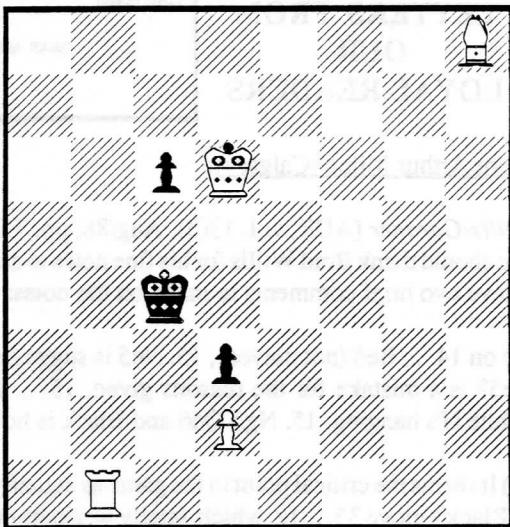


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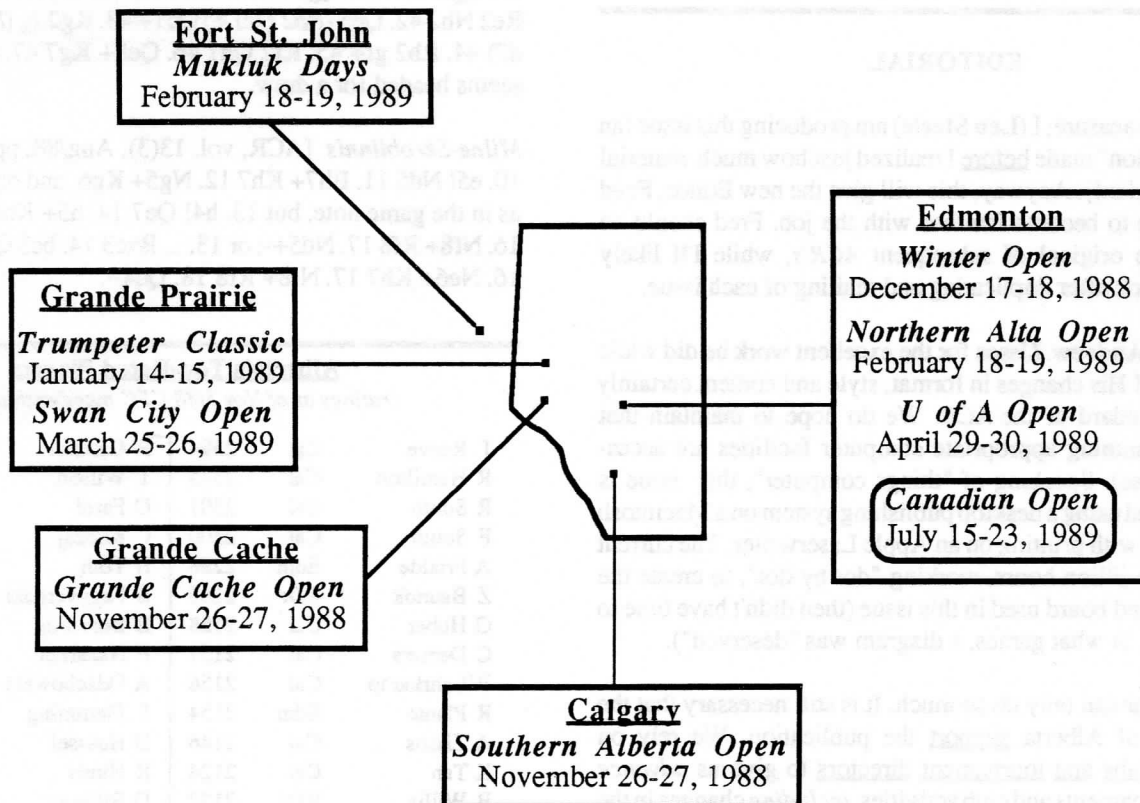
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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE



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EDITORIAL

As an interim measure, I (**Len Steele**) am producing this issue (an "unwise decision" made before I realized just how much material had to be typed in!). Anyway, this will give the new Editor, **Fred McFaul**, time to become familiar with the job. Fred should be producing the original of subsequent *ACR*'s, while I'll likely continue to look after duplicating and mailing of each issue.

Thanks go to **Andrew Zissos** for the excellent work he did while he was Editor! His changes in format, style and content certainly upped the standard of the *ACR*. We do hope to maintain that standard (assuming appropriate computer facilities are accessible, of course). Speaking of "things computer", this issue is being produced using a desktop publishing system on a Macintosh SE computer, with printing on an Apple Laserwriter. The current Editor spent a jillion hours, working "dot by dot", to create the chess pieces and board used in this issue (then didn't have time to decide where, in what games, a diagram was "deserved").

An *ACR* Editor can only do so much. It is still necessary that the chessplayers of Alberta support the publication. We rely on organizers, clubs and tournament directors to give us *advance* details of tournaments and club activities, *including* changes in the listings of clubs. We rely on them and on you, our general readership, to submit reports, games, articles, letters, etc. so that the *ACR* can show a true picture of what is happening in Alberta. If you can contribute directly, please do so, and/or exert some "pressure" on local organizers and/or your friends to keep the *ACR* supplied with information. For those who can do it (e.g. Phil Chiu!), "lengthy" articles can be submitted on disk as an "ASCII text file" (MS-DOS preferred, but Mac acceptable).

LETTERS FROM OUR LOYAL READERS

Loyal Reader

DEAR ACR

From Arthur Milne (Calgary):

Willis-Gardner [ACR, vol. 13(3), Aug/88, pp. 7-9]

We should thank Brad Willis for his fine notes to an opaque game. I have two brief comments to make on the notes:

(1) on 14. ... Be6 (not played), 15. Ne5 is suggested; while 15. ... Qe5? is a mistake for the reasons given, 15. ... d4! leaves two White N's hanging. 15. Ng5 Qd6 and Black is holding together.

(2) It seems the critical point in the game as actually played comes at Black's move 35. ... fg, which fatally weakens the Black attack. After 35. ... Ne6!, the White Kingside begins to fall apart. The following sequence represents what appears to me to be typical play: 36. Rd1 Rf7! (*Δfg, Rf2 -+*) 37. Rc4 (*37. Rf1 Nf4 Δ e2, fg -+*) h5 38. h3 Qh4 39. Qg2 (*Qe3 Qg3+ 40. Kf1 fg or 40. Kh1 hg*) Ng5 41. Kh2 fg or 41. Rf1 c2. White is blown away. Sequences involving leaving the White rook on d4 on move 36, or playing 36. Rdc4 are met by the same buildup and the same result. However, 37. Qg2! Nf5 38. Qg3 e2 39. Re1 Nd3 40. Rce2 (*Bc1 Ne1*) Re2 41. Re2 Nb2 42. Qe5 (*Rb2 Qc1+*) Qc1+ 43. Kg2 fg (*Nd3 44. Qe8+ Δ d7*) 44. Rb2 gf+ 45. Kf2 Qh1 46. Qe8+ Kg7 47. d7, the position seems headed for a draw.

Milne-Skroblinnis [ACR, vol. 13(3), Aug/88, pp. 21-22]

10. e5! Nd5 11. Bh7+ Kh7 12. Ng5+ Kg6, and now not 13. Qe4+ as in the game note, but 13. h4! Qe7 14. h5+ Kh6 15. Ne6+ Kh7 16. Nf8+ Rf8 17. Nd5+-; or 13. ... Bxc3 14. bc3 Qe7 15. h5+ Kh6 16. Ne6+ Kh7 17. Nf8+ Rf8 18. Qe4+.

Alberta's Top-Rated Players

(ratings as of Nov 5/88 CFC membership list)

J Reeve	Cal	2394	R Gardner	Edm	2080
R Hamilton	Cal	2375	T Wilson	Cal	2076
R South	Cal	2301	O Farid	Cal	2074
F South	Cal	2300	C Kuczaj	Cal	2073
A Frialde	Edm	2288	B Toth	Cal	2047
Z Baunok	RDr	2165	B Fegyverneki	Cal	2042
G Huber	Cal	2158	B Bosenius	Edm	2038
C Demers	Cal	2157	F Nazarian	Cal	2024
WLahrkamp	Cal	2156	A Odachowski	Cal	2022
R Plante	Edm	2154	J Flemming	Cal	2019
A Zissos	Cal	2146	D Haessel	Cal	2018
K Tan	Cal	2124	R Hinds	Cal	2013
B Willis	RDr	2122	D Billings	Cal	2009
R Yearwood	Cal	2119	J Daniluk	Cal	2009
M Yip	Edm	2111	T Kolenchuk	Edm	2005
N Sharp	Lac	2095	C Vokey	Edm	2002

(Current ACA members who, by the Editor's assessment, live most of the year outside Alberta and/or are "inactive": R Hawkes 2371; B Brebrich 2225; G Campbell 2160; M Rabljenovic 2145. Computer programs: N Blazenko 2127; Phoenix 2004. 1988 "tournament" membership: A Dmitroca 2187.)

Southern Alberta Open

Calgary, November 26-27

Cambrian Heights Community Hall, #600 Northmount Drive
4-round Swiss System. Entry fee: \$15

Register: 8:30-9:30 on Saturday

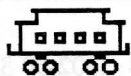
CFC and ACA memberships required
(John Schleinich, T.D., 288-6721)



Northern Alberta Open

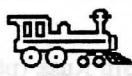
February 18-19, 1989

Same site as the Winter Open, and likely Len Steele won't be able to get out of directing it. Further info next ACR.



Grande Cache Open

November 26-27



Villager Motel (downtown off Shand Ave; 827-2412)

4-round Swiss System Register: 9:00-9:45 a.m. Saturday

CFC and B.C. or Alta memberships required

A B.C./Alberta Peace River Grand Prix event!

For information, phone Ray Gellein at 827-4589

(Note: on Saturday evening, Len Steele, the tournament director, will be giving a seminar/workshop on organizing and directing tournaments.)



Swan City Open (Grande Prairie)

March 25-26, 1989

4-round Swiss

A B.C./Alberta Peace River Grand Prix event
For info phone Phil Lefkowitz at (403)-538-1903
More details, if received, in a future ACR.



U of A Open

April 29-30, 1989

T.D. Bob Bosenius; details similar to "Winter Open", but wait for more info in an ACR



U of A CC/Edmonton CC Winter Open

December 17-18



University of Alberta, Students Union Bldg (NW of corner of 89 Ave & 114 St), main floor, l'express lounge (room 142)

5-round Swiss System (3 Sat., 2 Sun.)

Entry Fee: \$20 (\$15 for juniors, first-time tournament players, and U of A students)

CFC and ACA memberships required

Register: 9:00-9:30 a.m. Saturday

First round: 10:00 a.m. Time control: 40/2

U of A tournaments seem to have a good-sized entry, so the prize fund could be substantial

(For further info, phone the T.D., Bob Bosenius, at 469-4879, or bug Salah Chehayeb at 462-2050)



CANADIAN OPEN

Edmonton, July 15-23, 1989



See story and ad in this ACR. You won't want to miss it!



Notice to Organizers

Please send us information *as soon as possible* about your 1989 tournament plans, even if only preliminary details. The ACA would like to prepare a "tournament schedule" for 1989 (we will contact organizers should there be conflicts with regular ACA weekend events or other weekend tournaments). Clubs are requested to provide the ACR with a schedule of weeknight events, if they have one. Naturally, the ACR will be happy to serve you by promoting your events!

Participation Rule for Alberta Closed

All entrants in the Alberta Closed (current Alberta Closed Champion [Roy Yearwood], Alberta Open Champion [Jeff Reeve], Calgary and Edmonton Closed Champions, winner of a Rural Qualifier, plus 3 players by rating) must show some activity in Alberta by meeting minimum standards, i.e. 2 participation points (gathered since the previous Alberta Closed). Most club and weekend events in Alberta are 1/2 point each, but the following are worth 1 point each: Alberta Over/Under 1800's, Alberta Open, Southern Alberta Open, Northern Alberta Open, Rural Qualifier, Calgary and Edmonton Closed's. When invitations are sent out, it will be the responsibility of the player to demonstrate that at least 2 participation points have been achieved.



Trumpeter Classic (Grande Prairie)

January 14-15, 1989

4-round Swiss

A B.C./Alberta Peace River Grand Prix event
For info phone Phil Lefkowitz at (403)-538-1903

The next ACR should be out in time to give you more details, if received.



Ft. St. John (B.C.) Mukluk Days

February 18-19, 1989

4-round Swiss

A B.C./Alberta Peace River Grand Prix event
For info phone Larry Stutzman at (604)-785-7830
More details, if received, in a future ACR



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

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

Dawson Creek Golden Harvest

-- Sept 24/25; Completed, but no report received as of "press time".

Grande Cache Open

-- Nov 26/27; Ray Gellein (403-827-4589).

Grande Prairie Trumpeter

-- Jan 14/15; Phil Lefkowitz (403-538-1903).

Ft. St. John Mukluk Days

-- Feb 18/19; Larry Stutzman (604-785-7830).

Grande Prairie Swan City

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

Additional events held in conjunction with the above are:

(1) Tournament director's workshop with Len Steele, ACA President, at Grande Cache on the evening of Nov. 26th.

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

1989 CANADIAN OPEN

JULY 15th to 23rd

EDMONTON CONVENTION CENTRE

The prize fund for Canada's national open chess championship is a whopping \$10,000 MINIMUM GUARANTEED, with substantial prizes in all rating categories. If the Canadian Open is to be a success, we need as many entries from Alberta as possible, so please put this tournament on your chess calendar now. Future press releases will list strong players, hopefully some GM's, who are planning to attend. Incentives for early entry can be taken advantage of to save as much as \$30 over the on-site fee. Further information is given in the "display ad" on the back cover.

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

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

ALBERTA CHESS CLUBS

(see Junior Section for Junior Clubs)

Black Knight CC (Calgary)

The Club is going through a reorganization, with Ted Wilson leading the "revitalization". For information on meeting night and site, contact Ted (phone 242-2344, or write 85 Governor Dr SW, Calgary T3E 4Y8). Come on out and support the BKCC!

Calgary CC

Info: Bill Rusk (phone 286-6137, or write #9, 3302-50 St NW, Calgary T3A 2C6). Meets: New Rosedale Hall, 800-11 Ave NW, Wednesday, 7:00-11:00. Here is the 1988-89 schedule

Nov 9-Dec 21: Calgary CC Championship (7 rds)

T.D. Barney Fegyverneki (266-2843)

Jan 11-Feb 22: Calgary Closed (7 rds, RR)

T.D. Greg Huber (286-1873)

Mar 8-Apr 19: Calgary Open (7 rds)

T.D. Brian Starkes (243-2026)

May 3-Jun 7: Spring Open (6 rds)

T.D. Darse Billings (284-3799)

Jun 21: End of the season. Skittles, etc.

Jan 4, Mar 1, Apr 26 & Jun 14: Grand Prix Speed.

T.D. Darse Billings (284-3799)

Edmonton CC

Info: Mike Sekuloff, President (phone 486-4036 or write 7913-160 St, Edmonton T5R 2G8; note that the Club phone number is 447-2564, with an answering machine activated during off hours). Meets: 15110 Yellowhead Trail (upstairs; west of Yellowhead Inn), Tuesdays (main tournament night) and Thursdays 7:00 to approx. 11:00. Here's the balance of the 1988 Tuesday schedule:

Nov 1-Dec 6: ECC Fall Open. (T.D. Rejean Plante)

Dec 13: General Meeting. Open Speed Tournament

Dec 20 & 27: Closed for the holiday

Jan 3, 1989: Club reopens. Tournament registration.

Fort McMurray CC

Info: Ron Coulson, President (write 120 Beardsley Cr, Fort McMurray T9H 2S2). Meets: Monday nights, 6:30-9:30, Syn-crude Towers Rec Centre. (note: if this information is not correct, please contact Branko Georgijevic in Boyle -- see Northern Communities CC listing).

Grande Cache CC

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

Grande Prairie CC

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

Hinton CC

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

Northern Communities CC (Boyle)

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

Red Deer CC

Meets: Dawe Community Centre, off 67th street overpass, on Mondays, 7:00-11:00. (We are not sure of a contact person, so request that someone from the Club please write us with that information.)

University of Alberta CC

Info: Salah Chehayeb (462-2050) or John Mackey (439-8884). Meets Wednesdays from 4:00-6:30 p.m. in the Students Union Building (SUB) on the main floor (l'express lounge; room 142).

University of Calgary CC

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

The Knight Club (Edmonton)

Sometime or other the ACR will print something about the Knight Club that does not change right after press time! For the time being, the Club is NOT operating. When (if?) it starts up again, we will let you know. Nancy Emack has been working on "World Blitz business", so she must be in Calgary during the week, hence the Club folded, at least for now.

Solution to Problem on Front Cover (no peeking!)

1. B.a1 c5, 2. Rb2 Kd4,
3. Rb4++ (composed by
Paliath Narendran of
the Univ. of Calgary
Computer Science Dept
-sent in to the ACR by
Darse Billings).

JUNIOR CHESS SECTION

Calgary Junior Chess Club

Information on CJCC events is available from Ian Drummond (288-4034). Meets in the basement of the Wm. Castell Central Library, 616 Macleod Trail SE (free parking at the Public School Board, kitty-corner from the Library). Registration at 9:30 a.m. on the days listed below. Play begins at 10:00 a.m. and continues until about 3:00 p.m., depending on the number of players. Since there is no break to buy lunch, please bring a bag lunch. Prizes awarded include trophies, medals, books, and t-shirts. Membership open to anyone aged 17 or less. For individual tournaments (not the Team Championships), membership in the Alberta Chess Association (ACA) is required and membership in the Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) is preferred (required for CFC-rated tournaments). These can be purchased at the time of registration (ACA is \$1/year; ACA plus participating-CFC \$6/year; ACA plus junior-CFC \$13/year -- in the latter case, the member will receive the national magazine, *En Passant*; ACA members receive the *Alberta Chess Report*). Tourney fees (age level in brackets) are: \$2.00 (elementary); \$2.50 (junior high); \$3.00 (senior high).

Here is the remaining 1988-89 CJCC schedule:

- Nov. 19: Winter's Coming Tourney.
 - Dec. 17: Christmas Tourney.
 - Jan. 21: New Year Tourney.
 - Feb. 25: Last Chance Tourney.
 - Mar. 11: Elementary School Team (of 4) Championship.
 - Apr. 22: Jr. High School Team (of 4) Championship.
 - May 13: Sr. High School Team (of 4) Championship.
- [Players will be grouped by strength]

Edmonton Junior Chess Club

Well folks, the EJCC does still officially exist, but right now exactly when (likely "selected" Saturdays) and where (probably at the main branch of the library on Churchill Square) is not known to us. Nancy Emack (452-4589) is still looking after the EJCC, but she has to spend most of her time (at least weekdays) in Calgary. Nevertheless, do attempt to contact her for information. The emphasis of the Club is on casual games and instruction, but there will likely be ongoing ladder tournaments and occasional rated events. The Club is open to all players under 18. There is no membership fee, but participants must join the Alberta Chess Association (\$1/year) and, if playing in a rated event, the Chess Federation of Canada (\$5/year without *En Passant* magazine, \$12/year with it).

A Little Time, but a Lot of Help

Yes, if enough people to volunteer just a little of their time to help with junior chess, it would make it a lot easier on the few who seem to get much of the work. Won't you consider offering some of your chess knowledge to the juniors or help run a tournament or club? If you can help, even in a small way, please let your local junior organizers and/or the ACA know what you would like to do. Thanks in advance to all those who are willing to help us strengthen junior chess in Alberta!

1988 Edmonton Junior Playoff
(report by Rob Gardner, Director)

	Pre- 1988,					
	Event	Nov.				
1. Don Coward	1661	1756	x	=	+	4.5
2. Pawel Jachowicz	1606	1660	=	x	+	4.0
3. Tom Clandinin	1681	1656	-	-	x	2.5
4. Geoff Newton	1385	1584	-	-	=	2.0
5. Rod Thiel	1597	1523	-	=	-	1.5
6. Tom Asquith	1500	1458	-	-	-	0.5

The Edmonton Junior Playoff (actually the "Northern Alberta Junior Playoff"; John Seaman of Grande Prairie and Dean Mah of Red Deer were invited, but could not make it —Ed.) was a hard-fought affair. With such a narrow spread in ratings, it was not obvious who the favourites were. In each round, the players played seriously and took their time — unlike some junior tournaments I have seen in which the games were played rapidly. I only have one complaint about the tournament: the players were crushed when Phil Chiu failed to make even a brief appearance (just kidding Phil!).

Don Coward played well to earn first place in this tournament. Though he did get inferior positions in some of his games, Coward fought back courageously to turn these games around. Pawel Jachowicz played solidly to take second spot. Both players qualified for the Alberta Junior Closed (however, Jachowicz, then Clandinin, opted out of playing, so Geoff Newton took over the second of the two Edmonton spots in the Alberta Junior — Ed.).

Round 1

=	Jachowicz	—	Thiel	=
0	Newton	—	Coward	1
0	Asquith	—	Clandinin	1

Jachowicz won a pawn in his game but offered a draw in a minor piece ending after becoming worried about Thiel's activities on the Queenside. After Newton castled Queenside, Coward, already a pawn up, opened the b-file with deadly effect. Asquith-Clandinin ended with Asquith overlooking a back-rank mate.

Round 2

0	Thiel	(0.5)	—	(1.0)	Clandinin	1
1	Coward	(1.0)	—	(0.0)	Asquith	0
1	Jachowicz	(0.5)	—	(0.0)	Newton	0

Clandinin prevailed in a hard-fought Ruy Lopez. Coward won after turning around a bad position. Jachowicz took advantage of Newton's weakened Kingside to win a pawn and then the ending.

Coward — Asquith

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. cd5 Nd5 5. e4 Nc3 6. bc3 Bg7 7. Bc4 c5 8. Ne2 Nc6 9. Be3 Rb8 10. O-O b5 11. Bb3 c4 12. Bc2 a5 13. Rb1 O-O 14. Qd2 b4 15. d5 bc3 16. Nc3 Nb4 17. a3 Ba6

(Black preferred this temporary piece sacrifice to 17. ... Na6) 18. ab4 ab4 19. Ne2 b3 20. Bb3 (20. Bd1 c3 21. Nc3 Bf1 22. Kf1 looks preferable) 20. ... cb3 21. Rfc1 Be2 22. Qe2 Qa5 23. Qc4 Qb5 (23. ... b2 24. Rd1 [24. Rc2 Qa1 25. Qf1 (25. Rcb2 Qb1+) 25. ... Ra8 26. Re2 Qb1 27. Qb1 Ra1 28. Re1 (28. Rb2 Bb2) 28. ... Rb1 29. Rb1 Ra8 wins for Black, as does 24. Re1 Qe1 + 25. Re1 b1=Q 26. Rb1 Rb1+] 24. ... Rfc8 puts White under pressure) 24. Bf4 Rb7 25. f3 Qb6+ 26. Kf1 Ra8 27. Qc6 b2 28. Qb6 bc1+? (28. ... Rb6 29. Rd1 and now 29. ... Rc8 [rather than 29. ... Ra1] 30. Ke2 Rc2 + 31. Rd2 [31. Bd2 Rb3] 31. ... Rc1 32. Rd1 looks drawish. Black cannot promote the b-pawn, so he tries to keep White's King away.) 29. Bc1 Rb6 30. Rb6 Ra1 31. Rb8+ Bf8 32. Rc8 h5 33. Ke2 Ra2+ 34. Kd3 Kg7 35. Rc2 Rc2 36. Kc2 Kf6 37. h4 (Basic Chess Endings gives the basic technique for such a position as first improving the King and bishop positions and then playing for a passed d-pawn. 37. h4 fixes a White pawn on a square where it is likely to become a target for the Black bishop. Perhaps White should walk his King towards c6 or d7.) 37. ... Ke5 38. Kd3 f6 39. g4 Kd6 40. gh5 gh5 41. Ba3+ Ke5 (41. ... Kd7 offers drawing chances. I am not sure whether it forces a draw. The point is that the Black bishop can prevent the White King from getting to f4 [and then f5, g6, and h5]. Black sets up a successful blockade in a variation such as 42. f4 Bh6 43. Bc1 Bf8 44. e5 fe5 45. fe5 e6 when the Black bishop is used to prevent the White King from getting to g5 and the Black King will move only to recapture on e6. I think the weakness of the h4-pawn will become a factor if White tries the plan of f4, f5 and e5.) 42. Ke3 f5 (42. ... Bh6+ was the correct move since 43. f4+ looks drawing after 43. ... Bf4+ 44. Kf3 Bd2 45. Be7 Be1 46. d6 Ke6) 43. f4+ (43. Bb2+ Kd6 44. Kf4 wins the h-pawn and thus the game) 43. ... Kf6 44. e5+ Kf7 45. Kd4 (45. d6 ed 46. ed is met by 46. ... Bg7, intending 47. d7 Bf6) 45. ... Ke8 46. d6 ed (Black appears to draw with 46. ... Bh6 47. e6 [47. Ke3 e6, intending 48. ... Kd7, with a blockade] 47. ... ed 48. Bd6 Bg7+ 49. Be5 [else 49. ... Bf6] and now: A. 50. Kd5 [hoping for 50. ... Be7 51. Bd4 Bh4 52. Ke5, when White wins] 50. ... Bh6 and White can make no progress. 51. Kd6 Bf8+ or 51. Bd6 Bg7 52. e7 Bf6 or 51. Kc6 Ke7 52. Kd5 Ke8 or 51. Kd4 Bf8. B. 50. Bh8 [intending 51. Ke5] 50. ... Bd6 and, if 51. Be5, then 51. ... Be7. C. 50. Bf6 Bd6 51. Bg5 [51. Ke3 offers nothing] 51. ... Bc7 52. Kd5 Bd8 53. e7 Bc7 54. Ke6 Bf4 55. Kf5 [55. Bf4 is stalemate] 55. ... Bd6 56. Kg6 Be7 57. Kh5 Kf7) 47. Bd6 Bg7 (Again 47. ... Bh6 draws after 48. e6 Bg7+ as above, or 48. Ke3 Kd7, intending 49. ... Ke6, with a blockade) 48. Kd5 Be5 (Black is lost anyway. 48. ... Kd7 49. Bc5 leaves Black in zugzwang. 49. ... Bh8 50. e6+ Ke8 51. Bd4 or 49. ... Bh6 50. e6+) 49. fe5 f4 50. Ke4 Kf7 51. Kf4 Ke6 52. Kg5 Kf7 53. Kh5 Kg7 54. e6 Kf6 55. e7 Kf7 56. Kg5 Kg7 57. e8=Q Kh7 58. Qg6+ Kh8 59. Be5 mate (1-0).

Round 3

0	Clandinin	(2.0)	—	(2.0)	Coward	1
0	Asquith	(0.0)	—	(1.5)	Jachowicz	1
=	Newton	(0.0)	—	(0.5)	Thiel	=

In the game between the two leaders, Coward once again fought back from a bad position. Asquith began hallucinating after a hard day and moved into a pawn fork. Thiel fell into a trap that cost him a rook, but Newton could not find a winning plan in the resulting tricky position.

Clandinin — Coward

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. ed ed 5. Nf3 Nf6 6. Bg5 O-O 7. Be2 h6 8. Bh4 Bf5 9. O-O c6 10. Bd3 Bd3 11. Qd3 Nbd7 12. Qf5 Bd6 13. Ne5 Qc7 14. f4 Be5 (Coward was afraid of White's pressure. Unfortunately for him, this move leads to trouble.) 15. fe5 g6 16. Qf4 (16. Qf3 Nh7 17 Be7? is met by 17. ... Ne5. The move 16. Qf2, though, seems better than the move played since the threat of Be7 appears impossible to meet: 16. ... Ng4 17. Qf4 f5 18. h3 Nge5 19. de5 g5 20. Bg5) 16. ... Nh5 17. Qh6 Qb6 (Coward decides to fight back) 18. Qd2 (18. Qe3 looks correct. 18. ... Qb2 19. Rab1 Qa3 [19. ... Qc2 20. g4 Ng7 21. Rfc1] 20. Rb7 looks good for White. 18. ... Rae8 [threatening 19. ... Ne5] fails to 19. Na4 Qb4 20. b3 [20. ... Ne5 21. c3]) 18. ... Ne5 19. Kh1 (I prefer 19. Na4. The reply 19. ... Qa6 20. de5 Qa4 21. Bf6 looks dangerous. 19. ... Nc4 20. Nb6 Nd2 21. Na8 Nf1 22. Kf1 Ra8 23. Re1 allows White to get his rook to the seventh rank.) 19. ... Nc4 20. Qf2 Rae8 (After 20. ... Qb2 the best line I can see for White is 21. Na4 Qa3 22. Nc5 [threatening 23. Nd7 and 23. Be7. The attack 22. g4 Ng7 23. Bf6 Qe3 24. Qh4 Qe4+ 25. Kg1 Ne3 seems to backfire on White] 22. ... Qe3 23. Nb7) 21. g4 Ng7 22. Bf6 Ne3 23. Qh4 (threatening 24. Qh6) 23. ... Re6 24. Na4 (24. Rf3 looks bad for Black after 24. ... Rf6 25. Rh3 Nh5 26. gh5 or 24. ... Qb2 25. Rg1 Qc3 26. Rh3 Nh5 27. gh5 or 24. ... g5 25. Qg5 Rf6 26. Qf6 Qb2 27. Re1) 24. ... Qb5 25. Rf3 Qe2 (this move was made possible by 24. Na4) 26. Qf2? (Once Coward had shown that he would not meekly submit to Clandinin's bullying, Clandinin seemed to quit fighting [Hmm, there may be a moral here.] 26. Rg3 Nd1 [threatening 27. ... Qf1+ 28. Rg1 Nf2+] 27. h3 Qf1+ 28. Rg1 Qf3+ 29. Rg2 Ne3 looks bad for White. Correct is 26. Rf2, which would lead to a tough fight after 26. ... Qg4 27. Nc5 Rf6 28. Qf6) 26. ... Qf2 27. Rf2 Ng4 28. Bg7 Nf2+ 29. Kg1 Kg7 30. Kf2 Rfe8 31. Nc3 Re3 32. Rg1 f5 33. Rg3 Rg3 34. hg3 Kf6 35. Kf3 Re1 36. Ne2 Rb1 37. b3 Rb2 38. c4 dc 39. bc Ra2 40. d5 cd 41. cd Rd2 42. Nf4 g5 (0-1).

Newton — Thiel

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. Nf3 g6 4. Nc3 Bg7 5. d5 d6 6. e4 e5 7. Bg5 O-O 8. Qd2 Na6 9. Be2 Bd7 10. O-O Nc7 11. Rab1 a5 12. a3 Qe7 13. Rfd1 Rfb8 14. b4 ab 15. ab cb 16. Rb4 Na6 17. Rb2 Nc5 18. Ne1 h6 19. Bf6 Bf6 20. Nd3 Bg5 21. Qc2 Na4 22. Rb4 Nc3 23. Qc3 b5 24. Rdb1 Qe8 25. cb Rb5 26. Rb5 Bb5 27. Qb4 Bd3 28. Bd3 Qd7 29. Qb7 Qd8 30. Qb6 Qf6 (Black felt that he needed a win in this game to remain in contention, so he avoids a Queen swap) 31. Qc6 Ra2 32. Rf1 h5 33. Qc4 Rd2 34. Qc3 h4? (missing a tactic) 35. f4 Bf4 (still missing the point) 36. Qd2 Qg5 37. Qe2 f5 38. Qf3 (White's position is somewhat awkward, so he needs a plan. The e4-pawn, which diminishes the strength of White's bishop by clogging a major diagonal, can be exchanged. After 38. ef g3 39. Qc2 e4 40. Be4 fe4 41. Qe4 Be3+ 42. Kh1, White has two strong files he can use to exploit his remaining material advantage. This line gives back some of the material, but makes the win much easier.) 38. ... Be3+ 39. Kh1 f4 40. h3 (40. Qh3 threatens to win d6 and to play 41. Qd7, cutting the Black King off from its pawn protection. After 40. ... Qd8, 41. Qe6+ and 42. Bb5, bringing in the bishop, White creates threats that make life rough for Black.) 40. ... Kg7 41. Rb1 Kh6 42. Rb7 Qd8 43. Qg4 Bf2 44. Qd7 (White's last few moves have seemed rather planless. To be fair, White's tiredness was obvious.) 44. ... Qa5 45. Rb1 Qc3

46. Qb5 Bd4 47. Qb3 Qd2 48. Qd1 Qe3 (This is a mistake that should lose after 49. Qe2 Qg3 50. Qg4 since 50. ... Qd3 51. Qh4+ leads to mate, 50. ... Qf2 is met by 51. Rf1, and a passive move is met by exchanging Queens and then placing the rook on c6 to win a pawn or force the exchange of rook for bishop. After 48. ... Qc3, what can White do against perfect play? White should be able to put his rook at e6 and his bishop on e8 while leaving his Queen to support his King. After the g-pawn moves, Black's King will be an easier target.) 49. Rb7 g5 50. Rd7 Bc5 51. Qf1 (A reasonable way to prevent the mess that could be caused by 51. ... g4. Consider a plausible line that does not prevent 51. ... g4: 51. Re7 g4 52. Re6+ Kh7 53. Qb1 Bb6 54. Rd6 gh and now the plausible 55. Qb6 [55. Rb6 has problems too. Black checks on the g1-a7 diagonal and takes the rook if the King crosses the b-file.] 55. ... hg+ 56. Kg2 h3+ 57. Kf1 [forced] Qd3+ 58. Ke1 [58. Kf2 Qd2+ is perpetual since both f3 and g1 are taboo for the King.] 58. ... Qc3+ 59. Kd1 [avoiding perpetual] 59. ... Qa1+ 60. Kc2 Qa2+ 61. Kc3 [61. Qb2 Qb2+ 62. Kb2 h2 63. Rd7+ Kg6 64. Rd6+ Kg5 wins for Black.] 61. ... Qa3+ 62. Kc4 Qa4+ and now, if 63. Kc5 to avoid perpetual, then 63. ... Qd4+ 64. Kb5 Qb6+ 65. Rb6 h2 66. d6 h1=Q. The best way to stop 51. ... g4 seems to be 51. Be2 [51. ... Qe4? 52. Bd3] which uses White's least valuable piece in that defensive role. 52. Bf3 and 53. Re7 would be threatened.) 51. ... Kg6 52. Rb7 Qg3 53. Rb1 (I still prefer 53. Be2, intending 54. Bf3. The bishop accomplishes more on f3 than it does on d3.) 53. ... Bf2 54. Rb2 Be3 (Allows White to force a trade.) 55. Re2 g4 (Draw agreed) (White was tired enough to worry about accidentally leaving his back rank undefended, so offered a draw when he finally could have forced a piece exchange. After 55. Qe1 Bf2 56. Qf2 Qe3 57. hg, the win should have been straightforward.)

Round 4

0	Thiel	(1.0)	—	(3.0)	Coward	1
1	Jachowicz	(2.5)	—	(2.0)	Clandinin	0
1	Newton	(0.5)	—	(0.0)	Asquith	0

Coward clinched his spot in the Alberta Junior by taking advantage of Thiel's endgame mistakes. Jachowicz also qualified by victimizing Clandinin in a wild von Hennig-Schara Gambit. Asquith lost a knight by taking a pawn that was indirectly protected and his game crumbled after that.

Thiel — Coward

1. e4 e6 2. d3 d6 3. Nf3 c5 4. c3 Nf6 5. Bg5 Be7 6. Nbd2 Nbd7 7. d4 Qc7 8. Bd3 b6 9. O-O O-O 10. Re1 Re8 11. a4 (If I had White's position, my plan would probably be to play e5 and try to attack on the Kingside. It could be played now. 11. e5 de 12. de Ng4 is met comfortably by 13. Bf4. After a line like 11. ... Nd5 12. Be7 Ne7 13. Nc4 d5 14. Ne3, White has the better bishop.) 11. ... a6 12. Rc1 Bb7 13. b4 c4 14. Bf6 (Since Black's position is cramped, this exchange probably helps him. Besides, White gives up a bishop for a knight. 14. Bb1 allows an eventual Qc2 if the b1-h7 diagonal becomes useful.) 14. ... Nf6 15. Bc2 b5 16. Nf1 (It is hard to say what White should do here. 16. e5 clears the b1-h7 diagonal, but has the drawback of freeing Black's game significantly. Perhaps White could play 16. a5 in the hope that the b7 bishop will become bad.) 16. ... ba 17. Ra1 Bc6 18. Ba4 Ne4 19. Re4 Be4 20. Be8 Re8 21. Ra6 Qb7 22. Qa4 Ra8 23. Ra8 Qa8

24. Qa8 Ba8 25. Ne3 (23. N3d2 forces 25. ... d5, when 26. f4 intending Nf3 would make ... e5 difficult for Black to achieve.) 25. ... Bf3 (Black trades his inferior bishop to weaken White's pawn structure.) 26. gf3 d5 27. Kf1 h5 (Prevents the knight from transferring to e5 via g4.) 28. Nc2 Kf8 29. Ke2 Bd6 30. h3 Bf4 31. Ne3 Ke8 32. Nd1 Kd7 33. Nb2 Kc6 34. Na4 Kb5 35. Nc5 e5 (White's pieces have not been placed to react to this move so White loses a pawn.) 36. de Be5 37. Kd2 d4 38. cd4 Bd4 39. Ne4 Kb4 40. Kc2 f5 41. Ng3 g6 (41. ... f4 is met by 42. Ne4, giving Black trouble.) 42. Ne2 Bf2 (41. ... Be5 looks like it should offer good prospects for Black. If 42. f4, Black should be able to succeed by playing ... Bf6, ... c3, ... Kc4, ... Kd4, and ... Ke4. Otherwise, Black can play 42. ... f4 himself and should be able to capture on f2 [or h4 if 43. h4].) 43. Nf4 Bd4 44. Ng6 Kc5 45. Nf4 Be5 46. Nh5? (46. Ng2 or 46. Ne2 might have offered practical chances for a draw. However, I believe Black can win as follows: A. 46. Ng2 Kd4 47. Nh4 [47. Kd2 Bg3 (intending 48. ... f4 entombing the knight) 48. f4 Ke4 49. Kc3 (49. Ke2 Bf4) Kf3 50. Kc4 Kg2 51. Kd5 Kh3] 47. ... Ke3 [47. ... f4 48. Nf5+] 48. Ne5+ Kf3 49. Nh4+ Kg3 50. Ng6 Bf6 51. h4 Kg4 [51. ... Bh4 52. Kc3] 52. Kd2 Kf5 53. Nf8 Bg7 54. Nd7 Kg4. B. 46. Ne2 h4 47. Kd2 [47. f4 Bf6 leaves an opening at e4] 47. ... Kb4 38. Kc2 [48. Nc1 Bf4+] 48. ... c3 [prevents White's King from making tempo moves] 49. f4 [49. Kd3 Kb3 or 49. Nc1 Kc4 50. Ne2 (50. Nd3 Kd4 51. f4 Bf6) 50. ... Bh8 (50. ... f4 51. Nc1 Kd4 52. Nd3) 51. Nf4 Kd4 52. Ng2 Bf6] 49. ... Bg7 [Not 49. ... Bf6] 50. Ng1 Kc4 51. Nf3 Bf6 and White is in zugzwang.) 46. ... f4 (0-1).

Jachowicz—Clandinin

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 c5 4. cd cd 5. Qd4 Nc6 6. Qd1 ed 7. Qd5 Bd7 8. Nf3 Nf6 9. Qd1 Qc7 10. g3 O-O-O 11. Bd2 Bc5 12. e3 Bg4 13. Bg2 Rd7 14. h3 Bh5 15. g4 Bg6 16. Rc1 Nb4 17. O-O Nd3 18. Rc2 Nf2 (Had Clandinin been so inclined, he could have tried repeating the position with 18. ... Nb4 19. Rc1 [19. Nb5 Bc2] 19. ... Nd3, when White would have to move his rook off the c-file or submit to perpetual. However, Clandinin was half a point behind Jachowicz after 3 rounds and his position had plenty of life in it.) 19. Rf2 Be3 20. Ne4 Bf2+ 21. Kf2 Ne4+ 22. Kgl Nc5 23. Rc3 Qb6 24. Ne5 Kd8 (24. ... Rc7 threatens 25. ... Ne4+. After 25. Be3 Qb2 26. Rc5 [26. Qd4 Rd8] 26. ... Rc5 27. Ng6 [27. Bc5 Qe5] 27. ... hg6 28. Bc5 Qa2, it is hard to say what will happen.) 25. Nd7 Nd7+ 26. Be3 Qb2 27. Rb3 Qa2 28. Rb7 Qe6 29. Rb8+ (Both players were in time pressure. 29. Ba7 should at least draw the ending while giving Black difficult immediate problems. For example, 29. ... Re8 allows 30. Bb6+ Ke7 [30. ... Kc8 31. Qc1+] 31. Bc5+ Kf6 [31. ... Kd8 32. Rb8+ Kc7 33. Bd6+ Qd6 34. Rb7+] 32. Rd7) 29. ... Ke7 30. Rh8 Qe3+ 31. Kh1 Be4 (threatens 32. ... Qh3+) 32. Be4 Qe4+ 33. Kgl Qe3+ 34. Kf1 Qh3+ 35. Ke1 Qh1+ 36. Kd2 Qd1+ 37. Kd1 Nf6 (37. ... Nf8 and 37. ... h6 both offer winning changes. 37. ... Nf8 38. Rg8 [38. K-any f6 traps the rook and 38. g5 loses to 38. ... f5 (39. gf+ Kf7)] 38. ... g6 39. Ke2 f5 40. Rg7+ Kf6 41. Ra7 fg. After 37. ... h6, White cannot protect his g-pawn, so he will likely be forced to sacrifice it to double Black's g-pawns.) 38. g5 Ne8 (38. ... Ne4 39. Rh7 g6 and Black gets White's last pawn.) 39. Rh7 g6 40. Rh3 Nd6 (Reaching time control.) 41. Kc2 Ke6 42. Rf3 Kd5 (42. ... Ne4 wins White's last pawn with at least a draw. Black should forget about his a-pawn since it is too far away.) 43. Ra3 Nb5 44. Ra5 Kc4 45. Kd2 Kc5 46. Kd3 Kb6 47. Ra1 a5 48. Ke4 Nd6+ 49. Ke5 Nc4+ 50. Kf6

Nd6 51. Ra4 Kb5 52. Rf4 Kc5 53. Ke7 Nc4 54. Kf7 a4 55. Kg6 a3 56. Rf2 Nb2 57. Kf5 a2 58. Rf1 Nc4 59. Ra1 Nd6+ 60. Ke6 Ne4 61. g6 (1-0).

Round 5

=	Coward	(4.0)	—	(3.5)	Jachowicz	=
=	Clandinin	(2.0)	—	(1.5)	Newton	=
=	Asquith	(0.0)	—	(1.0)	Thiel	=

Coward and Jachowicz agreed to a draw without fighting to the bitter end. Clandinin sacrificed without getting enough compensation, but Newton did not find a way to convert his material advantage into a win. Asquith-Thiel was agreed drawn after Thiel escaped from a terrible position into a possibly tenable rook ending.

(The Editor, Len Steele, wishes to thank Rob Gardner for putting in so much work on this report. The guy who had to type it all into the computer, namely Len Steele, would, however, like to "strangle" him!)

Rob wins a copy of the latest Chess Informant for that article. Each ACR issue, one author (article/story, report, letter, annotated game) may be awarded an Informant (solely at the discretion of the Editor). Why not try for one yourself?

1988 Alberta Junior Championship (report by Darse Billings, Director/Organizer)

Greg Huber battled a cold and some very tough competition to win the title of Alberta Junior Champion. He will represent Alberta in the Canadian Junior Championship*.

Arthur Odachowski finished second, with Don Coward close behind. Huber's task was made easier by the absence of several top Calgary juniors. Defending champion Chris Demers was unable to play due to other commitments, and talented juniors Lev Becker and Andrew Paduch were not available to replace him.

Coward, of Edmonton, played very well, and could have challenged for first had he had the experience to finish off Odachowski from a winning position. Rahemin Nanji and Geoff Newton rounded out the field. Nanji is a promising player who, in his first rated tournament, finished second ahead of Becker in the tough Calgary Junior (sorry, we don't have a report on it - Ed.).

(Thanks to Darse for finding the time in his most busy schedule to run this tournament! - Ed.)

* Each year, as part of its regular budget, the ACA pays the Alberta Junior Champion's travel cost (usually air fare) to the Canadian Junior. Travel grants to pay all of or a portion of air fare for any or all other juniors residing in Alberta who are invited to the Canadian Junior may be provided, but solely at the ACA's discretion.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

UCCC "!" (Almost) Invitational

Simba Karkhanis was the Tournament Director and Organizer for this event. He did an OK job, considering that this was his first time as a chess "bureaucrat". The low-stress nature of this event allowed him to easily learn the basics of his "position". Simba decided to delay the "!" two weeks after the advertised date. Since no invitations had been sent out, he could get away with the sudden change. It's a good thing, too. Organizational mistakes in regular tournaments are never forgiven by the players.

In the last couple of months, 'bogus' unrated players have been active in UCCC events. The "!" featured more of the same. Karkhanis brought in Tan Kho Ka, while Farzan Nazarian was Neil Sharp's choice. The "under 1900" ringers pushed aside all competitors to meet in the final round. They fought an intense battle which (after many hours) resulted in a draw, so they shared 1st place. There is no doubt that Tan and Nazarian are talented and/or skilled players. They also demonstrated a high level of experience with tournament conditions — an awareness not normally found in "beginners". You can blame Karkhanis and Sharp for this "fiasco". I say no more!!

The new "whiz kid junior" on the block was Andrew Paduch. He had put in an incredible performance in the U of C Open, previously. He duplicated his feat in his second tournament by taking 1st in the Under 1650 category. In the battle of the juniors, he and Lev Becker drew. Hmmm.

Ralph Fix is a pleasant fellow. He had the misfortune to be paired against the likes of Nazarian and Manahan, but certainly took his lumps graciously. During the break, I had the opportunity to play a blitz game against Fix (White). He got his chance to "fix" someone really good: 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Ng5 Bc5! 5. Nf7 Bf2+ 6. Kf2 Ne4+ 7. Ke3! Qh4? 8. Qe1? Qf4+ 9. Ke2Nd4+ 10. Kd3Nc5+ 11. Kc3Nb5+ 12. Kb4a5+ 13. Kb5c6+? 14. Kb6Na4+?? 15. Kc7e4+ 16. Nd6+!! (1-0). Not the best game in the world, but it's the only other game I've got from this event!

Larry Manahan returned to tournament chess after an extended absence. His "anti-positional" approach was good enough to obtain wins in the two games he played. The Damiano Defence (1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 f6!?) was one of the "inferior" systems that he played. His opponents took their losses good-naturedly.

I had played chess against computers a few times; they were no big deal. Then again, I had never met Mephisto (*a.k.a. "Nikafor Blazenko"?*—Ed.) and his human sidekick. It was insidiously evil to hear Sharp say "You can't let a machine win. Come on ... why don't you try another game? Where's your pride?" Mephisto's rating is estimated at 2200. My 1 win and 4 losses is an approximate performance rating of 1960. Hey!! It's not too shabby! I had to resort to a "Phil" line of the Philidor Defence to get my one win. I'll probably talk about that unusual try, someday.

Carlos Ma— Rob Woods

1. Nf3 d6 2. d4 c5 3. e3 Nf6 4. Bd3 g6 5. O-O Bg7 6. c4 O-O 7. d5 e6 8. e4 a6 9. Nc3 Bd7 10. a4 Be8 11. Ng5 h6 12. Nf3 Nbd7 13. Bd2 Ng4 14. h3 Ne5 15. Be2 Rb8 16. Ne5 Ne5 17. f4 Nd7 18. de fe 19. Bg4 Qe7 20. f5 ef 21. ef g5 22. Nd5 Bd4+ 23. Kh1 Qe5 24. Bc3 b5 25. Bd4 cd4 26. Re1 Qg7 27. Qf3 bc 28. Re7 Rf7 29. Rae1 Ne5 30. Qe4 Bc6 31. Qd4 Re7 32. f6 Qf7 33. Ne7+ Kf8 34. Nc6 Re8 35. Qd6+ (1-0).

(TD: Simba Karkhanis; Asst. TD: Phil Chiu; Org.: UCCC)

UCCC Larkspurs

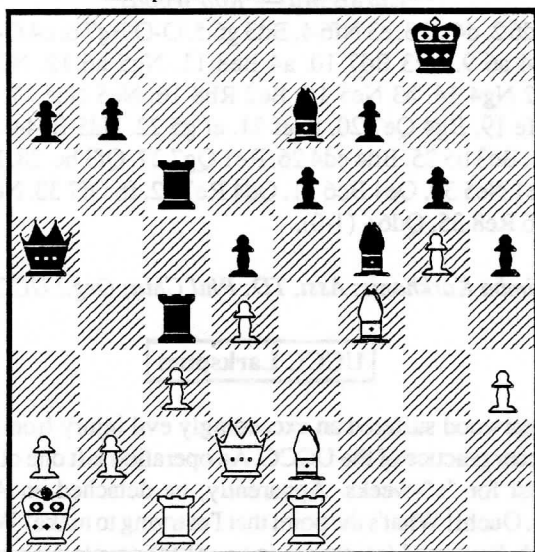
Roy Yearwood suffered an exceedingly evil injury from playing in a soccer practice of the UCCC. An operation left one of his legs in a cast for "x"-weeks. Apparently, he detached an Achilles' tendon. Ouch!! What's the point that I'm trying to make? Well, you probably have read (sometime in your life) novels such as *Coma*, *The Sisterhood*, or *Bad Medicine*. These stories all have a common theme. When you go into a hospital, something EVIL usually happens to you. Then, you are forever changed (or DEAD)! The incredible thing is, when Yearwood was in the hospital, NOTHING HAPPENED to him!! Can you believe it!! He must have a lot of horseshoes! A few weeks later, he even managed to take down Robert Hamilton in this July 16-17 tournament. Hamilton was the last obstacle on his way to 1st place. The game was interesting enough for me to pressure Roy into submitting it to the ACR. The game should have appeared in the last issue, if it isn't already attached to the end of this report. (*I haven't seen it, but I'm getting so bleary-eyed typing this blinking ACR, I can't see clearly!* -- Ed.)

Just before his game with Yearwood, Hamilton was discussing the World Chess Festival and his place in the scheme of things to come. He was neither happy nor sad about the chess "politiking" involved in that event, but was relieved to get the problems he had "off his chest". With the load off his back, he must have relaxed too much in his game against Yearwood. He was forced to share 2nd place with Ken Salmon and Farzan Nazarian.

Augustin Parrenas had the distinction of being the only player (to my knowledge) to obtain draws in all his games in a UCCC event. Andrew Paduch, "the whiz kid junior", took the Top Under 1800 position. He and his counterpart, Lev Becker, did not meet in this event. Bronislaw Swiecicki and Simba Karkhanis shared equal 2nd place in the Under 1800 section. Once again, Simba Karkhanis was the T.D. and Organizer for a UCCC event. He did an OK job, since he finally sat down and read the laws, rules and by-laws for tournament directing (*more Chiuing out?* - Ed.). He is now the official T.D. for the UCCC. Mess with him and YOU will be on the CFC Blacklist!!

Since few players like my "unique" style of play, I do not have any of my games for you (this time!), but you do get a game position. Many players find joy in seeing me beaten when I venture into one of my "bad" opening systems. This time, I tried an idea from the 1., 2., 3., 4., 5. or 6. f3 "spikes". Forcing myself to play as a total positional player was wrong! All I got were evil and painful body blows!

Philip Chiu - Robert Hamilton



After ... Qa2+!!, I resigned. It took 5 seconds to spot the mate sequence, but another 240 seconds to decide there was no way out. The combination is cute!

Simba Karkhanis - Hui Ye

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 de 4. Ne4 e5 5. Nf3 Bg4 6. Bc4 ed 7. Bf7+ Kf7 8. Ne5+ Ke8 9. Qg4 Qa5+ 10. Bd2 Qe5 11. O-O-O Ne7 12. Rhe1 Kd8 13. Bf4 h5 14. Qf3 Qd5 15. Qh3 Nf5 16. g4 Bd6 17. Nd6 Nd6 18. Re5 Qc4 19. Bg5+ Kc7 20. Re7+ Kb6 21. Rd4 Qd4 22. Be3 Qe3 23. Qe3+ c5 24. b4 Na6 25. bc+ Nc5 26. g5 Rac8 27. Qd4 Ka6 28. Qd6+ Rc6 29. Qd5 Rh8 (not possible; I'll let you figure it out! There were a number of game score errors; I tried, but ... — Ed.) 30. Qc4+ (1-0)

(TD: Simba Karkhanis; Rep.: Phil Chiu; Org.: UCCC)

"Select Six"

Greg Huber showed why he is becoming one of the better players in Alberta. Even though this event featured six CM's playing in a round robin tournament, he went undefeated with 3 wins and 2 draws. Dale Haessel finished second with 3.5. Thanks (from Brian Toth, the TD) goes to the six players for giving up the Canada Day weekend to play in this event. (Report taken from *En Passant*. -- Ed.)

UCCC Long Weekend

Wilf Lahrkamp won big in this July 30 to August 1 tournament. I've seen him as a spectator in the last couple of UCCC tournaments. He was always seen to be reading a book by Alice Bailey (*From Intellect to Intuition*). Perhaps the book did some good for him. Perhaps his style of chess has developed into one of pure instincts and nerves. Pigs fly, too!! Whatever the reason, Arthur Odachowski and Farzan Nazarian were left only with a share of the 2nd place slot. They were also two of the players with the longest games -- it's a good thing they didn't play one another.

Simba Karkhanis, the T.D., was first in the Under 1700 category. He astounded and astonished many spectators by taking out 3 of the top 5 players. I'm not talking about "generic" stuff -- these were

"name brand" players rated 1900+. That's about a 300 point difference for Simba. Amazingly, I can never get these types of upsets from the winners, so no games from Simba!

I did manage to get a copy of the biggest upset of the event from Andrew Paduch - "TWKJ". I got his permission to duplicate his game for the chess club files. However, I don't think he was paying attention when he said "yes", otherwise, I would have "zilch-o".

Dale Haessel - Andrew Paduch

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Be7 6. Re1 b5 7. Bb3 Bc5 8. c3 Ng4 9. d4 ed 10. cd Nd4 11. Nd4 Qh4 12. Nf3 Qf2+ 13. Kh1 Qg1+ 14. Ng1 Nf2++ (0-1).

I was in a rush to get the game on paper, so there might be errors in the game score. For example, 14. Ng1 could be a 14. Rg1. I disavow any responsibilities for any errors in this game.

Haessel continued to have problems later in this event. His to-be-opponent withdrew from the tournament. I stepped in. (In two tournaments reported in this ACR Chiu played only one game, both times in the last round! — Ed.) I didn't care whether I won or not. I just wanted to psych him out. A few years ago, I had won a game against Ian Loadman. Spectators mentioned that my opponent acted like he was in shock for most of the game. I don't know, but I could experiment on Haessel to see what these guys were talking about. Haessel had used up 110 minutes of his allotted 120. I had used up 20 minutes. Only 17 moves were played. He was vibrating like a drum. His face was pale. His hands were trembling. It was scary. Haessel had 4 minutes left and I stupidly released the pressure. He looked too happy. The mind games began. Reach for the piece and scratch my head. Walk away and watch him. Lean forward suddenly. Fake a move by touching a piece and leaving it where it is. Move a piece when he put his hands down. A 101 slimy tricks (*sic*) to play. (Time for another "ACR Forum on Chess Ethics" - Ed.) I feel bad for what had possibly happened to Loadman, even though it was unintentional (in that game). I lose the edge and Haessel makes time control. It's his two rooks and pawns against my Queen and pawns. He wants to win and I don't blame him. I was at his mercy. I should have resigned early to appease Haessel, but I HAD to settle for a draw. The third time control would have arrived before he would accept my offer of a draw. Thank God, it's over. It's a good thing that I don't play chess too often. After several years of dormancy, the "sadistic luminosity" had, once again, possessed my mind. It refused to let anyone beat me. Stupid, stupid, stupid! I should have resigned, instead of wasting 4 hours of my life for a "no-name brand" draw!

(TD: Simba Karkhanis; Rep.: Phil Chiu; Org.: UCCC).

U of A Mixed Masters Invitational

Aggressive promotion by organizer Arniel Frialde attracted 21 players to this "1900 and over" 5-round Swiss. Highest-rated Robert Hamilton cruised to the \$250 first prize with 4.5 points, allowing only a draw to Rejean Plante, who came 2nd. Arniel Frialde and Michael Yip shared third. G. Aspler, A. Odachowski, S. Purewal and J. Daniluk shared the under 2050 prize.

Phoenix, a chess program, was entered by creator Jonathan Schaeffer, who donated a \$30 'best game against Phoenix' prize. It was awarded to Mike Begic for his sacrificial win.

The tournament was highlighted by Hamilton's confident victories, while he entertained the gallery between rounds with interesting games, analysis, and strings of speed chess victories. The players appreciated the free coffee and donuts (ACA), particularly as the 40 moves/2 1/2 hour format made for a long Saturday; the last game finished after 1:30 a.m., but the players continued to analyse until asked to leave by a tired T.D. (*T.D.'s just "don't get no respect" -- Ed.*) The following game is between the 1st and 2nd place finishers:

R. Plante - R. Hamilton

1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 d6 3. Bg2 g6 4. d4 Bg7 5. Nf3 O-O 6. O-O Nc6 7. Nc3 Nd7 8. e4 Nb6 9. b3 Bg4 10. Be3 e5 11. d5 Nd4 12. Rc1 c5 13. dc(e.p.) bc 14. Bd4 ed4 15. Ne2 c5 16. h3 Bc8 17. Nd2 Bh6 18. f4 Bb7 19. Qc2 Qc7 20. Rce1 Rae8 21. Nc1 Bc6 22. Nd3 f6 23. Qd1 a5 24. h4 Qb7 25. Bf3 Nd7 26. Qe2 Re7 27. Qg2 Rfe8 28. Re2 Bg7 29. Rfe1 a4 30. h5 ab 31. ab Nb8 32. hg hg 33. Qh3 f5 34. Qg2 Na6 35. e5 Bf3 36. Qf3 de 37. Qb7 Rb7 38. Ne5 Rbe7 39. Ndf3 Nb4 40. Kf1 g5 41. Ng5 Be5 42. Re5 Re5 43. Re5 Re5 44. fe5 Nd3 45. Ne6 Kf7 46. Nc7 Ne5 47. Ke2 Ke7 48. Na6 Kd6 49. b4 Nc4 50. Nc5 Kd5 51. Nd3 Na3 52. Kf3 Kc4 53. Ne5+ Kc3 54. Kf4 Nc4 55. Nf3 d3 56. b5 Kb4 57. Kf5 Kb5 (Draw).

Alberta "1800 and Over"

(This is usually called the "Over 1800" and is normally held at the same time as the "Under 1800" -- which makes you wonder what an "exactly 1800" does, hence the name change. I can only write a bit based on the crosstable. The two tournaments were held in Red Deer; Neil Sharp, TD)

Arniel Frialde (whose rating is always going up, up, up) and Jeff Reeve (whose rating is already up where it's hard to make a big numerical surge) scored 4-1 to head the field of 16 (2 masters, 9 experts, 5 "A" players). Reeve drew Mike Yip and Zoltan Baunok, while Frialde's -1 came against Reeve. Omar Farid, Chris Kuczaj, Rejean Plante, Mike Yip and Arthur Odachowski scored 3-2 to tie for 3rd through 7th.

Alberta Under 1800

Gordon Martinkovic was a full point in front, scoring 4.5 out of 5, to head the 11 players. Cor Dewindt was undefeated in second place with 3.5, drawing Martinkovic, Dean Mah and Francis Northover. Tied for third (3-2) were Don Coward and Northover.

Edmonton Chess Club 80th Anniversary Open

Rejean Plante confirmed his recent mastery of the ECC scene when he scored 5.5 in this six-round, 21-player Swiss. Ferenc Borloi also showed his stuff, losing only to Plante en route to a 5-1 finish. Art Skeel (drew Plante) and Alex Kuti followed at 4-2. Other prize winners were Geoff Newton and Tom Karpa (tied for "Top Under 1600"), and Mike Sekuloff, Steve Panteluk and Paul Viminitz (tied in some strange rating division or other -- I can't find my prize distribution chart!). (*TD & Report: Len Steele*)

1988 Alberta Open

(report by Len Steele, Director)

When I received over two dozen advance entries to the Alberta Open, I knew "something was up". What was up was the number of entrants! We ended up with 60-entries-worth of money, plus some memberships, giving a total of \$1,693 in my cash box (a rather feeble one at that, namely a cardboard box!). So, it surely was a good thing Salah Chehayeb convinced me to hold the AO at the U of A — a more accessible location, and over a dozen university students padded the entry total. There were special discounts for advance entry, juniors, females, U of A students, and first-time players, which had to help somewhat to encourage entries. No doubt the \$1,000 prize fund guarantee, another Chehayeb suggestion, was significant, not just financially but "psychologically", as well. Hopefully, the number of entrants in subsequent years can be kept in the 40-50+ range, rather than the 30's we have had in recent times. Enough blathering you say? Right ... now the story:

Jeff Reeve is the 1988 Champion, thereby qualifying for the 1989 Alberta Closed (and he's got the necessary 2 participation points, too!). Rating-wise, Jeff's 6-0 result should not be a surprise, I suppose, but that does not mean there wasn't a strong field in this year's Open! Leading a pack of four with 5-1 scores were Master's Arniel Frialde and Fred South, plus Azmat Hussain ("Top A") and Rob Gardner ("Top Expert").

Frialde lost to Reeve in round 5 (oops, real chess writers say "the penultimate round", don't they?), while South mysteriously let his flag fall in round 4 against Frialde. Hussain, from Regina, with a pre-event published rating of 1825, must have wondered about "these Alberta experts" (in fact, he wondered that aloud to me), because he met four of them in a row and defeated the lot of them! However, in the final round he came up against Reeve, who calmly (what else; have you ever seen him "excited" at the chess board? -- watch closely, he does blink!) showed Hussain that an attempted flashy attack had to also be a sound attack before it would work against a player of Jeff's calibre (come on, now, no ammunition jokes). I suppose I also have to say something about Gardner, too (I just did!).

At 4.5-1.5 were Omar Farid ("2nd Expert") and Bill Bentley ("2nd A"). Which reminds me -- I can't complain so loudly about the absence of top Calgary players in Edmonton tournaments, since a fair number materialized for the AO (but I will complain if they go into hibernation again!).

Other prize winners were: Peter Pisz ("Top D"), Pal Kalher ("Top B"), Lev Becker ("2nd B"), Eric Schochat and Paul McGinnis (tied for "Top C"), Robert Denis ("Top Unrated"), Blair Lowe ("2nd D", despite forfeiting round 3 because he thought it started at a later time), and four players tied for "2nd Unrated" (Brian Murdoch, Theo Buitendyk, Roger Armstrong and Mike Cattle). In all, 18 players received prize money, for a total of \$1200 dished out, \$200 more than the guarantee -- not bad, huh (the U of A Chess Club received over \$200 as its share as a "special grant" for equipment purchase, well earned by the Club's promotion of the Championship, not to mention that the rooms were "no charge").

The playing site in the SUB building was just great (keep an eye out for other tournaments there, e.g. as listed on page 3 of this ACR). There were even enough extra tables around to set the place up for 60 players (thanks, U-of-A'ers, for the work). Unfortunately, on the third day we had to move to less palatial quarters, General Services Bldg rooms with no windows, since SUB had to be closed on that holiday. Nevertheless, the physical facilities were fine.

From a TD's standpoint, things ran quite smoothly. No violent disputes. The second pairing kerfluffle (the word might be in a very unabridged dictionary) I can remember ever making. No "obscure" rules to enforce (hmmm, BK was not an entrant). The usual time-trouble games to keep an eye on. Not too much noise (except for my mandatory "shhh's" directed towards RP; but I do that just to keep in practice).

Unfortunately (or fortunately, given all the material to be typed for this ACR!), I didn't make any attempt to secure game scores from the top boards (yeh, I know, I should "practice what I preach"!). Perhaps we will have scrounged up an annotated game or two for inclusion in the next ACR (hey, Fred McFaul, talk with some of the guys). However, I do have a game. It's not between two of the "big boys" (= top rated), but does feature one of them, Jeff Reeve. It seems that, in round 1 of many tournaments, one of the top boards, if not the top board as in this case, features a relatively lengthy game (despite the usual enormous rating differential at that stage of pairings). The game between Jeff and Bill Rusk was the last one to finish in round 1 and, "of course", Jeff won, but ... well, have a look for yourself:

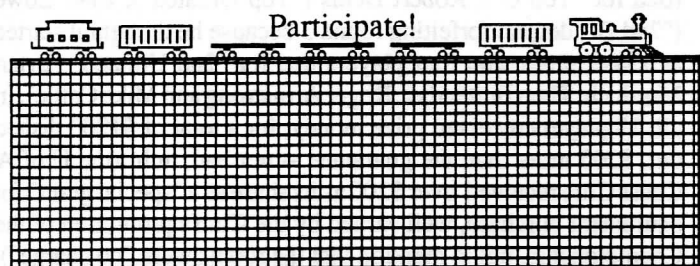
Jeff Reeve - Bill Rusk

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 d6 4. d4 ed 5. Nd4 Bd7 6. Bc6 bc6 7. O-O Nf6 8. Re1 Be7 9. Nc3 O-O 10. Bg5 Re8 11. Qf3 Rb8 12. b3 c5 13. Nf5 Bf5 14. Qf5 c6 15. Rad1 Qa5 16. Re3 d5 17. ed cd 18. Bf6 Bf6 19. b4 Qb4 20. Nd5 Qb2 21. Rh3 h6 22. Rh6 gh6 23. Nf6+ Kg7 24. Ne8+ Re8 25. h4 Qc3 26. Rd3 Qe1+ 27. Kh2 Qe5+ 28. Rg3+ Kf8 29. Qh7 Re6 30. Qg8+ Ke7 31. Kh3 Qf5+ 32. Qg4 Qf2 33. Qa4 Qf5+ 34. Kh2 a6 35. Rf3 Qg6 36. Qc4 Qh5 37. Qf4 Qe5 38. Qe5 Re5 39. Ra3 Re6 40. Kg3 f5 41. Rd3 Kf6 42. Kf3 Kg6 (? -- Rusk) 43. Rd5 Rc6 44. c4 Kf6 45. Kf4 Kg6 46. Rf5 Kg7 47. g4 Kg6 48. Ke4 Re6+ 49. Re5 Kf6 50. Re6 Ke6 51. g5 hg 52. hg resigns (1-0).

The ACA Board of Directors will likely be asked to consider making the \$1000 guarantee for the Alberta Open a standard part of the Championship. See you all in Calgary in 1989 -- let's make it another big one!

Final Crosstable for 1988 Alberta Open
(Edmonton, October 8, 9 & 10)

1	J Reeve	2383	+26	+16	+8	+10	+2	+4	6.0
2	A Frialde	2204	+33	+12	+11	+3	-1	+9	5.0
3	F South	2289	+57	+7	+9	-2	+14	+8	5.0
4	A Hussain	1825	+54	+20	+5	+18	+6	-1	5.0
5	R Gardner	2088	+56	+24	-4	+19	+22	+13	5.0
6	O Farid	2126	=39	+38	+23	+31	-4	+19	4.5
7	WBentley	1955	+41	-3	+32	=28	+37	+18	4.5
8	MYip	2065	+43	+17	-1	+23	+10	-3	4.0
9	R Plante	2066	+30	+21	-3	+24	+12	-2	4.0
10	G Huber	2165	+35	+25	+14	-1	-8	+21	4.0
11	S Purewal	1984	+47	+22	-2	+17	-13	+24	4.0
12	F McFaul	1914	+52	-2	+34	+15	-9	+22	4.0
13	C Kuczaj	2090	+32	-23	+33	+27	+11	-5	4.0
14	C Vokey	1995	+48	+28	-10	+26	-3	+29	4.0
15	P Pisz	1344	=37	+29	=20	-12	+26	+27	4.0
16	P Usselman	1941	+42	-1	+57	-22	+35	+23	4.0
17	P Kalher	1716	+53	-8	+45	-11	+46	+25	4.0
18	R Yearwood	2136	+34	+27	=19	-4	+31	-7	3.5
19	S Chehayeb	1871	+49	+59	=18	-5	+28	-6	3.5
20	B Toth	2097	+58	-4	=15	+39	-21	+37	3.5
21	L Becker	1770	+46	-9	=43	+30	+20	-10	3.5
22	P Viminitz	1667	+40	-11	+46	+16	-5	-12	3.0
23	G Martinkovic	1777	+50	+13	-6	-8	+41	-16	3.0
24	MSekuloff	1787	+45	-5	+44	-9	+30	-11	3.0
25	MBegic	1918	+55	-10	-30	+40	+33	-17	3.0
26	WRusk	1664	-1	+47	+38	-14	-15	+44	3.0
27	R Trost	1889	+44	-18	+41	-13	+34	-15	3.0
28	C Dewindt	1670	+60	-14	+42	=7	-19	=31	3.0
29	J Quiring	1809	-38	-15	+47	+44	+32	-14	3.0
30	E Schocat	1476	-9	+50	+25	-21	-24	+49	3.0
31	A Milne	1852	bye	+39	+37	-6	-18	=28	3.0
32	P McGinnis	1553	-13	+49	-7	+50	-29	+42	3.0
33	S Karkhanis	1634	-2	+52	-13	+42	-25	+43	3.0
34	V Skr. de Fehr	1602	-18	+54	-12	+45	-27	+41	3.0
35	S Panteluk	1626	-10	-41	+54	+48	-16	+38	3.0
36	B Palcic	1609	-59	-42	+52	=38	=43	+48	3.0
37	MGonzales	1744	=15	+51	-31	+43	-7	-20	2.5
38	R Denis	unr.	+29	-6	-26	=36	+39	-35	2.5
39	T Karpa	1598	=6	-31	+51	-20	-38	+46	2.5
40	B Lowe	1181	-22	bye	+55	-25	-48	+52	2.5
41	B Murdoch	unr.	-7	+35	-27	+57	-23	-34	2.0
42	T Buitendyk	unr.	-16	+36	-28	-33	+51	-32	2.0
43	S Frewin	1425	-8	+53	=21	-37	=36	-33	2.0
44	L Hutchinson	1439	-27	+60	-24	-29	+45	-26	2.0
45	MLadak	1394	-24	+58	-17	-34	-44	+55	2.0
46	R Gellein	1366	-21	+56	-22	+53	-17	-39	2.0
47	R Armstrong	unr.	-11	-26	-29	=54	+53	=50	2.0
48	B Tynan	1421	-14	-57	+60	-35	+40	-36	2.0
49	MCattle	unr.	-19	-32	-58	+56	+55	-30	2.0
50	R Allin	1373	-23	-30	+56	-32	=52	=47	2.0
51	G Egan	1224	bye	-37	-39	=55	-42	+56	2.0
52	K Huisman	unr.	-12	-33	-36	+60	=50	-40	1.5
53	N Emack	1310	-17	-43	bye	-46	-47	+60	1.5
54	R Jansen	unr.	-4	-34	-35	=47	-56	bye	1.0
55	C McHughen	unr.	-25	bye	-40	=51	-49	-45	1.0
56	B Georgijevic	1513	-5	-46	-50	-49	+54	-51	1.0
57	B Bell	1660	-3	+48	-16	-41	----	----	1.0
58	F Northover	1560	-20	-45	+49	----	----	----	1.0
59	B Willis	2146	+36	-19	----	----	----	----	1.0
60	S Nizzar	1305	-28	-44	-48	-52	bye	-53	0.5



Workshops/Seminars for Tournament Directors and Chess Organizers

These will be given by Len Steele, NTD, as part of a program funded by the Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation. Participants will receive a "CFC Handbook", which contains the rules of chess, Swiss System pairing rules, etc. Expected duration is "an hour or two", depending somewhat on the desires of the participants. This series of workshops must be held before the end of the year. If you want one in your area, please write Len at the ACA address. At press time, the following workshops were planned:

Grande Cache, November 26

(see "Grande Cache Open" announcement on page 3).

Calgary and Edmonton, late November/early December

Will likely be on a weeknight. Sites to be announced to participants who contact Len in advance (or register at Calgary or Edmonton Clubs). If you are interested in attending, PLEASE CONTACT Len Steele at the ACA address or phone number (see page 2) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. At least two (preferably more) people must show interest in attending for a workshop to be held.

Tournament Directors' Corner

This column will appear periodically in the *ACR*. Readers' questions about running tournaments (advertising, pairing, rules of chess, reports, etc.) will also be answered by Len Steele.

Time Control: This is commonly 40 or 45 moves per player in 2 hours each. At weekends (especially with 3 rounds a day), but at game-per-night club events too, this can make it harder to "get the games over at a reasonable time", i.e. before the scheduled next round, or before late movies start! I now use 40 moves in 1:50 (i.e. set clock hands at 4:10). Why? The maximum time for 40 moves is then 3 hrs 40 min, not 4 hrs (yet the time-per-move is greater than with a 45-in-2 speed). This can help reduce the frequency of "pairing rushes" for the next round, give most players a bit more rest time, etc. I also use a 15-moves-per-half-hour rate for subsequent time controls. This may not be to the liking of some, but it does help to get the games finished that much sooner.

You owe it to the participants in your tournament to send a report for publication! At the very least a short summary of the results should be written, but make it an "interesting story", if you can, and include a game or two when possible. While a crosstable (nicest if in order of finish) is not always published, it can be an asset to the Editor, especially if he has to do the report writing.

Tournament Director Supplies can be obtained from the ACA.

Don't forget to send the ACA a copy of memberships submitted to the CFC — if this is not done, it may take several months before the ACA Membership Director receives an address list update from the CFC, and therefore some new members may miss out on the current *ACR* and special notices mailed out.

News from the ACA

Leonard Steele, ACA President

The 1988 Annual General Meeting of the Alberta Chess Association was held in Edmonton on Sunday, October 9th at the University of Alberta, i.e. the site of the Alberta Open. There were about three dozen members in attendance, which is a good turn out. The meeting was actually quite subdued, compared to some past AGM's, but here is a summary of what transpired:

The 1987 AGM Minutes were summarized by Ford Wong (outgoing Secretary), then Michael Yip presented the Treasurer's Report (copies were distributed). Len Steele's "President's Report" was actually an expanded summary of the Three-Year Plan of the ACA (see pp. 25-26 of the August, 1988 *Alberta Chess Report*). Discussion included a statement by Len that the ACA needs more members (urging Clubs and individuals to do their part), comments by Branko Georgijevic on his activities in northeastern Alberta, comments by Mike Sekuloff on last year's financial statement (it was completed by Mike Yip and Len Steele after much work going over the materials left by the former Treasurer), suggestions by Salah Chehayeb on assisting school chess clubs, a motion proposed (re honorarium) then withdrawn (was already in ACA Plan); and a motion ruled out of order at the AGM since it was a matter for the ACA's Conduct Committee.

Continuing members (terms expire in October, 1989) of the Board of Directors are: **Leonard Steele (President)**, **Michael Yip (Treasurer)**, **John Schleinich (Past-President)** and **Tom Karpa and Phil Lefkowitz (Directors)**. Unfortunately, Neil Sharp, whose term was to expire in 1989, has had to resign (done after the AGM, so the position is vacant at this time). Members of the Board of Directors, with terms expiring in October, 1990, elected at this year's AGM are: **Mike Sekuloff (Vice-President)**, **Fred McFaul (Secretary)**, and **Darse Billings, Ted Wilson, Ford Wong, and Roy Yearwood (Directors)**. Volunteering to accept the vacant "one-year Directorship" (expires October, 1989) was **Arniel Frialde**.

As usual, the next Annual General Meeting will be on the Thanksgiving weekend, at the site of the 1989 Alberta Open (Calgary).

How Many Members are There?

Each year the ACA submits a report to the Government. One of the things they want to know is: how many members does the ACA have? Should be easy to figure out ... right? Well, not quite. Yes, we know pretty well how many "ACA members" we have (but there is some lag time in our receiving such data from Ottawa and from organizers/clubs). However, we can also include in our figures club members who are not ACA members -- therefore, **would EACH CLUB please send to the ACA address their figures, as of December 1, showing number of club members (ACA members and non-ACA members)** so that we may get a more accurate idea of the true "membership". (Note: for now, this calculation won't include *school* chess clubs).



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CFC membership required for tournament (\$20 regular; \$12 junior)

Advance entrants will receive written confirmation. Weekday rounds will commence approx. 6 p.m. Additional details (e.g. round times, hotels) will be available in future mailings, press releases and posted notices. Note that smoking is not allowed at the tournament site.

For further information, write:

Mike Sekuloff, 7913-160 St, Edmonton, Alberta T5R 2G8

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