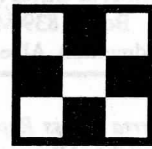


ALBERTA CHESS REPORT



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1991 ALBERTA OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

October 12-14 in Red Deer
Red Deer Lodge, room 120, 4311-49 Ave

This is Alberta's premier open tournament!
6-round Swiss System, with 2 rounds each day
CFC rated

REGISTRATION

At site: 9:00-9:45 a.m., Saturday, October 12 (please bring completed enclosed entry form)
In advance (postal service permitting): use enclosed entry form

Round Times (subject to change by the Tournament Director)
Saturday — 10:00 & 3:00; Sunday — 11:00 & 4:00; Monday — 9:00 & 1:30

Time Control: 40 moves/2 hours (to be confirmed by the TD; supplementary controls will be announced)

Prize Fund

Cash prizes overall and in "rating divisions" (prize fund has been \$1,000+ at the last few Alberta Opens)
(depends on entries; except for \$2 per player rating fee, entry fees are returned to the players as part of the prize fund)

<i>Entry Fees</i>	<u>In Advance</u>	<u>At Site</u>
Senior (age 18 & over)	\$20	\$25
Junior (age 17 & under)	\$15	\$20

(see enclosed entry form for special discount for new members)

Entrants must be CFC members (includes ACA membership for Albertans)
CFC+ACA senior = \$30; CFC+ACA junior = \$18; CFC+ACA participating (juniors only; no magazines) = \$8
CFC+ACA tournament "membership" = \$11 (good for this tournament only; just one copy of *En Passant* and *ACR*)

Boards, sets, clocks and scoresheets will be provided. No smoking in the tournament hall. No computers allowed.

Tournament Director: Neil Sharp

Sponsored by: Alberta Chess Association *Local organization:* Brad Willis (Red Deer Chess Club)

Accommodation Red Deer Lodge (1-800-662-7181 in Alberta)
\$62 + taxes, single/double, twin beds - mention chess. There are, of course, other motels/hotels in Red Deer, with various room rates, all "close by car".

ACA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 9:00 a.m.
at the site of the Alberta Open

Please attend if at all possible. The last couple of AGM's were delayed for an hour because we couldn't even gather the few people required for a quorum. Input from members is important. If you feel you have the time to offer something extra to Alberta chess, do consider running for one of the available positions (see page 3). If you wish to nominate someone at the AGM who will not be present, please check in advance that they agree to run. See you there!

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

ACR Deadlines

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

Reminder to Tournament Directors

CFC regulations for submission of rating reports state: "A report should be submitted within one week of the end of an event." Send in your rating report (plus a separate membership report, if required) as soon as possible after an event. A written report (*En Passant*; *ACR*, too!) can be sent separately.

ALBERTA CHESS CLUBS

(not including junior and school clubs)

CALGARY CC

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

Info: Bill Rusk (286-6137; mail: #9, 3302-50 St NW, Calgary T3A 2C6).

CCC 91-92 Schedule

Sep 11 - Oct 23: *Fall Open*. 7 rd.

(TD's: Bill Bentley, 288-0592h/269-8179w; Tim McMurphy, 253-9683).

Oct 30: *Grand Prix Speed*. Rd 1. (TD, all speed rds: Roy Yearwood 252-4948w).

Nov 6 - Dec 18: *Club Championship*. 7 rd. (TD: Barney Fegyvermeki 243-6351).

Jan 8: *Grand Prix Speed*. Rd 2.

Jan 15 - Feb 26: *Calgary Closed*. 7 rd RR. (TD: Greg Huber 286-1873).

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

Mar 11 - Apr 22: *Calgary Open*. 7 rd.

(TD: Brian Starks 243-2026).

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

May 6 - Jun 10: *Spring Open*. 6 rd.

(TD: Brian Toth 293-6569).

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

Last chess (k)night of the season.

THE CHESS SET (Calgary)

Meets: Meadowlark Park Comm. Assoc., 623-58 Ave SW (just west of Chinook Ctr). Approx. 7:00-11:30, Fri. Tournaments: "quick play" (15 min/player/game); 5-6 rds; not CFC rated.

Info: Roy Yearwood (244-6698; mail: 4125, 415-9737 Macleod Trail S, Calgary T2J7A6).

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY CC

Meets: 209L MacEwan Hall, Univ. Calgary, T2N 1N4. September to March.

Info: Taco Van Ieperen (295-0139; mail: 1311-56 Ave NW, Calgary T2K 5M2).

NORTHERN COMMUNITIES CC

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

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

GRANDE PRAIRIE CC

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

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

RED DEER CC

Meets: Wed., 7:00. Club 89, 4950 Ross St.

Info: Brian Murdoch (343-6664).

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA CC

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

Info: Craig Vokey (mail: Box 92, Students Union Bldg, U of A, Edmonton T6G 2J7).

EDMONTON CC

Meets: Oliver Community Hall, 10326-118 St, Edmonton T5K 2K9, Thurs., 7:00-12:00.

Info: Rob Gardner (469-4925), George Heagle (425-1471).

ECC Schedule

Sep 19 - Oct 17 or 24. 5 or 6 rd open Swiss.

Those entering at rd 2 (i.e. Sept 26; at 7:00) may receive a bye for rd 1.

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).

The ACR relies on club executives to send in updated info. In the absence of change(s) being received, the ACR can only assume the published details remain valid. You might check with the listed contact...

Chess Hackers Bulletin Board

Call via computer. 500 boards available. Tournaments started regularly. 24 hr/day. 456-5808. 8N1, 1200 or 2400 baud. Info: Bruno Knudskov (457-1348, voice only!).

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* CLUBS *

Please ensure that info in the ACR is correct (a schedule of activities would be an asset).

* ORGANIZERS *

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

* TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS *

We would appreciate receiving a copy of your *En Passant* report (or even a more in-depth story written for your fellow Alberta chessplayers). Also of interest would be a crosstable and game score(s). THANKS!

ACA Program Cutbacks in 1991

The Alberta Government recognizes that Provincial Associations offer Albertans a wealth of sports and recreational opportunities. Therefore, the Government provides base level funding to Provincial Associations in the areas of Administration, Leadership Development, and Program Development to assist with promoting, developing and maintaining a province-wide delivery system for their programs and services.

Since its inception in 1973, the ACA has benefited from Government programs and for the past six years has been one of the 103 organizations which are included in the granting system (*no other association can "get in", unless an existing one does something to remove itself from the program, in which case the dropped association is unlikely to ever be allowed back in!* - ed.). The yearly grant has allowed the ACA to grow and to expand many of its programs.

However, for the past few years the ACA has been receiving a smaller grant each year; partly because the Alberta Government is attempting to reduce its deficit. This year grants were reduced by a flat 12%, then a system was implemented which consisted of slotting organizations into 13 "funding categories" based on each association's 1990 and 1991 Profiles (an association's Plan is not used specifically in this process). The end result was that the ACA received a grant considerably less than that in 1990, a decrease which had not been anticipated. This is roughly about 25% less than what is needed for the ACA to fully finance all of the projects which were planned for 1991.

Ron Brown, our Government Contact, says there is no guarantee an organization would remain in a category. There may be a chance next year that the ACA's grant could be even lower as Recreation and Parks continues to fine tune the granting program.

Many of the ACA's programs are currently dependent on Government assistance, so this lower grant has a definite impact on the ACA. The ACA has had to restructure its programs, including the following:

- (1) An issue of the ACR has had to be deleted (i.e. there will be one ACR later this year, rather than the scheduled two).
- (2) The following tournaments are tentatively cancelled: Alberta Women's Closed; Trilateral Team Match; Under 1800/1800 and Over; Red Deer Open. These events had originally depended on finding an organizer. All other major ACA-sponsored events are still on (e.g.

Alberta Open, Southern Alberta Open).

(3) The "Club Grant" program has been cancelled for 1991, with the exception of the Calgary Junior Chess Club. Normally 8 clubs receive a monetary grant from the ACA to assist them with their programs and leadership development.

(4) Travel assistance (air fare to national championships) will be restricted to support for Alberta Champions, i.e. one person will receive assistance per event. In the past there were sufficient funds to also help others invited to national championships — this will have to be suspended until further notice. This may make for more competitive Alberta Closed Championships, encouraging some players who might not otherwise play to enter, since winning such a championship is the only sure way to receive travel support.

(5) Other programs, such as "Training for Junior Players", "Support for New Clubs" and "Simultaneous Displays", have also been cancelled. This does not mean that nothing will happen in those areas, but that honoraria will no longer be available for volunteers working on these programs.

(6) The ACA was planning to print a significant number of scoresheets in 1991 to provide a stock available for many years for use in Alberta clubs and tournaments. This printing may have to be deferred until additional funding is available.

(7) The ACA Board is also considering other means of reducing expenditures without cancelling programs, and ensuring that Government requirements on spending distribution are met.

Part of the reason why the ACA has had to cut back on some of its programs this year can be attributed to the travel assistance (10 x \$100) already provided to each of Alberta's representatives to attend the National Scholastic Chess Championship. This funding was provided before the level of the 1991 grant was known, but was undertaken since this year, for the first time, the national organizers did not provide travel assistance.

Note: The ACA also receives a grant for enrichment funding (an RPW grant) for its "Junior Chess Outreach" program. Funds must be applied for each year. The program is totally dependent on receiving a grant, and its scope depends on the level of funding awarded.

1991 Elections for Board of Directors

The following positions are up for election at the 1991 AGM:

President	Treasurer
Secretary	Directors (4)

All positions are for a two-year period, except for Secretary, where the person elected would serve for the one year remaining in the term for that position. Position descriptions are given in the ACA Bylaws.

I encourage anyone who wants to have a hand in organizing and promoting chess in Alberta to run for one of these positions.

The elections will take place October 13 at the *Annual General Meeting*, which commences at 9:00 a.m. at the site of the Alberta Open (*Red Deer Lodge*).

Organizer(s) Needed for the Southern Alberta Junior and Cadet Qualifiers

As I mentioned in the April issue of the ACR, we need organizer(s) for the Southern Alberta Junior and the Southern Alberta Cadet qualifiers for the respective Alberta championships. If no one comes forward, it could jeopardize the chances of some young players from Southern Alberta to make it into the provincial events! If you wish to volunteer or can assist in any way, *please* contact Ford Wong at 481-6474.

Alberta Open Chess Championship

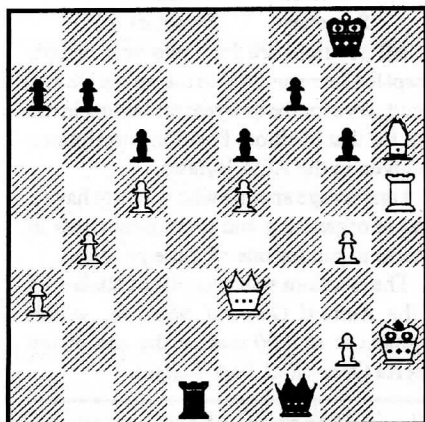
This year the Alberta Open will, for only the second time, be held outside of Calgary or Edmonton. The dates are October 12-14 and the site is the Red Deer Lodge (*see the front cover for details*). This year the Red Deer and area players will be the "home team", and I'm sure they are eager to have other Alberta chess players visit their city (it's not really that much of a drive from Calgary or Edmonton). If you haven't played chess for a while and are itching to get back into the battle, perhaps this is the tournament for you to get back into the over-the-board tournament chess scene!

As this is Alberta's premier open chess event, I encourage everyone to come out and support Alberta Chess. Also, the Annual General Meeting will be held on the morning of October 14th (see article at the top of this column), and you are all invited to attend and have *your say* in the affairs of the ACA.

It has been a while since I played in a serious tournament (*the ACA Pres. is a busy guy!* - ed.), and I hope to make a comeback at this tournament. See you all there!

Correction of a Post Mortem
by Andrew Waring

In the last ACR (vol. 16, no. 3, p. 9), in the analysis to the Greg Huber - Darse Billings game (*active chess - ed.*), the following position arises after 28.g4



Darse gives 28... Rd3 29.Qg5 Rd1 30.Rh3 Qg1+ 31.Kg3 Rd3+ 32.Kh4 Qf2+ 33.g3 Rxc3 34.Rxc3 Qh2+ with perpetual.

However, on move 34 White need not recapture the rook immediately. He has a wonderful intermediate move in 34.Qd8+, freeing the g5 square for his king and tying the noose around the opponent's monarch.

The line runs 34.Qd8+ Kh7 35.Rxc3 Qh2+ 36.Rh3 Qxe5 (36... Qf2+ 37.Kg5 when Black has no more checks 37... Qg2 38.Bg7 mates) 37.Qf8!, when:

A. 37... Qf6+ 38.Kg3 Qc3+ 39.Be3++

B. 37... Qe1+ 38.Rg3

Bl. 38... Qe5 39.Qxf7+ Kxh6 40.g5+ winning the black queen and the game.

Bii. 38... Qh1+ 39.Kg5!

Bii-a. 39... Qd5+ 40.Kf6 Qd4+ 41.Ke7 and Black can resign.

Bii-b. 39... Qc1+ 40.Kf6 Qa1+ Not 40... Qxh6 41.Rh3!! 41.Ke7 Qe5 42.Qxf7+ Kxh6 43.g5+ losses Queen or mates.

Now (taking a big risk) I give the correct line for Black to draw:

28.g4 Rd3 29.Qg5 Rd1 30.Rh3 Qg1+ 31.Kg3 Qe1+! if 32.Kf3 Rd3+ 33.Kf4 Qf2+ 34.Rf3 Rd4++, else if 32.Kf4 Qf2+ 33.Rf3 Rd4++. If the king ventures to the f-file, it gets mated unless White tries for a B+R vs Q ending by 32.Kf3 Rd3+ 33.Qe3 Rxe3+ 34.Bxe3, when the simple ...Qc3 wins. As a result of the preceding analysis, the only move after 31... Qe1+ is 32.Kh2, with perpetual.

Speed Kills
by Jeff Chrumka

To most chess players, the clock is quite often an instrument of death. Time trouble rears its ugly head, pieces fly, the smoke clears, and more often than not one player has committed that decisive blunder that costs them the game. This is not a new thing to chess but has lingered around long enough to destroy thousands of beautiful games.

On the other side of the coin, the coin being time-trouble addicts, are players who seem to hate spending time carefully planning their strategies and are more interested in maiming, crushing and dissecting their opponents at warp speed. This first game is a fair example of this, but remember that speeding can sometimes exact a costly penalty.

Nick Vasic - Jeff Chrumka

Caro-Kann Defence (Irregular Advance)
1.e4 c6 2.f4!? d5 3.e5 Bf5 After only a mere 6 minute think. My excuse is that I hadn't inhaled my morning coffee yet and believed 4.g4 might trap the bishop, except the bishop can retreat to d7 or c8 or even go to e4! 4.d4 e6 5.Nc3 Nd7 6.Bd2?! Ne7 7.Nf3 c5 8.dc Nxc5? Clearly 8... Nc6 is superior. Now White gets in some cheap play! Where's my coffee? 9.Bb5+ Nd7 10.Nd4 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bxb5?! After only a mere 10 seconds of thought! 12... axb5 13.Ncxb5 Ah, there's my coffee. Just in time too, as the position requires some thought so as not to be mated by 14.Nd6! 13... Nc8 14.Nxf5 exf5 15.b4! A super move which: (1) restricts the f8 bishop and (2) mobilizes those pesky passed pawns properly! Considering the rapidity of White's play, 15 moves in 8 minutes, one might think he's in time trouble. The question is, though, will White make his final 30 moves in the 112 minutes he has left!? 15... Qb6 16.Qe2 Be7 17.a4 Rb8? Necessary is 17... g6. 18.Qd3 g6!?? Defending the wrong pawn? White can hardly play 19.Qxd5 or can he? 19.c3?! After this 9 minute think, White's time elapsed had doubled. If 19.Qxd5 wild complications arise from 19... Bxb4 20.Bxb4 Qe3+ 21.Kd1, but this is a winning continuation for White. After 19.Qxd5, Black's basically busted! He has only 19... Rb7, defending the d7 knight and preparing to castle. White then plays 20.c4! and Black will sooner or later be required to sacrifice a piece for 2 pesky passed pawns! 19... Qb7 20.Be3 O-O 21.O-O Ndb6 22.Bf2?? 22.Nd4 22... Nxa4! 23.Nd4 Nab6 24.Ra5? Nc4 25.Ra2 N8b6 To this point I've taken 79 minutes to Nick's 24. Now he embarks on another piece sacrifice. 26.Nxf5!?!? gxf5 27.Bd4 f6 28.Qxf5 Qc8! 29.e6 Nd6 30.Qg4+ Kh8 31.Rf3 Rg8 32.Qh5? 32.Qh4 32... Qe8 33.Qh4 Qg6 (0-1). After 34... Ne4 or Nf5, it's slow death for White. Total time elapsed,

White 43 minutes, Black 102 minutes. The moral of the story is "speed kills!"

This next game, although an active game, shows how two players really need more time to avoid speeding. Although slightly sloppy, this game gets gruesome!

Mark Adam - Jeff Chrumka

Slav Defence (Anti-Meran Gambit)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 dc 6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3? Here Mark leaves the most common lines, which usually involve trading the bishop for the f6 knight. This can be done by (1) 9.Nxc3! hxc3 10.Bxc3 Nd7, or the bizarre (2) 9.exf6 gxh4 10.Ne5, with g3 and Bg2 to come, as in Bronstein-Botvinnik, 1951. 9... Nd5 10.Be2 Bb4 11.Qc2? More accurate is 11.Qd2, breaking the pin and avoiding the text. 11... Qa5! 12.Rc1 Qxa2!? 13.O-O Bxc3 Perhaps capturing on c3 with the knight is better as it maintains the dark-squared bishop for Black, but at the expense of an extra tempo. But "let's not bicker and argue about who killed who..." 14.bxc3 Qxc2 15.Rxc2 a5 Although this is an active game, Mark has taken 5 minutes to my 3. The next 6 moves take Mark 16 minutes and me 21! 16.h4! Rg8 17.Nd2 Na6 18.Ne4 Ke7 19.Bh5!? Bd7 20.Nd6 Be8 21.Re1 Nac7 22.Ra1? Nb6? this move really gives White some play with 23.f4. We are now both beginning to speed. At this point, we each have about 6 minutes in which to mate our opponents king! 23.f4! f6? 24.Nxe8? Superior for White is 24.ef+, then 24... Kxd6 25.fg+ Kd7 26.Bxc7! Kxc7 27.f7 Bxf7 28.Bxf7 Rg7 29.g6 and the tide has turned to favor White! 24... Nxe8 25.ef+ Nxf6 26.Bf3 Nbd5 27.hg hg 28.fg Rxc3 29.Bh4 Rg6 30.Be4 Rh6 31.g3?! Kd7 32.Bf3 a4!? Played as a psychological ploy. If I play 32... Rg8 right away and "hang" the a-pawn, Mark might think something's up. If I first defend the pawn he may possibly play on, missing the cheapo tactic, but not in this case! 33.Re1 Rg8 34.Kf2 Ng4+ 35.Ke2 Nge3 36.Rcc1 Nf5 37.Rh1 Rxc3! 38.Bxc3 Rxc3! There it is again, ugly head and all. 39.Rxc3 If 39.Bxc3 Nxc3+ 40.Kd2 Nxc3!! 41.Rxc3 Nxc3 still wins for Black as White doesn't have time to win the knight on h1 with Rf3, and moving the king over to g2 as the passed pawns roll the length of the field unmolested for the major! If 41.Kxc3 instead of Rxc3, 41... Ne2+ 42.Kd2 Nxc1 43.Kxc1 Kd6 44.Kc2 b4 still wins for Black! 39... Nxc3+ 40.Kf2? Nxc3+ 41.Bxc3 Nxc3 42.Ke3 Nd5+ 43.Kd2 c3+ 44.Kc2 b4 45.Bf3 Kd6 46.Kc1 c5 (0-1). With 2 minutes left on his clock Mark threw in the towel as my 3 minutes are plenty to run the pawns home.

What is the point of this article you ask? Take time to smell the roses as, when one speeds, one will miss a lot of the scenery!

St. Patrick's Day Open

This mid-March 3-day Swiss was captured by **Jeff Reeve** (*Jeff is now living in Montreal - ed.*). The 17-player field included 5 players from outside of Calgary. (*Report based on that provided by Roy Yearwood to the August En Passant - ed.*)

Canada Day Open

A field of 23 battled it out in Calgary in this 6-round Swiss, which ended with **Dale Haessel** and **Rob Gardner** at the top with 5-1 scores (Rob lost to Dale in round 4, but beat Rob South in the final round; Dale drew Rob South in round 5 and had a bye in round 1).

A third player scored 5-1, namely a Fidelity Mach 3 Master chess computer entered by Farzan Nazarian. However, the computer was not eligible for a cash prize (also, perhaps because of some players declining to face it in the last round [?], the computer, at 4 points, played someone with 1.5 points!). Mach 3 had a rather sparkling tournament, defeating Roy Yearwood and Rob South. Rob Gardner scored one for the humans in round 5. (*Organizers are encouraged to specify in advertising whether or not computers are allowed. They are not allowed in "ACA sponsored" events - ed.*)

Heading the Under-2000 category was Paul Usselman (4.5), followed at 3.5 by Jeff Chrumka, John Quiring and Ken Salmon. Jeff Rouse and Dave Gomboc took Under-1700 honors. Mike Parsons was Top Junior.

(*Roy Yearwood was TD & organizer. Thanks to Rob Gardner for this info - ed.*)

UCCC "Without Costume Change"

The UCCC's second active tournament of the summer series may have had "only" 8 entrants, but it was certainly a strong group. While **Roy Yearwood** was in the bottom half by rating, he finished at the very top of the standings, coming equal first with **Fred South**. Fred had been away from tournament chess for a while, but must have been using WD40 as he showed no sign of rustiness, finishing undefeated. The reward for the winners? Pizza, courtesy of Domino's. Yearwood triumphed over Rob South and Greg Huber (who are 1-2 in the Top Rated Albertans list), but was surprised by Mark Adam, who took a point from him.

The tournament featured a new pairing system, with the pairings predetermined at the outset. The method used is said to remove some of the perceived inequities of the Swiss System and.

(*Report based on that by Darse Billings, NTD, in the August En Passant. Perhaps Darse will send details of his new pairing system to the ACR — what say, Darse?*)

Heritage Day Open & Labor Day Open (Calgary)

Greg Huber snared the Heritage Day Open with a 5/6 score. **Rob Gardner** (4.5/6) was second. **Roy Yearwood** (4.5/5; organizer/TD for both events) captured the Labor Day Open, followed by **Rob Gardner** (4/5). *Thanks to The Rocket for providing this info to the ACR! We also got a game from Art Milne, from the Heritage Day Open:*

J. Rouse - A. Milne

1.d4f5 2.g4? *Unnecessary and, as this game shows, insufficient.* 2... fg 3.e4 d6 4.h3 gh 5.Bxh3 Nf6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.Nf3 Be7 9.Nh4 O-O *Black is a solid pawn up.* 10.Qd3 Nh5 *Heading for f4.* 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Qe2?! Nf4 (-/+) 13.Qe3 Bd7 14.O-O-O Qf7 15.Nf5!? exf5 16.Qxf4 fe 17.Qxe4 Bxh3 18.Rxh3 Qf4+ 19.Kb1 Qxe4 20.Nxe4 Rf4 21.f3 h6 *Part of Black's strategy is to bring pressure to bear on f3 via transferring the QN to g5.* 22.c3 Raf8 23.Nd2 Nd8 24.Re1 Kf7! *Black intends to invade White's K-side with his K via f4.* 25.Kc2 Ne6 26.Rh2 Ng5 27.Rhe2 Kg6 28.Re7 R8f7 29.Rxf7 Rxf7 30.Re3 (-+) *White's strongest resistance is Rf1, after which the game might proceed* 30... Kf5 31.Kd3 Kf4 32.Ke2 Kg3 33.Rg1+ Kh2 34.Rf1 Kg2 35.Ke3 Re7+ 36.Kd3 Nh3, *followed by Nf2+ and Re2 with h6-h5-h4 to come. The text folds quickly...* 30... Kf5 31.Re1 Kf4 32.Ne4 Nxf3 (0-1).

ECC Summer Round-Robins by Robert Gardner

A reasonable turnout for this tournament allowed the creation of four small round-robins. **Rob Gardner** won his section with a 2/2 score despite not being in top form — as the ACR editor can no doubt attest (*yeh, the dumb ed. was so tied up with smashing through to the Rocket's king, he didn't notice a wee mate threat coming up by Rob!*). **John Quiring**, who has been playing well at the club recently, placed first in his section with a 2.5/3 record. **Harold Climenhaga**, who has been doing quite well for a relative newcomer to tournament chess, topped his section with 2/3. **Ravi Trikha** overcame his recent rough introduction to tournament chess with a perfect 3/3 in his section.

ECC Summer Active by Mr. R. Gardner

July weather did not deter 15 avid players. Top-rated **Rob Gardner** won all four of his games to capture first. **Sardul Purewal**, losing only to Gardner, took Top 1800-2000. **Eric Schocat** played well to win his first three games before being stopped in the last round by Rob (who then had the gall to tease Eric for "being so cooperative"). Eric was Top 1600-1800. **Ahmet Yamach** won the Under 1600 section with 2 points. Ahmet has since moved back to Cyprus with his family — we'll all miss Ahmet's cheerful personality and support for the club.

ECC Summer Open by Rob Gardnrocket

With the presumption that the Summer Open would be a small tournament, it was scheduled for just three rounds. As it turned out, 22 players participated. As many would have predicted, **Arnel Frialde** wound up with a perfect score. Given the circumstances, the surprise was that no other player managed to equal his score. Second place was more hotly contested, with eight players scoring 2 points: **Réjean Plante**, **Sardul Purewal**, **Ferenc Borloi**, **Christiaan Dartana**, **Eric Schocat**, **Alex Kuti**, **Harold Climenhaga**, and **Cor Dewindt**. The Under 1600 & Unrated prize was split between **Ahmet Yamach** and **Ravi Trikha**.

E. Schocat - R. Plante

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 d6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bc4 Nc6 7.O-O e6 8.Qe2 Be7 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.h3 a6 11.Bf4 Ne5 12.Nxe5 dxe5 13.Bh2 b5 14.Bb3 O-O 15.Rac1 Qb8 16.Kh1 g6 17.f3 Ra7 18.Qd2 Rd7 19.Qg5 Nxe4 20.Qe3 Nxc3 21.Rxd7 Bxd7 22.Bxe5 Bd6 23.Bxc3 Bf4 24.Qd4 e5 25.Qxd7 Bxc1 26.Bb4 Qd8 27.Qc6 Bf4 28.Bxf8 Kxf8 29.Qd5 Qxd5 30.Bxd5 Ke7 31.Kg1 a5 32.b3 f6 33.Kf1 h5 34.Ke2 h4 35.Kd3 f5 36.Bc6 b4 37.Ba8 Kd6 38.Kc4 Bd2 39.Kb5 Bc3 40.Bb7 Bd2 41.Ba8 *Now that time trouble is over, Black can take time to form a plan. To accomplish anything, he will need to infiltrate with his king.* 41... Ke6 42.Kxa5 *The easiest way for White to draw is to use his king to combat the incursion of the Black king. It doesn't seem that Black can do much after* 42.Kc4 Kf6 43.Kd3, *when the White king can protect the kingside.* 42.Kxa5 *takes the White king away from the main action.* 42... Kf6 43.Kb5 Kg5 44.Kc4 Kf4 45.Kd3 Kg3 *Instructive! Black plays the only move that gives White trouble. Moving the bishop allows the White king to get to f1 in time to guard g2.* 46.Kxd2 Kxg2 47.f4+ *White needs to create his own passed pawn. For instance,* 47.a4 bxa3 48.Kc2 Kxh3 49.b4 Kg3 50.b5 h3 51.b6 h2 52.b7 h1=Q 53.b8=Q, *when White can hope to draw.* 47... e4 48.Bd5 *If 48.a4, then* 48... Kf2, *intending* 49... e3+, *when Black should win.* 48... Kxh3 49.Bf7 *Also losing is* 49.a4 bxa3 50.b4 Kg3 51.b5 h3 52.b6 h2 53.b7 h1=Q 54.b8=Q e3+ *and* 55... Qxd5. 49... Kg3 50.Bxg6 Kxf4 51.Bh5 h3 (0-1).

Top-Rated Albertans

(as of August 31/91)

Robert South	2350
Greg Huber	2310
Steven Peter	2297 •
Arniel Frialde	2283
Fred South	2272 •
Rob Gardner	2270
Andrew Paduch	2230
Zoltan Baunok	2183 •
Arthur Odachowski	2180
Dale Haessel	2166
Brad Willis	2160
Gordon Campbell	2160 •
Milan Rabljenovic	2145 •
Neil Sharp	2118
Tony Peredo	2115
Chris Demers	2110
Roy Yearwood	2107
Barney Fegyvermeki	2095
John Parrott	2094
Farzan Nazarian	2086
Gerry Aspler	2071
Omar Farid	2067
Darse Billings	2065 •
Ted Wilson	2043
Réjean Plante	2040
James Flemming	2040
Bob Bosenius	2035 •
Len Steele	2028
Chris Kuczaj	2023 •
Tracy Kolenchuk	2021

"•" = not known (by ACR) to have played in a rated tournament (not active chess) in Alberta within approximately the past year.

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Alta-B.C. Peace River Grand Prix

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

Sept 28-29 Golden Harvest Open. Dawson Creek. TD: Ray Irwin (604)-782-4714.

Oct 26 Ft. St. John Fall Active Open. TD: Larry Stutzman (604)-785-7830.

Nov 23 Dawson Creek Fall Active Open. TD: Grant MacTavish (604)-782-7349.

Jan 18-19 Trumpeter Classic Open. Grande Prairie. TD: Phil Lefkowitz (403)-538-1904.

Feb 15-16 Mukluk Open. Ft. St. John. TD: Larry Stutzman (604)-785-7830.

Mar 7 Dawson Creek vs Ft. St. John Team Match. Dawson Creek. Contact: Gordon MacDonald (604)-782-4264.

Mar 28 Swan City Active Open. Grande Prairie. TD: Phil Lefkowitz (403)-538-1904.

Underlined events are the 6 Grand Prix tournaments (4-rd; active or regular rated). To qualify for Grand Prix points, players must play in at least 4 events. Prizes: 1st & 2nd Overall, and 1st & 2nd Under 1650 (using regular ratings as of Aug 1991 *En Passant*). No player can win more than one prize.

** Alberta Open **

October 12-14, Red Deer,
Red Deer Lodge
(ACA Annual General Meeting Oct 13)

See front cover for details

Sponsored by the ACA

Southern Alberta Open

November 23 & 24, Calgary;
Cambrian Heights Hall,
600 Northmount Dr NW

(details should be in the next ACR)

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A Few Thoughts About the ACA and Chess in Alberta *by Len Steele*

"News from the ACA" (page 3) gives an idea of current ACA financial concerns. Since the Annual General Meeting will be held soon (see front cover), and the ACA needs to hear from its members, I'll comment in this corner of the page and maybe provide you with some "food for thought".

I've been active in chess organization in Alberta for about 24 years, was an ACA founder, have been involved with the ACR since day one, and have directed many dozens of tournaments. Nevertheless, my opinions aren't somehow "more right", and I've made my share of mistakes — maybe I've been nuts to keep at it so long (hey, I'm no saint, and would get out of the picture if that would help). At least, I've "stuck with it" (yeh, I know, "big deal"), so maybe you'll allow me to express a few concerns...

First off, there's the ACR. It seems I keep getting reco-opted as editor (and am almost always "distributor"). I'm frustrated with the disinterest of many local organizers and clubs in providing information to the ACR and thereby *to you*. I often wonder what's the point of all the work. It's nice to get unsolicited articles and annotated games. It's not so nice that there's little feedback — does the ACR matter all that much to ACA members? The ACR is our single greatest expense. I've cut the editor's honorarium in half, and we'll get rid of the postage meter and scale (saving \$300+ per year). Still, how about this — a difficult idea to propose — "Why not just stop producing the ACR?" We *must* have written contact with our members, so why not just a couple of mail-outs a year,

Calgary Winter Knights

(The ACR was not sent a clarification as to whether dates are Dec 20-22 or 27-29!)
5 rds, Swiss; rd 1 7:30 p.m. Friday (reg. 6:30-7:00). Rm 206 MacEwan Hall, U of C.

Last chance to add to your Grand Prix pts to win a cash prize for the 7+1 Series!
EFS: Masters-free; Experts-30; A-25; B-20; C-17; D & unrated-15.

§: 200/125/100/50. U2000 & U1500 ea 75/50. Jnr-50; Cadet-50. *Based on 35 entries.* CFC+ACA memb. req'd. Bring clocks/sets. 45/120, 25/60. Byes rds 1-4 if req'd in writing before rd 1.

Advance entries: Roy Yearwood, 42151, 415-9737 Macleod Trail SW, Calgary T2J 7A6 (252-4948 work/244-6698 home). *This event is solely the responsibility of Discover Diagonals - Roy Yearwood.*

with tournament, club, meeting and ACA announcements, not reports, articles or games? That would save lotsa bucks. (If you don't like the idea of the ACR going bye, bye, speak up, maybe at the AGM...)

Another problem is the concentration of most Alberta club and tournament organizers on the "local scene", without seeming to have an appreciation of things the ACA does do or could do, perhaps because local clubs and many local events could operate much as they do now even if there wasn't an ACA. I hope there aren't too many who say "the ACA doesn't give me anything (money?) directly, so why should I do anything for the ACA or support the ACR?" (doesn't sound like a volunteer). There have been some with that attitude, including a major local organizer or two, but perhaps its the (mis)perception there's no need to worry about the provincial level. There needs to be a realization of how important the Alberta picture is and how much better it could be if local organizers would more often consider the welfare of the ACA (it can be a tough job to find a "local person" to run an ACA event). It would be tragic if the ACA were allowed to fail. Or, talking finances, if the ACA fails just once to meet government requirements, it will lose the yearly grant, most likely "forever"! Maybe the Board of Directors should be restructured to include representatives appointed by major clubs...

The ACA survives by a small number of people doing most of the work. It'd be great to have more volunteers ask to share the load, especially those who seek election on the Board, where work for the ACA surely must be expected. If you can contribute, please speak up, and perhaps consider running for election at the AGM.



ALBERTA JUNIOR CHESS REPORT

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



1991 Canadian Cadet

by Adam Wu, Alberta Cadet Champion

The 1991 Canadian Cadet was held April 1-5 in Victoria, B.C., definitely one of the wettest cities on the face of the Earth. A torrential downpour accompanied the tournament, exceeding the April average in less than 48 hours. The playing site, the library of Claremont Secondary School, was more than adequate, and yes, the roof did not leak.

As expected, Alexandre (The Great) Lesiege cruised to an easy victory with 8.5/9, two full points ahead of the field. Hometown favourites Howard Wu (6.5/9) and Tristram McPherson (5.5/9) were second and third. Considering his rating, Tris had a marvelous tournament, although being able to sleep in his own bed at night, and jet lag (or the lack of it), may have helped considerably. Second-ranked Eduardo (Eddy) Teodoro IV had a slightly disappointing tournament, finishing fourth with 5/9.

As for my own result, I rounded out the top half of the crosstable in fifth place with 4.5/9, playing some games which I didn't even know I was capable of playing (and this does not only include good games).

The Hollywood scriptwriter in the pairings appeared to be AWOL. The two top-ranked players, Lesiege and Teodoro, played in the first round, and Lesiege played the third-ranked player, Howard Wu, in the fourth round. Despite this, however, the tournament was not without its interesting moments.

Upsets always create interest, and there seemed to be one almost every round. Even Lesiege had to give up a last round draw to Uma Casinathan. Then Uma helped create a 100 plus move monster with his good friend Eddy, the game lasting five (!) adjournments. Uma and I then collaborated to produce a game which started out uncannily similar to the Wu-Lesiege game played in the same round, then featured a stunning rook sacrifice, a series of rapier-like thrusts into the heart of Black's position, leaving a mate in three plainly visible to everyone except for the White player (me, unfortunately), and then having White offer a draw, with that same mate in three still crying to be played in the final position. As if this wasn't enough, Uma went even further to produce, along with Tris McPherson, what will be known to posterity as the "Mirror Image Game". The final position was symmetrical. Martin Glass introduced the "Big Mac Attack" (1. f3) into serious tournament play in his game against

Howard Wu. Jim Ferguson contributed to the naming of this potent weapon (for Black, that is) by offering Martin all his corporate sponsorship, i.e. three Big Mac coupons from MacDonalds, in return for playing this opening novelty. We had more than a fair share of brilliancies (and blunders). The Brilliancy Prize itself was won by Lesiege (who else?) for his game with Martin Glass.

My own tournament started horribly with an extremely ugly game where I had Black against Tris McPherson. It featured the White pawns butchering a knight in plain daylight, right in the centre of the board. Not willing to resign on move 16, I played on, and played a seemingly inspiration, but in truth, completely accidental rook sac, which gave me slim drawing chances, but Tris played accurately enough to bring home the point.

In round 2, Canada's youngest IM allowed the game to drift in a drawn position just long enough for me to self-destruct. The 3rd round was the turning point in the tournament for me, as I managed to play a relatively blunder-free game as Black against Martin Glass, although I had ample help from my opponent. In round 4 I played Uma, and I have already elaborated on the outcome of that game. In the fifth, I hung on in the black side of the Dragon Sicilian, an opening I have never dared to play before, and escaped with a draw against Eddy Teodoro IV. In the sixth, I was Black again, and I misplayed a KID — I was veritably crushed down the centre, but somehow, Howard let me escape and, indeed, he even gave me the advantage, but I returned the favour, and the game petered out to a draw.

Rounds seven and eight were exciting games filled with mutual blunders. In both games I seized the initiative early, but mistakenly tried to force the issue prematurely. But the clock became an unexpected ally, and I managed to swindle away two wins against Jim Ferguson and Danny Federkevic.

In the last round, I faced Ian Martinovsky with white in a Scandinavian, which Ian later told me he had prepared just for me (thanks), played abjectly horrible, anti-positional chess, and deservedly lost. Needless to say, the psychological effect of my opponent, who shared a room with me the previous night, saying "I'm going to crush you" all night was not wholly beneficial.

Despite my slightly inconsistent play, I greatly enjoyed this tournament, did play some good games, and learned a lot, bringing back a 136 point rating gain.

I would like to thank Lynn Stringer for directing and organizing the tournament in an admirable fashion, and for providing me with a place to stay. I would also like to thank the ACA for paying my plane fare. Some of the other competitors were not so lucky.

The following game, my 3rd round win, is my best overall game of the tournament.

Martin Glass - Adam Wu

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.h3 Bd7 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.Bc2 g6 7.O-O Bg7 8.Re1 Qc7 9.a4 O-O 10.d3 *Later in the game, this pawn will bitterly regret its laziness in not going to d4.* 10... a6 11.Nh2?! d5 12.Nd2 d4 13.Nb3 b6 14.Bd2 e5 15.Qb1?! Be6 16.Rc1!? Qe7 17.cd Bxb3! 18.Bxb3 *18.de Nxe4! 19.dxe4 Bxc2 20.Qxc2 Qxe5 18... Nxd4* *The lazy P/d3 now finds itself staring into the beady, bloodshot eyes of a great black beast with savage fangs and talons, drooling blood into the pawn's cringing face.* 19.Bd1 a5 *Rendering White's impressively massed Q-side pieces largely irrelevant. The N/d4 and the P/a5 act like Medusas and have literally turned White's pieces to stone. With the majority of his pieces amassed in No Man's Land on the Q-side, and the N/h2 having taken up residence in Limbo, White is very quickly reduced to passive defense.* 20.Nf3 Rfd8 21.Nxd4 Rxd4 22.Be3 Rd6 23.Be2 Nd7 24.Qc2 Nf8 25.Bg4 Rad8 *Now the poor, backward P/d3 wakes up in the chill morning only to find two menacing black rooks bearing down on him.* 26.Ra3 Ne6 27.Bxe6 Qxe6 28.Kf1 f5 29.Ke2 f4 30.Bd2 g5 *The ground assault has begun.* 31.Qb3 Qxb3 32.Rxb3 h5 33.f3 Rg6 *White can do nothing but wait as the minions of darkness draw nearer...* 34.Rg1 Rdd6 35.Be1 Rd4 *g4 could have been tried* 36.Ra3 Bf8? *Setting a ludicrously cheap trap...* 37.Bc3 Rd7 38.Bxe5? *...into which White obligingly falls.* 38... Re6 39.Bc3 c4 40.Raa1 cd+ *First check of the game!* 41.Kd2 Bc5 42.Rgd1 Be3+ *The once humble bishop has suddenly been transformed into a demonic sorcerer, who casually enters the heart of White's position, sending sizzly bolts of black magic flying in all directions. A black omen for the white army.* 43.Ke1 g4 *The great black hordes have finally arrived. White is by now so cramped that the subsequent opening of the position actually produced mating threats. With mobility comparable to a millipede with arthritis, White is in no position to fight the sudden mobility gained by the black pieces. The rest is merely a matter of mopping up.* 44.fg hg 45.h4 Rxe4

46.Kf1 f3 47.g3 Bc5 48.Re1 Re2 49.Rxe2 dxe2+ 50.Ke1 Re7 (0-1).

In many ways, although not in all of them, the next game I played continued the streak began in this game. It is difficult to imagine, however, that these two games could actually be created by the same player in consecutive rounds.

As I had already mentioned, Uma Casinathan had an uncanny habit of getting into interesting games. His draw with Lesiege appeared to be completely honest and, while it may be admitted that Alex, having clinched first place with three rounds to go, did not go all out to win, Uma deserves credit for the draw. He sided with Lesiege in every after dinner Risk game we played, which had become sort of a ritual, and he willingly became Alexandre's errand boy for the week. Lesiege was not one to be bribed so easily, but Uma's perseverance is admirable. In the following game, the other players regularly gathered around the table like vultures waiting for a kill. Here, too, Uma deserves credit for the draw. Had I won, I would have won the brilliancy prize. I don't believe I can forget this game in the foreseeable future. I've never encountered such a blatant case of blindness from anyone ever before. Missed opportunities like this one come back to haunt you.

Adam Wu - Umadesan Casinathan

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 Qc7 7.Be2 e6 8.Be3 Nc6 O-O Be7 10.Bf3 O-O 11.Kh1 Rd8 *While not identical, this game had, up till now, born a remarkable resemblance to the Wu-Lesiege game. The way these two games diverged from similar beginnings into utterly unrecognizable finishes is just another testimony to the diversity of chess.* 12.g4 h6? *I had been all set to bash my head against a brick wall once again, which I seem to be prone to doing with the white pieces, but now White's immediate attack suddenly becomes sound. It should be noted that Lesiege didn't play this move in his game. Indeed, he even voiced his opinion this should have been the losing move.* 13.g5! hg 14.fg Nd7 15.Bh5 *Lesiege also suggested g6. To be honest, I didn't even consider it. After g6, 15... Nde5 seemed to give Black adequate defensive resources, but on closer inspection 15.g6 Nde5 16.gf+ Nxf7 17.Bg4 e5 18.Ne6 Bxe6 19.Bxe6 Rf8 20.Qh5 Ncd8 21.Nd5 looks to be winning.* 15... Nde5 *The only move. If 15... g6, then White has a juicy choice of either 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Bxg6 with threats all over the place, or 16.Bxg6 fxe6 17.Nxe6 winning material and retaining the attack.* 16.Bxf7+! Nxf7 17.Rxf7! Kxf7 *Black should not have accepted this tainted gift. During the game, neither player actually believed that White's attack was sound. When I was looking at the*

sac, I thought that in many lines White wins, and in a few others White at least gets a perpetual. As it turned out, even in these variations, White has a win. I was in a mood for taking risks, and went into this variation in the belief that at least I couldn't lose. This mentality would have a marked influence on the actual outcome. 18.Qh5+ Kg8 18... g6 19.Rf1+ Ke8 20.Qxg6+ Kd7 21.Qxe6+ Ke8 22.Qf7+ Kd7 23.Nd5 Qa5 24.Qe6+ Ke8 25.Nf6+ 19.g6 Bf6 *I didn't see this in my calculations. By now I was almost certain that all I could get was a perpetual. Naturally, I was wrong.* 20.Qh7+ Kf8 21.Bg5! Qd7 *The best defence here was 21... Nxd4 but after 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Qxc7 White's passed g-pawn decides the issue.* 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Qh8+ *Here I made the fateful draw offer, and Uma's hand probably exceeded the speed of light when he reached out to take my hand. Making premature draw offers like this seems to be a bad habit of mine, which I plan to rectify in the future.*

Wandering River Elementary Junior High School Chess Championship *by Bernie Tynan, TD & Organizer*

Gordon Hatch proved to be the cream of this year's crop of chess players, finishing clear first in a field of 21. Also finishing undefeated, surrendering only one draw was (the thrashing machine) Trever Leach. Stooked together in a 3-way tie for 3rd were Glen Hatch jr, sister Hetty Hatch, and Brian Leach. Not much funny about farming these days, but I tried. Five young ladies entered this year, a higher percentage than in any other year. I have to believe this trend, if it continues, can only be good for chess in the future. Is this happening in your area? Write to your ACR to let everyone know. Hope to see you at the ACA annual general meeting!

EJCC Jumping July Jazz *by Rompin' Rocket Rob*

Sam Sia could blow his horn about his first place finish (2.5/3) in the round-robin section. His only sour note was narrowly escaping with a draw against Beatrice Wu.

The seven-player Swiss section saw **Cynthia Wu** leap decisively into first with 4/4. Her brother Doug hopped into second with 3. Bernard Kim skipped into third at 2.

EJCC August Attack

by The One, The Only Rocket Man

Adam Wu showed no mercy, obtaining a 3/3 score. He even "smothered" Beatrice, his sister, in round 1 (i.e. he checkmated her with a knight when her king was surrounded by her own pieces). In the other round-robin, **Sherwin Chan** showed he sure can by scoring 3.5/4 to obtain victory.

Calgary Junior Chess Club

Meets: Selected Saturdays, basement, Hounsfield Hts./Briar Hill Community Hall. 1928-14 Ave NW. Near North Hill Shopping Centre. By Lion's Park LRT Station.

Info: Ian Drummond (288-4034). Prizes (trophies, books, etc.) awarded. Membership open to anyone born after 1972-01-01. Participating ACA membership (\$1) needed. Fees: \$2 elementary; \$2.50 junior high; \$3 senior high. Players grouped by strength. Some coaching and simultaneous displays. New members welcome - bring a friend.

CJCC Schedule of Events

(91-92 schedule not received yet)

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

Edmonton Junior Chess Club

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

Info: Rob Gardner (469-4925).

EJCC Schedule of Events, Sept-Dec/91

- Saturday, Sept 28 (*September Surprise*)
- Saturday, Nov 2
- Saturday, Dec 7

Who can play: Anyone who had not yet turned 19 on January 1 of the current year (for memberships — see below — those 18 and older must pay adult fees).

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

Format: May be round-robins or active Swisses. Round-robins are groups of 4, 5 or 6 players based on age and rating, each playing all others. In an active event, each player has half an hour for the game (i.e. total game time maximum of 1 hour) — makes it easier to have all players in one large group. Active events will be 5 rounds, with players facing opponents with similar records (e.g. a player with one win and one loss will usually play someone with the same score).

Equipment: Sets, chess clocks, and scoresheets provided. Players are required to use clocks and to record their games.

Cost: All must be members of the Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) and the Alberta Chess Assoc. (ACA). One-year CFC+ACA membership (for those aged 17 or less) is \$18 (with national and provincial magazines) or \$8 (no magazines). Entry fee \$3 per event. First-time tournament players get free entry.

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

Leduc Junior Chess Club

Info: August Hangartner (986-0459).