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TOURNAMENTS.

CALGARY CHESS CLUB.

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* Oct. 24th	CCC Speed Champ.	* Southern Alberta Open.	* Alberta Open.	*
* Also:	Register	* Details still not known	* Edmonton.	*
* for CCC Champ.		* but it should be in	* Oct. 6-8th	*
* 7 round Swiss.	\$7 entry	* Calgary ca. Nov 1st.	* see back page!	*
* Call 288-6721 for more.		* Call 288-6721 for more	* Please!	*
* Oct. 31st	CCCC starts.	* information.		*

STOP PRESS: The ACA Annual General Meeting has been postponed! Date to be advised.

Okanagan Open. Oct 20-21.
Kelowna, B.C. 5 rds. \$12.
T.D. Alan Whitman, 1790 Hollywood Rd,
Kelowna. V1X 4P4 .860-6705.

Dawson Creek Open. Nov 3-4th.
Dawson Creek, B.C.
T.D. J. Kanester, 1706-110th Ave,
Dawson Creek, B.C.

ALBERTA CHESS ASSOCIATION.

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 A. Zissos.

Membership Fees.

Senior -- \$3.00
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"Family memberships" (taken out at one time) are available at the rate of one membership at the regular cost (must be a Senior membership, if a Senior is joining), and the rest half-price. 1 Alberta Chess Report (ACR) per household.

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TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS AND ORGANIZERS

The ACR wants to announce your tournaments! Please send us full details far enough in advance for publication.

Check to see that all entrants in your rated tournaments are both CFC and ACA members for the duration of the event.

PLEASE send a copy of the final crosstable of your tournament to the ACA for publication in the ACR (tiebreak order, if possible). A written report plus some game scores would be appreciated.

There is still need for donations to help reduce the deficit which arose from sending Canadian teams to the Chess Olympiad. If you can help, please do so by sending your donation to us, or directly to the CFC. Thank you!

Participation rules for the Alberta Closed and the Alberta Junior Closed: All entrants in either of these two events 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, plus any other major tournaments that may be put in this category should the situation warrant. All other Alberta tournaments are worth one-half a participation point each (must be CFC rated tournaments, and matches do not count). Note that participation points are not given to dropouts. Note also that juniors may get participation points through TAYCA tournaments. TAYCA members should ask their organization for further details.

TOP 30 ALBERTA PLAYERS BY CFC RATING

1.	R. South	Calgary	2191
2.	S. Ball	Edmonton	2176
3.	C. Evans	Edmonton	2135
4.	M. Rabljenovic	Calgary	2073
5.	M. Campbell	Edmonton	2056
6.	N. Fullbrook	Edmonton	2048
7.	B. Brebrich	Calgary	2044
8.	F. South	Calgary	2043
9.	J. Babb	Edmonton	1995
10.	G. Campbell	Edmonton	1993
11.	A. Zissos	Calgary	1986
12.	I. Loadman	Edmonton	1981
13.	R. Hawkes	Calgary	1965
14.	K. Kuczaj	Calgary	1959
15.	M. Frank	Edmonton	1943
16.	E. Rosenbloom	Edmonton	1936
17.	A. Milne	Calgary	1915
18.	I. Yearwood	Calgary	1914
19.	P. Allan	Calgary	1909
20.	L. Barkwell	Calgary	1895
21.	L. Steele	Edmonton	1881
22.	D. Ariel	Calgary	1864
23.	W. Litwinczuk	Calgary	1864
24.	S. Klamer	Calgary	1863
25.	F. Buenaventura	Edmonton	1861
26.	J. MacIntosh	Calgary	1861
27.	H. King	Edmonton	1836
28.	B. Szucs	Calgary	1833
29.	B. Gnam	Calgary	1815
30.	D. Wyllie	Calgary	1814

The above list takes into account new ratings published in the July CFC Bulletin.

ODDS AND ENDS.

This will be the last ACR before the Alberta Open Championship. Please turn to the back outside page and read the advertisement. I hope you can play in the Open, which is the most important regularly held tournament in the Province.

On the Sunday morning, during the Open, will be the ACA Annual General Meeting. A possibility on the agenda is the Government Grant, which this year is the magnificent amount of \$10,000. What to do with it?

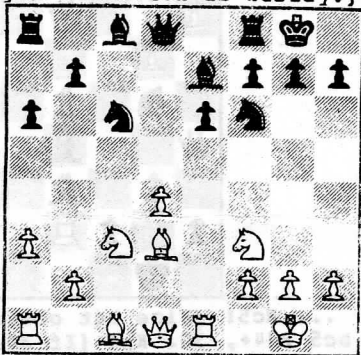
Do members think it a good idea to try to have a permanent chess centre? It's possible that this sum could be used as a down payment on a building which could be a basis for the growth of chess in this Province for many years to come. The excellent work of TAYCA in Calgary will be providing many more adult players than we've been getting up to now. In addition, both major cities will continue to grow rapidly in population and one expects chess to grow at a greater rate (it's a big city game).

Yet the city clubs face difficulties. The Calgary CC has only very small rooms, and at present cannot really encourage expansion. In Edmonton, for several years, we were forced to discourage new members; now we have bigger and more attractive rooms but through most of the year it is a struggle to pay the rental.

In addition, there is chess available on only one (two if you belong to two clubs!) night a week. In the future there will be support for chess on every night, and the weekends as well. Many cities in the U. S. have chess every day - can we do the same?

M. Campbell - C. Evans.

1. e4 c5, 2. d4 cd4, 3. c3 d5, 4. ed5 Qd5, 5. cd4 Nc6, 6. Nf3 e6, 7. Nc3 Qd8, 8. Bd3 Nf6, 9. 0-0 Be7, 10. Re1 0-0, 11. a3 a6? [The game has transposed from the Sicilian Defence to the Queen's Gambit Accepted! This position can also be reached via the Queen's Gambit Declined, Semi-Tarrasch Defence, as follows: 1. d4 d5, 2. c4 e6, 3. Nc3 Nf6, 4. Nf3 c5, 5. cd5 Nd5, 6. e3 Nc6, 7. Bd3 cd4, 8. ed4 Be7, 9. 0-0 0-0, 10. Re1 Nf6, 11. a3 and now a6? The best move is 11. ... b6, when Smyslov - Karpov, USSR Championship, 1971, continued 12. Bc2 Bb7, 13. Qd3 Rc8?? and now Smyslov could have played the same winning combination as Murray.]



12. Bc2 b5, 13. Qd3 [Setting the rather deep and subtle trap mentioned. Best for Black is now 13. ... g6.] 13. ... Bb7? 14. d5! Na5, [Black is in deep trouble. If 14. ... ed5, 15. Bg5 g6, 16. Re7 Qe7, 17. Nd5 Nd5, 18. Be7 Nce7, when at best Black has practical chances to draw. Still, this is the best Black can do.] 15. Bg5 g6, 16. d6! Bd6, 17. Bf6 Qf6, 18. Qd6 Nc4, and Black had only two pawns for a piece. This trap is worth remembering (I had studied it a few months previously, clearly not well enough!). However, Murray was not in a very bloodthirsty mood that evening.

ABE SHNITKA MEMORIAL.

Ian also directed this tournament for players rated under 1700. Bruce Thomas won convincingly. Apologies to fourth placed Mr. A. Berberakis but it was necessary to abbreviate his name in the table.

1. B. Thomas	1584	+36	+19	+31	+11	+6	+4	6.0
2. R. Patsula	1698	+24	+16	+26	-6	+19	+7	5.0
3. K. Affek	1421	+19	-1	+17	+21	+11	+6	5.0
4. A. Ber'akis	1494	+18	=22	+5	+26	+12	-1	4.5
5. P. Patsula	1541	+33	=7	-4	+22	+26	+12	4.5
6. E. Culham	1571	+25	+31	+10	+2	-1	-3	4.0
7. V. Celino	1492	+29	=5	=22	+16	+10	-2	4.0
8. T. Kolenchuk	1491	-16	-18	+23	+17	+20	+21	4.0
9. D. Harvey	1487	+17	-26	-18	+32	+27	+16	4.0
10 J. Toutant	1389	+21	+35	-6	+20	-7	+19	4.0
11 K. Beaulieu	1213	+28	+30	+12	-1	-3	+18	4.0

3.0 pts: 12. G. Wilkinson, 13. P. Beley,
14. K. Lauterwald, 15. J. Potocska,
16. D. Babb, 17. C. Bertrand,
18. E. Freundlich, 19. J. McAllister,
20. B. Stevenson, 21. D. Stuart,
22. E. Weavill, 23. S. Marsden.

2.0 pts: 24. E. Page, 25. R. Bowland,
26. A. Reid, 27. J. Stolte,
28. B. Taylor.

1.5 pts: 29. S. McLellan.

1.0 pts: 30. A. Botar, 31. W. Hennig,
32. A. Cleman, 33. K. Wallace.

0.5 pts: 34. K. Krevenchuk.

0.0 pts: 35. D. Balsillie, 36. F. Wosar.

BLACK KNIGHT C. C. LAST ROUNDUP.
report from Bill Rusk.

The Black Knight Chess Club's "Last Roundup" ran from April 24th to June 5th. The six rounds resulted in a tie for Sid Belzberg and Bill Bentley with five points each and a further tie between Jamie Solis and Imlach Yearwood with four points to their credit.

The "B" division for those under 1400 gave Jim Wanamaker, Hans Palloks, and Mike Glasser the honours.

1. S. Belzberg	1713	+14	+9	+2	-4	+5	+3	5.0
2. B. Bentley	1613	+16	+11	-1	+6	+17	+4	5.0
3. J. Solis	1685	+7	+10	+17	+14	-4	-1	4.0
4. I. Yearwood	1914	-10	+18	+8	+1	+3	-2	4.0

3.5 pts: 5. F. McFaul, 6. Y. Veillette,
7. J. Wanamaker.

3.0 pts: 8. H. Palloks, 9. P. Zingeler,
10. M. Glasser, 11. H. Bovbjerg.

2.5 pts: 12. L. Perpina, 13. E. Rusk.

2.0 pts: 14. T. Lockert, 15. M. Bayle.

1.5 pts: 16. P. Smithwick.

1.0 pts: 17. M. Orman.

0.0 pts: 18. L. Harries, 19. R. Hiebert.

T. D.s were Bill Rusk and Bill Bentley.

CALGARY C. C. TEAM TOURNAMENT.

The Calgary C. C. held a team tournament during the months of May and June. Twenty four players were divided into six teams of roughly equal average rating and these teams played a five round robin.

Team #1 (ave. rating 1546) was K. Kuczaj, Y. Veillette, A. Lindquist, and S. Schlieff. The other teams were: #2 (1509) W. Zwirner, J. Solis, T. Bosgra, and T. Lockert; #3 (1565) F. Kluytmans, D. Johansen, A. Ilnyckyj, and G. Beaulieu; #4 (1486) J. Parrott, J. Way, A. Menzel, and B. Rusk; #5 (1591) L. Barkwell, D. Maguire, B. Bachman, and M. Clarke; and #6 (1534) R. Hawkes, J. Bezjack, D. Enevoldsen, and N. McCalumn.

Individual results were:

Board 1.	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
1. K. Kuczaj	x	0	=	=	0	=	1.5
2. W. Zwirner	1	x	1	0	1	0	3.0
3. K. Kluytmans	=	0	x	0	0	0	0.5
4. J. Parrott	=	1	1	x	0	=	3.0
5. L. Barkwell	1	0	1	1	x	1	4.0
6. R. Hawkes	=	1	1	=	0	x	3.0

Board 2.

1. Y. Veillette	x	=	0	1	1	0	2.5
2. J. Solis	=	x	1	1	1	0	3.5
3. D. Johansen	1	0	x	1	0	0	2.0
4. J. Way	0	0	0	x	1	0	1.0
5. D. Maguire	0	0	1	0	x	0	1.0
6. J. Bezjack	1	1	1	1	1	x	5.0

Board 3.

1. A. Lindquist	x	0	1	1	0	=	2.5
2. T. Bosgra	1	x	1	0	0	1	3.0
3. A. Illyckj	0	0	x	1	0	0	1.0
4. A. Menzel	0	1	0	x	0	=	1.5
5. B. Bachman	1	1	1	1	x	1	5.0
6. D. Enevoldsen	=	0	1	=	0	x	2.0

Board 4.

1. S. Schlieff	x	0	0	0	=	0	0.5
2. T. Lockert	1	x	0	=	1	0	2.5
3. G. Beaulieu	1	1	x	1	1	=	4.5
4. B. Rusk	1	=	0	x	1	0	2.5
5. M. Clarke	=	0	0	0	x	0	0.5
6. N. McCalumn	1	1	=	1	1	x	4.5

The final team standings were:

1. #6	xxx	3.0	2.0	3.0	3.5	3.0	14.5
2. #2	1.0	xxx	3.0	1.5	3.0	3.5	12.0
3. #5	2.0	1.0	xxx	2.0	3.0	2.5	10.5
4. #4	1.0	2.5	2.0	xxx	1.0	1.5	8.0
5. #3	0.5	1.0	1.0	3.0	xxx	2.5	8.0
6. #1	1.0	0.5	1.5	2.5	1.5	xxx	7.0

Congratulations to J. Bezjack, B. Bachman, G. Beaulieu, and N. McCalumn who scored as prolifically as the Edmonton Eskimos.

TAYCA TOURNAMENTS.

TAYCA, the acronym for The Alberta Youth Chess Association, has held a number of tournaments for their members in recent months. These are covered in detail in their excellent publication "En Passant", edited by Andrew Zissos, which is available from 2128 - 23rd Ave., NW, Calgary, T2M 1W3 for \$1 per copy. In the June issue are articles by a number of Calgarians, including three top Juniors, Rob Hawkes, Bill Gnam, and Zissos. Here we briefly report some of the results.

Bill Gnam's Training Tournament. March-April.

This was held to provide Bill with some preparation practice before the 1979 Canadian Cadet (age under 17) Championship in Toronto. Bill scored +1 -2 against Art Milne and +3 against Wayne Coppin for an overall 4-2 score.

Note that Bill was third in the Cadet Championship, behind David Filipovich (Ont.) and Rob Graham (Sask.).

Carry on Caissa Tourney. March 10.

This was in three sections, Junior (grade six and under) Intermediate (grades 7 to 9), and Senior (grade 10 and over, but age less than 21 years.)

Sean Gibb won the Junior Section with the fine score of 13/14 and a tie for second between David Petrovich and Rodney Simons (10/14) was broken by a five minute game which the former won.

Arthur Cay captured the Intermediate Section with 6.5/7, with Mann Kwan (5.5) second, and Jason Arcega (5) third.

Rob Hawkes, as might be expected, won the Senior Section with 4/4, while Cameron McKay was second on tiebreak (as before, a single speed game) over Phil Chiu, both with 3/4.

Victoria Day Tournament. May 26.

The Elementary Section was won by David Petrovich over Mark Lidgren, both with 9/10. Ian Olthof (7/8) won the Junior High Section just ahead of Arthur Cay, and Rob Hawkes scored another perfect 5/5 in the Senior High Section. Second and third were Graham Cooper and Ivan Dorin, with 3/5.

Summer Solistice Tourney.

Rob Hawkes racked up yet another perfect score to win the Open Section. He beat second place Andrew Zissos (4/5) in the third round. Stacy Nichols, Cameron McKay, and Ivan Dorin scored 3/5 for 3rd through 5th places.

Art Cay swept through the opposition in the Junior High Section while Mitch Karazub lost only to Cay to take second with five points. Sean Gibb won the Elementary Section, losing only to second placed Greg Huber who scored six out of eight. On 5.5 were Simon Parboosingh and Chris Mckerly.

THE TAYCA - ACA DISAGREEMENT.

Some readers will know, or may instead have guessed from Stephen Ball's letter in the January issue of the ACR that there has been a disagreement between the ACA and TAYCA over the latter's selection policy for the 1978 Alberta Junior Championship, which qualified the two Alberta entries to the national Junior Championship. This disagreement was eventually fixed up well enough; that there was, subsequently, an appalling feud between two senior members of these Associations is of minor interest to chess-players. I wasn't going to print anything about this unpleasant affair, but it was pointed out that a straight statement of facts might stop the spread of rumours. So here goes.

Up until 1978, the Alberta Junior Closed Championship (AJCCC) had been run by the ACA who were responsible for selection of the players and the costs of the tournament, and also for paying the fare to transport the winner to wherever the national event (for which the AJCCC winner qualified) was held.

The Canadian Junior, in 1978, was held during the period between Xmas and the New Year. It was run by TAYCA, and because it was held in Alberta, two representatives from this Province would be in the field (instead of the usual one). The selection policy for the AJCCC had been that the top two juniors from each of the two major cities were selected, and the field was made up to six by the inclusion of those two players (not so far qualified) who

had the highest rating irregardless of their place of residence. Apparently, this system for player selection had been made into formal rules but these were not widely known. The activities of TAYCA in Calgary changed things in two ways. First, there was a considerable increase (due primarily to TAYCA's operations) in the number of competent Junior players. Secondly, it must have seemed anomalous to many that the Junior Championship was not run by that association which was vitally concerned with Junior Chess. (Certainly, the ACA, to its discredit, had not made any real effort to promote chess in schools (which is the best place to work to ensure a continual supply of future players for the adult chess world), nor to my knowledge, had any of the various clubs). A difficulty, however, was that TAYCA was operational only in Calgary.

As far as I understand it, the ACA was agreeable to TAYCA running the AJCCC, at least partly because TAYCA could easily afford it. They did want to be assured, though, that the player selection would be fair, i.e. that Edmonton players would not be excluded or discriminated against because of the lack of TAYCA operations in Edmonton. Hence the rules for player selection loomed large in the minds of ACA officials, especially those domiciled in Edmonton.

Another factor was the question of money. Both TAYCA and the ACA receive grants from the Alberta Government to assist in the running of their activities. These grants were applied for separately until last year when the granting body decided to allow only one grant, which could be divided among the two associations as they saw fit. The value of this money to the ACA can be estimated from the Treasurer's report given in the Jan. 1979 issue of the ACR; the grant of \$3500 is more than three times that raised from annual subscriptions. Since TAYCA used much more money than the ACA (they had, for instance, a full time employee) the entire grant for 1979 was given to them, on the understanding that they would give a portion to the ACA.

A Calgary Junior Closed tournament was held, the result being that the winner and runner up (Doug Wyllie and Terry Patten) were confirmed as the two entries from Calgary in the AJCCC. Not qualifying by this method were Andrew Zissos (who did not play, but was certain to qualify under the rating provision), third place Bill Gnam, and fourth place Rob Hawkes. However, Mr. Hawkes was also certain of qualification under the rating provision. Thus with the mandatory inclusion of the two Edmonton Juniors (namely Tim Dean and Ken Sawyer, who were selected, and clearly deserving of selection) the six players were known.

Gerry Donaldson, TAYCA Secretary and Tournament organiser, clearly felt that Mr. Gnam deserved inclusion in the AJCCC and so increased to eight the number of players in this tournament. An additional Edmonton Junior, Dean Harvey, was invited. Apparently in the rules for player selection, there was provision for an "expert" panel to add deserving players to the field, but this was not widely known. Mr. Donaldson contacted John Schleinich, the ACA President, and asked his opinion and Mr.

Schleinich indicated that he personally had no objection to this change, invitations to the eight players were sent out.

Following is a quote from Mr. Donaldson's report on the AJCCC: "Then, from Edmonton, came the threat that some Edmonton ACA executive members would organize their own 1978 Alberta Junior Closed if TAYCA's tournament had eight participants. TAYCA's executive immediately held a meeting and ratified the eight participants which had already been invited. ... TAYCA's programme coordinator received an icy reception in Edmonton when he went to discuss the matter".

One of the TAYCA proposals which most worried the ACA executive was the intention to hold the AJCCC over two weekends. The reason was that entrants who have a part-time job, while attending University, would be obliged to spend two Saturdays playing chess, and then four evenings making up their lost work time in each of the following weeks. With assignments due every so often, and normal study missed as well, this would impose a heavy burden on those players.

Subsequently, after threats of legal action and appeals to the CFC (which properly refused to take a stand), an agreement was reached. It's to be doubted that any of the players wanted a second tournament (what would happen if different players qualified??) and I believe Mr. Zissos refused point-blank to play in one. At the last minute (the second weekend of the AJCCC as run by TAYCA) Mr. Donaldson and Len Steele (ACA Secretary) worked out a settlement (given below).

So, a distressing situation had been fixed up fairly well. TAYCA had the assurance that its tournament would be recognised as the AJCCC, and that the top two finishers would be invited by the CFC to the Canadian Junior. They also had the assurance that this state of affairs would continue for at least five years. The ACA was content that certain of the players interests were assured. The CFC was happy that the Canadian Junior would be run by TAYCA and that the Alberta representatives would be acceptable to both organisations in the Province.

Unfortunately, a good deal of antipathy had been created by these misunderstandings. Mr. Donaldson does not mention in his report that in addition to threats of legal action, etc., TAYCA (or certain of its officials) threatened to withhold the portion of the Govt. grant due to the ACA unless they were permitted to continue with the eight player format. Certainly, Maurice Orman (then TAYCA programme coordinator) made such a threat while visiting the Edmonton Chess Club; in these circumstances, that he received "an icy reception" is scarcely surprising.

Mr Donaldson, in his report on the AJCCC, did not restrict himself to "play and players" but in addition gave the history of this dispute. Unfortunately, to some ACA officials this latter appeared slanted, if not actually a celebration of "victory". Copies were widely distributed. (A copy was sent to the ACR, for publication, but it was not received by me; it would not have been published

without considerable pruning and Stephen Ball wrote a good one which was used.) Relations between the two Secretaries deteriorated even more; unfortunately, this situation was not concealed from public scrutiny.

Mr. Ball, au fait with these proceedings, sent a letter to the ACR, published Jan., 1979. He states his views on the inclusion of Mr. Gnam in the AJCC, and his arguments, as far as they go, are certainly convincing. (Though as a personal opinion only, I wonder whether it is not more important to encourage talent than to adhere slavishly to rules. Mr Gnam did, after all, finish third in the tournament and very nearly qualified for the National event.) In any case, it must be strongly emphasized that no-one bears Mr Gnam the slightest degree of ill-will. He is a pleasant young man and potentially a very good chess-player, and we wish him well.

In fact, the question was whether it was correct for TAYCA to disregard rules for this tournament which had been published, though not in a manner that they could not have been overlooked, perhaps accidentally. Mr. Donaldson has stated, inter alia, that Mr. Ball is wrong in suggesting that Mr. Gnam did not qualify by the rules, (i.e. TAYCA's, as ratified by Mr. Schleinich) and that internal ACA communication caused the problems. This is not the only opinion, but perhaps the matter should now be regarded as history.

THE AGREEMENT.

This is an Agreement between the Alberta Chess Association (ACA) and The Alberta Youth Chess Association (TAYCA) with respect to the Alberta Junior Closed Chess Championship (AJCCC).

PERIOD OF VALIDITY.

This Agreement is to take effect as of November, 1978, and to be remain in effect for a term of four years (the 1979, 1980, 1981, and 1982 AJCCCs). At the time of the 1982 AJCCC, or any subsequent AJCCC, either Association may signify in writing its desire (as determined in a manner consistent with each Association's bylaws) to renegotiate terms of this Agreement. In the absence of a new Agreement, the old Agreement shall remain in effect for one additional AJCCC.

CHANGES IN THE AGREEMENT.

Changes in the Agreement can be made at any time through mutual written consent of both the ACA and TAYCA if both Associations have approved the changes in a manner consistent with their bylaws.

DUTIES OF TAYCA.

TAYCA shall have the duty to organise the AJCCC, the Calgary Junior Closed Championship (CJC), and the Edmonton Junior Closed Championship (EJC) (subject to the terms agreed upon herein) and shall be responsible for associated expenses.

DUTIES OF ACA.

The ACA, through its President, shall have the duty to submit the name of the winner of the AJCCC, i.e., the Alberta Junior Closed Champion, to the Chess Federation of Canada

(CFC) along with a crosstable of the tournament and any fees required by the CFC for the entrance of the Alberta Junior Champion to the Canadian Junior Championship. The fees are to be paid by TAYCA.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR AJCCC.

The AJCCC shall be a single round robin tournament with from 6 to 10 entrants (with an even number of players, unless impossible) who meet the following requirements:

- (1) The FIDE age limit.
- (2) To have been a resident of Alberta since June 30th of the given year.
- (3) Meet CFC residency requirements.
- (4) To have sufficient participation points (see later).
- (5) To be CFC, TAYCA, and ACA members during the tournament.

Note. Requirements (3) and (4) may be waived under exceptional circumstances by mutual ACA and TAYCA written agreement.

TIME OF AJCCC.

The AJCCC shall be held over a maximum of two weekends (consecutive, unless impossible) with the final portion of the tournament being on the Remembrance Day weekend. More than half the rounds must be played on the Remembrance Day weekend, with all entrants playing at that time. If two weekends are used and the games on the first weekend are played in two cities, then there should be a "mix" in the two sections of players from the Edmonton and Calgary areas, if financially feasible.

PRIORITY OF QUALIFICATION FOR AJCCC.

Entrants in the AJCCC shall be accepted in the following order of priority:

- (1) The previous year's Alberta Junior Champion.

(If the previous Champion cannot play, and he had tied for first in the previous AJCCC then the next highest finisher who was in the tie for first will be allowed to enter in the Champion's stead, and so on until all involved in the tie either cannot or will not play in the AJCCC.)

- (2) The highest placed junior in the Alberta Open Championship immediately preceding the AJCCC.

(In the event of a tie, a similar procedure as in section (1) above can be used, following the tiebreak order used in the Alberta Open.)

- (3) The Alberta Junior Open Champion of the year of the AJCCC.

(see section (2) for potential qualification of others tied for first.)

- (4) The two highest eligible players by CFC rating.

(If both qualifiers in sections (1) and (2) are also the two highest rated players (who wish to enter) then only one player will qualify by rating. The exact formulation of what CFC rating or rating average is to be used shall be determined by the ACA, with ratings immediately after the Alberta Open being taken into account if reasonably possible.)

- (5) At least two players from the Calgary Junior Championship (CJC) and two from the Edmonton Junior Championship (EJC).

(These tournaments are to be held during the period between the Alberta Open and the AJCCC of the given year. For purposes of this section; if players qualified for the AJCCC through Sections (1)-(4) above take part in either the CJC or the EJC, then the two players taken from a given tournament as qualifiers from that tournament shall be selected in the following order of priority:

(i) Players who have tied for first and who have not qualified for the AJCCC by sections (1)-(4).

(ii) Players scoring over 50% in the CJC or the EJC who are not previously qualified for the AJCCC by sections (1)-(4).

If a city championship is not held then there must be at least two entrants from that city, using the CFC rating list if necessary.)

(6) If a sufficient number of entrants have not yet been attained then:

(i) if one player is needed to make an even number of entrants in the AJCCC, then the highest finisher in either the CJC or the EJC, scoring over 50%, shall be chosen (if two players are being considered for the last available spot in the AJCCC, one from each tournament, then an expert panel (see later section) shall be requested to select the qualifier.

(ii) if an even number is needed the next highest finishers scoring over 50% will be chosen alternately (one from at a time) from each tournament.

(iii) if an odd number (3 or more) are needed, apply section (ii) and then section (i).

(7) If further entrants are required, they shall be selected by an expert panel (see later section) from:

(i) the remaining players in the CJC or EJC, and/or

(ii) other juniors meeting basic requirements.

THE CALGARY/EDMONTON JUNIOR CLOSED. (C/EJC).

Priority of qualification.

(1) The previous tournament winner.

(Provision for the qualification of others who may have tied for first in the previous tournament is to be made as in the analogous part of the AJCCC regulations, Section (1).)

(2) The Calgary and Edmonton High School Champions.

(3) The Alberta High School Champion.

(who is to play in his own city tournament.)

(4) Players by CFC rating to bring the total in the tournament to 4 players.

(5) Two players selected by an "expert panel" (see later section).

(more may be chosen if desired but at most eight players can take part in each tournament.)

EXPERT PANEL.

(1) For the AJCCC:

To be of three or five players (who are not juniors) selected from the CFC rating list, starting at the top and working down, with at least one player from each city if the panel is of three members, and at least two players from each city if the panel is of five members. The panel shall make its decision based on their personal knowledge of the candidates, and on information supplied by organizers, other

players, etc.

(2) For the CJC/EJC.

To be of three members who are to be from that host city. They are to be selected as in Section (1) above, and are to make decisions as required in Section (1).

PARTICIPATION POINTS.

At least two participation points must be acquired in the year between the previous and current AJCCCs (or one and one-half in the period between the previous AJCCC and the CJC or EJC for qualification to those tournaments.)

Points are acquired by participation in tournaments, with tournaments being worth:

(i) Rated tournaments: Are worth points as outlined at the 1977 ACA Annual General Meeting.

(ii) TAYCA tournaments: are worth 1/4 point per tournament, EXCEPT:

(iii) The Calgary, Edmonton, and Alberta High School Championships, and the Alberta Junior Open, which are worth one-half a point.

RATE OF PLAY.

Shall be as in the Canadian Junior Closed.

TIEBREAKS.

Ties for the Alberta Junior Champion (or for any position qualifying the entrant to the Canadian Junior) shall be broken by a match of two games, and if the potential qualifiers are then still tied, then further games shall be played, with the first player to win one game being declared the winner of the match.

Playoff Match Colours.

(1) If there are two players, then the colour in the first game shall be decided by:

(i) If in the AJCCC one player had fewer games than the other with the White pieces, then he shall receive the White pieces in the first game.

(ii) If in the AJCCC both players had the same number of games with the White pieces then the colour in the first game shall be the opposite to that in their individual game.

(2) If two or more players are tied, then the colours shall be decided by the toss of a coin.

Ties in Playoff Match.

If three or more players tied for a qualifying position in the AJCCC, and a subsequent playoff match leaves:

(i) two players tied, then a match between them shall be played, with the first to win one game being the qualifier.

(ii) three or more players are tied, then a new match shall be played.

In these playoffs, colours shall be equalised as follows:

(i) Based on the players individual games in both the AJCCC and the first playoff, or then:

(ii) Based on the players overall colour totals in the AJCCC and first playoff, or then:

(iii) based on the colour in their most recent individual game.

RULES OF CHESS.

FIDE rules of chess are to be followed.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS.

Tournament directors must meet CFC Tournament Director Program requirements for tournaments at the CJC, EJC, and AJCCC level.

N.B. The original from which this is taken is difficult to decipher. Not only is the photocopy of poor quality, but also there were many additions in note form. Therefore, the above should not be regarded as being exactly what Arthur Milne (for TAYCA) and Len Steele (for ACA) signed, but I believe there are no changes in the sense of the agreement, and that it reads much better than the original (e.g. it took three evenings to type this up, most of the time being spent wondering "what the --- does that mean?")

 TEST YOUR CHESS.

Two fairly easy "White to move and win" positions to start, with the second one played at five seconds per move. Apparently, some sources give Lasker as playing White in #2.

An interesting position cropped up at the Edmonton CC a while ago. In a casual game, the ending of two bishops and a knight against a rook was reached, with no surviving pawns. What is the theoretical result?

I can't find anything definite on this. Reuben Fine, in "Basic Chess Endings", p. 521, says it is a draw. In general, the ending of 2N+B vs R is a draw, since the inferior side can continually threaten both the king and bishop (remember that 2Ns cannot force mate). However, H. Rinck was able to compose more than 50 studies where this combination of minor pieces win, and #3 is one of them. Neet.

I would be very surprised to learn that the 2B+N vs R ending is not a win. The bishops are so powerful, and can, if on adjacent diagonals, cut off the enemy king and lock it into a corner. Then it's just a question of moving in for the kill, with the N and the bishops shielding the K from checks. Anyone with unlimited computer time who wants to be famous?

The fourth position seems to support this view. It's difficult (9 move solution) but here it's regarded as a success for the rook to draw. #4, White to move and draw. Hint: The first move is not 1. Rh1, and White must either win a piece or

 SOLUTIONS.

#1. 1. Qg7+!, when if 1. ... Kg7, 2. Rf7+ and mate next, or if 1. ... Rg7, 2. Rf8+ Kg8, 3. g7 mate!

#2. 1. Ra8+!! when if 1. ... Ka8, 2. Kc7 wins, or if 1. ... Na8, 2. Kc8, zugzwang (and how!)

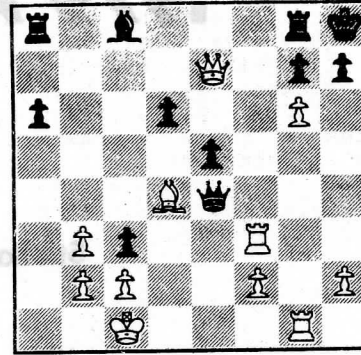
How did this position arise? Maybe two moves ago the bN was on g7 or g5, with the wK on c7. White threatens Rb7+, followed by Rb6, if Black moves the N anywhere but 1. ... Ne6+. Now 2. Kd7, realizing that 2. ... Kb8, 3. Ke6 is winning for White. So, 2. ... Nc7, hoping for stalemate, and seeing that 2. ... Nc5+ 3. Kc8 is winning. Not bad for five seconds per move, though they both knew a thing or two about the endgame.

#3. 1. Nc4+ Ke4, 2. Be2 (zugzwang) Kf5, 3. Ne3+ Ke6, 4. Bc4, and wins. If 1. ... Kd3, 2. Nf4+ Kc4, 3. Bf7 Kd4, 4. Nd5.

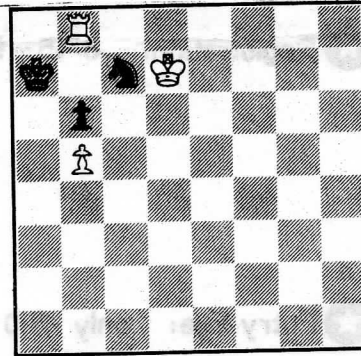
#4. 1. Rd2 Be8+, 2. Kh7 Bh5, 3. Ra2+ Kb7, 4. Rh2 Bf7, 5. Rb2+ Kc6, 6. Rb8 Ne7, 7. Rf8 Bg6+, 8. Kh6 Be5, 9. Rf6+ Bf6 stalemate.

If 1. Rh1 Be8+, 2. Kh7 Bh5, 3. Rh2 Bf7, and it's assumed Black will win. Also not 6. Rb6+ Kd5, 7. Bf6 Nf6, 8. Kg7 Ke6, and wins.

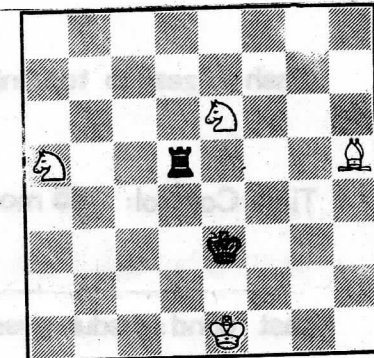
#1. Grigorov - Spasov, 1975.



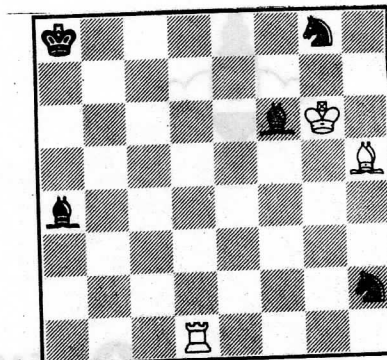
#2. J. Capablanca - Em. Lasker, 1914.



#3. Study, H. Rinck, 1920.



#4. Study, A. M. Belenky, 1967.



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