the "gremlins" goofed up with an article that gave prominent mention to XIOS, last year's sponsor, rather than Computer Connection, this year's sponsor.)

Alberta had around 800 students registered at the school level. Nationally, there were approximately 10,000 players involved. Some of the "most involved" Alberta schools were: Rimbeay Christian - 36 players; Midnapore Elementary (Calgary) - 33; Benalto School - 31; St. Richard (Edmonton) - 28; Lynnwood Elementary (Edmonton) - 26; Lansdowne (Edmonton) - 25; and Mills Haven (Sherwood Park) - 25.

Regionals were held in Lethbridge, Calgary, Lacombe, Edmonton and Thorhild. I want to take this opportunity to thank the many people who worked as organizers and as directors during the regional tournaments:

Lethbridge: Randy Hauck.

Calgary: Richard Cullis, Darse Billings, Brian Starkes and Ian Drummond.

Lacombe: Dennis Hainsworth and Neil Sharp.

Thorhild: Jim Ellefson and Cor Dewindt.

Edmonton: Don McDonald, Ken Curtis, Doug Gehon, Kevin Whelan, Nancy Emack, Vahid Vejdani and Tracy Kolenchuk.

The Alberta Provincial Championship was held April 7 at Grandview Heights School in Edmonton. Many thanks are owed to John Macnab, David Ludwig, Vahid Vejdani, Rod Hartfeil, Tracy Kolenchuk and Len Steele. (*Thanks also to the Grandview Heights' students who sold hot dogs, donuts and snacks! - Ed.*)

The Provincial was a hectic affair which kept the tournament directors very busy (*How about the doubly-hectic time had by the GEMS Chess Challenge Coordinator for Alberta, Rob Gardner? - Ed.*) The round-robin active chess format meant that some students were usually ready to start their next games while earlier-round games were still going on. Some grades had enough students for two round robins, which meant that the winners of each section had to play off to decide the qualifier for the nationals. The winners for each grade were:

- 1 Amir Javidan
- 2 Nathan McLean
- 3 Rob Curtis
- 4 Alan Leong
- 5 Cynthia Wu
- 6 Sherwin Chan
- 7 Bernard Kim
- 8 Adam Wu
- 9 Sam Sia
- 10 Mike Parsons
- 11 Geoff Newton
- 12 Al Kaufman

Each of these grade winners received air fare to the Nationals, which were held in Ottawa during the Victoria Day weekend, and accommodation. Most of the players stayed at the Terry Fox Centre. The Centre, with bunk beds in its four dormitories and good facilities, turned out to be a fine place to stay. The games were played at the National Museum of Science and Technology. While waiting for the next round to start, players could explore the museum.

The format had provincial teams playing against one another, grade matching grade. I cannot describe how our games went because I was usually helping to supervise another match. The Alberta team did well, though, finishing in fourth place.

Several of the Alberta players had good results:

Nathan McLean was third in grade two, with 6.5 points;

Cynthia Wu was second in grade five, with 7 points;

Sherwin Chan was third in grade six, with 6 points; and

Adam Wu had 6.5 points in grade eight, but lost the playoff for third.

Each Alberta representative, whatever the final score obtained, can be proud of qualifying to play in the finals of the 1990 GEMS Chess Challenge!

The tournament seemed to go well and the kids seemed to have a good time. Thanks to Mrs. Javidan, Cameron McLean and Ken Curtis for chaperoning during the trip.

*(Thanks to Rob for this article! Especially considering that he had a vicious cold when I "hit" on him for the report, a cold which he better not have given to me! - Ed.)*



**JUNIOR CHESS CLUBS**  
(other than school clubs)

**Calgary Junior Chess Club**

**Meets:** Selected Saturdays in the basement of the Wm. Castell Library, 616 McLeod Trail S. Free parking at the Public School Board (NE of Library). (Schedule showing dates of events in 1990-91 to be published in later issues.)

**Info:** Ian Drummond (288-4034). Prizes (trophies, books, etc.) awarded. Membership open to under 18 years old. ACA membership required. Tourney fees are \$2 elementary; \$2.50 junior high; \$3 senior high. Players are grouped by strength. Some coaching and simultaneous displays may be conducted. New members always welcome - bring a friend.

**Edmonton Junior Chess Club**

**Meets:** Main Public Library, Churchill Square.

**Info:** Nancy Emack (452-4589). Contact Nancy for more info about events. The emphasis is on casual games and instruction, but there will likely be ladder tournaments and occasional rated events. Open to under 18 years of age. No club membership fee, but ACA membership is required.

**Leduc Junior Chess Club**

**Info:** August Hangartner (986-0459).

**A Little Time, but a Lot of Help!**

If more people volunteered to help with junior chess, a most worthy cause, it would be a lot easier on the very few who now do much of the work, and would permit programs to be expanded.

Won't you consider offering some of your chess knowledge and guidance to juniors and junior chess activities?

Please contact your local junior organizers or the ACA. Our future depends on and will be shaped by our juniors!

**Calgary Junior Chess Club**  
**Report on Activities**  
*by Ian Drummond*

The CJCC has finished its schedule of individual tournaments. Over the school year, six tournaments were held, one a month from September through to February. An average of 30 players attended each tournament, and 69 participating memberships in the ACA were sold.

The activities of the CJCC centre around the tournaments, and are designed for those who can already play chess. They give the players a chance to test their skills against a wider range of opponents, and provide a bridge to the world of "adult" chess clubs and tournaments.

We hope that chess players in Alberta will increasingly recognise names from the following lists of prize winners of the four tournaments held November to February (some players won several prizes; the September and October tournaments were reported in the January ACR, vol. 15, no. 1).

**Senior High**

Mike Parsons  
Jason Scammell  
Chuck Mousseau  
Amul Jain  
Atul Jain  
Darin Milner

**Junior High**

Chris Parsons  
Kam Lee  
Lewis Harkes  
Chris Haines  
Sylvester Lachowski  
Danny Kiely  
Keith Yu  
Andrew Drummond  
Bev Turner

**Elementary**

Michael Eng  
Stephen Drummond  
Grant Hofer  
Dittu Bharatha  
Amanda Dodd-Flower

Many thanks also go to the Tournament Directors. They give up a Saturday for no monetary reward, but certainly for a lot of work as they run 3 or 4 sub-tournaments simultaneously. Jim Daniluk ran 2 tournaments, and Jim O'Neil, Barney Fegyverneki, Brian Starkes and Ian Drummond one each.

One picture which stays in my mind is of Barney, as the last of the kids reeled from the room after a marathon session with 46 total entries, shouting "come back next time, bring your friends, we'll fit you all in somehow!!".

**1989 N. Alberta Junior Playoff**

*by Rob Gardner (T.D.)*

This was a hard-fought affair. Going into the last round, four players had a chance to at least tie for first place. All three final round games affected first place. Pavel Jachowicz needed only a draw to share first, but suffered his first defeat, at the hands of Don Coward. Rod Thiel defeated Geoff Newton. Sam Sia had a chance to tie for first, but lost to John Seaman. Don Coward and Rod Thiel, both undefeated, tied for first at 3.5-1.5, thus qualifying for the Alberta Junior.

Not every game was hard-fought, however. For instance, "Ron Thief" (note that I am using pseudonyms to avoid embarrassing the players!) and "Dan Cowherd" played only 14 moves in a dull Queen's Gambit Declined Orthodox Variation before agreeing to a draw. One round later, the spineless tournament director (*the Rocket!*) did not object when "Thief" stole an eight-move draw from "Pol Jackrabbits".

**Calgary Junior Closed** (*info from En*

*Passant*): Andrew Paduch justified his status as the highest rated by achieving a perfect 5-0 score. Mike Parsons also did well, finishing 2nd with 3.5 points.

**Alberta Junior Closed** (*info from En*

*Passant*): 6 juniors said they would play, 4 showed up. Lev Becker, the youngest player, was first with an unbeaten 4.5-1.5 in this double round robin. Andrew Paduch was the runner up, 1.5 pts back.

### **EJCC December Delight**

by R. Gardner (T.D.)

Sam Sia took first with 4 straight wins. Adam and Beatrice Wu shared second with 3 points. The fighting spirit of the players was shown by the fact there weren't any draws, with one game featuring each player passing up a chance to claim a draw by repetition.

### **Northern Alberta Cadet**

by Rob Gardner (Rocket T.D.)

Top-rated Sam Sia had a couple of tough games, but surrendered only one draw en route to victory, scoring 4.5 out of 5. Sharing second with 3.5 points were Mark Roth and Adam Wu. Mark was undefeated and played in all three of the tournament's drawn games. Sherwin Chan fared well considering that he was the youngest player. By the way, I think that "Sure-Win" is a great name for a chess player! Daryn Lamoureux, from Boyle, and Munir Virani shared the final spot, but can be commended for their good efforts.

### **Alberta Cadet Closed**

by Rocket Rob Gardner (T.D.)

With Andrew Paduch being the only Calgarian who could be persuaded to come to Edmonton, the Alberta Cadet wound up looking very much like the Northern Alberta Cadet. One Calgarian turned out to be one too many for the rest of the contestants as Andrew Paduch won every game to finish with a decisive 5-0 score. Sam Sia was second with 3, followed closely by Adam Wu with 2.5. By drawing four games, Mark Roth established himself as the drawing master of the tournament.

There was only one incident. At one point, several thousand people gathered outside the tournament site chanting "We want Phil Chiu!" When informed that Phil had not come up from Calgary and was far too old to play in any case, the crowd quickly dispersed. (*Hmmm - might this be a "continuation" of the fabulous "Phil Chiu issue" of the ACR? - Ed.*)

### **EJCC February Favorite**

by Rocket Rob (T.D.)

Sam Sia scored 4 out of 4 to continue his winning ways at the Edmonton Junior Chess Club. The real battle turned out to be for second place as David Glasel, Sean Hall, Mark Roth and Adam Wu all scored 3/4. Mark Roth claimed the second-place book prize by winning all his games in the speed-chess tiebreak. The turnout of 16 players was 2 more than the previous EJCC rated tournament.

### **Edwin Parr Composite Community School Inter-School Chess Tournament**

by Robert Gardner (T.D.)

Branko Georgijevic, a very active organizer for a large area northeast of Edmonton, invited me to arrive on the Wednesday before the tournament.

I spent the next two days travelling with him to the various schools he is involved with in Thorhild, Rochester, Athabasca, Grassland, Wandering River, and Boyle. On one Thursday, when we briefly visited most of the schools, we travelled over 360 kilometers.

Edwin Parr C.C. School, located in Athabasca, hosted the tournament on Saturday, February 24. The sixteen players came from six schools and ranged from grade 5 to grade 12.

First was claimed by Daryn Lamoureux, a grade 9 Boyle student, with 5 out of 5.

Second, with 4 points, was Blair Gillman (grade 9, Edwin Parr).

Third went to Brent Moroz (grade 9, Edwin Parr) with 3.5 points.

I gave a simultaneous (*i.e. Rob played a bunch of opponents at the same time - Ed.*). Grade 5 student Byung Kyu Chun showed me the drawbacks of thinking only about attacking when he managed to force a back rank mate. Two other students, working as a team, managed to get a draw.

### **EJCC St. Patrick's Day Tourney**

by The Rocket (The T.D.)

Due to a delayed final round, this "one-day" tournament took half of March to complete. In the end Adam Wu and Mark Roth tied for first place at 3.5/4. Douglas Wu and Shane Goth tied for Under 1000 honors at 2 points each.

### **1990 Edmonton Junior High Team Championship**

by Mr. Rocket (Mr. T.D.)

Thirteen teams from six schools played in this event held April 4 at Dan Knott Junior High. Grandview A and St. Clement both scored 12.5 out of 16, but Grandview A claimed first on tiebreak to repeat as champions.

The Grandview A team consisted of:  
1. Sam Sia; 2. Alastair Clarke; 3. Munir Virani; and 4. Shauvick Lall.

The St. Clement team members were:  
1. Adam Wu; 2. Beatrice Wu; 3. Daniel Lishingman; and 4. Bernard Kim.

Third place went to St. Kevin, with 11 points. Dan Knott A took fourth with 10.5 points.

The scores of the other teams were:  
Grandview B - 9.5; Grandview D - 9;  
Crestwood - 8; Dan Knott B - 8;  
Grandview E - 5; Grandview C - 7;  
Rosslyn - 7; Dan Knott D - 5.; and Dan Knott C - 3.

### **Canadian Junior and Canadian Cadet**

(*Alberta's participants in these two events are expected to provide written reports for the ACR as a small measure of return for the airfare provided to them by the ACA. These reports should be in the next issue...*)

As was already revealed on the front page, Andrew Paduch is the new Canadian Cadet Champion! The new Canadian Junior Champion is Alexandre Lesiège (Quebec). Our reps in the Junior were Greg Huber (4th, with a 7-4 score) and Lev Becker (7th, even score).



## Weekend Tournament List

Details on these events, as they become available, will be published in the ACR (Organizers: Send details and info on other tournaments as soon as possible so we can include them here!)

7+1 Annual Tournament Series, various weekends, Calgary (details below). Alberta Open, October 6-8, Edmonton. The ACA Annual General Meeting will be held on October 7th, in the morning. S. Alberta Open, November, Calgary.

### 7+1 Annual Tournament Series

*Remaining Events (long weekends)*  
June 29-July 2  
August 3-6  
August 31-September 3  
(all three are 7 rounds)

Two sections (A, rated 2000 or over; and B, under 2000). Entry fee is A-\$30 & B-\$25 (\$3 surcharge if after 7:20 p.m. Friday). \$5 surcharge for under 2000 entering A. \$5 discount for students. Juniors \$20 for either section.

Rounds: Fri. 7:30 p.m.; Sat. and Sun. 10:00 & 3:30; Mon. 10:00 & ASAP. A bye may be requested for round 1.

Time control: Rd 1 35/90; rds 2-7 45/120; secondary control 20/60 all rds.

Site: University of Calgary, room 205 (or 206), MacEwan Hall.

Advance entries/info: Roy Yearwood, #122, 60 Hamlet Rd SW, Calgary, AB T2V 3C8. Phone: 252-4948 (Tues.-Sat. 9:00-5:00). *You are advised to check in advance to verify the above details!*

## ALBERTA CHESS CLUBS

(see Junior Section for junior clubs)

Please note that most of these chess clubs are "closed for the summer". Call the contact person if you are unsure.

### Calgary CC

Meets: New Rosedale Hall, 800-11 Ave NW. Wednesday, 7:00-11:00.

Info: Bill Rusk (phone 286-6137, or write #9, 3302-50 St NW, Calgary T3A 2C6). Round 5 of the Grand Prix Speed series will be on June 13. Note that the last night of the season is June 20.

### Edmonton CC

Meets: Oliver Community Hall, 10326-118 St on Thursday evenings, starting 6:30-7:00. Usually open during the summer.

Info: Club phone number is 482-1484 (answering machine, 24 hrs). The ECC also sponsors a computer bulletin board - dial 475-2007 (sysop is Barry Bell). System is PC/MS-DOS, but others can access with appropriate communications software.

### Fort McMurray CC

Info: current status unclear; those interested in a club in Fort McMurray can contact Branko Georgijevic (Boyle) at 689-2476.

### Grande Cache CC

Meets: Current status unclear. Last known meeting place 11001 Swann Drive, Friday, 8:00 p.m.

Info: Ray Gellein (827-4589).

### Grande Prairie CC

Meets: St. Patrick's Community School Library, Thursday, 7:00-10:00.

Info: Phil Lefkowitz (phone 538-1903, or write 9305-74 Ave, Grande Prairie T8V 6G2).

### Hinton CC

Meets: Hinton Municipal Library, with "group play" on Wednesdays, 5:00-8:00, and "casual play" during regular library hours.

Info: Bob McIntyre (phone 865-2778, or write 270 Eaton Dr, Hinton T0E 1B0).

### Medicine Hat CC

Meets: Thursday evenings, 7-10, at the Public Library.

Info: Jerome Fitzgerald (phone 526-4125).

### Northern Communities CC (Boyle)

Meets: at Branko's home (call him for directions).

Info: Branko Georgijevic (phone 689-2476, or write Box 558, Boyle T0A 0M0).

### Red Deer CC

Meets: Red Deer College, room 921, Mondays, 7-11 p.m.

Info: Jens Kaastrup (phone 346-6380).

### University of Alberta CC

Meets: Weekend tournaments are usually in the l'express lounge (room 142) of the Students Union Bldg. The Club office is in the basement of the building, near the Games' Room.

Info: Craig Vokey (phone 433-5539).

### University of Calgary CC

Meets: MacEwan Hall, room 209L, September to March (closed for the summer).

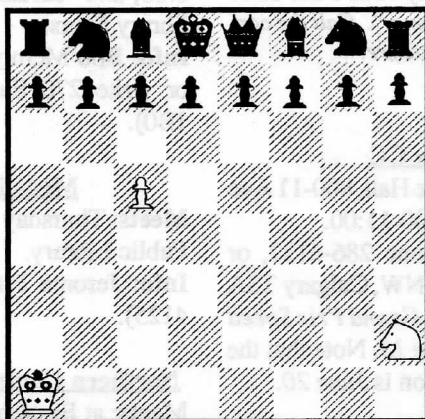
Fees: UCCC membership required for Calgary players (\$3 students; \$4 others).

Info: Taco Van Ieperen, President and Special Events Coordinator (phone 295-0139 or write 1311-56 Ave NW, Calgary T2K 5M2).

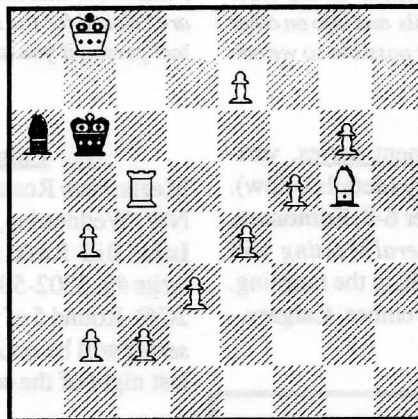


**\*\* CLUBS and ORGANIZERS \*\***  
We ask Clubs to ensure information in the ACR is **correct** (a schedule of activities would be an asset). Also, those planning "weekend" tournaments are asked to send in **details well in advance**.

These are not your "normal" chess problems  
(from *Discover* magazine, Nov/85)



**Problem 1. White to move.**  
**White has a forced mate. Prove it!**



**Problem 2. White to move and mate**  
**in one (really!). What's the move?**

**A final word about  
reporting events to the ACR...**

**Please do so!** For rated tournaments, at least, a Director must send the CFC a rating report and usually includes a written report with it for *En Passant*, so it should not require much additional effort to make a photocopy for the ACR! Even better is a report made especially for your fellow Alberta chessplayers. Director's (and organizers and clubs) have a responsibility to their players to follow up with a report and keep them informed of events planned. Doing so may relieve the depression felt by the poor ACR Editor when thinking about the lack of concern shown by some. **Please** send in info, if only so we don't wear out our computers' "!" keys!!!!!!

**Solution to Problem 1 (no peeking!)      Solution to Problem 2**

In Problem 1 you will notice that the Black Queen is on a *white* square and the Black King on a *black* square. The rules of chess specify the opposite positioning, so it can be concluded that the Black pieces originally started from the *bottom* of the board and have moved up to the top! Therefore, only Black's knights can move in the given position. White plays 1.Nc6 (*White did start at the top of the board!*), planning 2.Ne5 and 3.Nd3 mate! Black could try and counter by playing 1. ... Nf3, with a continuation of 2.Nb4 Ne5 3. fxe5 4.Nd3 mate!

In Problem 2 the board is being observed from the *side*, rather than from the point of view of Black or White. The question is, which way is White moving, to the left, or to the right? If White were moving to the right (where you might have chosen "c8=Q or R" mate, i.e. the pawn to the far right of Black's King is promoted to a Queen or Rook), then how did the White Bishop get out from "f1"? The answer is it couldn't have, so White must be moving to the *left*. The move which gives mate in one is therefore d8=N, i.e. promoting the pawn to a knight mates Black!