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Membership Fees:

The Alberta Chess Association (ACA) now operates on a calendar year basis (January - December). All memberships purchased in 1976 up to this point will expire on Dec. 31 at the latest. Some memberships will expire earlier. You will receive a 'Member Information Sheet' along with this issue of the ACR. On it will be details as to your name, address, and membership status. Please return the form to us, along with any corrections or additions, and a cheque or money order for your membership(s).

If your membership is known to expire on Dec. 31/76, your ACA fees for renewal are: Senior \$3, and Junior (under 18) \$2. If your membership is known to expire before Dec. 31/76, or you purchase a new membership in the period Sept-Nov/76, your fees will be: Senior \$3.50, and Junior \$2.50. (The 'extra' 50¢ is to cover the longer duration of your membership.) Both memberships are valid to December 31, 1977.

You are urged to get your ACA membership as soon as possible. Persons who do not return the 'Member Information Sheet' will no longer receive copies of the ACR.

ACA membership cards are being printed, and will be issued as soon as possible.

Club executives are reminded that all of their members should join the ACA! Submit names, addresses, date, and amount of fee, along with a cheque or money order, as soon as possible after collection of dues!

Note: The ACA will also process Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) memberships. They may be sent to us along with your ACA fees. The current CFC rates are: Senior \$7, and Junior (under 18) \$5. It is suggested that you get your CFC membership now, or renew or extend your old membership now, as CFC fees will increase to \$10 and \$6 for Seniors and Juniors, respectively, on December 1/76.

It is a CFC regulation that anyone who resides in Canada who wishes to purchase a CFC membership must also be a member of the Provincial Association in the province in which he or she resides. If you have a CFC membership, but have not joined the ACA, then please do so now.

If you have enjoyed the privileges of ACA membership during 1976, but inadvertently did not join, it is not too late to rectify the mistake!

Problems? Missing ACR issues (if you were or are an ACA member, of course)? Then write to us!

Did you know that out of all the Provinces and Territories of Canada Alberta has the highest number of CFC members per 100,000 population? This was so for the July-August CFC lists. Nevertheless, we can do much, much better since we still have only about 17 members in the CFC per 100,000 people!

World Chess Olympiad (FIDE):

'Canada' will be sending both men's and women's teams to the next Olympiad (Oct-Nov/76). Projected costs for doing so are around \$8,000! The CFC can only raise this amount of money through donations and grants. So far the thousands of Canadian chess players have managed to give only around \$1,000. Come on out there! HELP! Won't YOU give even a couple dollars? If you can donate more, then please do so. Send contributions (tax deductible) to:

Olympic Fund, Box 7339, Ottawa, Ont. K1L 8E4

Thank you!

Top 30 Alberta Players in order of latest CFC rating:

1. Campbell, G	Edmonton	2154
2. Zaradic, A	Calgary	2145
3. Brebrich, B	Calgary	2122
4. Ball, S	Edmonton	2074
5. Rabljenović, M	Edmonton	2061
6. Evans, C	Edmonton	2039
7. Kuczaj, K	Calgary	1977
8. Campbell, M	Edmonton	1921
9. MacIntosh, J	Calgary	1915
10. Steele, L	Edmonton	1893
11. Pedersen, R	Calgary	1880
12. Zwirner, W	Calgary	1859
13. Loadman, I	Edmonton	1855
14. Long, E	Edmonton	1853
15. Szucs, B	Calgary	1852
16. Zelenka, J	Calgary	1845
17. Litwinczuk, W	Calgary	1844
18. Raletich, G	Edmonton	1843
19. Frank, M	Edmonton	1842
20. Kluytmans, F	Calgary	1836
21. Hawrelak, A	Edmonton	1831
22. McKay, A	Edmonton	1830
23. Milne, A	Calgary	1826
24. Willis, B	Edmonton	1825
25. Barkwell, L	Calgary	1822
26. Newall, J	Calgary	1819
27. Skidmore, D	Calgary	1813
28. Sharp, N	Lacombe	1807
29. McGillivray, D	Edmonton	1803
30. Watson, W	Edmonton	1798

The 'Top 10 Alberta Juniors' list will be put in as soon as we establish the birthdates of our Junior players.

1976 University of Alberta Club Championship Edmonton

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1. A. Verheijen	x ½	1	1 ½	1	1	1	1	1	7
2. T. Stochinsky	½ x	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	6½
3. W. Moore	0	0	x	1	1 ½	1	1	1	5½
4. H. Verheijen	0	1	0	x	1	0	1	1	5
5. F. Wong	½	0	0	0	x	½	1	1	4
6. D. Harvey	0	0	½	1	½	x	0	½	3½
7. A. Strembitsky	0	0	0	0	0	1	x	1	3
8. J. Hareuther	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	x	1½
9. B. Andrews	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0

(Director: Earl Culham)

Black Knight Chess Club Spring RR Calgary

Roger Patterson, already one of Canada's top postal players, added to his laurels with an 8½-½ score to take clear first. Second was Jon Anderson, 7-2, (Jon was the winner of section C at Vancouver 76!), while third spot was taken by John Connelly, 5½-3½, along with Paul Usselman.

In the B section Carol Holm surprised her male colleagues with a 9-1 score, outdistancing second place Kevin Gainer and Bill Rusk by two points.

Twenty-two played in the event. Peter Zingeler directed.

Reports on the above two tournaments had to be based upon those in the July-August CFC Bulletin. This was so because the Alberta Chess Report did not receive copies of the results, or written reports from either of the two Clubs involved.

The only way, obviously, that we can report on an event is for someone to tell us what happened. It can't really take that much effort to write to us. PLEASE send the ACR reports on all Alberta tournaments, be they rated or not!

Would tournament directors and organizers please see that the ACR receives such reports as soon as possible after the completion of tournaments. 'Extra' comments OK!!

1976 Calgary Chess Club Championship

John Schleinich, who directed the tournament, sent us the material for this report.

This 9 round Swiss System event finished at the end of June. Cash prizes went to first and second, while all other prizes were books purchased from the CFC (this was to help bring the CFC financial situation to a sounder basis). Other organizers might consider book and equipment prizes in some of their tournaments!

We do not wish to detract from this event, but one has to note the absence of such players as Zaradic, Breblich (out of town?), McLaren (moved), Kuczaj, Pedersen, Szucs, Kralovic (who most unfortunately became ill), and Kassay-Farkas. Nevertheless, it was a good tournament, with a number of 'upsets'. Some of Calgary's junior players did particularly well.

1. P. Allan	+28	+7	+2	+11	-5	=3	+6	+15	+4	7½
2. R. Chipperfield	+24	+3	-1	+20	+8	+9	=4	+7	+12	7½
3. Doug Wyllie	+17	-2	+28	+25	+6	=1	+11	+4	-5	6½
4. R. Wyllie	+21	=15	+20	+13	+11	+5	=2	-3	-1	6
5. A. Milne	-F	+27	+15	=19	+1	-4	+12	=11	+3	6

5½ points: 6. S. Faust, 7. P. Usselman, 8. G. Donaldson, 9. J. Djurkin, 10. T. Patten

5 points: 11. J. MacIntosh, 12. M. Ormon, 13. R. Short, 14. B. Starkes

4½ points: 15. B. Fegyverneki, 16. V. Taerum, 17. A. Issa, 18. H. Bovbjerg, 19. D. Maguire

4 points: 20. B. Wyllie, 21. T. Schultz, 22. B. Pelkman, 23. H. Webster, 24. T. Lonergan

3½ points: 25. B. Bentley, 26. K. Short, 27. J. Cenkoycan

3 points: 28. N. Falls, 29. W. Rusk, 30. Dave Wyllie

2 points: 31. R. Baptiste, 32. M. Walters

0 points: 33. S. Sutherland, 34. R. Fish(2)

The 'Edmonton Summer Collapse' (posthumously named), after a slow beginning, seized the first 'reasonable' opportunity to disintegrate when 5 of the 9 players went to Vancouver '76. Upon returning from Vancouver most of the participants either withdrew officially or disappeared on vacation, leaving Ian Loadman alone with his dubious insistence that he won the event (based on a score of 2 points in 3 games out of a scheduled 8 games). The few games played suggest that S. Ball has recovered from the Alberta Closed, while G. Campbell, who is capable of master level play, does not treat all tournaments as equally important (or his opponents simply 'wupped' him this time! -- ed.).

Anyway, here is what happened, using players' initials to identify them: S. Ball (=IL, +LS, +BW, +GC), I. Loadman (=SB, =MF, +GC), C. Evans (=AH, +BW), M. Campbell (+GC), M. Frank (=IL), A. Hawrelak (=CE), L. Steele (-SB), B. Willis (-SB, -CE), and G. Campbell (-SB, -IL, -MC).

Report based on material provided by Murray Frank,

Edmonton Summer Quads

Number 1: 1. C. Domier 3-0, 2. R. Thom 2-1,
3. W. Martin 1-2, 4. W. Moore 0-3

Number 2: 1. K. Affek 2-1, 2. J. Barry 2-1,
3. P. Green 1-2, 4. D. Harvey 1-2

Number 3: 1. C. Domier 3-0, 2. K. Affek 2-1
3. B. Johnson 0-3, 4. T. Pock 0-3
(a double forfeit explains two 0's)

Domier is expected to be a top contender in the upcoming Edmonton Junior Closed, and will be a favorite to qualify for the Alberta Junior Closed in November. His performance during the summer would seem to indicate such to be the case.

Computer Chess Workshop Edmonton, June 26 & 27, 1976

(This report is taken from the July 16, 1976 U of A Computing Services Bulletin. It was written by Dr. T. A. Marsland, Computing Science Dept, who is a member of the Edmonton Chess Club.)

During the June 26-27 weekend a specialized workshop designed to measure the computational efficiency of a variety of computer-chess programs was held at the University of Alberta. Programs from McGill (OSTRICH), Toronto (CHUTE), Waterloo (TREEFROG), Alberta (WITA), Michigan (CHAOS), Colorado (SHRDLU), and also from industry, BELLE (Bell Labs.), and COKO (Western Electric), were submitted. ... The airline strike prevented the installation of a program from Manitoba (BRUTE). ... The experiments consisted of exhibition matches between selected programs, measurements of memory and processor requirements, and production of frequency distributions of instructions executed. ... The results of the competition are presented below. One should not, however, deduce that OSTRICH is the best of the current batch of chess programs. In the past it has been outperformed by both TREEFROG and SHRDLU, and part of their recent difficulties may be attributable to inadequate conversion to our installation, or to lack of experience in setting their real time controls.

1. OSTRICH	+8	+5	=2	+3	3½
2. CHUTE	=3	+8	=1	+4	3
3. WITA	=2	+6	=4	-1	2
4. CHAOS	=6	+7	=3	-2	2
5. BELLE	=7	-1	=6	+8	2
6. COKO	=4	-3	=5	+7	2
7. SHRDLU	=5	-4	=8	-6	1
8. TREEFROG	-1	-2	=7	-5	½

(in tiebreak order)

Three of the programs have listed CFC ratings, namely, A. WITA 1197, T. (for Tinker!) BELLE 1098, and CHUTE 1022. WITA and BELLE have played quite a bit in Edmonton events.

On August 10th we sent out letters in an attempt to secure information on all known major chess clubs in the province. A copy was sent to the last known President of each club, with two other copies sent to individuals in each locale who we hoped might help us out. We asked that each person attempt to forward the letter to someone who could help us out. The letters were long, but very clear and simple in their requests. It really should not have taken anyone very long to reply.

Nevertheless, as of August 29th, replies have poured in from just the Calgary, Edmonton, and Slave Lake Chess Clubs? Where are the replies from the other clubs? Can it be they don't desire any new members? Do they wish to exist in secrecy? Hopefully not! We will give what info we can on the Clubs from which we did not get any reply.

Calgary Chess Club

Meetings: Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
Basement of Auditorium

Times: Monday nights, 6:45 - 11:00 pm.

Directors: President John Schleinich (288-6721)
Vice President Brian Starkes (243-2026)
Secretary Bill Myllie (289-1350)
Tourn. Dir. Bill Bentley (286-3129)

Club Fees: Seniors \$5, Juniors \$3 (January-December)
(We assume ACA fees are also required--ed.)

UPCOMING TOURNAMENT!!

Calgary Open -- 10 round Swiss
(45/2, 25/1)

--registration on Sept 13 and 20!

--first round Sept 27

--entry fee: Senior \$7, Junior \$5

--Prizes in all sections!

Edmonton Chess Club (ECC)

The ECC meets every Monday the year round, except on holidays, from 7:00 - 11:30 pm in the upstairs meeting room of the Kinsmen Fieldhouse (in the river valley, to the southwest of the 105th St Bridge).

You are invited to come down and get back into the chess business. Come down and destroy all those crazy enough to meet you over the chess board! Speaking of chess boards, though the Club does have some, it is suggested that you bring a set if you wish to be sure of having one. This is especially true if you will not be entering any tournaments, as tournament players get first call on Club boards. If you have a clock, bring it.

The ECC is converting to a calendar year basis. Since all old memberships expire October 1st, new Club memberships will cover a 15 month period and so will be: Senior \$3.50, and Junior (under 18) \$2.50. Membership in the ACA is also required. If you wish to play in a rated tournament, you must be a member of the CFC also.

In addition, the Club has nightly dues of 50¢ for Seniors and 25¢ for Juniors.

If you think about how much you get for your money, you will realize that you are actually getting a bargain (this message for the 'complainers'). Free coffee, too.

The 1976 EDMONTON CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP tournament will begin on October 4. You must register prior to that time -- register on September 13, 20, or 27. Please do not wait until the last minute! The tournament will be divided into sections of approximately even strength. Tournament play is the only way to improve!

Please complete the enclosed 'Member Information Form', and bring it down to the Club with you, or mail it to the ACA.

Later in the ACR you will see an announcement for a weekend tournament in Edmonton on Sept 18 & 19. Why not play? Also, take note of the Alberta Open, Calgary, Oct 9 - 11.

Slave Lake Chess Club

(Once again Bruce Thomas has provided a fine report!)

Slave Lake Chess Club will begin its 1976-77 season in late September or early October. It is expected that the Club will, as in past years, meet one evening each week, and hold various competitions for club members. Details of the first meeting's date, time and place will be available in early September from either Club President, John van Buul (849-4189), or Club Secretary-Treasurer, Bruce Thomas (849-4033).

During the 1976-77 season, the Slave Lake Club will probably insist its members join the Chess Federation of Canada, and the Alberta Chess Association (the ACA hopes so -- ed.). Only late in the 1975-76 season did some members join the CFC and ACA. If this occurs, the Club will try to host at least one open 5-round tournament on some winter weekend and make it attractive enough to draw entries from Edmonton and elsewhere.

The Slave Lake Chess Club will also probably host at least one informal tournament for new or unrated players in Northern Alberta. Such club tournaments in the past have been successful in attracting new players. The Club is also campaigning to have a chess tournament included in the 1977 Peace Winter Games for Northwestern Alberta residents; the 1976 Winter Games in Slave Lake had chess as an official event for the first time in the Games' history.

(Later, Bruce asked us to attach the "following pompous note"):

"As the only known organized chess club in the true Alberta North, Slave Lake Chess Club strongly objects to Edmonton (150 miles south of Slave Lake) claiming to be the site of the Northern Alberta Open. We allowed this misrepresentation to exist last February for the First Annual Northern Alberta Open; however, we now demand one

of two actions: either the February tournament in Edmonton be called the Central Alberta Open, or Edmonton players come to Slave Lake for the Northern Alberta Open. If the latter course of action is agreeable, we're sure Slave Lake could show its usual excellent small town hospitality for a weekend tournament. In addition, if Slave Lake is the site of the Northern Open, it might help to attract some new rural players. Who knows, there might be a Max Euwe hiding somewhere in the Northern Alberta bush" (maybe that's where Fischer is hiding! -- ed).

Since this is all in fun, I think, let me say this about that, i.e., I will present a few of the countless justifications for Edmonton holding a Northern Alberta Closed:

- (1) Demographically speaking Edmonton is in the North. That is why, for example, Red Deer, which is in fact in the southern 1/3 of the province, is considered Central Alberta. It is all figured out on a population basis. The two big cities, Edmonton and Calgary, are North and South. Don't tell Red Deer not to have a Central Alberta Closed!
- (2) Slave Lake is also in the central third of the province, so dividing the province geographically into North, Central, and South 'prevents' them from holding the Northern Alberta Open.
- (3) If Edmonton can steal the Klondike from the Yukon, we can be in northern Alberta!
- (4) Tough bananas.
- (5) All, some, or none of the above.
Enough!

Hinton Chess Club

Harvey Knudsen is attempting to get a club going in Hinton. He can be reached at Box 1411, Hinton TOE 1B0, or phoned at 865-4507.

The following clubs did not provide any up to date information when we requested it, but here is what we have:

Black Knight Chess Club Calgary

Last known President was Peter Zingeler, 4916 Brockington Rd NW, phone 289-2163.

We think the club meets Tuesday nights in the E library at Mount Royal Junior College, but ...?

Londonderry Chess Club Edmonton

Last known President was Bjarne Knudskov, 7004-152A Ave, phone 475-6166.

They used to meet Thursday evenings from 7:00-11:00 pm in the Staff Cafeteria of the M. E. LaZerte High School, 6808-144 Ave.

Medicine Hat Chess Club

Last known President was Jack Wyber, 1498 11 Ave NE, phone 527-3448.

We've tried a couple of times, but haven't found out anything about this club! (Maybe meets Wednesdays?)

Red Deer Chess Club

Neil Sharp used to be President, but, since he is moving to Edmonton, Wes Denison, 45 Les' Trailer Park, phone 346-8434, is supposed to be taking over.

However, we have not as yet heard anything from Red Deer about where and when their Club meets.

University of Alberta Chess Club Edmonton

Despite the fact we produce the ACR at the U of A, we do not know for sure what is going to happen this year. Earl Culham was President last year, I think, but since students tend to change residences, you can write to the ACA address for further information, which will be provided as soon as possible.

Information on the Londonderry and U of A Clubs will probably be available at the Edmonton Chess Club.

We would suggest that players take sets, and clocks, if they have them, to whatever chess club they attend. That is the only way to be sure that there will be enough equipment for everyone.

Players should also try to join their club and register for tournaments as earlier as possible. It is very difficult for your local organizers to get things done if too many people come down 'at the last minute'.

Would the President or Secretary for each chess club in Alberta please send the ACA a complete list of their executive for the coming year -- include addresses and telephone numbers, of course.

We would also like details from those clubs which have not yet sent in any information on their operation during the coming year.

We suggest that every Alberta chess club attempt to operate on a calendar year basis (Jan-Dec). This will bring your 'year' in line with that of the ACA. Furthermore, if we get grants from the Provincial Government, they require a financial statement for each calendar year; this financial statement includes not only direct ACA business, but also financial details of clubs which are associated with the ACA (amount of membership fees, dues, and tournament entry fees, etc.).

In 1977 it would be appreciated if club treasurers would keep track of income and expenses in such a way that the ACA will be able to interpret their records should the records be used in a financial summary for the Provincial Government.

Planning to hold open tournaments, especially, weekends? If so, let the ACR know, so that we can publicize your event in plenty of time. Give us preliminary details as to location and date as soon as you have them. The same goes for final details. We must receive your announcements far enough ahead to get them in the ACR before your tournament starts! We will also attempt to coordinate weekend tournament scheduling to avoid conflicting events being held.

The above details, and, perhaps, much of this issue of the Alberta Chess Report may seem a bit 'dry' and boring to many of you. Most of this issue has been devoted to informing you, the players, about clubs and tournaments in the province. We have tried to present suggestions which would help to provide a more organized scheme for chess in Alberta. Now, if only the players and organizers would actually read what has been put into print on these pages ...

Get ready for the

ALBERTA OPEN

This important tournament will be held in Calgary over the Thanksgiving long-weekend, October 9-11. You will not want to miss it!!

This is just a preliminary announcement to give you plenty of notice. Final details will be given in the September ACR. However, we can give you some information now:

The 1976 Alberta Open will probably be held in the Alberta College of Art. Entry fees should be around \$10 for Seniors and \$7 for Juniors. ACA and CFC memberships are, of course, required for this rated event.

There will be 6 rounds, 2 each day, run by the Swiss System. Lots of prizes, and to every class of player!

PLAYERS HAVE TO BRING SETS AND CLOCKS!

Tournament Director -- probably Brian Starkes, of the Calgary Chess Club (sponsors this year).

This is not just a preliminary announcement! YOU are invited to participate in the:

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EDMONTON

SEPT. 18 & 19

Where: Room 511

General Services Building

116 Street and 91 Avenue

University of Alberta campus

Entry Fees: Senior \$6.00

Junior (under 18) \$4.00

Membership in both the Chess Federation of Canada and the Alberta Chess Association is also required.

Registration: 8:00 - 9:30 am, Saturday, September 18

Type of Tournament: In the first three rounds pairings will be made in the normal Swiss manner (perhaps accelerated). In the final two rounds players then play only against other players in their own class, and compete for first in that class. In this way you get to compete directly with players in your own class to decide the prizes for that class. How does that sound? Good, right?

Time Control: 45 moves / 2 hours

First Round: 10:00 am, Saturday, September 18

There will be a total of 3 rounds Saturday, and 2 on Sunday, with the last round scheduled early enough to permit out of town players to return home at a reasonable time.

Prizes: Cash. Exact amounts depend on the number of entries.

Tournament Director: Murray Frank

We expect to see lots of players at this event -- it is a good warm-up for the coming chess 'season'. Out of town players (even from Calgary, yet!) are most definitely encouraged to attend.

Will we see you there? (Don't forget your CFC membership card, and proof of ACA membership, if you have it.)

PLEASE NOTE THE DATES FOR THE ABOVE TOURNAMENT! Some of you may have been expecting an Edmonton tournament on the 11th (& 12th) of September -- so were we, but then we noticed that was the date for the hockey game between Canada and the USSR. Naturally, we had to change the tournament dates!