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The 1998 Alberta Open

by Walter Watson

As David Ottosen has submitted an excellent report (see below -ed.), I'll cover some extra matters. The time control was a slow 40 moves in 2 hours, followed by game in 1 hour. I thought that would lead to many long games, but as the tournament went on, the games got shorter. There was a \$1000 guaranteed prize fund, with \$750 for Open prizes, which seemed to attract many Masters. The site was good, except there was no analysis room and no good provision for smokers.

Round 1: There were four upset draws. David Ottosen's early draw against Tony Zaradic moved him to tell Odie loudly, "Arthur, I suck!" within earshot of a roomful of chess players. Francis Trueman punched a nearby clock instead of his own, and promptly flagged. Luckily, he was lost anyway.

Olson — Huber

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cd4 3.c3 ♟f6 4.e5 ♟d5 5.♟f3 e6 6.cd4 d6 7.♟b5 ♟d7 8.♟d7 ♟d7 9.O-O ♟c6 10.♟d2 ♟e7 11.♟c3 ♟c3 12.♟c3 d5 13.♟d2 O-O 14.♟ac1

b5 15.a3 a5 16.♟e2 b4 17.ab4 ab4 18.♟d2 ♟a2 19.♟b5 ♟e5 20.♟d7 ♟d7 21.♟c7 ♟d8 22.♟e5 ♟e5 23.de5 ♟f8 24.♟b1 ♟da8 25. ♟f1 ♟e8 26.♟b7 ♟a1 27.♟a1 ♟a1 28.♟e2 ♟b1 29.♟b8 ♟d7 30.♟b7 ♟d8 31.♟e3 ♟b2 32.♟d1 f6 33.♟b6 ♟e8 34.♟b8 ♟f7 35.♟b7 ♟e8 36.♟b8 ♟d7 37.♟d4 ♟a2 38.♟b7 ♟d8 39.♟b6 ♟e8 40.♟b8 ♟d7 41.♟b7 ♟c6 42. ♟e7 ♟b6 43.♟e6 ♟c5 44.ef6 ♟f2 45.fg7 ♟g2 46.♟e7 ♟c4 47.♟f7 d4 48.h4 h5 49. ♟c1 ♟c3 50.♟c7 ♟b3 51.♟d7 ♟g4 52.♟d4 ♟g7 53.♟d5 ♟g1 54.♟d2 ♟c4 55.♟h5 ♟h1 56.♟h8 ♟b3 57.h5 ♟a2 58.h6 b3 59.h7 ♟b1 60.♟b8 ♟h2 61.♟c3 ♟h3 62.♟d2 ♟h7 1/2-1/2.

Haessel — Davies

1.e4 e5 2.♟f3 ♟f6 3.d4 ed4 4.e5 ♟e4 5.♟d4 d5 6.ed6 ♟d6 7.♟c3 ♟c6 8.♟f4 g6 9.♟e3 ♟g7 10.O-O-O O-O 11.♟e4 ♟e7 12.♟d6 cd6 13.♟d6

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ALBERTA CHESS REPORT



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Medicine Hat Open

by Bill Taylor

Eighteen players matched gray matter and verbal repartee in the 4th Annual Medicine Hat Open. Local competitors continued to be outnumbered 13 to 5, but made up for this inconsequential imbalance by our charm, hospitality, and good looks. Edmonton and environs provided 6 representatives, 1 more than Calgary. Two out-of-province participants, Gerald Fielding and Tom Bishop from Saskatchewan, made the long trip, and were rewarded with a share of the loot for their efforts. Chris Kuczaj, our defending champion, was unable to come to the tournament, so we had a new winner - Gerald Fielding. Gerald had a blemish-free tournament, finishing with 4½/5. (He took one bye.) There was a 3-way tie for second place at 3½ between Roy Yearwood, Micah Hughey, and Tom Bishop, but Micah took the second-place plaque on tie-break. Steve Hansen, Gary Eberhardt, and Steve Panteluk shared the lower section prize money for their performance of 3/5.

The continuing presence of the ever entertaining dynamic duo of Ford Wong and "Big John" Quiring was an inspiration to this TD, and I dare say several of their opponents. Because Ford and I weren't paired, I was unable to administer his annual (local) OTB beating. However, this didn't prevent him from being generous with his points to most of his opponents, including the tastefully attired Don Macfarlane.

Free coffee, muffins, and Werther's Originals were enjoyed by the participants, courtesy of the Medicine Hat Chess Club, Safeway, and the generous support of the Bank of Montreal. Barney (owner of Barney's Restaurant) provided us with a delicious lunch of soup and sandwiches at a reasonable price on Sunday. The permanent trophy for this event, Taylor Cup, will now have 2 new names affixed to it, and our 2 winners were presented with keeper plaques. Until next year....

Fielding — Taylor

1.d4 ♟f6 2.c4 e6 3.♟f3 d5 4. cd5 ed5 5.♟c3 c6 6.♟g5 ♟e7 7.♟c2 ♟e6 [7...♟g4 looks reasonable.] 8.e3 ♟bd7 9.♟d3 h6 10.♟h4 ♟c7? [A significant mistake. White can play 11.♟g3 when the reply 11...♟d6 is met with 12.♟b5! winning the ♟. Better is 10...g5 11.♟g3 ♟h5 12.O-O ♟g3 13.fg3.] 11.O-O ♟d6 [11...a6 was necessary to prevent the ♟c3-b5 intrusion.]

The Medicine Hat Open report continues on page 7.

Over / Under 1800

by Walter Watson

It may have been the players' return to the chess wars after a summer layoff. It may have been the sectional format with few easy opponents. Whatever the reason, the players in the Over / Under 1800 came to fight and not to draw. The last round was outstanding, with no draws out of 14 games. In the Over 1800, Warrick Walker took the 4th-round lead when he beat Roy Yearwood in a game that won the best game prize (again donated anonymously by the TD -ed.). Walker couldn't hold his lead in the last round when Dale Haessel defeated him just before the first time control. Arthur Odachowski joined Haessel in first place with 4/5 by beating top-rated Rob Gardner. Undefeated Chris Kuczaj defeated Leo Danglapen, and Jim Flemming upset Jim Daniluk to tie for third with Walker at 3½. Other top scorers were Gardner and Micah Hughey at 3, and Daniluk at 2½.

Joe Santbergen was the clear winner of the Under 1800, conceding only a 3rd-round draw to Brian Miller. Alec Mills scored four straight wins after a 1st-round loss to Jeff Huang, and took second place. Verne Taerum scored three straight wins after a loss to Carolyn McMaster and a draw with Erik Olson to claim third. Eric Tam, Frank Knoll, and Mike Smith tied for the fourth and fifth prizes with 3. Huang and Miller scored 2½. The only down side to the tournament? Someone stole some chess clocks, a set, and my *En Passant*.

Round 1:

Olson — Kuczaj

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cd4 3.c3 ♟f6 4.e5 ♟d5 5.♟f3 ♟c6 6.♟c4 ♟b6 7.♟b3 d5 8.O-O?! ♟g4 9.♟e1 e6 10.h3 ♟h5 11.g4 ♟g6 12.cd4 ♟e7 13.♟c3 O-O 14.♟c2?! ♟c2 15.♟c2 f6 16.ef6 ♟f6 17.♟e6 ♟d4 18.♟d4 ♟d4 19.♟e2 ♟f6 20.♟e3 ♟e3 21.♟e3 ♟ad8! 22.♟ee1?! ♟f3 23.♟e3 ♟f4 24.♟ee1 h5 25.gh5 ♟g5 26.♟h2 ♟f3 27.♟g1 ♟f4 28.♟g2 ♟f8 29. ♟af1 ♟f5 0-1.

Round 2: Walker played the most interesting chess of the tournament.

Danglapen — Walker [B32]

1.e4 c5 2.♟f3 ♟c6 3.d4 cd4 4.♟d4 e5 5.♟f3 ♟e7 6.♟e2 d6 7.

The Over / Under 1800 report continues on page 6.

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Organizers: Please send details of events, such as date, entry time, location, entry fee, format, and time controls to the *ACR* well in advance.

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Items for the *ACR* may be submitted in many ways. Most preferred is to have them emailed to the editors at: browng@uleth.ca and dave@cs.ualberta.ca. They can also be hand-delivered to the editors, if this can be done in a timely fashion. Least preferable is to send them to the ACA mailbox.

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Editorial

As usual, about half of the material in this issue was handed to me in the two days before or after the "deadline" for submissions. Since I had planned to head off for Ontario first thing Monday morning, October 19, this made for another time scramble to get it mailed off before I went. In the end, I will have to delay my trip half a day while I get the issue printed and folded, and then stuff envelopes and put them in the mail.

It was looking for a while as though this might have been the first 8-page *ACR* in memory, but the last-minute deluge of submissions filled it out quite nicely. In fact, I ended up with so much material that I had to edit some submissions to make everything fit, and I simply jettisoned any idea of adding diagrams (other than the one supplied by Odie — for which, "Thanks!").

Speaking of which, it would make the editor's job rather easier if those submitting game scores would indicate where a diagram might be useful or interesting. (There's a place for a diagram on the back of most score sheets — or simply put a * or a "D" after the move at which a diagram should appear.) It also helps tremendously if you proof-read your own game score before submitting it, and if you try to match the notation used in the *ACR*. People who revert to "RxR" in the middle of an algebraic score are terribly annoying to this editor, as are those who use short-hands like "ef" (instead of "ef5"), or long-hands like "Re1-e3" (instead of "Re3" or "Ree3"). Game scores like these force me to proof-read each game twice — once before I can enter it, and once after I print it.

Because of time constraints, I was unable to proofread this issue as carefully as I might have liked to, so I hope not too many errors have crept in. Also because of time constraints, I didn't try to produce this issue with Publisher, but stuck for the most part with the formats already employed in Word on previous issues. I hope the membership likes the slight jazzing up of the front page of this issue. Once we are able to add a fancy new logo, a diagram or two, and maybe a "watermark" to the front page, the *ACR* will start to look really sharp.

I will likely be leaving Alberta after January, so the editorship will likely soon become vacant. If you have aspirations to become editor, you should let this be known to the ACA Board.

— Grant A. Brown, D.Phil.

ACA Logo Contest

The ACA needs a new logo for our letterhead, scorebooks, paper boards, promotional materials, and in the *ACR*. — one with more stylz and **impact** than the current "♙" or "♘" superimposed on a checker-board outline of Alberta. And you could win \$40 by designing it!

The winning logo must be legible when reproduced at any size and in black-and-white. Entries needn't be professionally produced, but must clearly symbolize "chess" and "Alberta."

Submit your entry by April 1, 1999. All entries become the property of the ACA.

Top Rated Albertans

This list comprises the top-rated ACA members who live in Alberta

#	Name	now	high
1.	Oliver Schulte	2457	2462
2.	Rob Hawkes	2362	2362
3.	Gregory Huber	2354	2385
4.	Nigel Fullbrook	2342	2350
5.	Robert Gardner	2327	2387
6.	Dale Haessel	2310	2310
7.	Nenad Ristic	2308	2365
8.	Robert South	2303	2328
9.	Andrew Lapides	2291	*
10.	Christopher Demers	2270	2270
11.	Fred South	2263	2300
12.	Warrick Walker	2246	2246
—	Victor Maric	2246	*
14.	Arthur Odachowski	2231	2304
15.	Roy Yearwood	2222	2286
16.	Sardul Purewal	2215	2215
17.	Nandor Tot	2210	2210
18.	Jonathan Schaeffer	2206	2248
19.	John Ferrar	2205	2314
—	Ted Wilson	2205	2245
21.	Sean Perron	2203	2210
22.	Eugene Gibney	2199	*
23.	Sasha Grumic	2178	2276
24.	Chris Kuczaj	2165	2165
25.	Zoltan Baunok	2149	2200
26.	Ante Zaradic	2145	2200
—	Milan Rabljenovic	2145	2145
28.	Farzan Nazarian	2135	2161
29.	Dave Gomboc	2125	2144
30.	Jim Daniluk	2121	2193
31.	Micah Hughey	2118	2123
—	Zoran Radovic	2118	*
33.	F. John Parrott	2101	2121
34.	Bradley Willis	2100	2133
35.	David Ottosen	2095	2191
36.	Jim Monaghan	2090	2100
37.	Edwin Catolos	2089	*
38.	Yngvi Bjornsson	2086	2095
39.	Gordon Campbell	2077	2160
40.	Grant Brown	2071	2133
41.	Gerald Aspler	2059	2072
42.	James Flemming	2056	2056
43.	Leo Danglapien	2053	2093
44.	Geoff Newton	2052	2105
45.	Walter Watson	2051	2071
46.	Chris Fulker	2048	2100
47.	Virgilio Turingan	2043	2109
48.	Paul Thibodeau	2041	2100
49.	Walter Zwirner	2018	2034
50.	Brady Ficko	2017	2025
51.	Barney Fegyverneki	2014	2200
52.	William Taylor	2004	2011

denotes provisional rating *

☞ Many thanks to David Miriguay at the CFC for compiling and emailing this list to me.

News from the Alberta Chess Association

by Walter Watson, President

Elections to the ACA Board were held at the recent Annual General Meeting. None of the retiring members, GB, DO, NS, AM, TD, and PA ran for re-election. I mentioned the first four in the last *ACR*. Tedge in Calgary and Peter in Edmonton contributed greatly to chess at the local level. I want to thank all the retiring members for making Alberta a better place to play chess. Of those newly elected to the Board, Jim Daniluk and Roy Yearwood have much Borad experience. Tom McKay has some, while Don Macfarlane, Adrien Regimbald, Bill Taylor, and Rod Weis have experience at the local level. One major change to the Board is in rating levels. While most of those who retired are Experts, their replacements range from Master to Class C. A full list of the 1998-99 Board is on page 2 of the *ACR*.

The major discussion at the AGM related to the Alberta Closed rules. Although the AGM voted down eliminating the Junior Championship as a qualifying tournament to the Closed, the Last Chance Qualifier was eliminated and replaced with the Over 1800. The AGM also voted not to award ½ participation point for the Alberta Reserves, held at the same time as the Closed. As the cycle for this year's Closed has already started, the changes will only be effective as of the next cycle.

The next Board meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on November 8 in Red Deer, probably at the G.H. Dawe Centre. Interested ACA members are welcome to attend and participate in the discussions, but not to make motions or to vote. The major business will be setting next year's tournament schedule and appointing organizers. Please feel free to give me or other Board members your feedback on any issue.

ACA Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

Year Ended December 31, 1997

Revenues:

ASPRW Foundation	8900.00	
Fundraising	22496.06	
Memberships	934.02	
Tournaments	5346.00	
Interest	686.18	
Tournament Equipment	917.94	
Sponsorship	1350.00	
Total	40630.20	40630.20

Expenses:

General Administration	719.72	
Bank Service Charges	96.09	
Tournaments	9182.43	
Board Meetings	565.60	
Alberta Chess Report	2079.96	
Club Support	3190.00	
Travel to National Championships	3262.31	
Tournament Equipment	266.00	
Fundraising	165.00	
Tournament Supplies	326.35	
Awards	171.82	
TD Workshops	235.71	
Membership Services	175.00	
Total	20435.99	- 20435.99

Net Income (Loss) 20194.21

Unexpended Revenue:

Beginning Of Year	28327.43
Plus Net Income (Loss)	<u>20194.21</u>
Unexpended Revenue, End of Year	48521.64

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Grumic — Tam

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cd4 3.c3 ♗f6 4.e5 ♗d5 5.♗f3 e6 6.cd4 d6 7.♗c3 de5 8.♗e5 ♙b4 9.♙d2 ♙c3 10.bc3 ♗d7 11.♗h4 O-O 12.♙d3 ♗f6 13. ♗h3 ♗c7 14.O-O ♗c5 15.♙c2 ♗c4 16.♙e3 ♗c3 17.♗fe1 b5 18.♗ac1 ♙b7 19.♙d2 b4 20. ♗g4 ♗fe4 21.♙e4 ♙e4 22.♙c3 bc3 23.♗e4 f5 24.♗c3 fg4 25.♗e3 ♗a5 26.a3 ♗ab8 27. ♗b3 ♗b3 28.♗b3 ♗d2 29.♗e3 ♗d1 30.♗e1 ♗e1 31.♗e1 ♙f7 32.♙f1 ♗d8 33.♗c1 ♗d4 34.♗c7 ♙f6 35.♗a7 ♗d2 36.h3 gh3 37.gh3 ♗a2 38.♙g2 h5 39.a4 g5 40.a5 g4 41.h4 ♗a3 42.a6 ♙g6 43.♗a8 ♙g7 44.a7 ♙h7 45.♙f1 ♗a2 46.♙e1 ♙g7 47.♙d1 e5 1/2-1/2.

Round 2: Lots of complaints. One player complained that his opponent was "making noise with his mouth" while eating during time pressure. Several complained that another player was analyzing too loudly. I called one strong player when his flag fell just before move 40. When I justified my action from the rules, another player said I should consult a higher authority, i.e. John Quiring. John backed me up. Warrick Walker had 20 moves to make in 5 minutes against Art Milne, and accepted a draw. Only 4 games went past time control. One was Brian Toth against Rob Gardner, where Brian made an interesting ♗-sac but finally lost. Bob South, who didn't play, made the most important move. He brought around his new wife, Hye-Young, whom he had married only a few hours earlier, to meet some of his friends.

Tam — Ottosen

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.d4 cd4 4.♗d4 e5 5.♗b5 d6 6.♗f3 c6 7.♗a3 ♙e7 8.♙e2 ♙e6 9.O-O ♗f6 10.f4 b5 11.f5 ♙d7 12.♗d5 ♗e4 13.♗d3 ♗c5 14.♗g3 ♙f8 15.♙g5 ♗e4 16.♙d8 ♗g3 17.hg3 ♙d8 18.♙h5 f6 19.c4 ♗e7 20.♗e3 ♗b8 21.♗ad1 ♗c6 22.cb5 ab5 23.♙d5 ♗d4 24.♗ac2 ♙c6 25.♗d4 ♙d5 26.♗d5 e4 27.♗e1 ♙d7 28. ♙f7 b4 29.♙e6 ♙c6 30.♗c1 ♙b5 31.♗c7 ♙a5 32.♗d5 g6 33.♙d7 ♙h6 34.♗c7 ♙e3 35.♙f1 ♗a8 36.a3 ♗hd8 37.♗b4 gf5 38.♗b7 ♗ab8 39.♗b8 ♗d7 40.♗c6 ♙a6 41.b4 ♗b7 42.a4 ♙b6 43.♗b7 ♙b7 44.♗e7 f4 45.gf4 ♙f4 46.♗d5 ♙g5 47.♙e2 ♙c6 48.♗e7 ♙d7 49.♗f5 ♙c6 50.♗d4 ♙b6 51.♙d3 h5 52.♙e4 ♙d2 53.♗c2 ♙c6 54.♙d4 f5 55.b5 ♙b6 56.♗a3 ♙f4 57.♗c5 ♙c7 58.♙d5 ♙g3 59.b6 ♙b7 60.♗d6 ♙b6 61.♗f5 ♙e1 62.♗g7 h4 63.♗f5 ♙a5 64.♙e4 ♙a4 65.♙f4 h3 66.gh3 ♙b5 67.♗g3 ♙c6 68.h4 ♙d7 1/2-1/2.

Round 3: There were eight 2-0 scores at the start. Only Robert Sasata, Andrew Lapedes, and Arthur Odachowski were 3-0 at the end. Milne seemed to have a win against Sasha Grumic, but lost. Ford Wong was paired against Eric Tam. This provoked much laughing and finger-pointing from Ottosen and Quiring because of Tam's earlier draws against Grumic and Ottosen. Wong broke Tam's streak, but later commented that Tam was "full of tricks." More problems. Two players slept in and forfeited their games. A third player withdrew after the round. We only had 2 jugs of water instead of 8, as the hotel needed the other ones. One player complained that those smoking just outside the door made the room too smoky. The door was left shut for the rest of the tournament, which also cut down on the noise. Perhaps because the players were eager for the AGM, all games ended 75 minutes early.

AGM: Reports were made and elections were held. Chris Vermette was entertained when fireworks erupted over the Closed rules. The AGM's highlight was the President's Message. One player even asked for a copy for his personal use.

Round 4: The top players were now paired against each other. Sasata beat Lapedes convincingly. Greg Huber's win over Odachowski was also interesting. Grumic defeated Gardner in the endgame. Chris Kuczaj made an early exchange sac to expose Walker's ♙, but it proved unsound. There was an "Edmonton table" featuring Wong-Hughey and Quiring-Ottosen. Three more players withdrew, including one to make plane connections and another to fix his fridge.

Huber — Odachowski

1.e4 c5 2.d3 d6 3.f4 g6 4.♙e3 ♗c6 5.c3 ♗f6 6.♙e2 ♙g7 7.♗d2 b6 8.h3 O-O 9.g4 e6 10.g5 ♗e8 11.♗g3 e5 12.♗c2 ef4 13.♙f4 ♗e7 14. O-O-O f5 15.gf6 ♗f6 16.♙g5 ♙e6 17.♙b1 ♗ac8 18.h4 h6 19.♙f6 ♙f6 20.♗dg1 ♙f7 21. ♗f1 b5 22.♗e3 ♙g7 23.♗g2 ♗b7 24.♗hg1 ♗e7 25.h5 ♗a6 26.b3 d5! 27.ed5 ♗f6 28.♗g4 ♗f4 29.c4 g5 30.♗d2 ♙h5 31.♗f4 ♗f4 32.♗fe5 ♗g6 33.♗c6 ♗cf8 34.♗h6 ♙h7 35.♙h5 ♗f1 36.♙c2 ♗f2 37.♗f2 ♗f2 38.♙c1 ♗f4 39.♗g3 ♙h6 40.♙d1 ♗a2 41.d6 bc4 42.dc4 ♙b2 43. ♙b1 ♗a1 44.♙c2 ♙f6 45.d7 ♗a2 46.♙c1 ♗a6 47.d8=♗ 1-0.

Sasata — Lapedes

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.♗c3 ♙b4 4.e5 c5 5.♙d2 cd4 6.♗b5 ♙d2 7.♗d2 ♗c6 8.f4 ♗ge7 9.♙d3 a6 10.♗d6 ♙f8 11.♗f3 ♗b6 12.O-O-O ♙d7 13. ♗g5 ♗d8 14.g4 f5 15.♗hg1 g6 16.♗f2 ♗g8 17.♗h4 h6 18.gf5 ef5 19.♗f3 ♙e8 20.♙f5 gf5 21.♗g8 ♗g8 22.♗h6 ♙e7 23.♗f5 1-0.

Grumic — Gardner

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♗f6 3.e5 ♗d5 4.d4 cd4 5.cd4 e6 6.♗c3 ♗c3 7.bc3 ♗c7 8.♙d2 b6 9.♗f3 d6 10.♙d3 ♗d7 11.♗e2 de5 12.de5 ♗c5 13.♙b5 ♙d7 14.O-O ♙e7 15.♗ad1 O-O 16.♙d7 ♗d7 17.♙f4 ♗fd8 18.♗d4 ♗f8 19.♗c4 ♗b7 20.♗d4 ♗d4 21.cd4 ♗d8 22.♗c1 ♗g6 23.♙e3 ♗d5 24.h3 ♗a5 25.♗c2 ♗a6 26.♗a6 ♗a6 27.♗d2 ♙f8 28.♗b3 ♗e7 29.♙f1 b5 30.♙e2 ♗c6 31. ♗c5 ♗c5 32.cd5 ♗c8 33.♙d3 ♙e7 34.♗a5 ♙f8 35.♗b7 ♙e8 36.c6 ♙a3 37.♙c3 ♗e7 38.♙b3

b4 39.♗d6 ♙d8 40.♙g5 ♙c7 41.♙e7 ♙c6 42.♗c4 ♙c1 43.♙b4 ♙d5 44.♙c3 ♙f4 45.g3 ♙g5 46.f3 ♙e7 47.♗e3 1-0.

Kuczaj — Walker

1.c4 d6 2.♗c3 f5 3.d4 g6 4.h4 ♗f6 5.h5 ♗h5 6.♗h5 gh5 7.e4 c6 8.♗h5 ♙d7 9.♙f4 fe4 10. O-O-O ♗e8 11.♗f5 ♙d8 12.♗e4 ♗g6 13.♗e3 ♙f5 14.♗f3 ♗a6 15.♗h4 ♗h5 16.♗f5 ♗f5 17.♙d3 ♗f7 18.g4 ♗c7 19.b3 ♗e6 20.♙g3 h5 21.g5 h4 22.g6 ♗f6 23.♗e4 ♗d4 24.♗d4 ♗d4 25.♗g5 hg5 26.♙b1 g2 27.♗f7 ♙c7 28.♗h8 ♗f3 29.♗f7 g1=♗ 30.♗g1 ♗g1 31.♗g5 ♙h6 32.♗f7 ♙f4 0-1.

Wong — Hughey

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 c5 4.cd5 ed5 5.g3 cd4 6.♗d4 ♗f6 7.♙g2 ♗c6 8.♗d1 ♙e6 9.♗f3 d4 10.♗b1 ♙c5 11.O-O O-O 12.a3 ♗d7 13.♗c2 ♙b6 14.♗d1 ♗ac8 15.♗a4 ♙h3 16.e3 ♗fd8 17.ed4 ♗d4 18.♗d7 ♗e2 19.♙f1 ♙g2 20.♙g2 ♗d7 21.♗d7 ♗d7 22.♙d2 ♗c2 23.♗c3 ♗c3 24.bc3 f6 25.♗e1 ♙f7 26.♙e3 ♗c3 27.♙b6 ♗b6 28.♗a1 ♗d5 29.♗d4 a6 30.a4 ♗c4 31.♗f5 ♙g6 32.♗d6 ♗b4 33.a5 b5 34.ab6 ♗b6 35.♗c4 ♗c6 36.♗a5 ♗b4 37.♗e3 ♙f7 38.♗d5 ♗c2 39.♙f3 ♙e6 40.♙e4 ♙d6 41.♗e3 ♗e3 42.♙e3 ♙c7 43.h4 ♙b6 44.♗d5 ♗c5 45.♗d7 ♗c7 46.♗d6 ♙b5 47.♗d5 ♙b4 48.♗d1 ♗e7 49.♙f3 a5 50.♗b1 ♙c4 51.♗a1 ♗a7 52.♙e4 a4 53.♗c1 ♙b3 54.♗c6 ♗b7! 55.♙d3 a3 56.♗c3 ♙b2 57.♗c2 ♙b1 58. ♗e2 a2 [59.♗e1 ♙b2 60.♗e2 ♙b3 61.♗e1 ♗d7 forces the trade of ♗s.] 0-1. **MH**

Round 5: Sasata drew with Huber and Grumic beat Walker, leaving Sasata and Grumic tied for first. Don Macfarlane wasn't getting to play many games, but the points were piling up. He forfeited his 3rd-round game when he slept in. In the 4th round, he received a forced bye. Then his opponent forfeited in the 5th round. There were 6 time scrambles, so I needed lots of helpers. All the games finished at least 90 minutes early.

Walker — Grumic

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♙g7 3.g3 c5 4.c3 b6 5.♙g2 ♙b7 6.♗e2 d6 7.O-O ♗d7 8.♙e3 ♗c7 9.♗d2 ♗f6 10.h3 O-O 11.f4 e6 12.g4 h6 13.♗g3 e5 14.fe5 de5 15.d5 c4 16.♗e2 ♗ac8 17.♗fc1 ♗e8 18.b4 ♗d6 19.♗f1 ♗d8 20.a4 a5 21.ba5 ba5 22.♗f2 ♗c7 23.♗fb1 ♗c5 24.♙c5 ♗c5 25.♗c5 ♗c5 26.♗b6 ♗d8 27.♗ab1 ♙c8 28.♗b8 ♙f8 29.♙f1 ♙e7 30.♗b6 ♙d7 31.♗b8 ♙f8 32.♗d8 ♙d8 33.♗b8 ♙e7 34.♗a8 ♙a4 35.♗a7 ♙d7 36.♗a6 a4 37.♗f3 f6 38.♗e2 ♗a5 39.♗a5 ♙a5 40.♗d2 [time] 0-1.

Haessel — Daniluk

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♗f6 3.e5 ♗d5 4.d4 cd4 5.♗d4 e6 6.♗f3 ♗c6 7.♗e4 f5 8.♗e2 d6 9.c4 ♗c7 10. ♙f4 de5 11.♗e5 ♙b4 12.♗d2 O-O 13.g3 ♗d4 14.♗d3 ♗a6 15.O-O-O ♙e7 16.♙e3 ♗c6 17. ♗c6 bc6 18.♗d8 ♗d8 19.♙g2 ♗b4 20.c3 ♗d3 21.♙c2 ♗b8 22.b4 a5 23.♗b3 ♗b4 24.ab4 ♗b4 25.♗a5 ♗d1 26.♗d1 ♙f6 27.♗b1 1-0.

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Lapides — Hughey

1.d4 d5 2.e3 c5 3.c3 d3c6 4.ú3?! e5 5.de5
 6.ú3 f3 d3 7.ú3 d3 f6 8.O-O ú6 9.b3
 O-O 10.ú6 2.ú7 11.c4 ú6 12.ú6d2 ú6f8
 13.ú6c2 ú6ac8 14.h3 ú6b8 15.ú6fe1 dc4 16.bc4
 h6 17.e4 a6 18.a4 b6 19.ú6f1 ú6d7 20.ú6e3 b5
 21.ab5 ab5 22.ú6d5 ú6d5 23.cd5 c4 24.ú6d4 b4
 25.e5?! [25.ú6a5!] ú6b5! 26.d6 ú6b7 27.ú6e4? b3
 28.ú6b1 c3 29.ú6g4 b2 30.ú6g7 ú6g7 31.e6 ú6g8
 32.e7 ú6d6 0-1. **MH**

Huber — Sasata

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.ú6d2 ú6f6 4.e5 ú6f7 5.ú6d3
 c5 6.c3 ú6c6 7.ú6e2 cd4 8.cd4 ú6b6 9.O-O ú6d4
 10.ú6d4 ú6d4 11.ú6f3 ú6b6 12.ú6a4 ú6b4 13.ú6c2
 ú6c5 14.ú6d2 ú6a4 15.b3 ú6d7 16.ú6e2 b6 17.b4
 ú6a6 18.ú6a6 ú6a6 19.a3 ú6e7 20.ú6d3 b5 ½-½.

Round 6: Sasata and Grumic agreed to draw, ensuring a first-place tie. Huber joined them by beating Hughey. So did Dale Haessel when he defeated Odachowski in the round's longest game. Each won \$187.50. The Under 2100 winners were Brian Knapper, David Ottosen, and Ford Wong. Jonathan Bjornson and Tony Zaradic tied for top Under 1700, while Cor Dewindt was third. Zaradic scored the biggest upset, and the Best Game prize hasn't been decided yet.

Thanks to all those who helped out. You know who you are!

Zaradic (1645) — Toth (1976)

1.d4 f5 2.c4 ú6f6 3.ú6f3 e6 4.ú6c3 d5 5.e3 c6 6.b3
 ú6b4 7.ú6d2 ú6d6 8.g3 ú6bd7 9.ú6g2 O-O 10.O-O
 ú6e4 11.ú6e1 ú6f6 12.ú6d3 ú6d7 13.f4 ú6h8
 14.ú6e5 b6 15.ú6f3 ú6c8 16.ú6e4 de4 17.ú6e2 ú6e7
 18.g4 fg4 19.ú6g4 ú6e5 20.fe5 ú6g8 21.ú6e2 ú6h6
 22.ú6h3 ú6h4 23.ú6g2 ú6g8 24.ú6g3 ú6h5 25.ú6f8
 ú6f8 26.ú6f1 ú6f1 27.ú6f1 ú6f5 28.ú6f4 ú6h4
 29.ú6b4 ú6f5 30.ú6e4 ú6e8 31.ú6f4 g5 32.ú6f2 ú6f7
 33.e4 ú6h4 34.ú6e2 g4 35.ú6g3 1-0.

Vermette — Tam

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.ú6d2 ú6f6 4.e5 ú6f7 5.ú6d3
 c5 6.c3 ú6c6 7.ú6e2 ú6b6 8.ú6f3 ú6e7 9.O-O f6
 10.ef6 ú6f6 11.ú6e1 cd4 12.cd4 O-O 13.ú6f4
 ú6d8 14.ú6d2 ú6b4 15.ú6c1 ú6d2 16.ú6d2 ú6f7
 17.ú6b1 ú6d6 18.ú6e5 ú6de4 19.ú6e4 ú6e4 20.
 ú6e3 ú6b2 21.ú6e2 ú6b6 22.ú6e2 ú6d6 23.ú6h5
 ú6f5 24.ú6g5 ú6d4 25.ú6f3 h6 26.ú6g6 ú6e7 27.
 ú6g3 ú6f3 28.ú6f3 ú6c6 29.ú6g3 ú6d7 30.ú6d2
 ú6e5 31.ú6e5 ú6e5 32.ú6c7 ú6c8 33.ú6c2 ú6d8
 34.ú6b7 d4 35.ú6d2 ú6c8 36.f4 ú6g4 37.ú6d1 ú6e3
 38.ú6d4 ú6c1 39.ú6f2 ú6g4 40.ú6g3 ú6c3 41.ú6h4
 g5 42.fg5 hg5 43.ú6g5 ú6c5 44.ú6g4 1-0.

Sasata — Grumic

1.d4 ú6f6 2.c4 g6 3.ú6c3 ú6g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 O-
 O 6.ú6g5 h6 7.ú6e3 e5 8.ú6ge2 c6 9.ú6d2 ú6h7
 10.O-O ú6a5 11.ú6b1 b5 12.cb5 cb5 13.ú6d5
 ú6d2 14.ú6f6 ú6f6 15.ú6d2 b4 16.de5 de5
 17.ú6c5 ú6e8 18.ú6b4 ú6e6 19.ú6c1 ú6c6
 20.ú6c3 ú6ab8 21.f4 ú6g7 22.g3 ú6ed8 23.ú6d8
 ú6d8 24.ú6b5 ú6d4 25.fe5 ú6e5 26.ú6d1 ú6b8
 27.ú6a4 ú6f3 28.ú6e5 ú6e5 29.ú6b3 ú6g4
 30.ú6d4 ú6f3 31.ú6d6 ½-½.

Hughey — Huber

1.d4 ú6f6 2.ú6f3 c5 3.c3 e6 4.ú6g5 h6 5.ú6f6
 ú6f6 6.e4 cd4 7.cd4 ú6b4 8.ú6c3 O-O 9.ú6e2 b6
 10.O-O ú6b7 11.ú6d3 ú6c3 12.bc3 ú6g6 13.e5
 ú6d3 14.ú6d3 ú6f3 15.gf3 ú6c6 16.ú6fd1 ú6ac8
 17.ú6ac1 ú6fd8 18.ú6f1 d6 19.f4 g6 20.ú6e2 ú6e7

21.ú6c2 ú6d5 22.ú6f3 de5 23.fe5 ú6c3 24.ú6e4
 ú6c2 25.ú6c2 ú6c3 0-1.

Bishop — Wong

1.c4 g6 2.d4 ú6g7 3.ú6f3 ú6f6 4.ú6c3 d6 5.e4
 O-O 6.ú6e2 ú6bd7 7.O-O e5 8.ú6g5 h6 9.ú6h4
 g5 10.ú6g3 ú6h5 11.d5 ú6f4 12.ú6d2 ú6f6 13.f3
 ú6h5 14.ú6f2 ú6d7 15.g4 ú6h3 16.ú6h1 ú6f5f4
 17.ú6g3 h5 18.gh5 ú6f6 19.h6 ú6h7 20.ú6f5 gf5
 21.ú6d3 ú6g8 22.ú6e2 ú6h4 23.ú6c2 ú6e7 24.ú6b3
 ú6g5 25.ú6g1 ú6f2 26.ú6f2 ú6f2 27.ú6f2 ú6h4
 28.ú6af1 ú6h3 29.ú6h3 ú6h3 30.c5 ú6g5 31.cd6
 ú6ag8 0-1.

Ficko — Knapper

1.e4 e5 2.ú6f3 ú6c6 3.ú6b5 f5 4.ú6c3 fe4 5.ú6e4
 d5 6.ú6g3 ú6g4 7.h3 ú6f3 8.ú6f3 ú6f6 9.c4 e4
 10.ú6e2 ú6c5 11.O-O O-O 12.cd5 ú6d4 13.ú6c4
 ú6d6 14.b4 ú6f3 15.ú6h1 ú6f2 16.ú6f2 ú6g3 17.
 gf3 ú6f2 18.d6 ú6h8 19.ú6e2 ú6f3 20.ú6f3 ef3
 21.cd7 ú6ac8 22.ú6b2 ú6c7 23.ú6f1 ú6e4 24.ú6e5
 ú6cf7 25.d3 ú6f5 0-1.

Bjornson — Tootoosis

1.c4 g6 2.ú6c3 ú6f6 3.ú6f3 ú6g7 4.g3 d6 5.ú6g2
 O-O 6.ú6b1 e5 7.d3 ú6c6 8.O-O ú6g4 9.a3 ú6d7
 10.b4 ú6h3 11.ú6g5 ú6g2 12.ú6g2 h6 13.ú6ge4
 ú6e4 14.ú6e4 f5 15.ú6d2 ú6ac8 16.e3 ú6e7 17.
 ú6b3 ú6h7 18.ú6b2 g5 19.d4 ú6g6 20.de5 de5
 21.ú6bd1 ú6e6 22.c5 ú6c6 23.ú6g1 h5 24.ú6c4
 ú6e6 25.ú6e6 ú6e6 26.ú6c4 h4 27.ú6d7 ú6c8 28.
 ú6g2 ú6f8 29.ú6d5 ú6ce8 30.ú6fd1 ú6g6 31.b5
 ú6f8 32.ú6d7 ú6e6 33.ú6e5 g4 34.ú6g6 h3 35.
 ú6f1 ú6g6 36.c6 ú6c6 37.ú6c6 ú6f7 38.ú6d5
 ú6ee7 39.ú6d4 a6 40.ú6c5 ú6e8 41.ú6f7 ú6f7 42.
 ú6f5 ú6g7 43.ú6f8 ú6f8 44.ú6g5 1-0.

Walkley — Gomes

1.e4 e5 2.ú6f3 ú6c6 3.ú6b5 d6 4.d4 ú6d7 5.c4
 ed4 6.O-O ú6e5 7.ú6d4 c6 8.f4 cb5 9.fe5 de5
 10.ú6f3 ú6f6 11.ú6f5 ú6c5 12.ú6h1 ú6f5 13.ú6f5
 bc4 14.ú6c3 O-O 15.ú6g5 ú6d7 16.ú6f6 ú6f5
 17.ú6f5 gf6 18.ú6d5 ú6d4 19.ú6af1 ú6ad8 20.ú6f6
 ú6g7 21.ú6d5 ú6d5 22.ed5 f6 23.d6 ú6b2 24.d7
 ú6d8 25.ú6d1 c3 26.ú6f2 ú6f7 27.ú6d6 ú6e7 28.
 ú6ff6 ú6d7 29.ú6fe6 ú6d8 30.ú6d7 ú6d7 31.ú6e5 c2
 32.ú6c5 c1=ú6 33.ú6c1 ú6c1... 0-1.

David Ottosen reports:

Some comments on the Open: This was the largest Alberta Open since 1992, which had 55 players. The tournament was bolstered by the addition of a number of Saskatchewan players, who emailed me to say they were looking for some chess now that the Prairie Open had been cancelled. After about Round 3, an anonymous Master commented to me that he had never been in a tournament where so many high-rated players were in so much trouble so often. The Swiss gambit was in high gear, as 3 of the 4 players who tied for first drew in Round 1. Special commendations to the following players: Erik Tam (draws with Grumic and Ottosen in rounds 1 & 2); Tony Zaradic (bounced back from a sleep-in forfeit in Round 3 to win his section and the biggest-upset prize); Robert Sasata, Greg Huber, Sasha Grumic, and Dale Haessel (it wasn't always pretty, but they all got to five points by some method or another); and Adrien Regimbald (for redeeming himself against the Mud Pie!). Special jeers to the following: David Ottosen (a quasi-manly +2 =4,

while being paired up only once. It was noted that one could not score 4 cheaper points); and Anonymous (for "accidentally" setting fire to the bathroom — tsk, tsk).

Below is a crosstable in finish order. Ties are listed generally in the order of highest rated to lowest rated simply because it's the easiest for me to do. The exception is the first overall, which is listed by Sonnenborn-Berger tiebreak order.

AB Open Crosstable

1. R. Sasata	+25	+12	+10	+6	=3	=2	5
2. S. Grumic	=43	+19	+22	+5	+14	=1	5
3. G. Huber	=18	+26	+30	+7	=1	+10	5
4. D. Haessel	=26	+18	=21	+1	+9	+7	5
5. R. Gardner	+24	+31	=8	=2	+16	+14	4½
6. A. Lapides	+42	+13	+29	=1	=10	+15	4
7. A. Odachowski	+35	+15	+23	=3	=21	=4	4
8. C. Kuczaj	+51	+16	=5	=14	+17	=11	4
9. J. Daniluk	+36	=23	+34	+12	=4	+24	4
10. M. Hughey	+28	+32	=1	+13	+6	=3	4
11. D. Ottosen	=19	=43	+25	=15	+37	=8	4
12. B. Knapper	+20	=1	+27	=9	+33	+21	4
13. F. Wong	+39	=6	+43	=10	+35	+23	4
14. W. Walker	+27	=22	+33	+8	=2	=5	3½
15. J. Quiring	+52	=7	+36	=11	+34	=6	3½
16. A. Gomes	+41	=8	+44	=0	=5	+37	3½
17. D. Jewlal	+47	=29	+45	=0	=8	+38	3½
18. H. Olson	=3	=4	+38	=30	=31	+40	3½
19. T. Zaradic	=11	=2	=24	+50	+32	+31	3½
20. J. Bjornson	=12	=24	+50	=32	=27	+34	3½
21. B. Ficko	+38	=34	=4	+23	=7	=12	3
22. A. Milne	+40	=14	=2	=24	=38	=28	3
23. T. Bishop	+45	+9	=7	=21	+44	=13	3
24. K. Nguyen	=5	=20	+19	=22	+30	=9	3
25. C. Vermette	=1	+39	=11	=38	+48	+43	3
26. B. Davies	=4	=3	+49	=34	=39	+44	3
27. T. Jeserich	=14	+40	=12	=39	=20	+46	3
28. C. Dewindt	=10	=50	=35	+48	+47	=22	3
29. J. Flemming	+44	+17	=6	=37	=0	=0	2½
30. L. Danglapien	+37	=33	=3	=18	=24	=35	2½
31. B. Toth	+49	=5	+42	=4	=18	=19	2½
32. R. Weis	+50	=10	=37	=20	=19	+45	2½
33. S. Hansen	+48	=30	=14	=35	=12	=39	2½
34. H. Tootoosis	+46	=21	=9	+26	=15	=20	2½
35. S. Sauve	=7	=0	+28	=33	=13	=30	2½
36. K. Nystrom	=9	+41	=15	=45	=40	+52	2½
37. F. Walkley	=30	+48	+32	=29	=11	=16	2½
38. N. Podolchak	=21	+46	=18	+25	=22	=17	2½
39. N. Haynes	=13	=25	+41	=27	=26	=33	2½
40. J. Jarvis	=22	=27	+46	=43	+36	=18	2½
41. D. Macfarlane	=16	=36	=39	=0	+52	+47	2½
42. A. Regimbald	=6	+52	=31	=44	=46	+48	2
43. E. Tam	=2	=11	=13	=40	=45	=25	2
44. T. McKay	=29	+47	=16	+42	=23	=26	2
45. E. Olson	=23	+51	=17	=36	=43	=32	2
46. D. Plada	=34	=38	=40	+52	+42	=27	2
47. M. Smith	=17	=44	+51	=0	=28	=41	1½
48. C. McMaster	=33	=37	+52	=28	=25	=42	1
49. B. Nielsen	=31	=0	=0	=0	=0	=0	½
50. F. Trueman	=32	=28	=20	=19	=0	=0	½
51. B. Kroeker	=8	=45	=47	=0	=0	=0	0
52. J. Sterr	=15	=42	=48	=46	=41	=36	0

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... **Over / Under 1800**, continued from p. 1:

c4 ♖f6 8.♗c3 O-O 9.O-O a6 10.h3 h6 11.♙e3 ♙e6 12.♗d2 ♗h7 13.♗h2 ♗b8 14.♗fd1 ♗g8 15.♗c2 ♗d7 16.♗d5 ♙f8 17.a3 g6 18.g4 ♗c8 19.♗ac1 f6 20.♗b3 ♗a5 21.♗b4 ♗g7 22.♗a4 f5 23.g5 fe4 24.gh6 ef3 25.hg7 fe2 26.gf8=♗ ♗f8 27.♗g1 ♗f5 28.♗g3 ♗c4 29.♗c4 e1=♗ 30.♗h4 ♗g7 31.♗f4 ef4 32.♗f4 ♗d5 33.♗g2 ♗g2 34.♗g2 ♗d5 35.♗g3 ♗g1 36.♗h4 g5 37.♗h5 gf4 38.♗d7 ♙f7 39.♗h4 fe3 0-1.

Odachowski — Rajchel [A52]

This game is somewhat instructional. 1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e5 3.de5 ♗g4 4.♗f3 ♙c5 5.e3 ♗c6 6.♙e2 ♗ge5 7.♗c3 d6 8.b3 ♙f5 9.O-O ♗e7? [9... ♗d7] 10.♗d5 ♗d7 11.♙b2 O-O-O? [11...O-O] 12.♗d2± ♙e4? [12...♗f3] 13.♗g5! +- ♙d5 14.cd5 ♗b8 [14...♗e7 15.♙e5] 15.b4 ♙b6 16.a4 c6 [16...a6] 17.a5 ♙c7 18.a6 [18.d6!/? bc6 19.♙e5 de5 20.♗d7 ♗d7 21.♙g4] b6 19.d6c ♗bc6 20.♗fc1 ♗f5 [The final mistake.] 21.e4 [21.♗d5!!] ♗g6 22.♗d5 [22.f4 wins a piece but I was in a frisky mood.] ♗g5 23.♗c6 [23.♙e5!/?] ♗e7 24.♗c7 [24.♗ac1 was also good.] ♗c7 25.♗c1 ♗c1 26.♙c1 ♗d7 27.♗b7 ♗e6 28.f4 ♗d7 29.♗d5 ♗e7 30.♙b2 ♗f6 31.♗g5 ♗hg8 32.e5 de5 33.fe5 ♗d7 34.ef6 ♗d8 35.fg7 ♗c7 36.♙e5 ♗c6 37.b5 ♗c5 38.♙c3 ♗d6 39.♗e5# 1-0. **AO**

Hughey — Olson

1.d4 d5 2.♗f3 ♗f6 3.e3 e6 4.♙d3 ♙d6 5.O-O O-O 6.♗bd2 b6 7.e4 de4 8.♗e4 ♙e7 9.♗e2 ♙b7 10.♗e1 ♗bd7 11.♗eg5!/? c5? 12.♗e6! fe6 13.♗e6 ♗h8 14.♗e7 ♗e7 15.♗e7 ♙f3 16.gf3 cd4 17.♙d2 ♗c5 18.♙e4 ♗ae8 19.♗a7 ♗ce4 20.fe4 ♗e4 21.♙b4 ♗c5 22.♗e1 ♗e1 23.♙e1 d3 24.cd3 ♗d3 25.♙c3 ♗g8 26.♗b7 ♗f4 27.♗f1! h6 28.♗b6 ♗d5 29.♗h6# 1-0.

Round 3: Walker traded off both pairs of ♗s to reach a ♗ v. ♙ ending a ♗ down, and would have pulled off a win if he had played 58.a5.

Walker — Gardner [B21]

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cd4 3.c3 dc3 4.♗c3 ♗c6 5.♗f3 d6 6.♙c4 a6 7.♙g5 ♗f6 8.h3 e6 9.O-O ♙e7 10.♗e2 O-O 11.♗fd1 b5 12.♙b3 ♙d7 13.♙f6 gf6 14.♗d4 b4 15.♗g4 ♗h8 16.♗ce2 ♗g8 17.♗h5 ♗g5 18.♗c6 ♗h5 19.♗d8 ♗d8 20.♗f4 ♗b5 21.♙a4 ♗b7 22.♙d7 ♗dd7 23.♗ac1 ♗dc7 24.♗f1 ♗g7 25.♗d3 a5 26.♗c7 ♗c7 27.♗c1 ♗c1 28.♗c1 ♗f8 29.♗e2 ♗e8 30.♗d3 ♗d7 31.♗e2 ♗c6 32.♗d4 ♗b6 33.♗c4 ♙d8 34.f4 e5 35.fe5 fe5 36.♗f5 ♗c6 37.♗h6 f6 38.♗f5 ♙b6 39.♗e7 ♗d7 40.♗d5 ♙d8 41.♗b5 h5 42.g4 hg4 43.hg4 ♗e6 44.♗c6 ♙e7 45.♗c7 ♗f7 46.♗d5 ♙f8 47.♗e6 ♙e7 48.b3 ♙f8 49.♗d8 ♗g6 50.♗c6 ♗g5 51.♗a5 ♗g4 52.♗c6 f5 53.ef5 ♗f5 54.♗b4 ♙h6 55.♗c2 ♙d2 56.b4 e4 57.a4 e3 58.♗e3 ♙e3 59.♗d6 ♗e4 60.b5 ♗d4 61.♗c6 ♗c4 62.a5 ♗b4 63.a6 ♗a5 64.♗b7 ♗b5 65.a7 ♙a7 1/2-1/2.

Here is the only half point dropped by the Under 1800 winner Joe Santbergen.

Santbergen — Miller

1.♗f3 c5 2.e4 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.♗d4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 g6 6.♙e3 ♙g7 7.f3 O-O 8.♙c4 ♗c6 9.♗d2 ♙d7 10.♙b3 ♗c8 11.O-O-O ♗e5 12.h4 ♗c4 13.♙c4 ♗c4 14.g4 h5 15.♙h6 ♙h6 16.♗h6 ♗c3

♗c3 17.bc3 ♗a5 18.♗f5 ♙f5 19.gf5 ♗c3 20.fg6 ♗c8 21.♗h2 ♗a1 22.♗d2 ♗d4 23.♙c1 ♗a1 1/2-1/2.

Round 4: Walker's victory over Yearwood earned him the best game prize (annotated by Warrick Walker for the next *En Passant*).

Yearwood — Walker

1.d4 d6 2.♗f3 f5 3.g3 ♗f6 4.♙g2 g6 5.c4 ♙g7 6.♗c3 O-O 7.h3 c6 8.♙e3 ♗c7 9.♗b3 ♗h8 10.d5 e5 11.de6 ♙e6 12.♗d4 ♙g8 13.♗a4 ♗bd7 14.b3 ♗fe8 15.♗d1 ♗e3 16.fe3 ♗h5 17.g4 ♗g3 18.♗g1 ♗c5 19.♗a3 ♗e7 20.♗d2 ♗e8 21.♗c2 ♗e5 22.b4 ♗d7 23.♙c1 ♗c3 24.♗c3 ♗e2 25.♗d2 ♗c3 26.♗fd1 fg4 27.♗d4 ♗e4 28.♙e4 ♗e4 29.♗g4 ♗g4 30.hg4 ♙c4 31.♗g1 ♗g8 32.a3 ♗e5 33.♙c3 ♙d5 34.♗d2 c5 35.e4 cd4 36.ed5 ♗f3 37.♗d3 ♗g1 0-1.

Round 5: Haessel's last-round win, after Walker's faulty time-trouble combination (33.♙g7), earned him a share of first place and dropped Walker to a tie for third.

Walker — Haessel

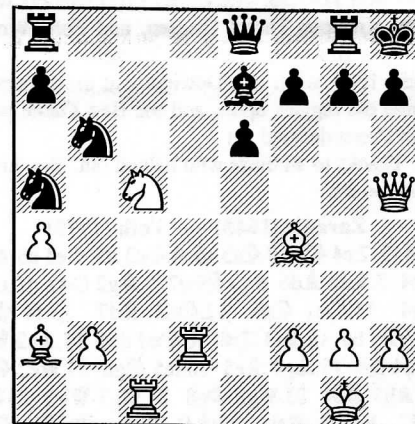
1.e4 c5 2.d4 cd4 3.c3 ♗f6 4.e5 ♗d5 5.♗f3 ♗c6 6.♙c4 ♗b6 7.♙b3 d5 8.ed6 ♗d6 9.♗a3 a6 10.♗e2 e6 11.cd4 ♗d4 12.♗d4 ♗d4 13.O-O ♙c5 14.♗c2 ♗f6 15.♗e3 ♙d7 16.♗g4 ♗e7 17.♗d1 O-O 18.♙f4 ♙c6 19.♗e5 ♙d5 20.♙c2 ♗ac8 21.♗d3 f5 22.♗g3 ♗d7 23.♗d7 ♗d7 24.♙b3 ♗f7 25.♙d5 ed5 26.♗ac1 ♗fd8 27.♙d6 ♙b6 28.h3 ♗c6 29.♗c6 bc6 30.♗e1 ♗e8 31.♗e8 ♗e8 32.♙e5 ♗e7 33.♙g7 ♗e1 34.♗h2 ♙f2 35.♗b8 ♗g7 36.♗c7 ♗f6 37.♗d8 ♗e5 38.♗b8 ♗e4 0-1.

Meanwhile, Odachowski tied for first with this game.

Odachowski — Gardner [B22]

When playing a higher rated opponent the best strategy is to attack. 1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♗f6 3.e5 ♗d5 4.d4 cd4 5.♗f3 e6 6.♙c4 ♗b6 7.♙b3 dc3?! [Rob explained the move: "I was tired and wanted to know what I'm playing for."] 8.♗c3 [White gains development at a small price.] d5 [8...d6? 9.♙g5 ♙e7 (9...f6 10.ef6 gf6 11.♗e5!! +-) 10.♙e7 ♗e7 11.ed6 ♗d6 12.♗d6 ♗d6 13.♗b5 ♗c6 14.a4 +-] 9.ed6 ♙d6 [9...♗d6 10.♗e2 ♗c6 11.O-O ♙e7 12.♗d1 and White is better] 10.O-O O-O 11.♗e2 ♙d7 12.♗d1 ± [Black's game is very uncomfortable.] ♙e7 13.♙f4 [13.♗e5!/? ♗c6? 14.♗d7 ♗d7 15.♙e6; 13.♙e3!/?] ♗e8 14.♗e4 ♗c8 15.♗ac1 ♙c6 16.♗e5 ± ♙b5? [It's hard to suggest a move.] 17.♗g4!/? +- [I should once in a while calculate a line. I played this move only because it looked good. 17.♗h5!/? +- ♙c6 (17...g6 18.♗h6) 18.♗c6 ♗c6 19.♗d3.] ♗h8 ♗ 18.♗g3? [I'm a "walking weakness." To take just a few seconds for a move in this kind of a position is a crime. Correct, crushing, and completely obvious was 18.♗c3!! when: a) 18...♗c6 19.♗g3 ♗g8 (19...g6 20.♗h3) 20.♗h3 +-; or b) 18...f5 is not a threat 19.♗g6 ♗g6 20.♗g6 hg6 21.♗h3 ♗g8 22.♙e6 ♗f7 23.♗c3 ♙c6 (23...♙d7 24.♙f7 ♗f7 25.♙b8) 24.♙c8 +- , is just a small sample of variations. I have ruined a work of art - too bad, as it perhaps could have rivaled Warrick Walker's brilliant crush against Roy Yearwood for the best game prize. Funny thing: in blitz I would

have played 18.♗c3 without a second thought.] ♗c6 19.♗d7!/? [19.♗c5±] ♗g8 20.a4?! [Both 20.♗c3 and Jim Daniluk's 20.♗g5 are probably better.] ♙e2 21.♗d2 ♙h5 [21...♙b4 22.♗c2 ♗d7 23.♗g5 Black is in trouble.] 22.♗ec5 ♗a5! [22...♙c5 23.♗c5 e5 24.♙e3 White still has the edge.] 23.♙a2 [23.♙c2!/?] ♙c5?? [The reality is that in positions like this, the defender often cracks. On 23...b6, after the game I suggested 24.♗a6, but then 24...♗d6 25.♗c7 ♗c8 (and not 25...♗d7, which both of us in our tired state thought was sufficient), when Black has the upper hand. After 23...b6 another suggestion was 24.b4!/? bc5 25.ba5 ♗d6 when the position is still better for White, but Black's chances should not be underestimated. So what should be played after 23...b6, then? Well, 24.♗h3!! White retains his advantage in all the lines: 24...bc5 (24...♙c5 25.♗h5±; 24...♙g6 25.♗f3 ♗d6 26.♙d6 with a ♗-side majority.) 25.♗h5± (This is an amazing variation!!!) ♗b6 26.♗c5



a) 26...♗c8 27.♗d3 ♗c5 (27...g6 28.♙e5 f6 29.♗h7 ♗h7 30.♗h3 ♗g7 31.♗e6 ♗f7 32.♗h7 ♗g7 33.♗g7#) 28.♗c5 ♙c5 29.♗h3 mates; b) 26...♙c5 27.♗c5 ♗a4 28.♙b1! f5 (28...h6 29.♙h6 g6 30.♙f8 gh5 31.♗h5#; 28...g6 29.♙e5 ♗g7 30.♗h6 ♗ag8 31.♗g7 ♗g7 32.♗d8 and mate) 29.♗f5 ef5 30.♗f5 g6 31.♗f6 ♗g7 32.♙h6 and mate once again. So best is 23.♗b6 ∞.] 24.♗c5 ♗e7 25.♗h5 ♗f5 26.♗h3 h6 27.♙h6 gh6 28.♗h6 ♗g7 29.♗h7 ♗g6 30.♗h5# 1-0. So, perhaps this was not "just a one trick pony". **AO**

The following are two of 4 last-round upsets in the Over 1800 section.

Flemming — Daniluk

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 d5 4.♙g5 ♗e4 5.♙h4 ♙g7 6.e3 c5 7.cd5 ♗a5 8.♙b5 ♗f8 9.♗ge2 ♗c3 10.♗c3 cd4 11.ed4 ♗b4 12.O-O h6 13.♗e1 g5 14.♙g3 e6 15.de6 ♙e6 16.♗e6 1-0.

Hughey — Yearwood

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.ed5 ed5 4.♙d3 ♗c6 5.c3 g6 6.♗e2 ♗f6 7.O-O ♙g7 8.♙g5 h6 9.♙e3 O-O 10.♗bd2 ♗e8 11.♗c2 ♗e7 12.♗g3!/? ♗g4 13.♗ae1 ♗e3 14.♗e3 h5 15.♗f3 b6?! 16.♗fe1 ♙d7 17.♗e5 h4 18.♗f1 ♗f5 19.♗f3 ♙e6 20.♗e3 ♗e3 21.♗fe3 ♙h6 22.♗e2 ♗d6 23.♙g6! fg6 24.♗g6 ♙g7 25.♗g4 ♙d7 26.♗h6 ♗f8 27.♗f7# 1-0.

ACA LOGO CONTEST

See details on page 2.

... **Medicine Hat Open**, continued from page 1:

12. **♙f1** O-O-O?? [Castling into disaster. The game's losing move.] 13. **♜b5!** **♚b8** [13...**cb5** loses to 14. **♚b3** **♙c5** 15. **♙f6** **g6** (not 15...**♜f6** 16. **♙c5**) 16. **dc5** **a6** 17. **a4**.] 14. **♜d6** **♚d6** 15. **♙g3** **♚b4** 16. **♚c6!** [The beginning of a forced mate.] **bc6** 17. **♙a6** **♚b7** 18. **♙c6#** [A brilliant finish and ample punishment for the 12th move.] 1-0. **BT**

Watson — Taylor

1. **d4** **♜f6** 2. **c4** **g6** 3. **♜c3** **d5** 4. **♙f4** **c6** [4...**♙g7** is played more commonly.] 5. **e3** **♙g7** 6. **♜f3** O-O 7. **♙c1** [7. **♚b3** is also playable and might be followed by 7...**♚a5** 8. **♜d2** **♜bd7** 9. **♙e2** **♜h5** 10. **♙h5** **dc4** 11. **♚d1** **gh5** 12. **♜c4** **♚f5** 13. O-O **♜b6**.] **♙g4** [Alternatives include 7...**♚a5**, 7...**♚b6**, 7...**♙e6**, 7...**dc**, 7...**♜bd7**, 7...**e6**, and 7...**a6**.] 8. **h3** [The main alternative is 8. **♚b3** **♙f3** 9. **g3** **♚d7** or 9...**♚b6**.] **♙f3** 9. **♚f3** **e6** [9...**♚a5** is more active, and may be followed by 10. **♙d3** **♜bd7** 11. O-O **dc4** 12. **♙c4** **e5** 13. **♙h2** **ed4** 14. **ed4** **♜b6** 15. **♙b3** **♙ad8** 16. **♙e5** **♜bd7** 17. **♙d6** **♙fe8** 18. **♙fd1** **♚f5** =.] 10. **c5** **♚a5** 11. **♙d6** [Probably a mistake.] **♙e8** 12. **♙d3** **♜bd7** 13. O-O **e5** 14. **de5** **♜e5** 15. **♚d1** **♜d3** 16. **♚d3** **♜e4** [A significant oversight. 16...**♜d7!** wins either the a-♜ or the a-♙. I must have estimated that I couldn't safely take the a-♙.] 17. **♜e4** **de4** [17...**♙e4** keeps the d-file closed and the e-file partially open and adequately controlled by Black.] 18. **♚b3** **♚b5** [I didn't like the passive placement of the ♚ after 18...**♚a6**, and figured Black should be alright after 18...**♚b5** 19. **cb5**.] 19. **♚c2** **♙e6** 20. **♙fd1** [White claims ownership of the d-file.] **♙ae8** 21. **b3** **♚a5** 22. **♙f4** [I think White should have intensified pressure on the d-file.] **♙e5** 23. **♙e5** **♙e5** 24. **♙d7** **♙e7** 25. **♙d4** **h6** 26. **b4** **♚c7** 27. **♙cd1** **♙e6** 28. **♙d8** **♜g7** 29. **♙d6** **♙d6** 30. **♙d6** **♚c8** 31. **♚d2** **♚f5** 32. **♚d4** **f6** 33. **♙d8** **♙e6** 34. **♚d6** **♜f7** [34...**♚d6?** loses to 35. **cd6** **♙f7** 36. **d7** intending 37. **♙g8** and 38. **d8=♚**.] 35. **♚b8** **♚a2** 36. **♙f8** **♜g7** 37. **♚d8** **♚a1** 38. **♜h2** **♚e5** 39. **g3** **♙e6** 40. **♙g8** **♙g8** [40...**♜h7** would likely lead to a draw by repetition with 41. **♙h8** etc.] 41. **♚e7** **♚f7** 42. **♚e4** ½-½. **BT**

Fielding — Yearwood

1. **d4** **d6** 2. **c4** **f5** 3. **♜f3** **♜f6** 4. **b3** **g6** 5. **♙b2** **♙g7** 6. **g3** O-O 7. **♙g2** **c6** 8. O-O **♜h8** 9. **♜bd2** **e5** 10. **de5** **♜g4** 11. **♚c2** **de5** 12. **e4** **♚c7** 13. **h3** **♜h6** 14. **c5** **♜a6** 15. **a3** **f4** 16. **b4** **♙e6** 17. **♜c4** **♜f7** 18. **gf4** **ef4** 19. **♙g7** **♜g7** 20. **♙fe1** **♚e7** 21. **♙ad1** **♙ad8** 22. **♚c3** **♜g8** 23. **♜fe5** **♙d1** 24. **♙d1** **♚f6** 25. **♙c1** **♜g5** 26. **h4** **f3** 27. **♚e3** **♜h3** 28. **♙h3** **♙h3** 29. **♚g5** **♚f4** 30. **♜d6** **♜c7** 31. **♚f4** **♙f4** 32. **♜h2** **♙g2** 33. **♜g3** **♜e6** 34. **♙c3** **h5** 35. **♜f3** **♙g4** 36. **♜h2** **♜f4** 37. **♙e3** **♙f3** 38. **♙f3** **♙h4** 39. **♜g1** **g5** 40. **e5** **♙g4** 41. **♜f1** **h4** 42. **♜f5** **♜h7** 43. **♜e3** 1-0.

Grande Prairie Fall Active

by Alex Phimester

7:30 a.m. comes too soon for this Peace River boy. My 2 hour trip SW to Grande Prairie was fortunately uneventful. 13 players assembled in the "sun room" at the Canada Games Arena to match wits over the old 64. With my rating being 1313, perhaps this was to be my day. Pre-tournament favourites included Larry Stutzman, Phil Lefkowitz, and Tim Pradzinski.

Round 1 was relatively uneventful, as most of the games went as planned. The only "upset" was when Alex Phimester (that's me), beat James Leduc in a hard fought battle. This was his first active event (he has a regular rating in the 1500s). In *Round 2*, I was mentally spent from the first round, and proceeded to play the worst game in recent memory, losing to Phil. In the other games, the favourites won. I was "brown-baggin it" for lunch, so I sat and watched kids practice on the ice. It must be a thrill for them to get to play in such a building. As I ate my sandwiches, I dreaded the thought of playing the likes of Elroy Diemert or Paul McGinnis.

Round 3: There was a minor disagreement about the pairing of odd men (numerically speaking). This was a result of inconsistent pairing practices of the past. A cameo appearance by the book of rules soon ended the matter. On first board, Tim and Larry agreed to a draw, giving them a half point lead on the field, as Phil lost to Mr. Leduc on Board 2. Elroy beat Gary Ockert, and Mr. Chiba defeated Paul to create a log-jam at 2/3.

Round 4: The battle for ultimate supremacy. After the pairings were made, I found myself the beneficiary of the odd man rule, as I was paired down with an outside chance at first place. If Mr. Leduc and Phil win their games against Larry and Tim, there would be a four-way tie for first. I was paired against Chip Boyer whose rating is deceptively low, as he can beat anyone not ready to play a hard game. Chip fell victim to a 6-move mate, keeping my dream alive. Phil did in fact beat Tim in a game that could have gone either way. Elroy suffered a "cranial cramp" and was beaten badly by Mr. Chiba. So it all came down to the last game. Mr. Leduc played hard, but alas, lost to Larry meaning I had to settle for =2nd with Phil and Mr. C.

Larry Stutzman finished with 3½/4 and first place. James Chiba and myself split the under 1700 prize, scoring 3. Junior prizes went to Chip and Scott Boyer. Thanks go to Phil Lefkowitz for being TD, and to those who gave up the 90 rating points to me.

PEACE RIVER CLASSIC

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Hinton Knights CC Championship 1998

by Piotr Rajski.

Brian Goude is a chess legend around Hinton. He was the first of the local players who attended Canadian Opens and other tournaments in Canada and the USA. For many years none in Hinton could beat him. It even provoked Peter Bundscherer, whose Queen's Bakery and Café hosts most of the local chess events, to establish the "I beat Brian Trophy." It waited quite a time for a winner.

Not surprisingly, Brian easily won the 1998 club championship, in which 10 players participated, with 7/8 points. The tournament started late (in March) and eventually dragged too long into the summer. As a result, some of the players stopped showing up and many games were not decided. Vince Gibson could theoretically have caught up with Brian, having had 6/7, but he was unable to catch his opponents. He lost his only game to Brian and took the sole second place. Unfortunately, I lost to Gibson and unexpectedly to Ted Chojnacki, to share the third-fourth place with Bundscherer with 5 points. However, I was able to draw the only blood from the winner in the following game, which improved my satisfaction from the tournament.

Goude Brian - Rajski Piotr [B01]

1. **e4** **d5** 2. **ed5** **♜f6** 3. **d4** **♙g4** [For some analysis of the Portuguese Variation of Scandinavian Defense, see the article by Kevin Spraggett, *EP* #143.] 4. **♙e2** **♙e2** 5. **♜e2** **♚d5** 6. **♜f4?!** [Most often 6. O-O is played here, although the text move defends g2, while harassing the ♚ all the same.]

♚f5 7. **♜c3** **♜c6** 8. **f3?!** [White seems to be irritated by the ♚/f5, and weakens his position to go after her. If 8. **d5** then 8...O-O **♜b4**. This maneuver, quite typical in the Portuguese Variation, seems to be even stronger after the exchange of white-squared ♙s.] 9. **♜d3** **♜d3** 10. **cd3** [So White ends up with a serious weakness, doubled isolated pawns.] O-O-O 11. **♙e3** **♜d5** [By forcing the exchange of ♜s, Black gains control of d5, preventing the isolated ♜s from advancing.] 12. **♜d5** **♙d5** 13. **g4?!** [This weakens the position even further; the White probably realized that he has to unbalance the game.] **♚e6** 14. **♚d2** **g6** 15. **♙c1** **♙g7?!** [15...**♙h6!?**] 16. O-O [White was unable to defend the ♜/d5.] **♙d4** 17. **♙d4** **♙d4** 18. **♚c3** **♚b6** 19. **♜g2** **♙hd8** 20. **♚a3** **e6** [Black is determined not to give his opponent any counter-chances, such as 20...**♙d3** 21. **♚e7**.] 21. **♙c3** **a6** 22. **♙fc1** **♙d4d7** 23. **b4** **c6** 24. **♚b3** **♙d4!?** [Preventing a2-a4.] 25. **a3** **♙d85!?** [Taking c5 under control and preparing ...**♚d8**.] 26. **♚c2** **♚d8** [By attacking the weak ♜/d3, Black ties all of the White pieces to passive, unpromising posts.] 27. **♙d1** **♜c7!?** [Preventing the last chance, kamikaze-style sacrifice on c6.] 28. **♚b3** **♚d6** 29. **♚b1** [These moves of the White ♚ show the success of the Black's strategic plan.] **h5** [The White pieces are tied; it is time for the final throw.] 30. **h3?!** [It was probably better to take on h5, though it would mean opening of the White ♜'s position.] **h4!** [After this move White cannot prevent the penetration by the Black ♚ with a deadly result, so he resigned.] 0-1. **PR**

\$10,000 for a major tournament in 2000 or 2001 — see page 10.

Calgary Club News

by Walter Watson

The new Executive:

President — Warrick Walker
 Vice-President — Jim Daniluk
 Secretary — Walter Watson
 Treasurer — Farzan Nazarian

Note: The AGM voted to allow players rated 2300 and higher free entry to Open and Over/Under 1800 tournaments, but not Closed events.

Re.: Proposed Casino Fundraiser

On November 3, 1998, between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m., members will vote by secret ballot on whether the Club should apply to Alberta Gaming to hold a Casino for fundraising purposes. All Club members who are interested are requested to vote.

—*Calgary Chess Club Executive.*

September 1 Speed Tournament:

It was like Old Home Week at the Calgary Chess Club. Branimir Brebric and Jeff Chrumka were both playing in their first Club tournament in a long time. Art Milne was back at the Club for the first time since April, after two stays in the hospital. (He received applause when introduced by Jim Daniluk.) And Steve Peters and Rob Wills played in their first Club tournament for several years. Chris Demers took an early lead in the tournament and survived a shaky finish to gain first prize with 11/14. Bob South and Roy Yearwood almost caught him in the end, and tied for second with 10½. Other leading scores were Steve Peters and Warrick Walker 9, Alan Clark 8½, Farzan Nazarian 8, and Arthur Odachowski and Chris Kuczaj 7. They were trailed by Branimir Brebric, Jim Daniluk, John Ferrar, Art Milne, etc. The bottom section had a 4-way tie for first among John Rajchel, Ted Borowski, Ivan Pivovarov, and Rod Weis, all with 7/9. Brian Miller had 5 points.

Fall Class Tournament:

John Parrott scored a remarkable victory in the top section. The lowest-rated of the six players, he beat Nazarian, drew Kuczaj, and beat Ferrar and Daniluk before eating highest-rated Andrew Lapides in the last round. Lapides led with 4/4, but Parrott came back from an early positional disadvantage to win both game and tournament. The prize winners were Parrott 4½/5, Lapides 4, and Ferrar 2½. Rod Weis appeared ready to win the second section. With one round to go, he led by ½ point over Max Carcamo and John Rajchel and by 1 point over Steve Hansen. Carcamo defeated Weis in the longest game of the evening, and Rajchel and Hansen also won. The final scores were Carcamo and Rajchel 3½/5, and Weis and Hansen 3. In the third section, Kim Nguyen and Steve Sauve were tied for first with one round left. Sauve seemed to have blown it when he conceded a draw to Doug Boyd. However, Nguyen also drew and the result was Nguyen and Sauve 3½/5 and Boyd 3. Fourth section — TD, “You had a good tournament,” Jack King, “I sure did!” King had 4 wins and a bye to finish a full point ahead of second place Ted Borowski. Kevin Ward had 3 points, while Carolyn McMaster and newly returned Rob Wills had 2½.

Words October Under 2000 Active

by Walter Watson

New owner Peter Allen of Words Books says that it's business as usual for chess, and so the Under 2000 and Under 1700 Actives will be held regularly again. The October Under 2000 was the first Words tournament since July. There were 12 players, rated from 1803 to 1149. Eric Tam took an early lead and held it to finish with 4½/5. John Redes lost only to Eric, finishing second with 4. Steve Sauve, Colin Chrumka, and Mark Driscoll has 3 points, while Bert Valeroso, Tom McKay, and Jonathan Bjornson scored 2½. Eric didn't win any money, but will see his name on the huge Zinner & Sara permanent trophy while getting a smaller trophy for himself.

1998 Canadian Open

by John Quiring

The 1998 Canadian Open attracted 223 chess players to Ottawa, including 5 travelers from Wild Rose country: Fred South, Bill Taylor, Brian Goude, Ted Allen and this writer. The many tax-funded tourist trifles in the capital were no doubt responsible for the depth, if not the breadth, of participation, as 10 of Canada's provinces and territories as well as 4 four foreign countries fielded representatives. (For the purposes of this count, I bravely risk offending French separatists by including Quebec as a province).

The Albertan most pleased with his tournament was probably Bill Taylor, whose score of 5/10 against tough competition netted him an increase of 36 rating points. But the good doctor fell \$171 short of Fred South in the prize category as Fred's 7/10 tied for first Under 2400. And I surfed a wave of easier opposition to grab 5½ points and \$70 in the Under 2000 category, an accomplishment which fades to irrelevance when re-stated as a 10-way tie for fifth place in the fourth highest category.

I started well with this first-round upset. Due to accelerated pairings, the first round mismatches were limited to (approximately) 250 rating points and I faced Jonathan MacDonald of New Brunswick, who has represented the Maritimes at the Canadian Closed.

Quiring — MacDonald

1.d4 ♟f6 2.c4 e6 3.♟c3 ♟b4 4.a3 ♟c3 5.bc3 d5 6.♟g5 ♟bd7 7.e3 h6 8.♟h4 O-O 9.♟d3 c5 10.♟f3 b5 [This odd move, putting another

♟ on a white square, seems dubious. A good continuation for White is 11.cb5 ♟a5 12.♟c1 c4 13.♟b1 ♟b5 when Black's ♟ becomes a spectator (similar to what actually happened in the game). It is better to play 10...♟a5 first, e.g.: 11.♟c2 b5 12.cd5 c4 13.♟e2 ♟d5, or 11.♟c1 cd4 12.ed4 dc4 13.♟c4 b5. In both variations, Black has active pieces and targets to shoot at.] 11.cd5 ed5 12.O-O c4 [Fixing the ♟-structure favours White, who can now play for the e3-e4 break at his leisure. Additionally, Black's ♟ becomes a virtual ♟ for much of the game, blocked by its own ♟s.] 13.♟c2 ♟a5 14.♟c1 [I couldn't decide whether to play for the e3-e4 break, or on the ♟-side, as the next few moves show. Of course, the ♟/c3 can't be captured.] 15.e8 15.♟d2 ♟b7 16.a4 ♟c6 17.ab5 ♟b5 18.♟a3 [The seriousness of Black's positional error on move 12 is now evident. White dominates the black squares, and is having all the fun. 19.♟fb1 is the immediate threat.] ♟b7 19.♟fb1 ♟c7 [White has spent one hour, Black 90 minutes so far. The time control is 40/2.] 20.♟g3 ♟d8 21.e4 [White allows Black's ♟ a better life, but at a high cost. 21...♟e4 22.♟e4 de4 23.♟c4 and the connected passed ♟s are powerful.] ♟b6 22.e5 ♟h5 23.♟f1 ♟e7 24.f4 ♟g3 25.hg3 a5 26.f5 ♟g5 27.♟f3 ♟e7 [27...♟g3 28.♟c5] 28.♟h4 ♟a7 [For some time, the trade of ♟s on a3 would have favoured White, so Black might have developed a mental block about that move. But it would certainly be preferable to the text. White should have transferred the ♟ to the ♟-side via c1 earlier to prevent trade possibilities.]

29.f6 ♟d7 30.fg7 ♟e5 [30...♟g7 31.♟f5 ♟g8 (31...♟h8 32.♟e7 ♟e5 33.♟d6 and everything is hanging) 32.♟h6 ♟g7 33.♟f7 ♟h6 34.♟h7] 31.♟f5 ♟e6 32.♟c1 ♟d3 [The threat of ♟h6 is insurmountable. *Fritz4* found this: 32...♟g4 33.♟f4 ♟g6 34.♟a5 ♟d7 35.♟a8 ♟a8 36.♟b8. Attacking is such fun.] 33.♟d3 cd3 34.♟h6 ♟g7 35.♟f7 ♟f7 36.♟f7 ♟f7 [Both players now rush to time control at move 40.] 37.♟f4 ♟e8 38.♟f1 ♟d7 39.♟f7 ♟e7 40.♟f5 ♟c7 41.♟d3 a4 [If Black could magically jump his deadwood ♟ to c4 or b3, it's a whole new ball game. But White has c4 to break up the centre if Black gets too many ideas.] 42.g4 a3 43.♟g3 ♟d7 44.♟a1 [Here I missed a big opportunity. I rejected 44.♟f6, thinking 44...♟e6 would force my ♟ back to f1. But 44.♟f6 ♟e6 45.♟e6 ♟e6 46.♟c7 is devastating.] 45.e2 [44...♟b5 45.c4 and White snaps off the dangerous a-♟, then proceeds to promote his g-♟.] 45.♟d3 ♟b2 46.♟h7 ♟d6 [46...♟d8 47.♟h8 ♟c7 (47...♟d7 48.♟g7 ♟c8 49.♟a3) 48.♟e5 ♟b6 (48...♟b7 49.♟e7 ♟b6 50.♟a3) 49.♟a3 ♟a3 50.♟b8 ♟b7 51.♟d6] 47.♟e1 ♟e8 [There are no good moves in terrible positions. 47...♟b7 48.♟h2 ♟d7 49.♟e5 ♟ba7 50.♟e7 ♟c8 51.♟c5 wins the house.] 48.♟g6 ♟c7 49.♟f7 ♟b6 50.♟e8 ♟e8 51.♟e8 ♟b5 52.♟b8 1-0.

Unfortunately, the tournament will be remembered by many players for its hot and crowded playing conditions. Even so, I immensely enjoyed my annual 10-day chess retreat with friends from across the country. Next year — *Vancouver*, a mere 16-hour drive away. Plan for it now!!!

Edmonton Club News

by David Ottosen

The ECC Summer Open was held during the four Thursdays in August and was directed by Cor Dewindt. Nigel Fullbrook finished first with 3½/4, followed by Zoran Radovic, Aaron Lovi and Micah Hughey with 3 points each. Also with a fine tournament was Kurtis Nystrom who pocketed 2½ points on his way to a rating gain of 66 points. From this tournament:

Fullbrook — Ottosen [D31]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♗c3 e6 4.e4 de4 5.♗e4 ♖b4 6.♗c3 ♗f6 7.♗f3 c5 8.a3 cd4 9.ab4 dc3 10. ♗d8 ♗d8 11.bc3 ♗bd7 12.c5 ♗e7 13.♗f4 ♗e4 14.♗d3 ♗c3 15.♗d6 ♗f6 16.g4 g6 17.h4 ♗d5 18.♗a4 ♗e8 19.h5 e5 20.hg6 hg6 21.♗h7 ♗f8 22.g5 ♗e6 23.♗g7 ♗c3 24.♗a3 e4 25.♗c4 ♗f5 26.♗f7 ♗g4 27.♗f4 ♗h3 28.♗h4 ♗g2 29.♗h2 ♗f3 30.♗e2# 1-0.

From the ECC September tournament:

Newton — Hughey

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♗c3 e6 5.g4 ♗g6 6.♗ge2 c5 7.♗f4 ♗d7 8.♗e3 ♗b6 9.♗b5 ♗d8 10.♗cd5 ed5 11.♗d5 ♗c2 12.♗c2 ♗g6 13. ♗c7 ♗e7 14.♗d5 ♗e8 15.♗g6 hg6 16.dc5 ... 1-0.

Rajski — Stefanyshyn [B07]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♗f6 3.♗c3 g6 4.♗g5?! ♗g7 5. ♗d2 O-O?! [This seems to be a risky decision as it allows for exchange of dark-squared ♗s and facilitates White's attack on the ♗-side. The better reaction was demonstrated in Nevednicky-Marin 1997(*Chess Informant* 71): 5...h6 6.♗h4 g5 7.♗g3 ♗h5 8.♗ge2 ♗c6 9.d5 ♗a5 10.♗d4 c5 11.♗f5 ♗f5 12.ef5 a6 13.♗e2 ♗g3 14.hg3 b5 =.] 6.♗h6 ♗bd7?! [Again I am not sure about this move as it covers the white-squared ♗ and allows g2-g4. Maybe 6...♗c6 was better.] 7. h4! e5! [White started aggressive measures on the ♗-side, to which Black's counterattack in the centre is often believed to be the best response.] 8.♗d3 ed4 9.♗ce2 c5 10.h5 ♗e5 11.hg6 fg6 12.♗f3 e4?! [Black decides to go after the ♗/d3, but the further complications show that it is not feasible. The alternative was 12...♗f3 13.gf3 which opens another line for the attack, but preserves the strong ♗-structure in the centre.] 13.♗g7 ♗g7?! [The last chance for ...♗f3.] 14. ♗h6 ♗h8 15.♗e5 de5 16.♗c4 ♗e8 [Preventing 17.♗g6.] 17.O-O-O ♗d7 [If 17...♗e6 18.♗e6 ♗e6 19.♗g6 followed by 20.♗h7.] 18.f3 b5 19.♗b3 a5 20.g4 a4 21.♗d5 ♗c8 [21...♗a7!?] 22.g5 ♗h5 23.♗g3 [It is pleasant to play an attack in which such natural moves are possible and effective. Black cannot take on g3 due to mate at h7.] ♗e7 24.♗h5 gh5 25.♗h5 ♗e8 26. ♗h4 ♗g6? [This is an obvious mistake, but it is difficult to suggest any sound alternatives. White was ready to bring another ♗ into the game.] 27. ♗g6 ♗c7 28.♗dh1 ♗g7 29.♗g7? [29.♗h7! wins the Black ♗ for 2 ♗s. With the passed ♗, Black's position would be helpless.] ♗g7?? [This gives away another piece. After 29...♗g7 Black could defend longer.] 30.♗h7 ♗g6 31. ♗c7 ♗f3 32.♗g1 1-0. PR

A short dissertation on the ongoing of junior chess in Edmonton.

by Cynthia Wu

The EJCC September Active 1998:

One fine evening near the end of summer my sister, Beatrice, dragged me away from Nintendo and asked me a puzzling question: What are we going to do to increase the dwindling numbers of junior club members? Ultimately, we decided that the best way to go would be to mail out flyers about the Junior Chess Club to 100 or so Edmonton juniors. So we spent the rest of our summer drafting letters, graphics, and information, folding paper into thirds, and licking stamps. (*We could use more people with this kind of initiative! —ed.*)

Saturday September 5, the EJCC officially re-opened for the school year. Bea and I sat at the TD desk with baited breath anticipating the success of our letters. Slowly, people began trickling in. Seeing some old faces was a comfort, and seeing some new faces was a joy. All in all, we ended up with a great balance of 5 "oldies" and 5 "newies." On the suggestion of Nic Haynes, Bea and I used a tournament style that mimicked one used by the senior chess club previously. The names on the bottom half of the rating ladder were put into a hat and the top half had the honours of drawing a partner. This meant that partners could not play each other in the tournament and that their scores were added together to accomplish a final standing for the two. Otherwise, a normal Swiss tournament was played. This worked well, as there were a perfectly matched number of rated players and unrated players this time around. It gave a better chance for unrated players to win a book (!!) as both partners of the winning group received prizes regardless of individual scores.

The tournament miraculously went smoothly and some players actually decided to get to know the names of their partners. Some went so far as to befriend them, even. Ironically, Nic, top ranked player, drew newcomer Ke Sun as a partner and they came in first and second respectively. Everyone enjoyed themselves — even the TDs and parents — which became evident as all 5 new players reappeared in October's tournament and the TDs breathed a sigh of relief as membership did in fact increase, presumably due to their hard work during the last weekend of summer.

The EJCC October Active 1998:

Having been left to the wolves by my high and mighty Med student sister for the month of October, I cynically took my little brother, Douglas, with me to TD the EJCC October Active. 14 players managed to find their way to the Armoury more or less on time. These included, 4 of our rated players and all 5 of the unrated players from the September Active, as well as more new people! A little sister (Megan Chi) of one of our dear old members (Jonathan) plus a pair of brothers and a pair of cousins joined in on the fun to up participation to 14 players, the youngest of which was 6 year old Leighton Stadnyk. Hopefully, things will plateau at a maximum of 15-20 lest my sanity lose itself on the way to the next tournament. But seriously, the increasing participation in the club is certainly a pleasing thing.

This month, we played a straight, no-frill Swiss tournament. Fortunately, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. Ultimately, Nic Haynes ran off with first prize again and Stasy Kazakevich snatched up second prize. Both received beautiful brand new chess books to add to their growing collection.

Thanks to all those who showed up and... bring all your friends next time!

Calgary Junior Chess Club Report

by Glen Booth

The Club's Fall season got off to a bang, with 59 participants in our Oct. 4 tournament. Shandy Booth won the top section in an upset as he finished ahead of John Rajchel and Alec Mills. Shandy remains the second-ranked player in grade four in the country — that teaching by Nenad must be paying off!

Paul Lapides won the second group, winning a speed-chess playoff over Joel Adolph. It must help having a top-class Russian master as a father! Brandon Eshleman finished third, but moved into first place in grade 3 on *Chess 'n' Math's* national rating scale. Brandon finally passed Nigel Sharp who has been the top-ranked player in his grade since kindergarten but, as most of you know, has traded in the chess board to become a world-class distance runner. Brandon has been the beneficiary of regular coaching from Jim Daniluk.

Jim's son, Tyler Daniluk, made his debut and went unbeaten (3-0-2), to take second place in the kindergarten division. An auspicious coming-out performance of which his dad was justly proud!

The club is producing a number of very good young players, including Chaim Katz, fifth-ranked in the nation in grade one, and Karim Nurmohamed, tenth-ranked in grade two.

My experience is that a number of good players emerge at the very young ages, but that a high percentage drop out. In many cases, the growth progression slows at some point, in part due to a lack of good playing opportunities for children in Calgary. If there aren't a lot of other kids playing, it isn't "cool," and it is easy to drop chess in favour of other activities. A lot of parental support is usually necessary to keep the interest going. It also appears that a lot of kids can grasp the basics, and have good intuitive tactical skills, but their growth slows if they do not receive higher-level coaching (see above).

Here's a game from one of our top up-and-coming players, Ashton Anderson (Black), in which he prevailed over Stephen Hazeltine, former national champion in grade 2 and grade 4:

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.d3 ♗f6 5. ♗g5 O-O 6.O-O d6 7.h3 ♗e6 8.♗c3 ♗c4 9. dc4 ♗e7 10.♗d5 ♗e6 11.♗f6 gf6 12.♗d2 f5 13.ef5 ♗f5 14.♗h6 ♗c2? 15.♗f6 ♗h8 16.♗fe1? ♗f2 17.♗f1 ♗e1 18.♗e1 ♗d3 19.♗g1 ♗g6 20.♗h4 ♗g7 21.♗g5 h6 22.♗h5 ♗h8 23.♗e4 ♗d4 24.♗hg3 f5 25.♗c3 f4 26.♗h5 ♗f3 27. ♗f1 ♗h4 28.g4 fg3 29.♗e2 ♗h5 30.♗d3 ♗f3 31.♗c2 ♗f5 32.♗b3 g2 33.♗b4 ♗f1 34.♗e4 ♗e4 35.♗e4 g1=♗ 36.a4 a5 37.♗b5 c6# 0-1.

Fall Schedule

• *October 24-25:*

Alberta Junior Championships

Red Deer College, room #823

Starts at 10:00 a.m. Saturday.

Entry fee: \$2.

Contact: Neil Sharp 346-0420.

Note: This is a closed event.

Peace River Classic

Peace Valley Inn, Rose Room.

4 round Swiss system in 1 section.

Time Controls: 40/90; game/60.

Entry fee: \$20.

Prizes: \$200 guaranteed, plus trophies.

Contact: Alex Phimester 624-8866.

E-mail: phimnetster@hotmail.com.

Notes: (1) To accommodate out-of-towners, round 3 might be moved up to 7:00 p.m. on Sat., in which case round 1 would have a time control of 30/60, game/60. (2) Special hotel rates are available to players: Single \$49; business class \$54; kitchen unit \$52. Please request "chess rates" when checking in.

• *November 14-15:*

Southern Alberta Open

Quality Inn, Motel Village, Calgary.

5 round Swiss system in 1 section:

Entry fee: adults \$20; juniors \$15.

Contact: Walter Watson 277-5620.

• *December 12-13:*

Alberta Cadet Championships

Red Deer College, room #823

Starts at 10:00 a.m. Saturday.

Entry fee: \$2.

Contact: Neil Sharp 346-0420.

Note: This is a closed event.

• *December 19-20:*

Weekend B4 X-mas Open

Edmonton Chess Club.

5 round Swiss system in 1 section:

Entry fee: adults \$20; juniors \$15.

Contact: Ford Wong 481-6474.

General Notes:

(1) Juniors are *under 20*; Cadets are *under 16*. For all events, Cadets have the option of paying a \$5 entry fee and being ineligible for prizes.

(2) Registration for all open events is by 9:45 a.m. Saturday. If you take a bye in the first round you must show up no later than 1:30 p.m. Sat. to ensure that you will be paired in round 2. Please call the organizer in advance to request a bye.

Northern Alberta Junior

by Robert Gardner

1. Hans Olson	+7 +5 +4 =3	3½
2. Adrien Regimbald	-4 =6 +8 +5	2½
3. Dmitri Shefer	=6 =4 +7 =1	2½
4. Erik Olson	+2 =3 -1 +7	2½
5. Duncan Campbell	+8 -1 +6 -2	2
6. Nicolas Haynes	=3 =2 -5 +8	2
7. Stasy Kazakevich	-1 +8 -3 -4	1
8. Jeff Ryan	-5 -7 -2 -6	0.

Two spots in the Alberta Junior were at stake in this qualifying event. Defending Alberta Junior Champion Hans Olson qualified with a round to spare by winning his first three rounds. The other qualifying spot went to Adrien Regimbald who survived some difficult positions in the tournament before defeating Dmitri Shefer and Erik Olson in the 15-minute-game playoff. (Annotated games will appear in the next *ACR*.)

Southern Alberta Junior

by Nenad Ristic

1. Jeff Huang	+7 +2 +4 +6 -3	4
2. John Rajchel	+9 -1 +3 +4 +6	4
3. Erik Tam	=6 +9 -2 +10+1	3½
4. Kim Nguyen	+5 +8 -1 -2 +7	3
5. Brandon Eshleman	-4 -6 +10+8 +9	3
6. Ashton Anderson	=3 +5 +8 -1 -2	2½
7. Josia Hkung	-1 +10+9 bye-4	2½
8. Paul Lapides	+10 -4 -6 -5 bye	2
9. Kieran Kirchner	-2 -3 -7 bye-5	½
10. Andrew Smith	-8 -7 -5 -3 -	0.

This year's Southern Alberta Junior Championship took place in Webber Academy. 10 players 19 years old and younger participated. Jeff Huang and John Rajchel tied with 4 points and qualified for the Alberta Junior Championship. First place, by Bucholts coefficient (15½), went to Jeff. He demonstrated a mature play and lost just the last game, which didn't influence the final placement. The highest-rated player, John Rajchel, took second place losing only to Jeff. After not a great start, Erik Tam won the last two games and came third. I wish to mention 12-year-old Ashton Anderson, who started with 2½/3. In the 4th round he played Jeff Huang and had a won position, but because of lack of experience he lost that game. In the last round he lost a drawn game against John Rajchel for the same reason and finished in sixth place, although he played the whole tournament against the strongest players. The tournament finished in fair and sports spirit.

Alberta Clubs

Calgary Chess Club:

- Meets at the *Elephant & Castle Restaurant*, 8 Ave. & 4 St. SW. Tuesdays 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.
- Contact: Warrick Walker 294-0753; or Walter Watson 277-5620.
- Events: Oct. 20 to Nov. 24 - Fall Open. Dec. 1 & 8 - Active tournament.

Under 1800 Club:

- Meets at *Words Books & Cappuccino Bar*, 1715 17th Ave. SW. during business hours.
- Contact: Tedge Davies 277-0209.
- Under 2000 - November 7
- Under 1700 - November 21.

Edmonton Chess Club:

- Meets in #114A, *Prince of Wales Armoury*, 10440 108th Ave. Mondays & Thursdays 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.
- Contact: club phone 424-0283; or Aaron Lovi 481-7278.
- Monday casual tournaments, no membership required, relaxed noise controls.
- Thursday - CFC-rated tournaments, membership required, strict noise controls. A new tournament starts the first Thursday of each month.

Lethbridge Jr. & Sr. Chess Clubs:

- Meet at the *University of Lethbridge* one evening per week, September to April.
- Contact: Grant Brown 381-0308.

Medicine Hat Chess Club:

- Meets at the *Southview Community School*, coffee corner room, during the school year. Wednesdays 7:00 - 10:15 p.m.
- Contact: Bill Taylor 526-5484.

Lloyminster Chess Club:

- Meets at *Cappuccino Voltaire Coop*, 50th Street, Lloyminster Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.
- Contact: Doug 825-0528, or Eugene Gibney 875-6352.

Hinton Chess Club:

- Meets at the *Queen's Bakery & Café*, 124 Market Street, Hinton Mondays 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Contact: Peter Bundscherer 865-5050.

Grande Prairie Chess Club:

- Meets at the *Royal Canadian Legion* 9912 101st Ave., Grande Prairie Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., September to April.
- Contact: Phil Lefkowitz 538-1903. 9905 75th Ave. T8V 6G2

Peace River Chess Club:

- Meets in the Rose Room, *Peace Valley Inn* 9609 101st St.
- Contact: Alex Phimester 624-8866.

Northern Communities Chess Club:

- Contact: Bernie Tynan 771-3757.

Crowsnest Chess Club:

- Meets at the *Royal Canadian Legion* Coleman.
- Contact: John Day 563-5217

It is the club's responsibility to make sure your announcement is complete and up to date.

* Important Notice for Aspiring Organizers *

The ACA wishes to sponsor a major tournament in Alberta in the year 2000 or 2001 - like a Canadian Open or Closed, or a North-Bay-style tournament. We are open to proposals from competent teams of organizers. Initial proposals must be submitted for review at the April 1999 Board meeting, and must demonstrate strong organizational ability and concrete results to be accepted. (We do not expect organizers to have acquired firm commitments from top national or international players or from sponsors by then; but some tentative commitments, a proposed site, and consultation with organizers of other Canadian events running around the same time as your proposed event would strongly enhance your bid. The more firm details you can supply, the better your bid will be received. A judgment of the quality of the team of organizers will also be made.) *To give prospective organizers a rough idea of the level of financial commitment they can expect from the ACA, the Board has set aside \$10,000 to help fund such an event.* (Organizers must be strictly volunteers.)