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Members of the Chess Federation of Canada, the CFC, must also be members of their provincial association. So, if you are a member of the CFC, but not of the ACA, kindly send the appropriate dues to the above address.

CFC memberships, which are valid for one year from date of purchase, can be obtained through the ACA. Rates, not including ACA dues, are \$10 Senior, and \$6 Junior. CFC and ACA memberships are required for play in rated tournaments.

We would hope that clubs encourage their members to join the ACA, or, even better, require club members to be ACA members, too!

*CLUBS* The Report will publish information about clubs, tournaments, etc, but only if someone sends us such information! If you want us to publish something for others to see, you must send it to us.

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Feel free to write to any or all of the Executive for whatever reason you may have. We will do our best to help you!

In 1977 the ACR will come out bimonthly. Material for inclusion should arrive by the 15th of the first month of the issue, e.g., by March 15 for the March-April issue.

*CLUBS* Next issue we will include information on Alberta chess clubs, but only if these clubs send something in! Send us a list of your 1977 executive, tournaments, playing site, etc, if you have any desire at all for others to read about your club.

Any games or interesting positions which others might enjoy? Yes? Then send them in!

Top 30 Alberta Players in order of latest published CFC ratings (up to Oct 15/76):

1. Zaradic, A	Calgary	2177
2. Brebrich, B	Calgary	2122
3. Ball, S	Edmonton	2099
4. Rabljenovic, M	Edmonton	2061
5. Campbell, G	Edmonton	2041
6. Campbell, M	Edmonton	1988
7. Evans, C	Edmonton	1988
8. Kuczaj, K	Calgary	1977
9. Loadman, I	Edmonton	1947
10. Cummins, J	Edmonton	1935
11. Willis, B	Edmonton	1935
12. MacIntosh, J	Calgary	1915
13. Steele, L	Edmonton	1901
14. Zwirner, W	Calgary	1859
15. Long, E	Edmonton	1853
16. Szucs, B	Calgary	1852
17. Litwinczuk, W	Calgary	1844
18. Raletich, G	Edmonton	1843
19. Frank, M	Edmonton	1839
20. Hawrelak, A	Edmonton	1839
21. Pedersen, R	Calgary	1839
22. McKay, A	Edmonton	1830
23. Milne, A	Calgary	1826
24. Barkwell, L	Calgary	1822
25. Allan, P	Calgary	1819
26. Skidmore, D	Calgary	1813
27. McGillivray, D	Edmonton	1803
28. Watson, W	Edmonton	1798
29. Sharp, N	Lacombe	1794
30. Kralovic, J	Calgary	1790

(list compiled by Murray Frank)

Alberta Closed 1977

This tournament will be held on the long Victoria weekend in May. Players who want to enter if they can, and expect to do so by rating, should realize that:

**PLAYERS WHO CAN QUALIFY BY RATING MUST HAVE PLAYED IN, AND COMPLETED THEIR GAMES IN AT LEAST 2 ALBERTA TOURNAMENTS IN THE YEAR PRIOR TO THE CLOSED!**

The Alberta Junior Closed will be held shortly in Calgary. We haven't yet received final word as to when, but results will be published as soon as possible.

*CLUBS* Results of club tournaments which were completed in December will be published in the January ACR, this is, of course, if the clubs concerned send in reports now. Please remember that the quality of report printed for all Alberta chess players to see depends upon the quality of the report submitted!

Dropouts!

We won't restate why quitting tournaments without notice is bad (anyone can figure that out!), but we will remind you that DROPOUTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$5.00 FINE BEFORE THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER ANOTHER ALBERTA TOURNAMENT. Names will be published in the ACR. Do not allow these people to play in rated events unless they (1) pay \$5 -- if so, tell us!, or (2) they have an official letter from the ACA, or (3) the ACR indicates they are now cleared.

Dropouts from the Edmonton CC Closed tournaments were: R. Eriksson, J. Bergeron, T. Bailey, K. Smallwood, C. Small, M. Schofield, R. Davies, H. Lewis, L. Lewis, E. Gilliland. Surely, one little phone call was not too much! Please contact us if you wish to play in tournament chess in 1977.



Edmonton Chess Club

The club has received a reprieve from the 140% rent increase we expected for 1977, so we will not have to raise nightly dues. If the City decides to up the rent to \$24, we will have to raise the dues to compensate, unless we can get Provincial grants to help out.

In any event, if there are some kind persons out there reading this, it might be a good idea for us to try and find new, not overly expensive, centralized quarters for the club. Unfortunately, finding such has not been easy. If you can help, please do!

Calgary Chess Club

We understand a rent increase of about 100% has been imposed by the school system. If government assistance is forthcoming, this may be covered by it. Traditionally, Calgary CC has not charged nightly dues, and there is quite a bit of resistance to the idea -- the question is, can 25 or 50 cents a night be considered a hardship? Perhaps for some, but surely not for many. Anyway, ...

Slave Lake Chess Club

The Club has changed its format -- instead of weekly meetings, only one meeting per month is held. In between meetings the members make their own arrangements to play scheduled games. The Club's monthly meeting night is the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm, Wahlstrom School Library. Anyone visiting Slave Lake who would like a game, and/or information can call the Club's Secretary-Treasurer, Bruce Thomas, at 849-4033, and he will help you out.

Slave Lake's Fall Tournament, November 13-14, was, unfortunately, less than a success due to a low turn-out of local players. The CFC and non-CFC events had to be combined. Results after the 5 rounds were: Bruce Thomas, Slave Lake, 5 points; Leroy Lister, Edmonton, 4; Everett Wolski, Edmonton, 3; Gerry Richard, Slave Lake, 2½; George Rohde, Slave Lake, 2½; Jean-Guy Laliberte, Slave Lake, 2; Larry Saidman, Slave Lake, 1½; Elizabeth Sim, Edmonton, 1½; and Mark Janzen, Slave Lake, ½.

Reports by Bruce Thomas.

Hinton Chess Club

The Hinton CC now is rolling right along with 22 paid members at this date (if only some of them would join the ACA! -- ed). The members seem to be doing a great job of recruiting new members.

A \$100 donation to the HCC was received from North Western Pulp & Power Ltd. Thanks go to the company for their generous donation, as well as to Gordon Wilkinson, HCC Sec-Treas, for his 'hustling' to get the donation.

At the time of this report (Oct 14), the Club was seeking new quarters, because of the need for more room to accommodate all of the members. Jim Anderson, Rec. Dir. of the Town of Hinton, was looking into this matter.

Thanks to Harvey Knudsen for this report.

Please encourage players to join the ACA. We are not getting much support from some areas of the province! All ACA members get the Alberta Chess Report 6 times a year. Also, clubs which actively support the ACA may be eligible for a bit of financial (\$) support in return.

Bicentennial Matches -- Canada vs USA

As you probably know by now, Canada beat the USA by a score of 133½ - 93½. You can get details of the countrywide action in the Nov-Dec/76 CFC Bulletin. However, we can tell you a little more of local interest with this report from Gerry Donaldson:

Calgary, Alta beats Great Falls, Mont 6 - 4

Putting up stiff resistance, Great Falls managed to hold Calgary to a slim 2 game margin in its border match held Sunday, September 26/76. The match, one of many such battles waged that month along the entire stretch of the Canada-US border, was considered a success by all. Rated higher than the Great Falls team, it would have been quite an upset had Calgary lost.

Earlier communication between John Schleinich, Calgary CC President, and Bob McKinnon, Great Falls CC President, determined that the CCC team would make the trip, and that the Great Falls CC would host the event. After first settling on a five member team, experiencing a couple last week pull outs, Calgary finally had her team. It consisted of Jack MacIntosh (board 1), Gerry Donaldson (bd 2), Andrew Zissos (bd 3), Stephen Faust (bd 4), and Terry Patten (bd 5). All met at 4:00 pm Saturday for what should have been a comfortable five to six hour drive. Some hours later, as the CCC team crossed the border at Carway, it was realized that the wrong fork had been taken just outside Fort McLeod, thus placing the team over 100 miles west of its intended Coutts' border crossing. Some compensation was gained by the breathtaking view of the mountains in the dark of the night (!), and Gerry (Captain and driver) welcomed the opportunity to test his bleary eyes and wretched nerves on the hairpin curves and seemingly never ending spirals as the CCC team climbed among Montana's foothills.

Arriving in Great Falls at 11:00 pm, all enjoyed the (incredibly) low food prices at a local diner. Proceeding to our host's home, Bob McKinnon treated all to refreshments and an introduction to his greyhounds (he raises them for racing) - beautiful animals.

Next morning, following a scrumptuous breakfast, the CCC team met the Great Falls' team: Roberto Barajas (board 1), Bob McKinnon (bd 2 and Captain), Jim Bartoe (bd 3), Otto Grosse (bd 4), and Lynn Crewse (bd 5). After agreeing on a rate of 40 moves/90 minutes for the first control, and 30/30 thereafter (the USCF actually rates games played at such breakneck speeds!), the games began. The results were the same for both rounds -- Calgary winning on boards 1, 3, and 4, but losing on 2 and 5. Most games were close, but even the fatigue of the long drive, and short sleep couldn't keep the CCC team down.

All participants in the Bicentennial Matches will receive commemorative medals.

Thanks to Gerry for this fine report!

Do you have anything of interest for the ACR? -- games, reports, stories, analyses, whatever -- send us the material!

ALBERTA OPEN 1976

The following chess news from Calgary was sent to us by a non-chess playing friend. No Calgary chess source let us know it happened. We can only print what we get, so please send us notification of any chess related event!

This story is based on an article by Victor Arcega in the Calgary Herald, and a subsequent "picture-& caption".

The Guinness Book of World Records lists 400 as the greatest number of opponents played simultaneously on a replacement basis. This record was set in 1940 in Buenos Aires by a Swedish Grandmaster, Gideon Stahlberg, who took 36 hours to accomplish the feat.

On November 27 Branimir Brebrich, a well known expert player from Calgary, set about trying to break the record by taking on all comers 20 at a time at the Calgary Convention Center. To succeed, Brebrich would need a lot of strength, but, also, he would need the 400 players!

However, according to the Herald, his hopes were dashed after 17 hours of non-stop chess when only 5 of the original 50 challengers remained. Nevertheless, he did manage to play 214 games, which the Herald says is a new Canadian and North American record. He had 188 wins, 18 draws, and only 8 losses.

Maybe not a world record, but a very fine effort! If enough people had shown up, he might very well have topped 400.

The Herald says Brebrich plans another try at the world record in February. Hopefully, he will get many more people to turn out, and, hopefully, the ACR will soon get details so that we can publish them!

OK, now the results of a couple of tournaments played earlier in the year:

Edmonton "Summer Override"(!)

This began as a double round-robin, but a number of withdrawals reduced the number of games actually played. Harvey King emerged as the winner. The crosstable is given below. A '-' indicates an unplayed game.

	1	2	3	4	5	6		
Harvey King	1634	X	1/0	1/0	1/0	1/1	1/-	5 1/2
Robert Lake	1684	0/1	X	0/1/2	1/0	1/1/2	-/-	4
Earl Culham	1618	0/1	1/1	X	1/-	0/-	-/-	3 1/2
Troy Glowski	1592	0/1	0/1	0/-	X	1/1	-/-	2 1/2
Alan Trace	1638	0/1/2	0/1/2	1/-	1/1	X	-/-	2 1/2
Shamsher Ali	1659	0/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	X	0

H. King -- R. Lake

- d4 d5, 2. c4 Nc6, 3. Bf4 Nf6, 4. e3 Bf5,
- Nc3 e6, 6. Nf3 Be7, 7. Rcl a6, 8. Bd3 Bd3,
- Qd3 0-0, 10. c5 Nd7, 11. 0-0 g5?!, 12. Bg3 f5?!, 13. h3 f4, 14. Bh2 Kh8, 15. e4 Ndb8,
- Rfel Rg8, 17. ed ed, 18. Qf5 Bf6, 19. Nd5 Be7, 20. Ne7 Ne7, 21. Qe5+ Kg7, 22. Ng5 Nbc6, 23. Nf7+ Kg8, 24. Qg7+ resigns (1-0)

Calgary 1976

(Taken from the CFC Bulletin as the ACR did not get any report!) Organized as an alternative for those who could not get away to Vancouver 1976. Phil Allan was the winner in the "A" Section on tiebreak over Wayne Coppin. Both scored 3 1/2-1 1/2. In the "B" section Ted Schultz won with 3 1/2-1.

(Report by Brian Starkes, the Director)

Two experts and ten A Class players were amongst the 58 participants in the 1976 Alberta Open, which was held at the Alberta College of Arts on the Thanksgiving Weekend (Oct 9-11). K. Kuczaj was the only top Calgary player present -- the others were noticeably absent. Perhaps some day we will see a true Calgary-Edmonton clash O.T.B. It was a pleasant surprise to see the return to action of Walter Litwinczuk, a six time past winner. Someone suggested that I should revise the pairings of the sixth round so that we could have (censored -- ed) and Pratt-Falls, but we did manage to get the Long and Short of it to do battle in the second round.

The event was won by Stephen Ball of Edmonton on tiebreak over Kris Kuczaj and Gordon Campbell, the current Alberta Closed Champion. All scored 5-1. Kuczaj was top A. Top B went to F. Buenaventura of Edmonton who got 4 1/2-1 1/2. Top C was won by Tamir Stochinsky, Edmonton, on tiebreak over Calgarians Joe Nemeth and Jaime Solis after all made 4-2. Top D and unrated went to S. Belzberg (3), and A. Zissos took Top Junior over H. King.

Crosstable:

	1	2	3	4	5	6		
1. S. Ball	2100	+15	+20	+13	+9	=3	=4	5
2. K. Kuczaj	1977	+11	-5	+45	+12	+16	+9	5
3. G. Campbell	2032	=35	+53	+24	+17	=1	+8	5
4. C. Evans	1993	+32	+28	=17	+14	=8	=1	4 1/2
5. F. Buenaventura	1718	+37	+2	-8	+34	=11	+16	4 1/2
6. W. Litwinczuk	1844	+51	+10	-16	=23	+19	+17	4 1/2
7. P. Allan	1827	=26	-34	+53	+35	+23	+10	4 1/2

4-2: 8. I. Loadman, 9. J. Kralovic, 10. T. Stochinsky, 11. J. Nemeth, 12. W. Coppin, 13. K. Graham, 14. E. Long, 15. J. Solis

3 1/2-2 1/2: 16. J. Parrott, 17. D. Pratt, 18. J. Cummins, 19. R. Short, 20. J. Kassay-Farkas, 21. A. Zissos, 22. L. Steele, 23. H. King, 24. G. Donaldson

3-3: 25. A. Hahn, 26. W. Kidder, 27. A. Fierlbeck, 28. D. Wyllie, 29. K. Wyllie, 30. J. Flemming, 31. S. Belzberg, 32. D. Johansen, 33. J. Shiu

2 1/2-3 1/2: 34. L. Kelly, 35. S. Faust, 36. B. Knudskov, 37. G. Loh, 38. E. Culham, 39. J. Giesinger, 40. T. Schultz, 41. J. Bergeron, 42. T. Patten, 43. D. Mason

2-4: 44. T. Bosgra, 45. P. Usselman, 46. H. Bjorge, 47. V. Taerum, 48. M. Ormon, 49. I. Issa, 50. L. Perpina, 51. B. Bentley, 52. M. Barkwell

1 1/2-4 1/2: 53. W. Denison, 54. L. Bell

1-5: 55. N. Falls, 56. H. Knudsen, 57. H. Stewart

0-6: 58. M. Andersen.

In the next column we will present some games from the Alberta Open, these being the ones for which game scores were submitted to the ACR.





# UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

1977

## Calgary Chess Club Closed

Open to all. Played in sections.

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER!

By Jan. 20. First round on the 24th. No entries will be accepted, except by phone to John Schleinich:

Home → 288-6721

Office → 268-7616

Note: The Calgary CC will not open until the 24th of January.

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## Edmonton CC Open

Open to all. Swiss tournament.

Register Jan. 10/77 at the Club, (or no later than 7:10 on Jan. 17/77).

First round Jan. 17/77.

One game per night.

8-10 rounds.

Alberta Chess Association and Chess Federation of Canada memberships are needed for all of these tournaments!

## 1977 U of A WINTER OPEN !!!!!

Edmonton

January 15 + 16

Room 511 General Services Building

116 St and 91 Ave (U of A Campus)

Register 8:30-9:30 Jan. 15

5 round Swiss

(last round over early enough for out of town players to drive home!)

Entry fees returned as prizes! T.D. → H. KING

**\*\* ADVANCE NOTICE \*\***  
1977 Northern Alberta Open  
Edmonton March 5 + 6  
Details in the next ACR  
Plan to be there!