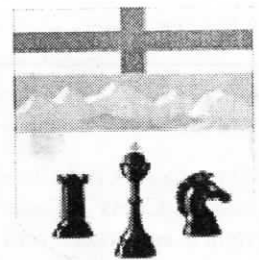
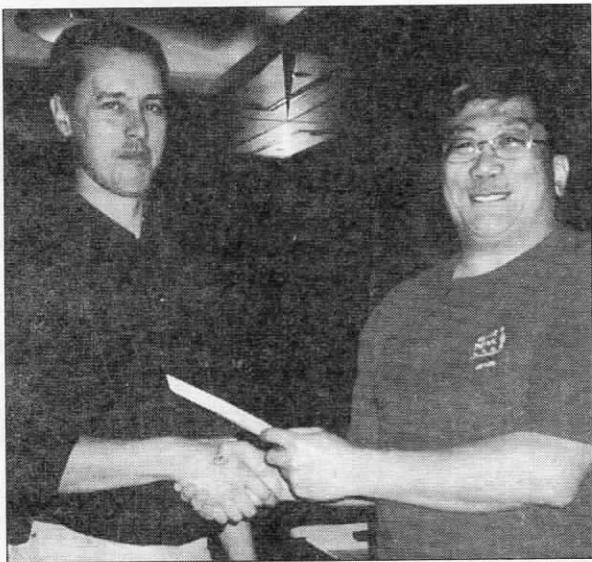


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Alberta Chess Association President Ford Wong presented Nenad Ristic his prize money at the conclusion of last fall's Alberta Open held in Edmonton. (Details on Page 4.)

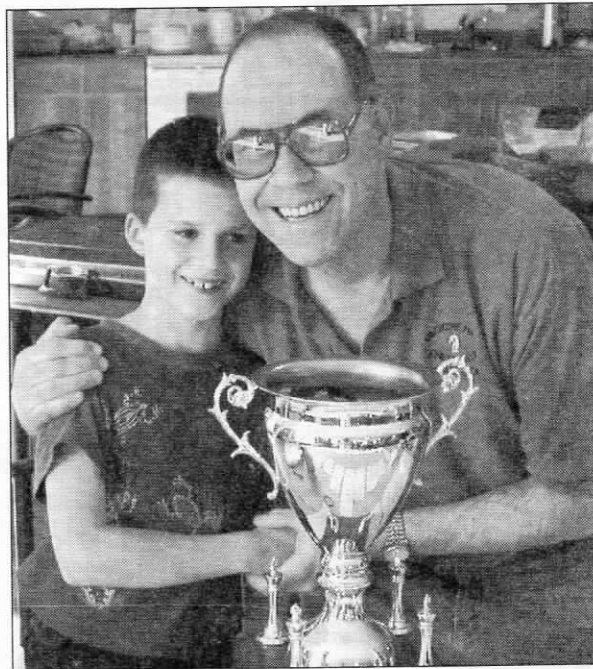
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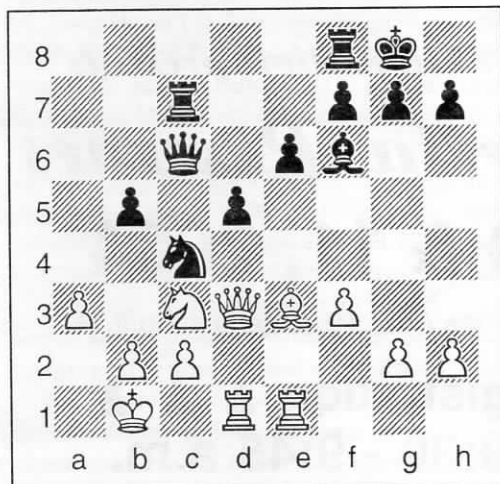
Guess who and guess the outcome.

Answers on Page 10.

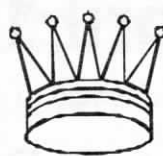
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| 1.e4 c5 | 2.Nf3 d6 |
| 3.d4 cxd4 | 4.Qxd4 Nc6 |
| 5.Bb5 Bd7 | 6.Bxc6 Bxc6 |
| 7.Nc3 e6 | 8.Bg5 Nf6 |
| 9.0-0-0 Be7 | 10.Rhe1 0-0 |
| 11.Qd2 a6 | 12.Nd4 Rc8 |
| 13.Kb1 b5 | 14.a3 Qb6 |
| 15.f3 a5 | 16.Be3 Qb7 |
| 17.Na2 d5 | 18.e5 Nd7 |
| 19.Qxa5 Nxe5 | |
| 20.Nxc6 Qxc6 | |
| 21.Nc3 Nc4 | 22.Qa7 Rc7 |
| 23.Qd4 Bf6 | 24.Qd3 |



Young Thomas Kaminski of Calgary gets a congratulatory hug from Dr. Bill Taylor, director of the Medicine Hat Open. (See Page 9.)



← See Diagram
What was black's next move?

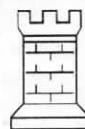


After a long delay, The Report is back ...

Watch for more frequent ACR publications!



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Nguyen wins Calgary Closed

by **Juraj Pivovarov**

Kim Nguyen won the Calgary Closed in February, coming out of a four-way tie in first place after the standard CFC tie breaking rules.

The three players sharing first with Nguyen with 5.0 after seven rounds were Knut Neven, Greg Huber and Dale Haessel.

It was noted that had Victor Kaminski won his last round against Walter Watson, there would have

been a five-way tie!

Nguyen managed a draw against higher rated Greg Huber in the last round to secure his spot.

When a tie occurs in a round robin, tie breaking is done by sonnenborn-berger method. However, Nguyen and Haessel were still tied after this tiebreak formula.

Next, the tiebreaking is done by the result of the individual game between the players, and Nguyen

had won that important game, thus was declared victor.

Calgary Chess Club thanks the masters who played in this event which made it a strong tournament with lots of good fighting chess.

Honourable mention goes to Victor Kaminski for a great performance, finishing fifth out of eight players, with a 4.5/7 score, after starting seeded in last spot.

Calgary Closed Crosstable

#	Name	Old	New	High	Results	Total
1	Nguyen, Kim	1998	2081	2114	X 1 = 0 = 1 1 1	5.0
2	Haessel, Dale	2220	2226	2310	0 X 1 0 1 1 1 1	5.0
3	Neven, Knut	2305	2299	2327	= 0 X 1 = 1 1 1	5.0
4	Huber, Gregory	2287	2281	2385	= 0 = 1 X 1 1 1	5.0
5	Kaminski, Victor	2042	2095	2095	1 1 0 X 0 = 1 1	4.5
6	Watson, Walter	2008	1992	2071	0 0 0 = 0 X 1 =	2.0
7	Duval, Kirk	2030	1981	2031	0 0 0 0 - 0 X 1	1.0
8	Daniluk, Jim	1990	1931	2193	0 0 0 0 0 = 0 X	0.5

Alberta Chess Association presents

The Alberta Reserves

April 10 & 11, 2004

5 round Swiss, 3 games April 10, 2 games April 11

Registration

April 10, 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.

Delta Centre Suite Hotel, 10222 102 Street, Edmonton

Organizer and Director: John Quiring
 (780) 468-9173 or e-mail: JohnQ@shaw.ca

Entry fee: \$20; \$15 for juniors

\$5 entry with "no prize eligibility" option available for players under 14 years old
 CFC membership is required (may be purchased on site).

Prizes: based on entries

Time controls: digital clocks with Fischer increments

Alberta Chess Association Events for balance of 2004

The following list are chess tournaments and other events either organized by the Alberta Chess Association or given support by the ACA.

Organizers are asked to contact the ACR as soon as they have details of their tournaments or events so that individual display notices can be placed in upcoming Reports. The same applies to organizers of local chess club events ... take advantage of free publicity in the Alberta Chess Report by submitting details of your events.



In Alberta, chess is a sport that is becoming more popular for all ages and both sexes.

Dates:	Event:	Location:	Chief Organizer:
April 9-11	Alberta Closed	Edmonton	John Quiring
April 10 & 11	Alberta Reserves	Edmonton	John Quiring
April 10 & 11	Alberta Women's	Edmonton	John Quiring
April 17	Alberta Challenge	Red Deer	Bruce Thomas
May 8 & 9	U of A Open	Edmonton	Micah Hughey
May 22-24	National Challenge	Winnipeg	Bruce Thomas
May 29	ACA Board Meeting	Red Deer	Ford Wong
June 5 & 6	Alberta Youth	Red Deer	ACA Jr. Comm.
June 19	Alberta Active	Red Deer	Greg Beebe
July 3 & 4	Canada Day Open	Calgary	Dr. Ron Hinds
July 7-9	Youth Championship	Kapusksasing, Ontario	
July 10-18	Canadian Open	Kapusksasing, Ontario	
August 21	Battle of Alberta	Red Deer	Hinds & Hughey
August 21	Proposed Jr. Battle	Red Deer	ACA Jr. Comm.
August 28	ACA Board Meeting	Red Deer	Ford Wong
Sept. 4 & 5	Over / Under 1800	Edmonton	Greg Beebe
Sept. 11 & 12	Medicine Hat Open	Medicine Hat	Dr. Bill Taylor
Sept./Oct.	Qualifiers for Alberta Junior		ACA Jr. Comm.
October 9-11	Alberta Open	Calgary	Dr. Ron Hinds
October 10	ACA Annual Meeting	Calgary	Ford Wong
Nov. 20 & 21	Southern Alberta Open	Calgary	Dr. Ron Hinds
Nov. 27 & 28	Alberta Junior	Red Deer	ACA Jr. Comm.
December 4	ACA Board Meeting	Red Deer	Ford Wong
Dec. 18 & 19	Before Christmas Open	Edmonton	Ford Wong

Alberta Chess Association presents The Alberta Women's Championship

Format to be determined on site,
depending on the number of players
Open to all females living in Alberta

April 10-11, 2004

Registration: April 10, 9:00 - 9:45

Delta Centre Suite Hotel, 10222 102 Street
Edmonton

Organizer and Director: John Quiring
(780) 468-9173 JohnQ@shaw.ca

Entry fee: \$20

CFC membership is required (may be purchased on site)

Prizes based on entries.

Winner takes possession of permanent trophy for one year

Alberta Chess Association presents

The Alberta Closed 2004

An 8-player invitational round robin.

Qualifiers:

Daniel Kazmaier (Over 1800)

Greg Huber (Southern Alberta Open)

Andrew Boik (Junior Champ)

Kim Nguyen (Calgary CC)

Robert Gardner (Edmonton CC)

Jeff Reeve (Northern Alberta Open)

Dale Haessel

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You can be there, too ... join the Reserves - see Page 2



Organizer and Director:

John Quiring (780) 468-9173 JohnQ@shaw.ca



Schedule:

2 Games Each Day



Entry fee:

\$20 - CFC membership required



Prizes:

\$300-\$200-\$100

Winner qualifies for the Canadian Closed; the ACA will provide travel support up to \$2000.00, pending approval of expenditures by the Gaming Commission.

April 9, 10 and 11, 2004

Delta Centre Suite Hotel, 10222 102 Street, Edmonton

Alberta Open had plenty of action

by Ford Wong

Alberta Closed Champion Nenad Ristic finished ahead of five fellow masters and four experts with a 5.5 score to become the Alberta Open 2003 Champion and to win a qualifying spot for the Alberta Closed.

Ristic almost had a perfect score but allowed Jeff Reeve to escape with a draw in the last round.

The 2003 Alberta Open, held on Thanksgiving weekend, had 59 participants, including 16 juniors, and featured many players from out of Edmonton: Keith McKinnon, Jamin Gluckie and Treavor Robertson from Saskatchewan, Wade Caughlin from Grande

Prairie, the regular Prince George B.C. bad boys - Keith Aartsen and Alex Schmeisser released by their wives for their annual chess pilgrimage to the Alberta Open, and a strong contingent from Calgary consisting of Nenad Ristic, Dale Haessel, Eric Hansen, Victor Kaminski, Juraj Pivovarov, Ron Hinds, Art Milne, Kim Nguyen, Cornelia Dinca, Bill Bentley, Tom McKay, Carolyn McMaster, Thomas Kaminski, Richard Kaminski, Jason Mrdeza, Greg Huber and Nandor Tot.

The Alberta Open was held at the Delta Edmonton Centre Suite Hotel in their conference area which is located on the third floor of the Edmonton City Centre Shopping Complex. The room was quite spacious as the Delta Hotel opened up the adjacent room as there was no other function booked. Without the additional space, the 59 players would have found it very cozy indeed.

Players had access to the nearby food courts located in the shopping complex along with several restaurants, and they had no problems finding a place to satisfy their search for Thanksgiving turkey.

Other than several emergency requests for more water, the tournament ran very smoothly. In retrospect, accelerated pairings should have been used to make the tournament more competitive - perhaps this will be done next time depending on the number and ratings of players.

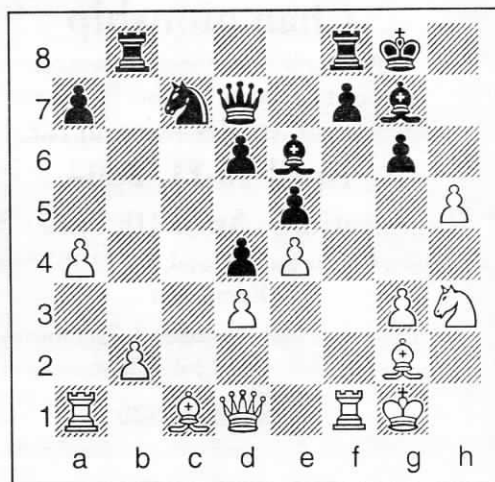
Special thanks to John Quiring and Danny McIntosh who helped move equipment; Alex Kazakevich who brought the boards and sets, the Edmonton Chess Club which let us use their digital clocks and some of their triple-weighted boards and pieces.

(Crosstable/Games on Page 10)

No perfect scores ...
Lots of sharing prize money

Alberta Open - Round 3 October 12, 2003

- White: Asquith, Tom (1653)
Black: Nguyen, Kim (2006)
1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7
 4. Nc3 d6 5. e4 O-O 6. Nge2 c5
 7. O-O Nc6 8. f4 Nd4 9. d3 Rb8
 10. Nxd4 cxd4 11. Ne2 Nd7 12. f5 b5
 13. cxb5 Rxb5 14. fxg6 hxg6
 15. Nf4 Nc5 16. h4 Ne6 17. Nd5 Nc7
 18. a4 Rb8 19. Nf4 e5 20. Nh3 Be6
 21. h5 Qd7



22. Ng5 (Asquith later suggested 22. h6 should have been his move)
- 22... Bg4 23. Bf3 gxh5 24. Qc2 Ne6
25. Bxg4 hxg4 26. Qh2 Nxg5
27. Bxg5 f6 28. Bc1 f5 29. Qg2 fxe4
30. Qxe4 Rxf1+ 31. Kxf1 Rf8+
32. Kg2 Qf7 33. Qe2 Qh5 0-1

Alberta Open Prize Winners Open

1st: Nenad Ristic
2nd & 3rd: Jeff Reeve, Dale Haessel and Kim Nguyen

1800-2000

1st: Ron Hinds
2nd: Victor Kaminski, Bill Bentley, Ioannis Tomarras and Nikola Culjaga

1600-1799

1st: Cornelia Dinca
2nd: Juraj Pivovarov, Jamin Gluckie, George Skrypniak and Jonathan Chi

1400-1599

1st: Treavor Roberson
2nd: Carolyn McMaster, Wade Caughlin

Under 1400: Jason Mrdeza

Top Junior: Victor Kaminski

Top Junior under 1500:

Megan Chi, Eric Hansen and Keith McKinnon.



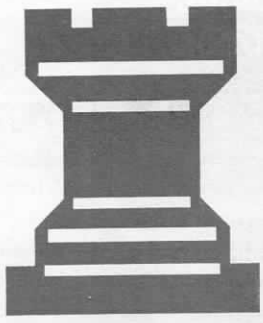
Tied for second at the 2003 Alberta Open were (left to right) Jeff Reeve, Dale Haessel and Kim Nguyen.

Used to be the U of A Open May 8 & 9, 2004

Organized by Alberta Chess Association
Directed by Micah Hughey,
mhughey@hotmail.com
Edmonton Chess Club
(780) 424-0283

Prince of Wales Armouries, 10440 108 Ave
Entry fee: \$20

Prizes: Based on number of entries.
Registration: 9:00-9:45 on Saturday morning.
Start times: 10:00 AM each day
5 rounds • Time Controls: Regular



Chatter in the Castle

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Alberta Junior Chess

March 2004

Junior chess strength divided between Edmonton and Calgary

Junior chess prowess in Alberta seems pretty well split between Calgary and Edmonton with Calgary still having a bit of an edge with a few more higher rated players.

According to February statistics from the Chess'n Math rating lists, 19

Albertans are in the top 20 players across the country in their particular grade.

Of these 19 players, 10 are from Edmonton, eight are Calgarians, and one resides in Whitecourt. Below are the actual standings and ratings from the Chess'n Math website in early February:

Grade 1 (highest rating in the country: 1213)

10th - Sebastien Despres of Edmonton 591

Grade 2 (highest rating in the country: 1213)

No Albertan in top 20, but Aaron Ting of Calgary at 626 was 21st.

Grade 3 (highest rating in the country 1336)

3rd - Arthur Baser of Edmonton 1141

8th - Derek Thomas of Edmonton 992

11th - Din Milner of Edmonton 943

Grade 4 (highest rating in the country 1262)

6th - Thomas Kaminski of Calgary 1046

7th - Luke McDonald of Whitecourt 1020

12th - Amanda Wang of Edmonton 913

15th - Daniel Smorschok of Edmonton 905

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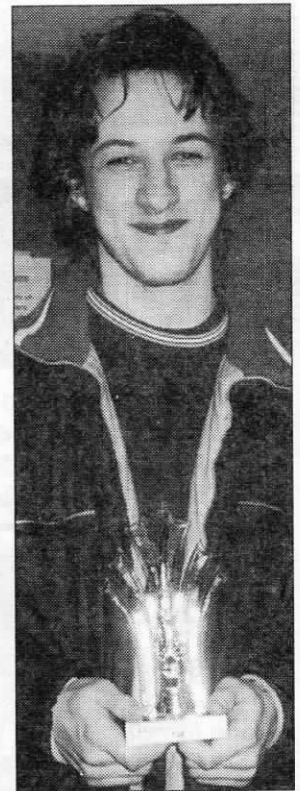
Two juniors battle at Alberta Closed

Andrew Boik and Daniel Kazmaier, two of Alberta's top junior players, will be in the field of eight players battling Easter weekend for the Alberta Closed Championship.

Boik won his place in the three-day competition by becoming Alberta Junior Champ last November in Red Deer (See crosstable on next page.)

Kazmaier was chosen because he was the winner of the Alberta Chess Association's Over 1800 tournament.

Besides being the youngest in the Closed, Boik and Kazmaier will also be at the bottom of the field in regards to their Chess Federation of Canada ratings.



Alberta Junior
Champ Andrew Boik



Anastasia Kazakevich wowed the members of the Whitecourt Junior Chess Club in simultaneous chess, defeating 13 players without a loss.

ALBERTA CHESS CHALLENGE

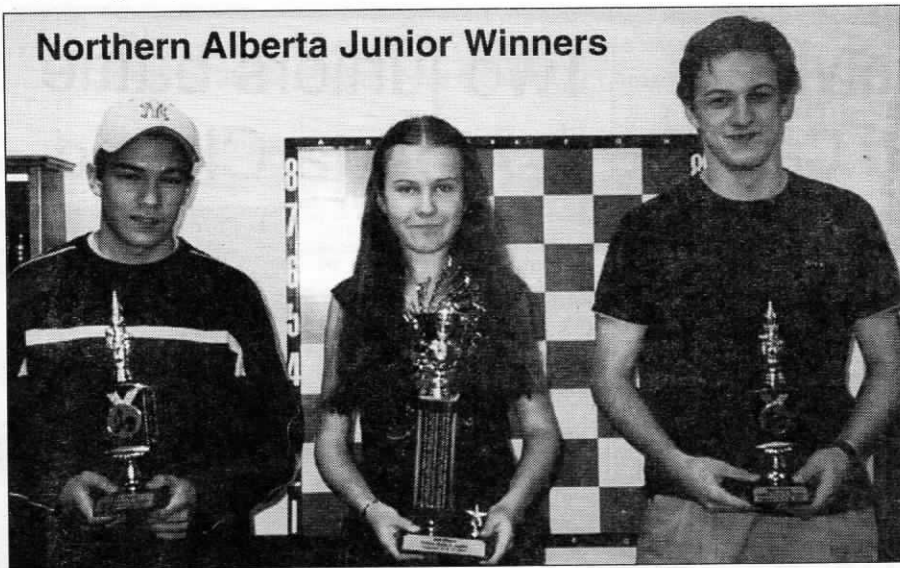
Competition by school grade
Saturday, April 17
at Red Deer Lodge

See Back Page of Chatter for details

Alberta Junior Chess Championship Crosstable

#	Name	Old	Perf	New	High	Results	Total
1	Boik, Andrew	1853	2217	1979	1979	X 1 1 1 1 1	5.0
2	Kazmaier, Daniel	1962	1955	1966	2005	0 X = 1 1 1	3.5
3	Kazakevich, Anastasia	1858	1816	1853	1858	0 = X = = 1	2.5
4	Kaminski, Victor	2016	1784	1976	2020	0 0 = X 1 1	2.5
5	Kaminski, Thomas	1809	1666	1784	1809	0 0 = 0 X 1	1.5
6	Cunningham, Chase	1408	1500	1439	15	0 0 0 0 0 X	0.0

Northern Alberta Junior Winners



Qualifiers leading up to the annual Alberta Junior Chess Championships are held in Edmonton and Calgary. Last fall, Anastasia Kazakevich and Andrew Boik (right), both of Edmonton, qualified by placing first and second while Josh Gagnon (left) of St. Albert was runner-up.

Alberta Juniors in Top 20 Chess'n Math ratings

Continued from last page

- Grade 5** (highest rating in country 1312)
No Albertan in top 20, but Lucas Eshleman of Calgary at 948 was 24th.
- Grade 6** (highest rating in country 2098)
16th - Eric Hansen of Calgary 1092
17th - David Mrugala of Edmonton 1078
- Grade 7** (highest rating in country 2209)
2nd - Victor Kaminski of Calgary 1867
- Grade 8** (highest rating in country 2192)
4th - Brandon Eshleman of Calgary 1602
- Grade 9** (highest rating in country 2413)
16th - Cornelia Dinca of Calgary 1237
20th - Shandy Booth of Calgary 1208
21st - Jered Fokkema of Edmonton 1205
- Grade 10** (highest rating in country 2458)
11th - Daniel Kamaier of Calgary - 1732
14th - Anastasia Kazakevich of Edmonton 1516
- Grade 11** (highest rating in country 2506)
16th - Jonathan Chi of Edmonton 1432
- Grade 12** (highest rating in country 2323)
9th - Andrew Boik of Edmonton 1760
12th - Ashton Anderson of Calgary 1692

Look Up Your Chess'n Math rating at:
www.chestalk.com/elo/pub/
 New ratings are posted each Friday

Southern junior qualifier attracted only six players

by Kim Nguyen

The Southern Alberta Junior Qualifier was held the first weekend of October with a modest turnout of six players. This resulted in the pureness of a round robin event which all swiss tournaments aspire to be but can never achieve.

These players were newcomers Chase Cunningham and David Jiang, Yaroslav Babich (CFC unrated), Sarah Pradhan (907), Faruq Pradhan (1207), and Tom Kaminski (1544).

The tournament was jointly directed by Justin Snelling and Kim Nguyen.

Pre-tournament favorite Tom Kaminski shared first place with newcomer Chase Cunningham whose "chase" of Kaminski's king ended in a perpetual check in their round two showdown. Cunningham, an 8th grade student was playing in his first-ever tournament.

Kaminski showed just a little more experience to win over Cunningham in the exciting two 15-minute game playoff match for the first place trophy. Faruq Pradhan rounded out the trophy winners in third place.

Kaminski and Cunningham won the right to advance to the Alberta Junior along with Kaminski's brother, Victor, who qualified at the time as by rating, and Daniel Kazmaier as defending champion.

SHERWOOD PARK CHESS CLUB

Instructions for Juniors
and Families are offered
each Monday (except holidays)
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
at Strathcona County Library
in Sherwood Park Mall

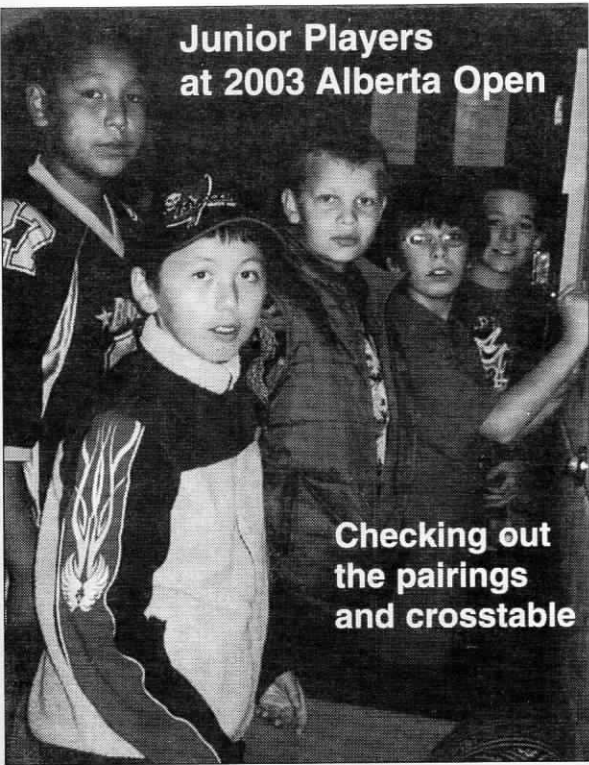
Rated Games • Casual Play
Call 473-1557 for more information

Millwoods Chess Nights

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Millwoods Public Library
Millwoods Town Centre, Edmonton

All Ages Welcome
Informal play and some rated
games for Juniors
Your Host - Percy Connell, 461-9626

Junior Players at 2003 Alberta Open

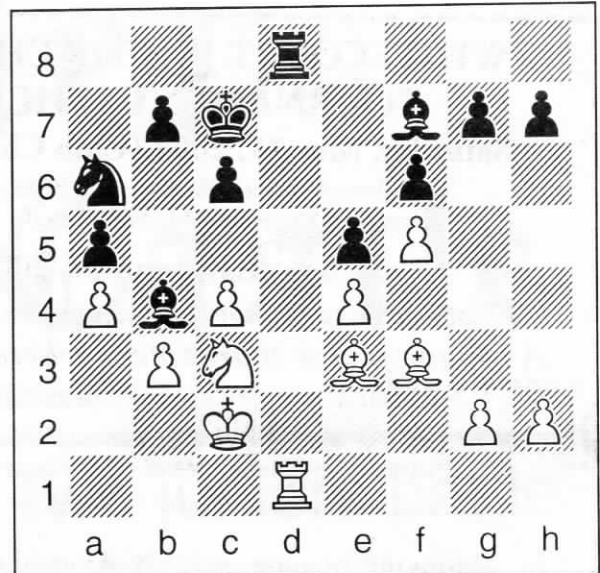


Checking out
the pairings
and crosstable

Alberta Open 2003

White:
Kazakevich, Anastasia
(1849)
Black:
Reeve, Jeff
(2386)

1. d4 d6 2. c4 e5
3. dxe5 dxe5
4. Qxd8+ Kxd8
5. Nc3 c6 6. Bd2 Be6
7. e4 Nd7 8. 0-0-0 Kc7
9. f4 f6 10. f5 Bf7
11. Nf3 Ne7
12. Be2 Nc8
13. Be3 Ncb6
14. b3 a5 15. Kc2 Bb4



16. a4 Rhd8 17. Ne1 Nc5 18. Nd3 Nbd7 19. Nxc5 Nxc5 20. Bf3 Na6
21. Rxd8 Rxd8 **22.Rd1** (See diagram above)
- ... Rxd1 23. Bxd1 Bc5 24. Bxc5 Nxc5 25. Bf3 Kd6 26.g4 Na6
27. Nd1 Nc7 28.Kc3 b5 29. Nb2 g6 30. h3 Be8 31.Be2 b4+
- 32.Kd2 c5 33. Nd1 gxf5 34. gxf5 Na6 35.Ne3 Bf7 36.Nd5 Bxd5
37. cxd5 Nc7 38. Ke3 [38.Kd3 Ne8 39.Kc4 Nc7 40.Bh5+-] 38...Na8 1/2-1/2

Our Apologies over delays in getting Chatter in the Castle to readers throughout Alberta ...

We have a number of crosstables, tournament reports and club activity reports to present to Chatter readers. Watch for a bigger issue with both old and new reports and notices in mid-April. Junior organizers are asked to send new items to: rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca before April 12. Photos are welcomed in jpeg format (grey scale preferred).



Northern Alberta Elementary School Chess Team Championship

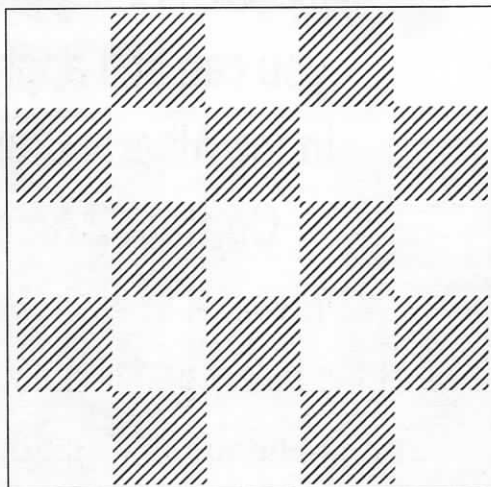
Saturday, May 8 in Edmonton
Teams of five players (Grades 1 thru 6 only)
Entry Fee: \$30 per team

Schools should contact Bruce Thomas for information
sheets & entry forms: (780) 474-8928 or 473-1557

Junior Contest

Place 5 Black ♚ and 3 White ♕ on this 5x5 chess board so that none of the opposite color queens are attacking each other. (Mark B for black queens and W for white queens.)

Mail your answer to:
Chatter in the Castle,
c/o 12015 76 Street,
Edmonton,
AB T5B 2C9 by April 12



Win a Magnetic Chess Set ... If more than one correct answer is entered, a draw will be held and one contestant will be awarded a magnetic chess set!

Name: _____ Age (under 20) _____

Home Phone No. (_____) _____



now holding tournaments
at Concordia College

Ada Boulevard, Guild Bldg., Room 303

Next Tournaments:

Sunday, April 4

Sunday, May 9 (Mother's Day Special)

Sunday, June 13

Registration 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.

Competition by round-robin or swiss

Entry fee: \$7

Call (780) 473-1557 for information

WHITECOURT JUNIOR CHESS CLUB TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 15, 2004 (Club Championship)

at St. Joseph School, Whitecourt - Register at 11 a.m.
Entry Fee: \$5 Prizes: Medals, ribbons, draw prizes

Saturday, June 19, 2004

at Carson Pegasus, Group Campground, Whitecourt

*A unique junior tournament where chess families
can also enjoy a weekend of camping!*

Special activities in addition to an outdoor junior tourney!

Players from Edmonton and other places are expected

Format: Round robin or Swiss (grouped by rating or grade)

More information: Brian McDonald (778-5082) or
Whitecourt_Junior_Chess@hotmail.com

Junior Chess Activities in Calgary ...

Contact Calgary Scholastic
Chess League

Richard Kaminski (403) 282-1892

Alberta Chess Association's Junior Co-ordinating Committee

is seeking people interested
in organizing and promoting junior
chess across Alberta

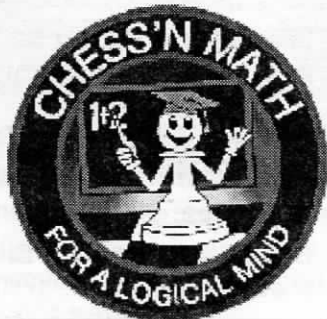
Your ideas • Your Help are welcomed

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Alberta Chess Challenge

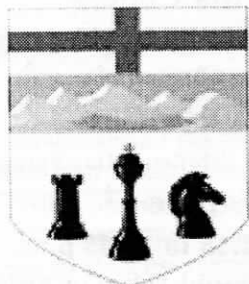


Provincial Champs
at each grade level
are eligible
to compete at
National Chess
Challenge
in Winnipeg
May 22-24



12 Provincial
School Grade Champs
will be determined
to represent Alberta
at the National Challenge.

Alberta Chess Association subsidizes
the travel costs of the individual champ.



**Pre-registration
is required
for April 17!**
Sign-in at Lodge
is 9 to 9:30 a.m.
Awards at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 17, 2004 Red Deer Lodge, Red Deer

If you are an established junior player
with a Chess'n Math or CFC rating
and did not have an opportunity
to participate in a Regional Chess Challenge,
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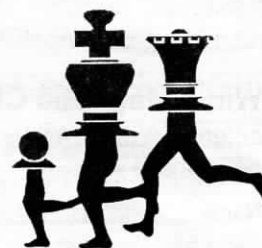
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Medicine Hat puts on small, but classy annual event



by Dr. Bill Taylor

A new attendance record was established for the 9th annual Medicine Hat Open held in September with 20 players participating. Calgarians had the greatest representation with eight players, followed closely by seven local players, four from Edmonton and one from Lethbridge.

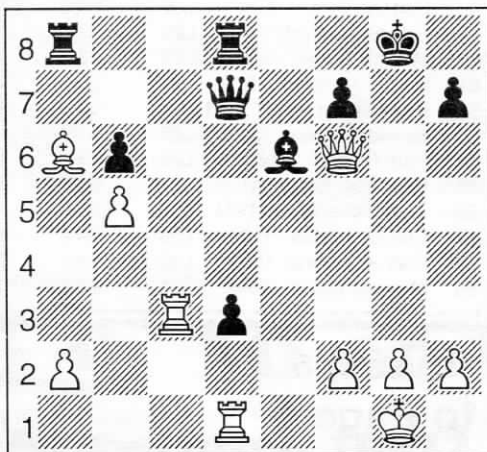
For the first time, we had three participants from the same family. Richard Kaminski played along with his prodigious junior talented sons, Victor and Thomas. The two junior Kaminskis proved to be fairly formidable opponents, engineering a few upsets along the way.

None of the former three Medicine Hat Open champs attending managed to reclaim the title. This honor was newly bestowed upon Roy Yearwood of Calgary who went undefeated with a 4.5/5 score. He did have a tough fourth round game with Micah Hughey, but managed a draw.

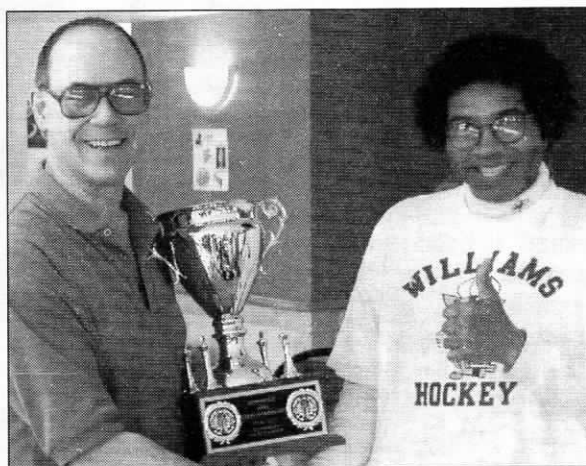
Tied for second was Hughey and the author, each with 3.5 scores, but Hughey was awarded second on tiebreak, having beaten the author in the third round.

Medicine Hat Open - Round 4

- White: Roy Yearwood Black: Micah Hughey
1. c4 e6 2. Nf3 d5 3. e3 c5 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. b3 Nc6 6. cxd5 exd5 7. Bb5 Qb6
 8. 0-0 a6 9. Be2 Be7 10. d4 cxd4 11. Nxd4 Nxd4 12. exd4 0-0 13. Bg5 Be6
 14. Na4 Qa7 15. Rc1 Rac8
 16. Nc5 Bxc5 17. dxc5 Rxc5
 18. Qd4 b6 19. Bxf6 gxf6
 20. b4 Rcc8 21. Qxf6 Qd7
 22. Bxa6 Ra8 23. b5 d4
 24. Rfd1 d3 25. Rc3 Rfd8
 - ... 26. Qg5+ Kf8 27. Qe5 d2
 28. Qh8+ Ke7 29. Qxh7 Qd4
 30. Rc7+ Kd6 31. Qc2 Ke5
 32. Rc3 Bg4 33. Re3+ Qxe3
 34. fxe3 Bxd1 35. Qxd1 Ra7
 36. Kf2 Rc7 37. Qh5+ Ke6
 38. Qh6+ Ke7 39. Qh4+ Ke8
 40. Qh8+ Ke7 41. Qe5+ Kf8
 42. Qxc7 d1=Q 43. Qxb6 Qd2+
 44. Kg3 Rd6 45. Qc5 Kg7
 46. Qe5+ Kf8 47. Bc8 Qe1+
 48. Kf3 Qf1+ 49. Kg3 Qe1+ 50. Kf3 Draw agreed 1/2 - 1/2



This year's tournament was broken into three sections and the middle section saw a three-way tie with 2.5 points each between Bill Bentley, Steve Panteluk and Graham Sorgard of Lethbridge.



Medicine Hat Open Director Dr. Bill Taylor presents the big trophy to winner Roy Yearwood.

The bottom section was claimed by Adam Szulski with 3.0 points and 8-year-old Thomas Kaminski scored 2.5.

Special treats

A new enhancement for the tournament

was Saturday night drinks and dessert (baklava with strawberries and ice cream, along with assorted fruit juices and pop) served during the third round. And on Sunday, there was the Medicine Hat Open's traditional "lunch for a buck". Free coffee, assorted muffins and candies were again provided to players throughout the tournament, thanks to the generous support of the event's 34 local sponsors and Medicine Hat Chess Club.

Cash and merchandise were also injected into the prize fund by the sponsors so for the fifth straight year the prize fund exceeded the value of entry fees.

Sponsorship is important

The author and Medicine Hat Chess Club challenges other tournament organizers to offer similar enhancements to their weekend tournaments! Sponsorship makes it all possible, and interested organizers can contact us for ideas on how to make it happen at their location.

For our 10th anniversary of the Medicine Hat Open, we are hoping to attract a Grandmaster or two, plus provide the same or more enhancements which have come to be enjoyed by participants.

GRAND 7 OPEN

(7 Rounds of Game in 60)

May 29 & 30

Edmonton Chess Club

Tournament Director: Vladislav Rekhson
 (780) 908-1216 E-mail: vladi@mail.usa.com
 Prince of Wales Armouries, 10440 108 Ave. 424-0283
 Entry: \$20 adults, \$15 juniors (20 and under)
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 Sunday, 11 a.m., 2 and 4 p.m.
 Event will be rated as a regular CFC tournament
 so valid membership is required.

♠ ♠ ♠ **Alberta Open Games** ♠ ♠ ♠

Round 6 - October 13, 2003

White: Ristic, Nenad (2328)

Black: Reeve, Jeff (2386)

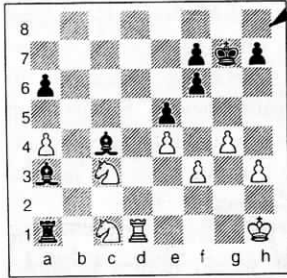
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. g3 O-O
 5. Bg2 d6 6. Nf3 Nbd7 7. O-O e5 8. h3 a6
 9. e4 exd4 10. Nxd4 Rb8 11. f4 Re8
 12. Re1 Nc5 13. Kh2 Ne6 14. Nb3 Nd7
 15. Be3 b6 16. Bf2 Bb7 17. Qc2 Ndc5
 18. Rad1 Qc8 19. Nc1 Nd7 20. b4 Bf8
 21. Nb3 c6 22. Qd3 Rd8 23. Rc1 Qc7 **1/2-1/2**

Round 6 - October 13, 2003

White: Culjaga, Nikola (1861)

Black: Huber, Gregory (2279)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6
 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bc4 e6 7. O-O Nc6 8. Bb3 Be7
 9. f3 O-O 10. Be3 Qc7 11. a3 Na5 12. Rc1 b5
 13. Qe2 Rb8 14. Qf2 Bd7 15. Rfd1 Rfc8
 16. Na2 Nc4 17. Bxc4 bxc4 18. b3 e5
 19. Ne2 cxb3 20. cxb3 Qa5 21. Rxc8+ Rxc8
 22. a4 Rb8 23. Bd2 Qc5 24. Qxc5 dxc5
 25. Bg5 Be6 26. Bxf6 gxf6 27. Nac1 c4
 28. bxc4 Bc5+ 29. Kh1 Bxc4 30. Nc3 Rb2
 31. Nd5 Kg7 32. h3 Rb1 33. Nc3 Ra1
 34. g4 Ba3 (Final Position shown) **0-1**



Round 4 - October 12, 2003

White:

Pivovarov, Juraj (1751)

Black:

Kaminski, Victor (1999)

1. f4 c5 2. g3 Nc6
 3. Bg2 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7
 5. Nc3 Nf6 6. O-O d5
 7. e3 O-O 8. d4 e6
 9. b3 Ne4 10. Ne2 f5
 11. Bb2 b6 12. Rc1 a5
 13. Ba1 Ba6 14. dxc5 Bxa1
 15. Rxa1 bxc5 16. Nd2 Qb6
 17. Bxe4 fxe4 18. c4 Nb4
 19. g4 Rad8 20. Ng3 dxc4
 21. Rf2 c3 22. Ngxe4 cxd2
 23. Rxd2 Bd3 24. Ng5 c4
 25. Qf3 h6 26. Ne4 Nc2
 (Pivovarov suggests: 26... Bxe4
 27. Qxe4 Rxd2 28. Qxg6+)
 27. Rxc2 Bxc2
 28. bxc4 Bxe4 29. Qxe4 Kh7
 30. h4 Rd7 31. h5 e5
 32. c5 Qe6 33. fxe5 Kh8
 34. hxg6 Rg7 35. Kg2 Qxg6
0-1

Round 5 - October 13, 2003

White:

Huber, Gregory (2279)

Black:

Ristic, Nenad (2328)

1. d4 d5 2. Bg5 c6
 3. Nf3 Qb6 4. b3 h6
 5. Bh4 Bf5 6. e3 e6
 7. Bd3 Bxd3 8. Qxd3 Nd7
 9. O-O Ngf6 10. c4 Ne4
 11. Nc3 f5 12. c5 Qa5
 13. Nxe4 dxe4
 14. Qc4 Kf7 15. Ne1 Be7
 16. Bxe7 Kxe7 17. f3 Qd2
 18. Nc2 Nf6
 19. Rad1 Qa5
 20. fxe4 Nxe4 21. b4 Qa4
 22. Rd3 b5 23. cxb6 axb6
 24. a3 Qb5 25. Qb3 Rhd8
 26. Rfd1 c5
 27. dxc5 Nxc5
 28. Rxd8 Nxb3
 29. Rxa8 Qe2
 30. Ra7+ Kf6 **0-1**

Players are invited to submit their Best 2004 Games!

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ALBERTA OPEN 2003 CROSS TABLE

Provided by Director Ford Wong in original ranking order

Prize winners' names and scores in bold - see prize list on Page 4

No	Name	Rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Pts
1	Reeve Jeff	2386	W32	D21	W17	W6	W5	D2	5.0
2	Ristic Nenad	2328	W33	W19	W14	W4	W3	D1	5.5
3	Huber Greg	2279	W34	W23	W16	D5	L2	W20	4.5
4	Gardner Robert	2275	W35	W22	W18	L2	L12	W29	4.0
5	Balbutin Nelson	2215	W36	W25	W26	D3	L1	W28	4.5
6	Haessel Dale	2201	W37	W24	W27	L1	W13	W14	5.0
7	Hughey Micah	2137	D38	D20	W31	W11	L14	W19	4.0
8	Yearwood Roy	2093	W39	L26	W30	W22	L16	W21	4.0
9	Karmali Hafiz	2030	W40	L27	W32	L20	L29	D41	2.5
10	Nguyen Kim	2006	L41	W43	W34	W23	W19	W16	5.0
11	Quiring John	1953	W42	D28	W21	L7	L20	WD	2.5
12	Hinds Ronald	1952	D43	D15	W36	W24	W4	WD	4.0
13	Tot Nandor	1950	BYE	W38	D28	W25	L6	D26	3.5
14	Kaminski Victor	1936	W44	W29	L2	W26	W7	L5	4.0
15	Stark Mark	1898	BYE	D12	L37	W43	W30	L23	3.0
16	Tomaras Pavlos	1880	W45	W30	L3	W27	W8	L10	4.0
17	Boik Andrew	1877	W46	D31	L1	W38	D21	L27	3.0
18	Regimbald Adrien	1873	W47	W41	L4	D29	L28	WD	2.5
19	Milne Art	1861	W48	L2	W39	W37	L10	L7	3.0
20	Culjaga Nikola	1849	BYE	D7	W41	W9	W11	L3	4.0
21	Kazakevich Anastasia	1849	W49	D1	L11	W31	D17	L8	3.0
22	Ciimenhaga Harold	1848	W50	L4	W42	L8	L32	D43	2.5
23	Bentley Bill	1828	W51	L3	W44	L10	W33	W15	4.0
24	Wihnon Jason	1807	W52	L6	W46	L12	D34	WD	2.5
25	Dean Tim	1806	W53	L5	W45	L13	D37	D38	3.0
26	Pivovarov Juraj	1769	W54	W8	L5	L14	W39	D13	3.5
27	Dinca Cornelia	1760	W55	W9	L6	L16	W52	W17	4.0
28	Gluckie Jamin	1735	W56	D11	D13	BYE	W18	L5	3.5
29	Chi Jonathan	1718	W57	L14	W48	D18	W9	L4	3.5
30	Milward David	1717	W58	L16	L8	W42	L15	L50	2.0
31	Skrzypniak George	1717	W59	D17	L7	L21	W40	W32	3.5
32	Beebe Greg	1716	L1	W47	L9	W45	W22	L31	3.0
33	McIntosh Danny	1705	L2	L48	W59	W46	L23	W45	3.0
34	Asquith Tom	1653	L3	W49	L10	W50	D24	WD	2.5
35	Smith Kevin	1642	L4	W50	BYE	BYE	D41	W49	3.0
36	McMaster Carolyn	1598	L5	W51	L12	BYE	D43	W39	3.0
37	Robertson Trevor	1554	L6	W52	W15	L19	D25	W51	3.5
38	Caughlin Wade	1551	D7	L13	W53	L17	W48	D25	3.0
39	Kaminski Thomas	1544	L8	W54	L19	W49	L26	L36	2.0
40	Orr Doug	1542	L9	D53	L43	W58	L31	D52	2.0
41	Me Kevin	1506	W10	L18	L20	D48	D35	D9	2.5
42	Kaminski Richard	1500	L11	W55	L22	L30	L51	W44	2.0
43	Chi Megan	1467	D12	L10	W40	L15	D36	D22	2.5
44	McKay Tom	1457	L14	W57	L23	L52	L50	L42	1.0
45	Palcic Branko	1452	L16	W56	L25	L32	W53	L33	2.0
46	Aartsen Keith	1425	L17	W58	L24	L33	W55	WD	2.0
47	Dewindt Cor	1392	L18	L32	L52	D59	W58	L48	1.5
48	Hansen Eric	1340	L19	W33	L29	D41	L38	W47	2.5
49	Fokkema Jered	1331	L21	L34	W54	L39	W56	L35	2.0
50	Mrdeza Jason	1285	L22	L35	W55	L34	W44	W30	3.0
51	Reichert Wayne	1239	L23	L36	D56	W57	W42	L37	2.5
52	MacKinnon Keith	1234	L24	L37	W47	W44	L27	D40	2.5
53	Schmeisser Alex	1224	L25	D40	L38	D56	L45	WD	1.0
54	Park Roland	1200	L26	L39	L49	L55	L59 f	WD	0.0
55	Dauphinais Stephen	1157	L27	L42	L50	W54	L46	L59	1.0
56	Wang Amanda	1144	L28	L45	D51	D53	L49	WD	1.0
57	Culjaga Marko	1128	L29	L44	BYE	L51	WD	WD	0.5
58	Park Katharine	1100	L30	L46	BYE	L40	L47	WD	0.5
59	Mrugala David	1098	L31	BYE	L33	D47	W54 f	W55	3.0

Answers to Page 1 Game ...

Next move was 24. Nxb2 25. Qxb5 Nxd1 **0-1**
 The game was played at the Northern Alberta Open, Round 4, February 23, 2003, with Micah Hughey handling the white pieces and Rob Gardner getting the win as black.

ACA casino volunteer raise over \$60,000

The ACA's Casino, held April 21 and 22, 2003, at Casino Calgary, raised \$61,365.46 (down from \$63,890.79 in 2001). This consisted of \$28,306.00 (\$41,063.63 in 2001) from tables and \$33,059.46 (\$22,827.16 in 2001) from slots.

The ACA casino would not have been possible if not for the help of its volunteers and the hard work by then ACA President / Casino Organizer Ron Hinds who rallied the volunteers. It takes a tremendous amount of time to organize and co-ordinate the volunteers. Ron Hinds did a masterful job to ensure that the casino ran smoothly and that everyone was well fed and watered.

The ACA would like to thank the following people for their help at the casino. Without these people the casino would not be possible. (The number in brackets is number of shifts worked) GENERAL MANAGER Ron Hinds (4); ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER Juraj Pivovarov (4); COUNT ROOM SUPERVISOR Dave Gomboc (2); BANKERS Ford Wong (1), Riana Hinds (3), CASHIERS: John Quiring (1), Adrien Regimbald (1), Norm Luyben (1), Ted Wilson (2), Archie Robertson (1), Greg Huber (1), Tony Hutchings (1); CHIP RUNNERS: Albert Kaiser, Tim Dean (1), Micah Hughey (1), Martin Kuwair (2), Mark Cole (2), Kim Nguyen (1), Rob Gardner (1), Bob Davies (1); COUNT ROOM: Nick Podolchak (2), Don McFarlane (2), Brian Miller (1), Richard Hudson (1), Dale Haessel (2), Rod Weis (1) and Artur Odachowski (1).

Special recognition goes to Albert Kaiser whose youthful exuberance and energy, next to none, earned him the title of the "World's Greatest Chip Runner". He was always willing and eager to get "those chips to the table" and hovered nearby the Cash Cage in case the call for a "FILL" came in. He unselfishly and singlehandedly took the majority of the

chip runs when he was on duty, giving all the other chip runners a break. And lastly he was very fun and a joy to work with.

And not to be forgotten, a thank you goes to our Casino Advisor Sandra Weis, first for being our advisor and for tolerating the people in the Cash Cage and to our Count Room Advisor Pauline Turnbull.

It can only be assumed that all the volunteers had a good time and if anything had enough to eat. For helping out, everyone could enjoy a meal or two at the casino restaurant at the expense of the ACA. And if you were a hobbit, it was extra special as one could also partake in second lunch, third lunch, second dinner, third dinner, midnight snack, etc.

Lastly, so far the people who worked in the count room have remained tight-lipped as to the name of the lucky person who got to roll around in money naked. It can only be assumed that what happened in the count room is going to stay in the count room. Speculation has it that perhaps they all took turns to ensure everyone's silence!

For members who couldn't help at this Casino, members will get another chance at the next ACA Casino scheduled to be held in Edmonton, March 26 and 27, 2005. Normally most associations must partake in a lottery to determine their casino dates, but ABS Casino in Edmonton, was kind enough to offer the ACA one of their fixed weekend dates. Each Casino has two fixed casino dates that are not subject to the lottery dates and the ACA was offered one of them and took it.

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with the ACA casino. Next issue, we'll explain the mechanics of the ACA's involvement in casino funding.

Ford Wong, ACA President and World's Greatest Casino Banker

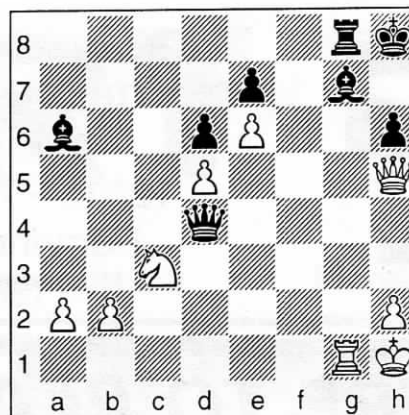
Next Alberta Chess Report



... will be out as soon as the results of the Alberta Closed are set in print.

To make up for the lack of issues in recent months, the next issue will contain more pages and include past and current news.

Event organizers, players with games to submit and others are asked to get in their reports, notices and games prior to April 12.



From Polgár's *CHESS 5334 Problems, Combinations & Games:*

Black to move and mate in three moves

Grande Prairie's Trumpeter Classic

January 17/18 - directed by Dean Johnson

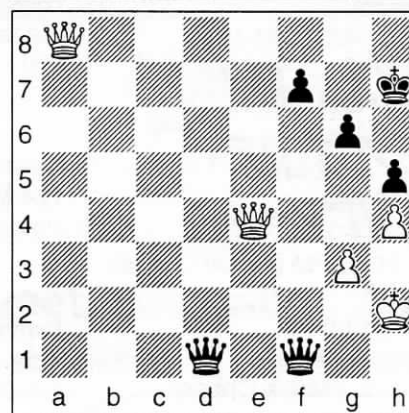
#	Name	New Rating	Results	Total
1	Hughey, Micah	2066	W4 W6 W2 W8 L3	4.0
2	Rekhson, Vladislav	2016	W12 W5 L1 W9 W6	4.0
3	Pradzynski, Tim	1919	L14 W11 W8 W5 W1	4.0
4	Panteluk, Steven	1814	L1 W14 D6 W10 W8	3.5
5	Pua, Richard	1804	W15 L2 W10 L3 W9	3.0
6	Quiring, John	1866	W11 L1 D4 W7 L2	2.5
7	Deimert, Elroy	1623	D0 L0 W2 L6 W15	2.5
8	Wong, Ford	1875	W10 W9 L3 L1 L4	2.0
9	Stutzman, Larry	1795	W13 L8 W14 L2 L5	2.0
10	Caughlin, Wade	1592	L8 W13 L5 L4 W12	2.0
11	Waldie, Brian	1428	L6 L3 W15 L12 W13	2.0
12	Johnson, Dean	1577	L2 D15 L7 W11 L10	1.5
13	Campbell, Dale	1369	L9 L10 D0 W15 L11	1.5
14	Conner, Kris	1586	W3 L4 L9 L0 L0	1.0
15	Dewindt, Cor	1339	L5 D12 L11 L13 L7	0.5

Reeve wins Northern Open

In the April issue of ACR, the crosstable will be presented for February's Northern Alberta Open which was won by Jeff Reeve with a 4.5/5 score.

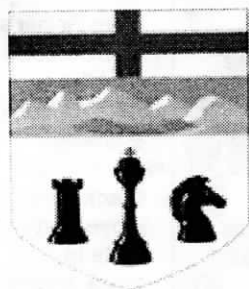
Tied for second, each with 4.0 were Robert Gardner and John Quiring. Tied for fourth spot were Andrew Boik and Roy Yearwood, each ended with 3.5 points.

A total of 27 players participated in the Northern Open, directed by Adrien Regimbald.



From I.A. Horowitz's *Winning Chess Tactics Illustrated*

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