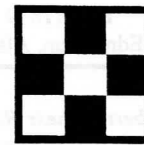


ALBERTA CHESS REPORT



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1991 ALBERTA OPEN

Azmat Hussain, of Calgary, is the new Alberta Open Champion, thus qualifying for the 1992 Alberta Closed. Bill Bentley, Paul Usselman and Ian Drummond tied for 2nd-4th. Heading into the last round, 5 players lead at 4-1. Drummond seemed content with a draw offer (by Steele), while Bentley applied strong pressure versus Usselman throughout the game, only to somehow miss the "winning play" at move 35, allowing Paul to come up with a nice counterstroke. Plante decided he needed to win versus Hussain (as Réjean's cumulative tiebreak would likely not be enough to get him in the Alberta Closed if he was "equal first"), but tried too hard, and lost after a long struggle.

Topping the Under 1900 category were August Hangartner, Eric Schocat, Brian Starkes and Adam Wu (Adam was also "Top Junior"). The Under 1500 honors were shared by Beatrice Wu (2nd Junior), James Golmon and Gary Goossen. Thanks to Neil Sharp for directing.

Held for the first time ever in Red Deer, the turnout of 33 was respectable, but could have been greater (and stronger), if not for the Prairie Open in Saskatoon, where about 13 Albertans were playing, including Alberta's top two rated players and two others in the top 8 (why so many other Alberta experts and masters skipped the Alberta Open is also a mystery — perhaps a guaranteed prize fund is a must?). If the Saskatoon organizers persist in staying with the Thanksgiving weekend in 1992 onward (rather than, say, switching to the Labor Day Weekend), the ACA may have to compete by arranging for a prize fund sufficient to keep our players here, and especially to attract experts and masters. The Alberta Open has been held at Thanksgiving for decades — it's too bad the Prairie Open organizers didn't check with neighboring provinces *before* they selected their weekend (we would likely have to change our Bylaws if the Alberta Open weekend was changed...).

1	Azmat Hussain	1977	+28	+13	- 6	+ 8	+14	+ 5	5.0
2	Bill Bentley	1977	+15	+12	= 8	= 5	+ 9	= 3	4.5
3	Paul Usselman	1963	+23	+10	+ 7	+ 6	- 5	= 2	4.5
4	Ian Drummond	1918	+31	+16	- 5	+10	+ 6	= 7	4.5
5	Réjean Plante	2040	+17	= 9	+ 4	= 2	+ 3	- 1	4.0
6	Omar Farid	2067	+11	+20	+ 1	- 3	- 4	+13	4.0
7	Len Steele	2001	+24	+14	- 3	+13	=12	= 4	4.0
8	Ford Wong	1888	+22	+32	= 2	- 1	+20	=12	4.0
9	A Hangartner	1877	+26	= 5	=20	+11	- 2	+15	4.0
10	Eric Schocat	1792	+19	- 3	+28	- 4	+22	+16	4.0
11	Brian Starkes	1618	- 6	+31	+16	- 9	+23	+14	4.0
12	Adam Wu	1926	+25	- 2	+24	+22	= 7	= 8	4.0

3.0: 13 B Murdoch; 14 J Kaastrup; 15 B Wu; 16 J Golmon;
17 G Ahlquist; 18 W Rusk; 19 G Goossen.

2.5: 20 J Quiring; 21 V Grab.

2.0: 22 S Longley; 23 G Carter; 24 B Tynan; 25 S Drummond;
26 C Wu; 27 S Taj.

1.5: 28 J Scammell; 29 N McLean; 30 P simieritsch.

1.0: 31 D Wu; 32 G Woodward.

0.5: 33 A Drummond. (games on page 7)

(Tiebreak: [1] Median; [2] Solkoff; [3] Sonnenborn-Berger. If cumulative scores were used instead [as suggested by the CFC], Usselman would be ahead of Bentley, and A. Wu would move up to 10th.)

1991 ACA Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held Sunday, October 13 at the site of the Alberta Open, and was chaired by Ford Wong, ACA President (*this is a summary of the meeting — anyone desiring a copy of the official minutes should write to the ACA*).

Ford made available copies of the ACA Plan, his report, a financial report, and general information about the ACA, and enlarged upon his written report in his verbal President's Report: He stated that we need more volunteers, including Board members, willing to work on ACA programs. Leadership training is a must to meet granting requirements, but it is often difficult to find people to take the courses. Ford discussed his spreadsheet showing projected versus actual programs/spending for the year, explaining that cutbacks were largely due to decreased government funding (could even be less in 1992). He discussed some specific programs in 1991, and mentioned the necessity of more organizers running tournaments (financially) through the ACA. Ford stressed the need to increase the membership through resparking interest in the game, and suggested targeting younger players as they are the key to our future. To close his report, he thanked those who had volunteered during the year, but urged more people to offer their time and skill as too few are still doing too much of the work.

Ford then went over the written financial report (the ACA ended 1990 with a "surplus" of \$1,422, but the projection was that this would all be used up to cover the shortfall in 1991).

Copies of the Planning Committee Report were distributed at the meeting and commented upon briefly by Ford. This was followed by some open discussion of aspects of the Plan.

Elections for vacant positions then took place: Ford Wong was re-elected as President (2-year term). There were no nominations for Treasurer (2-year term; John Quiring subsequently accepted appointment by the President, subject to Board confirmation). Len Steele was elected as Secretary (1-year term), but resigned shortly thereafter as it was necessary that at least one of the Executive positions be held by someone from Southern Alberta (Mike Barkwell later accepted appointment). Directors elected to 2-year terms were: Bruce Kiely, Paul Usselman, Réjean Plante and Brian Murdoch.

The final portion of the AGM was devoted to "other business", with discussion confined to concerns about qualification rules for the Alberta Closed, with those present voting to request that the Board review the current rules, and request input from the membership.

*** WEEKEND TOURNAMENTS ***

(see back page for more information; for junior events, see page 9)

Southern Alberta Open (Nov 23-24, Calgary)

Dawson Creek Fall Active (Nov 23, Dawson Creek, B.C.)

Winter Open (Dec 21-22, Edmonton)

Cold Winter Knights (Jan 18-19, Edmonton)

Trumpeter Classic Open (Jan 18-19, Grande Prairie)

Northern Alberta Open (Feb 22-23, Edmonton)

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Provide player's full name, address and CFC number (if previous member). Birthdate required for junior and participating members. Please state if a member is female. If submitting fees to ACA: Phone number optional, but appreciated. Where applicable include school and grade, if possible.

ACR Deadlines

"Deadlines" for receipt of material for consideration in each issue are the 25th of: **January, March, May, August, October** (an ACR is published the month after). Items received after the deadline may have to be delayed to a later ACR.

Reminder to Tournament Directors
CFC regulations state: "A report should be submitted within one week of the end of an event." *You owe it to your participants to send in rating and membership reports to the CFC as soon as possible after an event.* A written report can be sent then or a little later to both *En Passant* and the ACR (please support your Alberta magazine too!).

ALBERTA CHESS CLUBS

(not including junior and school clubs)

CALGARY CC

For the remainder of 1991

Meets: New Rosedale Hall, 800-11 Ave NW. Wed., 7:00-11:00. (Last night Dec 18)

*** *Beginning January 7, 1992* ***

Meets: Rosemont Community Assoc. Hall 2807-10 St NW. Tues., 7:00-11:00.

Info: Barney Fegyvermeki (243-6351; mail: c/o 1724-49 Ave SW, Calgary T2T 2T9).

CCC 1992 Schedule

Jan 7: *Grand Prix Speed*. Rd 2. (TD for the series: Roy Yearwood 244-6698).

Jan 14 - Feb 25: *Calgary Closed*. 7 rd RR. (TD: Greg Huber 286-1873).

Mar 4: *Grand Prix Speed*. Rd 3.

Mar 11 - Apr 22: *Calgary Open*. 7 rd. (TD: Brian Starkes 243-2026).

Apr 29: *Grand Prix Speed*. Rd 4.

May 6 - Jun 10: *Spring Open*. 6 rd. (TD: Brian Toth 293-6569).

Jun 17: *Grand Prix Speed*. Rd 5.

The CCC will be open all summer as well!

THE CHESS SET (Calgary)

Meets: Meadowlark Park Comm. Assoc., 623-58 Ave SW. 7-11:30, Wed./Fri. Tourn:

15 min/player/game; 5-6 rds; not CFC rated.
Info: Roy Yearwood (244-6698; mail: 4125, 415-9737 Macleod Trail S, Calgary T2J7A6).

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY CC

Meets: 209L MacEwan Hall, Univ. Calgary, T2N 1N4. Mon-Fri, 10-4 (Sept-Mar).

Info: Jeff Rouse (288-9016; mail: c/o 6624B Bowness Rd NW, Calgary T3B 0G1).

NORTHERN COMMUNITIES CC

Meets: at Branko's home (near Boyle).

Info: Branko Georgijevic (689-2476; mail: Box 558, Boyle T0A 0M0).

GRANDE PRAIRIE CC

Meets: St. Patrick's Community School Library, Thurs., 7:00-10:00. (Aug/91 *En Passant* had different info - call to confirm.)

Info: Phil Lefkowitz (538-1903; mail: c/o 9305-74 Ave, Grande Prairie T8V 6G2).

RED DEER CC

Meets: Monday evenings at the home of Jens Kaastrup (call Jens for directions).

Info: Jens Kaastrup (346-6380 evenings) or Brian Murdoch (343-6664 daytime).

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA CC

Meets: SUB 030D (basement), approx. 11:00-4:00 weekdays, September-April.

Info: Louis Wang (430-9706; mail: Box 92, Students Union Bldg, U of A, Edmonton T6G 2J7).

EDMONTON CC

Meets: Oliver Community Hall, 10326-118 St, Edmonton T5K 2K9, Thurs., 7:00-12:00.
Info: George Heagle (425-1471), Arniel Frialde (481-2552).

ECC Schedule

Dec 12: *Tournament Directors' Workshop*. 7:00 p.m. Presented by Len Steele, NTD.

Dec 12 - 19: *Christmas Active* (rated). EF: \$10 sr (\$13 non-ECC memb.), \$7 jr.

Jan 2: *Speed chess tournament*. (Also: register for Closed Reserves — starts next week.)

Jan 9-Feb 13: *Edmonton Closed Reserves*. 6 rd. 45/2, 22/1. EF: \$20 sr (\$25 non-ECC memb.), \$15 jr.

Feb 20: *Simultaneous* (strong player vs all!).

HINTON CC

Meets: Hinton Municipal Library. "Group play" Wed., 5:00-8:00. "Casual play" during regular library hours.

Info: Bob McIntyre (865-2778; mail: 270 Eaton Dr, Hinton T0E 1B0).

RIMBEY CC

Info: Cameron McLean (843-3736; mail: c/o Box 733, Rimbey T0C 2J0).

(Changes to club info can be slow to reach the ACR— phone or write to confirm.)

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* CLUBS *

Please ensure that info in the ACR is correct.

* ORGANIZERS *

Planning "weekend" tournament(s)?
Please send in details well in advance.

* TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS *

We would appreciate a copy of your *En Passant* report (or a story written for your fellow Albertans). Prize list, crosstable, and/or game(s) an asset. *THANKS in advance!*

Qualifying for the 1992 Alberta Closed

(full rules available from the ACA)

Participants must have at least 2 participation points since the previous Closed. Qualifying events are worth 1 pt; all other rated Alberta events 1/2 pt. (TD's get up to 1 participation point through directing.)

All wishing to participate (even if by rating) must register **in writing**. The written registration must be **received** by the ACA by **March 10**. It is the **potential entrant's responsibility** to submit a registration - the ACA is **not** required to issue invitations.

Eight participants. Round robin Easter weekend. Site TBA. EF \$20 (all to prize fund; *qualifying tournaments contribute \$1 per entry toward prizes*; minimum of \$250: 1st-50%, 2nd-30%, 3rd-20%). Each candidate must have been an Alberta resident at least 6 months in the year before the Closed.

Check rules for tiebreaking and procedure if a person qualifies more than once. If player(s) needed to fill vacancies (*no automatic entrants by rating!*), the highest rated registrant(s), using the latest CFC rating list prior to March 10, will be accepted.

Qualifying events for the '92 Alta Closed

'91 Alta Closed (A. Frialde); Alta Open (A. Hussain); Alta Jr Closed (A. Wu); S. Alta Open; Edmonton Closed; Calgary Closed; N. Alta Open; "Rural Candidate" (rural qualifiers to be completed by January 31 — playoff required between winners if more than one rural qualifier).

Note: in accordance with a motion passed at the AGM, the ACA invites members to submit suggestions for changes to the Alberta Closed qualification system.

Valuable Leadership Training !

A 3-hr training session ("Roles & Responsibilities of a Board of Directors" & "Planning") will be hosted in Edmonton by the ACA 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30 (Cardinal Room, Coast Terrace Inn, 4440 Calgary Trail northbound). A valuable experience for ACA *and* club, etc. volunteers! No fees. Free lunch. Call Ford Wong (481-6474) **ASAP** if you wish to attend.

ACA members: **you** can tell the Board of Directors about your concerns, "beefs", and suggestions. The Board will be holding a planning meeting in January, so please make known your views (preferably in writing) by the end of 1991. Your input can help the ACA Board to improve the Plan so that it is as good as current financial and human resources permit.

ECC August Open

(TD/Rep: Rob Gardner)

Ferenc Borloi obtained first in this small tournament with a last-round, hard-fought draw against ECC Honorary Life Member Art Skeel. Ferenc's score of 2.5 out of 3 put him half a point ahead of second place finishers Art Skeel, Eric Schocat, and Harold Climenhaga. Sherwin Chan and Wayne Mendryk shared the Under-1600 prize.

E. Schocat - F. Borloi (round 2)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Be7 5.c3 dxc3 6.Qd5 Borloi missed this mate threat, but he has a resource. 6... Nh6 7.Bxh6 O-O Now with the White bishop en prise and the Black pawn in a threatening position, White needs to calculate carefully. I suspect that having had such a threatening looking position, White had trouble adjusting to dealing with a threat from his opponent. 8.Bc1 8.Bxg7 Kxg7 [8... Nb4 9.Qe5 threatens both 10.Bh8 followed by 11.Qg7 and 10.Qxc3] 9.Nxc3 seems reasonable for White and even 8.Nxc3 gxh6 9.O-O is probably okay due to the weakness of Black's extra pawn. 8... Nb4 9.Qd1 To prevent one tactic, White allows another tactic [9... c2] which leaves Black a healthy pawn ahead. Furthermore, by

undeveloping another piece, White leaves himself with little counterplay for the pawn. 9.Qh5 Nc2+ 10.Kd1 Nxa1 11.Nxc3 looks risky and could be losing, but it at least has the prospect of generating counterplay [with say Ng5] or capturing the trapped knight with approximate material equality. 9... c2 10.Qe2 cxb1(Q) 11.Rxb1 d5 12.Bb3 dxe4 13.Ne5 Nd3+ 14.Nxd3 exd3 15.Qd2 h6 16.O-O White has finally managed to castle, but he has no compensation for the pawns and his pieces are poorly placed. 16... Bf5 17.Bc4 Qd4 18.b3 Bg5 19.Qb4 Qb6 20.Qc3 20.Qxb6 followed by 21.Bxg5, trying to cripple Black's pawn majority and make the d-pawn awkward to defend, is an interesting idea. A possible continuation is 20.Qxb6 axb6 21.Bxg5 hxg5 22.a4 Rad8 23.Rfd1 Rd6 24.Rd2. I am too lazy to form any definite opinions about how well this idea might work out. 20... d2 21.Ba3 Bxb1 22.Bxf8 Rxf8 23.Rxb1 Rd8 24.Rd1 c6 25.g3 Qc7 26.h4 Bf6 27.Qe3 Bd4 28.Qf3 b5 29.Bd3 Qe5 30.Kg2 Qe1 31.Bc2 Rd6 No doubt Black's material advantage helped him in forcing his three pieces and advanced pawn to squares where they are very aggressive. Now 32... Rf6 is threatened. 32.Qd3 Qxf2+ 33.Kh3 Be5 34.Qh7+ Kf8 35.Rg1 Qxg1 (0-1).

Ft. St John Fall Active

(Org/TD: L. Stutzman. Rep: J. Kanester)

The 2nd tournament of the Alberta-B.C. Peace River Grand Prix was held October 26 in the Artspace in Ft. St. John and showed that this year's version of the Grand Prix will be a very competitive affair. The addition of active tournaments to our schedule has meant that anyone can come up big! Ft. St. John players were the big winners this time around. Brett Little was undefeated with 4 points, while Larry Stutzman and Eric Stutzman tied for second with 3 pts. John Clemens of Dawson Creek, also with 3 pts, was first novice, and Jim Roy of Grande Prairie was 2nd novice with 2 pts. 13 players participated.

Brett Little leads the Grand Prix with 6.5 points, closely followed by Larry Stutzman (6.0). Grant MacTavish (Dawson Creek) and Eric Stutzman are next with 5 pts. Five players from Grande Prairie have participated so far, with Jim Roy, a junior, looking like a "sure bet" to win 1st novice (under 1600) — he has defeated several top-rated players, including Grant MacTavish and Jim Kanester. Really good turnouts are expected in tournaments in Grande Prairie in 1992. (The third Grand Prix tournament will be the Dawson Creek Fall Active on November 23. Details in this ACR.)

Games from the Calgary Chess Club Fall Open

(submitted by Jim Daniluk)

P. Usselman - A. Odachowski

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 c5 5.e3 e6 6.Bxc4 a6 7.a4 Nc6 8. O-O Be7 9.Qe2 cxd4 10. Rd1 O-O 11.exd4 Nb4 12.Ne5 b6 13.Ne4 Bb7 14.Ng5 Nfd5 15.Qg4 Rac8 16.Ngxf7 Rxf7 17.Qxe6 Qe8 18.Bd2 Rxc4 19.Nxc4 Qc6? 20.Qxf7+ Kxf7 21.Ne5+ Kf6 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.Rdc1 Bd7 24.a5 b5 25.Ra3 Kf7 26.Rf3+ Kg8 27.Re1 Bd8?! 28.Bxb4 Nxb4 29.d5! Nc2 30.Re4 +- b4 31.Rc4 (1-0). I

thought the endgame interesting — the bishops raked, but the rooks ploughed.

H. Skroblinnis - P. Usselman

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.dxc6 Nxc6 5.Nf3 e5 6.Nc3 e4 7.Ng5 Bf5 8.f3 exf3 9.Nxf3 Bc5 10.a3 O-O 11.b4 Re8+ 12.Be2 Bd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.Ra2 Ne5 15.Kf1 Nd3 16.Bxd3 Bxd3+ 17.Ne2 Ng4 18.Qe1 Rxe2 19.Qxe2 Qf2 mate (0-1).

Labour Day Open (Calgary)

(This report expands upon that in the last ACR. Thanks to Ken Salmon for the crosstable & to Jim Daniluk for providing game scores.) Roy Yearwood came first with a 4.5-0.5 score. Rob Gardner was clear second with 4-1. Next with 3.5 and splitting 1st-2nd Under 2000 money were Ken Salmon and Elmer Pasadilla. Top Under 1600 was shared by Dave Gomboc, Ravi Trikha, Chuck Mousseau and Beatrice Wu. Adam Wu nabbed the Top Junior Award. (Games next page.)

**Tactical Nuances,
and Chess from Mars**
by Jim Daniluk

Part 1

The following game against Adam Wu is somewhat flawed, but it's interesting nevertheless:

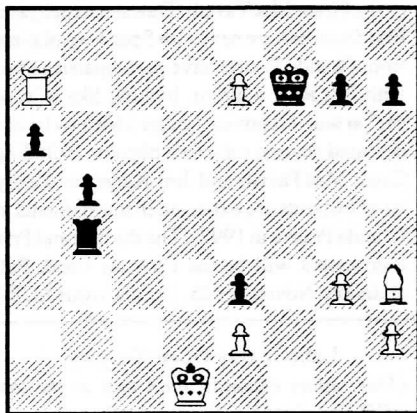
A. Wu - J. Daniluk

(Labour Day Open, round 3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Nb3 Bb4 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.Bc4 O-O 10.O-O Bxc3 11.bxc3 d6 12.Qd2 Be6 13.Bd5 Rac8 (=/+) 14.Rfd1 Rfd8 15.Rab1 Rd7? Now 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Nc5 would win at least a pawn. 15... Rc7 was better. 16.c4? Ne7 17.Rdc1 Qg6 18.f3 Rdc7 19.Qd3 Bxd5 20.cxd5 Rc3 21.Qe2 b6 Interesting, but unsound would be 21...Nxd5 22.exd5 Rxc2. 22.a4?! Qg5 Threatening 23... Rxb3. 23.Na1 Ng6 24.Kf1 Nf4 25.Qd2 Qh5 26.h3? 26.Kg1 26.Rxf3+! 27.gxf3 Qxh3+ 28.Kg1 Qg3+ 29.Kf1 Rc3? This move just "felt right", but actually throws away the win! Instead 29... Qxf3+ 30.Qf2 Qh1+ 31.Qg1 Qh3+ 32.Ke1 (if 32.Kf2 Rc3) Qc3+ 33.Kf1 (if 33.Kd1 Qf3+) Qc4+ mates or wins the queen. This variation shows why the rook shouldn't go to c3. 30.Qd3?? Here Adam panics. After 30.Rb3! there appears to be nothing better than 30... Qxf3+ 31.Qf2 (31.Kg1? Ne2+) Qh1+, drawing. 30... Qg2+ 31.Ke1 Rxd3 (0-1).

Part 2

"Chess from Mars"



The position above is from Daniluk-Mousseau (Labour Day Open, round 2, Aug 31/91). I became so fixated on deflecting Black's King from the queening square that after 37. Be6+ Ke8, I actually played 38.Bf7+??, believing that White would now queen! Only by sheer luck did I succeed in winning the ensuing lost endgame.

K. Salmon - R. Gardner
(Labour Day Open, round 1)
annotated by Ken Salmon

1.e4 Being poorly versed in opening knowledge, I didn't wish to face the Benko. 1...c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7?! Rob spent 30 minutes here. 4.a4 Attempting to hinder Q-side development. 4...a6 5.Be2 Ngf6 6.Nc3 e6 7.O-O Be7 8.d4 cxd4 9.Qxd4 White can freely capture with the Q because of the misplaced N/d7. 9...O-O 10.Bg5 Qc7 11.a5 Rd8 12.Rfd1 White has a significant space and development edge(+=). 12...Nc5? This move is just a wasted tempo. 13.b4! Ncd7 14.Rab1 b5 Black has to try and free his Q-side. 15.axb6 Nxb6 16.b5 e5 Black is entering time trouble, with 10 min for 29 moves. 17.Qd3 d5? Attempting to free the Q-bishop at the cost of a pawn. 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.exd5 axb5 21.Qb3 Bf5 22.Ne1 e4 23.Qxb5 Ra5 24.Qb3 Be5 25.g3 Ted Wilson suggests that I sac the pawn and play c4 immediately. 25... Bc3 26.Ng2 Rc5 27.Ne3 Be8 28.Qb6 Time pressure is now looming for both players and I felt that, with the queens off, I could secure my desired result of not losing in the first round. 28... Qxb6 29.Rxb6 Ba5 30.Rb5 Rxb5 31.Bxb5 Bc3 32.Bc6 f5 33.Rb1 Threatening Rb8, where the B vs N ending is winning for White. 33... Ba6? Black's position is now almost hopeless. 34.Nxf5 g6 35.Rb3 Be5 36.Ne3 Bd4 37.Ra3 Be2 The next 10 moves are played with both players' flags hanging. 38.Ra4! Bc5 39.Rxe4 Surely Black should resign now, but Rob didn't get to be 2300 by giving up. 39... Kf7 40.Kg2 Rb8 41.Nc4?! Allowing opposite bishops. 41.c4 closes the curtain on Black. 41... Bxc4 42.Rxc4 Bd6

43.Re4 Rb4 44.Re2 Rc4 45.Kf1 Rc3 46.Ke1 Bb4 47.Kf1 Realizing that time control was reached, I was prepared for another of my typical 6-7 hour games with Rob. 47... Bc5 48.Ba4 Bb4 49.Bb3 Kf8 Rob doesn't want d6 with tempo. 50.Kg2 Bd6 51.h3?! Winning is 51.Re6 Ba3 52.d6! when the pawn can only be blocked at the cost of the mobility of the Back game. 51... Ba3! Allowing the R to get out of the box. 52.Re6 Kf7 53.Ra6 53.d6 is again winning instantly. 53... Bc5 54.Rc6 Bd4 Allowing Rxc3 and a technically-won opposite B ending. 55.Re6 You can tell it is almost 1:00 a.m. and I must be sleeping to not want to take the easily won bishop ending. I guess I was still hoping for Rob to resign. 55... Bc5 56.g4 Again d6 just wins. 56... g5 57.h4? gxh4 58.Rh6 h3+! 59.Kh2 Not 59.Rxh3 Rxh3 60.Kxh3 Bxf2, when a draw is easy. 59... Kg7 60.Rc6 Kf8 61.f4 Ke8 62.g5 The passed pawns will carry the victory. 62... Kd8 63.f5 Kd7 64.Rxc5 Sacking the final exchange as the K can now shepherd home the passed pawns. 64... Rxc5 65.Kxh3 Kd6 66.Kg4 Ra5 67.Kf4?! 67. g6, followed by Kg5...Kh6, is clearly 1-0. 67... Ra1 68.Bc4?? Again 68.g6 h6 69.g7 Rg1 or Ra8 and 70.f6, 1-0; or 68.g6 hxg6 69.fxg6 Rg1 70.Kf5 Rf1+ 71.Kg5 Rg1+ 72.Kh6, 1-0 as the B and K will shepherd home the pawn. 68... Ra4 69.f6 Rxc4+ 70.Kf5 Rxc2 71.Kg4 Kxd5 (0-1). Another 6 hours wasted against Rob, only to lose in the 7th hour. This was my best game yet. I lost, but I knew I was playing well because I scored 3.5/4 with a performance of 2200 the rest of the way. It is strange how we lose our best games, because Rob played his best game in round 4 vs Yearwood, only to lose it.

E. Pasadilla - F. Pellerin

(Labour Day Open, round 1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nxe4 5.Bxf7+ Kxf7 6.Nxe4 d5 7.Neg5+ Kg8 8.d3 h6 9.Nh3 Bxh3 10.gxh3 Qf6 11.Bd2 e4 12.dxe4 dxe4 13.Ng1 Bc5 14.Qe2 Nd4 15.Qc4+ Ne6 16.O-O-O Rd8 17.Ne2 Rd6 18.Qxe4 Kf7 19.Bc3 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Qxf2 21.Rd7+ Be7 22.b3 (22.Bxg7? Qf1+ 23.Rd1

Bg5+) Rd8 23.Rxd8 Bxd8 24.Kb2 Bf6 25.Bxf6 Qxf6+ 26.Kc1 Qa1+ 27.Kd2 Qxa2 28.Qxb7 Qa5+ 29.b4 Qg5+ 30.Kd3 Nf4+? 31.Nxf4 Qxf4 32.Qxa7 Qxh2 33.Qe3 Qd6+ 34.Kc4 Qa6+ 35.Kd5 Qd6+ 36.Kc4 Qe6+ 37.Qxe6 Kxe6 38.Kc5 Kd7 39.Kd5 g5 40.Ke5 h5 41.Kf5 g4 42.hxg4 hxg4 43.Kxg4 Ke6 44.c4 Ke5 45.c5 Kd5 46.Kf5 Kc4 47.Ke6 Kxb4 (draw).

News from Boyle

by Bernie Tynan

Boyle's August 17 chess tournament was a great success, with 13 entrants, from age 10 to 70, competing in this very close, hard fought event.

I had the pleasure of playing 3 of the 8 juniors, and finished in a 2-way tie for first with St. Albert resident Roland Schech. I squeaked out a win in the sudden death tiebreaker game to take first prize. Tied for third and fourth were a fellow Wandering

Riverite, Gordon Hatch, and Boyle's Dallas Boje (Gordon won the tiebreaker).

I would like to thank all those who made this event possible — things like this don't just happen — so thanks to: all the sponsors, who donated first, second and third, and the three junior prizes; the Boyle seniors for the excellent facilities; Branko, who organized and competed; Mrs. Georgijevic, who cooked the food; all those who helped out; and everyone who competed and made this event a success.

French Fried

by Jeff Chrumka

About two years ago I stopped using the French Defence as my primary defence against e4. Since then I've exclusively used the Caro-Kann (with a lot of success I might add). The main reason I stopped using the French was because I was tired of playing with the bad light-squared c8 bishop. Despite this disadvantage for Black, the French remains one of the most solid defences when facing e4. Here's a sample (Nanaimo, '89) of how easy it can be to win with the French:

P. Dockerill - J. Chrumka

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd2!? dxe4 5.Nge2 f5?! 6.Nb5? *Doesn't 6.Nxe4 seem just a little more productive?* 6... Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 a6 8.Na3!? Nf6 9.Nf4 Nc6! 10.c3? *Better is 10.O-O-O.* 10... e5 11.dxe5 Qxd2+ 12.Kxd2 Nxe5 13.Nc2 Bd7 14.h3 O-O-O/ 15.Rd1 g5! (-/+) 16.Ne2 Be6+ 17.Kc1 Rxd1+ 18.Kxd1 Rd8+ 19.Kc1 Nd3+ 20.Kb1 Nxf2 21.Rg1 Rd1+ 22.Nc1 Nd3! (0-1) *Hopeless is 23.Bxd3 Rxd1 24.Be2 Bxa2+ 25.Kxa2 Rxc1 26.Nd4.*

Admittedly, White didn't play well, but we see that the French can cause White problems early in the game. Now here's an example (Victoria, 1989) of what can happen when White does play well:

P. LeBlanc - J. Chrumka

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 g6 8.Nf3 Qc7 9.Bd3 cxd4 10.O-O!? dxc3 11.Bg5 Nbc6 12.Bf6 Rg8 13.Qh4 h5 14.Rfe1 Nf5 *Another plan is 14... b6, intending ...Bb7 and O-O-O.* 15.Qf4 Bd7 16.Rab1 Rc8?! *Better is 16... Nfe7 and 17... O-O-O.* 17.h3! Nb8 18.g4 hxg4 19.hxg4 Nfe7 20.Ng5! Bc6 21.Re3 *Interesting is 21.Nxf7! as 21... Kxf7 22.Bxe7+ Kxe7 23.Qf6+ Ke8 24.Qxe6+ Kf8 25.Rb4! wins! For example, 25... Rg7 26.Rf4+ Rf7 27.Rxf7+ Qxf7 28.Qxc8+ Qe8 29.Qxe8+ Kxe8, or 25... Be8 26.Rf4+ Bf7 27.Rxf7+ Qxf7 28.Qxc8+ Kg7 29.Qxc3, and finally 25... Kg7 26.Qf6+ Kh7 27.g5! Rg7 28.Bxg6+! Kg8 29.Qe6+, if Kf8, Rf4+ or if Kh8, Rh4+.* 21... Qd8 22.Rh3 d4 23.Rh8 Rxb8 24.Bxb8 Kd7 25.Qxf7 Qg8! 26.Bf6 Qxf7 27.Nxf7 Rf8 28.Ng5 Nd5 29.Ne4 Nxf6? 29... b6. 30.Nxf6+ Ke7 31.Bxg6 Rh8 32.Bh5 Nd7?? *Time trouble.* 33.Nxd7 Kxd7 34.Rd1 Ke7 35.Rxd4 Bd7? 35... Bd5! 36.Rc4 Rc8 37.Rxc8 Bxc8 38.Kf1 b5 39.Ke2 a5 40.Kd3 b4 41.axb4 (1-0). *A tough loss, but certainly an intriguing middle game.*

The French is rich in possibilities and tactics. Here's another tactical mess, but a different outcome (Victoria, 1989):

K. Lee - J. Chrumka

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.c3 c5 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 Qb6 9.Nf3 Be7 10.a3?! O-O 11.b4 a6 12.h4!? f6!?

13.Qc2 h6 14.Bh7+!? Kh8 15.Nf4! f5! 16.Nxe6 Kxh7 17.Nxf8+ Nxf8 18.Be3 Be6?! 18... g6 19.g4 g6 20.h5! fxg4 21.hxg6+ Kg8! 22.Rxh6? gxf3 23.g7?? Kxg7! 24.O-O-O Nxb4 25.axb4 Rc8??? 25... Qxb4 26.Qxc8 Qxb4 27.Qc2?? *Here 27.Rg1+ Kf7 28.Rh7+!! Nxh7 29.Qg8 mate.* 27... Qa3+ 28.Qb2 Qa5! 29.Qxb7?? 29.Rg1+ Kf7 30.Kd1! 29... Qc3+ 30.Kb1 Bf5+ 31.Ka2 Qa3 mate. (0-1)

Those last two games have their own unique tactics. One thing the French has going for it is the fact that the opening has so many different variations. The first 2 games were Nimzowitsch variations. Aside from that variation, there are many others such as the Tarrasch, the Advance, the Winawer, the Closed, and the Exchange. These all have their own strengths and weaknesses for both sides. Now for a look at two Tarrasch variations of the French Defence. The first (Victoria, 1989) is almost all opening theory (*Play the French*, by Watson), and is only 19 moves long, but doesn't see its first original move until move 18!

J. Chrumka - K. Lee

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 Qb6 8.g3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Bb4+ 10.Kf2 f6 11.Bh3 O-O *In the book by Watson, it was believed to be in White's best interest to avoid playing 12.Bxe6+, but apparently consensus has recently been changed to the opposite belief.* 12.Kg2 fxe5 13.fxe5 14.Ndxe5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Qb3 *Setting up 16.Be3 and relieving the pressure at f2.* 15... Qb5 16.Be3 Nc4 17.Bf2! *Here O'Donnell-Chow, Vancouver, 1984 continued 17.a3? Bel!! 18.Qd3 Nxe3+ 19.Qxe3 Qxb2+ and Black won shortly.* 17... Bd7!? 18.a3 Na5?? 19.Qxb4 (1-0) *If 18... Bd6 19.Bxe6+ Kh8 20.Qxb5 Bxb5 21.Bxd5 Nxb2 22.Bxb7 wins easily.*

Thanks to Tom I had the correct theory. That's possibly some justice from Tom. This next game (Calgary, 1990), however, I have only my opponent to thank:

J. Chrumka - B. Kiely

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 b6!? 5.c3 Bb7 6.Bb5+!? Nd7 7.f3? Bxe4! 8.fxe4 Qh4+ 9.Kf1 Qxe4 10.Qa4! Nf6 11.Bg5! Qd5? 12.Bc6 Qxg5?? 12... Qf5+ 13.Nf3 Rd8 14.Qxa7 Bd6. 13.Bxa8 Bd6 14.Nf3 Qf4?! 15.Bc6! Ke7 16.Re1 Rd8 17.g3! Qf5 18.Kg2 Nf8 19.Rhf1 Qe4 20.Nh4! *This threatens to win Black's queen with 21.Nf5+. If Black plays 20... g6, his 18th move seems a little useless unless he spends a tempo to play h6 so as to move it to h7 and perhaps g5.* 20... Ng6 21.Nf5+ Kf8 22.Nxd6 Rxd6 23.Kh1 Nd5?! 23... a5 24.Bxd5 Rxd5 25.Qxa7 Kg8 26.Qxc7 Rf5 27.Rxf5! Qxf5 forced! 27... exf5?? 28.Re8+ Nf8 29.Rxf8+! Kxf8 30.Qd8 mate. 28.Qb8+ Nf8 29.Qf4?

Qd5+! 30.Kg1 Qxa2 31.Rf1 f6 32.Rf2 Qd5 33.Qf3 Qb3 34.Qc6 Qd1+ 35.Kg2 Qg4? 36.h3! Qg5 37.Qxb6 Kf7 38.Qc7+ Kg6 39.Qd8 Kf7 40.b4 Qe3 41.Qc7+ Kg6 42.b5 h6 43.Qc8! Nh7? 44.Qe8+ Kg5 45.h4+! (1-0) *Hopeless is 45... Kg4 46.Qg6+ Ng5 47.Rf4+.*

Admittedly, that is not a classical approach to the Tarrasch Variation, but once more we see more unusual tactics and positions. This next game (Victoria, 1989), a Winawer, is again not a classical approach, but the tactics are still as wild!

J. Chrumka - K. Lee

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 dxe4 6.Qg4 Nf6 7.Qxg7 Rg8 8.Qh6 Nbd7 9.g3!? b6!? *These fianchettoes are hardly normal practice! White has tried 9.Nh3 and 9.Rb1 before, but 9.g3 is new, though not as sound as previously believed.* 10.Bg2 Bb7 11.a4?! 11.Ne2! 11... Qc8! 12.Ne2 e3? 13.O-O? *Here 13.f3 is necessary and it should eventually win the e3 pawn as well!* 13... Ng4 14.Qxh7 Ndf6! 15.Bxb7? Qxb7 16.Qh4?! 16.Qh3 exf2+ 17.Rxf2 Nxf2 18.Kxf2 *is far superior to the text.* 16... O-O-O! 17.f3 Rh8 18.Qxg4? Nxd4 19.fxg4 Rxh2!! *Facing 20.Kxh2 Rh8+ 21.Kg1 R or Qh1 mate, I felt enough was enough, so I threw in the towel!* (0-1).

Finally, the last game (Vancouver, 1989) entails a very unusual procedure in the opening. This is certainly a different form of the French, with its own positions and strategies.

M. Laurin - J. Chrumka

1.e4 e6 2.c4!? d5 3.cxd5 exd5 4.exd5 Nf6 5.Bc4 Nxd5 6.Qb3 Qe7+ 7.Ne2 Nb6 *Interesting is 7... Nf4!? 8.Bxf7+! Kd8 9.Nbc3 Nc6! 10.Bc4 Nd4! 11.Qd1 Nxe2+ 12.Kf1 Bh3 13.Kg1 Nf3+ 14.Kf1 knight on g2 anywhere; h4, f4, e3 or e1 is discovered mate!* 8.O-O Nxc4 9.Qxc4 Be6 10.Qe4 Nc6 11.d4! O-O-O! 12.Nbc3 Bc4! 13.Qg4+ Qd7 14.Qxd7+ Rxd7 15.Be3 Be7 16.b3?? Bxe2 17.Nxe2 Bf6 18.Rad1 Rhd8 *Talk about pounding a pawn into submission. Only with c5 can I attack that d4 pawn more!* 19.d5?! Rxd5 20.Rxd5 Rxd5 21.g3? 21.Rc1 or 21.a4 *must be better than the text.* 21... Nb4 22.a3 Nc2! 23.Rc1? 23.Rb1 23... Nxe3 24.fxe3 Rd3 (-/+) 25.Nf4 Rxb3 26.Rd1 Rxa3 27.Nd5 Ra6! *Certainly not 27... Be5?? 28.Ne7+ Kb8 29.Rd8 mate.* 28.e4 Rd6 29.Kg2 Kb8 *Threatening 30... c6 31.Ne3 Rxd1 32.Nxd1 Bd4 recalling the knight. For all intents and purposes this game is over. My opponent played on until move 60 (annoying but true). The result though was 0-1.*

Now that we have seen a little more about the French Defence, I strongly suggest that anyone seeking a defence to e4 should take up the French!

The Alberta Closed Revisited

annotated by Rob Gardner

R. Gardner - A. Frialde

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.e5 f6 8.Bd3 Threatens 9.Qh5+ (... g6 10.Bxg6+). 8... g6 I was happy with the position. I thought Frialde would have trouble developing effectively while finding a safe spot for his king. 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.h4 Qa5 11.Qf3 I underestimated 11... Bg7. If Black places a rook on the f-file, my queen could become a target. I spent a few minutes looking at 11.h5 (trying to weaken Black's pawn structure) with the possible line 11... Nxb5 (11... gxh5 might be better, but it does leave Black with weak h-pawns) 12.g4 Nf6 13.Bxg6+, but chose not to play it for some forgotten (possibly nonexistent) reason. 11... Bg7 12.h5 It took me almost half an hour to decide on this move. One purpose is to dissuade Black from 12... O-O. I was also hoping White's pieces would become more aggressively placed and that the open h-file would become an avenue of attack. 12... Nxb5 Not 12... Nd5 13.Bd2 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bxc3? 15.Bxg6+ and 16.Bxc3. 13.Bd2 Qe5+ I may have underestimated the trouble I would have finding a way to castle after this move. 14.Ne4 d5 On 14... Qxb2, I planned 15.O-O, hoping that possibilities like Nd6+ and g4 would irritate Black. After 15... Qxa1 16.Rxa1 Bxa1 17.c3, White threatens to trap the bishop with 18.Qd1 Bb2 19.Qb3 Ba1 20.Qb1. 17... Bb2 fails to 18.Nd6+ Ke7 (18... Kd8 19.Nf7+) 19.Nc4, with the twin threats of 20.Nxb2 and 20.Bg5+. Also threatened is 18.g4 Rf8 (18... Ng7 19.Qf6 threatening 20.Nd6 and 20.Qxg7) 19.Nd6+ Ke7 20.Bg5+ Nf6 21.Ne4. 15.Bc3 d4 15... Qc7 16.Bxg7 Qxg7 (16... dxe4 17.Bxe4 threatens 18.Bxc6+) 17.Nd6+ gives White some compensation for the pawn. The move played, 15... d4, leaves Black's pawns awkwardly placed. 16.Bb4 Prevents 16... Rf8. 16... Bf8

17.Bd2 Ra7 This clever developing move allows Black to gain control of the f-file. 18.O-O-O Finally unpinning the knight. The pin prevented 18.Ng5, which would have been useful. 18... Rf7 19.Qg4 Nf4 20.Bxf4 20.Rde1, hoping to exert pressure on the e-file with the followup Ng5, is an attempt to fight for the initiative. I played 20.Bxf4 hoping to exploit the g6-pawn. 20... Qxf4+ 21.Qxf4 Rxf4 22.g3 A good alternative seems to be 22.Ng5 with threats against g6 and h7. The reply 22... Rxf2 is met by 23.Bxg6+ Ke7 24.Be4 with threats of 25.Bf3 followed by 26.Ne4, trapping the rook, or 25.Bxc6. Of course, Black might try something else. 22... Rf5 23.g4 23.f4 renews the awkward threat of 24.Ng5. A plausible line is 23.f4 h5 24.Ng5 Rf6 25.Ne4 Rf7 26.Ng5 Rg7 (avoiding 26... Rf6, which repeats the position) 27.Bc4, attacking both d4 and c6. 23... Rf4 24.g5 24.Ng5 is now met by 24... Rxd4 25.Nxb7 (Not 24.Bxg6+ Ke7) 25... Bg7, since 26.Rdgl leads to 26... Rxd4 + 27.Rxd4 Bb6 + 28.Ng5 (28.Kd1 Rxb7 29.Bxg6+ Rf7 looks very good for Black) 28... Rg8. This might be better than the game continuation because Black's pawn structure is still awkward. 24... Be7 Rdx1 Leaving me with 11 minutes for 15 moves. Frialde had about 40 minutes. 25... O-O 26.Rh2 e5 27.Rgh1 h5 28.Nf6+ I probably felt that after 28.gxh6 some variation like 28... Kh7 29.Rg1 Bb7 30.Nd2 R8f8 would eventually allow Black to consolidate and pick up the h-pawn. 28... Bxf6 29.gxf6 R4xf6 29... R8xf6, trying to keep both rooks in the action, may be better. After 30.Rg1 Kf7, the rooks would still be cooperating to attack f2. Continuations like 31.Rg5 Bd7 32.Rxc5 Rxf2 and 31.Rhg2 Rxf2 look good for Black. 30.Rg1 Kf7 31.Rg5 This seems like a good point to observe how a sacrifice can have long-term complications. In the opening, White voluntarily gave up a pawn to fuel an attack. Capturing a sacrificed piece often means that the defender has to

misplace the capturing piece and forego the opportunity to move another piece to a desirable square. Defending against an attack can mean not having time to avoid or repair positional weaknesses. Even at this late stage, Black finds his bishop and queenside pawns to be awkward. Even though Black may still be winning, this positional awkwardness creates cheapo potential for White. Another factor at this point was tiredness. Frialde drove from Edmonton to Calgary before the game and the game lasted well past midnight. 31... Bb7 32.Rxc5 Kg7 33.Rh4 Activating the rook seems like a reasonable idea in time pressure. However, 33.Rg5, intending to meet 33... Kh6 with 34.f4, blockading the g- and h-pawns, might be better. 33... Rd8 Maybe Black should forget about his d-pawn and concentrate on pushing the passed h-pawn: 33... Kh6 and now if 34.Rxd4 R8f7 (34... g5? 35.Rc7 — threatening both 36.Rxb7 and 36.Rh7 mate — 35... R8f7 36.Rdd7) and the threat of ...g5 followed by pushing the h-pawn seems powerful. 34.Rg5 My time: 1:58. 34... Kh6 35.f4 Rd5 Obstructs the long diagonal. The maneuver ...Bf3-g4-f5 looks interesting, but Black has to prepare it or be willing to sacrifice the a-pawn. 36.Rg3 a5 37.Rh2 Bc6 38.Rhg2 Be8 39.Rg1 e5 Frialde's time: 1:56. He is trying to undermine the blockade on his pawn due. 40.Rg5 As Huber pointed out after the game, Rg5 saved my bacon more than once in time pressure. 40... Bf7 As Frialde finally got low on time, he allowed a simplification favorable for White. 40... Rxf4 41.Rxg6+ Bxg6 42.Rxg6+ Kh7 43.Rd6+ e4 looks dangerous for Black. Maybe 40... Rc5 since White will give up pressure if he captures on e5. 41.Bc4 Rc5 41... Rdd6 42.fxe5 Bxc4 offers more resistance. 42.Bxf7 Rxf7 43.Rxg6+ Kh7 44.R6g5 Kh6 Probably due to tiredness, but 44... Rf6 45.Rxh5+ Rh6 46.Rxh6+ Kxh6 47.Rg5 looks terrible for Black. 45.Rh1 (1-0).

The Rocket Blasts Off in Saskatoon

Rob Gardner, 5-1, tied for first with Deen Hergott and Robert Sasata in the Prairie Open on Thanksgiving weekend. More than 60 players participated.

[It's unfortunate, from Alberta's point of view, that the organizers of this Saskatoon tournament have staged it for the past two years on the same weekend as the Alberta Open. Prior to the 2nd ('91) Prairie Open they wrote to neighboring provinces, asking that conflicting tournaments not be held the same weekend (!) — it's a pity they didn't investigate two years ago before choosing the Thanksgiving weekend! For more comments see the Alberta Open report on page 1.]

Art Milne writes: "Here's an interesting game from the current club tournament" (Calgary Chess Club):

Peredo (??) - A. Milne

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.e4!? Bxc3 Otherwise after Nge2 White's pawns don't suffer. 4.dxc3 Ne7 To avoid Bg5, and plan ...f5. 5.Bd3 d6 6.Ne2 To avoid blocking the f-pawn. 6... O-O 7.O-O Nd7 To fortify e5 on f4. 8.f4 exf4 9.Nxf4 Ne5 10.Be2 Is this B really worth preserving? 10... N7g6 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.Be3 b6 13.b4 Intending c5. 13... Qh4 Loss of a tempo, since the R will end up on f4 in any case. 14.Rf4 Qe7 15.Qd2 Bb7 16.Raf1 Rad8 To restrain c5. 17.Qe1 Qe6

18.Qh4 Rde8 Mistake; f7 is not weak, e.g. 18... Nxc4 19.Rxf7 Nxe3. 19.Bd4! f6 19... Nxc4 20.Rf6?! Qxe4 (-/+). 20.Qg3 g5 21.R4f2 Bxe4 22.h4! gxh4 23.Qxh4 Bb7?! Overlooking White's reply. Bg6 or f5. 24.Bh5! Qxc4 24... Rd8 25.Bxe5, and now: (a) fxe5, Bf7+; (b) dxe5 Bg6; (c) Qxe5 Bg6 are all ± for White. 25.Bxe8 Rxe8 26.Qh5 Rf8 27.g4 Qd3 Threatening Qg3+. 28.Bxe5 Forced, but good enough. 28... dxe5 29.Qh2 Qe4?! 29... Kf7 30.g5 Ke7 has some merit. 30.Qh3 Setting up a check on e6, and g5. 30... Rd8? Dreaming in technicolor. 30... Kf7 still is better. 31.g5! Rd3?? Bc8 survives for now. 32.Qe6+ Kf8 33.Rxf6+ gxf6 and Black resigned (1-0).

Games from the 1991 Alberta Open
(tournament report on the front page)

A. Hussain - B. Murdoch (round 2)

A good fight most of the way, but the higher-rated player triumphs in the end. 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 Qb6 8.Na4 Qa5+ 9.c3 cxd4 10.b4 Nxb4 11.cxb4 Bxb4+ 12.Bd2 Bxd2+ 13.Nxd2 b5 14.Nb2 Ba6 15.Nd3 O-O 16.Be2 Qb6 17.O-O b4 18.Nb3 Bc4 19.Kh1 a5 20.Ndc1 d3 21.Bxd3 Bxb3 22.axb3 Nc5 23.Bb1 Rfd8 24.Qf3 Nd7 25.Ne2 Rdc8 26.Qg3 Nc5 27.f5 Qa6 28.f6 g6 29.Re1 Nxb3 30.Bd3 Qb6 31.Bxg6 f6 32.Qxb3 Kf7 33.Qh3 h5 34.Nf4 Rc3 35.Nxd5 (1-0).

A. Hussain - O. Farid (round 3)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.e3 d6 7.d4 cxd4 8.exd4 O-O 9.O-O Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Rc8 12.Be3 e6 13.Rc1 Qd7 14.Bg2 d5 15.c5 Ne8 16.f4 b6 17.Na4 b5 18.Nc3 Nc7 19.a3 a5 20.Qd3 Rb8 21.Rfd1 a4 22.Ne2 Na5 23.Bf2 Nc4 24.Rc2 b4 25.Rxc4 dxc4 26.Qxc4 bxa3 27.bxa3 Qb5 28.Qxb5 Nxb5 29.Rd3 Nc7 30.Bc6 Rb3 31.Rc3 Nd5 32.Rc4 Rxa3 33.Bxa4 Ra8 34.Bc6 Ra1+ 35.Kg2 R8a7 36.Kf3 R7a3+ 37.Kg2 R1a2 38.Kf1 Rd2 39.Rc1 R3a2 40.Bb5 Rdc2 41.Rxc2 Rxc2 42.g4 Rb2 43.Bd3 Kf8 44.h4 f5 45.gxf5 gxf5 46.h5 Bh6 47.Bc4 Nc7 48.Bh4 Rb4 49.Bd8 Rxc4 50.Bxc7 Bg7 51.Be5 Bxe5 52.fxe5 Ke7 53.Kf2 Rb4 54.Ke3 Rb3+ 55.Kf4 Rd3 56.c6 h6 57.Ng3 Rxd4+ 58.Kf3 Rc4 59.Ne2 Rxc6 60.Nf4 Rc5 61.Ng6+ Kf7 62.Nh8+ Kg7 63.Ng6 Rc4 64.Ke3 Re4+ 65.Kf2 Rg4 66.Ne7 Rg5 67.Nc6 Kf7 68.Nd8+ Ke7 69.Nc6+ Kd7 70.Nb8+ Ke8 71.Nc6 Rxh5 and Black won on move 88 (the game score is unclear after this point) (0-1).

F. Wong - A. Hussain (round 4)

Wong gets away with burying his rook in enemy territory, but later pays for parachuting in his bishop. 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 g6 5.Bf4 Bg7 6.e3 O-O 7.Be2 Qb6 8.Qb3 Nbd7 9.O-O Re8 10.cxd5 Qxb3 11.axb3 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 cxd5 13.Rfc1 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Bxe5 Rxe5 17.Bf3 Bd7 18.Rc7 Bc6 19.Ra5 a6 20.h3 Rae8 21.Ra1 h5 22.Be2 R5e6 23.Rc1 Ra8 24.Bf3 Kg7 25.Rd1 Rd8 26.h4 Kf6 27.Rd4 Re7 28.Rxe7 Kxe7 29.Kf1 Ke6 30.Ke2 a5 31.Kd2 Rc8 32.Be2?! Wong suggests 32.b4!! b6 33.Ba6?! Ford says the original idea behind 32.Be2?! was 33.b4, threatening 34.b5!, but somehow he forgot about it. 33... Rc7 34.Rd3?? Too many calories and not enough sleep, Mr. Big! - ed. 34... b5 35.Rc3 Kd6 36.Kd3 Re7 37.Bc8 f5 38.g3 Re8 White took the f-pawn with the bishop, then hung around until move 45.

I. Drummond - O. Farid (round 5)

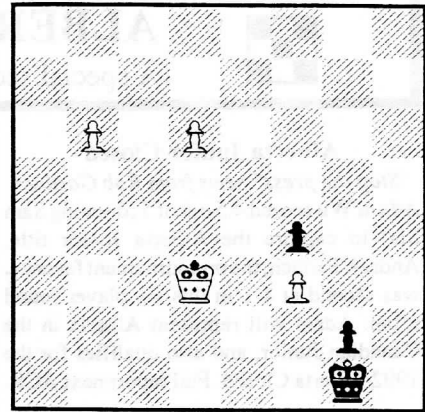
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Qe7 5.O-O Nf6 6.d4 Bb6 7.Re1 d6 8.h3 O-O 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 a6 11.a4 Bd7 12.Na3 Rad8 13.Nc2 Na5 14.Bd3 c5 15.b4 Nc6 16.d5 Nb8 17.Na3 cxb4 18.cxb4 Rc8 19.Qb3 g5 20.Bg3 Nh5 21.Bh2 f5 22.exf5 Bxf5 23.Bxf5 Rxf5 24.Nc4 Ba7 25.b5 Bc5 26.Ncd2 Rff8 27.Ne4 Qf7 28.Rad1 Nf6 29.Nxc5 Rxc5 30.bxa6 bxa6 31.Bxe5 dxe5 32.Nxe5 Qh7 33.d6+ Kh8 34.Qe6 Nbd7 35.Qe7 Qg7 36.Rb1 Nxe5 37.Rxe5 Rxe5 38.Qxe5 Re8 39.Qa5 Qg6 40.Rb7 Qd3 41.Qc7 Qh7 42.d7 Nxd7 43.Qxd7 Qxd7 44.Rxd7 a5 45.Ra7 Re5 46.Kh2 h5 47.Kg3 Rd5 48.f3 Kg8 49.h4 Kf8 50.hxg5 Rxc5+ 51.Kh4 Rxc2 52.Kxh5 Rf2 53.Kg4 Rg2+ 54.Kf5 Rc2 55.Rxa5 Ke7 56.f4 Rc7 57.Ra6 Kf7 58.Kg5 Kg7 59.a5 Kf7 60.f5 Rc5 61.Ra7+ Kf8 62.a6 Rc1 63.Rb7 (1-0).

R. Plante - A. Hussain (round 6)

Plante felt he had to play for a win as his cumulative tiebreak was lower than that of most players at 4-1. 1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 b6 5.Bg2 Bb7 6.Nxe5 Nxe5 7.Bxb7 Rb8 8.Bg2 Nxc4 9.Qa4 Na5 10.b4 Nc4 11.d3 Ne5 12.f4 Ng6 The 7th move by that knight! 13.b5 Bc5 14.d4 Be7 15.e4 O-O 16.e5 Ne8 17.O-O d6 18.Be3 dxe5 19.dxe5 Qd3 20.Bd4?? Bc5 21.Rad1 Qxc3 Some might say here "and Black won", but let's continue... 22.Kh1 Bxd4 23.Rxd4 c5 24.bxc e.p. a5 25.Rd7 b5 26.Qe4 Rc8 27.Re1 Rc7 28.e6 Nf6 29.Qe2 Rxc6 30.Rxf7 Rxe6 31.Qxe6 Rxf7 32.Rd1 Qc4 33.Rd8+ Nf8 34.Qxc4 bxc4 35.Bh3 Re7 36.Rc8 h5 37.Rxc4 Re1+ 38.Kg2 Re2+ 39.Kg1 Rxa2 40.Bf5 Ng4 That's the time control, so: ...and Black won in another 27 moves. (0-1).

P. Usselman - B. Bentley (round 6)

The winner would become the Alberta Open Champion and qualify for the '92 Alberta Closed because of a superior cumulative tiebreak. 1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 cxd4 5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.Qxd4 exd5 7.a3 Nc6 8.Qxd5 Nf6 9.Qd2 Bc5 10.Nf3 Qe7 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.Qxd5 Be6 13.Qg5 f6 14.Qh5+ g6 15.Qh4 O-O-O 16.e3 g5 17.Qa4 g4 18.Nd2 f5 19.Be2 Bd5 20.O-O Rhg8 21.Re1 Bxe3! 22.Nf1 Bd4 23.Ne3 Qe4 24.Bf1 f4! 25.Bd3 Qxd3 26.Nxd5 Bxf2+ 27.Kxf2 g3+ 28.Kg1 gxh2+ 29.Kh1 Qxd5 30.Qc2 f3 31.Bf4 fxg2+ 32.Kxh2 Qh5+ 33.Kg1 Qh1+ 34.Kf2 Qh4+ 35.Kf3 Rdf8?! 35... Qg4+ 36.Re8+! Kd7 37.Rxf8 Nd4+ 38.Ke4 Nxc2 39.Rd1+ Ke7 40.Rxg8 Kf7 41.Rxg2 Qe7+ 42.Be5 Qh4+ 43.Bf4 Qe7+ (draw). Such a game ending in a draw? Well, that's chess...



White to play and win (solution below)

U of A Summer Open

(Org/TD/Rep: Craig Vokey)

The 1991 U of A Summer Open (a.k.a. the Summer Solstice Special) saw 23 players bear the sweltering 12° temperature to participate in the 4-round Swiss.

Greg Huber and Rob Gardner tied for first place with 3.5/4, drawing in their last round game. Finishing half a point behind with 3/4 records were Eric Schocat, Christiaan Dartana and Arniel Frialde. Beatrice Wu won Top Under 1600 for the umpteenth time. Of note was George Kohler's first round victory over Arniel Frialde. George took advantage of a major time surplus and never looked back.

Special thanks to the usual people who stick around (you know who you are) and help get things cleaned up.

Solution to Endgame Problem

Ericsson, 1962. Selected by Rob Gardner. Encyclopedia of Chess Endings, #1309. From the g1(Q) 3.Ba7+ Kg2 4.Bxg1 +- From the g1(Q) 3.Qb6+ Kxf3 4.Qxg1 = 2... 3.Rh8+ Kg2 4.Rg8+ +- 2.B8(B)! 2.B8(Q) Kxf3 5.Qd5+! Kg3 6.d7+- Minev 2... g1(Q) 2.B8(R) 12.B8(Q) 3.Qh8+ Kg2 4.Qg8+ 10.Qxb8 f7 = Uhlmann 1... Kf2 13.R7.Qd4+ Kg3! 8.Qe5+ Kg2 9.B8(Q) Qxb8 4.Qd5+! 14.Qxg1 = 14... Kf2 5.B7.Qb1+ 6.Kc3 3.Kc4! ± Minev 12.B8(Q) 81(Q) 3.Qd4+ Kf3! 1.B7! 1.d7? Kf2! 11... Kf1 2.d8(Q) 81(Q)

A Slow Rocket from the U.S. Open

by Rob Gardner

The day after the '87 U.S. Open, I promised to quickly submit an annotated game to ACR editor Andrew Zissos. Quicker than you can say "Rocket Rob Gardner", here it is:

R. Gardner (≈2100) - M. Erickson (2175)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Nxd5 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.c3 e6 6.Qa4+ c6 7.Ne5 Bf5 Golly gee, Rob, I just ran out of space. I'll start over again next ACR. (Sorry, I couldn't resist this! - ed)



ALBERTA JUNIOR CHESS REPORT



(A special section of the Alberta Chess Report, November 1991)

Alberta Junior Closed

"Stop the press" news from Rob Gardner
Adam Wu scored 4.5 out of 5 (drawing Sam Sia) to capture the Alberta Junior title. Andrew Paduch, the pretournament favorite, was second at 4-1 in this six-player round robin. Adam will represent Alberta in the Canadian Junior, and also qualifies for the 1992 Alberta Closed. Full report next ACR.

Southern Alberta Junior

(TD: Bruce Kiely. Rep: Len Steele)

Dave Gomboc won all of his games to impressively take first and qualify for the Alberta Junior. **Ben Vandermeer** also qualified after tying with Chuck Mousseau and Jason Scammell, then winning the 15 minutes each playoff match 2-0 (Chuck beat Jason). The S. Alta Junior and Cadet were played at a quick 40 moves each per hour each, then an additional 15 min to complete the game (i.e. a total of 1:15 each). Thanks to the Alberta Vocational College for the site.

	1	2	3	4	5	
1 D Gomboc	x	1	1	1	1	4.0
2 B Vandermeer	0	x	1	0	1	2.0
3 C Mousseau	0	0	x	1	1	2.0
4 J Scammell	0	1	0	x	1	2.0
5 A Drummond	0	0	0	0	x	0.0
S Lachowski	0					0

D. Gomboc - C. Mousseau

1.d4 Nc6 2.c4 d5 3.e3 e5 4.dxe5 Nxe5 5.Qxd5 Qxd5 6.cxd5 Nf6 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.Bd2 Bf5 9.e4 Bg6 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Bxc3 Ned7 12.f3 O-O 13.Bd3 Rfe8 14.Ne2 Nxd5 15.O-O Nxc3 16.Nxc3 Nc5 17.Bc4 Rad8 18.Nd5 c6 19.Nf4 Rd4 20.Rac1 Bxe4 21.Rfe1 Kf8 22.fxe4 R8xe4 23.Rxe4 Rxe4 24.Nd3 Rxc4 25.Rxc4 Nxd3 26.Kf1 Ke7 27.Ke2 Ne5 28.Rc3 f5 29.Ke3 g5 30.Kd4 Ng4 31.Rh3 Nf6 32.Ke5 g4 33.Rh6 Nd5 34.Rxh7+ Kf8 35.Kxf5 b5 36.b4 a6 37.Ra7 Ne3+ 38.Kf4 Nxg2+ 39.Kxg4 Ne3+ 40.Kg5 (1-0).

B. Vandermeer - D. Gomboc

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Nc3 d6 5.d3 Be7 6.h3 Na5 7.Bb3 Bd7 8.O-O O-O 9.Be3 Be6 10.Nd2 Nxb3 11.axb3 a6 12.f4 exf4 13.Rxf4 Nd7 14.Rf1 Bg5 15.Bxg5 Qxg5 16.Nf3 Qf4 17.Qe1 b5 18.d4 Nb8 19.Nxb5 c5 20.Nc7 Ra7 21.Nxe6 fxe6 22.dxc5 dxc5 23.b4 cxb4 24.Qxb4 Qe3+ 25.Kh1 Nc6 26.Qc4 Nd8 27.Rae1 Qb6 28.Nd4 Rc7 29.Rxf8+ Kxf8 30.Qf1+ Rf7 31.Qc4 Qxb2 32.Nxe6+ Nxe6 33.Qxe6 Qxc2 34.Qxa6 Kg8 (White lost on time; 0-1).

Northern Alberta Junior

(Org/TD/Rep/Bad Pun: Rob Gardner)

At the beginning of the tournament, there were several questions: (1) Who would qualify for the Alberta Junior? (2) Would some unknown person crash through the ceiling tiles again this year? (3) Would Beatrice announce that she was becoming a rap singer and changing her name to Ice Beat? The answers were: (1) Sam Sia [1979] and Adam Wu [1850, by tiebreak over Geoff Newton (1936)]. (2) The ceiling behaved normally. (3) No, she didn't.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1 S Sia	x	=	1	1	=	1	4.0
2 A Wu	=	x	=	1	1	=	3.5
3 G Newton	0	=	x	1	1	1	3.5
4 G Bukowski	0	0	0	x	1	1	2.0
5 B Wu	=	0	0	0	x	=	1.0
6 S Chan	0	=	0	0	=	x	1.0

S. Sia - A. Wu

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 O-O 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.Bd3 Na6 9.Nge2 Bd7 10.Qd2 Nc5 11.Bc2 Nh5 12.g4 Nf4 13.Nxf4 exf4 14.Bxc5 dxc5 15.Qxf4 Qh4+ 16.Qg3 Qg5 17.f4 Qxg4 18.Qxg4 Bxg4 19.e5 Bd7 20.Ba4 Bxa4 21.Nxa4 b6 22.Rd1 Rab8 23.d6 cxd6 24.Rxd6 g5 25.Nxb6 gxf4 26.Nd7 Rxb2 27.Nxf8 Kxf8 28.Rd2 Rb1+ 29.Rd1 Rb2 30.Rd2 Rb1+ 31.Rd1 Rb2 (draw).

S. Sia - G. Newton

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.g3 d6 7.Bg2 g6 8.b3 Bg7 9.Bb2 O-O 10.Nh3 Nbd7 11.O-O Qb6 12.Bc3 Rfb8 13.Re1 Ra7 14.Qc2 Rba8 15.Nd2 Ne5 16.Bxe5 dxe5 17.e4 h6 18.Bf1 Bxf1 19.Kxf1 Ra3 20.Nc4 Qa6 21.Re2 Qe8 22.Kg2 R3a6 23.Ng1 Ne8 24.a4 Nd6 25.Rc1 f5 26.f3 f4 27.g4 Kh7 28.Nh3 Bf6 29.Nf2 Qc7 30.Nd3 Nb7 31.Na3 Rc8 32.b4 Qd7 33.b5 Raa8 34.Nc4 Qc7 35.Ra1 Na5 36.Ndb2 Qa7 37.Nxa5 Qxa5 38.Nc4 Qa7 39.a5 Rab8 40.Qa4 Qb7 41.Rb2 Rd8 42.a6 Qa8 43.b6 Rxd5 44.b7 Qa7 45.exd5 e4 46.Rb5 exf3+ 47.Kxf3 Rxb7 48.Rxb7 Qa8 49.Qd7 (1-0).

A. Wu - S. Chan

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.Re1 O-O 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6 12.Bxd5 cxd5 13.d4 Bd6 14.Re1 Qh4 15.g3 Qh3 16.Qf3 Bg4 17.Qg2 Qh5 18.Be3 Bf3 19.Qf1 f5 20.Nd2 Bg4 (20... f4 looks interesting) 21.f4 Rf6 22.Qg2 Raf8 23.Kf2 Rh6 24.Qxd5+ Kh8 25.Qg2 g5 (draw).

Northern Alberta Cadet

(Org/TD: Rob Gardner)

Beatrice Wu and **Sherwin Chan** tied for first, thereby qualifying for the Alberta Cadet Championship, to be held in December in Edmonton. (Crosstable and more of the Rocket's sparkling wit next ACR.)

Southern Alberta Cadet

(TD/Rep: Len Steele)

Lewis Harkes took clear first with an undefeated 4-1 in this 11-player, 5-round Swiss, thus qualifying for the Alberta Cadet. **Michael Eng** became the other qualifier when he defeated Stephen Drummond in a 15 minutes each "sudden death" playoff game after both had scored 3.5-1.5. Also getting "plus scores" (3-2) were Skylar Longley, Danny Kiely and Amanda Dodd-Flower. Other participants and their scores were: Kevin Schade (2.5), Andrew Masterson (2), Chris Haines (1.5), Seth Dodd-Flower (0.5), and Grant Hofer (0.5).

L. Harkes - A. Masterson

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d3 Bg4 4.h3 Bh5 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 e5 7.Nc3 Nd4 8.g4 Bg6 9.Nxd4 cxd4 10.Nd5 Ne7 11.Nxe7 Bxe7 12.Bd2 a5 13.Qe2 Rc8 14.O-O b6 15.f4 f6 16.Rdf1 Bf7 17.Kb1 Rc5 18.c3 dxc3 19.Bxc3 b5 20.d4 exd4 21.Bxd4 Bc4 22.Qf2 Bxf1 23.Bxf1 Rc7 24.Bxb5+ Kf7 25.Bb6 Qb8 26.Bxc7 Qxb5 27.Rd1 Qc4 28.Bxd6 Qxe4+ 29.Qc2 Qxc2+ 30.Kxc2 Bxd6 31.Rxd6 Rc8+ 32.Kb3 Kg6 33.Rd5 Ra8 34.Ka4 h6 35.Rxa5 Rd8 36.Rb5 Rd3 37.b4 Rd4 38.Rf5 Kf7 39.Ka5 g6 40.Rc5 Rxf4 41.b5 Rf3 42.a4 f5 43.gxf5 gxf5 44.b6 f4 45.b7 Rb3 46.Ka6 Ke6 47.Rb5 (1-0).

"Credits"

Thanks to Rob Gardner (North) and Bruce Kiely (South) for organizing the Cadet and Junior tournaments. The ACA sponsored all events, providing funding as required, etc. In addition, the ACA will be covering the cost of air fare for our Alberta Cadet and Junior champions to the national championships.

CJCC Trick or Treat

(TD: Brian Starkes. Rep: Ian Drummond)
Book prizes were awarded to **Lewis Harkes** (Sr.) and **Kevin Schade** (Jr.), and a medal to **Gerard O'Reilly** (Elementary), with certificates to **Amanda** and **Seth Dodd-Flower**. A door prize of a CFC T-shirt was won by Robert Loerer. There were 20 players (4 Sr. High, 8 Jr. High, 8 Elem.).

Edmonton Junior-Senior Match

(TD/Rep: Rob Gardner)

The junior team did well, scoring 50% against the higher-rated senior team in this "training match".

Juniors		Seniors				
		D	K	W	G	L4
Sam Sia	1979	0	0	1	0	1.0
Adam Wu	1840	=	1	1	0	2.5
Geoff Newton	1936	=	1	1	0	2.5
Sr's score out of 3 -> 2 1 0 3						

The "Seniors' Team" was: A. Dudek (unr.); T. Kolenchuk (2021); F. Wong (1937); and R. Gardner (2270).

R. Gardner - S. Sia

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 Nc6 6.Be3 e6 7.Qd2 Nge7 8.Bh6 O-O 9.h4 Ne5 10.h5 Ng4 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.Qg5 f5 13.f3 Nf6 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.Qh6+ Kf7 16.Nh3 Rg8 17.Ng5+ Ke8 18.O-O e5 19.Nh7 Nhx7 20.Qxh7 Be6 21.f4 Qd7 22.Rde1 exf4 23.exf5 gxf5 24.Bd5 Rg6 25.Bxe6 (1-0).

A. Wu - T. Kolenchuk

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Ba5 6.Qg4 Ne7 7.Nf3 Qc7 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.O-O

Nc6 10.Ne2 Ng6 11.c3 O-O 12.Ng5 Rdf8 13.Be3 Ncxe5 14.Bxd7+ Nxd7 15.dxc5 Qb8 16.Qa4 Bc7 17.g3 Nge5 18.Bd4 h6 19.Nh3 g5 20.c6 Nb6 21.Bxb6 Bxb6 22.cxb7+ Qxb7 23.Nd4 g4 24.Nf4 Bxd4 25.cxd4 Nf3+ 26.Kg2 e5 27.Rfc1+ Kb8 28.Nd3 Rc8 29.Nc5 Rxc5 30.Rxc5 Nxd4 31.Qb4 Qxb4 32.axb4 Nb3 33.Rb5+ Ka8 34.Ra3 Nd4 35.Rxd5 Re8 36.Rd7 f5 37.Raxa7+ (Rdxa7+ wins a rook) Kb8 38.Rdb7+ Kc8 39.b5 f4 40.gxf4 exf4 41.b6 Re4 42.Rf7 f3+ 43.Kf1 Nc6 44.Ra8+ (1-0).

G. Newton - A. Dudek

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.exd5 e4 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.h3 Bc5 6.d4 exd3 7.Qxd3 O-O 8.Nc3 Re8+ 9.Nge2 Nh5 10.g3 Bf5 11.Qf3 Nf6 12.Bd3 Bd7 13.Bd2 c6 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Qe7 16.Bd3 cxd5 17.O-O-O Nc6 18.Rhe1 Qd6 19.Nc3 Nb4 20.Kb1 Bc6 21.Nb5 Qd7 22.Bxb4 Bxb4 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Nd4 Re1 25.Rxe1 Bxe1 26.Qe3 Qe8 27.Qxe8+ Bxe8 28.g4 g6 29.f5 Kg7 30.Kc1 Kf6 31.Nf3 Bg3 32.Kd2 Bd7 33.fxg6 fxg6 34.Ke3 h5 35.gxh5 gxh5 36.Bf1 Bf5 37.c3 Bb1 38.a3 Kf5 39.Nd4+ Ke5 40.Nf3+ Kd6 41.Bd3 (not 41.Kd4 Bf2 mate) Bxd3 42.Kxd3 Bf2 43.Ke2 Bg3 44.Ke3 Kc5 45.Nd4 Be5 46.b3 (draw).

*** Canadian Chess Challenge — Attention Alberta Participants ***

Letters of Support received from: DON R. GETTY (Premier of Alberta), JIM DINNING (Minister of Education), JAN REIMER (Mayor of Edmonton), ALDUERR (Mayor of Calgary)

Once again, School, Regional and Provincial tournaments will be held in Alberta to find Provincial Champions for grade levels 1 through 12.

For every 4 students (or part thereof) registered at each grade level in each school, 1 qualifies for a Regional. The top 2 players in each grade at each Regional move on to the Provincial tournament. The best player in each grade at the Provincial qualifies to represent Alberta at the Nationals (sanctioned by the Chess Federation of Canada), May 17-19, 1992.

If you are interested in participating, contact your school chess club or organization (if your school does not have a chess club, an interested teacher or parent can organize a tournament by grade level among students).

If your school is not participating, or you require further information, please contact:

Canadian Chess Challenge
1339 Lake Ontario Drive SE
Calgary, Alberta T2J 4X9
(Phylliss Flower & Rand Dodd,
phone: 278-3842)

School kits and registration forms are also available by contacting the above.

To register, send a cheque payable to:
Canadian Chess Challenge
(address in previous column)

Registration Fees (per entrant) are as follows:

School Tournaments	\$5.00
Regionals	\$7.00
(... "solitaires" \$25.00)	
Provincials	\$5.00

[Note: "solitaires" are entrants who do not have a school tournament from which to qualify, but are allowed to proceed directly to a regional on payment of the \$25 fee.]

All proceeds will go towards financing these events within Alberta. Any funds remaining after the Provincials will be made available to defray travel costs to the Nationals.

Registration of school participants as well as the results of school tournaments (and registration of "solitaires") must be received at the Calgary mailing address no later than January 25, 1992!

Regionals will be held in February, 1992 (weekend dates to be announced).

The Provincial tournament is currently scheduled for March 14, 1992 in Red Deer.

Calgary Junior Chess Club

Meets: Selected Saturdays, Hounsfield Hts./ Briar Hill Community Hall. 1928-14 Ave NW. Close to North Hill Shopping Centre. Right by Lion's Park LRT Station.

Info: Ian Drummond (288-4034). Prizes (trophies, books, etc.) awarded. Membership open to anyone born after 1973-01-01. Need \$1 participating ACA memb. (\$3 for full ACA, i.e. get *Alberta Chess Report*). Fees: \$2 elementary age; \$2.50 jr high; \$3 sr high. Players grouped by strength. New members welcome - bring a friend.

CJCC Schedule of Events

Nov 16: *Winter's Coming Tourney.*

Dec. 7: *Christmas Tourney.*

Jan 18: *New Year Active Tourney.*

Feb 22: *Mid-Winter Tourney.*

Mar 21: *Last Chance Tourney.*

Apr 25: *Jr & Sr High Team of 4 Champ.*

May 16: *Elementary Team of 4 Champ.*

Register: 9:30 a.m. Play 10:00 a.m. to approx. 3:00 p.m. (depends on number of players). Bring lunch (no official break).

Edmonton Junior Chess Club

Meets: Edmonton Room (main floor beside checkout counters), Main Library (downtown, south of Churchill Square).

Info: Rob Gardner (469-4925).

Dramatic December Active

Saturday, Dec 7 (CFC rated)

Who can play: Anyone not yet turned 19 on January 1 of current year (for memberships, see below - those 18 & older pay adult fees).

Time: Register 9:30-10:00 a.m. Tournaments may last to 5 p.m., but usually finish earlier.

Format: Round-robins or active Swisses. Round-robins: groups of 4, 5 or 6 based on age & rating, each playing all others. Active event: each has half an hour for the game (i.e. total game time max. 1 hour) — makes it easier to have all players in one large group.

Active events will be 5 rounds, with players facing opponents with similar records (e.g. a player with one win and one loss will usually play someone with the same score).

Equipment: Sets, clocks & scoresheets provided. Clocks used & games recorded.

Cost: Must be members of Chess Fed'n of Canada (CFC) & Alta Chess Assoc. (ACA). One-year CFC+ACA membership (aged 17 or less) is \$18 (with CFC & ACA magazines) or \$8 (no mags). Entry fee \$3 per event.

First-time tournament players get free entry. Prizes: Chess books.

What to bring: Pen/pencil; lunch (Edmonton Center, with food kiosks, is a block away); entry fee and/or membership fee.

Leduc Junior Chess Club

Info: August Hangartner (986-0459).

Top-Rated Albertans

(as of Oct 20/91 CFC memb. list)

Robert South	2350
Greg Huber	2308
Steven Peter	2297 •
Rob Gardner	2291
Arniel Frialde	2283
Fred South	2272 •
Andrew Paduch	2230
Zoltan Baunok	2183 •
Arthur Odachowski	2180
Dale Haessel	2164
Brad Willis	2160
Gordon Campbell	2160 •
Wilf Lahrkamp	2156 •
Milan Rabljenovic	2145 •
Neil Sharp	2118
Tony Peredo	2115
Farzan Nazarian	2111
Chris Demers	2110
Roy Yearwood	2107
Barney Fegyvermeki	2095
John Parrott	2094
Omar Farid	2067
Darse Billings	2065
Andrew Dudek	2061
Ted Wilson	2043
Réjean Plante	2040
James Flemming	2040
Lev Becker	2037 •
Bob Bosenius	2035 •
Chris Kuczaj	2023 •
Vincent Young	2015 •
Len Steele	2001

"•" = not known (by ACR) to have played in a rated (non-active) Alberta event in approx. the past year. Only current or recent (exp. in the past year) ACA members included.

1991-92 8th Annual

Alta-B.C. Peace River Grand Prix

Sept 7 Dawson Creek vs Grande Prairie Team Match. Completed.

Sept 28-29 Golden Harvest Open. Completed.

Oct 26 Ft. St. John Fall Active Open. Completed.

Nov 23 Dawson Creek Fall Active Open.

TD: Grant MacTavish (604)-782-7349.

Jan 18-19 Trumpeter Classic Open. Grande

Prairie. TD: Phil Lefkowitz (403)-538-1904.

Feb 15-16 Mukluk Open. Ft. St. John. TD:

Larry Stutzman (604)-785-7830.

Mar 7 Dawson Creek vs Ft. St. John Team

Match. Dawson Creek. Contact: Gordon

MacDonald (604)-782-4264.

Mar 28 Swan City Active Open. Grande

Prairie. TD: Phil Lefkowitz (403)-538-1904.

Underlined events are the 6 Grand Prix tournaments (4-rd; active or regular rated). To qualify for GP pts, must play in at least 4 events. Prizes: 1st & 2nd Overall, and 1st & 2nd Under 1650 (using regular ratings as of Aug/91 *En Passant*). Can win only one prize.

1991 Southern Alberta Open

November 23 & 24, Calgary

Quality Inn (formerly Sun Bow Inn)
2359 Banff Trail NW
("Motel Village", north of 16 Ave NW)
Heritage Room (left of registration desk)
4 round Swiss

Entry Fee: \$20 senior, \$15 junior
(CFC/ACA membership required)
Register: 9:00-9:45 a.m. Saturday

First Time Control: 40/2

No smoking. No computers.

All but \$3 of each entry returned as prizes!

TD: Barney Fegyvermeki. Sponsor: ACA

Winner qualifies for Alta Closed (see p. 3)

Winter Open

December 21 & 22, Edmonton

Students' Union (114 St & 89 Ave), UofA
Saturday: Room 034 (basement)
Sunday: L'Express Lounge (room 142)
4 round Swiss

Entry Fee: \$20 senior, \$15 junior
(CFC/ACA membership required)
Register: 9:00-10:00 a.m. Saturday

Rounds: 10:30/3 Sat; 10/3 Sun.

No smoking. No computers.

All but \$2 of each entry returned as prizes!

TD: Mr. Big or The Rocket. Sponsor: ACA

Calgary Winter Knights CANCELLED

The organizer, Roy Yearwood, has stated that this Dec 20-22 (27-29?) event has been cancelled due to loss of the playing site...

Weekend Junior Tournaments

For open weekend junior chess events, see the junior chess club section of the Alberta Junior Chess Report (page 9).

Dawson Creek Fall Active

November 23, Dawson Creek, B.C.

Dawson Creek Art Gallery
101-816 Alaska Ave
4 round Swiss (active = 30 min. each)
Entry Fee: \$15 adults, \$10 junior
(CFC membership required)
Register: 9:00 a.m. Saturday
No smoking. No computers.

Guaranteed Prizes:

1st overall - Alpha chess clock (\$60 value)
2nd - inlaid wooden chess board (≈\$40)
1st Under 1700 - 2 chess books (≈\$20)
2nd Under 1700 & Top Jr - chess book
TD: Grant MacTavish (604)-782-7349

Cold Winter Knights

January 18 & 19, Edmonton

Students' Union (114 St & 89 Ave), UofA
L'Express Lounge (room 142)
4 round Swiss

Entry Fee: \$20 senior, \$15 junior
(CFC/ACA membership required)
Register: 9:00-10:00 a.m. Saturday
Rounds: 10:30/3 Sat; 10/3 Sun.

No smoking. No computers.

70% of EF returned as prizes!

TD: Craig Vokey. Sponsor: UACC

1992 Northern Alberta Open

February 22 & 23, Edmonton

Students' Union (114 St & 89 Ave), UofA
L'Express Lounge (room 142)
Register: 9:00-9:45 a.m. Saturday

Entry Fee: \$20 senior, \$15 junior
(CFC/ACA membership required)

No smoking. No computers.

All but \$3 of each entry returned as prizes!

TD: Len Steele. Sponsor: ACA

Winner qualifies for Alta Closed (see p. 3)

We regret the loss of the "Else Family"

(Adapted from an article by Mike Tamtom in NASANEWS, U of A, Sept/Oct '91)

We are sorry to announce the loss of one of the ACA's most valuable families. Mr. and Mrs. Someone Else have moved out of the province!

The vacancy left will be hard to fill as the Elses have for many years done more than their share of ACA work. Whenever there was a job to do or a meeting to attend, their name was on everyone's lips: "Let Someone Else do it." They were looked up to for inspiration, as well as results ("Someone Else will bring new people in.").

The Elses are great people, but they are only human, and could only spread themselves so far and so thin. Many times Someone wished aloud for more help — he and his wife did the best they could, but knew it wasn't possible to accomplish all that was expected of them.

Maybe now that the Elses have departed, we will realize there weren't enough Someone Elses to go around. What are we going to do now? They left us a wonderful example to follow, but who will follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else used to do?