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Feature Story:

CALGARY WILL BE BLITZED !

Contributed by Tony King

The rights to the 1989 WORLD BLITZ CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP were awarded to Calgary by the F.I.D.E. Executive Council meeting held at Abu Dhabi in April 1988. Florencio Campomanes, President of the F.I.D.E., announced that this will be the first "official" Blitz Championship.

The prize fund will be \$500,000 with the winner earning a breathtaking \$100,000! This will be the World's biggest purse! Thirty-two of the elite players in the World will qualify for the Championship rounds. The press kit suggests that the list of players will include Karpov, Tal, Korchnoi, Spassky, Seirawan, Dlugy, Short, Spraggett, and Ivanov. Only Karpov and Seirawan are confirmed as appearing, at this time, but can you imagine any major player who will turn-down the opportunity of earning \$100,00 within one week?

Art Milne asks:

WHAT TO PLAY WHEN WHITE'S A SISSY

Several Alberta players have adopted the following Sicilian system as White: 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3, 3.Nge2. Many players of Black discover, to their chagrin, that the spineless Ne2 has a way of throwing a spanner into their usual Sicilian defences, open or closed.

White's main trump with Ne2 is to reserve the option of transposing into the Open Sicilian, if Black, before White has touched his d-pawn, essays moves consistent only with the closed Sicilian, such

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The total budget for the program is expected to be \$2.5 million. The City of Calgary and the Province of Alberta will each contribute \$200,000 and the balance is expected to be procured from commercial sponsors and a two hour T.V. special which will be broadcast "live" around the World.

Apart from numerous cultural events starring "name" Hollywood types, there will be additional events, such as:

LIVING CHESS

A ceremonial game dating back to medieval times in which humans portray the pieces to perform a living chess game.

OPEN TOURNAMENTS

These tournaments are open to players of all ages and ranging in strength from novice to International Grandmaster. Prizes will be based on relative performance.

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EDITORIAL

Due to other commitments, Andrew Zissos
was unable to continue serving us as the
Editor of the ACR.

He had accomplished a great deal while
Editor and his contributions to the
promotion of chess in Alberta will be
missed. Fortunately for me, Andrew freely
made available all of his knowledge and
experience in producing the ACR through
these new-fangled computers and their
tempermental software - sheesh, what a
task that is! His assistance and pointers
were invaluable during the production of
this issue. We should all be grateful for
what he has done, voluntarily, for us.
If you perceive shortcomings in the
appearance of this issue then please
consider that your faithful Editor is
currently wrestling with computer soft-
ware that was, until very recently, quite
alien to him. Hopefully, the situation
will be mastered shortly!

Let us now turn to the events of the day.
You can see, from what has been reported
in this issue, that the chess theatre in
Alberta will be most exciting in 1989.
The chess news has been dominated, of
late, by the spectacular WORLD BLITZ CHESS
CHAMPIONSHIP which offers the World's
largest prize fund ever! The entire
program will be staged in one week! This
huge event will, therefore, readily
accomodate the busiest schedules.

Big BOOST For Alberta Chess!

The total budget is expected to be \$2.5
million and presenting such a colossal
extravaganza in Alberta is destined to
boost the popularity of chess in this
province by inconceivable proportions.
This sensational program could inaugurate

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Participation Rule for the
Alberta Closed

The entrants in the Alberta Closed will be assembled from:

- a) Current Alberta Closed Champion [Roy Yearwood];
- b) Alberta Open Champion [Jeff Reeve];
- c) Calgary and Edmonton Closed Champions;
- d) Winner of a Rural Qualifier;
- e) 3 players by rating

The players must show some activity in Alberta by meeting minimum standards, i.e. 2 participation points (gathered since the previous Alberta Closed). Most rated club and weekend events in Alberta are 1/2 point each, but the following are worth 1 point each: Alberta Over/Under 1800's, Alberta Open, Southern Alberta Open, Northern Alberta Open, Rural Qualifier, Calgary and Edmonton Closed's (note: the Rural Qualifier, Calgary Closed, and Edmonton Closed are restricted by residence in Alberta and not by residence within the respective region).

The Tournament Directors, of these events, are awarded participation points equal to those awarded to the players. However, no more than one participation point, received on account of directing tournaments, can be used in meeting these standards. It will be the responsibility of the player to demonstrate that at least 2 participation points have been achieved.

Notice to Organizers from the A.C.A.

(This notice was in the Nov/88 ACR -- as of Dec 12/88 NO ONE has sent in info! PLEASE, do so!) Send us information as soon as possible about your 1989 tournament plans, even if only preliminary details. The A.C.A. would like to prepare

a "tournament schedule" for 1989 (we will contact organizers should there be conflicts with regular A.C.A. weekend events or other weekend tournaments).

Clubs are requested to provide the ACR with a schedule of weeknight events, if they have one. Naturally, the ACR will be happy to serve you by promoting your events!

CLUB DIRECTORS: DO NOT READ THIS!

(In the last ACR, this article was entitled "How Many Members are There?", but that got us absolutely no response at all! So, we are asking again that CLUBS RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!)

Each year the A.C.A. submits a report to the Government. One of the things they want to know is: how many members does the A.C.A. have?

Should be easy to figure out ... right? Well, not quite. Yes, we know pretty well how many "A.C.A. members" we have (but there is some lag time in our receiving such data from Ottawa and from organizers/clubs).

How Many Members?

However, we can also include in our figures club members who are not A.C.A. members -- therefore, would EACH CLUB please send to the A.C.A. address their figures, as of December 31 or earlier, showing number of club members (A.C.A. members and non-A.C.A. members totals given separately) so that we may get a more accurate idea of the true "membership". (Note: for now, this calculation won't include school chess clubs.)

**Workshops/Seminars for Tournament
Directors and Chess Organizers**

These will be given by an experienced Director. Participants will receive a "CFC Handbook", which contains the rules of chess, Swiss System pairing rules, etc.

Expected duration is "an hour or two", depending somewhat on the desires of the participants.

If you want one in your area and expect to round up a few participants, please write us at the A.C.A. address.

"Blitzed" Story, continued from page 1

CELEBRITY SIMULTANEOUS

A leading International Grandmaster challenges several celebrities at one time on separate playing boards.

SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP

Elementary and secondary school students compete for the title of Alberta Champion in their respective categories.

BLINDFOLD CHESS

Heralded by the Paris newspapers in the 18th century as "the greatest feat of the human mind", a leading International Grandmaster plays several opponents at one time without sight of the playing boards.

The WORLD BLITZ CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP will be held in the Centre for the Performing Arts from July 29 to August 6, 1989.

It will be organized by The Global Chess Group Inc.

Editorial (Continued from page 2)

great steps in the development of chess in Alberta IF it is fully exploited by the Alberta organizers.

I am thinking here of the multitude of potential chessplayers in our schools who might be introduced to the game today and who can meet, in July, some of history's greatest players.

Such memorable experiences will not be known by these young minds, in the near future, if we fail to transfer to them, today, an appreciation of this fulfilling game. Failing to seize such an opportunity would be a great shame!

It's All Happening In July!

The CANADIAN OPEN will be held in the Edmonton Convention Centre. This promises to be an exceptional event! As many of us know, the Convention Centre is an excellent place for a chess tournament. The participants will undoubtedly include several of the World's greatest players who will be attracted to the World Blitz Chess Championship.

Many of these leading players will be traversing great distances to Calgary for the chess spectacular beginning July 29. They may wish to arrive early in order to acclimatize themselves. So, if they plan to arrive early, then why not take advantage of the fact that Canada's premier open tournament will be held, in close proximity, from July 15 to July 23? Sounds sensible, doesn't it?

We should all plan ahead as effectively as these clever international players and schedule our appearance at the CANADIAN OPEN. I wonder whether advance entries are accepted?

1988 Grande Cache Open

- Edmontonian Steeles Title -

The first-ever Grande Cache Open (Nov 26-27), the second event in the current B.C. and Alberta Peace River Grand Prix, was deemed a success by all, and will no doubt be repeated in the years to come.

Len Steele (Edmonton) and Forrest Nelson (Dawson Creek) drew in the last round to share first with 3.5 points in this 4-round Swiss.

Larry Stutzman, Cor Dewindt, Kristen Stutzman (Top Under 1500) and Jim Kanester scored 3-1. Michael Holm and Marc Salesse shared the Top Unrated prize.

The field of 20 was certainly a good-sized one (look at your Alberta map to refresh your memory as to where Grande Cache is), with players from "far and wide" (Grande Cache, 6; Dawson Creek, 4; Grande Prairie and Fort St. John, 3 each; Edmonton, Hinton, Thorhild, Wandering River, 1 each).

I recommend to all to consider playing in the next Grande Cache weekender -- I certainly had a good time. The highway up from the Yellowhead is excellent and the scenery is great. It is always nice to have a tournament in the hotel (the Villager Inn) in which you are staying,

"LOUNGE LIZARD" LEN

with a restaurant and food store in the same complex. "Cable" TV, spacious rooms with kitchenettes -- what more could a lounge lizard want?

I (Len Steele, who wrote this report and directed -- hey, I know "a T.D. should not play", but I only entered to even up the field and not have to give byes!) was amazed when I played K. then E. then L. Stutzman in rounds 1-3! To top it off, I

T.D. COMPETES IN HIS OWN TOURNIE!

had a flash back to my speed chess of the "good old days", having less than a minute to go for my last 15 moves in round 3, while my opponent had over twenty minutes, but winning the game on time after my move 39! (I checked the clock, and still had 8-10 seconds to go if I had had to make my 40th move). In situations like that, the player with "all the time in the world" sometimes is "dazed" by the speed chess on the other side of the board and forgets all about the clock!

A Tournament Directors' Workshop was given on Saturday evening by Len Steele and was attended by about 10 interested persons. In addition to the "lecture" and question-and-answer segments, attendees were able to see how the pairings for round 3 were made, and all received a free CFC Handbook (includes rules of chess and pairing rules).

Thanks to the Grande Cache Chess Club, and especially Ray Gellein, for organizing the tournament.

See page 6 for Cross-table.

TIME TROUBLES TARRASCH

In the Nuremburg Congress of 1906 there was no time-limit if the game took less than six hours! If extra time was needed, the players were required to move at the rate of 15 moves per hour. There was a penalty for using extra time. The player was penalized at the rate of one German mark for each minute of extra time used.

Under this rule, Tarrasch not only lost his game to Salwe by time-default but he had the dubious distinction of paying the equivalent of \$20.00 in fines.

FINAL RESULTS	--	1988	GRANDE	CACHE	OPEN		
Name	Rtng	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Pts	
1 L STEELE	1933	+ 5	+ 7	+ 3	= 2	3.5	
2 F NELSON	1882	+13	+ 9	+ 4	= 1	3.5	
3 L STUTZMAN	1737	+18	+10	- 1	+ 6	3.0	
4 C DEWINDT	1718	+19	+12	- 2	+10	3.0	
5 K STUTZMAN	1381	- 1	+17	+ 9	+13	3.0	
6 J KANESTER	1689	+17	+16	+11	- 3	3.0	
7 E STUTZMAN	1578	+15	- 1	+16	= 8	2.5	
8 B TYNAN	1438	-16	+14	+12	= 7	2.5	
9 P LEFKOWITZ	1645	+14	- 2	- 5	+17	2.0	
10 R GELLEIN	1394	+20	- 3	+18	- 4	2.0	
11 G MACTAVISH	1859	-12	+19	- 6	+18	2.0	
12 M HOLM	unr.	+11	- 4	- 8	=14	1.5	
13 E PLANTE	1322	- 2	=15	+19	- 5	1.5	
14 M SALESSE	unr.	- 9	- 8	+20	=12	1.5	
15 R JANSEN	1258	- 7	=13	-17	+16	1.5	
16 S NIZZAR	1222	+ 8	- 6	- 7	-15	1.0	
17 J KASSIONES	unr.	- 6	- 5	+15	- 9	1.0	
18 R COLEBANK	unr.	- 3	+20	-10	-11	1.0	
19 B RICHARD	unr.	- 4	-11	-13	+20	1.0	
20 A KASELKAT	952	-10	-18	-14	-19	.0	

EXTRACTS FROM SEIRAWAN INTERVIEW

by Tony King

"When I first began to play chess, I played blitz virtually exclusively. I didn't like studying books or things like that as much as I liked playing blitz chess. So, to me, my favourite form of chess is blitz chess."

"However, it's also a lot more strenuous in that in a regular tournament you have four or five hours for a single game and usually you have a lot of...say...leisure time like when your opponent is thinking about his move."

"You can get-up and walk away if you don't want to work at the board. So, your concentration may be limited to 60 or 70 per cent of the time that you are playing the game."

"When you are playing blitz chess your concentration levels must be much higher, in fact, perhaps as high as

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**Who Is The
GLOBAL CHESS GROUP
INC.?**

by Tony King

The Global Chess Group Inc. (GCGI) is a Canadian based chess marketing organization founded with the mandate of developing chess in North America.

Working in partnership with the F.I.D.E., the GCGI has developed a multi-year strategy which will establish chess as a prestigious broadcast/sponsorship property in North America. The GCGI is currently dedicated to the organization of an annual WORLD BLITZ CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP and is assisted by an elite panel of international businessmen who share the objective of developing chess on this continent.

The Chairman of the GCGI is Yasser Seirawan, North America's top ranked International Grandmaster. Mr. Seirawan, President of International Chess Enterprises Inc., is Publisher and Editor of INSIDE CHESS, a bi-weekly magazine, described as "The Harvard Law Review of the Chess World". He is hosting the up-coming FIDE quarter final match in Seattle, Washington, leading to the eventual crowning of the 1990 World Champion.

"Eight Soviets...to Calgary"

95 or 100 per cent because any wandering thought---boom!---in a couple of seconds the game could be over...Therefore, if you play four hours of blitz chess as opposed to a four hour tournament game, I feel more drained playing the blitz."

"My feeling is that Western Grandmasters are very competitive (with the Soviets) in blitz chess as opposed to tournament chess...So the Soviets would find it a lot more difficult to walk-off with the title."

"Eight Soviets, including Anatoly Karpov, the greatest tournament player of all time, will be coming to Calgary."

"I look at blitz chess as an excellent, excellent medium for bringing chess into peoples lives."

"The half million dollars is a very, very nice incentive to bring some of the World's best chess players to Calgary. And Calgary is going to be seeing the actual finest players in the World."

LIVE CHESS DISPLAY

"Live chess display: Elsie Wayne, the hostess of the previous event (in St. John, N.B.), will be, in a sense, ceremoniously passing along the flag. She will be playing your (Calgary's) Mayor in a square in the city with real people playing the role of pawns and pieces. Now, Elsie Wayne has asked me to be her counsellor during the match, Ralph Klein is looking at his own staff and saying, Okay,...are we going to beat Elsie, or not?"

SOUTHERN ALBERTA OPEN WON BY
GARDNER WITH PERFECT SCORE

Thirty-two brave souls came out on a cold Saturday morning to participate in the Southern Alberta Chess Tournament. This courage applies especially to the five players that came from Edmonton and the lone ranger from Red Deer.

It was a very good and hard fought tournament. Eleven experts and ten A Class players dominated the scene.

First prize and the Cup was taken by Rob Gardner from Edmonton, winning all four games. Greg Huber and Michael Yip tied for second and third.

The complete list of final placements appears on page 8.

Best improvement was achieved by Mike Barkwell, who rose from an original placement of 23 to the 10th place.

The Tournament was a success. A.C.A. thanks all the participants for a well played tournament.

T.D. and Report by John F. Schleinich
The performance ratings were provided by Ken "Stats" Salmon who, you should note, performed at 2082.

THIEL - DANILUK
Sicilian Defence

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3
e5 6.Nf5?! d5! 7.Ng3?! (ed5) Bb4 8.Bd2 d4
9.Nb1 h5 10.Bb4 Nb4 11.c3 Nc6 12.Bd3 h4
13.Ne2 (nf5? g6) 13...Qb6 14.Qd2 Rh6 15.f4
dc3 16.Nbc3 Ng4 17.Nd5! Qf2+ 18.Kd1 Kf8
19. Kc2?! Be6 20.h3 Bd5 21.ed5? (hg4) Ne3+
22.Kc1 Nf1! 23.Qd1 Qe3+ 24.Kc2 Nb4+ 25.Kc3
Nd3 26.Qd3 Rc8+ 0 - 1

Southern Alberta Chess Open. Directed by: J.Scleinich

#	Player	Rating	Perf.	1	2	3	4	Pts
1.	Gardner, Rob	2080	2345	+30	+15	+7	+5	4.0
2.	Huber, Greg	2165	2193	=14	+21	+12	+9	3.5
3.	Yip, Michael	2111	2273	+25	=11	+20	+8	3.5
4.	Tan, K.	2124	2133	+23	-7	+16	+14	3.0
5.	Fleming, Jim	2062	2042	+32	+22	+13	-1	3.0
6.	Kuczaj, Kris	2073	2077	=20	=14	+25	+18	3.0
7.	Daniluk, Jim	2009	1996	+28	+4	-1	=10	2.5
8.	Frialde, A.	2288	2128	+16	=12	+11	-3	2.5
9.	Farid, Omar	2072	2035	+10	=13	+23	-2	2.5
10.	Barkwell, Mike	1783	1958	-9	+31	+17	=10	2.5
11.	Odachowski, A.	2001	1984	+29	=3	-8	+21	2.5
12.	Nazarian, F.	2024	2067	+27	=8	-2	+20	2.5
13.	Usselman, Paul	1941	1885	+31	=9	-5	+24	2.5
2 Pts:	14.Salmon, Ken		15.Baser, John			16.Kidder, Wayne		
	17.Parrot, J.F.		18.Bently, Bill			19.Szucs, Bela		
1.5 Pts:	20.Lassig, Hans		21.Northover, F.			22.Ebanks, M.		
	23.Milne, Art		24.Dartana, C.					
1 Pt:	25.Paduch, A.		26.Matrosos, K.			27.Starkes, Brian		
	28.Thiel, Rob		29.Parsons, M.					
0.5 Pt:	30.Viellette, Y		(out of 2 games)			31.Jackson, D.		
0 Pt:	32.Swiecicki, Branislav							

GARDNER - VEILLETTE
S. Alberta Open
Sicilian Defence

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4
cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3
a6 6.f4 b5 7.a3 e5
8.Nf3 Qc7 9.Bd3 Bb7
10.O-O Be7 11.Qe1
Nbd7 12.Kh1 O-O
13.Nh4 Re8 14.Nf5 Bf8
15.fe5 Ne5 16.Bg5
Ned7? (Perhaps
16...Nfd7) 17.Nh6+
gh6 18.Bf6 d5 (Black
should not let White
keep his dark squared
bishop) 19.Bd4 de4
20.Ne4 Be4 21.Be4 Nc5
22.Ba8 Re1 23.Rae1
Ne6 24.Bc3 Bd6 25.g3
h5 26.Bd5 Ba3 27.Re6
1 - 0

HUBER - NAZARIAN
S. Alberta Open
King's Indian

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6
3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7
5.Be2 O-O 6.h3 e5
7.Be3 Nd7 8.de de
9.O-O a6 10.a3 Re8
11.Nd2 b6 12.Bc4 Bb7
13.Qe2 Nf8 14.Rad1
Qe7 15.Nd5 Nd5 16.ed5
Kh8 17.Ne4 Rad8
18.Rd2 Rd7 19.Rfd1
Red8 20.Bg5 f6 21.Be3
h6 22.d6 cd 23.Bb6
Be4 24.Bd8 Qd8 25.Qe4
f5 26. Qc6 e4 27.Rd6
Rd6 28.Qd6 Qg5 29.Qd5
1 - 0

COURAGEOUS VOYAGE TO REGINA

A few Albertans had been tempted by the prospect of venturing to a previously unexplored chess event - the Saskatchewan Open. The 1988 Open was held in Regina. Calgary was represented by Bob South, Roy Yearwood, Brian Toth and the author.

We rented a stationwagon so that passengers could sleep while travelling. This proved to be an excellent choice. The travelling expenses, since they were shared equally amongst the four of us, were easily affordable (\$80 each). No one in the group was familiar with the city so, when deciding on a hotel, we selected, from a map, a cheap one located near the tournament site.

After driving non-stop for 9 hours, we arrived around 2:00 A.M. on Saturday. We all managed to sleep, a little, during the

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FLEMING - GARDNER

Southern Alberta Open

Benko Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cb5 a6 5.ba6 Ba6
6.Nc3 d6 7.Nf3 g6 8.Nd2 Bg7 9.e4 Bf1 10.Nf1
0-0 11.Ne3 Qb6 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.Re1 Rfb8
14.Nc4 Qa6 15.Qe2 Rb4 16.Na3 Qe2 17.Re2
Ne8 18.Nc2 Rb7 19.Ne1 Ne5 20.Nd1 Nc7 21.a4
Rb4 22.Nc3 Nc4 23.Nd3 Bc3 24.bc3 Rba4
25.Ra4 Ra4 26.f3 Nb5 27.Rc2 Ra1 28.Kf2
Nca3 29.Ba3 Ra3 30.c4 Rd3 31.cb5 Rb3
32.Ra2 Rb5 33.Ra7 Kf8 34.Rc7 Rb8 35.e5
Rb2+ 36.Ke3 de5 37.Rc8+ Kg7 38.Rc5 Rg2
39.h4 f5 40.Rc7 Kf8 41.Rc8+ Kf7 42.Rh8 h5
43.Rh7+ Kf6 44. Rh8 f4+ 45. Kd3 Rf2 46.Ke4
(1:56) Re2+ (1:51) 0 - 1

MILNE - NAZARIAN

Southern Alberta Open

Irregular Opening

SUBMISSION BY: ARTHUR MILNE

(Ed.: This game was also submitted by the winner.)

Here's an interesting game from the current club tournament against Nazarian, rated 2024. It was a hard-fought contest which did not speak well of my middle or endgame technique. I dissipated a large opening advantage and failed to convert a promising endgame.

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7
5.Bg2 0-0 6.Nge2 e5 7.0-0 c6 8.h3
(8.a4 a5 9.h3 is often seen) 8...Nbd7
9.Be3 Re8?! (9...ed 10.Nd4 Re8) 10.d5!
(The rook is now misplaced on e8) 10...cd
(What else? If 10...c5 then 11.a4 followed
by Nb1-d2-c4 leads to a favourable Benoni)
11.Nd5 Nc5 12.Nf6+ (White loses the
thread pretty quickly. The idea is to
build pressure quickly against d6, but the
text merely brings Black's KB into the
game. It is connected with White's plan

initiated by 14.Nc1) 12...Bf6 13.Qd2
(Otherwise 13...Bg5!) 13...b6! (An
elastic move. White isn't well positioned
to exploit the weakening of the Q-side.
The b7 square is a defensive post for the
N) 14.Rfd1 (Vacating f1 for the B and
discouraging ...Ba6. Rad1 is less effec-
tive) 14...Nb7 15.Nc1?! (Wrong plan.
The idea is Nb3 and a4-a5 with pressure on
the Q-side. But after ...Be6 the a2 pawn
is stuck and the Q-side light squares are
weak as Black ably demonstrates. Better is
15.Nc3, but this tacitly admits that
12.Nf6+ was wrong) 15...Be6 (As noted,
a4 is now met by Bb3) 16.Nb3 (16.Nd3?! and
Black already has d5) 16...Rc8 17.c3
Qd7 18.Kh2 (Forced) 18...Be7 19.Qe1?!
(Intending Rd2, Rad1. Better is f4. White
is frittering d5 away) 19...Qb5 20.Bf1
(Forced) 20...Qa4 (With the idea Bb3)
21.Nc1! (21.Nd2 d5!) 21...Nc5
(21...Qe4 22.Bg2) 22.f3 Red8 23.Nd3
Nd3 24.Rd3 Qb5!? 25.Rd2 (25.b3 Qc6 ties
the Rd3 down to c3; if 26.c4, White's KB
is blocked-out) 25...Qc6 26.Ba6 Rc7
27.Qe2 (White hopes to make something of
the Black Q-side light squares) 27...Qd7
(Nazarian comments: Time pressure)
28.h4!? (28.Bb5 Qc8 29.h4) 28...Qc6
29.Bb5 Qa8 30.Ba4 Bc4 31.Qd1 d5!
(Unbelievable that Black should ever get
this in. White has not handled the middle-
game well) 32.Bc2 (Necessary so that the
White light squares in the centre don't
disintegrate) 32...Rcd7 33.b3 Ba6
34.ed (White has no constructive moves
except this, in the face of Black's
intended ...Bb7) 34...Rd5 35.Be4
(Forced) Rd2+ 36.Bd2 Bb7 37.Bb7 Qb7
38.Qe2 (Forced) Qd5 39.Be1 f5 40.Rc1
Bf6 41.Rc2 Qd6?! (...Qd1) 42.Rd2 Qc7
43.Rd8+ Qd8 44.Qd2 Qc7? (44...Qd2=;
44...Qc7!) 45.Qd5+ (1:59) Kf8?! (1:59.
45...Kg7 was better) 46.c4 (Sealed)
46...Qe7! (Best. 46...Qf7? is met by
47.Bb4+ Kg7 48.Qa8! h6 49.Kg2 g5 50.hg hg

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Dave Ross Recruited By Spraggett

trip and were therefore not weary on the first day.

At the tournament site, we were surprised to see the 1987 Over 1800 Alberta Champion, David Ross! Apparently, he was travelling from Vancouver, destined for Montreal, when he decided to stop there to compete in the tournament.

Dave has been recruited by Kevin Spraggett to assist in the preparation for the Candidate Match against Yusupov. This appointment will not only be a great learning experience but it will also put some food on Dave's table. Some sacrifices are required when one chooses to be a chess professional in Canada.

Dave arrived in Regina, by bus, at 4:00 A.M. He felt that it was too early to phone for billeting so he walked to the tournament site and slept on the steps. Needless to say, Dave was the first player to arrive at the site.

After registration, Dave had prodded the

Laughter Filled The Hall

Tournament Director (T.D.) to make an announcement. The T.D. called everyone's attention to the fact that one of the top 20 highest rated players in Canada, Dave Ross, was competing in the 1988 Saskatchewan Open and that the participants should be honoured by this. The T.D. then said that Dave was in need of some billeting and requested the local players to open their doors to this distinguished visitor. One of the locals shouted to another: "You could put him up in your basement - just charge \$200 for the week-end!" Laughter filled the hall.

During the day, Dave had asked each of his opponents and others for a place to sleep but was turned down each time. After the second round, Dave competed in the speed tournament and tried, again, to find shelter for the week-end and again found none.

He spent what little money he had on a room at the Y.M.C.A. He only received a nominal prize for his second place finish in the speed tournament.

After supper, the Calgary contingent returned to the Plains Hotel where we intended to enjoy several "nightcaps". Bob South, however, showed his excessive age by going directly to his room, claiming fatigue. Is this lack of vigour what we all have to look forward to in our advancing years?

A couple of the local chessplayers were, coincidentally, in the tavern and had graciously purchased a round of drinks for the three remaining energetic Calgarians.

Roy, as Alberta Champion, assumed his duties as the Province's diplomat and sat at the table of our recent benefactors. Brian and I preferred to watch T.V. and savour a quiet discussion of our own.

Later, after slowly panning the room, I asked Brian whether he had noticed the clientele currently patronizing the establishment. I found it necessary to repeat, more simply: "Look around you,

Ruffian Notices Jacket

Brian!" I took my last, large swallow and left.

Shortly thereafter, 3 natives and a caucasian had noticed that Roy was wearing an attractive leather jacket. One of the

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Natives had expressed his concern that this jacket resembled one of his own. The native ruffian had said that his jacket was stolen and suggested that Roy was wearing his stolen jacket.

This tough was now insisting that Roy remove the stolen jacket and return it at once. The hoodlum was suggesting that, if Roy wishes to be unco-operative, then he would be happy to lend his assistance.

I have taken the liberty of translating the colourful and terse language that had been used by the drunkard and ask the

Roy Makes A Break For The Door

reader to allow this licence since, otherwise, the story could not be published.

The hood was soon supported and joined by the other welfare recipients. Roy was supported by only Brian. The local chessplayers, with whom Roy was conversing a moment before, acted as though they had no part of the dispute. No other patrons or employees found any need to step forward either. Roy, having keenly observed that this is not a desirable situation, made a sudden break for the door.

He was before the hotel doorway when one of the scoundrels had obstructed his path. The other low-lives were close behind. More insistent words were exchanged. The caucasian sparked aggression in his gang

Roy Made Evasive Action

by smashing a beer bottle against the wall. Brian cried: "Run and I'll call the cops!"

Roy made evasive action while running. He ran, in a zig-zag pattern, back and forth across the street. He was waving for car

drivers to stop and help. No one stopped! One of these car drivers was a police officer. Roy found refuge in a convenience store and his pursuers abandoned the chase.

Brian did phone the police and, although they were on the scene quickly, could not find the culprits and left. The hotel

The Caller Laughed About It

manager seemed bemused about the event and disappointed that there was no blood spilt.

The local chessplayers had attempted to call Roy but reached my room instead. Having been woken by their call, I was not aware of the incident. The caller was laughing about it and, in my drowsiness, I found little to laugh about. I gave the caller the correct room number for Roy yet, Roy tells me, they did not phone.

Within one day, we felt that we had observed the true nature of the Regina citizens. They mocked Dave in his need for shelter and refused to help Roy in his defence against hoodlums. Brian wanted to return home in the morning. We decided, however, to relocate to a better hotel and make the best of the week-end.

Brian played badly in the remaining rounds while the rest of us did alright.

I cannot foresee myself returning to Regina - ever!

CONGRADULATIONS!!!

The draw for a free entry into the 1989 CANADIAN OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP was won by:

LEV BECKER

51.Qc8 Kg6 52.g4 fg 53.Qg4 and Black's pawns are a serious liability; or 48...f4 49.g4 Bh4 50.Bd6 Bf6 51.Bb8 followed by Qa7 and White's Q-side pawns become a threat; or 48...Be7 49.Bc3 Bf6 50.Qc6 and after 50...Qe7 51.Kh3 f4 52.gf ef 53.Bf6+ Qf6 54.Qf6+ Kf6 White is a tempo up on the game continuation; or 54.Qd7+! Kh6 55.Qa7 with a draw in both cases) 47.Bc3 (Throwing away the advantage. Better is 47.Qb5!, with the idea Bb4, then 47...Kg7 48.Bb4 Qd8 49.Qc6, with the idea Qb7+, 49...a5 50.Ba3! f4 51.g4 Bh4 52.Bd6 Bf6 53.Qc7+ Kg8 54.Be5 and White trades Queens to enter a B-ending a pawn up; or 49...f4 50.g4 Bh4 51.Qb7+ Kg8 52.Qa7 Bg3+ 53.Kg2 h5 54.gh gh 55.Qb7 Qd1 56.Qc8+ Kh7 57.Qf5+ Kg8 58.Qg5+ Kh7 59.Qh5+ Kg8 60.Qg5+ Kh7 61.Qf5+ Kg8 62.Qe4 and White can consolidate his position with a pawn to the good) 47...Kg7 48.Qc6 (Aiming to stop 48...e4) 49...f4 50.gf ef 51.Bf6+ Qf6= 52.Qf6+?? (52.Qd7+ Kh6 53.Kh3 Qe5 54.Qf7 Qe3 55.Qf8+ Kh5 56.Qa8 Qf2 is equal. After the text, White has a lost K+P endgame) 52...Kf6 - + 53.h5! (If 53.Kh3 h5! the White King is shut-out and Black mops up) 53...gh! (53...g5? 54.h6! and Black's King-side Pawns are paralysed because h6 is outside the square of the White c-pawn) 54.Kh3 Ke5 55.Kh4 Kd4 56.Kh5 (56.Kg5 is of no avail. Black can then decoy the White King at any time by h5-h4 etc. White is lost by exactly one tempo) 56...Ke3! (56...Kc3? 57.Kg4 Kb2 58.b4 + -) 57.Kg4 h5+! 58.Kh5 Kf3 59.b4 Ke4 60.c5 f3 61.c6 f2 62.c7 f1(Q) 63.c8(Q) Qf5+ 0 - 1

A REAL JEWEL

At the 1922 tournament in Teplitz-Schoenau, Aikiba Rubinstein won only six games. FOUR of which won brilliancy prizes! He finished in fifth place.

THE FALL OPEN TOURNAMENT

At The Calgary Chess Club

by Bill Bentley

The FALL OPEN, Sept. 13 to Oct. 26, was the first tournament of the new 1988-1989 season for the Calgary Chess Club. The seven round Swiss event was kicked-off with a good, strong 35 player turn-out which saw many old faces return as well as several new ones.

In particular, I would like to welcome back, and wish well, a long time member, Wolfgang Mueller, who has been recovering from a lengthy illness. Also welcomed back to the club was the return of the long missing 'B' and 'C' players.

Wolfgang is back!

Of the newcomers, the most successful was Farzan Nazarian who attracted considerable attention by winning the first 5 rounds straight before losing to the second place finisher, Arthur Odachowski, in the sixth. He then narrowly recovered to win the last round, and the tournament, over second ranked Roy Yearwood while under positional pressure and serious time difficulties.

As so often seems to happen in these club tournaments the top ranked players again had difficulty taking the top spots. One of the reasons was John Parrot who who turned a fine performance to capture third place overall from his ninth ranked starting position.

If youth, as in any organization, is the future club's lifeblood, then the Calgary Club should do well and your participation is appreciated. Deserving particular recognition are Lev Becker and Andrew Paduch who each performed very well in spite of their relative inexperience.

A club tournament director means, amongst

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other things, that you are required to be there until the bitter end each evening. Although this does not sound very attractive, it was a bonus since it allowed me to watch some of the most interesting chess of the tournament.

Late Evening Treats

During the waning hours of each round, there seemed to be an unusually high proportion of interesting and instructive endings played in this tournament.

Omar Farid and Kris Kuczaj are just a couple of names that spring to mind as labouring through more than one of these late evening treats.

Not everyone can win prizes and therefore I would like to congratulate all those who participated in the tournament and I hope that a good time was had by all.

The complete list of prize winners include:

1st	Farzan Nazarian	6.0	points
2nd	Arthur Odachowski	5.5	
3rd	John Parrot	5.5	
1st A	Jim Daniluk	5.0	
2nd A	Jim O'Neil	4.5	
1st B	Lev Becker	4.0	
2nd B	Michael Glasser	4.0	
1st C	Tim McMurphy	3.5	
2nd C	Steve Shlenka	3.0	
1st D	Jamse Chiba	2.5	
2nd D	Ron Forhmzway	2.5	

TD and report: Bill Bentley

P.S. The tournament winner kindly agreed to submit a few of his games from the event.

FARID - NAZARIAN
C.C.C. Fall Open
Modern Defence

1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.c4
0-0 6.Nc3 c6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Qc2 Qc7 9.Rd1 a6
10.a4 Rb8 11.e4 e5 12.c5?! dc 13.de Ng4
14.e6 fe 15.h3 Nde5! 16.Qe2 Nf3+ 17.Bf3
Bd4!! 18.Rd4 cd 19.hg dc 20.bc e5 21.Be3
Qf7 22.Bg2 Be6 23.Bb6 Bc4 24.Qe3 Qe6
25.Qc5 Be2 26.g5 Rf7 27.Qe3 Bc4 28.Kh2 Qe8
29.Qc5 Be2 30.Bh3 Bf3 (Time pressure)
31.Qe3 Kg7 32.Ra2 Qe7 33.a5 Rh8 34.Rd2 Qa3
35.Be6 h6! 36.Bh3 Qa1 37.Qf3 Rf3 Rd7+ Rf7
0 - 1

NAZARIAN - PARROTT
C.C.C. Fall Open
French Defence

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5
Nd7 6.Be7 Qe7 7.Qd2 a6 8.f4 c5 9.Nf3 Nc6
10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 f6 12.ef Qf6 13.dc Qf4
14.Qf4 Rf4 15.g3 Rb4 16.b3 Nd4 17.Nd4 Rd4
18.Na4 Rd2 19.Bg4 Nf8 20.Nb6 Rb8 21.Rac1
g6 22.Rf6 h5 23.Rcf1 Nh7 24.Rg6+ Kh8
25.Nc8 hg 26.Nd6 Nf8 27.Rg4 Rc2 28.Rf6 Kh7
29.Nf7 0 - 1

THE FALL OPEN TOURNAMENT
At The Edmonton Chess Club

by Rejean Plante

Fourth-seeded FERENC BORLOI (4 1/2 points) overcame a 1/2-point deficit (a draw with ROD THIEL in round 1) in the last round by defeating BRUNO KNUDSKOV (4 points) and taking first prize (\$100) in the open section.

Also finishing tied for second with 4 points was JOE TUMPEK, whose only loss came at the hands of FORD WONG in the third round.

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BARRY BELL put in a good effort, leading the Under 1700 category with 3 1/2 points, while veteran GEORGE KOHLER was second with 3 points.

Top Under 1599 was GREG HUNTER (3 points), and junior GEOFF NEWTON (2 1/2 points) captured the Under-1500/Unrated section.

Twenty-four players competed in this 5-round, weekly Swiss event held from Nov 1 through Nov 29.

T.D. and Report: Rejean Plante

by Len Steele

Readers' questions about running tournaments (advertising, pairing, rules of chess, reports, etc.) are invited and will be answered by Len Steele.

'Arranged Results': Agreeing to a draw (or even a win/loss) without actually playing a game is NOT ALLOWED (even with the Director's 'permission') and should not be accepted by the T.D.!!!
Players must appear within one hour of the

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FINAL RESULTS -- EDMONTON CC FALL OPEN; NOV 1-29

NAME	RTNG	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5	PTS
1 F BORLOI	1794	=10	+21	+11	+ 6	+ 3	4.5
2 J TUMPEK	1934	+14	+ 5	- 4	+ 7	+ 9	4.0
3 B KNUDSKOV	1740	+ 8	+19	+ 9	+ 4	- 1	4.0
4 F WONG	1924	+12	+ 7	+ 2	- 3	= 5	3.5
5 C TOBIAS	1719	+20	- 2	+15	+13	= 4	3.5
6 B BELL	1645	+24	= 9	+10	- 1	+11	3.5
7 G KOHLER	1674	+18	- 4	+21	- 2	+15	3.0
8 G HUNTER	1511	- 3	=20	+22	=17	+19	3.0
9 A SKEEL	1881	+15	= 6	- 3	+12	- 2	2.5
10 R THIEL	1523	= 1	+23	- 6	-11	+20	2.5
11 G NEWTON	1430	=23	+22	- 1	+10	- 6	2.5
12 S PANTELUK	1635	- 4	+24	+16	- 9	=13	2.5
13 M GONZALES	1732	-21	+14	+19	- 5	=12	2.5
14 C BERTRAND	1577	- 2	-13	+24	=19	+22	2.5
15 W FRANIEL	1600	- 9	+18	- 5	+21	- 7	2.0
16 J ALLAN	1465	=22	=17	-12	BYE	=21	2.0
17 J QUIRING	1772	-19	=16	+20	= 8	--	2.0
18 D MIDDLETON	UNR.	- 7	-15	BYE	-22	+24	2.0
19 T KARPA	1606	+17	- 3	-13	=14	- 8	1.5
20 A KUTI	1699	- 5	= 8	-17	+24	-10	1.5
21 K LAUTERWALD	1548	+13	- 1	- 7	-15	=16	1.5
22 C DEWINDT	1716	=16	-11	- 8	+18	-14	1.5
23 D COWARD	1724	=11	-10	--	--	--	0.5
24 B MAYO	1133	- 6	-12	-14	-20	-18	0.0

JUNIOR CHESS SECTION

Calgary Junior Chess Club

Information on CJCC events is available from Ian Drummond (288-4034). Meets in the basement of the Wm. Castell Central Library, 616 Macleod Trail SE (free parking at the Public School Board, kitty-corner from the Library). Registration at 9:30 a.m. on the days listed below. Play begins at 10:00 a.m. and continues until about 3:00 p.m., depending on the number of players. Since there is no break to buy lunch, please bring a bag lunch. Prizes awarded include trophies, medals, books, and t-shirts. Membership open to anyone aged 17 or less.

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scheduled starting time (or the game is forfeited, and is a double-forfeit if neither appears), and the T.D. must be satisfied that an "effort" was made to play the game (i.e. making a move or two, then agreeing to a draw, should not be accepted -- my general "rule" is I won't question a draw of a dozen moves or so.)

"Psychological and/or Physical Abuses" are not acceptable, of course. A player is not allowed to make excessive noise (e.g. crunching sunflower seeds!) and cannot "shake" or "physically assault" another.

A Director should on his own initiative request that players cease annoying behavior (if it is obviously disturbing to the opponent and others), and should rule on complaints in other cases when asked to do so (common sense applies).

Penalties for such behaviour

The penalty for unacceptable behavior is at the Director's discretion (ranging from a warning, up to being expelled from the tournament), and offenders may have their ACA membership "taken away" for a period of time if the offense is sufficiently severe.

You owe it to the participants in your tournament to send a report for publication in the ACR and in En Passant!

Don't forget to send the ACA a copy of details of memberships submitted to the CFC.

For individual tournaments (not the Team Championships), membership in the Alberta Chess Association (ACA) is required and membership in the Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) is preferred (required for CFC-rated tournaments). These can be purchased at the time of registration (ACA is \$1/year; ACA plus participating-CFC \$6/yr; ACA plus junior-CFC \$13/year -- in the latter case, the member will receive the national magazine, En Passant; ACA members receive the Alberta Chess Report). Tourney fees (age level in brackets) are: \$2.00 (elementary); \$2.50 (junior high); \$3.00 (senior high).

Here is the early 1989 CJCC schedule:
Jan. 21: New Year Tourney.
Feb. 25: Last Chance Tourney.
Mar. 11: Elementary School Team (of 4) Championship.
Apr. 22: Jr. High School Team (of 4) Championship.
May 13: Sr. High School Team (of 4) Championship.
[Players will be grouped by strength]

Edmonton Junior Chess Club

Nancy Emack (452-4589) is looking after the EJCC, so do contact her for information about the meetings at the main branch of the Library on Churchill Square. The emphasis of the Club is on casual games and instruction, but there will likely be ongoing ladder tournaments and occasional rated events. The Club is open to all players under 18. There is no membership fee, but participants must join the Alberta Chess Association (\$1/year) and, if playing in a rated event, the Chess

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Federation of Canada (\$5/year without En Passant magazine, \$12/year with it).

A Little Time, but a Lot of Help!

Yes, if enough people volunteered just a little of their time to help with junior chess, it would make it a lot easier on the few who seem to get much of the work.

Won't you consider offering some of your chess knowledge to the juniors or help run a tournament or club?

If you can help, even in a small way, please let your local junior organizers and/or the ACA know what you would like to do.

Thanks in advance to all those conscientious people who are willing to help us strengthen junior chess in Alberta!

Our future will be shaped by our juniors. Without your help, how will they be guided in their task?

Spineless Sicilian Story, from page 1

as: g6, Bg7 and Nge7, or, conversely, transposing into the closed Sicilian if Black tries open Sicilian moves, such as: a6, Qc7 and Nf6.

So what then is Black supposed to do? Black players committed to ...g6 or ...d6 Sicilians will have to chart their own course. Black players who play ...e6 or ...Nc6 may find the observation below of some use in confronting this system for the first time.

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nge2 Nc6
This runs White out of non-committal

Two approaches for White

moves. After g3, the open Sicilian tends to become a lot less attractive for White. But how else does he justify the Ne2?

4.g3 d5!

Now there are two approaches for White: (a) 5.ed and (b) 5.d3. (5.Bg2 d4 6.Nb1 d3 holds no attraction for White)

(a) 5.ed ed 6.d4

This would be a variation of the French Defence, too, if after 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 c5?! Black could be certain that White would play g3, Nfe2 and Bg2. This addity, itself, is a tip-off that something is haywire with White's approach. Oddly enough, these same exponents of Nge2 in the Sicilian all tend to play the Tarrasch against the French yet play for Nc3 here, in what amounts to a French Defence.

6...Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.O-O O-O 9.Bg5
If 9.Be3 then 9...cd 10.Nd4 Ne5 with the idea of Nc4-b2

9...cd 10.Nd4 Bg4 11.Qd2 Qb6! =

If Black losses from this position, it will not be because of the opening.

(b) 5.d3 d4 6.Nb1 e5 7.Bg2 f6

Also possible is 7...Be7 followed by 8...Nf6 sidestepping the pin Bg5 by moving the knight away to e8 or d7. By f6, Black transposes into the White side of the Saemisch King's Indian two tempi behind where White would be if Black, in a King's Indian Defence (KID), had adopted the same set-up. On the other hand, the equivalent KID set-up is bad for Black and is seldom played.

8.O-O Be6

If 8...h5?! then 9.f4 Be6 10.Nd2 Nh6? (h4 is forced) 11.Nf3-Nh4-Ng6 with advantage to White as in Huber-Milne, CCC Fall Open

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which was 1-0 after 62 moves.
 9.f4 Nge7 10.Nd2 Nc8 11.Nf3 Qd7
 Not 11...Nd6? because 12.fe fe 13.Ng5 Bg4
 14.h3! Be2 (14...Bh5? 15.Ne6 Qb6 16.Rf8+
 Rf8 17.Ng7+) Black is losing.
 12.fe
 If 12.c3 then 12...Nd6 and ...Be7, etc.
 whereas if 12.f5 then Bf7 with the idea c5-
 c4 etc.
 12...fe Ng5 Bg4 14.Nf7
 If 14.h3 then 14...Bh5 15.g4?! Bg6 16.Ng3
 h6 17.Nf3 Bf7 with the idea of g6 and Be6

Better things to do

14...Rg8 15.Ng5 (Forced) 15...h6
 16.Nf3 (with the idea Nh4) 16...Be7
 17.c3 Nd6 18.a3 a5 19.cd cd (With the
 idea a4) 20.a4 Nf7

Black has more space, has activity on both sides of the board and has both light and dark squares well covered. White is static and cramped, and will experience difficulty defending his Q-side light squares.

Surely White must have better things to do than play the Black side of the KID!

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

February 18-19 Edmonton
 ★ Northern Alberta Open ★
 University of Alberta, Students Union
 Bldg (NW of corner of 89 Ave & 114 St),
 main floor, l'express lounge (room 142)
 5-round Swiss System (3 Sat., 2 Sun.)
 Entry Fee: \$20 (\$15 for juniors, first-
 time tournament players, and U of A
 students) CFC and ACA memberships re-
 quired Register: 9:00-9:40 a.m.
 Saturday First round: 10:00 a.m.
 Time control: 40/1:50

February 18-19 Ft. St. John (B.C.)
 ★ Mukluk Days ★
 4-round Swiss
 B.C./Alberta Peace River Grand Prix event
 For info phone Larry Stutzman at (604)-
 785-7830

March 25-26 Grande Prairie
 ▶ Swan City Open ◀
 4-round Swiss
 B.C./Alberta Peace River Grand Prix event
 For info phone Phil Lefkowitz at (403)-

AND WHEN IS IT HAPPENING?

538-1903
 More details promised for a future ACR.

April 29-30 Edmonton
 ★ University of Alberta Open ★
 Details similar to N. Alta Open,
 but wait for more info in the ACR

1988-89 B.C. and Alberta Peace River
 Grand Prix

The prize base in this 5th annual version of the Grand Prix is \$1 per player per event, with 30% going to 1st overall, 20% to 2nd, 30% to 1st under 1600 and 20% to 2nd under 1600 (ratings from the 1988 Annual list). Must play in at least 4 of the 5 events, with the best 4 results counting. The remaining 4-round Swisses are:

Ft. St. John (B.C.) Mukluk Days
 -- Feb 18/19; Larry Stutzman
 (604-785-7830).

Grande Prairie Swan City

-- Mar 25/26; Phil Lefkowitz (403-538-1903).

Additional event held in conjunction with the above:

Peace River Speed Chess Championship at Ft. St. John on the evening of Feb. 18th.

★ 1989 CANADIAN OPEN ★

● JULY 15th to 23rd ●

■ EDMONTON CONVENTION CENTRE ■

The prize fund for Canada's national open chess championship is a whopping \$10,000 MINIMUM GUARANTEED with substantial prizes in all rating categories. If the Canadian Open is to be a success, we need as many entries from Alberta as possible, so please put this tournament on your chess calendar now. Future press releases will list strong players, hopefully some GM's, who are planning to attend. Incentives for early entry can be taken advantage of to save over the on-site fee. Further information is given in the "display ad" in this ACR.

If you are able to volunteer some time, even just "a little", to assist with preparations for the Canadian Open, please do contact us. We will also need help during the tournament itself. See the display ad (on the back cover) for contact information.

Lastly, we would ask that all organizers do their best to encourage players to enter the 1989 Canadian Open (an incentive program for clubs is being developed; we will be contacting clubs when the details are finalized).

ALBERTA CHESS CLUBS

(see Junior Section for Junior Clubs)

Black Knight CC (Calgary)

The Club is going through a reorganization, with Ted Wilson leading the "revitalization". For information on meeting night and site, contact Ted (phone 240-4740, or write 85 Governor Dr SW, Calgary T3E 4Y8). Come on out and support the BKCC!

Calgary CC

Info: Bill Rusk (phone 286-6137, or write #9, 3302-50 St NW, Calgary T3A 2C6).
Meets: New Rosedale Hall, 800-11 Ave NW. Wednesday, 7:00-11:00. Here is the 1989 schedule:
Jan 11-Feb 22: Calgary Closed (7 rds, RR) T.D. Greg Huber (286-1873)
Mar 8-Apr 19: Calgary Open (7 rds) T.D. Brian Starkes (243-2026)
May 3-Jun 7: Spring Open (6 rds) T.D. Darse Billings (284-3799)
Jun 21: End of the season. Skittles, etc.
Jan 4, Mar 1, Apr 26 & Jun 14:
Grand Prix Speed. T.D. Darse Billings (284-3799)

Edmonton CC

Info: Mike Sekuloff, President (phone 486-4036 or write 7913-160 St, Edmonton T5R 2G8; note that the Club phone number is 447-2564, with an answering machine activated during off hours). Meets: Oliver Community Centre, Tuesdays (main tournament night) and Thursdays 7:00 to approx. 11:00.

Fort McMurray CC

Info: Ron Coulson, President (write 120 Beardsley Cr, Fort McMurray T9H 2S2). Meets: Monday nights, 6:30-9:30, Syncrude Towers Rec Centre. (note: if this information is not correct, please con-

tact Branko Georgijevic in Boyle -- see Northern Communities CC listing).

Grande Cache CC

Info: Henry Johns (827-2586); Ray Gellein (827-4589); Surj Nizzar (827-5549).
Meets: 11001 Swann Drive, Friday, 8:00 p.m.

Grande Prairie CC

Info: Phil Lefkowitz (phone 538-1903, or write 9305-74 Ave, Grande Prairie T8V 6G2). Meets: St. Patrick's Community School Library, Thursday, 7:00-10:00.

Hinton CC

Info: Bob McIntyre (phone 865-2778, or write 270 Eaton Dr, Hinton T0E 1B0).
Meets: Hinton Municipal Library, with "group play" on Wednesdays, 5:00-8:00, and "casual play" during regular library hours.

Northern Communities CC (Boyle)

Info: Branko Georgijevic (phone 689-2476, or write Box 558, Boyle T0A 0M0).
Meets: at Branko's home (call for directions).

Red Deer Chess Club

Meets: Mitchner Centre street overpass, on Mondays, 7:00-11:00. CONTACT: Wayne Kidder 347-4292 The Championship will begin Feb. 6 with entries to be made in the week before.

BEST CONTRIBUTION TO THE ACR

Tony King has been awarded an INFORMANT for the best contribution made to this issue of the ALBERTA CHESS REPORT. His contributions included: Calagry Will Be Blitzed; Extracts From Seirawan Interview; and Who Is The Global Chess Group Inc.? Congadulations Tony!

University of Alberta CC

Info: Salah Chehayeb (462-2050) or John Mackey (439-8884). Meets Saturdays from 9:00-5:00 P.M. in the Students Union Building (SUB) on the main floor (l'express lounge; room 142).

University of Calgary CC

Info: President and Special Events Coordinator: Simba Karkhanis (phone 239-6310, or write 19 Scenic Rise NW, Calgary T3L 1A6); Vice-President: Rob Woods (239-7145); Treasurer: Larry Manahan (255-6035). Meets: MacEwan Hall, room 209L, Monday and Wednesday, 12-5 p.m. (approx.) from September to March. Fees: UCCC membership required for Calgary players (\$3 students and \$4 others).

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