



Huber wins Alberta Closed

by John Quiring, TD

Greg Huber won the Alberta Closed, held over the Easter weekend at the Delta Centre Suite Hotel in Edmonton. This was a bit of a surprise, as Greg's rating has been inching its way downward over the past year, but I guess he was saving it all for the big one. He finished with 5.5/7, including a short last-round draw to clinch the victory.

In second place was Dale Haessel, who lost his first two games, then won five in a row.

Jeff Reeve was third with 4/7.

The Closed featured a number of firsts regarding time controls. We used

digital clocks for the first time, and had a time control with increments after every move. Also, the time control on the middle day of the tournament (when three games were played) was shorter than the time control on the other two days (when only two games were played). Overall, this worked, but it had a kludgy feel to it.

There was significant disagreement among the players over their preferred time controls, resulting in this compromise solution: For games 1,2, 6 and - 40 moves in 80 minutes, followed by game in 10 minutes with 30 second increment from

move 1

For games 3, 4 and 5: 40 moves in 90 minutes, followed by game in 20 minutes with 30 second increment from move 1.

Four games were lost on time, which has historically been a rare occurrence.

Gardner lost to Huber in a hopeless position.

Hughey lost to Huber from a bad position, when he lost track of how quickly the final 20 seconds ran down.

And Grumic lost to both Huber and Haessel, seemingly a bit confused over what the time requirements were.

As champion, Greg won the \$300 first prize



Closed director John Quiring (right) congratulates runner-up Dale Haessel. Inset: winner Greg Huber

and more importantly will get travel aid from the ACA to attend the Canadian Championship in Toronto in August. We wish him the best of luck.

Next year, the Closed might be a substantially different tournament. After many years, there is growing discontent over several aspects of the current Closed rules, namely:

- a) playing 3 games on one day is awful
- b) should players gain entry to the Closed by

winning qualifiers or by having high ratings?

c) should high rated players who are largely inactive be allowed to enter the Closed?

d) should we follow FIDE's lead and shorten the time controls?

Changes are being considered by the ACA Board.

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Alberta Active Championship

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, in Red Deer

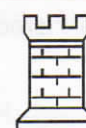
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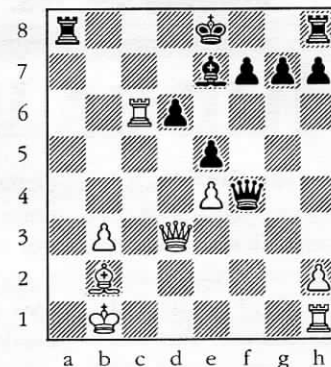
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Alberta Closed 2004 Games

Round 1

White: Sasa Grumic Black: Robert Gardner

1. e4 c5 2. d3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. dxd4 d6 5. d2c3 a6 6. d2c4 e6 7. d2b3 d2bd7
 8. f4 d2c5 9. f5 d2xb3 10. axb3 b5 11. f3f3 d2d7 12. g4 b4 13. g5 bxc3
 14. gxf6 cxb2 15. d2xb2 fxf6 16. O-O-O e5 17. d2b1 a5 18. d2e2 a4 19. d2f4 axb3
 20. cxb3 d2c6 21. d2c1 fxf5 22. d2xc6 fxf4 23. d2d3 d2e7 **Diagram**

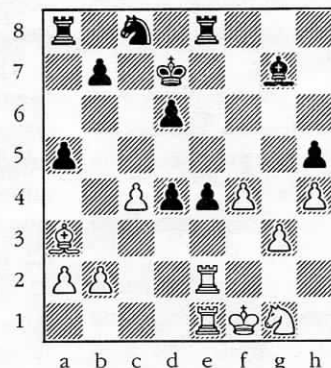


24. d2c7 f2h425. f2b5+ d2f8 26. f2b7 d2e8
 27. d2a3 f2f6 28. d2c8 f2e6 29. d2hc1 f5
 30. d2xe8+ d2xe8 31. d2c8+ d2d8 32. d2b8 d2f8
 33. f2b6 d2e7 34. f2b7+ d2f6 35. d2c8 d2e7
 36. f2b6 d2e7 37. d2a2 f4 38. h4 h6 39. h5 d2f7
 40. f2a7 d2f8 41. f2b7 f3 42. d2c3 f2g4 43. d2c2
 f2xh5 44. f2b6 g5 45. f2g1 g4 46. d2h2 f2g6
 47. d2c1 h5 0-1

Round 1

White: Dale Haessel Black: Kim Nguyen

1. c4 g6 2. g3 d2g7 3. d2g2 d6 4. d2c3 e5 5. e4 d2c6 6. d3 h5 7. h4 d2d4
 8. d2ge2 d2g4 9. f2a4+ d2d7 10. f2d1 d2g4 11. d2e3 d2f3+ 12. d2f1 f2d7
 13. f2a4 c6 14. d2g1 d2d4 15. d2ce2 c5 16. f2xd7+ d2xd7 17. d2xd4 cxd4
 18. d2d2 d2e7 19. d2h3 f5 20. d2b4 d2c8 21. exf5 d2xf5 22. d2xf5 gxf5 23. f4 d2d7
 24. d2e1 d2e8 25. d2h2 e4 26. d2xe4 f2e4 27. d2he2 a5 28. d2a3 **Diagram**



28 ... d2b6 29. b3 a4 30. d2b4 axb3
 31. axb3 e3 32. d2f3 d2e7 33. d2d1 d2e4
 34. d2g5 d2ee8 35. d2f3 d2e4 36. d2d3 d2a1+
 37. d2e1 d2a2 38. d2e2 d2a1+ 39. d2g2 d2b1
 40. d2e1 d2xc4 41. bxc4 d2xb4 42. d2c2 d2e8
 43. d2f3 d2c6 44. d2a3 d2b1 45. d2e2 d2c1 0-1

Round 1

White: Greg Huber Black: Andrew Boik

1. e4 c5 2. d2c3 d2c6 3. d2ge2 g6 4. d4 cxd4
 5. d2xd4 d2g7 6. d2de2 d2f6 7. g3 O-O
 8. d2g2 d6 9. O-O d2d7 10. h3 d2c8 11. d2h2 f2a5 12. d2d5 d2xd5 13. exd5 d2e5
 14. a4 b5 15. d2d2 f2c7 16. axb5 d2c4 17. d2c3 d2xc3 18. bxc3 d2xb5 19. d2d4 a6
 20. d2e1 d2b2 21. d2xb5 axb5 22. f2b1 f2xc3 23. d2a2 d2a4 24. d2xe7 f2c5
 25. f2f1 d2c3 26. d2b2 d2b8 27. f2d3 b4 28. f2f3 d2b5 29. h4 d2xd5 30. f2xd5 f2xd5
 31. d2xd5 d2xd5 32. d2xb4 d2d2 33. d2g2 d2xc2 34. d2d7 d2d2 1/2-1/2

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Medicine Hat Open

10th Annual

September 11 & 12

10th Annual

Medicine Hat Chess Club

Tournament Director: Dr. Bill Taylor

(403) 526-5484 or 529-0010 (w) - mtaylor@monarch.net
 Tournament at South Ridge Village, 550 Spruce Way SE, Medicine Hat

Entry: \$20 adults, \$15 juniors under 18

For Junior 14 and under - no prize entry of \$5

Prize Fund: 100% of Entry Fees plus 1st and 2nd place plaques

Free Snack • Lunch for a Buck • Drinks & Dessert

Edmonton June Swiss

at Edmonton Chess Club

Prince of Wales Armouries
108 Avenue & 104 Street

June 25 - 27

Round 1 - Friday 6:30 p.m.
Saturday Rounds 10:00 & 3:30
Sunday Rounds 10:00 & 3:30

Limited to 24 Players

Two sections of 12 players each
Regular CFC Rated

 **\$20 Entry** 

Game in 120 minutes

+ 30 second increments from Move 1

Tournament Director: Tim Dean

Organizer: Zhichao Li (Leaf)

gzlzhichao@yahoo.com

Alberta Chess Association Events for balance of 2004

The following 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.

Dates:	Event:	Location:	Chief Organizer:
June 19	Alberta Active	Red Deer	Greg Beebe
July 3 & 4	Canada Day Open	Calgary	Dr. Ron Hinds
July 7-9	Youth Championship	Kapuskasing, Ontario	
July 10-18	Canadian Open	Kapuskasing, 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

Canada Day Open

Saturday and Sunday, July 3 and 4



Hampton Inn & Suites, 2231 Banff Trail NW, Calgary



Registration: 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

- (1) **Open 1800 - 2200** 45/90 minutes SD 30 minutes **Entry Fee: \$ 30.00**
rounds - Saturday: 10:00, 2:30, 7:00; Sunday: 10:00, 2:30
- (2) **Intermediate 1400 - 1799** 45/90 minutes SD 30 minutes **Entry: \$ 25.00**
rounds - Saturday: 10:00, 2:30, 7:00; Sunday: 10:00, 2:30
- (3) **Novice, Unrated - below 1399** total 90 minute game **Entry: \$ 20.00**
rounds - Saturday: 10:00, 2:30, 7:00; Sunday: 10:00, 2:30
- (4) **New player - unrated open** total 60 minute game **Entry: \$ 12.00**
rounds - Saturday ONLY: 10:00, 11:45, 1:00, 2:15, 3:30



Sections 1, 2 and 3 can enter in advance and receive a \$ 5.00 discount.

To qualify for the discount, registration must be paid before 9 a.m., July 3, 2004



Sections 1, 2, and 3 participants must have CFC membership or purchase tournament CFC membership

TD and Organizer: Roy Yearwood (403) 272-8392

Gardner beats Hughey for Edmonton Closed title

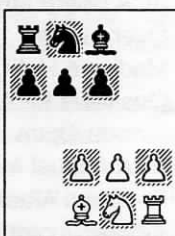
by John Quiring, TD

The first tournament of the year in 2004, as it is every year, was the Edmonton Closed. The name is misleading, as the tournament is open to anyone who will show up for 8 consecutive Thursday evenings. Just a few years ago, David Ottosen was living in Red Deer but played in the Edmonton Closed.

As in past three years, this year the Closed was a 16-player elimination event, with the winners of two-game matches moving on to the next round, and the losers joining the Reserves, a concurrent swiss system tournament. If matches were tied after two games, the players would play tie-breaking matches at shorter time controls, until a victor emerged.

The Edmonton Chess Club donated a prize fund of \$600 to the Closed/Reserves, plus, if approved by the powers to be, travel support to the Canadian Closed. I'm sure this was a contributing factor in attracting a strong field, and as the following chart shows, this interesting tournament is very popular:

Year	# players	Average rating
	Closed&Reserves	Closed only
2001	30	1860
2002	29	1923
2003	30	1923
2004	44	1958



ROUND 1

The biggest mismatches are always at the start, as the top-ranked players play the bottom rated players.

Jeff Reeve (2386) vs. Jason Wihnon (1739): Jeff wins 2-0

Jeff won game one with white after Jason dropped a pawn in a Ruy Lopez Exchange. In game 2, Jason struck with a quick attack against Jeff's king, but didn't have the piece development to support it.

J. Wihnon – J. Reeve (game 2)

1.e4 c5 2.d3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.dxd4 d6 5.d3 e5 6.d2b5 d6 7.fg5 a6 8.d2a3 b5 9.d2d5 e7 10.fxf6 fxf6 11.c3 d7 12.f3 dxd5 13.exd5 fg5 14.f3 O-O 15.h4 fh6 16.g4 f5 17.gxf5 fa7 18.d2c2 fa7 19.d2e3 fxe3 20.fxe3 fxf5 21.O-O-O fxd3 22.fxd3 fxf2 23.fg3 fxf6 0-1

Zhichao Li (2296) – Greg Beebe (1743): Leaf wins 1.5 – 0.5

In game 1, the endgame arrived early and lasted a long time, as Leaf ground out a win over Greg. Greg took some consolation in round 2 with a draw against his much higher rated opponent.

Z. Li – G. Beebe (game 2)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.d3 d6 4.g3 c5 5.fg2 d6 6.0-0 e7 7.d3 dxc4 8.fxa4 0-0 9.dxc5 fxc5 10.fxc4 fxb6 11.d2a4 fxb4 12.fxc5 fxa4 13.b3 fa6 14.d2d4 dxd4 15.fxd4 fxe2 16.f3a3 fe8 17.f2e1 fa6 18.f2b4 f2b6 19.f2xb6 axb6 20.f2d6 fd8 21.f2c7 fd2 22.a4 b5 23.f2ed1 f2xd1+ 24.f2xd1 fd7 25.axb5 fxb5 26.f2xb7 fa7 27.f2d8+ de8 28.f2b8 f5 29.f2e5 cf7 30.f2f3 fd3 31.f2b7+ f2xb7 32.f2xb7 fb5 33.f3 g6 34.cf2 ce7 35.f2e3 d2d6 36.f2xd6+ cf2d6 37.f4 e5 38.b4 e4 39.f2d4 h6 40.h4 cf7 41.f2d5 fe8 42.f2c5 f2a4 43.b5 fd1 44.b6+ fb8 45.f2d4 fe2 46.f2c6 fg4 1/2-1/2

Robert Gardner (2257) – Richard Pua (1796): Rob wins 2-0

Richard had gained 100 rating points in the months preceding this match, but didn't fare well against the master. He blundered early in both games to lose without a fight.

Sasa Grumic (2180) – Steve Sauve (1816): Sasa wins 2-0

Micah Hughey (2061) – Adrien Regimbald (1829): Micah won 2.5 – 1.5

Both games of the match were drawn, as was the first playoff game. Vladislav Rekhson (2000) – (11) Tim Dean (1841): Vlad wins 1.5 – 0.5

After winning game 1 with white, Vlad chose an opening with a drawing reputation for game 2: the Petroff. Tim was never able to get anything going and had to fight to avoid losing again.

Hafiz Karmali (1918) – Anastasia Kazakevich (1858): Hafiz wins 1-1

Both games of the match were long, hard-fought draws. Anastasia

was finding the late games on a school night too difficult, and resigned the match (she usually doesn't play Thursday tournaments during school year).

Ford Wong (1907) – Mark Stark (1863): Mark wins 1.5 – 0.5

The only "upset" in Round 1 occurred between the most evenly matched players. Mark simply played better than Ford.

ROUND 2

Jeff Reeve (2386) – Mark Stark (1863): Jeff wins 2-0

In Game 1, Jeff played a Benko and out-calculated Mark while maneuvering pieces on the queen side. In Game 2, Mark replied with e game reached a position which can also arise from a closed c3 Sicilian. Jeff quickly got a large advantage out of the opening, with more space and better pieces, and the game ended suddenly when Mark blundered a bishop.

M. Stark – J. Reeve (game 1)

1.d4 d6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.d2c3 fxa6 7.e4 fxf1 8.fxf1 d6 9.d3 d6 10.h3 fg7 11.fg1 O-O 12.fh2 fa5 13.f2e1 f2fb8 14.f2e2 de8 15.f2c2 dc7 16.f2e2 db5 17.f2d2 de5 18.f2xb5 f2xb5 19.f2xb5 f2xb5 20.f2c3 d2d3 21.f2xg7 f2xg7 22.b3 f2xb3 23.f2d2 db4 24.axb3 f2xa1 25.f2b2 d2d3 26.f2c2 d2xf2 27.f2g3 d2d3 28.f2c4 f2e1 29.f2c3 db4 30.f2f3 f5 31.f2e3 fxe4+ 32.f2xe4 f2e2 33.f2f3 f2d2 34.f2e4 f2d4+ 35.f2f3 f2xd5 0-1

Zhichao Li (2296) – Hafiz Karmali (1918): Leaf wins 2.5 – 1.5

Hafiz surprised a lot of people by beating Leaf in game 1, in a quiet positional game of the type that Leaf usually excels at. In a position constricted by Hafiz's black pawn on d3, Leaf didn't have the time or space to fight back. Leaf needed to win game 2 and (with black) chose a Sicilian. His 11. ... f5 was an aggressive move which opened the position in his favour. It also resulted in a comical pawn configuration at move 14, with black pawns on d6, e6, d4 and e4. It was Leaf's turn to have more space and better pieces, and black won again. The first tie-break game was drawn, and Leaf won game 2 to take the match.

Z. Li – H. Karmali (game 1)

1.f4 d6 2.g3 d5 3.fg2 g6 4.d3 fg7 5.O-O O-O 6.d3 c5 7.f2e1 f2f5 8.f2bd2 d4 9.f2h4 d2d5 10.f2xf5 gxf5 11.f2b3 f2d6 12.f2d2 d7 13.c4 d2e3 14.f2xe3 dxe3 15.f2c1 a5 16.f2b1 f2c7 17.f2a1 fd4 18.f2c2 d2f6 19.f2f3 e5 20.f2xe5 f2xe5 21.f2xd4 cxd4 22.f2xb7 f2ab8 23.f2f3 fh8 24.f2h1 f2g8 25.f2g1 f2b6 26.f2f1 d2g4 27.f2xg4 f2xg4 28.f2f3 h5 29.b3 f2h6 30.f2d5 f2xd5+ 31.cxd5 fd6 32.f2gf1 f2xd5 33.f2f4 h4 34.h3 f2xf4 35.gxf4 f2c5 36.f2b2 f2c1+ 37.f2g2 f2e1 38.f2f3 f2f1+ 39.f2g2 f2xf4 40.b4 axb4 41.f2xb4 f2f2+ 42.f2g1 f2xe2 43.f2xd4 f2xa2 44.f2hx4+ cf7 45.f2f1 cf6 46.f2b4 ce5 47.h4 f4 48.h5 cf5 49.h6 f2a6 50.f2e4 f2hx6 51.f2e8 cf4 52.f2e2 f2h2+ 53.f2d1 cf3 54.d4 e2+ 55.f2d2 cf3 56.d5 f3 57.f2e3 f2h1 58.d6 fd1+ 59.f2c2 f2xd6 0-1

Robert Gardner (2257) – Vladislav Rekhson (2000): Rob wins 1.5 – 0.5

Sasa Grumic (2180) – Micah Hughey (2051): Micah wins 2-0

For the second year in a row, Micah upset Sasa in round 2.

S. Grumic – M. Hughey (game 2)

1.e4 e5 2.d3 d6 3.f2c4 d6 4.d4 exd4 5.f2xd4 d2xe4 6.f2xf7+ cf7 7.f2h5+ g6 8.f2d5+ cf7 9.f2xe4 fb4+ 10.f2f1 fe8 11.f2xc6 dxc6 0-1

ROUND 3

Jeff Reeve (2386) – Micah Hughey (2051): Micah wins 1.5 – 0.5

Jeff forfeited game 1 due to illness, and Micah hung on to a draw in game 2 to win the match.

Robert Gardner (2257) – Zhichao Li (2296): Rob wins 1.5 – 0.5

ROUND 4

Robert Gardner (2257) – (5) Micah Hughey (2051): Rob wins 1.5 – 0.5

Since the ECC Closed became an eliminate-match event in 2001, Rob has made the final every time, winning once and losing twice. He evened up his record this year.

Playoff for 3rd/4th place: Jeff Reeve (2386) – (2) Zhichao Li (2296): Match is tied 1-1

Final Standings: Champion: Rob Gardner
2nd: Micah Hughey 3rd/4th: Jeff Reeve, Zhichao Li

How ACA benefits from casino funding

In the March issue of The Report, Alberta Chess Association President Ford Wong wrote about how ACA volunteers helped raise over \$60,000 for chess through the provincial casino system for supporting non-profit organizations.

Below is President Wong's description of how the casino funding is used and the guidelines involved:

by ACA President Ford Wong

What happens to the casino funds after the Alberta Chess Association gets them? The use of funds from gambling are strictly governed by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC). There are tight restrictions as to where funds can be used. The use of all funds requires approval by the AGLC. The request to use funds are done as part of the application to host a casino process and can also made on an ad hoc basis.

In addition to supporting travel expenses (Canadian Chess Challenge, the Canadian Youth Chess Championship, the Canadian Junior), proceeds from gaming have been used to provide club support for facility rental (Calgary Chess Club, the Calgary Junior Chess Club, Delwood Chess Club), pay for tournament sites (all the ACA provincial tournaments plus many junior events), purchase chess equipment (sets and clocks) and the publication of the Alberta Chess Report.

Casino funds were used to purchase the books used in the highly successful "Public Library Initiative" that was implemented last year.

Several years ago, casino funds were used for the Canadian Open 2000 in Edmonton. Plans are underway to secure AGLC approval to use casino revenue for a possible Canadian Open in 2005 in Alberta.

The use of casino funds to support out of province travel requires a special request. Each request is evaluated on an individual basis. Casino funds can no longer be used to support adult travel (eg the Alberta Champion to the Canadian Closed. This funding now comes out of General Revenue).

The use of casino funds is reviewed by AGLC on a bi-annual basis where by copies of cheques issued, bank statements, and other documents must be provided to the AGLC. Note; cheques cannot be issued directly to individuals. Expenditures must be supported by receipts.

The use of gaming funds (how much and on what) for a given year are determined by the ACA Board of Directors at an annual "Planning Meeting". This meeting is usually held in January. At this meeting, the ACA Board of Directors determine the budget for the upcoming year which maps out all projects and tournaments

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TOP CFC LIST FOR ALBERTA

Regular ratings as of mid-June

NO.	NAME	LOCATION	RATING
1	Hawkes, Rob	Calgary, AB	2362
2	Reeve, Jeff	Edmonton, AB	2352
3	Neven, Knut	Calgary, AB	2299
4	Huber, Gregory	Calgary, AB	2275
5	Haessel, Dale	Calgary, AB	2256
6	Gardner, Robert J.	Edmonton, AB	2250
7	Li, Zhichao	Edmonton, AB	2248
8	Gibney, Eugene	Lloydminster, AB	2239
9	Demers, Christopher	Calgary, AB	2239
10	Purewal, Sardul	Edmonton, AB	2215
11	Schaeffer, Jonathan	Edmonton, AB	2206
12	Boehmer, Kris	Calgary, AB	2161
13	Gorelik, Lev	Edmonton, AB	2147
14	Rabljenovic, Milan	Calgary, AB	2145
15	Grumic, Sasha	Edmonton, AB	2144
16	Kaminski, Victor	Calgary, AB	2137
17	Aspler, Gerald	Edmonton, AB	2106
18	Monaghan, Jim	Cold Lake, AB	2090
19	Campbell, Gordon	Calgary, AB	2077
20	Willis, Bradley J.	Edmonton, AB	2063
21	Hughey, Micah	Edmonton, AB	2054
22	Fulker, Chris P.	Calgary, AB	2048
23	Knapper, Brian	Edmonton, AB	2046
24	Rekhson, Vladislav	Edmonton, AB	2033
25	Yearwood, Roy	Calgary, AB	2033
26	Boik, Andrew	Edmonton, AB	2006
27	Olson, Hans	Camrose, AB	2002
28	Danglapen, Leo	Calgary, AB	1996
29	Watson, Walter	Calgary, AB	1992
30	Kazakevich, Anastasia	Edmonton, AB	1984
31	Steele, Len C.	Edmonton, AB	1984
32	Gomboc, Dave	Edmonton, AB	1980
33	Kolenchuk, Tracy	Edmonton, AB	1976
34	Kazmaier, Daniel	Calgary, AB	1974
35	MacIntosh, John J.	Calgary, AB	1974
36	Usselman, Paul	Calgary, AB	1969
37	Hinds, Dr. Ronald	Calgary, AB	1968
38	Newton, Geoff	Edmonton, AB	1966
39	Rusnell, Lorne	Edmonton, AB	1966
40	Drummond, Ian	Calgary, AB	1961
41	Anderson, Ashton	Calgary, AB	1956
42	Daniluk, Jim	Calgary, AB	1945
43	Tinio, Alfredo	Wainwright, AB	1944
44	Quiring, John	Edmonton, AB	1942
45	Tot, Nandor	Calgary, AB	1932
46	Douziech, Richard W.	Edmonton, AB	1928
47	Taylor, William	Medicine Hat, AB	1925
48	Regimbald, Adrien	Edmonton, AB	1917
49	Eshleman, Brandon	Calgary, AB	1911
50	Tomaras, Pavlos	Calgary, AB	1906

Note: All players are current CFC members who have played at least 15 regular rated or active rated games.

Rekhson and Gardner tie at Edmonton tournament

The University of Alberta Open Chess Tournament used to be held on the U. of A. campus where most weekend events were held in the General Services Building.

When the Edmonton chess scene moved from the U. of A. site, the U. of A.

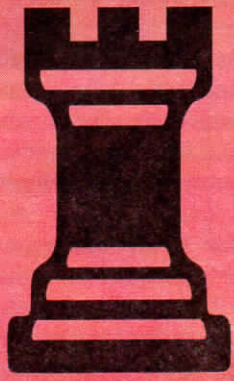
Open vanished, but then was revived by Micah Hughey. However, while the name remains, the playing site has become Edmonton Chess Club. The U. of A. Open is supported by the Alberta Chess Association.

This event was held May 8 and 9.

CFC Crosstable for the 2004 U. of A. Open

Directed by Micah Hughey

#	Name	Old	Perf	New	High	Results	Tot
1	Rekhson, Vladislav	1990	2151	2026	2026	W 19 W 6 D 2 W 9 D 3	4.0
2	Gardner, Robert J.	2259	2095	2250	2387	W 15 W 4 D 1 D 3 W 10	4.0
3	Kazakevich, Anastasia	1926	2178	1984	1984	W 16 W 7 D 0 D 2 D 1	3.5
4	Dean, Tim	1824	1883	1843	1963	W 21 L 2 W 17 D 5 W 12	3.5
5	Gluckie, Jamin	1770	1882	1790	1799	W 11 D 0 D 7 D 4 D 6	3.0
6	Dinca, Cornelia	1785	1847	1801	1813	W 20 L 1 W 8 D 7 D 5	3.0
7	Yearwood, Roy	2076	1797	2033	2286	W 17 L 3 D 5 D 6 W 11	3.0
8	Babb, Dwight	1670	1724	1681	1681	D 0 D 10 L 6 W 20 W 19	3.0
9	Hughey, Micah	2062	1913	2049	2207	W 13 W 12 D 0 L 1 L 0	2.5
10	Yamach, Ahmet	1856	1824	1848	1900	D 0 D 8 D 12 W 16 L 2	2.5
11	Quinn, Connor	1127	1758	1443	8	L 5 W 19 D 0 W 17 L 7	2.5
12	Gonzalez, Mario	1780	1746	1777	1833	W 14 L 9 D 10 W 15 L 4	2.5
13	Stainer, Joel	1569	1525	1563	1656	L 9 W 21 L 16 W 19 D 14	2.5
14	Dewindt, Cor	1309	1520	1341	1813	L 12 D 16 D 0 W 21 D 13	2.5
15	Kazakevich, Alexander	1678	1662	1669	1794	L 2 W 18 D 0 L 12 D 16	2.0
16	Siwila, Gift	0	1588	1588	5	L 3 D 14 W 13 L 10 D 15	2.0
17	McMaster, Carolyn	1663	1483	1634	1702	L 7 W 20 L 4 L 11 W 21	2.0
18	Mendryk, Wayne	1422	1377	1418	1489	D 0 L 15 L 19 D 0 W 20	2.0
19	Miller, Chris	1524	1379	1493	1569	L 1 L 11 W 18 L 13 L 8	1.0



Chatter in the Castle

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Alberta Junior Chess

May/June 2004

Alberta Challenge sees greater participation, Teams takes third at National Challenge

Alberta 2004 Chess Challenge Results, Grades 8 - 12 - Red Deer, April 17

#	PlayerID	Name	Gr.	OR	NR	Rounds				Total	School	
1	307866	Jeffrey Mo	12	1366	1486	+2	-2	=2	+2		2.5 / 4	Sir Winston Churchill H.S.
2	467831	Andrew Boik	12	1760	1688	-1	+1	=1	-1		1.5 / 4	Unknown school

The only entrant in Grade 11 was Josh Gagnon of St. Albert.

#	PlayerID	Name	Gr.	OR	NR	Rounds				Total	School		
1	315426	Anastasia Kazakevich	10	1644	1624	=2	+3	+4	+2	=3	+4	5.0 / 6	Unknown school
2	539932	Fisher Zheng	10	1261	1329	=1	+4	+3	-1	+4	+3	4.5 / 6	Western Canada H.S.
3	421143	David Lin	10	1113	1133	+4	-1	-2	+4	=1	-2	2.5 / 6	Unknown school
4	264609	Sameer Nurmohamed	10	1062	1014	-3	-2	-1	-3	-2	-1	0.0 / 6	Western Canada H.S.

#	PlayerID	Name	Gr.	OR	NR	Rounds				PO	Total	School	
1	421198	Jered Fokkema	9	1212	1230	+6	+7	=3	=4	+5	+2	5.0 / 6	Westminster J.H.
2	634318	Eric Lien	9	946	988	-4	+10	+11	+7	+3	-1	4.0 / 6	Riverbend J.H.
3	557144	Ivan Kornilo	9	1111	1128	+8	+9	=1	+5	-2	+4	4.5 / 6	Tom Baines J.H.
4	465546	Cornelia Dinca	9	1224	1190	+2	-5	+9	=1	+7	-3	3.5 / 6	Pope John XXIII
5	557166	Bilal Khan	9	986	1009	+10	+4	+6	-3	-1		3.0 / 5	Queen Elizabeth H.S.
6	546669	Joshua Miller	9	906	901	-1	+8	-5	+9			2.0 / 4	St. Joseph
7	557155	Shervin Ghafouri	9	959	937	+11	-1	+8	-2	-4		2.0 / 5	Queen Elizabeth H.S.
8	446714	Thomas Lawrence	9	665	663	-3	-6	-7		+11		1.0 / 4	Unknown school
9	446747	Wolfgang Baumann	9	647	653		-3	-4	-6	+10		1.0 / 4	Unknown school
10	634274	Graham Hill	9	648	637	-5	-2		+11	-9		1.0 / 4	New Horizons
11	566291	Quinn Fisher	9	526	500	-7		-2	-10	-8		0.0 / 4	Hilltop H.S.

#	PlayerID	Name	Gr.	OR	NR	Rounds				Total	School		
1	307809	Brandon Eshleman	8	1632	1626	+14	=3	+2	+4	+5		4.5 / 5	John Ware J.H.
2	618625	Chase Cunningham	8	899	941	+11	+7	-1	+6	+4		4.0 / 5	St. Martin de Porres
3	649001	Jonathan Leung	8	872	908	+12	=1	+8	-5	+9		3.5 / 5	Tempo
4	400948	Megan Chi	8	1008	1002	+10	+8	+6	-1	-2		3.0 / 5	Unknown school
5	444464	Faruq Pradhan	8	802	820	-7	+13	+9	+3	-1		3.0 / 5	Queen Elizabeth H.S.
6	645535	Michael Wong	8	636	706	+9	+11	-4	-2	+12		3.0 / 5	Tempo
7	630549	Joseph Craig	8	598	662	+5	-2	+10	-12	+11		3.0 / 5	Red Deer Lake
8	496721	Paul Dauphinais	8	863	822	+13	-4	-3	-11	+14		2.0 / 5	Dickinsfield J.H.
9	634263	Gavin Fedorchuk-Duke	8	804	774	-6	+12	-5	+10	-3		2.0 / 5	Westmount J.H.
10	649012	Topher Flanagan	8	721	702	-4	+14	-7	-9	+13		2.0 / 5	Tempo
11	637762	William Fleury	8	652	651	-2	-6	+13	+8	-7		2.0 / 5	Thorhild C.S.
12	649067	Max Boubnov	8	638	630	-3	-9	+14	+7	-6		2.0 / 5	Crestwood E.S./J.H.
13	649023	Zoya Zaeem	8	637	602	-8	-5	-11	+14	-10		1.0 / 5	Tempo
14	645524	Cody Green	8	484	454	-1	-10	-12	-13	-8		0.0 / 5	Thorhild C.S.

Read Chatter in the Castle in July for other Chess Challenge Results

With 119 players from more than a dozen Alberta towns and cities, the 2004 Chess Challenge was held April 17 at the Red Deer Lodge.

Organized by provincial Chess'n Math Coordinator Bruce Thomas and directed by John Quiring, the provincial challenge saw the most entries in grades one through nine and only one grade - 11 - failed to attract enough entrants for even a match.

Provincial champs determined at the Challenge were:

- Grade 1: Joshua Ramirez of Edmonton
- Grade 2: Aaron Ting of Calgary
- Grade 3: Arthur Baser of Edmonton
- Grade 4: Thomas Kaminski of Calgary
- Grade 5: Matthew Stoian of Calgary
- Grade 6: Eric Hansen of Calgary
- Grade 7: Victor Kaminski of Calgary
- Grade 8: Brandon Eshleman of Calgary
- Grade 9: Jered Fokkema of Edmonton
- Grade 10: Anastasia Kazakevich of Edmonton
- Grade 11: Josh Gagnon of St. Albert
- Grade 12: Jeffrey Mo of Calgary.

Runners-up in three grades had to replace the
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Big smiles, one with missing teeth!, from the Grade 1 winners at the Edmonton Chess Challenge held in March. David Lowe (left) of St. Albert ended up on the Alberta Team at the National Chess Challenge in Winnipeg.

Chess Challenge ... continued from last page

champs who could not go to Winnipeg for the National Challenge, May 22 to 24.

David Lowe of St. Albert was the Grade 1 team member while Chase Cunningham and Fischer Zheng became, respectively, Grade 8 and 10

Alberta representatives.

Although a full report will be given in the next Chatter in the Castle, Team Alberta placed third at the National Challenge, the same position reached in 2003. Ontario again dominated the competition and Quebec came in

second.

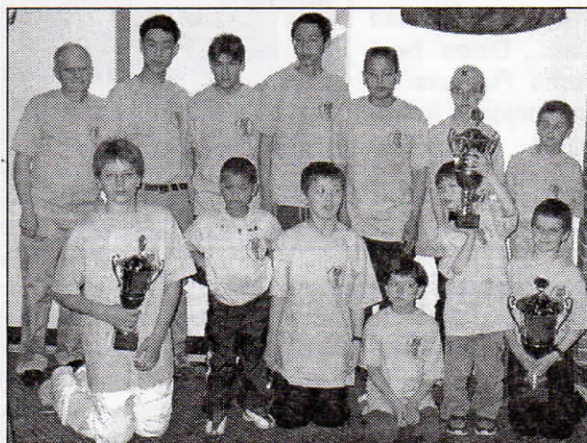
British Columbia finished just behind Alberta.

The Alberta Team did win some hardware for individuals as well, with Thomas Kaminski have the best result by becoming national champ at Grade 4.

Junior Chess Activities in Calgary ...

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Chess League

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Alberta Team at National Chess Challenge

Whitecourt's St. Joe's Saints played in the Northern Alberta Elementary Team Championship in Edmonton in May. Check the July issue of The Chatter for details



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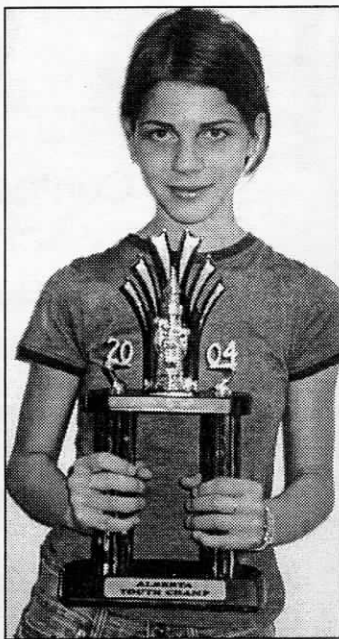
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Alberta's Women Champ Cornelia Dinca has more recently won the Under 16 Alberta Youth Championship and will be in Ontario in July to play in the Canadian Youth Chess Championship.

At the Alberta Youth CC in Red Deer, Dinca beat Jered Fokkema of Edmonton in a two-game match to claim the Under 16 title.



Johnchess proves popular in Edmonton

Now played Mondays and Saturdays

ChessNuts behind adult lessons and chess revival in Red Deer

Branching out from school programs and junior chess, The Roving ChessNuts have begun beginning adult lessons in Edmonton and recently have been working in Red Deer to get both junior and senior chess revived in that city.

Through an Edmonton library branch, about a dozen adults began taking chess lessons this spring which were later moved to Edmonton Chess Club.

The majority of participants were women, in some cases, teachers who operate school clubs.

Adult lessons will resume in the fall and there is interest in establishing a casual chess night for beginning adult players, also in the fall.

Meanwhile, Bruce Thomas of the ChessNuts has held several sessions in Red Deer, teaching chess and arranging for a revival of the Red Deer Chess Club, probably in September.

by John Quiring

Casual chess games at the Edmonton Chess Club, usually game in 30 minutes per player, are rated by the world famous John Rating System.

Tournaments have been held every Monday evening for about 7 years now and again in 2003 most of them were run by Micah Hughey.

Toward the end of 2003 a major expansion took place. Richard Pua and Vlad Rekhson wanted to add Saturday afternoon tournaments to the schedule, under the theory that "if you organize it, they will come". And they did.

John Chess tournaments are now held twice a week, leading to record breaking statistics for the year 2003. (It is worth noting that the TD often plays only to prevent odd-man byes, which prevents Micah from rushing to the top of most statistical categories. Oh, never mind, he's at the top of most categories anyway).

2003 Statistics for John Chess

Number of tournaments held: 59

Average attendance: 21.75

Total games played: 2,027

Most tournaments played:

Micah Hughey (51), Tim Dean (48)

Ferenc Borloi (45), Jered Fokkema (43)

Vladislav Rekhson (43)

Most Tournament Wins:

How many people do you suppose won, or tied for first place, in these 59 tournaments? Incredibly, 41 different people won (or shared) John Chess honours during the year.

The top winner was Vladislav Rekhson, with 18 victories, followed by Micah Hughey (14 victories), Ferenc Borloi (9), Tim Dean (5), Lorne Rusnell and Kevin Smith with 4 each, and Andrew Boik, Jered Fokkema and Jim Lynn with 3 wins each.

Rounding out the multiple tournament winners with 2 wins each were Yngvi Bjornsson, Alan Clark, Nikola Culjaga, Will Graham, Stephen McDiarmid, Danny McIntosh, Alvin Pasco, Paolo Veneracion, Dan White and Jason Wihnon.

The following people experienced a single, fleeting glimpse of John Chess Glory: G. Belostotski, Rocket Gardner, Dave Gomboc, Iran Gonzalez, I. Gorelik, Breagan Harrop, Nic Haynes, Hafiz Karmali, John Mackey, D. McLeod, David Milward, Bruce Morton, Geoff Newton, Branko Palcic, R. Poulsen, Sardul Purewal, John Quiring, Adrien Regimbald, Mark Stark, Ken Storoschuk, Ken Tong and W. Wilke.

Most Games Won:

Micah Hughey (92), Vladislav Rekhson (92)

Ferenc Borloi (84), Tim Dean (80)

Kevin Smith (72)

Longest Winning Streak

Micah Hughey (9 consecutive victories)

Rocket Gardner (8), Nic Haynes (8)

Vladislav Rekhson (8)

Highest Scoring Percentage

Micah Hughey (74.0), Vladislav Rekhson (73.8)

Lorne Rusnell (68.5), Andrew Boik (67.2)

Iran Gonzalez (64.1)

Casino funding for ACA ...

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to be done in the coming year as well as the amount of money to be spent on each.

This year, the AGLC developed new criteria for charitable organizations to be eligible for hosting a casino and randomly selected organizations to be reviewed. The ACA was one of the organizations selected for review. The review consisted of answering a multi page questionnaire that required providing documentation such as copies of Financial statements, Corporate Registries documents (Incorporation, By-Laws), List of Board of Directors, membership lists broken down by age group, and other items.

Special thanks go to last year's ACA President and current Treasurer Ron Hinds who responded on behalf of the ACA. The results of the eligibility review were recently released and the Alberta Chess Association has received further approval to continue being involved in the casino process beyond the next ACA casino already booked for Edmonton, March 26 and 27, 2005.

Alberta Chess Report is still catching up on both older and current news of chess activities

Watch for more crosstables and notices of upcoming events in the July issue of the ACR

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We are also seeking ACA members who are willing to distribute extra copies of The Report so that all Albertans realize there is such a thing as organized chess!

Calgary teenager is Alberta's 2004 women's champ

by John Quiring, TD

Cornelia Dinca won the Alberta Women's Championship in a match against Megan Chi, by a score of 3-1.

The Calgary teenager won both games on the first day, and on the second day both games were drawn.

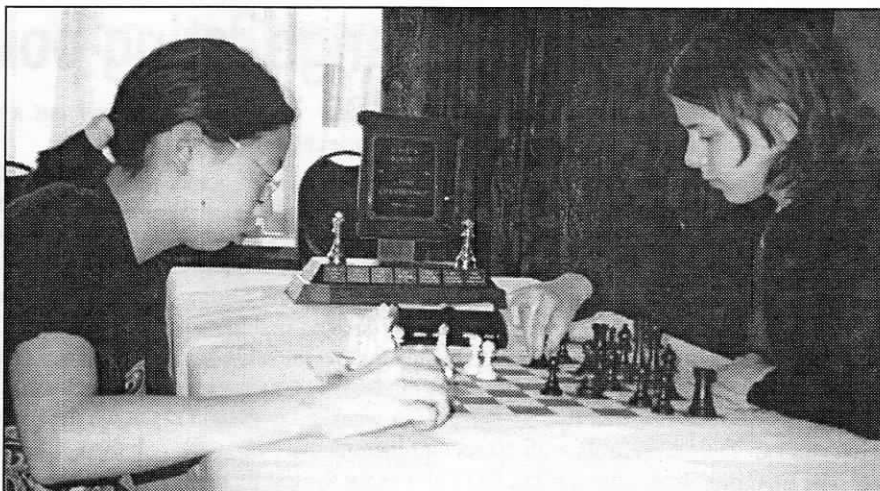
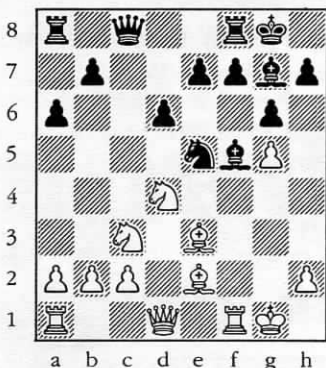
Initially, the defending champion (and top rated) Anastasia Kazakevich was going to play, but she opted to enter the Alberta Reserves instead.

As champion, Cornelia will keep the permanent trophy for the next year. Here is one of her wins:

White: Cornelia Dinca Black: Megan Chi
Alberta 2004 Women's Championship
Game 1, April 10

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 g6 6.f4 ♗g7 7.♗e2 ♘c6 8.♘b3 ♗d7 9.♗e3 a6 10.O-O O-O 11.g4 ♖c8 12.f5 ♘e5 13.g5 ♘xe4 14.♘xe4 ♗xf5 15.♘c3 ♖c6 16.♘d4 ♖c8 **Diagram**

17.♘d5 ♖d8
 18.♘xf5 gxf5
 19.♗xf5 e6
 20.♘f6+ ♖h8
 21.♗f2 ♖c8
 22.♗d3 ♘g6
 23.♖h5 ♗xf6
 24.gxf6 ♗g8
 25.♗h6 ♘f4+
 26.♗g7+ ♖xg7+
 27.fxg7+ ♖xg7
 28.♗xf4 ♖d7
 29.♖xh7+ ♖f8
 30.♗af1 1-0



Cornelia Dinca (right) outplayed Megan Chi of Edmonton to win the 2004 Alberta Women's Championship played in Edmonton during Easter weekend.

Aspler comes out of "retirement" to sweep Alberta Reserves

by John Quiring, TD

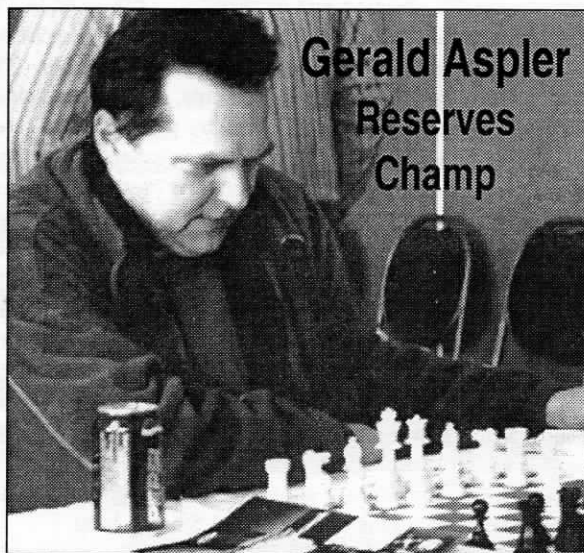
Gerald Aspler won the Alberta Reserves, a five round swiss held in Edmonton at the Delta Centre Suite Hotel over Easter weekend. He was a reasonably active player during the 1990s but hadn't played a rated game since 1998.

Apparently a 6-year rest is good therapy, as Jerry ran the table with five straight wins.

In second place among the 12 players was highest rated Roy Yearwood, who won all of his games except the one against Jerry.

Tied for third were Anastasia Kazakevich, Geoff Newton and Kevin Smith. Kevin's result was particularly noteworthy, as he was among the lowest rated players; he won the Under 1800 class prize.

The Reserves was played in the same room as the Alberta Closed, and used the same time control



White: G. Aspler

Black: R. Yearwood

1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.d4 ♗e7 5.e3 c6 6.♗d3 dxc4 7.♗xc4 b5 8.♗d3 ♗b7 9.O-O a6 10.a3 c5 11.dxc5 ♗xc5 12.b4 ♗b6 13.♗b2 ♘bd7 14.♗e2 O-O 15.♖b3 ♖e7 16.♗ac1 ♗ad8 17.a4 ♗xf3 18.♗xf3 ♘e5 19.♗e2 ♘d3 20.♗xd3 ♗xd3 21.♗cd1 ♗fd8 22.♗xd3 ♗xd3 23.♖c2 ♗d8 24.axb5 ♖c7 25.♗d1 ♗c8 26.♖d3 ♘g4 27.g3 ♘e5 28.♖e4 f5 29.♖f4 axb5 30.♘xb5 ♖c2 31.♗c1 ♖xc1+ 32.♗xc1 ♗xc1+ 33.♖g2 ♘d7 34.♖d6 1-0

Percy Connell of Edmonton may be Alberta's most active senior player. Although he no longer competes in tournaments, Connell plays regularly at the Northgate Seniors Club.

Connell also operates for The Roving ChessNuts the Millwoods Library weekly club which attracts all ages of players.



Chess players exchange rating points for Christmas

by John Quiring, TD

Twenty-two jolly chess players and one TD grinch showed up the weekend before Christmas for this annual event.

The site was the Edmonton Chess Club, which had recently purchased new tables to replace the existing stock of banquet tables. Not only are the new tables prettier and more stable, they also have table legs at the end, as opposed to the folding legs of the banquet tables which were awkwardly located underneath the tables. No doubt the luxury of not having to straddle the table legs will lead the players to new heights of chess grandeur.

The tournament featured two firsts for ACA weekend events: 1) digital clocks; 2) time controls with 30 second increments.

The ECC provided official FIDE DGT clocks for the tournament, which were new to many of the players. This led to lengthy opening announcements, as I described the clocks and related rule changes. For example, since there is a 30 second increment, the players may no longer stop recording the moves in time pressure during the last 5 minutes of the time control. There is no such thing as "last 5 minutes" because 30 seconds are added after every move.

It was difficult to judge how well the players adjusted to digital clocks with increments; some players always get into time pressure, others rarely do. No one lost on time.

In a poll taken after round 4, most players indicated a preference for the digital clocks; in any event, they are here to stay. There are no significant negatives about time increments, and they eliminate the sudden death frenzies that are disliked by players and feared by TDs. That is not to say, however, that time pressure is lessened by time increments. In fact I suspect that the time pressure which exists unrelentingly at every move near the end of a game is cumulatively more stressful than the time pressure which builds up only once during classic time controls.

As this was the first ACA tournament with time increments, I had to invent the time control to be used. I decided to try a time control of 110 minutes for the entire game, with a 30 second increment added after every move. My hope was that the longest games would be about 4.5 hours, which would equal the maximum time for the traditional "sudden death" time controls we used to play. And as luck would have it, the longest game was in round 4, Megan Chi versus Wayne Mendryk, and it was exactly 4.5 hours long.

Thanks to the players for getting their Christmas shopping done early, so they could come and play chess (especially Jamin Gluckie, who came from Saskatchewan).

Thanks also to the ECC for donating 4 book prizes for juniors, and the digital clocks for the tournament. And thanks to Steve Panteluk of Edmonton Tea & Coffee who dropped by to donate coffee to the club.

On to the games. In round 1 there were a couple of upsets as Jered Fokkema beat Adrien Regimbald, and young David Mrugala held Richard Pua to a draw. Also, another junior, 8 year old Din

Milner put a scare into Jonathan Chi before succumbing in the end game.

In round 2, the last game to finish was Anastasia Kazakevich - Robert Gardner. Anastasia became the first player whose clock dropped below 1 minute, meaning she would essentially have 30 seconds per move to complete the game. As she was a pawn down in a R+Ps ending against the quintessential grinder, the result was easy to predict.

By round 3 the top four players were on the top two boards, and the lack of upsets continued into round 4, until Jonathan Chi took down the fourth rated player, Ford Wong on the black side of a Nimzo-Indian when a series of small oversights cost Ford a series of pawns. In the key game of the tournament, Micah Hughey used his c3 Sicilian to build up a promising position against Rob Gardner, but missed a tactic

When it was all over but the carolling, top-rated Rocket Gardner was on the "Who's Been Naughty" list as he finished with a perfect score, including wins over the players rated 2, 3, 4 and 5 in the tournament. Micah Hughey finished in second with 4/5.

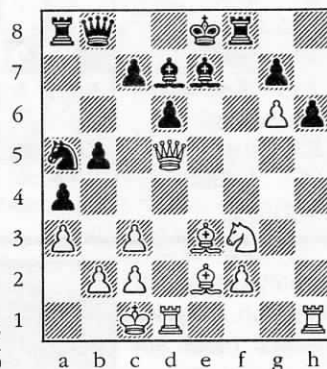
Also with a good performance was Jered Fokkema who gained an even 50 rating points. The other players were a bit better at spreading the Christmas cheer around (to their opponents), and I look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Two games from the tournament:

White: Andrew Boik (1979) Black: Richard Pua (1810)

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♗x5 d6 4.♗f3 ♗x4 5.♗c3 ♗xc3 6.dxc3 ♗e7 7.♗e3 ♗c6 8.♞d2 a5 9.O-O-O a4 10.a3 ♗g4 11.♗e2 ♗f6 12.h3 ♗d7 13.g4 ♞b8 14.g5 ♗e7 15.h4 b5 16.h5 ♗a5 17.g6 fxg6 18.hxg6 h6 19.♞d5 ♗f8

Diagram



20.♗xh6 ♗c6 21.♞d3 ♞b7
22.♗xg7 ♞xf3 23.♗xf3 ♗xf3
24.♞h8+ 1-0

White: Micah Hughey (2028) Black: Robert Gardner (2247)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♗f6 3.e5 ♗d5 4.d4 cxd4 5.♗f3 ♗c6 6.♗c4 ♗b6 7.♗b3 d5 8.exd6 e6 9.cxd4 ♗xd6 10.♗c3 O-O 11.O-O ♗b4 12.♞e1 ♗d4d5 13.♗e4 ♗f4 14.g3 ♗xc1 15.♞xc1 ♗f6 16.♗xf6+ ♞xf6 17.♞c7 ♗d5 18.♗xd5 exd5 19.♞ee7 ♗g4 20.♗g2 ♞ac8 21.♞b7? [Crafty prefers White after 21.Qb3] 21... ♞c1 22.♞d3 ♗xf3+ 23.♞xf3 ♞g1+ 24.♗xg1 0-1

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More Alberta Closed Games

Round 1

White: Micah Hughey Black: Jeff Reeve

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 d6 4.e5 d5 5.♗xd4 e6 6.d3 d6 7.♗e4 f5 8.exf6 dxf6 9.♗h4 d5 10.♗d3 d6 11.♗g5 e5 12.♗g6+ d7 13.♗c2 h6 14.♗xf6 ♗xf6 15.♗a4 ♗f8 16.dbd2 c7 17.O-O-O d7 18.♗b3 ♗e6 19.♗b1 a6 20.♗he1 b5 21.♗a1 ♗a5 0-1

ROUND 2

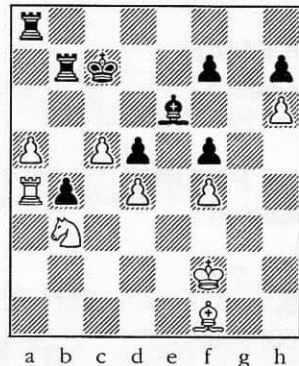
White: Greg Huber Black: Dale Haessel

Tournament Director John Quiring notes: An interesting game. Dale won the first half of the game, and by about move 35, Greg's position was miserable. But both players were down to about 3 minutes to reach move 40, when they would get another 20 minutes added to the clock. (And, of course, every move they got a 30 second increment added to their time). Greg started playing at a fairly quick pace, and Dale matched it. Move 40 came, and both players continued to play fairly quickly. Now, the clock was NOT counting moves, so it would add 20 minutes for the second time control only after the first time control expired. But both players were playing a move about every 30 seconds, which was the amount of the increment, so the clocks remained at about 2 minutes for each player. Until the clock runs down to zero, the first time control does not end. (This was all explained before round 1). As the quick pace of play continued, I began to wonder if the players realized the clock was still in the first control, so they actually had 22 minutes each, not just 2 minutes. Then Greg's position began to improve, as his pieces became coordinated, and suddenly his pawns were strong and dangerous. Finally Dale took more time to move, and when his clock ran to zero he got an additional 20 minutes for the second time control. It became clear that both players were aware of the clock situation. On the board, Dale's position was lost. He traded pieces for pawns, leaving Greg with B+N vs. lone king, and Greg demonstrated a very efficient endgame technique.

1.d4 d6 2.♗g5 g6 3.♗xf6 exf6 4.c4 f5 5.d3 ♗g7 6.e3 O-O 7.g3 d6 8.♗g2 d7 9.dge2 c6 10.O-O d6 11.b4 ♗e6 12.♗d3 d5 13.c5 b6 14.a4 a5 15.cxb6 axb4 16.b7 ♗a7 17.♗fb1 ♗a5 18.d1 d7 19.d3 ♗c7 20.d2 ♗xb7 21.a5 c5 22.dxc5 ♗xa1 23.♗xa1 ♗c8 24.♗d4 d8 25.h4 d6 26.♗f6 ♗ca8 27.h5 ♗e7 28.♗xe7 ♗xe7 29.ded4 dxd4 30.exd4 ♗f8 31.♗a4 ♗b7 32.h6 g5 33.f4 gxf4 34.gxf4 ♗e7 35.♗f2 d7 36.♗f1 ♗c7

Diagram

37.♗a1 ♗g8 38.a6 ♗a7 39.♗a4 ♗g6 40.♗xb4 ♗xh6 41.♗b6 ♗g6 42.♗d6 ♗c8 43.♗xd5 ♗g4 44.♗d6 ♗xf4+ 45.♗g1 ♗g4+ 46.♗f2 ♗g6 47.♗xg6 f6 48.d5 ♗xa6 49.♗g2 ♗c4 50.d2 ♗a2 51.♗e1 d3 52.d6+ ♗d7 53.♗d5 ♗a5 54.d3 ♗b5 55.♗d2 ♗e4 56.♗c4 ♗b8 57.d4 h5 58.♗e6+ ♗e8 59.c6 ♗b2+ 60.♗e3 ♗c2 61.c7 ♗c3+ 62.♗f4 ♗xc7 63.dxc7 ♗b7 64.c8=♗+ ♗xc8 65.♗xc8 g5+ 66.♗xg5 f4 67.♗xf4 h4 68.♗g4 h3 69.♗xh3 d8 70.♗e6 ♗e7 71.♗g4 d6 72.♗f5 ♗c5 73.♗e5 ♗b4 74.d2 ♗c5 75.♗d5 ♗b4 76.d4 ♗a3 77.♗c4 ♗b2 78.d4 ♗a1 79.♗c3 ♗b1 80.d2 ♗c1 81.♗a2 ♗d1 82.d4 ♗e1 83.♗d3 ♗f2 84.d2 ♗f3 85.♗e6 ♗f2 86.♗d5 ♗e1 87.♗e3 ♗d1 88. ♗b3+ ♗e1 89.♗c2 ♗f1 90.d4 ♗g1 91.♗d3 ♗h2 92.♗f3 1-0



Alberta Closed 2004 Round Robin Table

Greg Huber	X	1	=	1	1	=	=	1	5.5
Dale Haessel	0	X	1	1	1	0	1	1	5.0
Jeff Reeve	=	0	X	0	1	=	1	1	4.0
Sasa Grumic	0	0	1	X	0	1	1	=	3.5
Rob Gardner	0	0	0	1	X	1	1	=	3.5
Kim Nguyen	=	1	=	0	0	X	0	=	2.5
Andrew Boik	=	0	0	0	0	1	X	=	2.0
Micah Hughey	0	0	0	=	=	=	=	X	2.0

White: Andrew Boik Black: Jeff Reeve

1.e4 c5 2.d3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.dxd4 d6 5.d3 c5 e5 6.d5 d6 7.♗g5 a6 8.d3 b5 9.d5 ♗e7 10.♗xf6 ♗xf6 11.c3 O-O 12.d2 ♗g5 13.h4 ♗h6 14.g4 ♗f4 15.♗f3 ♗b7 16.dxf4 ♗f6 17.g5 ♗xf4 18.♗xf4 exf4 19.♗g2 d5 20.♗e2 d5 21.f3 dxe4 22.fxe4 f5 23.gxf6 f3+ 24.♗xf3 dxf3 25.♗xf3 ♗xf6+ 26.♗e3 ♗e8 27.♗h2 ♗xe4+ 28.d2 ♗ef4 29.♗e1 d5 30.d4 ♗c4 31.b3 ♗f7 32.d3 d3 33.♗e3 ♗g4 34.♗h3 ♗g2 35.♗a1 ♗e6 36.♗f3 ♗g4 37.♗c1 ♗e6+ 0-1

White: Rob Gardner Black: Micah Hughey

1.g3 d5 2.♗g2 d6 3.f4 c5 4.d3 d6 5.O-O g6 6.c4 dxc4 7.♗a4 ♗g7 8.d5 d7 9.♗xc4 O-O 10.dxc6 ♗xc6 11.♗xc6 bxc6 12.♗xc5 d4 13.♗xc6 ♗d4+ 14.e3 ♗d3 15.d3 dxd2 16.♗d1 ♗xc3 17.bxc3 ♗xe3+ 18.♗h1 ♗e4+ 19.♗xe4 dxe4 20.♗d7 ♗fd8 21.♗xd8+ ♗xd8 22.♗e3 dxc3 23.♗xa7 ♗a8 24.♗c5 ♗xa2 25.♗xa2 dxa2 26.♗xe7 1/2-1/2

White: Kim Nguyen Black: Sasa Grumic

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.d3 c5 4.d3 cxd4 5.dxd4 d6 6.♗e3 d6 7.♗e2 O-O 8.f4 d6 9.d3 a5 10.a4 ♗e6 11.O-O ♗c8 12.♗h1 d4 13.d4 ♗c4 14.♗d3 d7 15.♗xc4 ♗xc4 16.♗f2 d5 17.♗d2 ♗c8 18.d5 dxd5 19.exd5 ♗xa4 20.♗xa4 dxa4 21.♗a1 d6 22.♗xa5 d4 23.♗c3 dxd2 24.♗xd2 ♗c4 0-1

White: Jeff Reeve Black: Rob Gardner

1.e4 d6 2.d4 d6 3.d3 g6 4.f4 ♗g7 5.d3 c5 6.♗b5+ d7 7.♗xd7+ d7 8.d5 b5 9.♗e2 ♗a5 10.O-O b4 11.d1 ♗a6 12.♗e1 ♗c4 13.c3 bxc3 14.bxc3 O-O 15.♗e3 d6 16.d2 ♗a4 17.d3 d6 18.♗e1 d7 19.d2 ♗a6 20.c4 ♗ab8 21.♗d3 d7 22.♗e2 ♗b4 23.e5 ♗fb8 24.d2 ♗xb2 25.♗xb2 ♗xb2 26.♗ae1 dxe5 27.fxe5 ♗xa2 28.d6 dxe5 29.dxc7 dxd3 30.c8=♗+ ♗f8 31.♗d1 ♗a4 32.♗f1 e5 33.♗d8 e4 34.♗d5 d6 35.♗xf4 ♗d1+ 36.♗f1 1-0

White: Sasa Grumic Black: Geg Huber

1.d3 c5 2.g3 d6 3.♗g2 g6 4.c4 ♗g7 5.d3 e5 6.a3 dge7 7.b4 d6 8.O-O O-O 9.♗b1 f5 10.d1 e1 ♗b8 11.d2 d4 12.d3 b6 13.d3 f4 14.ded5 dxd5 15.dxd5 ♗g4 16.f3 ♗e6 17.e4 fxe3 18.♗xe3 ♗d7 19.♗xd4 cxd4 20.f4 ♗h8 21.b5 ♗xd5 22.♗xd5 exf4 23.g4 ♗e7 24.♗e1 ♗g5 25.♗f3 h5 26.h3 ♗be8 27.♗e4 ♗e5 28.♗b2 hxg4 29.hxg4 ♗g7 30.♗h2 ♗h8 31.♗ee2 ♗h4 f! ♗ag 0-1

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