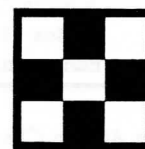


ALBERTA CHESS REPORT



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1992 Alberta Open

The Alberta Open attracted 55 players for 6 rounds of Thanksgiving long weekend battle in Red Deer, supervised by the Tournament Director, Neil Sharp. That's 22 more than last year (also in Red Deer), and the second-highest entry in the past 10 years, perhaps because of the Fischer-Spassky match renewing interest in chess (or maybe it was because of the T.D. — eh, Neil?). Geographical origin of entrants: Edmonton area 23; Calgary 18; Red Deer area 9; and 1 each from Lethbridge, Thorhild, Wandering River, Olds, and B.C.

Dale Haessel is the 1992 Alberta Open Champion, scoring 5.5 out of 6 (last round "quickie" draw with Odachowski). Tied for second at 5-1 were Rob Gardner and Ford Wong (who was also Top 1800-1999, taking that prize money up with him to add to the cash for 2nd and split it with Rob). Rob and Dale were the co-highest rated at 2213, but Dale beat Rob in round 5. Ford (ACA President) was also loss-free, with 2 draws, and moved up by virtue of his last round victory in the "Battle of the ACA Execs", when he defeated Barney Fegyverneki (newly-elected Vice-President) in the final round.

Arthur Odachowski and Tony Dy Reyes split 3rd place prize money, and were joined at that level — *all scored 4.5* — by Adam Wu (Adam was also 2nd 1800-1999 and Top Junior), and the two leaders in the 1600-1799 group, Arthur Milne (3 wins, 3 draws) and Max Carcamo. Since Adam took the cash for Top Junior, this left five players at 4-2 in the 1800-1999 category to split the second prize money: Bill Bentley, Hafiz Karmali, Christiaan Dartana, Geoff Newton and August Hangartner.

Kevin Turner and Albert Laplaine (3.5) headed the 1400-1599 group. The Under 1400 and Unrated class saw four players score 2.5 to share the three prizes: Dale Heinzig, Cynthia Wu, Rand Dodd, and Douglas Wu. The special "cadet" cash prizes donated by Wordsworth Books (Calgary) were shared by Beatrice Wu and Skylar Longley, who scored 2.5. Incidentally, Lev Becker was also undefeated (2 wins, 4 draws), but that didn't get him into any prize money...

The 1993 Alberta Open will be in Calgary on the Thanksgiving long weekend — see you there!

Rob Gardner - Dale Haessel (round 5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 Qc7 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.Nf3 b5 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 b4 11.Na4 Nxe5 12.Bf4 Nxf3+ 13.Bxf3 Qxf4 14.Bxa8 Bd7 15.Qd3 Bb5 16.c4 Bxa4 17.Rd1 Qe5+ 18.Kf2 Qb8 19.Bf3 e6 20.Qd4 Qc8 21.Kg3 Bc5 (0-1).

Barney Fegyverneki - Ford Wong (round 6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 O-O 6.Be2 e5 7.O-O Nbd7 8.Rb1 Re8 9.d5 Nc5 10.Qc2 a5 11.b3 Nfxe4! 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Re1 Nc5 14.Qd1 e4 15.Nd4 Be5 16.Be3 Qh4 17.g3 Qf6 18.Nb5 Na6 19.Bf1 c6 20.dxc6 bxc6 21.Nd4 Bb7 22.Qd2 Nb4 23.Red1 Nd3! 24.Bxd3 exd3 25.Bg5 Qg7 26.Qxd3 f5 (FW: 26...Bxd4) 27.Ne2 c5 28.f3 Re6 29.Bd2 Rae8 30.Kf1 g5 31.Nc3 Qh6 32.h4 Bxg3 33.Bxg5 Qh5 34.Nd5 Bxd5 35.Qxd5 h6 36.Be3 Qxh4 37.f4 Qh3+ 38.Ke2 Kh7 39.Kd2 Bxf4 40.Kc2 Qxe3 41.Qxf5+ Kh8 (now White, who just survived some time trouble, finds an amusing way to prepare for resigning...) 42.Qh7+ (0-1).

1	Dale Haessel	2213	+46	+20	+12	+ 6	+ 2	= 4	5.5
2	Rob Gardner	2213	+23	+26	+ 8	+ 4	- 1	+13	5.0
3	Ford Wong	1964	+41	= 5	+14	=15	+24	+17	5.0
4	A. Odachowski	2138	+51	+22	+ 9	- 2	+16	= 1	4.5
5	Art Milne	1730	+42	= 3	=10	+14	= 9	+28	4.5
6	Adam Wu	1963	+32	+48	+17	- 1	= 7	+15	4.5
7	Max Carcamo	1753	+43	- 12	+44	+10	= 6	+21	4.5
8	Tony Dy Reyes	2029	+38	+27	- 2	=22	+32	+16	4.5
9	Chris Dartana	1954	+37	+19	- 4	+25	= 5	=11	4.0
10	Geoff Newton	1949	+31	=18	= 5	- 7	+29	+24	4.0
11	Lev Becker	2037	=34	=21	+18	=20	+22	= 9	4.0
12	Bill Bentley	1996	+29	+ 7	- 1	- 24	+45	+26	4.0
13	Hafiz Karmali	1980	- 18	+34	+48	+27	+26	- 2	4.0
14	A. Hangartner	1903	+54	+44	- 3	- 5	+41	+25	4.0
15	T. Wilson								
16	G. Brown								
17	B. Fegyverneki								
18	K. Turner								
19	A. Laplaine								
20	F. Pellerin								
21	E. Schocat								
22	R. Gouge								
23	J. Golmon								
24	B. Knudskov								
25	J. Kaastrup								
26	G. Reuter								
27	C. Dewindt								
28	P. Usselman								
29	B. Tynan								
30	A. Yamach								
31	P. Montambault								
32	A. Kruger								
33	D. Heinzig								
34	B. Wu								
35	C. Wu								
36	R. Dodd								
37	S. Longley								
38	J. Fradette								
39	B. Murdoch								
40	D. Wu								
41	T. McKay								
42	L. Nagle								
43	L. Miazga								
44	D. Ottosen								
45	N. Podolchak								
46	A. Grefner								
47	W. Rusk								
48	M. Cyr (/4)								
49	S. Dodd-Flower								
50	J. Denneboom								
51	G. Cannon								
52	H. Vandervaart (/5)								
53	A. Dodd-Flower								
54	G. Carter (/3)								
55	J. Reuter								

Arthur Odachowski - Rob Gardner (round 4)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.e3 d6 6.Nge2 Be6 7.Nd5 Qd7 8.O-O Nd8 9.d4 c6 10.Ndc3 Bxc4 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Qa4 b5 13.Qa6 Qc8 14.Qxc8 Rxc8 15.b3 Bd3 (0-1).

Lev Becker - Franck Pellerin (round 4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 Nxe4 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Bb7 10.Qg4 O-O 11.Bh6 Bg5 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.f4 f5 14.exf6+ Qxf6 15.h4 Qd4+ 16.Kh2 Qxb2 17.Qxd7+ Kh8 18.hxg5 Qxa1 19.c3 Nd6 20.g6 hxg6 21.Rh1 Rf5 22.Kg3+ Rh5 23.Rxh5+ gxh5 24.Qe6 Qxb1 25.Qf6+ Kh7 26.Qe7+ Kh6 27.Qg5+ Kh7 (draw).

Rob Gardner - Tony Dy Reyes (round 3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 Qb6 8.g3 Be7 9.Bh3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Ndb8 11.Ne2 Na6 12.O-O Bd7 13.Kh1 Rc8 14.a3 Na5 15.b4 Nc4 16.Nc3 O-O 17.Na4 Qb5 18.Nc5 Nxc5 19.dxc5 a5 20.Nd4 Qa6 21.Bd2 Nxd2 22.Qxd2 Bb5 23.Rfc1 Bd3 24.Bg2 Bc4 25.f5 Rcd8 26.fxe6 fxe6 27.Bh3 h6 28.Nxe6 Bg5 29.Nxg5 hxg5 30.e6 Rde8 31.Re1 d4 32.Qxd4 Rd8 33.Qe3 Bd5+ 34.Kg1 Rde8 35.Rad1 Bc6 36.e7 Rf6 37.Qxg5 axb4 38.axb4 Qa2 39.Qxf6 gxf6 40.Be6+ Qxe6 41.Rxe6 Kf7 42.Rdd6 Rxe7 43.Rxf6+ Kg7 44.Rg6+ Kh7 45.Rxc6 bxc6 46.Rxc6 and with the second of his 2 queens from promotion, White mated Black on move 67... (1-0).

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Material for inclusion in the next *ACR* should be received by: **Dec. 24**. Items received after that date may be delayed to a later *ACR*. (Up to 5 *ACR*'s are published each year.)

Reminder to Tournament Directors

CFC regulations require a report to be submitted within 7 days 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. A written report can be sent then or a little later to both *En Passant* and the *ACR* (please support the *ACR* too!).

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)

(We rely on clubs to keep the list current; you may wish to verify info before attending)

CALGARY CC

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 1992-93 Schedule

Grand Prix Speed. (TD: Ted Wilson 240-1419): Oct 27, Dec 22, Mar 2, Apr 27, Jun 22
Active Tournaments. (6 rounds each, 3 rounds/night; TD's to be announced):
Nov 10 & 17, Dec 8 & 15, Jan 19 & 26, Feb 16 & 23, Mar 16 & 23, Apr 13 & 20, May 11 & 18, Jun 8 & 15.
Nov 3 - Dec 15: Calgary CC Championship.
 7 rds. (TD: Jim Daniluk 248-7456).
Dec 29: Fun and/or Speed Night.
Jan 5/93: Pre-registration for Calgary Closed.
Jan 12 - Feb 23/93: Calgary Closed. 7 rds. (TD: Greg Huber 286-1873).
Mar 9 - Apr 20/93: Calgary Open. 7 rds. (TD: Brian Starkes 243-2026).
May 4 - Jun 15/93: Spring Open. 7 rds. (TD: Jim Van Wyck 265-0098).

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).

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

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).

NORTHERN COMMUNITIES CC

Meets: at Branko's home (near Boyle).
Info: Branko Georgijevic (689-2476; mail: Box 558, Boyle T0A 0M0).

CLUBS: Your members *deserve* reports from you! **ORGANIZERS:** Please send *ACR details* well in advance. **TD's:** We'd appreciate a report on your event (prize list, crosstable, and/or games an asset). **Thanks!**

Fischer-Spassky was 7 wins to 3 in Fischer's favor after 18 games. The first to 10 wins gets \$3,500,000 U.S., the other \$1,500,000. Last *ACR* said it was a 9 *game* match (that's what a newspaper story said then!) — sorry.

RED DEER CC

Meets: Dawe Centre, room 709. Monday evenings, starting at 7:30 p.m.
Info: Brian Murdoch (343-6664 daytime only), c/o 97 Oliver St, Red Deer T4P 1W2.

RIMBEY CC

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

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)

Top-Rated Albertans (as of Sept 3/92)

Greg Huber	2286
Arniel Frialde	2276
Robert South	2275
Fred South	2272 •
Andrew Paduch	2250
Dale Haessel	2213
Rob Gardner	2213
Zoltan Baunok	2194 •
Barney Fegyvermeki	2181
Brad Willis	2160
Gordon Campbell	2160 •
Milan Rabljenovic	2145 •
Tony Peredo	2142
Arthur Odachowski	2138
Réjean Plante	2125
Chris Demers	2122
Ted Wilson	2121
Neil Sharp	2118 •
Paul Thibodeau	2109
John Parrott	2082
Wilf Lahrkamp	2062
Andrew Dudek	2061
Jim Daniluk	2060
Omar Farid	2058
Warrick Walker	2053
Farzan Nazarian	2048
Lev Becker	2037
Paul Usselman	2035
Tony Dy Reyes	2029
Darse Billings	2027
Tracy Kolenchuk	2019
Sardul Purewal	2017
Vincent Young	2015 •
Ken Salmon	2013
Lloyd Yeudall	2013

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

NEWS FROM THE ACA

by Ford Wong, ACA President

ACA President's Report for 91-92

(Edited by the ACR from Ford's report to the 1992 AGM, October 11, Red Deer.)

1991-92 has been somewhat a Jekyll and Hyde year — some good things some bad. The year has not been particularly great for the ACA President. I found myself spending a lot of time looking for volunteers to help ensure ACA projects got done. I managed to find people, but almost always had to ask. Very few seem willing to step forward to help. It was difficult to find volunteers and continues to be. Too many just want to play chess, taking for granted that tournaments, etc. will always be there. I even had someone refuse to help, stating "What has the ACA done for me lately?"

Over the past year, some people have provided lots of ideas and complaints about how the ACA is not doing enough, such as "Why aren't you doing this and why aren't you doing that?". The answer is there are too few volunteers. There are always lots of people with ideas, but no one wants to do anything about them, not even the suggesters. Someone complained about how the Alberta Closed was run, however the tournament may not have happened if not for the volunteer. I cannot do everything myself and things do not get done by magic.

The ACA depends entirely on volunteers. The President is also a volunteer and it's not supposed to be a full time job (at times it seems like it is). Perhaps there are people who feel that I'm not doing a very good job. All I can say is that I am doing the best that I can. I also have a life outside of chess (family, job, etc.). The success of an organization may rest heavily on the shoulders of its leader, but the leader owes his success to all the people he has helping him.

This year the ACA was faced with another financial squeeze as we received another lower Government grant (\$8100) for base level funding. This taxes the limits of financing needed to maintain our base projects (tournaments, travel assistance, newsletter, administration, etc.). This year there will not be any spending on Leadership projects. We are lucky that there is no longer a mandatory requirement in this area, or our situation would be tougher. Note: I believe that Leadership projects are important as a way to truly strengthen our infrastructure. This year the ACA may be facing a deficit, and next year looks to be worse as the grant is expected to be only \$7500.

With the present level of government funding, the ACA does not have much money to divert to things outside of the ACA Plan. Some may think we have a lot of money to spend, but we do not. I had to refuse several bona fide requests for financial assistance. I wished we could have helped, but felt we could not afford it. I do not believe in running a deficit year after year. This year, we could not even afford to donate chess sets. Ideally, the ACA should be bolstering the prize fund for the Alberta Open in order to compete with the Prairie Open, but we couldn't.

For the upcoming year, the ACA executive needs to re-evaluate its priorities as to where and how much monies are to be spent. It's even possible that TD honorariums, travel assistance, free entry to Junior/Cadet closed events, etc. may have to be dropped.

The ACA Board of Directors should have met more often in the past year, and I must apologize as more direct Board input would doubtless have been valuable. I cut back on meetings to conserve expenses. As President, I tried to make all decisions in conformity with the 1992 ACA Plan.

On a more positive note, the ACA was able to deliver most of its base projects set out in the Plan. Here's a summary of some accomplishments during 1991-92:

- After several years absence, an Alberta Women's Championship was held.
- The ACA contributed \$100 to each Alberta rep to the Canadian Chess Challenge. At the time (before the reduced base grant was known) I felt we could afford it.
- Travel costs: Adam Wu (Canadian Junior, Scarborough), Greg Huber (Canadian Closed, Kingston), and Sherwin Chan (Canadian Cadet, Winnipeg).
- Most regularly scheduled tournaments listed in the Plan were hosted. The Calgary Tournament Series was added, giving Calgarians more weekend tournaments. The year before the Southern Alberta Open was their only ACA-sponsored tournament.
- The Alberta Open, originally scheduled for Calgary, was changed by the Board to Red Deer. In 1993 it will be in Calgary (if a volunteer can be found to organize it).
- The ACA loaned chess sets for a tournament in the High Prairie library.
- I withstood the heat from a very abusive player about his failure to qualify for the Alberta Closed, as I upheld the rules. I'd appreciate it if people would read and understand the Alberta Closed rules. I didn't like being called vulgar names in public. (This person did later apologize.)

Besides looking for volunteers, I have also spent time doing the following:

- As ACA President I attended seminars (two Presidents Forums, a Fundraising seminar, and a Marketing seminar) hosted by Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation which were geared towards helping associations such as ours. John Quiring, ACA Treasurer, accompanied me to several of these. The fundraising session lead the ACA to apply for and get its first Casino. The Marketing session was also very enlightening — the ACA could have had a professional help us to develop a marketing plan, however I declined due to lack of funding and an anticipated shortage of volunteers to work on behalf of the Association. I believe that the ACA can benefit immensely from the development of marketing strategy.
- Coordinating the Community Chess Outreach / Education project.
- Assisting with plans for the 1993 Canadian Chess Challenge Finals (held in Alberta). The ACA intends to assist the organizers of the Challenge by applying for all grants available and contributing some proceeds from the Casino (pending Board approval).

Next year, the ACA will be hosting its first Casino, in Calgary, and it is a tremendous opportunity for the Association to raise some badly needed funds. Unfortunately, the Alberta Gaming Commission tightly controls where gaming proceeds can be spent. It is envisioned that the majority of Casino proceeds will be spent on the Canadian Chess Challenge Finals and assistance to Chess Clubs (room rent and new equipment). *I encourage everyone to sign up to help if at all possible.*

To conclude, I must reiterate that *more volunteers are needed*. The existing volunteer base is stretched to the limit. The ACA infrastructure is very delicate. Cutting back projects because of lack of volunteers is going in the wrong direction. Organized chess on a provincial scale may collapse. I encourage members to come and help out if they can. A big test will be to see the turnout for our Casino in 1993.

I would like to thank those few people who unselfishly volunteered their time to help with ACA projects this past year. They do a lot of work and they keep this organization going. Also thanks go to those people keeping our grassroots alive by running chess clubs and organizing tournaments. Again, special thanks go to Len Steele, Barney Fegyverneki, and John Quiring.

Plan Report for 1992
by Ford Wong, ACA President

The Plan report is really an addendum to the President's report and will highlight several things which were not fully covered in the President's report.

The Planning Committee for 1992 consisted of Ford Wong, Mike Sekuloff, John Quiring and Len Steele. Guidance for the Plan was provided at two Planning meetings held in Red Deer in January and February. Len Steele did the work for the RPW Grant.

Changes to the 1992 Plan:

- The Grant Application was made simpler for 1992 and the requirement of where Government funds are spent was removed, i.e. there used to be minimums of 15% each for "leadership" and "programs".
- Projects not continued in 1992:
 - Seven Plus 1 Tournament Series
 - Formal Rules for Alberta Championship Tournaments (merged into "Rules For ACA Sponsored Tournaments" project)
 - Trilateral Team Match
 - Junior Chess Outreach (RPW-funded)
- Projects added for 1992:
 - RPW Grant requested for Canadian Chess Challenge
 - RPW Grant requested for Community Chess Challenge Outreach/Education
 - Battle of Alberta
 - Calgary Tournament Series (four tournaments in Calgary)
 - Public Relations
 - Winter Open

For 1992, the ACA received an \$8100 grant from Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation. From the Recreation, Parks and Wildlife (RPW) Foundation we received \$1500 for Canadian Chess Challenge Finals and \$2000 for Community Chess Challenge Outreach/Education. Compare this to 1991 totals: \$9500 base grant, \$2500 RPW (Junior Chess Outreach).

Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation is still adjusting organizations into their respective funding levels. The funding level for each organization was determined based on their applications for the past three years. Organizations are slowly being moved into the funding level where the Alberta Government feels they belong. The ACA got the \$8200 level this year. Assuming the same amount of funding is available for disbursement as in 1992, our government representative expects that for 1993 we will get \$7500 (which should put us in our final funding group) and the same is expected for 1994. A re-evaluation is anticipated in 1994.

ACA Casino Approved for Calgary
(dates during July - September 1993)

Volunteers Needed to Sign Up Now

by Ford Wong, ACA President

Great news, the Alberta Chess Association has been awarded a Casino for some time during July to September 1993 in Calgary! The exact dates will be determined at a special draw in Spring '93.

In order to run a casino, volunteers are required from the sponsoring organization to assist with its operation. The Casino will be a two day event requiring a minimum of thirty volunteers working several shifts.

The Alberta Gaming Commission requires that all volunteers be registered three months prior to the casino date. Anyone who thinks they will be able to help at that time please contact the ACA now. We must work to achieve our sign up goal as soon as possible (don't assume "someone else will do it").

I am hoping that there will be many chess enthusiasts who are dedicated enough to be willing to go to Calgary to help out and join with the Calgary volunteers. Anyone signing up now will be contacted at a later date to confirm their availability. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age, and must not have a criminal record (*highway robbery on the chess board does not count!* - ed.).

This Casino will provide the opportunity to assist chess in Alberta dramatically, especially at the club level. Assuming a successful Casino, our initial intention is to use the majority of the revenue towards:

- Financing of expenses related to the Canadian Chess Challenge Finals being hosted in Alberta in May 1993. Note: funding will be provided after the event is over.
- Existing chess clubs in Alberta stand to benefit immensely as the ACA intends to assist with room rental (possibly long term leases) and to replace badly needed equipment such as clocks. It is envisioned that this may give existing chess clubs the opportunity to move to better locations, ensure their financial stability for years to come, reduce membership costs and nightly dues, and help make chess at the clubs more affordable and enjoyable.

This will not be possible if the ACA is unable to get enough volunteers. I am asking you, as a dedicated chess enthusiast, to help out with the Casino. Alberta chess stands to receive enormous benefit from this venture. If you're interested, please contact the ACA or put your name on a sign up list (posted at the Edmonton and Calgary Chess Clubs).

Thank you in advance for your support!

Qualifying for the 1993 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 (qualifiers or by rating) must register in writing. The written registration must be received by the ACA by March 10. It's the **potential entrant's responsibility** to submit a registration - the ACA need not 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. Candidates qualify by their earliest eligible qualification opportunity. Check rules for tiebreaking. If player(s) still needed (*no automatic entrants by rating!*), the highest rated registrant(s) in the latest CFC rating list prior to March 10, will be accepted (but must have completed at least 1 qualifying event). Note: organizers must apply to hold "Rural Qualifiers".

Qualifying events for the '93 Alta Closed
'92 Alta Closed; Alta Open; Alta Jr Closed; S. Alta Open; Edmonton Closed; Calgary Closed; N. Alta Open; "Rural Candidate".

Grande Prairie vs Dawson Creek Match
by Jim Roy

The first event of this season's Alta-B.C. Peace River Grand Prix was completed on Saturday, September 12...almost. The G.P. vs D.C. Team Match, held at the Johnny McDonald Arena in Grande Prairie, had a small problem. It wasn't the bagpipes, the grunts from the nearby martial arts club, nor the wailing of the audio system — angry spectators and personnel of about 75 clubs were evacuated from the building because of a chlorine leak, as firemen rushed into the scene (nobody was hurt).

Games were unrated, with 45 minute sudden death time control (ha, ha). The D.C. team from top board down was Jim Kanester, Gordon MacDonald, Ken Fraser, Brian Waldie, and 13-yr old Clark Schaefer. The G.P. team was Cliff Turner, Jim Roy, Gerry Scherer, Jeff Mah, and Jody Corfe. D.C. won the 2 games completed, and the other 3 had to be adjourned. Even if the event failed, it was still enjoyable, and ended our region's "summer chess slumber".

1992 Canadian Closed Zonal
by Greg Huber

The 1992 Canadian Closed was held May 14 to May 25 in Kingston, which incidentally is not part of Toronto. I discovered this only after booking a flight to the Toronto International Airport... Luckily, I was able to get a ride to Kingston with the extremely competent tournament director, Alex Knox.

The tournament site flipped back and forth between two separate rooms on the Queens University campus. One was small and sort of cramped, and the other was huge and quite nice. The problem with the big room was the large bay window that periodically bathed one of the boards in a blinding solar spotlight. This beam seemed to move randomly around the room, forcing the tables to do a comical dance in order to stay out of its way. Basically, the tournament ran quite smoothly, with any small incidents handled quietly and efficiently by Mr. Knox. The only gripe I was forced to voice to the TD was that the six buttons on the Street Fighter II video game at the nearest arcade were annoyingly arranged vertically instead of the more standard horizontally. He claimed he could do nothing about this. Though chagrined, I eventually decided not to appeal.

Being a zonal year, the tournament was quite strong. Other than myself, the field consisted of GM Kevin Spraggett, IM's Deen Hergott, Tom O'Donnell, Lawrence Day and Bryon Nickoloff, IM-elect Alexandre Lesiège, FM's Brian Hartman and Joe Horton, and NM's (National Masters) Garry Basanta, Kevin Gentes, and Ron Livshits (*Greg is also an "NM" - ed.*).

Alexandre Lesiège took full advantage of pre-tournament favorite Spraggett being slightly off-form, and earned himself the title of Canadian Champion with 8.5/11. Lesiège didn't need to play brilliantly, but he did play much more solidly than everyone else and punished them for their errors. Tied for second were Spraggett and Hartman with 7.5, which was good enough to earn Hartman his much-quested-for IM title. Notable results were also obtained by Kevin Gentes and Gary Basanta, each with 5.5 points and new FM titles.

I finished tied for last with Ron Livshits at 3 points. I was more happy with my score when it was 3/7, but it somehow managed to find its way to 3/11. The gothic architecture of Queens provided a suitable backdrop for my lamenting of my fate in the final four games. Luckily, Danica was only a phone call away in Calgary, and talking to her always cheers me up. Overall, however, I was pleased with my score, bearing in mind that it was my first Canadian Closed.

My games could be divided into roughly 5 categories. The first three types all resulted in losses: against Lesiège and Spraggett I simply got outplayed; against Horton and Gentes I blundered in good positions; and against Hergott, Hartman and Livshits I never got out of the opening alive. The fourth and fifth types were more cheerful: against Basanta and Day I drew from favorable positions, and against O'Donnell and Nickoloff I won messy come-from-behind games. I include one game from each of the fourth and fifth types, believing them to be both more interesting and better played than most of the ones from the first three types.

I would like to thank the Alberta Chess Association for the funding of my airfare. It was a great experience, being the strongest tournament I have ever played in. It would have been much more difficult to attend without the assistance of the ACA.

Greg Huber - Lawrence Day (round 4)
1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 I've recently been trying this instead of my usual Vienna game. Maybe I should learn some real openings sometime...
2...Nf6 3.d3 White can now consider playing Nc3 and transposing back into a Vienna without allowing the 1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 trick line. **3...c6 3...Bc5** gives a more standard type of position. **4.Nf3 Be7 5.O-O d6 6.c3** White's normal plan in this type of position is to inhibit Black's most active plan (...d5) by applying pressure to e5, and then preparing an eventual d4 after developing his pieces. Black usually develops his pieces in anticipation of meeting d4 as effectively as possible. **6...O-O 7.Bb3** So that ...d5 does not immediately win a tempo, and also giving the option of playing Bc2 if Black tries for exchanges with ...Be6. **7...Na6** Opting for an interesting piece placement strategy involving overprotecting e5. **8.Re1 Nd7 9.d4 Bf6 10.Nbd2 Qe7 11.Nf1 Nc7** Black has a very solid position, and White has to be careful and patient with his build-up. **12.a4** Preparing to grab some space with a5, and also intending Bc2, b3 and Ba3, pressuring the d6 and e5 pawns. **12...b6 13.Bc2 Rd8** Anticipating an eventual exchange of pawns on e5. **14.Ne3 g6** Preventing Nf5 and preparing ...Bg7. It allows 15.Ng4 Bg7 16.Nh6+ Kh8, but this does not appear to accomplish anything for White. **15.b3! Bg7 16.Ba3 c5** Faced with tremendous pressure on the dark squares after a future Nc4, Black makes the concession that White has been waiting for. Since it will be very difficult for White to maintain a pawn on d4 now, he should exchange d-pawns quite quickly. Black would then be structurally worse, having nothing to compensate for the weakness of the d5 square. This position is quite similar to one

explained in John Nunn's book *Secrets of Grandmaster Play*. I got greedy, however, and decided to try and keep my pawn on d4 for as long as possible, hoping to pressure Black into trading. This idea is completely stupid, as Black will never be obliged to capture on d4, and White is just giving Black free shots at his unstable centre pawns. **17.Ra2?** After the game, Lawrence accused me of playing "esoterically" and trying to "put him off on the clock". Undoubtedly, moves such as this one contributed to this feeling. However, I was merely playing stupidly. I was assuming that I had all the time in the world to unravel my pieces with Ra2, Bb1 and Rd2, followed by maybe exchanging d-pawns later. I completely underestimated the pressure Black would obtain on my centre, forcing me to exchange d-pawns right away. Thus, my unravelling plan just loses time and gives Black some dangerous kingside chances. **17...Bb7 18.Bb1 Nf6 19.Nc4 Nh5!** Right about here I came to the unhappy conclusion that I should have exchanged d-pawns earlier since I seem to have no choice but to do it now. My pieces are too tied down defending d4. The loss of time associated with Ra2 and Bb1 is now really being felt. **20.dxe5 dxe5 21.Qe2** So that my queen can help defend (from f1) against the coming attack. **21...Nf4 22.Qf1 Bc8!** White will still be doing well if he can arrange for g3 to chase away the active black knight before it can do any damage. White should be better if he can change the emphasis of the game from his kingside to the weak square on d5. **23.Bc1** Obviously not 23.g3 Bh3. **23...Bg4 24.Nfd2 Qg5** White has to be very careful. For instance, 25.f3 allows Bh3. Still, if White can chase back the active black pieces without incurring any structural damage he will be doing well since he can then unravel with N4e3, N2c4 and Rd2. **25.Kh1** Preparing f3. **25...Qh5 26.f3 Bc8 27.Re3?** I still can't believe that I played this move. I thought (and I use the term loosely) that, when I play g3 to chase away the black knight, Black will play Bh3 to force my queen from covering d3 and allow Black's knight to infiltrate there. Thus, I played Re3 to cover d3 again. However, this is stupid for two reasons. Firstly, g3 is a blunder to start with (as we will soon see). Secondly, White has his completely natural plan of N4e3, N2c4 and Rd2 at his disposal. I can offer no explanation why I didn't do this, other than I was somewhat paranoid about Ba6 (for no reason, admittedly). After this move Lawrence was sure I was trying to provoke him into a complicated position to take advantage of his time shortage. **27...Bh6!** Obvious and good. **28.g3?** I should have admitted my stupidity and moved my

rook back. Instead I continued with my blunderly plan. 28...Bh3! Only now did I realize how horrifying this move is. At first I thought I'd just move my queen somewhere and then he'd move his knight back and I'd play Rd3. Unfortunately, each square that I looked at to move my queen had some gross defect. For example, 29.Qg1 Bg2+. Or 29.Qf2 Bg2+ and Nh3+. Or 29.Qe1 Ng2. Thus, totally sickened, I played the only move left. I felt sure something very gross was about to happen... 29.Qd1 Bg2+? Lawrence was frustrated and I was amazed that there was no obvious immediate crush. I think 29...Nce6! is best, leading to a position similar to the game but with the added flexibility of not having a bishop blocking g2 and needing defending by the knight on f4. 29...Nce6! is certainly a clear improvement over the game since White can no longer play Qe1 to unpin his pieces (because of ...Ng2). White being without useful moves, the game would likely go 30.gxf4 Nxf4, threatening 31...Bg2+ 32.Kg1 Qg5. Now, 31.Re2 loses to 31...Qg5! (not Qf3+). Thus, White would have to play 31.Qe1 when 31...Bg5! wins grotesquely (i.e. 32.Nf1 Bh4 33.Ng3 [33.Rf2 Rd1!] Bxg3 34.Qxg3 Rd1+ 35.Re1 Qf3+). In summary, Lawrence's piece sac idea of Nce6 seems to win, but he faltered in time pressure and threw in the inaccurate Bg2+ first. 30.Kg1 Nce6 Basically the only move. 31.Qe1 Trying to untangle. 31.gxf4 loses to 31...Bxf4 32.Kxg2 Qxh2+. 31...Bh3 Admitting that Bg2 was a mistake. Both players are in time trouble, and the following moves were played quite quickly. 32.gxf4 exf4 ...Nxf4 and ...Bxf4, though still very complex, are not as crushing as before. 33.Re2 Bg5! 34.Kh1 Making yet a new square for the much taunted white queen. 34...Bh4 35.Qg1 Ng5 36.Rf2 Be6 Threatening Nh3. 37.Qf1 Since Black can always win an exchange at will, I played this rather than Rf1, hoping to simplify the position some in time trouble. 37...Bxf2 38.Qxf2 Rd7 White can breathe a little easier now that the black B is gone, but he still has a messy ball of pieces on the queenside to unravel. 39.e5! Nh3 40.Qe2 Qg5 Making time control after both players blitzed the last few moves. 41.Qe1 Rad8 42.Nd6 White is willing to give up his e5 pawn to untangle his guys. 42...f6 After the game, Lawrence was quite convinced that 42...f5 offered better chances (by keeping the white pieces out of e4). I'm not sure if this is true or not, but it certainly is interesting after Black plays for an eventual g5 and g4. 43.c4! The best way. N2e4 is bad because of Qxe5. Now White gets good squares for his minor pieces. 43...fxe5 ...Qxe5 44.N6e4 and Bb2 is risky for Black. 44.N6e4 Qe7 45.Nc3 Bf5 Now Lawrence

offered a draw, which deep down I knew I shouldn't accept since the strong white minor pieces should give good chances. However, I felt rather freaked at this stage and made the theoretically but perhaps practically good decision to accept. The most reasonable line seems to be 46.Nd5 Qe6 47.Ne4, which seems good but is still very messy. Regardless, I was pleased with a draw.

Tom O'Donnell - Greg Huber (round 6)
 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 I was already happy with my position, being glad not to be playing against Tom's c3 Sicilian. 3...cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.f3 I was also glad to see this Short English Attack Thing, even though I don't know any theory. I make no claim about my next few moves being book or even good, but it's where I always put my pieces and I saw no reason to change. 7...Qc7 8.g4 h6 A usefully spent tempo, as it slows down g5 by several moves. 9.Qd2 Nbd7 10.O-O-O b5 11.a3?! This seems to be too high a price to pay to avoid getting the N/c3 kicked by b4, since it makes opening lines on the queenside much easier for Black. It seems preferable to be aggressive with Qg2 and h4, after which g5 and g6 will be a serious threat. Black will want to counterattack with Ne5, Nc4 and b4, along with the prophylactic g6 (making White's g5 less threatening). Thus, a sensible line might go 11.Qg2 b4 12.Ne2 Ne5 13.Kb1 Nc4 14.Bc1 g6 15.h4 e5 unclear. 11...Rb8 12.h4 Ne5 13.Kb1 White is trying to avoid moving his B/f1, assuming that it will be required to capture a N/c4 anyway. 13...d5? A safer alternative is 13...Bd7, which prepares ...d5 (as we will see) and also makes White find a constructive move. I wanted to mix things up in order to give Tom (and, naturally, myself) a higher chance of miscalculating an important line. 14.Bf4! Really the only move, as 14.exd5 allows 14...b4. 14...Bd6 15.Bxe5?! Even though this leads to an advantage, it does so in a very complex, messy, and unexpected way. Better seems to be 15.Bxb5+! axb5 16.Ncxb5! Qb6 17.Nxd6+ Qxd6. White then has some obvious compensation for the piece (some pawns and a pin on the N/e5), but it seems like Black's threats of 18...Qxa3 or 18...Rxb2+! will allow enough time to untangle. However, 18.Qc3! defends all threats and leaves Black very awkwardly placed. Since 19.Nf5 is then threatened, the best line seems to run 18...Nfd7 19.exd5 O-O 20.dxe6 and wins. Thus, the sac on b5 is the most direct refutation of Black's ...d5. 15...Bxe5 16.exd5 Bd7! The only move. If 16...Nxd5 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Re1 O-O 19.Rxe5 Qxe5 20.Nc6 Qc7 21.Nxb8 Qxb8 22.Qxd5 wins. After the text (preventing Nc6), Black gets

some strong (but not quite sufficient) queenside threats for the pawn. White is better, but he has to be careful. 17.dxe6 fxe6 18.Bh3 A logical move, developing towards e6 and finally preparing g5. 18...b4 19.axb4 Rxb4 20.Nb3 a5 21.g5 a4!? Since 21...Nh5 leads to a disadvantage after 22.Ne4!, I decided I had to press on with the a-pawn. 22.gxf6? Better is 22.Nxa4!, since 22...Rxa4 gxf6 is good for White, as is 22...Nh5 23.Nac5. White was going on the assumption that his next move was going to be crushing. I still had no inkling of what was coming up. 22...axb3 23.f7+ This was the move White was counting on, but it doesn't work the way he thought it did. I didn't see f7+ at all, and after he played it I almost resigned (23...Ke7 24.Nd5+ wins, or 23...Kxf7 24.Qxd7 wins, and 23...Kd8 walks into a huge pin). Then, I noticed that 23...Kf8 miraculously didn't lose instantly to 24.Qxd7 because of bxc2+ 25.Kxc2 Rxb2+!! I still assumed that I was lost (even though I couldn't see how) and was waiting for Tom to show me. 23...Kf8 24.cxb3 I was amazed to find that White didn't seem to have much, and would also have to be very concerned about Black's queenside threats! I couldn't believe I had fluked into such a nice position! 24...Rxb3 25.Qc2? Somewhat in time trouble and confused by the position, Tom makes a fatal error. Forced seems 25.Rc1 (25.Qxd7 still fails to Rxb2+) when 25...Kxf7 gives Black excellent play. 25...Rxc3! 26.bxc3 Kxf7! White's king is trapped in the crossfire. White is now in severe time pressure. 27.Rd3 In hopes of playing c4 and Rb3, as well as freeing d1 for the king. 27...Qa7 Preventing c4, preparing Ba4, and keeping an eye on a1. White has no moves. 28.Re1 Rb8+ 29.Kc1 Bf4+ 30.Kd1 Ba4 31.Bxe6+ Kf8 (0-1).

Calgary Summer Active #3 by Barney Fegyverneki

Dale Haessel won first place with a perfect 6/6. Max Carcamo edged out Andrew Beingsner on tie-break to claim best under 1800. Eight (!) newcomers fought for the unrated prizes, with Rand Dodd 1st, Dan Fraese 2nd, and Lee Nagle 3rd in this battle royale. Nick Podolchak directed.

ECC August Open by Wayne Mendryk, TD

This tournament, the last of the 91-92 season, brought out 14 players. In the open section, Hafiz Karmali was undefeated at 4/4, beating the likes of F. Borloi (who finished 2nd with 3/4), R. Plante, and E. Schocat. In the 1800 and under section, Art Skeel (2.5/4) took first on tie-break over Cor Dewindt.



ALBERTA JUNIOR CHESS REPORT

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1992 Canadian Cadet Report

by Adam Wu

The 1992 Canadian Cadet was held at the Winnipeg Chess Center, which is in the basement of a library. I remember Greg Huber once saying that Winnipeg was the coldest city on the planet. He's right. Sherwin Chan has already told you about his tournament (*Aug/92 ACR*). Personally, I had quite a different, rather schizophrenic competition.

I did not have a good start. OK, putting the euphemisms aside, I played like an idiot. My games were sprinkled with Patzer Hut type blunders (pepperoni extra). My troubles started in the 2nd round with a disastrous loss in which I tossed a significant opening advantage. Sherwin has told you all about it, so I won't dwell on it.

Anyways, the next several games were complete nightmares. In the 3rd round I hung a piece in the opening. Luckily, my opponent, Neil Collins, didn't take it! Carefully steering into an exchange-up ending, I somehow let him off with a draw. In the 4th round I inexplicably played into a completely timid (although equal) position against the eventual tournament winner, Eddie Teodoro, before dropping an exchange for absolutely no reason. In round 5, I needed divine intervention to pull off a particularly ugly win against Erin Walker, the lowest ranked and youngest player in the tournament.

So with 4 rounds to go, I had an impressive 2.5/5. Ahead were Nathan Steingart, Uma Casinathan, Olivier Mirabeau, and Brian Lee. Nathan and Olivier were having the tournaments of their lives, and currently owned 2nd and 3rd. Uma was struggling, but not half as badly as I was. Brian was also not playing his best, but his devastating Marshall had already claimed my fellow Albertan Sherwin Chan in under 20 moves.

So far, Eddie was cruising through the field. He did not annihilate us, for most of his games were close, but when it counted, he won. Just ask Olivier, who had a won position with Eddie in time trouble, but lost. Nathan was now in 2nd, but his toughest challenges were yet to come. However, I also had a supposedly easy first half, and look where I ended up! Uma and I were both floundering badly with identical scores, and it appeared we wouldn't be a factor. Appearances were deceiving, for we would prove to have a marked impact on the race for 2nd.

The second half of the tournament took on an entirely new outlook. Take a game of

mine from the first 5 rounds, compare it with a game from the next 4, and no one would guess that the same player created them.

I think three things were turning points. The first was my disastrous game with Erin Walker, after which I thought I heard a voice within me say 'sandbagging is morally wrong, you know, so start playing chess, not Russian roulette!'. The second was my game against Nathan. The third was the speed tournament, where I exacted some sweet revenge.

The race for second heated up. Suddenly, I was back in the thick of things. I'd already said that Olivier and Nathan got off to flying starts, while both Uma and I did the exact opposite. Now however, Nathan had 4.5, Olivier had 4, and Uma and I both had 3.5. One point out of second despite our pathetic play! The next two rounds proved critical, and rather paradoxical. Uma and I played, then Uma played Nathan, while I played Olivier. Whoever won Wucasinathan would then have to win his next game, and beg the player he has just knocked out of reasonable contention for 2nd to come to his aid and win. Amazingly, this was exactly what happened.

I lost to Uma in an exciting, complex struggle. I do not mind that, for it was the type of game which puts the fun back into competitive chess. Uma promptly began using the same tactics upon me that he exercised upon Lesiège to get his last round draw in last year's Cadet. However, it is one thing to ask someone to throw a game, it is another to ask someone to guarantee a win.

My game with Olivier was complex and messy. By no means does it flatter either player, but it was an exciting encounter, confirming once again that chess without errors is boring chess. Uma ground down Nathan in a tough ending, vaulting himself into a tie for 2nd with Nathan at 5.5. Close behind was Olivier with 5, while I was still mathematically in contention with 4.5. If Uma and Nathan both lost, and Olivier managed not to win, and I won, there could have been a 3- or 4-way tie for 2nd. Unfortunately, even Murphy's Law would be hard pressed to achieve such a result. Uma and Olivier played Sherwin and Andy Ito, respectively. Nathan was playing Eddie, but perhaps Eddie, who had already clinched 1st, might be generous. In fact, I had the toughest game, against Brian Lee.

I asked Sherwin to help, but unfortunately, I couldn't get together a large enough bribe. Andy was still angry at me for the

shellacking I gave him in round 1, and refused to cooperate. Eddie proved that he was not generous, tossing everything, including the kitchen sink, at Nathan. In my game with Brian we mounted attacks on the same side of the board! I outlasted him in the endgame.

So, when the dust had cleared, Eddie Teodoro won the Canadian Cadet with a phenomenal 9/9. Well back was the conglomeration of players around 2nd place. Nathan and Olivier were deadlocked most of the way, but neither took 2nd! It was the late joiner, Uma, who pulled through. An even later joiner, yours truly, acted as the spoiler and paved the way for him. (How about returning the favor, Uma?) Neil and Sherwin played above expectations and scored decently. They certainly dented one particular member of the upper half of the crosstable meaningfully! Brian Lee and Andy Ito both struggled with subpar results.

Nine-year-old Erin Walker caused the greatest stir. Among the youngest ever to compete in a Cadet Championship, she may also have been the first female competitor. Although she lost all of her games, she convinced at least this observer that, if she chooses to continue (her other time consuming hobby being acting), she will be a force in chess in the future.

It would not take a genius to realize I was quite disappointed with my result. I did play, however, a number of exciting and interesting games, of which I've included three.

Thanks to Cecil Rosner for organizing this year's Cadet, and Carl Grant for directing it — it was wonderfully run. I would also like to thank Garry Tomlinson for giving me a place to stay for the week.

Game 1: How Not to Play the Ending (or, How Not to Play the Opening).

This game occurred in the 3rd round. I was playing Neil Collins, the 3rd-lowest ranked player. Having just lost to the 2nd-lowest ranked, this was a psychological sink or swim game. Too bad I didn't bring a life jacket.

Neil Collins - Adam Wu

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d3 Nf6 4.Nbd2 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 O-O 7.O-O Nc6 *I don't understand why White players insist on using this opening. The King's Indian Attack is a glove that fits all hands. However, since it was designed to fit so many hands, it fits none of them well. I know there are certain players in Calgary who'd dispute this, but hey, isn't*

opposing ideas what chess is all about? 8.Re1 d5 9.c4 e6 9...d4 was better here. Black is more comfortable in a closed game. There really isn't anything to be feared from 10.e5. 10.a3 b6 11.Rb1 Bb7 12.b4 Rb8 13.Qc2 dxe4? See previous note. 13...d4 is still a possibility. 14.dxe4 Nd4? Impatiently seizing a useless outpost. Furthermore, this allows White to open the h1/a8 diagonal with a tempo. 15.Nxd4 cxd4 16.e5! Ng4?? Here we go again. One does NOT open the centre and a long diagonal for one's opponent's more actively placed pieces, and then proceed to leave a N hanging within enemy territory, unless one has been bribed. After 17...Nd7 18.Bxb7 Rxb7 19.f4 White has a spacial plus. 17.Bxb7 d3 Desperation. 18.Qd1 Qd4 19.Bg2? Phew! Nearly everything else wins a piece. 19...Qxf2+ 20.Kh1 Ne3 21.Rxe3 Qxe3 22.Nf3 Qe2 23.Qxe2 dxe2 24.Bb2 Rbd8 25.Re1 Rd1 26.Kg1 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Rd8 28.Kf2 Rd2 29.Bc1 Ra2 30.Bf3 Bxe5 31.Bxe2 Bd4+ Sowe have a B+N vs R+P. Technically, White's winning, right? A GM in my position would have resigned long ago. However, this isn't two GM's playing. In fact, in the following action, the players take turns demonstrating 'How not to play the endgame'. 32.Kf3 e5 Keeping White's K boxed in. 33.h4 f5 34.Be3 Rxa3 35.Ng2 e4+ 36.Kf4 Bg7 37.g4 Bh6+ 38.g5 Bf8 39.Bd4 Bd6+ 40.Be5 Bxb4 Black's activity, and White's lack of it, have netted Black a pawn. 41.Bd4 Ra2 ...Bd6+ 42.Be5 Bc5 is a possibility. 42.Ke3 Bd2+ 43.Kf2 f4 44.Ne1 f3 45.Nxf3 exf3 46.Kxf3 Ra3+ 47.Kg4 Bb4 Bel is also possible. 48.Bf1 Bd6 49.Bf2 a5? ..Ra2 followed by 50.Bd4 (50.Be3 Bc5 51.Bf4 Ral 52.Bh3 Rg1+ 53.Kf3 a5) 50...Rd2 51.Be3 Rd1 52.Bg2 Rd3 53.Bf2 Rd2 54.Kf3 Bc5 55.Be1 Rxc2 56.Kxc2 and Black is winning. 50.h5? a4? gxf5+ wins 51.hxg6 hxg6 52.Bxb6 Rg3+ 53.Kh4 a3 54.Bd4 a2?? A ?? may seem harsh for a move that doesn't even lose the game, but as I said, this was a sink or swim game. With this move, I effectively punctured a hole in the bottom of my boat. ...Rf3 is a simple win. 55.c5! Bxc5 56.Bc4+ (draw). This is getting annoying...

Game 2: Tales of the Arabian Knights.

This would be an important turning point.

Adam Wu - Nathan Steingart

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 d6 7.c3 b5? Losing a tempo, which later proves costly. Black was committed to remaining in Steinütz Defence Deferred type systems. 8.Bc2 O-O 9.h3 Bb7 10.d4 Re8 11.Nbd2 Bf8 12.d5!? It's better to keep central tension, but I'm never completely comfortable in such positions.

12...Ne7 13.Nf1 Ng6?! No purpose to this. The N ends up misplaced. 14.a4 c5 15.Qe2 Qb6 Qc7 was better, avoiding White's next shot. 16.Be3! The pin ties Black's Q-side into knots. 16...Nd7 17.Ng3 The Arabian Knights begin attacking maneuvers. 17...Rec8 18.Nf5 h6 19.Nh2 bxa4 Undesirably weakening the Q-side (as if Black wasn't in enough trouble on the K-side), but what else is there? 20.Bxa4 Qc7 21.Bxd7 Gaining a tempo for bringing my Q into play. 21...Qxd7 22.Qg4 Rc7? Rd8 was better. 23.h4 Kh7 24.Qh5 f6 If 24...Ne7, then 25.Qf3 Nxf5 26.exf5 f6 27.g4 Be7 28.Kh1 Rg8 29.Rg1 Qe8 30.g5 fxg5 31.hxg5 Rh8 32.gxh6 gxh6 33.Bxh6 Bxd5 34.Qxd5 Kxh6 35.Rg6+ Kh7 36.Qe6 Qc6+ 38.Kg1 +- 25.Ng4 Qf7 26.Bxh6! gxh6 26...Nf4! would have staved off immediate defeat, but after 27.Qxf7 Rxf7 28.Bxf4 exf4 29.c4 g6 30.Nh4 f5 31.exf5 gxf5 32.Nh2 Bc8 33.N4f3 Kg6 35.Nf1 a5 36.Rc8 Black's pieces are frozen in stasis while White leisurely looks for penetration. 27.Ngxf6 Bxh6 28.Nxh6! Qxh6+ doesn't get anywhere. 28...Qe8 If 28...Qf8 29.Nf5+ Kg8 30.Qxg6+ Kh8 31.h5 Bc8 32.Re3 Bxf5 33.Qxf5 Rg7 34.g4 Qe7 35.Rf3 Rf7 36.g5 Rf8 37.g6 Rg7 38.h6 Rh8 39.g7+ 29.Ng4+ Kg7 30.Qh6+ Kf7 31.Qh7+ Kf8 32.Qxc7 (1-0). Luckily Nathan resigned when he did. If we had played on, I might have lost!

Game 3: Kings Indian Escape.

Since adopting the KID as Black, I have pulled off several outrageous swindles with it. For the ultimate KIE, see Gomboc - Wu, played in the Alberta Junior. For another example, see Sia - Wu, Edmonton Closed. At the Canadian Junior, I got a chance to test my opening theory against the likes of Lesiège, Lütke, and Paduch. I will spare the reader the gruesome results. I was a bit queasy about using the KID against Olivier — at the time I didn't know that his track record against it was 0-5 — since the Junior taught me how little I really know about this thing, but...

Olivier Mirabeau - Adam Wu

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 O-O 6.Be2 e5 7.O-O Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 a5 My opening knowledge ended here. I learned the ...Nc6 main line (I had not faced the Classical often; most of my games turn out to be Samischs) from Lütke at the Junior the day before I had the audacity to try it against him (and misplayed the 6th move). 9...a5 is a little too inflexible. 10.Nd3 Nd7 11.f3 f5 12.Bd2 b6 13.b3 Nf6 ...Nc5 14.a3 a4!? 15.bxa4 Nxd3 16.Bxd3 f4 is an interesting alternative. 14.a3 f4 15.b4 axb4 16.axb4 Rxa1?! Ceding what would prove to be an important file. 16...Bd7 17.c5 bxc5

18.bxc5 g5 19.cxd6 cxd6 20.Nf2 Ng6 21.Nb5 Qb6 22.Rb1 Ra2 23.Nc3 Rb2 is better. 17.Qxa1 g5!? Bd7 was safer. 18.Qa7 I underestimated the strength of this move. 18...Bd7 19.c5 bxc5?! Opening lines carelessly. Possibly ...Qb8. 20.bxc5 Ng6 Again, ...Qb8 was safer. 21.Rb1! g4 22.Rb7 Help! 22...gxf3 23.Bxf3 dxc5 24.Nxc5 Rf7 25.Rxc7 Uma had been eyeing this game with interest. He voiced his disappointment to me while I was taking a ritual walk around the room. I told him I had no intention of capitulating, and silently guaranteed him a messy display of fireworks. 25...Nh4 26.Be2 Bf8 27.Nxd7 Black wants to free his heavy pieces for K-side action through exchanges. Now White does the job for him. The pin on the Bd7 would have caused Black a lot more headaches. 27...Nxd7 28.Be1 Rg7 Astounding tactical complications arise after 28...f3!? White has two main choices: A: 29.Bxh4 Qxh4 and now (a) 30.Rxd7? Qe1+ 31.Bf1 f2+; (b) 30.Qf2 Bc5 31.Rxc5 Qxf2+ 32.Kxf2 fxe2+ 33.Kxe2 Nxc5; (c) 30.Bf1 fxg2 31.Kxg2 Qg4+. B: 29.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 30.gxf3 and now Black has the choice of: (a) 30...Qg5+ (i) 31.Bg3 Rxf3 32.Qal Qe3+ 33.Kg2 Bc5 (threatening 34...Rxf2+ 35.Bxf2 Qxf2+ 36.Kh3 Qf3+ 37.Kh4 Bf2+ 38.Kg5 Qf4+ 39.Kh5 Qh4 mate) 34.Qb2 Rf7 draws, also (ii) 31.Kf2 Qh4+ 32.Ke2 Qh2 33.Bf2!; (b) 30...Rxf3 31.Bg3 Qg5 32.Qal Bc5+ 33.Kg2 Rf7. 29.Bxh4 Qxh4 30.Qf2? Seeing at the last moment that his intended Rxd7 was not possible, and panicking. After the correct 30.Qal! there is another complex mess of lines: 30.Qal! Qf6 with A: 31.Nb5 f3 32.Bf1 fxg2 33.Bxg2 Qb6+; B: 31.Rb7 f3 32.Bf1 Bc5+ 33.Kh1 fxg2+ 34.Bxg2 Rxg2 35.Kxg2 Qf2+ -/+; C: 31.Rc8 f3 32.Bf1, and (a) 32...Qb6+ 33.Kh1 Qf2 34.g3! or (b) 32...Qg5 33.Qb2 fxg2 34.Bxg2 Qe3+ draws; D: 31.Rc6 Bc5+ 32.Kh1 Qf8 33.Bf3 Nb8 34.Re6 Bd4 35.Qc1 Rc7. 30...Bc5 31.Rxc5 Qxf2+ 32.Kxf2 Nxc5 33.Kf3 White was getting in time trouble, and plays a useless move without considering the consequences. 33...Kf7 34.Kf2 Kf6 35.Bf3 Rb7 36.Ke2 Nb3 37.Kd3 Nd4 The tables have abruptly turned. White's counterplay in his protected passer is frozen by the N/d4. This time, I swore not to let him off the hook. 38.Bg4 Rb2 39.Bh3 f3! 40.gxf3 Rxh2 41.Bc8 Nxf3?! So much for oaths. Rf2 was better since the text gives White unnecessary counterplay by releasing the stranglehold on his position the N/d4 puts on him. 42.Nb5 Rb2 43.Nd6 Rb8 44.Bg4 Nd4 45.Kc4 Rb1 46.Kc5 Rc1+ 47.Nc4 Kg5 48.Bd7 h5 49.d6 Kf6 50.Bf5 Nxf5 51.exf5 Rxc4+ Requires a bit of accuracy, but it's just a matter of technique. 52.Kxc4 h4 53.Kd5 h3 54.d7 Ke7 55.Kc6 Kd8 The pawn queens with check. (0-1)

1992 Northern Alberta Junior

by Ford Wong, TD

Top rated **Jim Roy**, from Sexsmith (450 km NW of Edmonton) convincingly took first place with a 4-1 score to qualify for the Alberta Junior. His only loss was to the lowest rated entrant, ten year old Douglas Wu, who surprised by also qualifying (2 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss), surpassing both his sister Beatrice and Sherwin Chan, who had sub-par performances. George Bukowski, playing in his last year as a Junior, missed qualifying with a last round loss to Beatrice. Honorable mention goes to Bernie Batchelor, whose play forced his opponents into very sharp positions.

Here's a round by round description of the tournament:

Round 1: Roy paid the price for going on the offensive against D.Wu. His lack of development cost him. Like so many others before him, Jim probably underestimated the abilities of his opponent. Batchelor's all out attack fizzled when he sac'd a rook, overlooking the weakness of his back rank! Chan-B.Wu was a hard fought battle won by Sherwin when Beatrice missed several opportunities to draw.

Round 2: Batchelor's attacking style paid off as he crashed through against Chan's passive play in a KID Samisch. Roy rebounded in style, using the open c-file as a highway to penetrate into Bukowski's position, after which George's entire backfield disintegrated. B.Wu and D.Wu fought to a draw after Beatrice got weary of chasing Douglas's wandering Queen.

Round 3: Batchelor wasn't his normal self as he presented B.Wu with several pawns that proved crucial. In Chan-Roy, Sherwin allowed Jim to win the important e4 pawn and attempts to generate counterplay lead to the pinning and eventual loss of a bishop. In Bukowski-D.Wu, Douglas dropped a pawn early and was left with a position filled with numerous isolated pawns which were slowly picked off.

Sherwin Chan - Jim Roy

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Be3 b5 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 Bb7 10.Rc1 Nbd7 11.Nf3 b4 12.Ne2 Nxe4 13.Ng3 Nxe3 14.fxe3 0-0 15.c3 bxc3 16.Rxc3 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Ne5 18.Qe4 Nxd3 19.Rxd3 d5 20.Qg4 Re8 21.Bh6 Bf8 22.Rdf3 Re7 23.Bg5 Qb6+ 24.Kh1 Rc7 25.Qh5 g6 26.Qh4 Qxb2 27.R3f2 Qb7 28.Bf4 Rc4 29.Qf6 Bg7 30.Qg5 h6 31.Qg4 e5 32.h4 exf4 33.gxf4 Qc8 34.Qg3 Rc3 35.Qh2 Rc1 36.h5 Rxf1+ 37.Rxf1 Qf5 38.hxg6 fxg6 39.Rd1 d4

40.Rf1 Rb8 41.Qg3 Rb1 42.Qf2 Rxf1+ 43.Qxf1 Qb5 44.Qc1 d3 45.Qc8+ Kh7 46.Qc1 Qh5+ 47.Kg1 Bd4+ (0-1).

Round 4: After a full night's rest everyone came out fighting. B.Wu lost the exchange early to Roy, and never recovered. Batchelor went on the offensive early, leaving his king in the centre, which D.Wu exploited to win a Queen. Chan and Bukowski fought to a draw when Sherwin managed to neutralize George's attacking position with one of his own.

Douglas Wu - Bernie Batchelor

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 5.Ng5 e6 6.0-0 b5 7.Be2 h6 8.Nf3 Bb7 9.d4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 b4 11.Na4 Nxe4 12.Bf3 Ng5 13.Bxc6 dxc6 14.Bxg5 Qxg5 15.Nf3 Qf6 16.Nb6 Rd8 17.Qe2 c5 18.Rad1 Be7 19.Ne5 Qg5 20.f3 Bd6 21.Nec4 Bc7 22.Rxd8+ Qxd8 23.Rd1 Qb8 24.Nd7 Bxh2+ 25.Kh1 Qg3 26.Nd6+ Kxd7 27.Nf5+ Kc7 28.Nxg3 Bxg3 and Black resigned on move 43 (1-0).

George Bukowski - Sherwin Chan

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6 6.Nf3 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Bd3 Qb6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Re8 12.Rfd1 Qc7 13.Rac1 Bd6 14.e4 e5 15.Qb3 Rf8 16.d5 c5 17.Rc2 a6 18.a4 Nb6 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Nh4 Bd7 21.Ra1 Nc8 22.Ne2 Be7 23.Qg3+ Kh7 24.Nf5 Bxf5 25.exf5 Nd6 26.Qh4 Rg8 27.Ra3 Qd8 28.Rh3 Qf8 29.Rcc3 Rg5 30.Bb3 b6 31.Bc2 Qg7 32.Rcg3 Rg8 (draw).

Round 5: Roy won another exchange, against Batchelor, and then traded one of his rooks for two pieces. Bukowski lost a pawn to B.Wu in the opening, which later cost him the game. Chan-D. Wu gets the unofficial "ugly game of the tournament award", seeing wins switch sides several times. Douglas had Sherwin's pieces all tied up and missed a Rook for two pieces. Sherwin then capitalized on an open freeway and advanced his a-pawn fully supported to a7 before blundering and dropping a rook and overlooking a knight fork to win back a Bishop. Douglas then proceeded to go pawn hunting with his extra rook and walked into a knight fork, returning the rook. Sherwin managed to capture the extra two passed pawns, which Douglas neglected to defend, to secure a draw. It was only fitting that the game ended that way!

(Thanks to Ford for organizing & TD'ing!)

EJCC September Smash Up

by Ford Wong

The "September Smash Up" was won by **Adam Wu** with a 4-0 score. One of his tougher games was against sister Beatrice, where his magical speed chess skills prevailed (the last 27 moves were played with Adam running "VERY" low on time). The under 1000 & unrated prize was taken by newcomer Jerome Wong, who gave a new meaning to gassing a tournament (I hope your upset stomach is better). Jerome took home a book by beating Cynthia Wu in the last round. This tournament featured the lowest-rated player (Duncan Campbell) against the highest rated (Adam) in the last round. What would you expect in a 9-player 4-round swiss?

Adam Wu - Beatrice Wu

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 Bd6 5.e3 Nd7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bd3 Ne7 8.Qc2 h6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bd2 f5 *Leaves e5 weak.* 11.Rab1 Nf6 12.b4 a6 13.a4 b5 *Weakens c6 too much.* 14.a5 *Perhaps leaving the pawn on a4 or axb5 were better. Now b4 becomes a sore spot.* 14...Ne4 15.Ne2 Bd7 16.Ne5 Be8 17.f3 Nxd2 18.Qxd2 Ng6 19.f4 *Keeping centre pawns flexible probably offers more options later on.* 19...Qe7 20.Rfc1 Rc8 21.Ng3 Nh4 22.Rc2 g5 23.Rcb2 Bd7 24.Qc2 Rc7 25.Nf1 *White is running short on time.* 25...Qf6 26.g3 Ng6 27.Nxg6 27...Nxd7 *wins a pawn.* 27...Qxg6 28.Qf2 Be7 29.Nd2 Bf6 30.Nf3 Re8 31.Ne5 Bxe5 32.fxe5 Rf8 33.Rf1 Be6 34.g4?! Rc7 35.Rc2 Bd7 36.Rc5 h5 37.gxh5 Qxh5 38.Qf3 Qh6 39.Rf2 f4 40.Qe2 fxe3 41.Rxf7 Rxf7 42.Qxe3 Qh3 43.Qxh3 Bxh3 44.Rxc6 Rf3 45.Be2 Re3 46.Kf2 Rb3 47.Rxa6 Rxb4 48.e6 Kf8 49.Rb6 Ke7 50.Bxb5 Rxd4 51.Bd7 Ra4?? 52.Bxa4 *and White went on to win on time.* (1-0)

High Prairie Municipal Library Summer Junior Chess Tournament

The ACA loaned sets and boards, and provided paper prizes for all (magazines, newsletters, boards...). Dale Sherington coordinated. There were 12 boards within events A & B (1st & 2nd in A; 3rd & 4th in B). A player losing the first game moved to event B, and was out after another loss. In A, 1st got a walkman, 2nd a travel chess set, 2 ice creams & a frisbee. In B, 1st got a homemade (by Dale) chess board, 2nd got "Guk" and ice cream (we didn't receive the winners names). Dale says the kids really enjoyed the event!

Calgary Junior Chess Club

The ACR is not aware of a schedule for the club. Presumably, when/if activities are arranged they'll be on "selected Saturdays". For now, interested juniors will have to rely on local notices and/or for info on the CJCC's status write to the ACA (address on page 2).

Edmonton Junior Chess Club

The EJCC holds tourneys on some Saturdays at the Main Library (downtown south of Churchill Square; Edmonton Room, left of check out area, as you enter). Low entry fees. Usually active chess (30 minutes per player). CFC/ACA memb. needed. Chess equipment is supplied. For now, contact Ford Wong (481-6474) — but he's rather busy as ACA Pres., so someone else may take over...

EJCC Fall Schedule

November Nuclear Attack (Nov. 7)
December Disaster (Dec. 5)

Leduc Junior Chess Club

Info: August Hangartner (986-0459).

EJCC Venus Invasion & Mars Mission by Ford Wong

The "Venus Invasion" was scrubbed when only 2 juniors showed up. The low turnout was likely due to vacation season.

With the "Rocket" off exploring strange new worlds, the EJCC is looking for "responsible" people to organize and direct.

The scheduled "Mars Mission" was nearly aborted when the temporary organizer failed to appear! I was roused out of bed to take a fast space shuttle downtown to allow the mission to proceed.

Sherwin Chan cruised to victory in the 3-player mission, beating Beatrice Wu and drawing Valentine Pui (Sherwin, "winning", offered the draw due to time pressure).

In the 4-player mission Cynthia Wu soared to a perfect 3-0, followed by Nathan MacLean (2-1), Doug Wu, and Paul Kirvan.

Thanks to all for their patience! I hope things will be more organized in the future. Special thanks to Eric Chan for getting the room open, and a sincere apology to Michael Eng, from Calgary, who came to play but left thinking the tournament had been cancelled.

Junior & Cadet Playoffs

Tentative dates: Alberta Junior & N. Alberta Cadet (Oct 24-25); Alberta Cadet (Dec 12-13). Provincial finals are "closed" (entry by pre-qualifying). Others may be invitational or open. N. & S. Alberta Juniors & S. Alberta Cadet have already been held.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA OPEN

October 31 & November 1, Calgary

Site: Quality Inn (formerly Sunbow Inn)
2359 Banff Trail (in "Motel Village")

\$75/day + GST (double occupancy)

4 round Swiss (accelerated pairings)

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

Entry Fees (assumed): \$20 sr \$15 jr
(CFC/ACA membership required)

Time Control: 40/2, 25/1

No smoking No computers

TD: Barney Fegyvermeki

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WINTER OPEN

December 19 - 20, Edmonton

Site: Students' Union Building
114 St & 89 Ave, U of A
L'Express Lounge (room 142)

4 round Swiss

Register: 9:00-9:45 a.m. Saturday

Rounds: 10:00 & 3:00 each day

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

No smoking No computers

TD: Ford Wong

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CALGARY JANUARY OPEN

January 16 - 17, 1993

Site: Room 129, Building Science A
University of Calgary

5 round Swiss (3 Saturday, 2 Sunday)

Register: 9:00-9:30 a.m. Saturday.
Round 1 at 9:30 a.m.

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

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

No smoking No computers

TD: Jim Van Wyck (265-0098).

(all gamescores must be provided to TD)

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DETAILS ABOVE!

Southern Alberta Open — Calgary
Oct 31-Nov 1 (earlier & better this year!)

Dawson Creek Fall Active — B.C.
Nov 28 (part of the Alta-B.C. Grand Prix)

Winter Open — Edmonton
Dec 19-20 (the wait in Edmonton is over)

January Open — Calgary
Jan 16-17 (Jim Van Wyck's series finale)

1992-93 9th Annual

Alta-B.C. Peace River Grand Prix

(remaining events)

Oct 24 Ft. St. John Fall Active. Ft. St. John.
Contact: Larry Stutzman (604)-785-7830.

Nov 28 Dawson Creek Fall Active. Dawson
Creek. Contact: Grant MacTavish (604)-
782-7349. DETAILS IN BOX BELOW.

Jan 16-17 Trumpeter Classic. Grande Prairie.
Contact: Phil Lefkowitz (403)-538-1903.

Feb 20-21 Mukluk Open. Ft. St. John. Con-
tact: Larry Stutzman (604)-785-7830.

Mar 6 Dawson Creek vs Ft. St. John Team
Match. Dawson Creek. Contact: Gordon
MacDonald (604)-782-4264.

Mar 27 Swan City Active. Grande Prairie.
Contact: Jim Roy (403)-568-3961.

Apr 24 Ft. St. John vs Grande Prairie Team
Match. Ft. St. John. Contact: Larry Stutzman
(604)-785-7830.

Underlined events in the Grand Prix (4-rd;
active or regular rated). To qualify for GPpts
(sum of 4 best scores), *must play in at least
4 GP events*. Based on \$1.50 fee/entrant/
event: 1st overall & 1st under 1700, each
30% of prize fund; 2nd overall & 2nd under
1700, each 20% (using regular ratings as of
Aug/92 *En Passant*). No player may win
more than one prize.

DAWSON CREEK FALL ACTIVE

Saturday, November 28

Site: Dawson Creek Art Gallery
101-816 Alaska Ave

4 rd Swiss (active rated, 30 min/player)
(Northern B.C. Winter Games qualifier)

Register: 9:00 a.m. Saturday

Rounds at: 9:30, 11:00, 1:30, 3:00

Entry Fees: \$15 adult \$10 junior

CFC membership required
(new players pay only \$10 tourn. memb.)

No smoking No computers

Guaranteed prizes!

1st overall — \$60 CFC gift certificate

2nd overall — chess book

1st Under 1700 — BHB clock (\$55 value)

2nd Under 1700 — chess book

TD: Grant MacTavish (604)-782-7349

The winner of the ACA Questionnaire draw
was Farzan Nazarian. He chose to receive
other chess books rather than an Informant.

At the Annual General Meeting the ACA
awarded an **Honorary Life Membership** to
BRANKO GEORGIJEVIC for his many
years of effort on behalf of junior and school
chess in northeastern Alberta.

Congratulations to Branko!