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With one event to go, the *1986 leaders* are: J. Reeve 30.0; R. Gardner 27.5; D. Johansen 26.3*; I. Loadman 26.0; R. Hawkes 19.2; F. Wong 18.6*; C. Johnson 18.0; R. Yearwood 18.0; W. Bentley 15.4; N. Sharp 14.1; G. Huber 14.0; D. Palamarek 13.8*; A. Zissos 13.8 (a "*" indicates eligible for "Under 1800" prize).

1986 S. Alta Open	Calgary	Nov 29-30
<u>Tentative 87 List:</u>		
Trumpeter Classic	Grande Prairie	Jan 17-18
Red Deer Open	Red Deer	Feb 7-8
Northern Alta Open	Edmonton	Feb 21-22
(Spring Open)	Calgary	Mar 21-22
Clsd Qualifier Open	Red Deer	Apr 17-19
Victoria Wknd Open	(TBA)	May 16-18
Over/Under 1800	Red Deer	Sep 5-7
Alberta Open	Grande Prairie	Oct 10-12
November Open	Edmonton	Nov 7-8
1987 S. Alta Open	Calgary	Nov 28-29

***** **SOUTHERN ALBERTA OPEN** *****

Calgary, November 29 & 30
New Rosedale Hall
800 - 11 Ave NW

4-round Swiss system
Entry Fee just \$15
Time Control 45/2

Register 9-9:50 a.m. Saturday
TD: Brian Toth (248-6589)

Please bring your chess clock

Last 1986 ACA Grand Prix Event -- Don't Miss It!

xxxxx **DECEMBER OPEN** xxxxxx

Edmonton, Dec. 20 & 21
Edmonton Chess Centre
15110 Yellowhead Trail

(upstairs; west of Yellowhead Inn)

4-round Swiss system
Entry Fee just \$15
Time Control 45/2

Register 9-9:50 a.m. Saturday
T.D.: Bob Bosenius

Please bring your chess clock

Alberta "Grand Prix"

Grand Prix events have been very popular. A \$250 ACA grant and a \$1 per player fee per event give an estimated prize fund of \$500+. Open: 1st-40%, 2nd-20%; Under 1800 (Jan 1 rating): 1st-25%, 2nd-15% (% total prize fund). Each player's score is prorated on a "6-round basis". A player's best 7 results count toward the Grand Prix total.

ACA Membership Fees

Senior \$5.00/yr ... \$8.00/2 yrs
Junior (under 18) .. \$1.00/yr ... \$2.00/2 yrs

Include the member's full name and address, and Chess Federation of Canada number (CFC dues are an *additional* \$20 senior and \$12 junior per year). CFC number and ACA expiry (may differ from CFC expiry) are on your ACR (Alta Chess Report) mailing label.

1986 Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held October 12 in Calgary at the site of the Alberta Open. After the reading of the '85 AGM minutes, and reports by the Executive, a motion was passed to divide Alberta into five "chess regions" (Calgary, Edmonton, Southern, Central, Northern), with a minimum of three of these regions to be represented on the ACA Board of Directors. Discussion included: the '87 Grand Prix; penalties for irregularities in tournament directing (e.g. a director failing to file a rating report); computers in chess tournaments. Results of elections are given in the next section. (Anyone wishing a copy of the minutes should write the ACA.)

ACA Board of Directors

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Top Alberta Players by CFC Rating
(as of Nov 1/86 CFC Membership List)

1	Rob Hawkes	Calgary	2364
2	Jeff Reeve	Edmonton	2289
3	Fred South	Calgary	2287
4	Rob South	Calgary	2234
5	Branimir Brebrich	Calgary	2225
6	Jonathan Schaeffer	Edmonton	2205
7	Steven Peter	Calgary	2200
8	Christopher Johnson	Claresholm	2199
9	Roy Yearwood	Calgary	2169
10	Milan Rabljenovic	Calgary	2145
11	Andrew Zissos	Calgary	2143
12	Neil Sharp	Lacombe	2123
13	Greg Shvartsburd	Edmonton	2109
14	Brian Toth	Calgary	2104
15	Dale Haessel	Calgary	2096
16	Jeff Spencer	Calgary	2087
17	Rob Gardner	Edmonton	2077
17	Gordon Campbell	Calgary	2077
19	Bob Bosenius	Edmonton	2069
20	Tony Dy-Reyes	Edmonton	2067
21	Chris Demers	Calgary	2049
22	Barney Fegyverneki	Calgary	2041
23	Ted Wilson	Calgary	2037
24	James Currie	Calgary	2026
25	James Flemming	Calgary	2025
26	Leonard Steele	Edmonton	2002
27	Bradley Willis	Edmonton	2001
27	Kris Kuczaj	Calgary	2001

ACA Board of Directors Meeting

Edmonton, October 25/86

The ACA Board met at the Edmonton Chess Centre to discuss ACA policies and programs for the coming year. Herein the ACR will present just a few salient items from that meeting.

It was reported that Sylvia Huber was stepping down from her leading roll with the Calgary Junior Chess Club, with Graham Barnes (monthly meeting) and Branimir Brebrich (in-school activities) taking over the load. Thanks to Sylvia for her long and dedicated service!

The Canadian Junior will be held in Edmonton from December 27 to January 4 at the Alberta Place Hotel. David Johansen will direct, assisted by Darse Billings.

The Board discussed revisions to the Bylaws and to the Policies of the ACA. A committee will advance recommendations.

The Board discussed the ACA Profile ("plan for the future") with specific attention to our submission to the Alberta Government for funding in 1987.

A tentative list of tournaments was approved for 1987 (Grand Prix events listed elsewhere in this issue).

There was some discussion of funding for special projects, funds to come from sources other than our "normal" grant. The possibility of raffles, lotteries, etc. was also raised.

The Board unanimously voted to make David Johansen an **Honorary Life Member** of the ACA based

on his many years of hard work for the Association.

Ways to increase membership and participation were discussed.

Henceforth, the Alberta Women's Closed Championship will have the same participation rules as the Alberta Closed (2 participation points; 1.5 points sufficient for the 1987 Women's Closed only).

It was decided that there will be an additional qualifier for the Alberta Closed, with the qualifier open only to those who have not played in Edmonton and Calgary Closes in that "qualifying year". The tournament will be held in Red Deer as an open event.

ALBERTA CHESS CLUBS

(also see Junior Chess Section)

This is the last info we had. Phone for confirmation.

Boyle Chess Club. Branko Georgijevic (689-2476; Box 558, Boyle, Alta T0A 0M0). **Meets:** (contact Branko).

Black Knight Chess Club. Barney Fegyverneki (244-5814; #903, 1011-12 Ave SW, Calgary, Alta T2R 0J5). **Meets:** Mount Royal College E-Library, 4825 Richard Rd SW, Tuesdays, 7:30.

Calgary Chess Club. Brian Toth (248-6589), Jim O'Neil (289-7103), Bill Rusk (286-6137; 9, 3302 50 St. NW, Calgary, Alta T3A 2C6). **Meets:** New Rosedale Hall, 800-11 Ave NW, Wednesdays, 7:00-11:00.

Schedule of events:

Nov 5 - Dec 17. CCC Championship.

Jan 14 - Feb 25. Calgary Closed.

Mar 11 - Apr 22. Calgary Open.

May 6 - Jun 10. Spring Open.

Jun 24. "Last" chess night; skittles.

Grand Prix Speed rounds on:

Oct 29, Jan 7, Mar 4, Apr 29 & Jun 17.

University of Calgary Chess Club. Philip Chiu (248-0465; 2011-40 St SE, Calgary T2B 1B6), James Currie (286-2996), Graham Cooper (252-6352). **Meets:** Room 318, MacEwan Hall, U of Calgary, Monday to Friday, 12-5 p.m. (approx.).

Edmonton Chess Club. David Johansen (487-9240; 17956-57 Ave, Edmonton T6M 1P4), Tom Karpa (455-2704). **Meets:** 15110 Yellowhead Trail (upstairs; west of Yellowhead Inn). Tues. 7:00-11:00 (main rated tournament night); Sat. 11:00-5:00 (approx.; usually skittles, but tournaments may be held).

Latest schedule of events:

Nov. 11 - Dec. 16. Fall Open.

Dec. 17 - Jan. 5. Closed to "public chess".

Dec. 27 - Jan. 4. Canadian Junior (Alberta Place Hotel).

Jan. 6. '87 Speed Chess Championship, part 1.

Jan. 13. '87 Speed Chess Championship, part 2.

Registration for '87 Closed and Reserves.

Jan. 20 - Mar. 3. Edmonton Closed Championship; Edmonton Closed Reserves.

Mar. 10. Completion of unfinished games from the Closed and Reserves.

Mar. 17 - Mar. 31. Quads (4-player round robins).
 Apr. 14 - May 2. Holowach Challenge and Shnitka Memorial (class tournaments).
 May 19. Speed chess.
 May 26 - Jun. 23. Spring Hexagonals (6-player round robins, i.e. 5 rounds).
 Jun. 30 - Sep. 1. (watch for details).
 Sep. 8. Annual General Meeting.

Fort McMurray Chess Club. George Wilkinson (743-9360res, 790-6343work; 145 Beaverlodge Close, Fort McMurray T9H 2V6). Meets: #237 Keyano College (downtown), Mondays, 7:00-11:00.

Grande Prairie Chess Club Cliff Turner (532-9737; 9408-125 Ave, Grande Prairie, Alta T8V 5Y8). Meets: St. Patrick's Community School Library, Thursdays, 7:00-10:00.

Red Deer Chess Club. Neil Sharp (Box 1736, Lacombe T0C 1S0). Meets: Red Deer Recreational Centre, 45 St and 47 Ave, Tuesdays, 7:00-11:00.

Wabasca Chess Club. Dick Roberts (891-3804; 12 Stump Hollow St, Wabasca, Alta T0G 2K0). Meets: St. Theresa School Library.

Edmonton Chess Centre

On September 2, 1986 the new Edmonton Chess Centre opened, ushering in a new era for chess in Northern Alberta. With the opening, chess becomes more than a one-night-a-week occasion, as the new Centre offers the potential for chessplayers to gather often to pursue the challenge of the world's oldest game.

The Centre is operated by the Alberta Chess Association, and it will act as home for the Edmonton Chess Club (see Edmonton Chess Club listing for contact persons, address, and further information). The Centre also hosts other chess events, such as workshops, training seminars, and ACA directors meetings. The first official event was the Edmonton Chess Club Fall Speed Championship (see next article).

Be sure to drop in and check out the Centre, and watch for our grand opening, expected in late November or early December. We hope to see you there soon.

Edmonton Chess Club Report

The Edmonton Chess Club opened its new year in the spacious facilities of the new Edmonton Chess Centre. The season kicked off with a number of hibernating bears shaking off several years' dust to conquer the Club Open Speed Chess Championship. The class of the event was Jonathan Schaeffer, as he computed his way to a score of 17/20, and easy first place. Fellow bears Bradley Willis (2nd with 14.5) and Leonard Steele (=4th with 12.5) were also top finishers. While we hope not too many follow this pattern, the long rest obviously was not too harmful to their chess. Meanwhile, Joe Tumpek saved some glory for the regulars by finishing third, and

this author (David Johansen) was tied for fourth, amidst the dust and growls.

The ECC Annual Meeting was held Sept. 16, with the following points of interest:

Executive for 86-87 are: Tom Karpa (President), Mike Sekuloff (Vice-President), Ford Wong (Secretary), David Johansen (Treasurer) and Directors: Steve Panteluk, Bob Bosenius, Rod Hartfeil.

Other highlights: computers were banned from play in Club events; no smoking will be allowed in the tournament area when games are being played; membership dues were raised to \$30 per year, and a new annual pass for daily dues was introduced (\$100/yr); the Club will be open Tuesday evening (7-11) and Saturday (11-5, approx.), with exceptions as noted in the 86-87 calendar of events (see club section); emphasis will be made to advertize the Club more, the first step the installation of a telephone and a listing in the Yellow Pages.

All those who pledged donations are encouraged to now make good, please. Our budget calls for all pledges (\$750) to be used for furniture, etc., and to date only about half that has been received. It is your Club, please help to keep the new place we now have.

Where's The Beef ??

The ACR has taken some "flak" recently, so I would like to comment on a few subjects. The ACR relies on ACA members to provide information. We do not subscribe to a wire service, and there should be no need to chase down information. If a club or organizer does not update our information, or provide information on events, we will either have the wrong information or no information. If a tournament director or organizer does not report an event, we probably will not have a report, or will have a bare-bones report which reflects what we have received or managed to find out. If a player participates in an event out of the province, we rely on that player (especially those who get some support from the ACA) to report on that event.

It is not our intention to simply reprint a report which is "discovered" in *En Passant* (national magazine) since most ACA members would have already seen it in that publication.

After the previous ACR issue (August), a member of the ACA Board of Directors took some undeserved "heat" regarding our failure to report on a significant national-level achievement by an Albertan. Of course, that accomplishment warranted being acknowledged. However, no Alberta participant in that event sent us a report (it was covered in an *En Passant*, which was not, unfortunately, observed by this editor until after the August ACR). If a participant does not want to seem to be "tooting" his or her "horn", then send us the report and we'll leave the source anonymous if desired.

At a recent ACA Board of Directors meeting, the ACR was criticized for its lack of content (lack of useful content in the opinion of the criticizer, failure to "seek out news", lack of international coverage, etc.). The ACR has not been targeted as a "teaching" vehicle, many ACA members receive *En Passant* (lots of annotated

games, world-wide, etc.), we are an Alberta newsletter, and, as stated in the first paragraph, our content depends a lot on what is submitted voluntarily to us. (As an aside, the "criticizer" at the meeting recently ran a couple of tournaments, but all we received were two small crosstables, not even redone in order of finish, and no written report whatsoever ...)

Please send in your comments on this subject. What should the ACR be including? What should the "philosophy" of the ACR be? Please note that you can help us by doing what you can to encourage your organizers and directors to send information to us.

JUNIOR CHESS SECTION

**** Junior Chess Needs Volunteers ****

The ACA needs volunteers to assist in Junior Chess activities. We need people to help with: *club activities; special events; coaching junior players; organizing.* If you are able to share some of your experience, please write the ACA or let the organizers in your area know of your interest.

Calgary Junior Chess Club

Information: Graham Barnes (244-4380; #1401, 924-14 Ave SW, Calgary, Alta T2R 0N7). The following applies to all CJCC events unless otherwise noted:

Location: Basement, Wm. Castell Central Library, 616 Macleod Trail SE. Free parking at the Public School Board Building (kitty-corner from library).

Time: Meets on "selected Saturdays". Registration 9:30 a.m. Play begins at 10:00 a.m and continues until about 3 to 4 p.m., depending on number of players.

Fees: Elementary school age \$2.00, Junior High age \$2.50, Senior High age \$3.00.

Memberships: Membership in the ACA and CFC is required (except for school team competitions) and is available at the time of registration.

Prizes: Trophies, books, medals, etc.

Lunch: Bring a bag lunch. No lunch break.

Edmonton Junior Chess Club

Information: Brad Willis (452-1095; 12518 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton T5N 3N5).

Meets: Idylwilde Branch Library, approx. 85 St & 88 Ave (north end of Bonnie Doon Shopping Center), 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month.

The emphasis is on casual games and instruction, but there will be an ongoing ladder tournament and occasional rated tournaments.

The club is open to all players under 18. There is no membership fee, but players must join the ACA (\$1) and, if playing in a rated event, the CFC (\$12).

The Next ACR ...

The December ACR will publicize events to be held in the new year. If you will be running events early in the new year, or you wish to publish a club schedule, send information to us now. If errors exist in the ACR's published club or tournament information, let us know now. The ACR thanks you and Alberta's chessplayers thank you!

1986 Canadian Cadet Championship

(The August ACR gave a much delayed report on last year's Cadet; this information on the '86 Cadet is from the June *En Passant* magazine.)

Christopher Johnson of Claresholm placed a full two points ahead of the field, taking the 1986 Canadian Cadet Championship with an 8-1 score, drawing only **Greg Huber** (of Calgary), who finished tied for third (5-4 score), and Matthew Tierney. Anthony Hung (Ontario) was clear second with 6-3. Congratulations to Chris on his great achievement, and to Greg for his high placing as well! (For Chris' game with Anthony Hung, see *En Passant*.)

1986 Calgary Junior

Chris Demers defeated Greg Huber to win the title again, scoring 5-0. Huber was second with 4-1, as both qualified for the Alberta Junior. Lev Alishaev was third, 3-2, ahead of Colin McCormick. (T.D., report: Darse Billings)

1986 Edmonton Junior

Bob Bosenius both outrated and outplayed the field to finish with 4-0. S. de la Cruz, S. Chehayeb and T. Asquith finished with 2.5-1.5 scores in this 9-player Swiss held at the Edmonton Chess Centre.

1986 Alberta Junior Championship

(T.D., report: Darse Billings)

(Organized by: ACA, CJCC, UCCC)

Alberta's two strongest juniors were unable to compete in this year's Championship. Defending champion Dale Haessel is studying at U.B.C., and Christopher Johnson was representing Canada at the World Cadet Championship (*hopefully, we will receive information on that event prior to publishing the next ACR -- ed.*).

Nevertheless, the tournament was still one of the strongest ever, with Candidate Masters Bob Bosenius and Chris Demers the co-favourites, and Greg Huber the "dark horse". It speaks well for Alberta junior chess to have five players in the country's Top Twenty.

This year's field was rounded out by Andre Min of Calgary, and Salah Chehayeb and San Ching de la Cruz of Edmonton. Here are the round-by-round results:

Round 1

0.5 Bosenius	Demers 0.5
1.0 Huber	de la Cruz 0.0
0.0 Min	Chehayeb 1.0

Bosenius offered a piece for three pawns and initiative, which was declined. Demers misplayed a sequence of exchanges to land in a losing position, but Bosenius' usually good technique failed him as he exchanged down to an opposite coloured bishop ending and a win slipped into a draw.

Huber - de la Cruz

(Grand Prix Attack)

1. e4 c5, 2. f4 d6, 3. Nf3 Nf6, 4. Nc3 g6, 5. Bc4 Bg7, 6. d3 Nc6, 7. O-O O-O, 8. Qe1 a6, 9. a4 Bg4, 10. Be3 Bf3, 11. gf3!? Nd4, 12. Bd4 cd4, 13. Ne2 Rc8, 14. Kh1 Nh5, 15. Rg1 e5, 16. f5 Qf6, 17. Ng3 Nf4, 18. Qf1 Bh6, 19. Ne2 Ne2, 20. Qe2 Kg7, 21. Rg4 Be3, 22. c3 h5, 23. Rg2 Kh7, 24. Bf7! gf5, 25. Bg6+ Kh8, 26. Bf5 Rc7, 27. Rg6 Qh4, 28. cd4 Bf4, 29. de5 de5, 30. Rag1 Rd8, 31. Qg2 Qh2+ and Black was soon mated (1-0).

Round 2

1.0 Chehayeb (1.0)	de la Cruz (0.0) 0.0
1.0 Demers (0.5)	Huber (1.0) 0.0
0.0 Min (0.0)	Bosenius (0.5) 1.0

Chehayeb scored his second convincing victory. Huber got a very passive position from the opening, and wasn't

up to the defensive task, later dropping a piece.

Demers - Huber

1. Nf3 Nf6, 2. b3 g6, 3. Bb2 Bg7, 4. e3 O-O, 5. d4 d5, 6. Nbd2 Nbd7, 7. c4 e6, 8. Qc2 c6, 9. Bd3 Re8, 10. O-O dc4, 11. Nc4 Nb6, 12. Nb6 Qb6, 13. Rad1 Nd5, 14. Bc4 Qc7, 15. Rfe1 Rd8, 16. a3 Nb6, 17. Be2 Bd7, 18. Rcl Rac8, 19. b4 Be8, 20. Red1 Qe7, 21. Nd2 f6, 22. Qc5 Qc7, 23. Qc2 Bf7, 24. Bf3 Qe7, 25. Nb3 e5!? (Nd7!?), 26. de5 fe5, 27. Bg4 Rd1+, 28. Rd1 Rd8, 29. Rd8+ Qd8, 30. Nc5 Qe7, 31. Be2 Nd5, 32. Ne4 Kh8, 33. Qc5 Qc5, 34. Nc5 b6, 35. Ne4 Be6, 36. Bc4 Kg8?!, 37. Ng5 Bd7, 38. e4 Bf6, 39. ed5 cd5, 40. Bd5+ Kg7, 41. Nf3 (1-0).

Round 3

1.0 Bosenius (1.5)	Chehayeb (2.0) 0.0
0.0 Huber (1.0)	Min (0.0) 1.0
0.0 de la Cruz (0.0)	Demers (1.5) 1.0

Bosenius hung a rook to a two-mover, but managed to drum up some complications. When Chehayeb left his King in the center, the threats became serious and White regained enough material to obtain a won ending. Min had a fine effort, defending a slightly misplayed Kingside attack admirably. In the resulting even ending, Huber, who was not feeling well, made some serious concessions. When he overpressed for a win, Min played accurately, obtained an overwhelming advantage, and eventually won.

de la Cruz - Demers

(Queen's Gambit)

1. c4 e6, 2. e3 d5, 3. Nc3 Nf6, 4. d4 Be7, 5. Nf3 O-O, 6. c5 c6, 7. Bd3 Nbd7, 8. a3?! Qc7, 9. O-O e5!, 10. Bf5 e4, 11. Nd2 g6, 12. Bh3 Ne8, 13. f3 f5, 14. fe4 fe4, 15. Rf8+ Nf8, 16. Bc8 Rc8, 17. Nf1 Nf6, 18. b4 a6, 19. Ne2 Ne6, 20. Bd2 Rf8, 21. Bel Nh5, 22. Neg3 Ng3, 23. Bg3 Qc8, 24. Be5 Qe8, 25. Ng3 Bh4, 26. Qg4 Bg3, 27. Qg3 Rf7, 28. Bd6 Ng7, 29. Qe5 Qe5, 30. Be5 Nf5, 31. Re1 h5, 32. g3 g5, 33. h3 Kh7, 34. Kg2 Kg6, 35. g4 hg4, 36. hg4 Nh4+, 37. Kg3 Nf3 (Rf3+), 38. Re2 (Rh1) Ne5, 39. de5 Rf3+, 40. Kg2 Kf7, 41. Rf2? Rf2+, 42. Kf2 Ke6, 43. Ke2 Ke5, 44. Kd2 d4, 45. Ke2 Kd5, 46. Kd2 de3+, 47. Ke3 Ke5 and Black won (0-1).

Round 4

0.0 Chehayeb (2.0)	Demers (2.5) 1.0
0.0 Min (1.0)	de la Cruz (0.0) 1.0
1.0 Bosenius (2.5)	Huber (1.0) 0.0

Chehayeb played an interesting opening, giving up a pawn for better piece activity, space and an open center. He then sacrificed the exchange for a pawn and a weakened King's field, but Demers defended patiently, giving back a pawn in the mutual time scramble to ensure a better ending. Then, before the transition to the ending, Chehayeb lost a piece to an oversight. Huber achieved total equality out of the opening and could have tried for a slight pull in the ending, but instead went for a questionable pawn sacrifice. This time Bosenius' technique was true to form, and he won a Queen ending easily.

Round 5

0.0 de la Cruz (1.0)	Bosenius (3.5)	1.0
0.5 Huber (1.0)	Chehayeb (2.0)	0.5
0.5 Demers (3.5)	Min (1.0)	0.5

The final round was an entertaining one. Bosenius sacrificed a pawn, but after an impressive follow-up, White obtained a clearly better position with a pawn advantage. But this wasn't enough for an inexperienced player against a determined Candidate Master, and eventually the tide turned. Chehayeb had to walk a fine tightrope to avoid a losing position, but escaped with only a slight disadvantage. Huber decided the position wasn't worth a lot of effort, and a draw was agreed. Demers quickly obtained a decisive advantage in the form of an extra advanced passed c-pawn. Unfortunately, his transition to the ending was a little too hasty, and he lost that advantage. He pressed in the even ending, but Min made no mistakes, and Demers lost a well-deserved share of first place.

Significant contributions were made to this event by the U of C Chess Club (UCCC), and by Sylvia and Dennis Huber.

Edmonton Chess Camp

The Edmonton Junior Chess Club held a "Chess Camp" over four consecutive Saturday mornings during the summer, with 12 participants. At its conclusion, a rated tournament was held. Brad Willis sent the ACR the "Tournament Bulletin" from the Camp, and the following was excerpted from that bulletin.

The Chess Camp Tournament was held on Saturday, Sept. 13, with the following results: Daniel Lishingman scored an undefeated 4-0 to take the first prize; Ted Kouri, Conrad McCallum and Sherwin Chan followed with 3-1 scores.

For most players, this was the first tournament in which they'd used chess clocks and recorded their moves, but almost everybody got the hang of it pretty quickly. The Tournament Bulletin (i.e. Brad) advised the players not too worry if they didn't do too well, since in a short tournament the final results don't mean too much. Most of the games could have gone either way and it's impossible to predict who will win the next tournament because all of the Camp participants are improving so fast.

The following hints were provided:

(1) Most players played far too quickly. Russian chess trainer Vladimir Zak says this is the most common error made by young players. Hardly anybody used more than 15 minutes of the 60 available! Take your time! In a regular tournament you'll have twice as much time, usually two hours for 40 moves. Use it!

(2) You can avoid silly mistakes by writing down your move BEFORE you make it. Then look again to make sure you aren't overlooking some obvious threat or capture (or some nice combination). Most good players (including most grandmasters) do this.

(3) You won't improve by playing for checkmating traps on the square f7 in the first few moves (we call them "cheapos"). You should avoid openings like 1. e4 e5, 2. Bc4 Bc5, 3. Qh5? True, your opponent may not

notice that you're threatening 4. Qf7 mate; but, if he does, he can play 3. ... Qe7, followed by ... Nf6, forcing your Queen to retreat with loss of time. Incidentally, a four knight's type of game (1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. Bc4 Bc5, 4. Nc6 Nf6, 5. d3 etc.) is perfectly good, but kind of boring. You'll improve faster if you play gambits such as the King's Gambit, the Evans Gambit or the Danish Gambit, or maybe the Moeller attack in the Giuoco Piano (*Brad has long been noted for his penchant for gambits! -- ed.*). Those lines are risky, and at first you'll lose a lot of games against players you can beat, but they'll teach you how to conduct an attack with precision.

(4) Analyze your games to see where you went wrong. I've analyzed a few in this Bulletin (*omitted this ACR, but we may include one or more at a later date -- ed.*) to show you what I mean. Check out the analysis carefully; I did it quickly and you may be able to find mistakes (*good, general advice -- ed.*).

(5) One of the best ways to improve your play is to play over master games, covering up the next move with a card and trying to guess the master's moves. That's even better than playing with computers, although playing with computers is a good idea too (as long as you record the moves and analyze the game). It's a good idea to use two chess boards; one for the game position and one to follow the notes and experiment with your own ideas. That way, you don't have to play over the whole game from the start every time you follow a variation in the notes.

(Thanks to Brad Willis for this report, and for his efforts at the summer Chess Camp and his continuing involvement with junior chess in Edmonton!)

CJCC School's In Tourney

Andrew Masterson won a playoff game with Darren Hill to finish in first place. Andrew continues to improve steadily, after jumping 500 points in the previous year. Newcomers Richard Marshall and Jason Beck finished 3rd and 4th, respectively. (T.D., report: Darse Billings.)

CJCC Trick or Treat

Held on October 25, 1986, this tournament saw Lev Alishaev and Bill Donaldson share first place with 5.5-0.5 records. Chris Rice, Kjell Wooding, Darren Hill, and newcomer Bob Rodgers tied for third. Alishaev and Rice qualified for the Alberta Cadet Closed Championship. The tournament was directed by Graham Cooper, with assistance from Larry Manahan and Phil Chiu. (Report by Darse Billings.)

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

1986 Alberta "Over 1800"

Chris Johnson and Jeff Reeve tied for first at 4.5-1.5 in this 6-round, 10-player (where was everybody??) Swiss, held over the Labor Day weekend in Red Deer. Johnson beat Reeve in round 2, but gave the point back by losing to Rob Gardner in the next round. Roy Yearwood and Neil Sharp (the T.D.) tied for third with 3.5 points. Jeff Spencer and Rob Gardner garnered even scores.

1986 Alberta "Under 1800"

Jens Kaastrup pounded out a perfect 6 points in this 7-player round robin (sparse attendance resulted in this change from the planned Swiss). Dianna Palamarek came second with 4.5, followed by John MacKey (4-2). Neil Sharp was the T.D.

1986 Alberta Open

(T.D., Org., Rep.: Darse Billings, NTD)

Forty-two players participated in this year's Alberta Open on the Thanksgiving Day long weekend. The field was quite strong (average rating well over 1800), with the Calgary representation averaging over 1900. This is now quite usual for a weekend Swiss in Calgary, and makes for hard fought games, even in the first round.

Round 1

Paul Usselman upset Andrew Zissos on board 4 by confusing him with dubious play. "Mr. Zee" ("*ZED!*" -- ed.) stood worse when he lost on time on move 29. He then went on to win his next four games. Lowest rated Barry Bell of Edmonton out-calculated Phil Chiu to win his Queen and the game (*you just won't let up on Phil, will you Darse?* -- ed.), while Dianna Palamarek held the highest rated A-player to a draw. One of the nicer games was played by Bill Bentley:

Chris Johnson (2192) - Bill Bentley (1853)

French Defence

1. e4 e6, 2. d4 d5, 3. Nd2 Nf6, 4. e5 Nfd7, 5. f4 c5, 6. c3 Nc6, 7. Ndf3 Qb6, 8. g3 f6, 9. Bh3 cd4, 10. cd4 Bb4+, 11. Kf1 fe5, 12. fe5 O-O, 13. Be6+ Kh8, 14. Kg2 Nde5, 15. Bd5 Nf3, 16. Nf3 Bg4, 17. Be3 Ne5, 18. Rf1 Rad8, 19. Qb3 Nf3, 20. Bf3 Bf3, 21. Rf3 Rf3, 22. Kf3 Qc6+, 23. Kf2 Rf8+, 24. Kgl Qf3, 25. d5 Qe2, 26. Ba7 Be1!, 27. Kh1 Rf1+, 28. Bgl Qf2, 29. resigns (0-1).

Round 2

Dianna Palamarek again held a high-rated A-player to a draw. Ten-year-old Lev Alishaev stomped all over Phil Chiu, handily giving him his second straight defeat. For Phil, rated 1932, his performance rating for the day was below 1100! This remarkable display of ineptitude won him the "Golden Guppie" award for abysmal chess, over a large number of other worthy candidates. Phil

then reaffirmed his unofficial title of Alberta's most erratic player, by leaving nothing but cinders of his next four opponents. As a result, he shared first place in the under 2000 division.

Round 3

Rob Hawkes, Steven Peter and Roy Yearwood won to become the only perfect scores. Robert South had requested a bye for this round, thus slipping a half point. James Currie played an interesting speculative sacrifice, eventually drawing with Neil Sharp, giving them each 2.5.

Round 4

0.5 Peter (3.0)	Hawkes (3.0) 0.5
0.5 Sharp (2.5)	Yearwood (3.0) 0.5
1.0 South (2.5)	Currie (2.5) 0.0

Peter "hung-tough" under pressure and in serious time trouble to hold a draw against Hawkes. Yearwood equalized quickly and Sharp offered a draw because he had a distaste for the position, which better suited Yearwood. South won a miniature, thus sharing the lead after playing only 13 moves all day! Peter Amerl scored his second straight upset (both from "lost" positions). David Johansen, James Flemming, Johnson and Zissos each won their third game. Norman Luyben only drew a winning position against an A-player, but took the lead among under-1600's with 2/4.

Round 5

0 Hawkes (3.5)	Yearwood (3.5) 1
0 South (3.5)	Peter (3.5) 1
0 Flemming (3.0)	Johnson (3.0) 1
1 Zissos (3.0)	Amerl (3.0) 0
0 Johansen (3.0)	Sharp (3.0) 1

Yearwood prepared an "inferior" line in the Falkbeer Counter-gambit, used by Short. The game was over quickly when Hawkes lost his Queen to a two-mover. South dropped a piece near time control, after playing an interesting game. Flemming should not have lost to Johnson, holding rook and minor piece and a candidate passed pawn against a Queen. Even after missing a key defensive move and dropping the exchange, the Queen vs two minor pieces should have been enormously difficult to win.

Round 6

0.5 Yearwood (4.5)	Peter (4.5) 0.5
0.5 Johnson (4.0)	Zissos (4.0) 0.5
1.0 Hawkes (3.5)	Sharp (4.0) 0.0
0.5 Currie (3.5)	Fegyverneki (3.0) 0.5

First board was a quick draw, thus assuring Yearwood and Peter a share of first place money. With no chance at first, Hawkes was still at full intensity. He won to take third and avenge his only loss in the 1986 Alberta Closed. Johnson-Zissos was the longest game of the tournament. A draw would share third, but a win would share first place and be worth about \$60 more. The game was hard fought, with Johnson making "silly-looking" moves which are difficult to refute and add tension to the position. The game looked like it would be

settled in a wild time scramble, but both players made control and maintained a reasonably balanced position. Eventually, a Queen and many-pawn ending was reached, with both sides having several weaknesses. When it looked like it would be too risky to try for a win, Johnson did just that, having rejected a draw offer. Then, when he saw Zissos' strong reply, he made an illegal draw offer, which was rejected after careful positional evaluation. Zissos survived the second time control narrowly, but obtained an unblockaded passed pawn on the seventh rank. All that remained was to safely evade the attempts at perpetual check. After carefully analyzing a winning route, he saw a method which appeared to be faster. Unfortunately for Andrew, that analysis was insufficient and Johnson was able to establish a Queen blockade of the dangerous pawn and obtain a draw. Thus, the two players completed their "Swiss gambits" with a draw and a share of third place. Top A-class, scoring four points, were: James Currie, Kris Kuczaj, Greg Huber, Jun Turingan and Phil Chiu. Top B-class, scoring three points, were: Peter Amerl, Hans Lassnig, Michael Barkwell, Ford Wong and Branko Palcic. Top C-class and Unrated, with two points, were: Norman Luyben, Barry Bell, Francis Northover and Bao Tran.

The tournament was made even more enjoyable by the beautiful Indian Summer weather, sunny and warm. In a Sunday afternoon pick-up soccer game, Zissos and Alishaev displayed their ample talent, but their team lost 3-1 to the underdog Hawkes and Huber team. Darse Billings scored two goals and David Johansen added one for the victors, while James Currie replied late for the vanquished. Later, Lev Alishaev displayed his tennis prowess by beating adults, including a 6-1, 6-0 crush of Phil Chiu (*let up Darse! -- ed.*). If this is not impressive enough, the very intelligent and pleasant Lev is also a natural athlete in baseball, football and other sports.

Thanks go to all the players who travelled to play in the tournament, and to those who helped to clear sets and tables afterwards.

Calgary Fall Open

This was a seven-round open Swiss held between Sept. 10 and Oct. 22 at the Calgary Chess Club. It was a relatively strong tournament, comprising six experts and ten A-class players. Total participation was thirty players. Gordon Campbell had a perfect record up to the last round, when he met Chris Demers. Chris was confident that Gordon might not play at his best since he had already clinched first place with his six points and nobody could reach him. Chris was right and won. John Parrott was clear second with 5.5-1.5, followed by James Flemming and Chris Demers half-a-point back. Nine players had four points, showing the balanced strength of this competition. (T.D.: Jim O'Neil; Report: John Schleinich.)

UCCC Octagon Club Tournament

Apparently, the Octagon Club is for members who believe that October should be the 8th month of the year (*or so Phil Chiu, the director of this tournament, tells us; and as Darse Billings knows, if Phil is involved, it's gotta be "different" -- ed.*). Anyway, this was a 4-player round robin, with Lev Alishaev notching 3 victories (*Phil said that Lev's opponents "blindly dropped a piece in their game", but we suspect Lev at least issued an invitation for them to do so -- ed.*). Scoring a point each were Brian Wansleebeben who beat Kim Sanders who beat Bill Donaldson who beat Brian Wansleebeben (!).

Here's a game that was sitting in the ACR's "archive of unpublished material":

Roy Yearwood - George Kodecki

("Affair de Honour", April 13/86)

1. e4 e5, 2. f4 ef, 3. Nf3 Qe7, 4. Re2 Qe4, 5. O-O Nc6, 6. d4 Nb4?!, 7. Re1 Ne7, 8. c3 Nc6, 9. Bd3 Qd5, 10. Bf4 d6, 11. Nbd2 Bg4, 12. Be4 Qb5, 13. Qc2 h6? (g6), 14. d5 Nb8, 15. Nd4 Qd7, 16. h3 Bh5, 17. Bf5 Qd8, 18. g4 g6, 19. Bd3 g5, 20. Bg3 Bg6, 21. Bg6 fg6, 22. Qg6+ Kd7, 23. Qe6+ Ke8, 24. Rf1 Rh7, 25. Rael Rg7, 26. Qb6 c5, 27. Rf8+ Kf8, 28. Ne6+ Kg8, 29. Qg7++ (1-0)

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