

# ALBERTA CHESS REPORT



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## ALBERTA CLOSED & VICTORIA DAY OPEN



May 17, 18, 19  
Six rounds, in Edmonton.  
General Services Building.  
5th floor, 116 St & 91 Ave, U. of A.



If you wish to play in the Closed  
(and you are qualified to do so)  
please contact Bruce Thomas.



Register for the Victoria Day Open  
9:15 - 9:45  
First Round at 10

### EDMONTON AMATEUR OPEN

June 28 & 29  
Under 1700 Rating

5 Rounds  
General Services Bldg.  
Register 9:15 - 9:45  
First Round at 10 am

### CALGARY CHESS CLUB TEAM TOURNAMENT

FIRST ROUND MAY 7

You MUST pre-register!!

Register April 30 at the Club ... OR ...  
call John Schleinich (288-6721) BEFORE May 7th

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Both for the purpose of obtaining provincial government funding and, more importantly, to expand the activities and programs of the Alberta Chess Association, the ACA Board of Directors has developed a 3-year master plan and is trying to improve day-to-day administration.

Since early February, the ACA and The Alberta Youth Chess Association (TAYCA) have been attempting to resolve past differences and develop cooperation which will help promote chess for both juniors and seniors. One specific step in this process is that there will be one membership -- TAYCA members will be junior ACA members and receive the Alberta Chess Report.

In regards to long-range programs, the ACA's master plan includes many components, most of which are designed to try to get more Albertans involved in organized chess. One example already underway is the inclusion of chess in the Alberta Games; this alone has gained the ACA over 60 new members, mainly from outside the chess centres of Edmonton and Calgary. The ACA Directorship will need the help of all members of the ACA in these programs. So, if you are an old-time member who has just been content playing in tournaments and leaving the work to others, I ask that you get involved. New members as well may have organizational skills or specific talents which could be of assistance. Let's all help: the end result will be more chess activities, more players, more fun .....

### EDMONTON CHESS CLUB EVENTS

April 28 to June 23  
1980 Club Championship.  
7 rounds.

Of great concern to the ACA is the present fading of higher rated players from the Alberta chess scene. [For evidence, see the table in the Top 30 Alberta Players list on the next page, Editor.] The usual number of new players are joining the ACA, but many longtime members are letting their memberships lapse or are playing in very few tournaments. We would particularly like to hear from Class A and above players their ideas about the situation and what they would like to see done to reverse this trend.

And from all members, we invite any suggestions you might have. Please feel free to contact verbally or in writing the undersigned or any of the other ACA executive members or directors who are: John Schleinich, David Johansen, Alan Clifford, Stephen Ball, Bill Rusk, Bob Bachman, Andrew Zissos, Tracy Kolenchuk and Allan Quinn.

Any of the above may also be contacted if you would like to learn more about and/or become involved in ACA programs.

Yours in Chess



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## TOP 30 ALBERTA PLAYERS BY CFC RATING

		(Mar. - Dec., 1979)		(1980)			
		Number	Number	#	#		
		of	of	T	G		
		Events	Games				
		T (T)	G (G)				
1.	S. Ball	3	17	4	21	2138	
2.	C. Evans	3	19	0	0	2134	
3.	R. South	0 (2)	0 (9)	0	0	2082	
4.	J. Babb	2 (2)	10 (19)	1	5	2052	
5.	M. Rabljenovic	0 (1)	0 (4)	0	0	2052	
6.	B. Brebrich	1	6	0	0	2048	
7.	F. South	2 (2)	10 (19)	0	0	2045	
8.	N. Fullbrook	8 (2)	43 (13)	1	5	2039	
9.	M. Campbell	2 (1)	15 (5)	0	0	2021	
10.	D. Ross	3	18	0	0	1998	
11.	I. Loadman	4	21	1	5	1975	
12.	L. Steele	1 (1)	5 (8)	2	11	1974	
13.	G. Campbell	1 (1)	6 (5)	0	0	1961	
14.	L. Barkwell	2	14	0	0	1953	
15.	M. Frank	2	14	0	0	1948	
16.	E. Rosenbloom	1	10	0	0	1935	
17.	I. Yearwood	3	15	0	0	1927	
18.	A. Zissos	3 (2)	18 (6)	0	0	1912	
19.	K. Kuczaj	3 (2)	13 (9)	2	13	1905	
20.	P. Allan	2	16	0	0	1892	
21.	B. Bachmann	1 (1)	6 (5)	0	0	1890	
22.	E. Long	1	10	0	0	1890	
23.	W. Mueller	3	16	1	8	1877	
24.	D. Ariel	1	4	0	0	1864	
25.	B. Gnam	4 (2)	2 (10)	0	0	1864	
26.	W. Litwinczuk	0	0	0	0	1864	
27.	S. Klamer	0	0	0	0	1863	
28.	A. Hangartner	1	10	0	0	1855	
29.	J. MacIntosh	1	6	0	0	1855	
30.	G. Raletich	3 (1)	20 (8)	1	5	1854	

The above list takes into account new ratings published in the March - April issue of Chess Canada Echecs.

[Editor's note: I have added some information to the Top 30 list to give the reader some idea of the tournament participation in Alberta events of these players. Numbers in brackets indicate: (T) = number of Closed and/or Round Robin tournaments; (G) = total number of games in those events. Inactive players will be deleted from future lists. I may have inadvertently left out some events for some players. If so, I wish to apologize in advance. Players who have not played in an open Swiss since the Canadian Open will be considered inactive in the next list.]

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 ACA GRAND PRIX 1980  
 LEADERS (to Mar. 31)

Open Section:	1. S. Ball	67	(Edmonton)
	2. L. Steele	50	(Edmonton)
	3. K. Kuczaj	30	(Calgary)
	4. T. Kolenchuk	26	(Edmonton)
	5. W. Mueller	20	(Calgary)
Amateur:	1. T. Kolenchuk	55	(Edmonton)
	2. P. Patsula	51	(Edmonton)
	3. D. Johansen	34	(Edmonton)
	4. B. Knudskov	33	(St. Albert)
	5. K. Tilly	26	(Edmonton)
Novice:	1. J. Baser	32	(Edmonton)
	2. R. Vanden	26	(Edmonton)
	3. W. Franiel	26	(Edmonton)
	4. K. Knight	24	(Edmonton)
	5. R. Mastre	24	(Edmonton)

## CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA

Membership in the CFC is required for all those who wish to play in rated tournaments. Alberta CFC members must also be ACA members. CFC dues for Albertans, including ACA dues, are:

Senior -- \$13  
 Junior (under 18) -- \$8

Juniors who wish to get a "participating CFC membership" (includes CFC Yearbook; can play in rated events; no CFC magazine, but you get the ACR), can join for \$5. Family memberships (same family, same address, bought at the same time) in the CFC can be purchased (first membership at the adult rate, the rest \$5 each plus half-ACA dues; one magazine per household).

## CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION RULES

All entrants in the Alberta Closed and the Alberta Junior Closed must have at least 2 "participation points" in the year prior to each Closed (normally since the previous Closed). The following tournaments are worth 1 participation point each: Alberta Open, Northern Alberta Open, Southern Alberta Open, Calgary and Edmonton Championships (run at the city clubs), plus any other major tournaments that may be put in this category (e.g., the 1979 Canadian Open). All other Alberta tournaments are worth one-half a participation point each if they are CFC rated tournaments (matches do not count). Participation points are not given to dropouts. Note: juniors may also get participation points through TAYCA tournaments (the value of most is less than one-half point). TAYCA members should consult that organization for further details.

## EDITORIAL

Did you ever think to say "thank you" to a tournament director? He has put in a lot of time on your behalf, waiting for games to be completed; making up pairings; bringing sets, clocks, scoresheets, etc. to the tournament site; arranging for the room; and generally trying to ensure that YOU will have good, hassle-free playing conditions. After you leave, he still has to write a report for the CFC. He will probably also spend a lot of time clearing tables off and putting away sets. At your next tournament, take 2 minutes to put away a chess set, clean up a bit, and THANK THE DIRECTOR. Courtesy costs little and pays big dividends. If you take this time, perhaps he'll be willing to direct another tournament some day. THINK ABOUT IT!!!!

For those of you who are unaware of it, the ACR is currently produced at the University of Alberta, using computing funds generously provided by Dr. Tony Marsland. Rumour has it that he has accepted a new post elsewhere. His chess programs and support will be sorely missed by Alberta chess. Its little enough to say, but: Thanks, Dr. Marsland, and good luck with all your future endeavours!!

With regard to the Top 30 List and the Grand Prix: the attentive reader might compare player standings in the latter against the number of games and tournaments played in 1980. The advice I gave last issue still stands -- participation in lots of tournaments enhances your chances of winning the Grand Prix!

ALBERTA CHESS ASSOCIATION

Membership Fees

Senior -- \$3.00
Junior (under 18) -- \$2.00
(valid 1 year from month of purchase\*)

ACA members receive a subscription to the bimonthly Alberta Chess Report. (\*Note: clubs may adjust your fee and/or expiry date so that ACA and club memberships expire at the same time.)

Each membership submitted should include the member's full name and address, and CFC (Chess Federation of Canada) number, if known. Please indicate if the membership is new or a renewal.

"Family memberships" (same family, same address, bought at same time) are available at the rate of one membership at the regular cost (\$3, unless all are juniors), and the rest at half-price. One ACR per household.

TOURNAMENTS

BKCC "Decennial"
Nov. 27/79 to Jan. 22/80

The end of a decade and start of a new one was marked by the Black Knight Chess Club with its "Decennial" tournament.

The event was also well marked by Barney Fegyverneki, who gathered a perfect score in this six round Swiss tournament. Second place was taken by Jaime Solis, with Mike Glasser and Silvano Company tied for third.

Trophies were given to Fegyverneki, Solis and Glasser. Under a "B" division, trophy awards were given to Company, Rusk and Bayle.

- 1. B. Fegyverneki +12 +11 + 3 + 2 + 5 +10 6
2. J. Solis + 4 + 9 = 8 - 1 +11 + 3 4.5
3. M. Glasser + 7 + 6 - 1 + 8 +10 - 2 4
4. S. Company - 2 -13 +16 +17 +12 + 9 4

- 3.5: 5. G. Cooper, 6. B. Rusk, 7. M. Bayle.
3.0: 8. L. Perpina, 9. J. Wannamaker, 10. H. Bovbjerg, 11. T. Lockert, 12. A. Leonard.
2.0: 13. M. Clarke, 14. M. Grewe, 15. W. Molinari, 16. S. Hansen.
1.0: 17. P. Bigham, 18. D. Gee.

TD & Report: W. Rusk

Northern Alberta Open 1980

- 1. L. Steele +12 + 9 + 2 - 3 + 4 4
2. S. Ball +13 +14 - 1 + 9 + 3 4
3. I. Loadman +20 + 7 = 4 + 1 - 2 3.5
4. P. Patsula +21 +19 = 3 + 5 - 1 3.5
5. S. Purewal +16 = 8 +18 - 4 +10 3.5
6. D. Johansen -19 +23 + 8 = 7 +11 3.5

- 3.0: 7. J. Ivanov, 8. K. Knight, 9. B. Palcic, 10. R. Vanden.
2.5: 11. R. Mastre, 12. P. Mielke.
2.0: 13. A. Berberakis, 14. B. Knudskov, 15. A. Fierlbeck, 16. R. Gardner, 17. D. Ludwig.

- 1.5: 18. D. Babb, 19. F. Postoyan, 20. J. Vandenberg.

- 1.0: 21. B. Stevenson, 22. V. Verlik, 23. B. Corazza.

L. Steele - S. Ball

- 1. e3 d6, 2. b3 e5, 3. Bb2 Nc6, 4. g3 g6, 5. Bg2 Bg7, 6. Ne2 Nh6, 7. d3 O-O, 8. Qd2 Be6, 9. Nc3 d5, 10. O-O Qd7, 11. f4 Re8, 12. Rae1 Rad8, 13. Nd1 Nf5, 14. Qc1 h5, 15. Qa1 Nb4, 16. Qb1 d4, 17. e4 Nh6, 18. a3 Nc6, 19. Bc1 h4, 20. Bd2 Qe7, 21. Qc1 Kh7, 22. gh Qh4, 23. f5! gf, 24. Bg5 Qh5, 25. Ng3 Qg6, 26. ef Nf5, 27. Nf5 f6, 28. Ng7. (1-0).

TD: M. Frank

WINTER GAMES!!!

Rod Brilz of Medicine Hat and Mike Blue of Calgary won gold medals at the Alberta Winter Games Chess Tournament held in Grande Prairie from February 28 through March 1.

JUNIORS

Rod Brilz topped the 23 juniors in the unrated novice (under CFC 1400) 5-game Swiss. He defeated Dan Williams, also of Medicine Hat, in the final crucial game, to end with 4.5 points. Ian Olthof of Calgary destroyed Brilz's perfect score with a fourth round draw.

On tiebreak, Doug Lee of Edmonton was awarded the silver medal with 4 points, closely trailed by bronze medalist Doug Gravells of Calgary and 4th place finisher Michael Williams of Grande Prairie.

- 1. Rod Brilz 1 +14 +16 + 4 = 5 + 6 4.5
2. Doug Lee 6 +22 + 3 - 5 +14 + 7 4
3. Doug Gravells 3 +18 - 2 +15 + 8 +12 4
4. Michael Williams 8 +20 +17 - 1 +19 + 5 4
5. Ian Olthof 3 +11 +19 + 2 = 1 - 4 3.5
6. Dan Williams 1 +15 + 9 + 7 =12 - 6 3.5

- 3.0: 7. K. Alperstein, 8. B. Pollom, 9. T. Marchand, 10. J. Trenson, 11. F. Jelschen.

- 2.5: 12. R. McCullough, 13. B. Haynes.

- 2.0: 14. W. Seely, 15. K. Seely, 16. E. Standing, 17. R. Despins, 18. D. Rowe, 19. G. Blais.

- 1.5: 20. A. Heinrichs.

- 1.0: 21. R. Lenfesty, 22. R. Dusevic, 23. R. Roberge.

SENIORS

Mike Blue captured the senior gold with 4.5 points, suffering only a second round draw against Ray Shalka of Fort Kent, who received the silver medal with 4 points.

The senior battle for Games medals was extremely close, with five players tallying 3.5 points. Ben van Goolen of Coaldale was awarded the bronze on tiebreak, and George Pon of Rich Valley took 4th place only one-quarter of a tiebreak point behind van Goolen.



In comparing the players from the eight Games zones, the Edmonton and Calgary zones obviously had the greater playing strength overall, probably due to the tournament experiences of their players. For many of the competitors from the rural zones, the Games playdowns and finals were their first experiences with chess clocks and recording moves.

The Games event did show there is interest in chess outside the two major cities and that there are potentially strong players who have to be located and attracted to regular tournament chess. On the average, more players participated in the rural zone playdowns than in the playdowns held in Edmonton and Calgary.

	Zone	1	2	3	4	5	T
1. Mike Blue	3	+ 7	= 2	+11	+ 3	+ 5	4.5
2. Ray Shaika	7	+20	= 1	= 4	+ 8	+ 6	4
3. Ben van Goolen	1	+15	= 6	+ 8	- 1	+10	3.5
4. George Pon	5	+16	- 8	= 2	+11	+ 9	3.5
5. John Baser	6	+17	+ 9	=14	+12	- 1	3.5
6. Walter Dodman	7	+19	= 3	+10	+14	- 2	3.5
7. Steve Skoda	6	- 1	+22	+18	= 9	+14	3.5

3.0: 8. K. Icqz.

2.5: 9. J. Wannamaker, 10. T. Lockert, 11. J. Williams, 12. B. Schuller, 13. D. Roberts, 14. S. Laird.

2.0: 15. A. Grefner, 16. T. Wilson, 17. V. Schultz.

1.0: 18. J. Jensen, 19. T. Helfrich, 20. R. Dale, 21. K. Nishi, 22. N. McCullough.

#### BALL PERFORMS

Stephen Ball wowed them in Grande Prairie during the Alberta Winter Games.

Invited by the ACA and the Alberta Games Council to help with a workshop for chess competitors and hold public simultaneous displays, Ball gained chess much publicity with photographers and television crews following him around as he won 99 games, drew two and lost only one in about nine hours of playing time over two days.

At the workshop for Winter Games chess tournament competitors, Ball gave an excellent (but brief) lecture, then played 20-odd games. His instruction may have helped him suffer the one loss and two draws against the competitors. However, when it came to the mere public the next day at a shopping centre and later in the Grande Prairie Regional College, Ball smashed over 70 opponents.

#### ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE by Stephen Ball

I arrived in Grande Prairie, somewhat hungry and very tired. With several busloads of people arriving simultaneously late at night, I expected to encounter long delays (and possibly snappy, irritated registrars). Much to my astonishment, Games participants were whisked through registration in about 3 minutes flat. Surprised people had received complete kits of information concerning transportation, accommodation and meals for the duration. Each had his own identity card, which gave free passage to everything -- meals, rooms, busses, and events. Unfortunately, I was in a category by myself, so it took a little longer to get through the process. But not by much!

Off to my hotel room by school bus, where we arrive to find everything in darkness, signs of construction everywhere. I have visions of being forced to build my own room before getting any sleep! However, I and several other bleary-eyed people find the manager concealed in a room well out of sight of the highway. We produce our magic tags and -- VOILA! -- he produces envelopes with our names, and keys to our rooms. Phenomenal!

I miss breakfast the following morning (not surprising!), but manage to put together some more notes for my afternoon talk. Then off to the College, where Cal Webb, and Bruce & Priscilla Thomas have things well in hand, putting up signs, moving tables, selling books, etc. I assist briefly, then escape for lunch.

My afternoon talk goes overtime dodging questions on assorted openings (how do you cover the entire Sicilian Defence in 5 minutes, when you have half a dozen books, each dealing with just one system?!). Then I proceed to get clobbered by the lecturers in a simultaneous: with an incredible exhibition of blatant good fortune, I manage to pull numerous games out of the fire to finish +20 =2 -1. Whew!!

The Games Opening Ceremony in the evening starts slowly, but eventually everybody is sorted into their zones, each with his own "light stick" (a short plastic bar which glows a bright green). People soon discover what fun they can be, and the air is filled with flying light sticks. Many spectators along the parade route acquire free torches in this manner. At the end of the parade, we stand interminably through long speeches (none of which can be heard out in the "boonies" where I am). Then a brilliant display of fireworks, after which Cal Webb drives me back to the motel.

Next morning, I meet Niki Gaume, the Games Hostess who ensures I don't get lost (or miss a simul while watching other events!). The first simul at the Grande Prairie Mall sees a youngster correctly spurning my offer of a draw, but he has to march his King up the board to avoid perpetual check. I am a Rook down, with my king stranded in the centre of the board. Luckily, he errs, and his King perishes on Queen Rook six.

The evening simul at the Grande Prairie Regional College has me racing against the clock. I have a lost ending with N + connected passed pawns versus R + connected passed pawns, his King in front of my pawns. A miracle occurs: he accepts the sacrifice of one of my pawns and finds there is no way to prevent the other one from Queening.

All it takes is a lifetime supply of good fortune, and I finish my visit in Grande Prairie with +99 =2 -1. Then a quick dash to the airport to catch the last evening flight to Edmonton, thereby enabling me to get home in time for the Northern Alberta Open. A hectic week, but lots of fun thanks to the hard work and friendly assistance of Calvin Webb, Niki Gaume and Bruce & Priscilla Thomas.

#### SUMMARY

Chess has successfully taken its deserved place in the Alberta Games. The recognition it received in Grande Prairie and in the playdowns leading to the actual Games probably has done as much to boost chess as any other event controlled by chess organizations in the province.

Although they were only novices and intermediate players, the 45 participants in Grande Prairie helped thousands of people to realize organized chess exists in Alberta. The chess competition and players were treated as equals of other events and competitors in more popular sports.

Chess hopefully will become a permanent part of the Alberta Games. The Edmonton Chess Club initiated the inclusion of chess in the Games by having Nigel Fullbrook and Ken Sawyer perform a simultaneous display at the 1979 Summer Games. Games officials were impressed and a second request to have chess considered for the Games was successful.

The Alberta Chess Association now intends to try to keep chess at the simultaneous exhibition level during the summer games held in even-numbered years, and as an official event during the Winter Games, held in even-numbered years. It is possible that the ACA could hold a small-scale province-wide tournament in years without winter games, using a similar format for zone playdowns, followed by a final tournament hosted by a club.

For the 1982 Winter Games, it might be possible to have an open rated event as well as a novice event. ACA members and particularly competitors at the 1980 Games may wish to make suggestions or actually get involved in the organizational work.

Meanwhile, the ACA thanks those who participated in and helped with the 1980 Games Chess Tournament. Special thanks go to Calvin Webb, the Grande Prairie chairman of the chess event; Ralph Deline, August Hangartner, John Schleinich, Stephen Ball, Priscilla Thomas and Niki Gaume who all helped in various ways at the Games tournament.

Report: Bruce Thomas

#### ECC WINTER SWISS

Len Steele defeated Stephen Ball in the last round to take first place in the club's first event of the 80's. Six players tied for second at 4.5, including Tracy Kolenchuk & Ken Tilly who were tied for top class C, and W. Franiel, who was top D. S. Brown and R. Mastre tied for top in the under 1200 & unrated class.

1. L. Steele	+37 +35 +15 -11 + 8 + 2	5
2. S. Ball	+30 +18 = 4 + 3 +11 -1	4.5
3. R. Douzich	+32 +28 +10 - 2 + 6 = 5	4.5
4. F. Borloi	+26 +36 = 2 - 6 +17 +18	4.5
5. T. Kolenchuk	+24 + 7 -29 +33 +10 = 3	4.5
6. K. Tilly	+48 -38 = 8 + 4 - 3 +16	4.5
7. W. Franiel	+44 - 5 =34 +42 +14 +15	4.5

3.5: 14. D. Johansen, 15. B. Knudskov, 16. K. Affek, 17. A. Berberakis, 18. V. Celino, 19. E. Freundlich, 20. W. Stevenson.

3.0: 21. J. Vandenberg, 22. K. Beaulieu, 23. B. Stevenson, 24. P. Beley, 25. K. Lauterwald, 26. S. Brown, 27. R. Mastre.

2.5: 28. H. Bjorge, 29. G. Wilkinson(/5), 30. L. Conolly, 31. E. Saunders, 32. R. Gardner, 33. K. Parker, 34. D. Tilroe.

2.0: 35. P. Mielke, 36. D. McDonald, 37. D. Babb, 38. S. Skoda, 39. J. Potocska, 40. P. Remillard.

1.5: 41. K. Knight(/3), 42. H. Vos, 43. G. Glazebrook, 44. D. Cottrell.

1.0: 45. E. Page.

0.5: 46. B. Corazza, 47. D. Heise(/4).

0.0: 48. D. Smith(/4).

S. Ball - L. Steele

1. Nf3 e6, 2. d3 d5, 3. g3 b6, 4. Bg2 Bb7, 5. O-O Nf6, 6. Nbd2 c5, 7. e4 de, 8. Ng5 Qc7, 9. Nde4 Nbd7, 10. Qe2 h6, 11. Bf4 e5, 12. Nf6+ gf, 13. Ne4 O-O-O, 14. Bd2 f5, 15. Nc3 Bg2, 16. Kg2 Qc6+, 17. Qf3 Qf3+, 18. Kf3 Kb7, 19. a4 Bg7, 20. Rfe1 Rhe8, 21. Rad1 Nf8, 22. Nb5 Ne6, 23. Bc3 Rd5, 24. Kg2 Red8, 25. Ra1 Rd7, 26. Na3 Nd8, 27. a5 Nc6, 28. ab ab, 29. Nb5 Nb4, 30. Re2 Nc6, 31. Ra4 Nd4, 32. Bd4 cd, 33. Na3 b5, 34. Ra5 Kb6, 35. Ra8 Rd8, 36. Rd8 Rd8, 37. f4 f6, 38. Rf2?? e4, 39. Re2 e3, 40. Kf3 h5, 41. h3 Bf8, 42. Nb1 Bc5, 43. Rg2 Ra8, 44. c3 b4!, 45. Rc2 Kb5, 46. cb Bb4, 47. Rc4 Ra2, 48. Rd4 Rb2, 49. Ke3 Bc5, 50. Nc3+ Kc6, 51. Nd5 Rb7, 52. Nf6 Re7+ and White conceded the game at move 64. (0-1).

TD & Report: D. Johansen

#### MARCH TORNADO

Stephen Ball won the event, yielding only a draw to second rated Jeff Babb. Several unrated players scored excellent results, most notably Ray Shalka, who upset expert Babb in the third round on his way to a performance rating of 1900. Ray was a participant in the Alberta Winter Games, where he placed very highly. George Raletich was alone in second place with 4/5.

1. S. Ball	+11 + 9 + 5 + 4 = 3	4.5
2. G. Raletich	+16 - 5 +10 + 9 + 4	4
3. J. Babb	+14 + 6 - 4 + 5 = 1	3.5

3.0: 4. R. Shalka, 5. T. Kolenchuk, 6. D. Johansen, 7. K. Affek, 8. L. Grondin.

2.5: 9. R. Douzich.

2.0: 10. H. von zur Gathen, 11. P. Mielke, 12. B. Coons,

1.5: 13. R. Nunez, 14. R. Mastre.

0.5: 15. B. Corazza, 16. F. Postoyan(/4).

[White plays rather insipidly, but justice fails to triumph and Ball manages to hold the draw: Editor].

1. d4 g6, 2. e4 d6, 3. Nc3 Bg7, 4. f4 Nf6, 5. Nf3 c5, 6. Bb5+ Bd7, 7. e5 Ng4, 8. e6 Bb5, 9. ef+ Kd7, 10. Nb5 Qa5+, 11. Nc3 cd, 12. Nd4 Bd4, 13. Qd4 Nc6, 14. Qd1 Qf5, 15. h3 Qe6+, 16. Qe2 Qe2+, 17. Ne2 Nf6, 18. Bd2 Rhf8, 19. Rf1 Rf7, 20. O-O-O Ne4, 21. Rf3 Rac8, 22. Re3 Nd2, 23. Rd2 b6, 24. c3 Rcf8, 25. g3 h6, 26. Nd4 Nd4, 27. Rd4 Rc8, 28. Rde4 Rc5, 29. g4 a5, 30. Re6 Rg7, 31. Kc2 Rc4, 32. R6e4 Re4, 33. Re4 e6, 34. b4 ab, 35. Rb4 Kc6, 36. Re4 Kd7, 37. h4 h5, 38. g5 Rf7, 39. Kd3 b5, 40. a4 ba, 41. Ra4 Kc6, 42. Ra6+ Kd5, 43. Ra5+ draw agreed.

### CALGARY OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

The Calgary Chess Club hosted this event from January 9 through February 27 of this year. Thirty seven players participated in the eight round Swiss open for all classes. Kris Kuczaj and Wolfgang Mueller shared top place with 6.5 points. Kuczaj won the trophy on tie break. A close third was J. Kralovic, who came out of hiding after a prolonged illness. The complete standings follow.

1 K. Kuczaj	+22 =10 + 5 + 8 + 4 = 2 = 3 + 7	6.5
2 W. Mueller	+34 + 7 = 8 +10 +18 = 1 + 4 = 3	6.5
3 J. Kralovic	+27 +16 +13 - 4 + 9 + 7 = 1 = 2	6
4 Kass-Farkas	+24 +17 +12 + 3 - 1 + 8 - 2 = 5	5.5
5 J. Flemming	+28 +15 - 1 -18 +30 + 9 +16 = 4	5.5
6 J. Vocelle	+36 =14 -10 =27 +28 =11 +24 +13	5.5

5.0: 7. W. Bentley, 8. B. Knudskov, 9. Mrs. U. Das, 10. S. Faust, 11. J. Bezjack.

4.5: 12. T. Bosgra, 13. D. Maguire, 14. J. Solis, 15. M. Blue.

4.0: 16. Y. Veillette, 17. A. Rico, 18. B. Szucs(/6), 19. D. Mulligan, 20. E. Leong, 21. P. Smithwick, 22. A. Lindquist, 23. A. Menzel.

3.5: 24. N. Blais, 25. S. Schleif, 26. K. Hirsche.

3.0: 27. I. Olthof, 28. D. Enevoldsen, 29. S. Company.

2.5: 30. H. Bovbjerg, 31. E. Lockert.

2.0: 32. K. Bodnar, 33. J. Wannamaker, 34. C. Wohlens, 35. N. Stager(/6).

1.0: 36. S. Gibb, 37. M. Clarke(/1).

TD & Report: John Schleinich

### CALGARY CHESS CLUB SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP

The last round of this event was played on March 12. Branimir Brebrich came out on top of the 27 player tournament. This was the first year in which a speed tournament was held in Calgary, spread over four days.

Report: John Schleinich

### HAWAIIAN CHESS

George Raletich has just returned from a successful foray into tournament chess Hawaiian style (=1st with 4.5/6). The club is set up on the beach, with only a roof. No walls! Between moves, players can nip across 25 feet of sand for a quick dip in the ocean. Talk about relaxed playing conditions!!

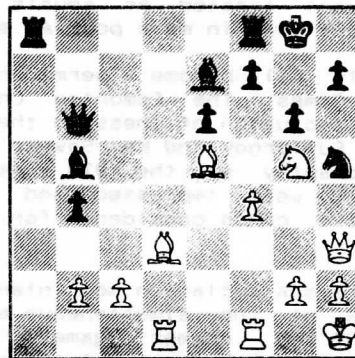
Report: Stephen Ball

### TEST YOUR CHESS

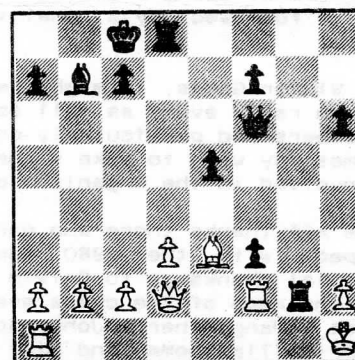
by Stephen Ball

White wins material in #1. Look for Black to mate in #2. The ending in #3 requires a delicate touch, but the win is there. #4 finds Black with lots of pieces en prise, but there is a way to cut the Gordian Knot!

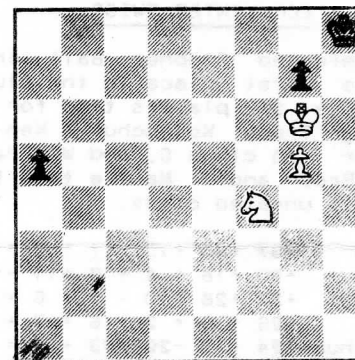
#1. Neuman - Hernandez, Dresden, 1969.  
White to move.



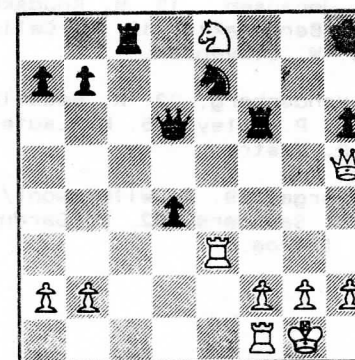
#2. Best - Muir, correspondence, 1969.  
Black to move.



#3. Vesely - Antos, CSSR, 1969.  
White to move.



#4. Browne - Tarjan, USA, 1969.  
Black to move.





PLAYER OF THE YEAR 1979

by Murray Frank

On February 5, 1980 the 13th annual chess Oscar was awarded to reigning World Champion Anatoly Karpov. The award is determined by members of AIPE (Association International Press Echequier) including this year yours truly of Edmonton.

Karpov's victory is not surprising in view of his consistently strong performance. Last year the award had gone to Korchnoi in a rather controversial decision. This year Tal gave the only challenge to Karpov. Both had very good results in 1979, but the 110 voters from 36 countries gave the nod to Karpov.

The standings in the 1979 vote were:

1.	Karpov, A.	USSR	1218
2.	Tal, M.	USSR	1203
3.	Korchnoi, V.	Switzerland	971
4.	Portisch, L.	Hungary	863
5.	Kasparov, G.	USSR	545
6-7.	Hubner, R.	West Germany	525
6-7.	Petrosian, T.	USSR	525
8.	Polugajevsky, L.	USSR	498
9.	Andersson, U.	Sweden	390
10.	Larsen, B.	Denmark	376

For Karpov, this award is recognition of his domination of the chess world almost from the day Fischer won the world title and retired. Fischer's retirement has served as a spur to Karpov, who is dominating the chess world in a manner that has not been seen since Alekhine's reign (if then!). Unable to get to play Fischer, Karpov is trying to prove himself to be the greatest of all time by playing continuously. He rarely misses a world class event. This has led to an occasional loss to lesser grandmasters, but amazingly his rating is still rising and now sits at 2730, compared to 2705 for Tal.

By way of comparison to the actual results, my choices were: 1. Tal, 2. Karpov, 3. Kasparov, 4. Korchnoi, 5. Portisch, 6. Seirawan (USA) 7. Ribli (Hungary), 8. Hubner, 9. Hort (Czechoslovakia), 10. Larsen, 11. Timman, (Holland), 12. Vaganian (USSR).

To date the chess Oscar has been won by:

1967	Larsen	Denmark
1968-69	Spassky	USSR
1970-72	Fischer	USA
1973-77	Karpov	USSR
1978	Korchnoi	Switzerland
1979	Karpov	USSR

SOLUTIONS to Test Your Chess

#1: 1. Qh5! wins the Knight, since 1. ... gh, 2. Bh7 mate.

#2: 1. ... Rh2+!! (If 2. Kh2 Qh4+, 3. Kg1 Rg8+ wins, or 2. Rh2 f2+, 3. Rg2 Qh4 mate.)

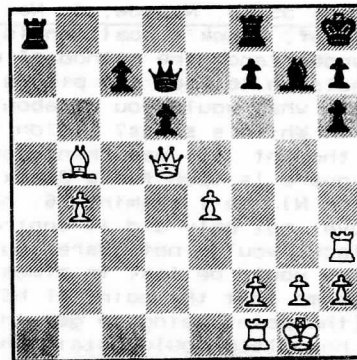
#3: 1. Kf7! a4, (1. ... Kh7, 2. g6 Kh8, 3. Kf8! followed by Nf4-e6-d8-f7 mate) 2. Ng6+! Kh7, 3. Ne5 a3, 4. g6+ Kh6, 5. Ng4+ Kg5, 6. Ne3 a2, 7. Nc2. (1-0).

#4: 1. ... de, 2. Nd6 ef+, 3. Kh1 Rc1!!!. 4. Qe8+ Ng8, 5. Qe2 Rf1+, 6. Qf1 Rd6, 7. g3 Rf6, 8. Kg2 Ne7, 9. Kh3 Nd5, 10. b3 Ne3. (0-1).

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir:

The following position was reached in the recent Northern Alberta Open after White played Bxb5.



I would appreciate it if you could explain what plan each side should adopt at this point.

Thank you.

David Ludwig

[Although White's position appears to be marginally better (in view of his superior pawn structure and more active pieces), Black's pieces are very well placed, and could easily become superior to their White counterparts. If the major pieces all come off, the draw is assured in view of the opposite coloured Bishops. White cannot afford to be complacent, since the b and f pawns are extremely vulnerable. Also, it is difficult to find good squares for both his Rooks.

So, Black should play Qe6 to dispose of the Queens, and with a view to playing Ra2-b2, where it will strike at all the weaknesses in White's position. The Bishop belongs on the a7-g1 diagonal (hopefully pinning the pawn on f2) with the intention of defending the base of the pawn chain with Bb6. To activate the Rf8, Black should plan to play f5.

White might try for pressure on c7 and f7, perhaps with Rf3 and Rc1. However, it is more likely that White will find himself tied to the defence of the weaknesses in his position, with the Rooks at b3 and b1. With accurate play, a draw is not unlikely.

However, should either side make large concessions to avoid the exchange of heavy pieces, it could easily lead to his demise: opposite coloured Bishops are no means an automatic guarantee of a draw! (Of course, one should not make an exchange merely because it is offered. After Black's 1. ... Qe6, 2. Qe6? fe partially repairs Black's pawn structure, and activates the Rf8.)

I hope I have not left out too much in this rather general assessment. If anyone would care to amplify upon my remarks (or to show up the inaccuracies), I would be more than happy to publish further discussion.

Thanks to Mr. Ludwig for his question. Editor]

[John Pajak kindly sent the following annotated game from the Canadian Junior, 1979.]

R94a J. Pajak - A. Zissos Caro-Kann B15-07/34

1. e4 c6, 2. d4 d5, 3. Nc3 de, 4. Ne4 Nf6, 5. Ng3 {After 5. Nf6 ef, Black's position is very solid. I didn't understand the method of cracking it, hence the decision to keep the pieces on.} 5. ... h5?!(!) {Well, what would you do about the h-pawn if you were in White's shoes? I didn't play 6. h4 because I thought e5 was then good for Black. White's g4 square is open for a Black minor piece (either B or N), so I examined 6. h3. I thought it a good move: not only did it control g4, but I believed Black would not dare push on to h4, since the pawn would be lost in almost all lines. It seemed to me that the point of h5 was to play tactically (the point being to get in Ne4), but I didn't see how Black could obtain an equal game. [Incidentally, when this position arose in Spielmann - Alekhine (Karlovy Vary, 1911), play continued 6. h4 Bg4, 7. Be2 Be2, 8. N1e2 Nbd7, 9. Qd3+ and White exploited the weak white squares in Black's camp.] In retrospect, I totally misunderstood the position: I thought e5 was a serious threat, but didn't even trouble to examine concrete lines. For example, 6. h4 e5, 7. Nf3! Bg4, 8. Be2 and White has the edge due to Black's weakness on f5.} 6. h3? h4, 7. N3e2 Bf5, 8. Nf3 Nbd7, 9. Nf4 e6, 10. Bd3 Qc7! {Black is simply preparing to O-O-O and play Re8 or c5. I had been thinking Black would play Ne4 at this point instead, which is just ±. My piece placement makes it difficult to finish developing, especially since O-O is very dangerous.} 11. c3 {Hoping to force Black to play Bd3, when White will recapture with the N so as to prevent e5.} 11. ... O-O-O, 12. Qc2 Bd6!, 13. Bf5 ef! {For some reason, I had expected Bf4, when White is still in the game.} 14. Ne2 {14. Qf5?? g6 costs a piece.} 14. ... Rde8?? {White gets crushed after Ne4!, 15. O-O f6, followed by g5-g4; or 15. Rf1 Rde8, 16. Nfg1 c5 and White's position falls apart.} 15. Qf5 Ne4, 16. Be3 Kb8? {After 16. ... Ng3, 17. Ng3 hg, 18. O-O gf+, 21. Bf2, I see no reason why White should not repel the attack.} 17. Qf7 Re7, 18. Qb3 Rhe8, 19. Ne5?! {White sacrifices a pawn to close the file. 19. O-O Nf2 is also O.K. for White.} 19. ... Be5? {Better is Ne5, but White's extra pawn gives him the edge.} 20. de Nf2, 21. Bf2 Qe5, 22. O-O Qe2, 23. Bh4 Qe3+, 24. Kh2 Nc5, 25. Qa3 Re6?? {Black has lost the thread of the game in time trouble.} 26. Bf2 Qe2 {Qe5??, 27. Bg3 wins the Queen.} 27. Qc5 b6, 28. Qb4 Kb7, 29. Rae1. (1-0).

#### CANADIAN JUNIOR FOOTNOTES

Since the rounds often lasted until midnight, there were frequent late night gatherings for postmortems, speed chess and revelry. The noise was often excessive, perhaps so as to draw the attention of the security guards (one of whom would be more than welcome in any gathering of males!!). Admonitions to silence were a regular feature, whereupon the television/radio would be dutifully turned down, only to be restored to its former volume a few minutes later.

Then there was the night when some people had very little sleep owing to much door pounding and claims that one of the doors was on fire! Which proved to be the case! The fire was easily put out, but the smell of smoke lingered for several days thereafter.

And the morning of the night before (in a late round, when standings were already more or less determined), when some players appeared with a large can, already opened, labelled "orange juice". A peculiar game ensued, and the participants were seen to weave and stagger more than a little on the way out. Entirely for the benefit of the spectators, no doubt?!

Who says chess events are boring?

No names, to protect the guilty. An anonymous author, to protect the innocent.

#### TEAM TOURNAMENT

Unfortunately, the first attempt at a team tournament failed when only eight players showed up in Red Deer on March 29; however, the day was not a total loss since a 3-round Swiss was held.

The ACA team concept should be recognized as a good method to get some competition going between the various chess centres around the province. It could be especially valuable to the smaller clubs whose members seldom get to play a variety of opponents. All that is needed is the occasional commitment of a carload of players to travel to different places and to host a team tournament themselves once a year. In the first try at Red Deer, the Red Deer Chess Club did its part with five of its members present, but only three members of the Edmonton Chess Club showed up.

Neil Sharp won the Red Deer Swiss with three victories. Bruce Thomas took second on tiebreak with two points, trailed closely by John Kooiman and Allan Quinn who also scored two. Other participants were David Johansen, Jens Kaastrup, Boyd Coons and Alex Grefner.

Report: Bruce Thomas

#### POSITIONS VACANT

It is with regret that I announce the resignation of Leonard Steele from the ACA Board of Directors. Len has long been one of the staunchest supporters of chess in this province.

His duties as Membership Director are presently being assumed by Bruce Thomas. It is my opinion that Bruce has quite enough to do as President without adding this further burden. (You may recall the proverb dealing with straws and camel's backs?) I hope that somebody else will volunteer for this post.

The Editorship of the Alberta Chess Report will also be open following the July - August issue.

UNCLE ACA NEEDS YOU!! [Editor]

#### DEADLINE

For the next issue, please try to have your article (letter, game, question, etc.) arrive BEFORE June 15.

