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CALGARY SPRING OPEN April 25, 26 and 27

MacEwan Hall, University of Calgary

5 round swiss. Time control 45/2.

Round 1 is 7:30 p.m. FRIDAY, April 25 (register by 7:00 p.m.). A half-point bye is available in lieu of playing the first round (available up to 9:30 a.m. Saturday, the deadline for registration prior to round 2, which is at 10:00 a.m. Saturday).

There will be 3 sections (entry fees in brackets; note that University students enter for half fee): Section I -- rated, 1900 and above (\$20); II -- 1500-1899 (\$15); III -- below 1500 (\$12). Sections I & II are 1986 ACA Grand Prix Events.

Please bring your chess clock

Limited billets available

Director is Roy Yearwood. To register in advance or get more information, you can call him at work (244-3636) or at home after 7:00 p.m. (251-5297, except Wednesday).

1986 VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND OPEN EDMONTON, May 17, 18 & 19

5th Floor General Services Building
U of A, approx. 116 St & 91 Ave

Register 9:00-9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 17.

Round 1 at 10:00 a.m.

or register in advance at Edm. Chess Club

Entry Fees of \$20 Regular, and \$10 Junior (age under 18). ACA and CFC memberships required.

Time control 45/2. 6 round Swiss.

NO SMOKING in the playing room

Please bring your chess clock

Directed by David Johansen (487-9240 after 5 p.m.)

A 1986 ACA Grand Prix Event -- Don't Miss It!

CALGARY TEAM TOURNAMENT June 21 and 22

Three (3) players per team, with the total rating not exceeding 5300 points. Entry fee is \$30 per team. CFC rated. No cash prizes. 1st places will be recognized in the following team rating ranges: 4800-5300, 4300-4799, and below 4300. Teams must play in rating order, highest to lowest, board 1 to board 3. Teams can be formed on site. Unrated players count as 1400. For information, contact the Director, Brian Toth (248-6589).

1986 Canadian Open

Will be in Winnipeg, July 12-20
Make your plans to attend.

Top "Active" Alberta Players by CFC Rating

1...	Rob Hawkes	Calgary	2385
2...	Fred South	Calgary	2294
3...	Ian Loadman	Edmonton	2284
4...	Rob South	Calgary	2272
5...	Jeff Reeve	Edmonton	2253
6...	Nigel Fullbrook	Edmonton	2205
7...	Jonathan Schaeffer	Edmonton	2205
8...	Branimir Brebrich	Calgary	2204
9...	Andrew Zissos	Calgary	2163
10...	Roy Yearwood	Calgary	2119
11...	Neil Sharp	Lacombe	2102
12...	Tony Dy-Reyes	Edmonton	2098
13...	Gordon Campbell	Calgary	2077
14...	Greg Shvartsbund	Edmonton	2054
15...	Richard Douziech	Edmonton	2050
16...	Dale Haessel	Calgary	2049
17...	Christopher Johnson	Claresholm	2040
18...	Barney Fegyverneki	Calgary	2029
19...	Bob Bosenius	Edmonton	2028
20...	Ted Wilson	Calgary	2021
21...	Rob Gardner	Edmonton	2008
22...	Jeff Spencer	Calgary	2001
23...	Bradley Willis	Edmonton	2001

Edmonton Phone Number for ACA
487-9240

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ACA MEMBERSHIP FEES

Senior \$5.00/yr ... \$8.00/2 yrs
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(NOTE REDUCED JUNIOR FEE)

Include the member's full name and address, and Chess Federation of Canada number (CFC memberships, available through the ACA, are an additional \$20 senior and \$12 junior per year). Your CFC number and ACA expiry (not necessarily same as CFC expiry) are shown on your ACR (Alta Chess Report) mailing label on the same line as your name.

1986 Alberta Closed

The winner of this tournament qualifies for the 1986 Canadian Closed (July 12-27, Winnipeg). The 1986 Alberta Closed will be held May 3-4 (Calgary; 3 rounds; Rosedale Hall) and May 10-11 (Edmonton; 4 rounds; 5th floor, General Services Building, U of A). The eight players in the Closed are: (1) the previous year's Alberta Closed winner (F. South); (2) the highest placed Albertan in the 1985 Alberta Open (R. South); (3) the winner of the 1986 Edmonton Closed (N. Fullbrook); (4) the winner of the 1986 Calgary Closed; (5-8) the top-rated players not previously qualified. (Players rated 2000+ should have received full information in the mail.)

JUNIOR CHESS SECTION

(As a regular feature, the ACR will now have a special section devoted entirely to "junior chess" clubs, tournament schedules, reports, etc.)

**** Junior Chess needs Volunteers ****

The ACA needs volunteers to assist in Junior Chess activities. If you are able to give some of your time, please let us know. We need people to help with: club activities; special events; coaching junior players; organizing. If you are able to share some of your experience, please write the ACA or contact:

Sylvia Huber - Calgary Junior CC - 286-1873
Rob Gardner - Edmonton Junior CC - 469-4925

Calgary Junior Chess Club

Sylvia Huber (286-1873; 415 Dalmeny Hill NW, Calgary, Alta T3A 1T7). The following information applies to all CJCC events unless otherwise noted: **Location:** Basement, Wm. Castell Central Library, 616 Macleod Trail SE. Free parking at the Public School Board Building (kitty-corner from library). **Time:** Meets on "selected Saturdays". Registration at 9:30 a.m. Play begins at 10:00 a.m and will continue until about 3 to 4 p.m. depending on number of players.

Fees: Elementary school age \$2.00, Junior High age \$2.50, Senior High age \$3.00.

Memberships: Membership in the ACA and CFC is required (except for school team competitions) and is available at the time of registration.

Prizes: Will be awarded and may consist of trophies, books, medals, etc.

Lunch: Bring a bag lunch. No lunch break.

Schedule

April 26 Speed Tourney

May 10 Junior High Team Championship (**)

May 24 Senior High Team Championship (**)

Notices for tournaments marked "(**)" will be sent out. No regular CJCC tournaments on these dates.

Edmonton Junior Chess Club

Rob Gardner (469-4925). **Meets:** Woodcroft Library Program Room, 13420-114 Ave, 6:30-9:00 on the last Wednesday of the month. Call for further info about the Club and monthly Saturday tournaments.

1985 Alberta Junior

Dale Haessel had a full one-point lead over the field, scoring 4.5- .5, to become the 1985 Junior Champion. Chris Demers was second with 3.5-1.5, followed by Bob Bosenius at 3-2. Ian Loadman directed.

Chess Lessons

Calgary

Rob Hawkes, FIDE Master, highest rated player in Alberta, many time Alberta chess champion, offers chess lessons at reasonable rates. Call 286-8418 for more details.

Edmonton

Nigel Fullbrook, National Master, is offering chess lessons at \$7 per hour. Contact him at the Edmonton Chess Club.

More Tournament Information Within

See section on the 1986 Grand Prix and also check information under individual clubs. Participate!

ALBERTA CHESS CLUBS

and contact persons

Boyle Chess Club. Branco Georgijevic (689-2476; Box 303, Boyle, Alta TOA OMO). **Meets:** Boyle Library, Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00.

Black Knight Chess Club. Barney Fegyvernek (244-5814; #903, 1011-12 Ave SW, Calgary, Alta T2R OJ5). **Meets:** Mount Royal College E-Library, 4825 Richard Rd SW, Tuesdays, 7:30.

Calgary Chess Club. Brian Toth (248-6589), Jim O'Neil (289-7103), Bill Rusk (286-6137; 9. 3302 50 St. NW, Calgary, Alta T3A 2C6). **Meets:** New Rosedale Community Hall, 800-11 Ave NW, Wednesdays, 7:00-11:00. **Schedule of events:** April 30. Grand Prix (CCC's not ACA's) Speed. Round 4. Darse Billings, TD. One further tournament will be held during May and June if enough players are interested in playing.

Calgary Junior Chess Club -- see Junior Section.

University of Calgary Chess Club. Philip Chiu (248-0465; 2011-40 St SE, Calgary T2B 1B6), James Currie (286-2996), Graham Cooper (252-6352). **Meets:** Room 318, MacEwan Hall, U of Calgary, Monday to Friday, 12-5 p.m. (approx.). You are advised to phone about hours, if any, during the "off season" (May-August).

Edmonton Chess Club. David Johansen (487-9240; 17956-57 Ave, Edmonton T6M 1P4), Tom Karpa (455-2704). **Meets:** Conference Rooms, Commonwealth Stadium, 11000 Stadium Road, Tuesdays, 7:00-11:00. Closed during July/86 (only). **Schedule of events:** May 13. Open Speed Chess.

May 20 - June 17. Spring Hexagonals. 6-player round robin sections.

July/86. Club closed. Reopens in August.

NOTES: Entry fee for all events is \$15 (unless otherwise noted). Time control is 40 moves/90 minutes (except as noted). Anyone willing to direct should so indicate to David Johansen.

Edmonton Junior Chess Club -- see Junior Section

Edmonton Informal Club. Players in Edmonton can often find an opponent on Saturday and Sunday afternoons on the second floor of the library at Sir Winston Churchill Square. Bring your own pieces. There are no dues, but you must leave when the library closes. Saturdays 1:00-6:00. Sundays 1:00-5:00.

Fort McMurray Chess Club. George Wilkinson (743-9360res, 790-6343work; 145 Beaverlodge Close, Fort McMurray T9H 2V6). **Meets:** #237 Keyano College (downtown), Mondays, 7:00-11:00.

Grande Prairie Chess Club Cliff Turner (532-9737; 9408-125 Ave, Grande Prairie, Alta T8V 5Y8). **Meets:** St. Patrick's Community School Library, Thursdays, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Red Deer Chess Club. Neil Sharp (Box 1736, Lacombe TOC 1S0). **Meets:** Red Deer Recreational Centre, 45 St and 47 Ave, Tuesdays, 7:00-11:00

Wabasca Chess Club. Dick Roberts (891-3804; 12 Stump Hollow St, Wabasca, Alta TOG 2K0). **Meets:** St. Theresa School Library.

Winners in the 1985 Alberta Grand Prix

Jeff Reeve took first with 29.95 points based on his top 6 events. Andrew Zissos came second with 27.3. These two took the money in the Open section, and were quite a way ahead of Rob Hawkes (24.75), though Rob's score was based on only 5 events. The winner of the under 1800 section was James Currie (17.1). You, too, have a shot at the same kind of "big bucks" these people grabbed in 1985. Take a look at the info on the '86 Grand Prix (note the improved prize fund for the under 1800 section).

Here is a game played by the top two finishers in the '85 Grand Prix when they met in the Alberta Over 1800, held in Red Deer over the Labor Day weekend:

A. Zissos - J. Reeve
(annotated by Ian Loadman)

1. Nf3 g6, 2. g3 Bg7, 3. Bg2 f5, 4. d4 Nf6, 5. c4 0-0, 6. Nc3 d6, 7. 0-0 Nc6, 8. Bg5?! better is 8. d5 Ne4 = according to ECO, which quotes a game Cuellar-Alexander 1954 which continued 9. Ne4 fe, 10. Nd2 Nd4, 11. Ne4 Bf5 9. Be3 This keeps play in the position but Black may already be somewhat better. Nc3, 10. bc Qe8 Black could also have played 10. ... e5, 11. de (looks awful, but 11. d5 Ne7 is a super improved King's Indian) de, 12. Qd5+ Kh8, 13. Ng5 Qe8, 14. Bc5 Rf6 and White's pieces have reached the apex of their expansion and will soon be moving in the opposite direction. 11. d5 Ne5?! Black wants to go for the King, but playing against White's c & d pawns looks like a better plan. 11. ... Na5, 12. Bd4 (12. Qd3 is worse) c5 (12. ... e5 is positionally great, but 13. de Be6, 14. Bg7 Kg7, 15. Qd4+ Kg8, 16. Ng5 is awkward since 16. ... Bc4 loses a piece to 17. Bd5+), 13. Bg7 Kg7, 14. Nd2 and White has a lot of weaknesses, but may get some play from 15. e4. Instead, 13. dc bc looks fine for black. 12. Ne5 de, 13. Rb1 f4!? Black continues to play actively. This is probably now his best chance in view of White's central superiority, but White, as will be seen, should be able to handle it. 14. gf? Not necessary. 14. Bc5 is good: 14. ... Rb8 (14. ... e4, 15. Be4 Bc3, 16. Qd3 is hardly appealing, or 14. ... b6, 15. d6), 15. Ba3 (with the idea of 16. c5) Bf5, 16. Rb3 e4, 17. c5, with advantage. 14. ... ef, 15. Bd4 f3?! Consistent, but White's defensive resources are more than adequate. 16. Bf3 Rf4 The idea. Black plans to mate White on h2. 17. Kh1? A waste of a crucial tempo. White isn't threatened along the g-file so should play 17. Bg7 Kg7, 18. c5 (with the idea of 19. Rb4, killing the Black attack) 18. ... Bh3 (18. ... a5, 19. Qd2 Qf8, 20. Qe3), 19. Qd2 (19. Rb4 Rb4, 20. cd Bf1, 21. Qd4+ Kg8, 22. Kf1 is interesting but probably not if White wants to win) 19. ... Qf7 (19. ... Rf3, 20. ef Bf1 does nothing to solve Black's problems in the centre), 20. Rfd1 Rf8 (20. ... Rf3, 21. ef Qf3, 22. Qg5), 21. Qe3 (not 21. Rb4? Rf3) and White has consolidated, 21. ... Qf5, 22. Rb4. 17. ... Qf8, 18. c5 Bd4, 19. cd Qf6 This turns out well, but the Q is not really well placed on f6 for attacking purposes, so 19. ... Qh6 is better (not 19. ... Rh4, 20. Qd2), 20. Qd2 (not 20. Rg1? Rh4, 21. Rg2 Bh3, 22. Rg3 Bf5) 20. ... Qh4, 21. Rbd1 (b4 is a worse square) Bh3, 22. Rg1 Rf8, 23. Rg3 (to defend f2) Bg4, 24. Rg4 Rg4, 25. Bg4 Qg4 and Black threatens f2 and ... Qe4+. 20. Qb3? Sad to say, White was already in serious time trouble and strives for simplicity. 20. Rb4 seems fine: (a) 20. ... Bh3, 21. Rg1 a5, 22. Rc4 Rf8, 23. Rg3 Bd7, 24. c6 bc, 25. dc Be6, 26. Ra4; (b) 20. ... Rh4 (threat ... Qf4), 21. e3 Bh3 (21. ... Rh2+, 22. Kh2 Qh4+, 23. Kg1 Bh3, 24. Bg2 defends), 22. Rg1 Rf8, 23. Rg3. A better try in (b) is 21. ... Qg5 since 22. Rg1? Rh2+ mates. It is surprising how incapable of defending h2 White is after the simple 21. ... Qg5. White must,

therefore, improve, and 21. Qd2 seems to do the trick: 21. ... Bh3, 22. Rg1 Bd7 (threatening ... Rh2+), 23. Rg3 a5, 24. Rb7 Rd4, now 25. Qg5 Rd1+. 26. Kg2 Qa1 would be embarassing, but after 25. Qc1 White is better. Also, against 21. ... g5, 22. Qe3 is adequate. 20. ... Kg7, 21. Qe3 Rd4, 22. Rfd1 Rd1, 23. Rd1 Bd7, 24. Qd4 24. Rd4 is better, but White is happy to get the Queens off so as not to get mated during the time scramble. 24. ... Qd4, 25. Rd4 Rb8?! 25. ... Rd8 26. Kg2 b6, 27. d6 ed, 28. cd c5!? Very risky, but he gets away with it. 29. Re4 Re8, 30. Re8 Be8, 31. Bd5? The B ending should be a draw, but White is on the wrong track. 31. Bg4 Bc6+, 32. f3 Kf7, 33. e4 is better: Black has no real trouble drawing after 33. ... h5, 34. Bh3 g5, but White doesn't have to worry about losing. 31. ... Kf6, 32. f4 g5, 33. Kf3? Time trouble, but the ending is already surprisingly difficult: 33. fg+ Kg5, 34. Kf3 Kf5, 35. Be4+ Ke5, 36. Bh7 Kd6 and the connected pawns are massively superior in the ending. I wouldn't be so bold as to claim a 100% guaranteed win, but I can't find a draw -- can you? 33. ... Bh5+ (0-1, on time).

Alberta Grand Prix 1986

The Grand Prix '86 is furnishing some exciting competition and has provided players with new challenges throughout the province. The prizes are generated by a \$250 grant from the ACA and a \$1 per player fee from each event in the Grand Prix, with a total fund estimated to be over \$500 -- Open: 1st--40%, 2nd--20%; Under 1800 (as of Jan 1/86 ratings): 1st--25%, 2nd--15% (%ages are of total prize fund).

Each player's score in an event will be prorated to six rounds (e.g. a score of 4 out of 6 remains as 4 points, but a score of 3.5 out of 5, will be worth 4.2 points on the "6 round basis"). Out of the 12 tournaments in the Grand Prix series, a player's best 7 results will count toward his or her Grand Prix total.

After 3 events (Trumpeter; Red Deer Open; Northern Alberta Open), the leaders are: Robert Gardner - 13.8; David Johansen & Ford Wong (both in the under 1800 category, as well) - 10.8; Ian Loadman & Jeff Reeve - 10.2; Tom Karpa - 9.0; Bob Bosenius - 7.8; Jan Vandenberg - 7.2; Dick Roberts & Greg Ustina - 6.0.

Grand Prix Events

- Trumpeter Classic .. Grande Prairie .. (completed)
Red Deer Open .. Red Deer .. (completed)
Northern Alta Open .. Edmonton .. (completed)
Western Qualifier .. Edmonton .. (completed)
Spring Open (I&II) .. Calgary .. Apr 25-27
Swan City Open .. Grande Prairie .. May 3-4
Victoria Wknd Open .. Edmonton .. May 17-19
Canada Day Open .. Edmonton .. Jun 28-29
Over/Under 1800 .. Red Deer .. Aug 30-31, Sep 1
Alberta Open .. Calgary .. Oct 11-12-13
Fall Open .. Edmonton .. Nov 1-2
Southern Alta Open .. Calgary .. Nov 29-30

NOTE: at press time, the ACR had no details about the "Swan City Open" (Grande Prairie, May 3-4). Since the above schedule was drawn up months ago, we can't even be sure if the tournament is going to be held and, if so, if the scheduled dates still apply. If you are interested, we suggest you call Cliff Turner (532-9737 home; 532-4568 work).

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

(If you don't see a report on a tournament you played in, it is likely that we were not sent one.)

Edmonton CC Hexagonals. These round robin sections of six players were arranged in order of rating (top players in Section 1, and so on). Section 1 ended in a tie between R. Douzich and G. Shvartsburd, 4-1. Section 2 saw T. Kolenchuk clear first with 4-1, followed at 3-2 by J. Ciz and A. Frialde. Section 3 was grabbed by G. Ustina with a perfect 5-0, well ahead of F. Wong and W. Hennig, 3-2. Section 4 ended with S. Panteluk and K. Larsen tied in the lead with 3.5-1.5. Section 5 had M. Zukiwski with an unblemished 5-0, ahead of W. Dodman, 4-1.

The Unknown Swiss. June weather resulted in a mere 8-player turnout for this Edmonton Chess Club swiss. Tony Dy-Reyes captured first, giving up just one draw to Art Skeel along the way. Joe Tumpek took second with a score of 3-1. Bruno Knudskov and Art Skeel each had 2.5-1.5. (TD, Report: Rob Gardner).

1985 Canada Day Open (TD, Report: Ian Loadman)

An amazingly small turnout of 15 marred the Canada Day Open. Although it is hard to believe, only 8 Edmontonians competed. I am at a loss to explain what has happened to Edmonton chess -- any theories? Since this was a Grand Prix event, some high rated players in search of points turned out, but high scores were hard to come by.

Already in the second round Jeff Reeve was falling victim to Rob Gardner's new theory (for him) of doing nothing until your opponents start throwing their pieces around. (Much impressed with his victory, Gardner decided to take his new act on the road and played it to rave reviews in the Canadian Open.) Also in this round Bosenius survived a bad opening against Zissos and went on to score an upset.

A few surprises on the second day included Ken Salmon's draw with Zissos and Reeve's draw with Brian Toth. In the meantime, Rob Hawkes had recorded four straight wins. The fourth round game between Zissos and Gardner -- a marathon game -- had to be adjourned when the tournament was ejected from the building which had closed several hours earlier. The TD attempted to stall the university security to give Zissos enough time to seal.

The battle for first got a bit more interesting in the fifth round when Reeve defeated Hawkes. In the final round Hawkes and Zissos drew; Reeve could have caught up for first, but was slaughtered by Roy Yearwood. Hawkes took first with 4.5-1.5, with Zissos and Yearwood at 4-2.

Thanks to all the Calgarians who made the trip; without you the tournament would have been a farce.

1985 Alberta "Over 1800"

Jeff Reeve, Ian Loadman and Roy Yearwood, each 4.5-1.5, finished in that order on tiebreak in this event held over the Labor Day weekend and directed by Neil Sharp. Andrew Zissos and Bill Gnam were next closest with 3.5-2.5 scores. Top Junior was Jeff Spencer, with 3 points. (See the 1985 Grand Prix final report for the game between Zissos and Reeve).

1985 Alberta "Under 1800"

Stephen Gale took the title by scoring an undefeated 5-1. He was followed by Graham Barnes, 4.5-1.5, also undefeated, and Paul Provost, 4-2. Neil Sharp directed the Under 1800, which was held concurrently with the Over 1800 (to answer your question, anyone rated exactly 1800 must play in the Over; those rated below 1800 can enter either event).

1985 Alberta Open

Rob South headed the 39-player field with a 5.5-.5 score, drawing only his brother Fred, the '85 Alberta Closed Champion. 4.5-1.5 scores were achieved by Nigel Fullbrook, Fred South, Andrew Zissos, Roy Yearwood and Chris Johnson (Top A). Top B was Cliff Turner. Top C was shared by Kurt Lauterwald, Steve McCallum and Dick Roberts. Top D went to James Van Wyck. Greg Huber and Bob Bosenius split the Top Junior prize. David Johansen directed.

Edmonton October Quads. N. Fullbrook and J. Reeve topped Section 1 at 2.5-.5, while M. Zukiwski used the same score to take clear first in Section 2.

1985 Southern Alberta Open

The '85 SAO was one of the toughest and strongest tournaments of the year. Competing were four masters, four experts and seven "A" class players in a total field of 28. Rob Hawkes came storming back after a round 2 loss to Branimir Brebrich, winning 3 straight to tie for first with Jeff Reeve, who was undefeated with 3 wins and 2 draws. Also with an unblemished record was Dave Ross, who had 2 wins and 3 draws, including an accidental repetition in time trouble against Jeff Reeve while having a 2P advantage. Congratulations to Ford Wong, Mike Barkwell, Ted Lockert, Ted Wilson, George Kodecki and Branimir Brebrich for their strong performance ratings, and special thanks to all competitors from out of town. Barney Fegyverneki directed and submitted this report.

Red Deer Qualifier. A five round Swiss-system tournament was held at the Red Deer Chess Club during the month of December. The purpose was to choose eight players to compete in the Red Deer Chess Club Championship (Division One). Everyone else competes in a seven round Swiss-system in Division Two. Successfully joining Neil Sharp, Paul Provost and Jens Kaastrup, who were seeded based on last year's championship, plus Tony de Klerk, who qualified by rating, were John Kooiman and Alex Grefner. Frank Johnson, Adolf Grieb, Scott Wallace, Dianna Palamarek and Bert Vanderham (all of whom scored 3-2) went into a playoff to qualify for the final two spots in Division One. Neil Sharp directed, sent in this report, and scored 5-0 in the Qualifier, ahead of Paul Provost, John Kooiman and Alex Grefner at 3.5-1.5, followed by Tony de Klerk and the other 3-2 scorers listed above.

1985 Grand Prix Finale

This was the final event of the 1985 Grand Prix, held in Calgary, but in early 1986 (Jan. 4-5). Brian Toth directed and reported as follows:

Where have all the B and C players gone? The final tournament of the '85 Alberta Grand Prix was indicative of what has been happening at Calgary chess tournaments this season. Of the 27 players, 15 were A class. Seven were 2000 or better. The other five had to be put in a prize group because of the abundance of A players or better. These five ranged from 1400 to 1700.

To nobody's surprise, Rob Hawkes and Jeff Reeve shared first with scores of 3.5/4. They met in the last round and agreed to a draw after a 7 hour, 114 move marathon. Equal third was shared by Bob South, Branimir Brebrich and Andrew Zissos. The top A prize was shared by Fred McFaul and James Currie. They also scored 3/4. The under 1800 section had a surprise co-winner. Nine year old Lev Alishaev shared this category with Mike Barkwell. Chess players beware! Lev has decided to go after bigger game. This promising junior will now start to play at the Calgary Club on a regular basis.

On a final note: I'd like to thank the 27 players for coming. The turnout was more than expected. Thanks also go to Phil Chiu and James Currie of the U of C Chess Club for helping to organize the event. (next ACR will have some games from this tournament -- asst. ed.).

1986 Trumpeter Classic

What is known is that Rob Gardner and Bob Bosenius shared first prize, scoring 4.5/5.

Red Deer Chess Club Championship. Neil Sharp copped the Championship with six straight wins. The event was cut to six rounds when Paul Provost moved to Calgary. Second place went to Tony de Klerk of Red Deer with 4 points. Surprising everyone to finish third was Dianna Palamarek of Lacombe with 3.5 points. The winner of the 15-player, 7-round Swiss which constituted Division Two was Frank Johnson of Mynarski Park. Aldolf Grieb of Red Deer took second place.

1986 Red Deer Open

The first ever Red Deer Open -- a Grand Prix event -- was won by Rob Hawkes of Calgary with a last round win over Ian Loadman of Edmonton. Hawkes' 4.5 points were followed by Loadman and Jeff Reeve of Edmonton at 4. Chris Johnson of Claresholm and Greg Huber of Calgary split the junior prize with 3.5 points. The Under-1800 prize was won by Jan Vandenberg of Edmonton with 3 points. Twenty-six players from seven cities attended. The tournament was organized and directed by Neil Sharp (who submitted this report as well).

1986 Northern Alberta Open

Thirty-eight players materialized for the '86 NAO, which was a not unsatisfactory number. However, this was not a typical tournament in that a number of "the usual" high-rated Calgarians did not appear. Nevertheless, quality came to the fore and Ian Loadman and Jeff Reeve, drawing in their game, forged 4.5-.5 scores and emerged as Co-champions (in an unbreakable tie). Martin Devenport (who Jon

Schaeffer imported from Ontario), Rob Gardner and Sardul Purewal (the latter two tying for Top A) were grouped at 4-1. A Top B log jam at 3-2 featured Ford Wong, Alex Kuti, David Johansen and Jan Vandenberg. Tom Asquith (Top Junior) and Dianna Palamarek garnered the Top C-D honors. I. Hodgson and Richard Linklater weighed in at the head of the Unrated category. Len Steele organized, directed and reported, so blame him.

1986 Western Qualifier

This March 28-30 Edmonton tournament was designed to furnish an entrant for the next Canadian Closed. That it certainly did, with Jeff Reeve thumping the field en route to an invincible 6-0 rout. Rob Hawkes came second with 4.5-1.5, with Greg Huber settling in third at 4-2. Rob Gardner, Sardul Purewal and Roy Yearwood followed with 3.5-2.5 scores. Eighteen souls participated in this Edmonton Convention Centre event, organized and directed by David Johansen.

1986 Alberta Amateur

Held concurrently with the Western Qualifier, the '86 Amateur was taken by Michael Barkwell with 5.5-.5, making him the "1986 Alberta Amateur Champion". Joe Tumpek finished a strong second, dropping but one point (to Barkwell). Jens Kaastrup, S. de la Cruz and Greg Ustina were next with 4-2 scores. There were 27 entrants, and David Johansen also did the honors in this tournament.

NOTE: The next issue of the ACR will likely include crosstables and game scores from some of the events reported in this issue. We should also be able to squeeze in annotated games played by Albertans in some out-of-province tournaments.

REMINDER FOR TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS, CLUB OFFICIALS, AND ORGANIZERS

We want to assist you by advertising and reporting your tournaments. Please send full details of upcoming events as far in advance as possible. Please send a copy of the final crosstable of your tournament (tiebreak order preferred) to us for publication. A written report (and some game scores) would be appreciated. The quality of our report on your tournament depends greatly on what you send to us. The players in the tournaments you run deserve to see a report on the event in the ACR.

ATTENTION ALL ACA MEMBERS

We welcome any and all submissions from our readers. Annotated games, reports on out of province tournaments you attended, book reviews, philosophical reflections, etc. -- anything to do with chess. Why not become an author famous across the province? (Mailing address on front cover).

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