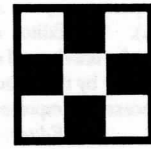




# ALBERTA CHESS REPORT

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## 1995 Alberta Open

This year's Alberta Open was held in Calgary on the Thanksgiving long weekend. Paul Usselman, Jim Daniluk, and Dale Haessel topped the field with identical 5-1 scores, but Usselman qualified for the 1996 Alberta Closed by virtue of a better cumulative tiebreak. The three leaders drew one another in their "mini tournament within a tournament" and won their other four games.

Ken Chao took the 1800-1999 cash prize. Nathan McLean and Jeff Cummer shared the 1700-1799 awards. There was a 3-way tie for the lead in the Under 1700 category between Bob Davies, Jordan Davies and Jeff Huang.

P. Usselman (2060) - N. Fullbrook (2267)

*notes by Usselman*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.exd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 *Nigel was staying with me on that weekend. While examining each others games, he quickly pointed out I could have been more aggressive with centre breaks. The main line is 8.Bb5+, but when a master speaks I listen! 8.e5 Nf7 9.Nb5 dxe5 10.Nd6+ Kf8? Best is Ke7. Black avoided this because of NxBe8+, however this is considered best because it forces White to yield his desperado for a piece that hasn't expended a tempo, exchanges ease the defence, and after centralizing the rook, Black may have an opportunity to castle by hand. After the text, Black has difficulty finding a plan for the development and coordination of his pieces, while White's moves are natural. 11.Nf3 Na6 12.Ng5 exf4 13.Ndx7 Qe8+ 14.Be2 h6 Further weakening, but it's difficult for Black. 15.N7d6 Qe7 16.Ne6+ Kg8 17.Bxf4 Nf8 18.Nxg7 Qxg7 19.0-0 Qxb2?! 20.Bc4 Rh7 21.Nxc8 Rxc8 22.d6+ Kh8 23.Qg4 Qd4+ 24.Kh1 Rd8 25.Rad1 Qg7 26.Qe2 Nd7 27.Rfe1 As I played this, it was the only move of the game that gave me a bad feeling. After the game, a spectator pointed out 27.Bc1!, with a nasty threat. I had considered this candidate earlier, before the Queen went to g4, but missed its potency in connection with the Queen on e2. My dissatisfaction stemmed from removing the rook from the f-file. I might have deduced the threat if I had examined the cause of Nd7 more carefully. Black would certainly prefer to coordinate with Nb8, Nbd7, etc., but Nigel no doubt saw the threat, and*

*even though Nd7 is insufficient, it's a tempo faster in defense of the dark squares. White retains a clear advantage, however. 27...Nab8 28.Be6 Nc6 29.Qe4 Qf6 30.Bxh6! Re8 31.Qf4 Nd4? 32.Bxd7 Rxe1+ 33.Rxe1 Qxf4 34.Re8+ (1-0) Round 4 having a happy conclusion, I remained on board 1 to face another tough guy in round 5.*

D. Haessel (2198) - P. Usselman (2060)

*notes by Usselman*

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.c5 e5 6.dxe5 Ng4 7.Qd4 *Neither natural or obvious, but the book move in this position. 7...Nc6 8.Bb5 Qa5+ 9.Nc3 Qxb5 Drawn on Black's offer.*

*Usselman: I lost the opportunity to come clear first in the last round, by committing my only major blunder of the tournament. Fortunately, my position allowed me to retain the draw, to win the event on tiebreak. One of the reasons I enjoy chess is that luck tends to even out. Although upset by my last round result, I was lucky to survive my opening play in the second round versus the ex Mr. Big (now known as the big ex?). The Alberta Open Championship is the most prestigious event I have ever won. I promise to take good care of the trophy, and the polishing I had it given is on me!*

Jeff Cummer - Grant Brown

*notes by Cummer*

*I arrived for my round 3 game to find 45 minutes off my clock. Silly me, I thought the round started at ten. Oh well. I rarely take more than 1:15 for 40 moves anyway. 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Not the Rossolimo variation—that's with 2.Nf3. I have no theory on this line in my books, so I have to make it up as I go along. 3...d6 3...e6 is best. Black, as in all Sicilians, wants to play ...d5 sometime; why not try it in one move instead of two-stepping as in the game? 3...Nd4?! is interesting. 4.f4 e6 5.Nf3 a6? 5...Bd7 is best. White still plays 6.Bxc6, but after 6...Bxc6 Black has not compromised his queenside pawns and has a bishop on the long diagonal. 6.Bxc6 bxc6 7.0-0 d5 8.d3 Nf6 9.e5 Nd7 10.Ne2 Be7 11.c4! The point of the previous move. White fixes the doubled c-pawns as permanent weaknesses and seizes a space advantage. 11...0-0 12.Ng3 f6 13.exf6 I played this*

## Canadian Open Championship

Calgary

July 13-21, 1996

(those are the correct dates;  
rumors of 20-28 are incorrect)

As was said in the August ACR, the 1996 Canadian Open was awarded to a Calgary organizing committee headed by Ted Wilson.

This should be one of the largest tournaments held in the West in years, with over 150 entrants expected, based on past trends. There will be a substantial prize fund. Albertans will have a chance to face some of the best players in Canada and from other countries! (The Editor has heard that at least a couple of 'European GMs' will be invited.)

The ACA is a major sponsor, contributing \$10,000 from casino revenues.

We hope you'll show your support by attending—around 100 or more Alberta entrants are needed to ensure a success. Please enter in advance (on-site fee higher).

Details (when submitted to us by the organizers) will be printed in a future ACR. The Editor assumes that the organizers will mail out packages containing full details, entry form, prizes, hotel info, etc.

Mark your calendar now

to plan your vacation for:

♣ JULY 13-21, 1996, CALGARY ♣

*quickly just for the chance to jump into e5 with my knight. 13...Nxf6 On 13...Bxf6, 14.Qe2! keeps the initiative. 13...Rxf6 14.Ng5! Nf8 15.Nh5 is a fun variation for White. Finally, 13...gxf6? 14.f5! and White has a strong attack with Bh6, Nh4, Qh5, etc. 14.Ne5 Qc7 15.Qe2 Bd6 16.Nh5 Rb8 17.b3 a5 It's doubtful Black can achieve any meaningful counterplay on the queenside yet. 18.Nxf6+ Rxf6 19.Ng4 Rf5 20.g3 a4 21.bxa4 Rb4 22.a3 Rxa4 23.Qc2 Defending c4. 23...Ra8 24.Bb2 d4 25.Bc1 Bd7 26.Nf2 Rf8 27.Ne4 Be7 28.Bd2 e5 29.g4! Rxf4! If the rook moves, I play 30.f5 with excellent winning chances. The exchange sacrifice is his best chance. 30.Bxf4 exf4 31.Qg2! This was my only move.*

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#### ACR Deadline

Material for the next ACR should be received by **10 January 1996**. Items received after that date may be delayed to a later ACR.

#### Reminder to Tournament Directors

 The CFC requires a rating report to be submitted within 7 days after an event—you owe it to your participants to send in rating and membership reports ASAP. Also send a written report to the ACR (please support your Alberta newsletter!)—prize list, crosstable, and/or game(s) an asset.

#### Clubs

Please ensure that your listing is *correct*. Also, *your members* likely appreciate reports in the ACR on *your activities*.

#### Organizers of Events

Please send ACR details well in advance.

#### Always Get a Receipt

When you pay for a CFC/ACA membership, be sure to get a dated receipt signed by the person who collected your money. Retain the receipt until your new CFC card arrives.

### ALBERTA CHESS CLUBS

- not including junior and school clubs
- you may wish to call before attending

#### CALGARY CC

**Meets:** Sandman Inn (Blackgold Room), 7th Ave & 8th St SW, Tues. 7:00-11:00.

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

#### Regular tournaments, 1995-96

Oct 31 - Dec 12 Club Championship  
Jan 9 - Feb 20 Calgary Closed  
Mar 6 - Apr 17 Calgary Open  
May 1 - Jun 12 Spring Open

#### Grand Prix Speed, #'s 2-5, 1996

Jan 2 Feb 27 Apr 24 June 19

#### Other, 1995

Dec 19 skittles or informal speed tourn.  
Dec 26 (club closed)

#### NEW -> UNDER 1800 CLUB (CALGARY)

**Meets:** Words Books and Cappuccino Bar 1715-17 Ave SW; any time during business hours. Membership: \$5. Introductory Offer: play any 5 opponents (or more), win at least one game, and qualify for a draw of \$150! (November 23).

**Info:** Tedge Davies (277-0209), or call the new Chess Information Line 244-4239 and ask for "Rook".

#### EDMONTON CC

**Meets:** Oliver Community Hall, 10326-118 St, Thurs., 7:00-11:00.

**Info:** Kurt Lauterwald (434-7536; mail: c/o Peter Alderton, #7, 14717-34 St, Edmonton T5Y 2L3).

#### GRANDE PRAIRIE CC

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

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

#### HINTON CC

**Info:** Peter Bundscherer (c/o Queen's Bakery & Cafe, PO Box 3217, Hinton T0E 1C0).

#### MEDICINE HAT CC

**Info:** Bill Taylor (526-5484).

#### NORTHERN COMMUNITIES CC

**Info:** Bernie Tynan (771-3757; mail: c/o Box 90, Wandering River T0A 3M0).

#### PEACE RIVER CC

**Meets:** Peace Valley Inn (Rose Room), 9609-101 St. Saturdays, 9:00-4:00; dates: Dec 2, Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 30 (Spring Active; open tourn.), Apr 27, May 25, Jun 22.

**Info:** Todd Seitz (624-3256; mail: Bag 1200, Peace River, AB T8S 1V1).

### Top-Rated Albertans

(as of October, 1995, *En Passant*)

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Greg Huber .....                             | 2352     |
| John Ferrar .....                            | 2301     |
| Nigel Fullbrook .....                        | 2267     |
| Sasha Grumic .....                           | 2244     |
| Dale Haessel .....                           | 2198     |
| Hafiz Karmali .....                          | 2196     |
| Neil Sharp .....                             | 2196     |
| Adam Wu .....                                | 2157     |
| Chris Demers .....                           | 2154     |
| Arthur Odachowski .....                      | 2150     |
| Ante Zaradic .....                           | 2143     |
| John Parrott .....                           | 2125     |
| Farzan Nazarian .....                        | 2120     |
| Jim Daniluk .....                            | 2112     |
| Paul Usselman .....                          | 2060     |
| Arthur Milne .....                           | 2057     |
| Walter Watson .....                          | 2052     |
| David Ottosen .....                          | 2047     |
| James Flemming .....                         | 2043     |
| Leo Danglapan .....                          | 2025     |
| Barney Fegyvermeki .....                     | 2020     |
| John Quiring .....                           | 2007     |
| Jeff Chrumka .....                           | 2006     |
| Yuri Vasylev .....                           | 2276/9*  |
| Lev Gorelik .....                            | 2248/10* |
| Victor Maric .....                           | 2191/5*  |
| Nandor Tot .....                             | 2146/24* |
| Tedge Davies .....                           | 2057/12* |
| Yngvi Bjornsson .....                        | 2026/8*  |
| provisional rating/games played (min. 5) = * |          |

This list includes current or recent (membership expired in about the past year) Alberta ACA members only. Those not known (by the editor) to have played in a regular-rated Alberta tournament in about the past year are:

R. Hawkes 2362; A. Frialde 2260; B. Brebrich 2225; S. Purewal 2215; T. Wilson 2177; G. Campbell 2160; M. Rabljenovic 2145; Z. Baunok 2126; B. Willis 2111; P. Thibodeau 2109; W. Lahrkamp 2056; G. Aspler 2028.

#### RIMBEY CC

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

#### RED DEER CC

**Meets:** Red Deer College, room 907, Thurs., 7:00-11:00 (Sept. to May long weekend).

**Info:** Henry Vandervaat (341-3415, mail: c/o #307, 40 Cardinal Ave, Red Deer T4P 2T1).

#### UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA CC

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

**Info:** David Bullas (440-3966; mail: Box 92, SUB, U of A, Edmonton T6G 2J7).

*Black threatened both 31...f3 and 31...Bxg4. 31...g5 32.h3 Rb8?! (draw) With 32...Qc8! Grant could've made things interesting by following up with ...h5 and cracking open the kingside. I feared this move the most, but unfortunately for Grant he didn't see it. The point of 32...Qc8 is that Black can more potently realize his compensation for the exchange with his extra pawn, the bishop pair and a space advantage after 33.a4 h6 34.Nf2 f3 and White must defend very accurately. 33.Rf3 is safest, blockading the f-pawn, but Black has ample opportunity to regroup. I may have a better position, but Grant is a better player and I thought I might gain some karma for a later round. In round 6 I played our cadet champion, Nathan McLean, for the first time:*

Nathan McLean (1743) - Jeff Cummer (1700)  
*notes by Cummer*

*1.f4 Played on Thanksgiving, no less (Bird's Opening). 1...d5 2.Nf3 Nc6? Already an error. 2...c5 is normal. 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Bd7 5.O-O e6 6.d3 Bd6 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.Ne5 Bd7 9.Qf3 c6 10.b3 Qc7 11.Bb2 c5 Nathan's Bird is making me look like a turkey. I'm very unhappy with my play so far. The winner would clinch first place in our division, with 3.5/6, and the loser had an outside chance to tie for 2nd, depending upon some upsets. 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.Qg3! Be7! My only chance to get a playable game. 14.Qxg7 Rg8 15.Qh6 Rg6 16.Qh3 d4 17.exd4 cxd4 18.f5 Rg5 19.fxe6 fxe6 20.Nd2 O-O-O 21.Rae1 Ng4 22.Ne4 Rg7 23.Bc1 Rdg8 24.Re2 Kb8 25.Bf4+ Ka8 26.Bc1 Bd6 27.Nxd6 Qxd6 28.Bf4 e5 29.Bc1 Qc6 By now, most of the important (to us) games had finished. There was only Bill Rusk vs Jeff Huang a few boards away. If Bill won, he would clinch second Under 1800, and get a three-way tie for first if my game ended in a draw. However, he was down by a piece in the ending. From here on in, my opponent and I would rush over to check Jeff Huang's position right after making our moves. 30.Qf3 Qd6! 31.Qf8+! could not be permitted. 31.h3 Ne3 32.Bxe3 dxe3 33.Qxe3 Rg3 34.Qxe5 Qxe5 35.Rxe5 Rxe5 36.Kh1 Rxc2 37.Re7? This must have been my karma, gained in round 3. 37.Rfe1 would have practically forced Rcc8 and suddenly I'm 100% on the defensive. 37...a6 and, after finding that Bill accepted Jeff Huang's draw offer, Nathan and I cheerfully decided to share 1st under 1800. (draw)*

*(Thanks to Paul and Jeff for the games and comments, and John Quiring for having the wisdom to bring back the crosstable and prize winners list, without which the Editor would have been "left out in the cold".)*

## Peace River Chess Club June to November Update

by Todd Seitz

The past few months have been busy times for our newly-formed club. I'm happy to report that community response has been excellent, and a strong Northern club is emerging.

### June Active

The PRCC's official start was on June 24th, when our inaugural tournament, a 5-round active, saw an excellent turn out (11 juniors and 8 seniors). Thanks to Jim Kanester for making the trip from Dawson Creek — we truly needed and appreciated his TD support.

The Senior section was won jointly by **Joe MacDonald** (first on tiebreak) and **Laurenz Baars**, both scoring 4/5. Similar results for the Junior section had **Scott Boyer** (first on tiebreak) and **Wendy LaValley** sharing the top spot, both scoring 3/5.

### September Active

Our first tournament after the summer break was a 5-round active on September 9th.

**Keith LaValley** took 'decisive' command of the Seniors with a perfect 5/5.

After the Juniors' battle, three strong competitors shared the win, all with 4/5. **Wendy LaValley** (first on tiebreak), **Angie Seitz** and **Scott Boyer** will certainly provide each other with strong competition over the coming season. They'll have to keep their eyes open, though, as there is a long list of juniors hot on their heels. To name a few: **Jordan Hills**, **Jackie** and **Donovan Andersen**, **Mathew LaValley**, and **Chip Boyer** (apologies to those I may have neglected to mention).

### Peace Valley Classic (October)

This was the first two-day stop on the 12th annual Alta-BC Peace River Grand Prix, and the first time that the town of Peace River hosted a Grand Prix tournament, an interesting fact considering the name of the Grand Prix. We were proud to host this Oct. 21/22 stop on the Grand Prix that carries our name!

As 24 players entered, our TD ran two sections (Over/Under 1600). The Over 1600 event was won jointly by **Kenneth Chao** and **David Ottosen**, both scoring 3/4, and drawing in their individual encounter. They shared first and second place cash and, since tiebreak could not determine a clear winner, both their names will appear on the annual 'Peace Valley Plaque'. As Kenneth is returning to the West Coast, he graciously relinquished his right to the two additional prizes provided by our club's major sponsor (overnight accom-

modations in the Executive Jacuzzi Suite and a gift certificate in the Peace Valley Inns restaurant). Kenneth, thanks for getting us out of a rather difficult situation. Since David received the extra loot, perhaps he could develop a second means of tiebreak for this type of situation! (*Median, Solkoff, and Sonnenborn-Berger systems can be applied, in that order, for a Swiss. Such extended tiebreaking has fallen out of favor. — ed.*)

I recall John Quiring chastising a couple players—not to mention any names, but they appear in the paragraph above—for playing a draw after seven moves. It went something like: "...you traveled five hundred kilometers to draw after seven moves?? ... why you! @#\$%^&\$ ... I can't believe ... (@\$\*%\* ...". I think it's important to note that both John Quiring and Grant MacTavish (Dawson Creek) scored 2.5 in, what appeared to be, some well-fought matches.

The Under 1600 section reached a similar conclusion, with two unrated players finishing at 3.5/4. **Dean Johnson** (Fort St. John) and local talent **Ryan Swanson** shared the cash. Dean, as the 'out of town' winner, also picked up a Jacuzzi Suite and a food certificate.

Playing excellent chess, Scott Boyer narrowly missed winning it all in his last game against Ryan Swanson. In addition to a food certificate from the Peace Valley Inns, Scott gets his name on the 'Peace Valley Plaque'. As part of the Peace Valley Classic, we want to recognize this Top Performing Junior. With 3/4, Scott certainly kicked some butt! (I'm still a little sore!)

An additional prize fund was provided for the players under 1300. This was won jointly by juniors **Chip Boyer** and **Mathew LaValley**, both with 2.5/4.

### November Active

**Keith LaValley**, like in September, routed all opposition on the way to a perfect 5-0 score. **Alex Phimester** was next with 3.5, followed closely with 3 points by **Angie Seitz**, the top Junior player. (*The crosstable was 'hot off the fax'. I took the liberty of writing this small report, and may have missed some 'special prizes'. — ed.*)

As our club originally formed, for the most part, to help develop/nurture the Junior player, all Junior players receive a prize. These small forms of recognition are not a large cash drain to the club, and the cash invested truly is worth it. This encourages participation and we believe it is one of the keys to our club's success. We offer a challenge to all the clubs in Alberta: please recognize all Juniors in your area that choose to participate. It's a small investment for the future of chess in Alberta.



**Alberta 1800 & Over / Under 1800**  
by John Quiring

I like tournaments with more than one section, like the annual "Over/Under", held this year in Edmonton's City Centre Inn. The defining characteristic of such tournaments is that the players are grouped by rating, and play only those in their group. This leads to close competition, with no easy pairings for anyone. Nine players rated over 1800 formed the top section, and 14 challenged for the Under 1800 title.

The average rating in the top section was 2109, led by masters Yuri Vasylev and Nigel Fullbrook, and Dale "almost a master" Haessel, with a rating of 2198. I'll bet it has been a while since Arthur Odachowski was paired up in round 1.

Apparently, Dale "almost a master" Haessel didn't like his middle name. In April 1993 he was the top-rated Albertan, 38th in the country at 2305. Since then he has fallen on (relatively) hard times, but in the 1800 & Over tournament he deleted his "almost a master" moniker with consecutive wins over the top players in rounds 2 and 3 before cruising into clear first with 3.5 out of 5. Tied for second with 3 were Yuri Vasylev, Nigel Fullbrook, and Arthur Odachowski. Fully two thirds of the players finished within 1 point of the winner.

Dale Haessel (2198) - Adam Wu (2157)  
(1800 & Over: Round 4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 e6 6.Be3 d6 7.f4 Nge7 8.Nf3 Nd4 9.O-O O-O 10.Rb1 Nec6 11.Ne2 Rb8 12.c3 Nxe2+ 13.Qxe2 Qa5 14.a3 Bd7 15.d4 cxd4 16.cxd4 Ne7 17.Bd2 Qb6 18.Qf2 Bb5 19.Rfe1 Bd3 20.Rbd1 d5 21.Bb4 dxe4 22.Bxe7 exf3 23.Bc5 Qb5 24.Bxf8 Rxf8 25.Qxf3 Bc4 26.Qxb7 Qxb7 27.Bxb7 Rb8 28.Bc6 Rxb2 29.d5 Bb3 30.dxe6 Bxe6 31.Rd8+Bf8 32.a4 Kg7 33.Rc1 Bb4 34.Kh1 a5 35.Rdd1 Bf5 36.Rg1 Bd2 37.Rcf1 Rc2 38.Rg2 Bh3 (draw)

Nigel Fullbrook (2267) - Yuri Vasylev (2276)  
(1800 & Over: Round 4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 Qc7 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Bd3 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 e6 11.g4 Be7 12.g5 Nd7 13.Be3 O-O 14.O-O O-O Kb8 15.Kb1 Rc8 16.h4 b5 17.Bxb5 axb5 18.Nxb5 Qa5 19.Nxd6 Bxd6 20.Rxd6 Rhd8 21.a3 Nb6 22.Bxb6 Qxb6 23.Rhd1 Rxd6 24.Rxd6 Rd8 25.Qd3 g6 26.c4 Rxd6 27.Qxd6+ Qc7 28.e5 Qxd6 29.exd6 Na5 30.c5 Nb3 31.c6 Nd4 32.b4 Nxc6 33.b5 Nd4 34.a4 Nf5 35.Kc2 Nxd6 36.Kd3 Kc7 37.Kd4 Kb6 38.Ke5 Ne8 39.Kd4 Nc7 *Black's next move will be Nd5, after which White is helpless, so Nigel sacked all his pawns, then resigned.* (0-1)

Igor Shefer (1878) - Nigel Fullbrook (2267)  
(1800 & Over: Round 5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.c3 d5 4.Bg5 Nc6 5.Bxf6 gxf6 6.dxc5 a5 7.Nd4 e5 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.b4 d4 10.a3 Bf5 11.Qb3 Bh6 12.g3 dxc3 13.Bg2 Bd2+ 14.Kf1 c2 15.Bxc6+ Ke7 16.Nxd2 Qxd2 17.Kg2 axb4 18.e4 Rxa3 19.Rxa3 bxa3 20.Qxa3 Bg4 21.Rc1 Rd8 22.Bd5 Rxd5 23.exd5 Qxd5+ 24.Kg1 Bh3 25.f3 Qd1+ 26.Kf2 Qd2+ (0-1)

The Under 1800 section featured a tiny range within the top 8 players of only 48 rating points, so the crown was up for grabs. Two players shared first going into the last round, and Beatrice Wu defeated Daryl Bertrand to take first place with 4.5 out of 5. Daryl tied for second with Aaron Lovi and Cynthia Wu at 3.5/5. Cynthia also won the Under 1600 prize.

I thought Daryl Bertrand played the best chess in the Under 1800. He could easily have won 5 straight, as he drew with Nathan McLean and lost to Beatrice after having advantages in both games. He was unable to finish off his opponents and allowed counterplay which turned the tide. Interestingly, both Nathan and Beatrice have played in national championships.

Beatrice Wu (1731) - Aaron Lovi (1734)  
(Under 1800: Round 4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Be7 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Qd3 Be6 12.c3 Ra7 13.O-O O Rg8 14.Rg1 Rb7 15.Kb1 Qd7 16.Nxe7 Kxe7 17.Nc2 f5 18.Ne3 fxe4 19.Qxe4 f5 20.Nd5+ Bxd5 21.Qxd5 Rc8 22.Rc1 Qe6 23.Qxe6+ Kxe6 24.f3 Rcb8 25.Bd3 a5 26.g4 f4 27.Bf5+ Kf6 28.Rgd1 Rd8 29.Be4 Rc7 30.Rd5 Na7 31.R1d1 Ke7 32.Bxh7 Rc6 33.Be4 Rb6 34.h4 Rh8 35.Rh1 Ke6 36.g5 Nc8 37.a4 Na7 38.g6 bxa4 39.Rxa5 Nb5 40.Kc1 Rc8 41.Ra8 Rxa8 42.Bxa8 Ra6 43.Be4 Ra7 44.Rg1 Rg7 45.h5 d5 46.Bd3 Nd6 47.h6 Rc7 48.g7 (1-0)

Jeff Cummer (1700) - Adrien Regimbald (1222)  
(Under 1800: Round 5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 e6 3.Bd3 d5 4.Nd2 g6 5.f4 Bg7 6.Ngf3 O-O 7.O-O Nbd7 8.Ne5 Nxe5 9.fxe5 Nd7 10.c3 c5 11.e4 cxd4 12.cxd4 f6 13.exf6 Rxf6 14.Nf3 dxe4 15.Bxe4 h6 16.Be3 Rf8 17.Bxg6 e5 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Qxd8 Rxd8 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Bxh6 Be6 22.a4 Rd6 23.Rad1 Bd4+ 24.Kh1 Bb3 25.Bf4 Bxd1 26.Bxd6 Bxa4 27.Bf7+ Kg7 28.b3 Bc6 29.Be6 Rh8 30.Rf7+ Kg6 31.Rf8 Rxf8 32.Bxf8 Kg5 33.Be7+ Kf4 34.Bd6+ Ke3 35.Bg3 b5 36.h3 Ke2 37.Bg4+ Kf1 38.Bf3 Bxf3 39.gxf3 a5 40.Bd6 a4 41.bxa4 bxa4 42.h4 Bb2 43.Kh2 a3 44.Bxa3 Bxa3 45.Kg3 Bb2 46.Kg4 Ke2 47.f4 Ke3 48.Kg5 Ke4 49.f5 Ke5 50.Kg6 Kf4 51.h5 Kg4 52.h6 (1-0)

Daryl Bertrand (1718) - Beatrice Wu (1731)  
(Under 1800: Round 5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 Nf6 6.O-O d6 7.h3 O-O 8.d3 Ne8 9.Be3 f5 10.exf5 Bxf5 11.g4 Bd7 12.f4 e6 13.Rb1 Nf6 14.g5 Ne8 15.Ng3 Nc7 16.Nce4 Bc8 17.h4 Bd4 18.Bxd4 Nxd4 19.Nf6+ Kg7 20.Nge4 Nf5 21.Qe1 Qe7 22.Bh3 e5 23.h5 exf4 24.h6+ Kh8 25.Rxf4 d5 26.Qc3 Nd4 27.Bf1 dxe4 28.Rxe4 Qd6 29.Bg2 Qg3 30.Re7 Rxf6 31.gxf6 Bh3 (0-1)

**Qualifying for the 1996 Alberta Closed (full rules available from the ACA)**

All entrants need at least 2 participation points since the previous Alta Closed. Qualifying events (*except* prev. Alta Closed) are worth 1 pt; all other CFC-rated Alberta events 1/2 pt. (TDs get up to 1 pt by directing.)

**ALL** wishing to participate (qualifiers or by rating) **must** register **in writing**. The ACA must **receive** the written registration by **10 March 1996**. It is the **responsibility of the potential entrant to register** — the ACA need **not** issue invitations.

Eight player RR. EF\$20, all to prize fund. *Qualifying tournaments contribute \$1 per entry towards prizes.* Prize fund minimum \$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. Candidates qualify by earliest eligible qualification chance. Check rules for tiebreaking. If player(s) still needed (*no automatic entrants by rating!*), the **registrant(s)** highest rated in the latest CFC rating list before March 10, will be accepted (**entrants by rating must also have completed at least 1 qualifier**).

Organizers must apply to hold Rural Qualifiers. If no bona fide rural qualifier is held, the ACA may, itself, sponsor a Rural Open Qualifier (open to all but those already otherwise qualified).

**Qualifying events for '96 Alberta Closed:**

'95: Alta Closed; Alta Open; Alta Jr Closed; Southern Alta Open.

'96: Edmonton Closed (Edmonton Chess Club); Calgary Closed (Calgary Chess Club); Northern Alta Open; 'Rural Candidate'.

For all qualifying tournaments (except Edmonton Closed and Calgary Closed), should the winner be unable or unwilling to attend the Alberta Closed, or should such winner not otherwise qualify, that position will be filled from the rating list. (Note: for the Edmonton Closed and Calgary Closed, the possible attendance of the 2nd place finisher is covered by 'Rule 18'.)



### ECC Summer Round Robin by David Ottosen

The traditional Edmonton CC Summer RR was a sight to behold this year, as 24 players were roped off into groups of four. While many of the new experts and masters who have been frequenting the club lately did not participate, there was no shortage of B- and C-class players willing to round out the event. The nature of such a tournament suggests that players will be evenly matched, so the results will be close.

However, in the top group, that was not the case, as **John Quiring** stepped on his three opponents to claim clear first at 3-0. After round three, he was quoted as saying, "win or lose, chess is still stupid!", which was met by hysterical giggling from Ford (not-too-big-anymore) Wong. The 2nd group was somewhat more normal (?) as in the 6 games, 5 draws were recorded, before **Bruno Knudskov** smashed through the draw blockade and beat Cor Dewindt to provide the margin of victory. The 3rd group was won by **Brady "Killer" Ficko** (2.5/3). The 4th group was won by **Pierre Desormiers** with a pristine 3-0, with all the others tied for second or last, depending on your point of view. The 5th group was the only tie of the event, as **Kurt Lauterwald** and **Peter Alderton** each had 2 wins and a draw to share first. This result led James Ireland to return to FICS, where no one was aware of his shame. The final group was notable as it was the only one where the winner, **Val Verlik**, had 3-0, 2nd place 2-1 (Dale Bessette), 3rd 1-2 (Marc Fortin), and 4th 0-3 (unnamed to protect the innocent).

### ECC Back To School Active TD, report: John Quiring

**Sardul Purewal** made one of his all too infrequent appearances on the ECC tournament scene, when he played in the 5-round Back To School Active. He was top rated by only 36 points, but his Active rating of 1986 is at least 200 points below his playing strength. This was evident in the final results, as Sardul won with 4.5/5, giving up only a draw to Igor Shefer. Second went to Brady Ficko with 4, and young Dmitri Shefer grabbed 3rd with a fine result at 3.5/5. Also scoring particularly well was Val Verlik, who came from the bottom of the crosstable to win 3 games.

#### Some Statistics

The five 1995 ACRs, in addition to various articles, tournament ads, top rated lists, club info, etc., included 71 tournament reports, 72 games which were unannotated or had just a few annotations, and 40 annotated games. Thanks to all those who submitted material!!!

### Edmonton Open TD, report: John Quiring

When the school year starts, the Edmonton Chess Club holds its Annual General Meeting, then commences the "chess year" with the prestigious Edmonton Open Chess Championship. A large field of 33 players entered, including 4 players for whom this was their first ECC event: Ken Chao, Michael Jorgensen, Jim Roy, and Adam Thrasher.

The tournament ended in a 5-way tie for first as **Sasa Grumic**, **Hafiz Karmali**, **Geoff Newton**, **Michael Jorgensen** and **Daryl Bertrand** all scored 4/5. Your first reaction will be that Daryl Bertrand's name must be a misprint, but that is not the case. Bringing a rating of 1718 into the tournament, he was paired against players in the top 10 in every single game, and his 4 points resulted in a performance rating of about 2250. Another notable performance was John Shepherd's first ever master scalp, which he scored against Yuri Vasylev in round 4 (see game below).

*David Ottosen also sent in a report, which included the following:*

Upsets abounded, as in round 1 (!) both Yuri Vasylev and Hafiz Karmali were held to draws by Aaron Lovi and Daryl (300 points out-of-date) Bertrand. This horrible trend continued for several rounds until the only unscarred players were myself and Geoff Newton. However, 14 moves into round 4, I was scarred up something fierce by Sasha Grumic, while Geoff was held to a draw by Hafiz Karmali. In the last round, Geoff and Sasha played a draw, which led to a massive tie for first.

#### John Shepherd - Yuri Vasylev notes by Shepherd

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 *An occasional piece of audacity I used to practice in England many years ago, much to the delight of a friend.* 5...O-O 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 c5 8.d5 Nbd7 9.O-O a6 10.a4 Rb8 11.Qc2 Qc7 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 e6 14.Bd2 exd5 15.exd5 Rfe8 16.Rae1 h5 *Gives White the chance to break up Black's king side.* 17.f5 Ne5 18.fxg6 fxg6 19.Be4 Nxc4 *Yuri wants the queen side, but I am glad to have my king bishop survive the attention of the Black knights.* 20.Bxg6 Rxe1 21.Rxe1 Nxd2 22.Qxd2 b5 23.axb5 axb5 24.Qe2 b4 25.Qe6+ Kh8 26.Ne4 Nxe4 27.Qxe4 Bxb2 28.Qh4 Qg7 29.Qxh5+ Kg8 30.Rf1 Rb7 30...Bf6 or 30...Rf8 holds. 31.Qf5 Qd4+ 32.Kh1 Kg7 33.Qh5 Kg8 34.Bf7+ Rxf7 34...Kf8 35.Be6+ Kg7 36.Qg5+ and *White mates.* 35.Qxf7+ Kh8 36.Qf8+ Kh7 37.Rf7+ Kg6 38.Qg8+ Qg7 39.Rxg7+ Bxg7 40.Qe6+ Bf6 41.Qxd6 (1-0)

### Calgary CC August Active by Nick Podolchak

Ten players participated in the August Active, held at the Calgary Chess Club August 15 and 22.

The six-round tournament was fiercely contested by the higher-ranked players, with both **Branimir Brebrich** and **John Parrott** at 4.5-1.5, just half a point behind **Art Milne**, who lost just one contest (to Parrott; Art defeated Brebrich, while Parrott and Brebrich drew their game).

The prize money was split between two 'divisions', players rated over 1900 and those rated under 1900.

#### B. Brebrich - A. Milne notes by Milne

1.c4 e5 2.g3 f5 *Smyslov's move.* 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.e3 Bxc3 *Since White's next is Nge2, Black captures on c3 while White's Q-side pawns still suffer.* 6.bxc3 e4!? 7.Ne2 7.d4 d6, and *White's c4 remains weak;* 7.f3. 7...O-O 8.O-O d6 9.a4?! 9.f3. 9...Nbd7 10.a5 Ne5 =+; xc4. 11.Qb3 Be6 12.Ra4 12.Qxb7 Bxc4 *wins the exchange.* 12...b6! *Opening lines on the Q-side.* 13.Nd4 Qd7 14.axb6 axb6 15.Rxa8 Rxa8 16.Nxe6 Qxe6 *The c-pawn must fall.* 17.d4 Qxc4 18.Qxc4 Nxc4 *The N/c4 completely dominates the B/c1; -+.* 19.f3 d5 20.fxe4 fxe4 21.Bh3 Kf7 22.Bf5 Ke7 23.h4 g6 24.Bh3 Ra2 25.g4 Rc2 26.g5 Ne8 27.Bc8 Ned6! 28.Bg4 Rxc3 29.Kf2 b5 30.Ke2 b4 31.h5 b3 32.hxg6 hxg6 33.Rh1 b2 34.Rh7+ Kf8 35.Bxb2 Nxb2 36.Kd2 Rd3+ 37.Kc2 Nbc4 38.Be6 Nxe3+ 39.Kc1 Ndc4! *An original mating net!* 40.Rh1 Ra3 41.Kb1 Ke7 42.Bg8 Kd6 43.Bf7 c5 44.dxc5+ Kxc5 45.Bxg6 Kb4 46.Rh8 Kc3 47.Rc8 Nf1! *Mate by Nd2+ and Ra1# can be delayed, but not stopped.* (0-1)

*Here's a game from the Calgary Chess Club July Active, won by John Parrott (5.5/6), followed by Jim Daniluk (5/6). For the tournament report, see ACR 20(4), August/95, page 7.*

#### F.J. Parrott - J. Daniluk

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Be3 c5 8.Qd2 O-O 9.Nf3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Rd1 Bg4 12.Be2 Rc8 13.O-O Qa5 14.Qxa5 Nxa5 15.Rb1 Rc2 16.Rfe1 Rxa2 17.h3 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 Rc8 19.e5 b6 20.Bd5 Rac2 21.Be4 R2c7 22.f4 e6 23.d5 exd5 24.Bxd5 Rd8 25.Rbd1 Rcd7 26.Bxf7+ Kxf7 27.e6+ Kxe6 28.Bb6+ Kf5 29.Bxd8 Rxd1 30.Rxd1 Nc6 31.Bc7 Nd4 32.Kf2 h5 33.g3 Ne6 34.Ba5 Bd4+ 35.Kf3 Bc5 (1-0)

**"1st" Medicine Hat Open**  
*TD & Report: Dr. Bill Taylor*

Twelve players matched wits and talents in what I hope is the first of many "Fall Classics" in Medicine Hat. Edmonton was successfully represented by the eclectic quartet of Mr. Big himself (Ford Wong), Big John (Quiring), Internet Dave (Ottosen) and "Speedmeister" Peter (Alderton). However, it was another lone Edmontonian, **Kenneth Chao** (a transplanted student from Burnaby, BC) who took home the gold. Ken finished clear first, cruising to victory with 4.5/5. David Ottosen finished alone in second place with 4/5. His only loss came in round 4 to Ken. John Quiring, with his solid and analytical play, finished third with 3.5/5. Unfortunately, the financial rewards for his efforts just eluded his grasp, but I understand he was treated to several "Big Mac's" on the way home by a grateful admirer.

Medicine Hatters, despite losing this round to the imports, put up some valiant fights. No, it wasn't their defending local champion (your intrepid reporter) who led the way, but a pair of 'unknowns', Jerry Fitzgerald and Adam Szulski. They both finished with 3.0 to finish tied for first in the Unrated/<1800 group. Adam's play got stronger as the tournament went on, and he had a tense struggle with Dave (Ottosen) in the final round. A few more breaks, and he would have stood second overall. Tying for third in the Unrated/<1800 group were Peter Alderton and Gary Eberhardt with 2.0.

Five 'new' CFC members were brought into the fold, including the father and son combination of Gary and Oliver Martinez. Oliver, age 9, was by far the youngest competitor. I feel he has a lot of talent. He may be a name to watch for in the future. Calgarians were conspicuous by THEIR ABSENCE! We'll see what next year brings...

**Grande Prairie Fall Active**  
*TD & Report: Phil Lefkowitz*

The best turnout in 10 years saw 23 players from the Peace River area compete in four prize sections in this first event of the Peace River Grand Prix.

**Grant Mactavish** of Dawson Creek, perennial winner of the Grand Prix, started his quest for the '95 title in fine form with 3.5/4 to win the open section.

A very under-rated **Tim Pradzinski** of the Grande Prairie club took the under 1700 section with 3/4, losing only to Grant.

**Keith LaValley**, of the newly formed Peace River chess club (they've started a booming club in Peace River), took the under 1500 section with 3.5/4.

**D. Ottosen - K. Chao** (round 4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Ndb5 a6 7.Na3 b5 8.Nd5 Nf6 9.Bg5 Be7 10.c4?? Nxe4! 11.Bxe7 Qa5+ 12.Ke2 Nxe7 13.Nxe7 Kxe7 14.Qd5 Bf5 15.Qb7+ Kf6 16.Rd1 Qb4! 17.Nb1 Qxb2+ 18.Nd2 Nc3+ (0-1)

**F. Wong - B. Taylor** (round 5)  
*notes by Taylor*

1.d4 b6 Ford and I have been playing against each other for 20+ years. Astute members will note that we are "lifers" with the CFC, having taken out memberships in the early 1970's when they were cheap (? \$140). We've long since been playing for free. Ford almost always opens d4 when we play. I usually respond g6 or Nf6, which more often than not loses. So I decided to try something different, which I believe is a variant of the Queen's Indian Defence. 2.c4 Bb7 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 Nf6 5.Bd3 Nc6 5...Nbd7 looks OK, aiming for ...e5 or ...c5. 6.Nf3 6.Nge2 is probably better, supporting a later f4. 6...e5 7.d5 Preferable to 7.dxe5 Nxe5 8.Nxe5 (not 8.Be2 Nxe4) dxe5 =. 7...Ne7 I wanted to maneuver the knight to g6 or f5, rather than c5. 8.Qa4+ Trying to provoke 8...Qd7, which loses at least a pawn to 9.Qxd7+ Kxd7 (9...Nxd7 10.Nb5 Kd8 11.Ng5) 10.Ng5 Ke8 11.Nb5 Rc8 12.Nxa7. 8...Nd7 9.Bg5 9.g4 looks more promising. 9...f6 10.Be3 g6 11.g4 Bg7 12.h4 h6 13.O-O 13.g5 is interesting. I believe 13...Kf7 holds the position, and unpins the QN (Nd7). 13...Kf7 14.g5?! 14.Nh2, opening the f-file for f4, would seem to offer more. 14...Nc5 If I ever hope to play ...f5, I must eliminate the B/d3, which indirectly eyes g6. 15.Qc2 I prefer this move over 15.Bxc5. 15...Nxd3+ 16.Qxd3 Qd7 17.Rdg1 17.h5 — can White break through? I don't know. E.g. (i) 17...hxg5 18.hxg6+ Nxg6 looks solid; (ii) 17...hxg5 18.Bxg5 Rxh5 (not 18...fxg5 19.Nxg5!) 19.Rxh5 gxh5 appears to hold as well.

17...hxg5 18.hxg5 f5 19.exf5 Necessary to prevent 19...f4. 19...Qxf5 Trying to exchange the Queens. 20.Qxf5+ Nxf5 At this point I feel that Black stands slightly better. 21.Nb5?! The wrong idea. The knight cannot come into c7. Try 21.Kd2 or 21.Rxh8 instead. 21...c6 22.Rxh8 Bxh8 23.Nc3 Not 23.Nc7? Rc8 24.Ne6 cxd5, etc. 23...cxd5 24.cxd5 Rc8 Unclear to me is 24...e4 25.Nxe4 (or 25.Nd2 Bxc3 26.bxc3 Bxd5) Bxd5 26.Ned2 Bxa2. 25.Kd2 This is probably better than 25.Kb1. 25...e4 26.Nh2 Bxc3+ 27.bxc3 Bxd5 28.Ng4 Rh8 29.Nf6 29.Nh6+ probably leads to a draw with bishops of the opposite color after 29...Ke6 30.Nxf5 Kxf5 31.Rg4 Ke6 32.Rf4 Rg8 33.Rf6+ Ke7 34.Bf4 Be6. Or 29.Nh6+ Nxh6? 30.gxh6 could very well lead to a won game for White. 29...Bc6 30.c4 It's necessary to stop 30...d5. 30...Nh4 30...Nxe3 31.Kxe3 (31.fxe3? Rh2+ 32.Kc3 Rx2 etc.) Rh3+ 32.Rg3 (not 32.Kd4?? Rd6#) is unclear. 31.Rg4 Nf3+ 32.Kc3 Rh4 32...Ne5 33.Rf4 Nd3 34.Rg4 Rh3 35.Nxe4 Nf2 36.Rf4+ Ke7 37.Nxf2 Rxe3+ looked too iffy during the game, but I believe now the position is better for Black. 33.Rxh4 Nxh4 34.Ng4 Nf3 35.Kb4?? After considering the possibility of 36...Nxb4 (see farther on), White would be better advised to maintain the king on c3 and perhaps play 35.Nf6. 35...Ke6 36.a4? d5? 36...Nxg5 should win; e.g. 37.Bxg5 Kf5 38.Be3 Kxg4 39.a5 Kf3 40.axb6 axb6 41.Bxb6 g5 42.Bc7 Kxf2 43.Bxd6 e3 44.Bc5 Kf3 45.Kc3 Be4! 46.Bd4 g4 and White cannot stop both pawns. 37.cxd5+ Kxd5 38. Nf6+ Ke5 39.Ng4+ Kf5 40.Nh6+ Ke6 41.a5 Kd5 42.axb6 axb6 43.Ng8 Ke6 44.Nh6 b5 45.Kc5 Be8 46.Ng4 Nxg5 This no longer works because of the B on e8. 47.Bxg5 Kf5 48.Nf6! The only move. 48...Kxg5 If 48...Bf7, White draws with 49.Bh4 g5 50.Bxg5, or 49.Nxe4 Kxe4 50.Kxb5. 49.Nxe8 Kf4 50.Kxb5 Kf3 51.Nf6 Kxf2 52.Nxe4+ and a draw was soon agreed. A fine and just result for two old foes.

**Swan City Active**  
*TD & Report: Phil Lefkowitz*

**Gary Okert** of the GPCC surprised everyone, especially Phil Lefkowitz and Jim Roy of the same club, when he tied for first in the open section with 3 points along with three heavyweights from B.C. (**Jim Kanester**, **Grant Mactavish**, and **Larry Stutzman**). Gerhard Scherer took 2nd prize under 1700. Gary Okert received first prize under 1700, as it gave him a larger amount. Thanks to Jim Kanester, Grand Prix series organizer.

Wrapping it up with 3/4 in the under 1250 section was **Angie Seitz**, also of the Peace River Club. It was great to see Angie returning to her old form with the win.

**'95 Grande Prairie CC Championship**

The GPCC Championship was an excellently attended, hard fought contest. It began as a 2-sided round-robin and continued with the winners forming Over and Under 1600 round-robin finals. Defending champ **Jim Roy** and newcomer **Tim Pradzinski** tied in the Over 1600. **Gary Okert** played some superb chess to wrap up first in the Under 1600; newcomer **Dave Vandermeulen** was second. Two items of note: Pradzinski played all three opponents simultaneously and ended with 2.5, and Scott Boyer, under 10 years of age, knocked off Gary Doll, one of our old pros, twice during the tourney. (This info was in the October En Passant; surely, sending a copy to the ACR must just have slipped the TD's mind — ed.)



### "Movie" Reviews

by John Quiring

(not Siskel, nor Ebert, but mostly not Siskel)

#### *How To Visualize Chess Combinations* by Danny Kopec, International Master

I think the chess content of this video is excellent, perhaps because I agree with Kopec's fundamental principle: proficiency at chess is based on pattern recognition.

Kopec presents various mating patterns using two pieces, then examines positions which lead to these patterns. He repeats this theme with R+N; R+B; N+B. The implicit idea is that if you know what the winning patterns are, it is easier to find combinations that lead to those winning patterns. The patterns given are easily understood by players of any level, and the example positions range widely in difficulty, providing some meat for players of any level.

Now let's talk about the production values of this video. They are atrocious. No producer is mentioned on the tape, and I'm not surprised that no one will take credit for it.

At the beginning, the narrator says "When IM Kopec asks you to evaluate candidate moves or to analyze a position, please stop the tape and analyze without moving the pieces". Good advice, unfortunately it never happens.

Kopec comes across as a poor instructor. He is clearly uncomfortable standing in front of the camera, with no clue of what to do with his arms, so ends up making random, silly gestures. His lecture style is boring and doesn't include the student. He reminds me of an uncomfortable professor who wishes class was over. The TV lights shine in his eyes, providing an annoying glare off his glasses. Even so, it is obvious he is reading from cue cards, and when he is not on screen you can hear paper rustling as he turns the pages he is reading, as well as hear occasional background voices. When Kopec bumbles over the script, you wonder why they didn't simply re-do it until he got it right. And worst of all, there is a 30-second introduction of a position which appears twice.

The tape is dated 1994, but it looks more like 1960. The chess board display has ugly, cartoonish pieces, especially knights and black bishops, and pieces move by popping from place to place instead of moving smoothly.

To sum up: this is an amateurish video, with important and valuable chess content.

#### *Pawn Structures*

by Danny Kopec, International Master

This video has the same poor production values as the previous tape. However, where *How To Visualize Chess Combinations* has valuable chess content, the same can not be said here. The topic of pawn structures is very important in chess, but it is poorly covered.

Let me ask you this: what is a pawn lever? It is entirely possible that not a single reader of the ACR will know the answer. This terminology, along with several other terms used by Kopec, comes from Hans Kmoch's classic book, *Pawn Power In Chess*. The terminology hasn't caught on in the 35 years since the book was published, and it won't be helped by this video.

This video, as the name implies, focusses primarily on pawn structures: strong structures such as pawn duos, levers and chains, and weak structures such as isolated pawns, pawn islands, and backwards pawns. (If you don't know what these terms mean, watch the video!) The topics are first defined, then illustrated with games.

I've two main complaints about this video. Firstly, there is no involvement of the viewer. I set up a chess set in front of the television, but there was never an opportunity to use it. This limits the value of the chess lesson.

Secondly, I think the games which Kopec uses to illustrate the topics are well chosen, but poorly explained. As Kopec plays through a game and analyses it, there is virtually no discussion of the pawn structures. The moves and alternatives are discussed and you would scarcely know you were watching a video about pawn structures.

To sum up: this amateurish video has only one redeeming feature: it's about chess, and there are few chess videos around.

#### *Middlegame Planning* (2 volumes) by Patrick Wolff, Grandmaster

It is impossible to believe these tapes were made by the same company that produced Kopec's videos. The chessboard display is excellent, with attractive graphics and smoothly moving pieces, and Wolff comes across as an excellent, thoroughly professional teacher. He sits and talks comfortably to the listener, apparently without notes, and appears relaxed and competent.

The topics Wolff covers include pawn structures, material vs initiative, bishop vs knight, trading down to the endgame, and short term vs long term plans. For each of these broad topics, Wolff tends to use a single illustration, which he then covers in great depth. For example, on the topic of material vs initiative, he analyses in great depth a Karpov-Kasparov game where Kasparov sacs a pawn in the opening for an initiative that lasts until he checkmates Karpov.

The best part of this video is the student involvement. Many times Wolff asks the student to stop the tape and analyse the position, and it's easy to spend 30 minutes on each such position. This approach, together with the depth of Wolff's analysis, puts a heavy burden on the student. Watching these videos is hard work, the kind of work that leads to success.

This two-volume video set gets "two thumbs up" from me.

#### Video Tapes for Borrowing

The following VHS tapes are free to ACA members to borrow on a three-week basis:

##### For beginners:

Opening Principles (Bruce Pandolfini)  
Understanding Chess (Bruce Pandolfini)

##### For 'advanced' players:

How To Visualize Combinations; and  
Pawn Structures (both by Danny Kopec)  
Middlegame Analysis (Edmar Mednis)  
Middlegame Planning (Patrick Wolff)

If you are interested, contact Ford Wong (481-6474), John Quiring (468-9173), or Jim Daniluk (248-7456).

#### Calgary August Active

In the 17-player August Active, an ACA weekender, highest rated Nigel Fullbrook (Edmonton) rolled through the field with a perfect 5-0 whitewash, including victories over the 2nd-5th players in the crosstable. Second place was shared by David Ottosen (Edmonton) and Dale Haessel (Calgary) with 4-1 scores. (*I don't know who submitted the crosstable and wrote the brief report upon which the above is based, but thanks — ed.*)

#### Internet, WWW, E-Mail...

The ACR editor's e-mail address is [len.steele@ualberta.ca](mailto:len.steele@ualberta.ca) (you can submit articles by e-mail, if you wish).

Interested in rated 'correspondence' chess by e-mail?—see CCCA info on page 10.

If you have Internet access, Dean Mah has an Alberta chess info page. The URL is: <http://www.cs.ualberta.ca/~mah/ACA/> If you want your e-mail address listed there, let Dean know ([mah@cs.ualberta.ca](mailto:mah@cs.ualberta.ca)).

#### Wanted — advice on chess database package

Grant Brown says: "I want to purchase a chess database package, but am not sure which one to choose. The main contenders are Chess Assistant and ChessBase. It would greatly help me to make up my mind if I could compare the manuals for these programs. If you have a manual, could you please bring it to the Southern Alberta Open (which I am directing), so I can look it over? Thank you. Grant Brown (381-0308)."





# ALBERTA JUNIOR CHESS REPORT

(A special section of the Alberta Chess Report, November 1995)



## Northern Alberta Junior by David Ottosen

The 1995 NA Junior was the best ever attended, with 13 players showing up. However, the high number of players did nothing to dilute the strength of the event, as fewer than 200 points separated the top seven seeds. Several players, including Jim Roy, "Ricky" Bertrand, and Aaron Lovi, were all facing their final year of eligibility, so there was more than a little desperation in the air to snatch one of the two spots available in the Alberta Junior. With such a close field, the TD (me) expected that there might arise a tie. Consulting my trusty CFC Handbook, I announced that any ties would be settled by the cumulative tiebreak method, and began round one.

### Round 1

Only one big surprise this round; Beatrice Wu held a big advantage against Duncan Campbell for the majority of the game, until suddenly, Duncan's b-pawn got some big ideas...

#### B. Wu - D. Campbell

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.h3 Na5 9.c3 c5 10.Be2 Be6 11.d4 exd4 12.cxd4 d5 13.dxc5 dxe4 14.Ng5 Qxd1 15.Rxd1 Bxc5 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Nc3 0-0 18.Bxe4 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Be7 20.Rd7 Rfe8 21.Bf4 h6 22.Rc1 Bf8 23.b3 Re7 24.R1c7 Rd8 25.Bd2 Rxd7 26.Rxd7 b4 27.Ra7 Rd4 28.f3 Bc5 29.Nxc5 Rxd2 30.Rxa6 Rxa2 31.Nb7 Ra1+ 32.Kh2 Nxb3 33.Rxe6 Nd2 34.h4 b3 35.Rb6 Ra2 (0-1)

### Round 2

Number 1 seed Jim Roy gave yet another example of his Karpovian torture style by grrrrriiiiinding down Jason Ventura in a tricky ending. Dmitri Shefer dealt Aaron Lovi his millionth defeat in the Albin Counter Gambit. Daryl Bertrand slowed Duncan Campbell's run with a piercing win in the Pirc. Finally, even though "he made her have a think", Scott Mayo went down to Beatrice Wu.

#### D. Campbell - D. Bertrand notes by Bertrand

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Be3 Usual is 5.Be2 0-0 6.0-0, followed by the training of both sides' pieces on the d4 square by means of 6...Bg4 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Qd2 e5. The text move allows 5...Ng4, equalizing, but I

was content to allow a transposition back to the main line. 5...0-0 6.Qd2 White would be better off playing 6.h3, when Black must strive for Q-side play with 6...a6 7.a4 b6 8.Bc4 e6 with the intent to play c5. 6...Ng4 7.0-0-0 c6 8.h3? This seems to lose a tempo, as White will have to play h4 in the near future. 8...Nxe3 9.Qxe3 b5 10.g4?! Better would be 10.Ne1!?, relocating the poorly-placed N and preparing f4. 10...b4 11.Ne2 a5 12.c3 Qb6 (=+) 13.Rd2 Nd7 Envisioning a sacrifice on g4, i.e. 14.Kd1 Nf6, threatening 15...Bxg4 16.fxg4 Nxe4 and Nxf2+. 14.Kd1 Bb7 But now it occurred to me that, if 14...Nf6, White solves his problems with 15.g5! 15.Rg1? c5 16.c4?! A good move for White is not obvious... 16.dxc5 Qxc5! 17.Qxc5 (if 17.Ned4 bxc3 18.bxc3 Nf6 19.Bd3 Rac8 should suffice) 17...Nxc5 and the e4 pawn will drop. 16...Rfc8 17.d5 Now Black must find away to bust through on the Q-side. 17...Qa6! 18.Qd3 Nb6 The point of 17...Qa6. 19.Ng3 Na4! (-+) Black's winning chances lie in liquidation of White's queenside rook or b-pawn followed by queening the a- or b-pawn. 20.Qb3 Nxb2+ 21.Rxb2 Bxb2 22.Qxb2 a4 23.Nd2! Preventing 23...b3! 24.axb3 axb3 25.Qxb3 Qa1+!, with a crushing attack. 23...Rcb8 24.f4 Bc8 25.f5 a3 26.Qb3? Possibly the decisive error. 26.Qb1 Bd7 27.Bd3 may have allowed White to play on for a while. 26...Bd7 27.Kc1 Ba4 28.Qb1 b3! The idea is that if 29.axb3 Bxb3! 30.Nxb3 Rxb3 31.Qxb3 a7 wins. 29.axb3 Bxb3 30.Nxb3 Rxb3 31.Qa1 a2 White struggled on for a few more moves, but the game is decided. (0-1)

### Round 3

Bertrand and Roy played a strategic draw, leaving them in equal first. Beatrice stomped all over Shefer in what was not to be their last game of the weekend. Cynthia finally had her initiation into the Wu club by taking a perpetual against Aaron Lovi in a dead won position (see A.Wu-Casinathan, D.Wu-Ottosen; *Where might we see those games, David?* I didn't see them in the 1995 ACR issues, at least, after a quick scan—ed.). Duncan continued his strong performance with a win over Ventura.

#### D. Shefer - B. Wu

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Qd2 b5 9.0-0-0 Bb7 10.g4 Nc6 11.Bd3 Ne5 12.h4 Rc8 13.g5 Nxd3+ 14.Qxd3 Nd7 15.Qe2 Ne5 16.f4 Nc4 17.Nf3 Qa5 18.Nd2 Nxb2! 19.Nb3 Qxc3 20.Bd4 Qc4 (0-1)

### Round 4

Roy and Shefer hacked off a bunch of pieces and agreed to a draw. Beatrice waited until Bertrand played a6, b5, and then 0-0-0, before laughing out loud and winning a rook ending. Cynthia and Aaron both won to move closer to the top. Campbell and Gallinger drew, putting them in contention as well.

At the end of this round, several players wished to discuss the tiebreak system. They expressed a desire for a playoff instead. As there was now a possibility of a five-way tie, the eight players with a chance to qualify voted to accept a playoff format. I felt uneasy changing the system so close to the end, but as no player expressed serious reservations, I decided to follow the players' wishes.

### Final round pairings

|                |   |                 |
|----------------|---|-----------------|
| B Wu (3.0)     | - | (3.0) Roy       |
| Bertrand (2.5) | - | (2.5) C Wu      |
| Campbell (2.5) | - | (2.5) Lovi      |
| Shefer (2.5)   | - | (2.5) Gallinger |

Beatrice turned down several draw offers before finally agreeing to halve the point with Jim. Lovi and Shefer both won quickly to tie them. Daryl and Cynthia both fought hard, but neither could win, and their eventual draw eliminated both.

### Playoff 1:

As agreed, a game/15 minutes round robin. They were all clearly nervous, and many pieces were hung. In the end, Jim's nerves were just a little stronger, as he beat Aaron to knock Aaron out. However, behind Jim, Beatrice and Dmitri were tied. So **Jim Roy** qualified, and Beatrice and Dmitri went on to the next playoff round.

### Playoff 2:

This was as a 2-game blitz match (game/5 minutes), which would be extended in further "2 game bunches" until a winner was determined. Dmitri won the first game with black and seemed to have the upper hand. However, Beatrice drew on her superior experience and won the second game. The next 2-game match saw two draws, where Beatrice could have won outright in the second game either on the board or by calling Dmitri's flag. When both flags fell, it was declared a draw. The spectators were crowding around for the next two games. In the first, the tension was too much for Dmitri as he left his queen en prise. The last game finally qualified **Beatrice Wu** to the Alberta junior.

### D. Shefer -B. Wu

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 d6 3.Bxf6 gxf6 4.Nf3 e5  
5.e3 Bg4 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0-0-0-8.Nfd2 Bd7  
9.d5 f5 10.c4 Na6 11.a3 Nc5 12.b4 Ne4  
13.Nxe4 fxe4 14.Nd2 f5 15.Qc2 Qg5  
16.Rfe1 Qg6 17.c5 f4 18.Bf1 f3 19.g3 h5  
20.h3 h4 21.g4 Bxg4!!!! A hard move to  
punctuate... objectively, it loses. However,  
dealing with its threats caused Dmitri to use  
a great deal of clock time up...by the way, it  
was played instantly. 22.hxg4 Qxg4+ 23.Kh2  
Rf6 24.Bh3 Qh5 25.Rg1 Kh8 26.Rg4 Rg8  
27.Rag1 Rff8 28.cxd6 cxd6 29.Qc7 Rf7  
30.Qxd6 Rf6 31.Qc5 Rf7 32.Rg5 Qh6 White  
lost on time. (0-1)

Thanks to all who showed up and played  
the whole tournament, especially Beatrice  
and Dmitri, who made the tournament just  
a little bit more exciting for the spectators.

### Northern Alberta Cadet by Aaron Lovi

The Northern Alberta Cadet was held on Oct.  
21-22 at the illustrious U of A. Jeremiah  
Gallinger, Duncan Campbell, Kevin Mayo,  
and Scott Mayo fought for the two spots in the  
Alberta Cadet Closed. Congratulations to  
**Jeremiah Gallinger**, who placed first in the  
double round-robin with an impressive 6/6.  
**Duncan Campbell** came in second with a  
solid 4/6. Kevin and Scott, who played some  
surprisingly good chess, tied with 1/6. Other  
features of note for this tournament were the  
Northern Alberta Blitz Championship ('un-  
official'!—ed.), which was won by yours  
truly, followed closely by Jeremiah Gallinger,  
and the debate over the merits of the "frooking  
Piano" opening. It was universally decided  
that, if anyone were willing to play such  
gloom-bah openings, he would be totally  
"frooking" nuts, unlike the participants of the  
N. Alta Cadet who played solid chess all  
weekend. Here's an example:

### Scott Mayo - Kevin Mayo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6  
5.d3 d6 6.Bg5 0-0 7.Nc3 Be6 8.Re1 Qd7  
9.Qd2 Bxc4 10.dxc4 h6 11.Bxf6 gxf6  
12.Qxh6 (draw)

### Chess'n Math's Calgary October Event by Larry Bevand

The first Chess'n Math Calgary event was  
held on Oct. 15, with 25 players. Winners  
were **Josh Harrington** (grade 2), **Stephen  
Hazeltine** (grade 3), **Todd Neil** (grade 4), **Jeff  
Huang** (grade 6-7 section), **John Rajchel**  
(grade 8). Organizer & TD: Jim Daniluk.

### Southern Alberta Cadet

October 21 and 22, 1995

Organizer: Jim Daniluk

TD and report: Dave Gomboc

Seven chessplayers were on time for the  
event, but the same could not be said for the  
TD, whose car broke down enroute to  
McDougall Church, the intended site. Super  
sleuther Tedge Davies found a place to play  
— I thank the kind people at Words Book-  
store and Cappuccino Bar for allowing us to  
use their tables on Saturday. I apologize to all  
the contestants; especially to Steven Hazeltine  
and Nathan McLean, as they could not play a  
second day and had to drop out. The tourna-  
ment was to be run in a single day, but after the  
late start it was not feasible. (As far as I am  
aware, Nathan will qualify by rating for the  
Alberta Cadet Championship.)

Steven did only get one game in (ironi-  
cally, against Nathan, the other 'droppee').  
After his departure I compressed the 8-player  
crosstable into a 6-player crosstable, making  
sure that all the colors of previous games  
played were correct, and also that no last  
round games for the new table had been  
played. I did this so that the tournament would  
not drag on longer than it had to. Though  
Steven and Nathan do not appear in the final  
crosstable, their games will be rated.

Things were further messed up when we  
had to find a site for Sunday, since the church  
basement that was to be used Saturday was  
occupied with Sunday school the next day.  
We decided to use some tables at the Devonian  
Gardens; once playing, a security guard came  
and notified us that the place where we were  
was technically not part of the Gardens, and  
therefore closed until the rest of the mall  
opened at noon. Several parents talked with  
the guard while I worried about the games —  
in the end someone must have done some  
smooth talking, as the guard set up a table for  
us to use in the 'open' zone, whereupon the  
next moves were sealed and the contestants  
moved. What a way to spend my birthday.

Two new CFC members, Michael Ma  
and Niño Caoile, played in this Alberta Cadet  
qualifier. Michael had a rather rougher intro-  
duction to tournament chess than Niño did;  
I'm confident his results will improve with  
practice. Niño shared first place with Jordan  
Davies; as co-champions, they will compete  
in the Alberta Cadet (Dec. 9-10, Edmonton).

The time control was 40 moves in 90  
minutes, followed by sudden death in 30 min.  
Curiously, the games would have to have been  
played at a much shorter time control had the  
event actually only lasted one day. In my  
opinion, longer games are desirable, so there  
was a silver lining to the horrible mess my  
stalled car condemned the tournament to.

### Southern Alberta Junior

by Jim Daniluk

**Nathan McLean** led this 3-player event,  
thus qualifying for one of the two available  
spots in the Alberta Junior Championship.  
**Alec Mills** also qualified, but only after  
winning a playoff for second place with  
**Gurb Singh**.

### Edmonton Junior Chess Club

**Site:** Food Concourse, Eaton Centre, lower  
floor by the "giant chess set" (note: this is for  
a 4-month trial period). **Registration:** 9:30-  
10:00 a.m. Entry fee \$4. Usually active chess  
(30 minutes per player). CFC/ACA memb.  
needed. Equipment is supplied.

**Organizers:** Adam Wu (462-0838); Dave  
Otosen (436-5321); Mark Kirvan (939-5986)  
**Remaining 1995 Tournament (Saturday)**  
December 2 Delightful December Dustup

### Chess'n Math Calgary Tournaments

(for students from kindergarten - grade 12)

1995: Nov. 19; Dec. 17

1996: Jan. 21; Feb. 18; Mar. 17; Apr. 14

**Location:** Lord Nelson Inn, 1020-8 Ave SW  
**Entry:** \$10 (\$7 if subscribe to Scholar's Mate,  
Canada's chess magazine for kids).

**Registration:** noon - 12:30 p.m.

- everything is over by 4 p.m.
- players are grouped in sections of 6 by  
scholastic rating; newcomers play by grade
- medal for the winner of each section
- souvenir for each participant
- rated by Chess'n Math Association, Cana-  
da's national scholastic chess organization
- Information: Jim Daniluk 248-7456

### Alberta Cadet

Dec 9-10 (Edmonton)

Players determined through qualifying events.  
Winner qualifies for Canadian Cadet (Spring 1996).

ACA provides partial travel funding to Cdn Cadet.

**Format:** 6-player round robin

**Organizer:** Ford Wong (481-6474)

|               |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |
|---------------|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| Jeff Huang    | 1503  | x | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | =3rd |
| Jordan Davies | 1625  | 1 | x | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | =1st |
| Michael Ma    | (unr) | 0 | 0 | x | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5th  |
| Niño Caoile   | (unr) | 1 | 1 | 1 | x | 0 | 3 | =1st |
| John Rajchel  | 1482  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | x | 2 | =3rd |

Games played, but not in the crosstable:

|   |                                  |   |
|---|----------------------------------|---|
| 0 | Jordan Davies - Nathan McLean    | 1 |
| = | John Rajchel - Nathan McLean     | = |
| 1 | Nathan McLean - Steven Hazeltine | 0 |

(Nathan's total was 2.5/3 when he had to  
leave; not too shabby, eh?—ed.)

Best wishes to all the contestants. Hope-  
fully next year's event will not be plagued by  
problems.

**Southern Alberta Open**  
**November 25-26 Calgary**

Sandman Inn  
888 - 7 Ave SW  
(237-8626; fax 290-1238)

5-round Swiss System  
3 rounds Saturday; 2 rounds Sunday  
**TWO SECTIONS: Open, and Under 1800**

Register: 9:30-10:00 Saturday morning

Entry fee: \$20 senior; \$15 junior\*  
CFC rated; CFC+ACA memb. required  
• Masters who complete the tournament get a \$15 rebate •  
[paid by the TD; doesn't reduce prize fund]

\*Note: players aged 14 and under, who pay a \$5 entry fee and so do not participate in the prize fund (see "Motion...", below this ad) are still eligible for the special prizes:

Special Prizes [donated by the TD]  
Best game (as adjudicated by the TD) \$25  
Best performance-above-rating in the Under 1800 Section \$25

Time controls: 40/110, 15/30 Saturday  
40/120, 12/30 Sunday

TD: Grant Brown (☎ 381-0308)  
Sponsored by Alberta Chess Assoc  
(Winner qualifies for 1996 Alberta Closed, provided all other requirements met)

**Motion passed at the**  
**1995 ACA Annual General Meeting**

Any player 14 years of age or younger may play in any ACA tournament for \$5.00 and not participate in the prize fund (or alternatively pay the usual junior entry fee and compete for prizes).

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**Two Weekends Before Christmas Open**  
**December 16-17 Edmonton**

City Centre Inn, room B395  
109 St & 113 Ave (opposite Kingsway Mall)  
[479-2042; 1-800-528-1234]

5-round Swiss System

Register: 9:00-9:45 a.m. Saturday  
(round 1 at 10:00 a.m.)

Entry Fees: \$20 senior \$15 junior  
(CFC/provincial membership required)

Time Controls: 40/1:50 15/0:30

TD: Ford Wong (☎ 481-6474)

**Qualifying for the 1996 Alberta Closed**

All entrants need at least 2 participation points since the previous Alberta Closed. It is the potential entrant's responsibility to register in writing. For additional info, see page 4.

**1995-96 12TH ANNUAL**  
**ALTA-B.C. PEACE RIVER GRAND PRIX**

**Nov. 18 & 19 Golden Harvest Open**  
Dawson Creek [Grant MacTavish (604) 782-1170]

**Jan. 13 & 14 Trumpeter Classic**  
Grande Prairie [Phil Lefkowitz (403) 538-1903]

**Feb. 10 Dawson Creek Spring Active**  
Dawson Creek [Jim Kanester (604) 782-5637]

**Mar. 30 Peace River Spring Active**  
Peace River [Keith LaValley (403) 624-5232]

4 rounds, rated: active (30 min/game) or regular (Time controls: 45/2 then 30/1). To qualify for GP prize (points based on sum of 4 best scores), must play in at least 4 of the 6 GP events. No one may win more than one prize. Based on \$1.50 fee/entrant/event: 1st overall 30% of prize fund, 2nd overall 20%; 1st under 1700 30%, 2nd under 1700 20%. Jim Williams Memorial Trophy to overall winner. Ratings used for GP purposes are regular ratings as per the 1995 *En Passant* Yearbook (i.e. August).

**Interested in Tournament Directing?**

The ACA still needs TDs for some events, and pays a \$25 per day honorarium. Contact us if you want to give it a try. (Note: for some events, especially the more 'major' ones, it's desirable to have a TD who has some previous experience, and/or has taken one of our TD workshops.)

**TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE, 1995-96**

Check future issues for updates (contacts given can verify details)  
All Alberta (ACA-sponsored) events: no smoking, no computers.

| <u>Date(s)</u>    | <u>Event</u>                    | <u>Location</u> | <u>Organizer (may also be TD)</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Nov 18-19         | Golden Harvest Open (BC)        | Dawson Creek    | Grant MacTavish (604-782-1170)    |
| Nov 25-26         | Southern Alberta Open           | Calgary         | Grant Brown (381-0308)            |
| Dec 9-10          | Alberta Cadet                   | Edmonton        | Ford Wong (481-6474)              |
| Dec 16-17         | Two Weekends Before Xmas Open   | Edmonton        | Ford Wong (481-6474)              |
| Dec 16-17         | Corel Draw Youth Chess Festival | Edmonton        | Neil Sharp (346-0420)             |
| Jan 13-14         | Trumpeter Classic               | Grand Prairie   | Phil Lefkowitz (538-1903)         |
| Jan 27-28         | January Open                    | Calgary         | Paul Usselman (282-0419)          |
| Feb 10            | Dawson Creek Spring Active (BC) | Dawson Creek    | Jim Kanester (604-782-5637)       |
| Feb 24-25         | Northern Alberta Open           | Edmonton        | Len Steele (487-8652)             |
| Mar 16-17         | March Open                      | Calgary         | Paul Usselman (282-0419)          |
| Mar 30            | Peace River Spring Active       | Peace River     | Todd Seitz (624-3256)             |
| Apr 5-7           | Alberta Closed                  | Edmonton        | John Quiring (468-9173)           |
| Apr 6-7           | Alberta Reserves, 2 sections    | Edmonton        | John Quiring (468-9173)           |
| May 11-12         | U of A Open                     | Edmonton        | Ford Wong (481-6474)              |
| Jun 8-9           | Red Deer Open                   | Red Deer        | Neil Sharp (346-0420)             |
| <b>July 13-21</b> | <b>CANADIAN OPEN</b>            | <b>Calgary</b>  | <b>Ted Wilson (547-3441)</b>      |
| Aug ??            | August Active (tentative event) | Edmonton        | (tba)                             |
| Sep 21-22         | 1800 & Over / Under 1800        | Calgary         | Paul Usselman (481-0419)          |
| Sep 28-29         | Northern Alberta Junior         | Edmonton        | David Ottosen (426-7566)          |
| Sep 28-29         | Southern Alberta Junior         | Calgary         | Jim Daniluk (248-7456)            |
| Oct 12-14         | Alberta Open                    | Edmonton        | Ford Wong (481-6474)              |
| Oct 19-20         | Northern Alberta Cadet          | Edmonton        | Daryl Bertrand (486-5297)         |
| Oct 19-20         | Southern Alberta Cadet          | Calgary         | Jim Daniluk (248-7456)            |
| Oct 26-27         | Alberta Junior                  | (tba)           | David Ottosen (426-7566)          |
| Nov 23-24         | Southern Alberta Open           | Calgary         | Paul Usselman (282-0419)          |
| Dec 14-15         | Alberta Cadet                   | (tba)           | Daryl Bertrand (486-5297)         |
| Dec 21-22         | (Almost) Xmas Open              | Edmonton        | Ford Wong (481-6474)              |