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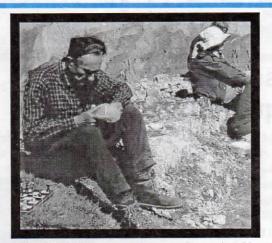
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Edmonton will host 2005 Canadian Open

from the Alberta Chess Association and expected grants from various levels of government, an organ-

With financial support izing committee in Edmonton has a big budget for hosting the 2005 Canadian Open Championships next July.



John Schleinich was photographed pursuing his passion for hiking in the mountains. The Calgary resident used to be quite active in chess. He died this summer. See Page 3.

Ford Wong is chairing the organizing committee which submitted a successful bid to the Chess Federation of Canada. The Edmonton bid was accepted unanimously and welcomed with relief by many CFC players who were not pleased that the last two Canadian Opens and Canadian Youth Chess Championships were held in an Ontario resort community far from any major centre.

The Edmonton bid also included hosting the 2005 Canadian Youth Chess Championships the prior to Canadian Open. However, when the date of the 2005 World Youth

But the Canadian Youth Chess Championships will be moved to another location, earlier date because of scheduling conflict

Championships was announced, it became apparent that the CYCC could not be held next July because qualifiers from Edmonton event would only have about 10 Hotel was chosen as the days to make foreign travel arrangements.

The 2005 CYC Championships are now expected to be held in central Canada either during the Christmas/New Year period or next Easter.

Meanwhile, the Canadian Open Committee is putting together an attractive participant package and is trying to lure about 10 grandmasters to Edmonton next July.

The Delta Centre Suite playing site because of its central location because it will allow a higher profile for chess in the downtown area, close to city hall and Churchill Square.

The committee hopes at least 200 players will be attracted to the event.

For the first time, FIDE Rated ...

2004 Alberta Open

October 9, 10 & 11 • Calgary



Guaranteed \$1,000 prize fund with a Guaranteed 1st place prize of \$400

Quality Inn, Motel Village,

2359 Banff Trail NW, Calgary Phone: (403) 289-1973

See Page 5 for other details



Alberta Chess Report

The Alberta Chess Report (ACR) is published by the Alberta Chess Association. The Editor reserve the right to edit articles for brevity and clarity. Uncredited articles are usually written by the editor; opinions expressed do not necessarily represent those of the ACA.

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Edmonton Chess Club Spring Open

Tournament Director: Tim Dean Finish Date: March 25, 2004

#	Name	Old	Perf	New	High	Results				Tot
1	Quiring, John	1932	1974	1942	2078	W 17	W 12	D 0	W 10	3.5
2	Gonzalez, Mario	1750	1940	1780	1833	W 14	D 3	D 5	W 12	3.0
3	Wihnon, Jason	1743	1907	1766	1852	W 19	D 2	D 0	W 8	3.0
4	Tomaras, loannis	1707	1884	1722	1742	W 16	W 10	D 0	L O	2.5
5	Hughey, Micah	2067	1867	2048	2207	D 0	W 6	D 2	D 7	2.5
6	Dean, Tim	1833	1766	1831	1963	D 0	L 5	W 11	W 16	2.5
7	Babb, Dwight	1619	1753	1638	1638	W 13	L 8	W 16	D 5	2.5
8	Beebe, Greg	1833	1700	1822	1833	W 18	W 7	D 0	L 3	2.5
9	Pua, Richard	1775	1638	1768	1857	D 0	D 14	D 0	W 13	2.5
10	Smith, Kevin	1595	1582	1595	1652	W 15	L 4	W 17	L 1	2.0
11	McDiarmid, Stephen	1414	1577	1459	15	L 12	W 18	L 6	W 17	2.0
12	Trepanier, Tas	1620	1565	1614	22	W 11	L 1	D 0	L 2	1.5
13	Johnson, Ron	1294	1510	1340	14	L 7	D 0	W 14	L 9	1.5
14	Weijs, Harry	1536	1451	1524	1667	L 2	D 9	L 13	W 19	1.5
15	Dauphinais, Stephen	1175	1311	1195	1195	L 10	L 16	W 19	D 18	1.5
16	Verlik, Val	1373	1384	1369	1704	L 4	W 15	L 7	L 6	1.0
17	Fokkema, Jered	1514	1381	1491	1514	L 1	W 19	L 10	L 11	1.0
18	Dewindt, Cor	1339	1222	1322	1813	L 8	L 11	D 0	D 15	1.0
19	Redelinghuys, Andre	1338	1092	1296	1348	L 3	L 17	L 15	L 14	0.0

Alberta Closed format changes, along with qualification rules

Immediately following the last ACA meeting in late August, Vice-President Micah Hughey announced the changes to the Alberta Closed which is usually held during the Easter holiday weekend. Various debates surfaced quickly with various players liking or disliking the new rules.

The ACA board's new details for the Alberta Closed are: 1. The Alberta Closed will be a six-player round robin, played over three days, with no more than two games per day. The exact dates, time controls and any other details not announced here are decided by the organizer, John Quiring. He will announce the details on the ACA website before the

Closed in 2005.

2. The six players shall be:

•Winner of the previous Alberta Closed (Greg Huber).

•Winner of the previous Alberta Open (Oct. 9-11, in Calgary)

- •Winner of the previous Southern Alberta Open (Nov. 20-21 in Calgary)
- •Winner of the previous Northern Alberta Open (early 2005, Edmonton)
- •Highest CFC rated Alberta resident with at least 1 participation point.*
- •Second-highest CFC rated Alberta resident with at least 1 participation point.

Greg Huber

- 3. If any of these six players choose not to play in the Alberta Closed, then their spot goes to the highest rated Albertan from the rating list with at least 1 participation point.
- * Participation points are earned by playing in Alberta tournaments and qualifiers. Every CFC rated open tournament in Alberta is worth 0.5 points (Regular time controls only, not active). Alberta Closed qualifiers are worth 1 point each. The Battle of Alberta is worth 0.5 points. The Edmonton Sectionals are worth 0.5 points each. The Alberta Closed 2004 does not count for a participation point.

Casual Chess on Tuesday Afternoons in Edmonton ...

Northgate Lions Seniors Centre, 7524 - 139 Avenue 1:00 to about 4 p.m. · Usually a dozen players available

No ratings points at stake • Mainly for seniors but visitors welcomed

John Francis Schleinich

1924 - 2004

by Ford Wong and Len Steele

Anyone playing competitive chess in Alberta during the seventies and eighties will remember John Schleinich. He was one of Albertaís premier chess organizers and tournament directors, and was involved in most major chess events that happened then.

Many of Albertaís chess players got their start by playing in one of John's tournaments.

John, though he did not play in a lot of tournaments (he still managed to obtain a respectable 1706 rating), loved the game of chess and fostered and encouraged other people to play the game.

He was instrumental in getting the Alberta Chess

Association started, and is truly one of the founding fathers/builders of organized chess in Alberta and in Calgary.

Shortly after John's arrival in Calgary in 1971, he became very active in the Alberta chess scene.

During the 70s and spanning two decades John was the key director/organizer of all major chess events in Calgary. These included the 1975 Canadian Closed, the 1975 Canadian Open, numerous Alberta Opens, Southern Alberta Opens, and many of the weekly tournaments held at the Chess Club Calgary (Calgary Closed, CCC Championship, Calgary Open).

Many of these events he organized and directed



continuously for many years.

He organized the Calgary - Great Falls, Montana match.

He organized the first ever speed chess tournament in Calgary.

He was President of the ACA from its initial incorporation on December 13, 1974, until 1980 when he stepped down to let someone else take over, but remained on the ACA Board as Vice-President for the next three years.

As President, John was involved in getting the ACA registered as a society and for getting the ACA its first government grant of \$3000 in 1977 and thus giving the ACA the foothold to get started.

This grant is now one of the ACA's main sources of annual income.

The ACA is one of the few organizations fortunate enough to receive government funding and is now one of the most solid chess organizations in Canada.



John (left) playing as a young man in Crotia.

During that time John was also the principal contact for the Calgary Chess Club and was its President until 1983.

John was recognized as one of the most active tournament organizers in Alberta on many occasions.

In 1983 due to work commitments, John left organized chess in Alberta when he moved to Toronto; however he remained CFC Governor. He was a CFC Governor from 1975 to 1981 and then from 1982 to 1990.

He will be fondly remembered as a very capable chess organizer and for his reputation for running good chess events and as a builder of chess in Alberta.

Thank You

John, on behalf of the Alberta Chess Association, thank you for all you have done. Keep on organizing those great tournaments wherever you are.

Chess lives on and we know that you are keeping the game alive somewhere. Salute.

Remembering John ...

by Arthur Milne

It was with sadness that I learned that John Schleinich passed away in his mid-seventies.

John was a stalwart organizer at the Calgary Chess Club during the mid-seventies to the early eighties.

He could always be counted on for some tart advice. Thus when after one tournament I failed to return to him the full complement of chess pieces that I had borrowed from the club, he said, "Now why am I not surprised it was you who lost the pieces, Art".

One of the most amusing, in a macabre sort of way, episode at the club involved John. John had seen an obituary in the paper announcing the death of Barney Fegyverneki. I came into the chess club and John was looking rather despondent that Fegy had passed away. I commiserated.

Then the next week who should appear but none other than Barney Fegyverneki. "Fegy!" John exclaimed with surprise, "I thought you were dead!" To which Fegy replied: "You must have read the obituary of my uncle Barney."

John left chess play and organization to pursue more relaxing interests such as hiking and tennis.

It was always a pleasure to deal with John who experienced the cusp of the Fischer boom at the chess club. He will be sorely missed.

International Chess Arbiter

John Schleinich was one of a handful of Canadians to hold the highest rank of chess officiating awarded by the International Chess Federation (FIDE). John was awarded the "International Arbiter" designation in 1977, becoming only the fourth Canadian to receive that honor.

To date, only 16 Canadians have achieved International Arbiter status.

To obtain this title you must direct at least two major tournaments and speak two languages. John easily surpassed the requirement of having two major tournament and spoke five languages.

John also had a National Tournament Director designation from the CFC. For his outstanding contribution to chess in Alberta, John was awarded a "Honorary ACA Lifetime" membership, an honor given to only a few select individuals.

Christmas Journaments coming to Edmonton ...

Junior Tournament ...

Everyone gets a treat and lots of prizes are offered on Sunday, December 5, at Concordia College. Watch for details or call The Roving ChessNuts, (780) 473-1557 or e-mail: rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca

Open Tournament ...

Elf Ford Wong is organizing the Weekend Before Christmas Open December 18 and 19. Contact him at Santa's Chess Workshop, (780) 481-6474 or e-mail: fordie@shaw.ca

Milne wins

by Walter Watson

Jim Daniluk and Brian Miller came close, but Art Milne hung on to finish first this past summer in Calgary Chess Club's Active #2 with 4 points out of 5.

Art finished in the prize money for his fourth tournament in a row.

Jim and Brian each scored 3/3 on the second day of the tournament to narrow Art's winning margin to a half point.

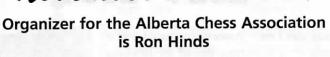
Jim gave Art his only loss, but lost to Casey Clark on Day 1. Me, I lost all 3 games on the second day to tie for last place.

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1. Art Milne	X	0	1	1	1	1	4.0
2. Jim Daniluk	1	X	=	0	1	1	3.5
3. Brian Miller	0	=	X	1	1	1	3.5
4. Casey Clark	0	1	0	X	0	1	2.0
5. Andrew Beingessr	ner	0 0	0	1	X	0	1.0
6 Walter Watson							

Calgary C hess Club OPEN

Tuesday nights
October 12 thru November 9

Southern Alberta Open will be held in Calgary November 20 and 21





Edmonton Chess Club Capablanca Classic

Tournament Director: Richard Pua

Finish Date: May 27, 2004

#	Name	Old	Perf	New	High	Results		10 111		Tot
1	Dean, Tim	1826	2027	1859	1963	W 13	W 5	W 12	W 3	4.0
2		2073	1890	2054	2207	W 10	D 3	D 4	W 9	3.0
3	Babb, Dwight	1681	1876	1717	1717	W 18	D 2	W 11	L 1	2.5
4	Yamach, Ahmet	1848	1774	1843	1900	W 21	D 9	D 2	D 5	2.5
5	Khataw, Rahim	0	1747	1748	4	W 19	L 1	W 10	D 4	2.5
6	Mendryk, Wayne	1402	1567	1429	1489	L 11	D 14	W 15	W 12	2.5
7	Wihnon, Jason	1729	1491	1710	1852	D 0	L 12	W 17	W 14	2.5
8	Rekhson, Vladislav	2026	1904	2033	2033	W 20	W 11	L O	L 0	2.0
9	Chapman, James	1602	1750	1617	1651	W 15	D 4	D 0	L 2	2.0
10		1588	1673	1627	9	L 2	W 13	L 5	W 17	2.0
11	Pua, Richard	1805	1627	1782	1857	W 6	L 8	L 3	W 18	2.0
12	Nolan, Pat	0	1538	1538	4	W 14	W 7	L 1	L 6	2.0
13		1540	1503	1538	1540	L 1	L 10	W 21	W 19	2.0
14	Dauphinais, Stephen	1195	1368	1219	1219	L 12	D 6	W 20	L 7	1.5
15	Johnson, Ron	1330	1310	1329	22	L 9	D 0	L 6	W 21	1.5
16	Smith, Kevin	1638	1741	1643	1652	W 17	L 0	L O	L O	1.0
17	Dewindt, Cor	1341	1367	1345	1813	L 16	W 21	L 7	L 10	1.0
18	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY O	1400	1343	1392	1704	L 3	D 0	D 0	L 11	1.0
19		1286	1244	1280	1348	L 5	D 0	D 0	L 13	1.0
20	Monias, Richard	1192	1211	1202	4	L 8	D 0	L14	L 0	0.5
21	Wang, Hao	1326	1115	1272	15	L 4	L 17	L 13	L 15	0.0

Calgary Chess Club Swiss Surprise

Tournament Director: Juraj Pivovarov

Finish Date: May 11, 2004



#	Name	Old	Perf	New	High	Results					Tot
1	Nguyen, Kim	2079	2008	2079	2114	W 7	W 2	W 5	W 4	D 3	4.5
2	Hudson, Richard	1619	1809	1659	1698	W 12	L 1	W 13	W 7	W 5	4.0
3	Miller, Brian	1889	1742	1868	1909	D 5	W 13	L 4	W 8	D 1	3.0
4	Cloutier, Michel	0	1737	1737	4	D 0	W 8	W 3	L 1	L 6	2.5
5	Poliakov, Janna	1635	1674	1641	1641	D 3	W 9	L 1	W 6	L 2	2.5
6	Beingessner, Andrew	1561	1639	1577	1772	L 10	D 7	W 12	L 5	W 4	2.5
7	Miller, Mitch	1559	1520	1548	1606	L 1	D 6	W 9	L 2	W 0	2.5
8	Hillard, Bob	1417	1433	1415	1417	L 11	L 4	W 0	L 3	W 9	2.0
9	Cole, Mark	1221	1313	1234	1301	D 0	L 5	L 7	W 13	L 8	1.5
10	Kaminski, Victor	2136	1961	2137	2137	W 6	L O	L O	L O	L O	1.0
11	Kaminski, Thomas	1683	1817	1689	1809	W 8	LO	L 0	L O	L O	1.0
12		1121	1190	1130	15	L 2	W O	L 6	L O	L O	1.0
13		1502	1176	1441	16	D 0	L 3	L 2	L 9	L O	0.5

Huber leads Albertans at Canadian Closed

FIDE Master title in nine-round event and fin-Toronto at this year's Canadian Closed.

for the second consecu- Chess Association. tive year by International Master Pascal Charbon- monton had a poor perneau of Ouebec.

Greg Huber earned his his last three games in the ished with 5.5 points, leading the contingent of The Closed was won players sent by Alberta Boik of Edmonton did

Rob Gardner of Edformance in the last three Huber of Calgary won rounds, recording only a draw, and getting a final tally of 4.5.

The Reigning Alberta Junior Champ Andrew quite well, scoring 4.0.

Meanwhile Gerald Aspler was the fourth Albertan and he scored 2.5 points.



File Photo of Andrew Boik with Cornelia Dinca

2004 Alberta Open October 9, 10 & 11 • Calgary

The Alberta Open is a qualifier to the Alberta Closed Championship 2005. The winner will get an automatic spot in the Closed. For the first time ever, the Alberta Open will be FIDE rated.



Guaranteed \$1,000 prize fund with a Guaranteed 1st place prize of \$400

Quality Inn, Motel Village,

2359 Banff Trail NW, Calgary Phone: 289-1973

Registration: Saturday, October 9, 9:00-9:45 AM

Round times:

Saturday 10:00 AM, 3:00 PM Sunday 10:00 AM, 4:30 PM (ACA annual general meeting will be Sunday 3:00 PM) Monday 10:00 AM, 3:00 PM

Format: Open Swiss, CFC and FIDE rated

Time control: Game/120 minutes, plus 30 seconds/move increment



Entry fee: \$20

(\$15 juniors under 18 years, \$5 no-prize option for juniors under 14 years.) CFC Membership is required and available at the door

> Tournament Director: Micah Hughev Phone: (780) 484-6075 Email: mhughey@hotmail.com

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1 Hawkes, Rob Calgary, AB	2362
2 Reeve, Jeff Edmonton, AB	2347
3 Ristovic, Nenad Calgary, AB	2345
4 Neven, Knut Calgary, AB	2268
5 Huber, Gregory Calgary, AB	2267
6 Gardner, Robert Edmonton, AB	2249
7 Gibney, Eugene Lloydminster, AB	2239
8 Demers, Christopher Calgary, AB	2239
9 Li, Zhichao Edmonton, AB	2236
10 Purewal, Sardul Edmonton, AB	2215
	2206
11 Schaeffer, Jonathan Edmonton, AB	2147
12 Gorelik, Lev Edmonton, AB	2147
13 Rabljenovic, Milan Calgary, AB	
14 Veneracion, Paolo Edmonton, AB	2129
15 Kaminski, Victor Calgary, AB	2116
16 Grumic, Sasha Edmonton, AB	2114
17 Boik, Andrew Edmonton, AB	2096
18 Monaghan, Jim Cold Lake, AB	2090
19 Kazmaier, Daniel Calgary, AB	2083
20 Nguyen, Kim Calgary, AB	2071
21 Willis, Bradley J. Edmonton, AB	2063
22 Yam, Alex Calgary, AB	2056
23 Van Ieperen, Taco Calgary, AB	2054
24 Haynes, Nicolas Edmonton, AB	2050
25 Fulker, Chris P. Calgary, AB	2048
26 Knapper, Brian Edmonton, AB	2046
27 Aspler, Gerald Edmonton, AB	2043
28 Rekhson, Vladislav Edmonton, AB	2021
29 Hughey, Micah Edmonton, AB	2012
30 Olson, Hans Camrose, AB	2002
31 Yearwood, Roy Calgary, AB	1997
32 Steele, Len C. Edmonton, AB	1984
33 Brown, Grant Edmonton, AB	1980
34 Gomboc, Dave Edmonton, AB	1980
35 Kolenchuk, Tracy Edmonton, AB	1976
36 MacIntosh, John J. Calgary, AB	1974
37 Watson, Walter Calgary, AB	1969
38 Usselman, Paul Calgary, AB	1969
39 Rusnell, Lorne Edmonton, AB	1966
40 Newton, Geoff Edmonton, AB	1966
41 Chrumka, Jeff Calgary, AB	1964
42 Drummond, Ian Calgary, AB	1961
43 Anderson, Ashton Calgary, AB	1956
44 Hinds, Dr. Ronald Calgary, AB	1953
45 Daniluk, Jim Calgary, AB	1945
46 Tinio, Alfredo Wainwright, AB	1944
47 Pradzinski, Tim Grande Prairie, AB	1941
48 Regimbald, Adrien Edmonton, AB	1933
49 Douziech, Richard Edmonton, AB	1928
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Young **Alberta** Women's Champ wins national age title

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Cornelia Dinca of Calgary travelled to Kapuskasing, Ontario, in July and came home with the national Under 16 girls championship title.

Alberta Chess Association helped sponsor Dinca's participation in the Canadian Youth Chess Championships.

At the competition, Dinca scored 4.5 out of a possible 5 points and she now qualifies to represent Canada in the World Youth Championships.

In June, Dinca had won her age category in an Alberta competition held in Red Deer and she is Alberta's reigning female chess champ.



Junior Chess News & Notices



Chatter in the Castle

Will be appearing as its own publication, distributed to junior players and parents and interested adult players

Watch for an issue in October!

Futures issue of The Chatter will also be sent as PDF to junior e-mail addresses ... if you wish to receive a copy in this manner, please e-mail: rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca



Alberta Chess Association Financial Statement Year Ended December 31, 2003



REVENUE				
ASRPW	\$	11,000.00	NET INCOME (LOS	SS) \$
Provincial Membership Dues	\$	793.50	40,519.55	
Interest	\$	1,980.32	UNOFFICIAL:	
Tournaments	\$	7,650.00	Unexpended Reve	nue For 2003
Casino 2003	\$	95,970.18		
CFC membership	\$	75.00	Beginning of year	\$ 127,602.11
	114		Plus Net income	\$ 40,519.55
TOTAL:	\$	117,469.00	End of year	\$ 168,121.66
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EXPENSES			Operating:	\$ 15,918.75
Tournaments	\$	10,264.48	Old casino:	\$-
Support for existing clubs	\$	5,075.00	Casino:	\$ 73,323.00
Executive director's meeting	\$	900.20		ness Council \$ 406.23
ACR	\$	1,293.75	GIC	
Tournament equipment	\$	2,780.52	Monthly	\$ 6,620.90
TD Honorarium	\$	1,587.26	OP-1	\$ 3,000.00
TD Workshop	\$	270.07	OP-2	\$ 15,000.00
Web site	\$	182.00	CAS-1	\$ 11,000.00
Tournament Venue Rentals	\$	10,688.64	CAS-2	\$ 42,117.00
Bank Charges	\$	174.21		Anna Maria
Casino Calgary 2003	\$	34,762.10		
CDA Chess Challenge	\$	4,800.00		1 1 1 1 1 1
CDA Junior	\$	500.00	ary philippe 27	
CDA Youth	\$	2,000.00	Ат	BERTA
CDA Junior / Pan-Am	\$	750.00		
CFC rating fees	\$	52.00	SPORT, R	ECREATION
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CFC Membership	\$	54.00	1001	Dillion
PLAN honorarium	\$	200.00	Enhancing Alb	verta's Communities
TOTAL	\$	76,949.45	The ACA is appre	eciative of the support
and the second s				ASRPW Foundation

Annual General Meeting of Alberta Chess Association will be held Sunday 3:00 p.m., October 10 at Quality Inn, Motel Village, 2359 Banff Trail NW, Calgary

Caughlin wins Grande Prairie active event

by Tim Pradzinski

Wade Caughlin got 3.5 out of a possible four to win the Grande Prairie Fall Active on September

The event featured a "new player" section which attracted 15 players while six battled in the open section with Caughlin being the highest rated at 1682.

Phil Lefkowitz took time out from his usual directing duties

played, getting second New players compete spot with 3 points.

Jon Thrift, who took third place with 2.5 points, is from Australia originally and had played quite a lot of tournament chess there. He joined the CFC at this tournament and Alberta with a perfect 4-0 then drew with Caughlin in the final round after beating Dean Johnson and Dale Campbell along the way. Jon's only loss was to Lefkowitz in the first

As far as the new player section, it was very competitive at the top boards.

The tournament was won by 11-year-old Carter Greber from Hythe,

Carter's final game was with 27-year-old Christian Beaune where Carter had to mate with his rook and king versus king. Carter had been taught this tech-

nique two weeks previously at the Grande Prairie Chess Club by Tim Pradzinski and displayed perfect technique in his victory.

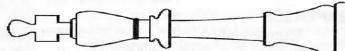
Second was Michael Gulyas from Bluesky, Alberta who finished with 3 out of a possible four points.

There was a four-way tie for third spot at 2.5 points: Preston Brown, Aaron Martin, Alex Pradzinski, and Christian

Beaune. After Alex and Christian decided not to compete further for the third place prize, Preston and Aaron played a tiebreak game. Preston outplayed Aaron for the victory and third place.

The top three players in the new player section each received medals and a CFC membership from sponsor, Micro Computers Plus. MC Plus also sponsored the playing venue at the Holiday Inn.





Opportunities for All Ages! Learn Chess Individuals • Families Schools • Clubs

Learn ...

- School Instructional Programs in Edmonton, St. Albert, and other communities around Edmonton
- Chess Exposure or Parental Workshops at Edmonton and area schools may be booked.
- Group Lessons at Millwoods Library and Riverbend Library Saturdays; Sherwood Park Library Monday evenings
- Beginner Lessons Tuesdays at Roving ChessNuts / Advance Lessons Thursdays at Roving ChessNuts
- Adult Only Beginner Lessons at Edmonton Chess Club on Wednesday evenings
- Call for information about other sites and dates for classes and workshops, or to book your school program Play ...
- Millwoods Public Library, Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; mainly juniors but adults welcome, too. Hosted by Percy Connell
- Junior Tournaments at Concordia College, Ada Blvd., Room 303, Guild Hall on the following Sundays October 17, November 7 and 21, December 5. Sign up at 12:30 p.m. Active games rated by Chess'n Math. Usually round-robins.
- Beginners Tournament for Juniors and Beginning Adults, Saturday, November 20 at Millwoods Library
- Tournament for Juniors and Beginning Adults, Sunday, December 12, at Sherwood Park Library, Sherwood Park Mall
- Tournaments expected to be held in St. Albert and other locations this fall and winter
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North again clobbers South in Battle of Alberta

Northern Alberta has kept its bragging rights, winning for the third consecutive year the Chess Battle of Alberta.

When pieces stopped flying at the oneday event in early August in Red Deer, the Northern squad had socked it to the Southern Alberta team, winning with a record 17.5 to 6.5 score.

Each team consists of 12 players and they are matched by rating with counterparts from the opposition for two-game matches.

Top boards Jeff Reeve (2351), North, and Greg Huber (2272), South, battled to two draws.

The North's Rob Gardner (2261) got two victories over Knut Neven (2285).

Zhichao Li (2218) racked up a 1.5 to 0.5 score for the North against Alex Yam (2103).

On Boards 4 and 5, the North dominated with Nelson Balbutin (2215) twice beating Kim Nguyen (2092) and Gerry Aspler (2109) doing the same to Calgary junior Dan Kazmaier (2071).

Boards 6 through 12

The next two Boards 6 and 7 had split results, 1-1 each, with Taco Van Ieperen (2050) of the souther squad facing Zoltan Baunok (2099) on Board 6 and South's Roy

Yearwood (2024) versus Edmonton's Micah Hughey (2057) on Board 7.

Nic Haynes (2039) of the North scored 1.5-0.5 over Kirk Duval (1981) at Board 8.

The North players of Andrew Boik (2032), Grant Brown (2027) and Vlad Rekhson (2008) flattened the South representatives on Boards 9, 10 and 11, respectively. The lower-rated southern players, in order, were Ronald Hinds (1968), Brian Miller (1850) and Cornelia Dinca (1811).

On the last board, Edmonton's Anastasia Kazakevich (1972) beat by 1.5-0.5 the Battle's youngest participant, Eric Hansen (1722).



Playing chess in a

In June, Whitecourt Chess Club held a junior tournament and family campout at Carson-Pegasus Group Campground outside of Whitecourt. Several Edmonton families attended and enjoyed lovely weather during the Saturday tournament, and several local and visiting families camped, fished, swam and boated. Brian and Peggy McDonald organized the event and hope to make it an annual tradition. Several Whitecourt businesses helped with sponsorship.



Nguyen wins in Calgary

by Andrew Beingessner

The Calgary Chess Club June Open attracted 14 players.

Kim Nguyen captured first place with 4.5 points, followed by Art Milne with 3.5.

The Under 1604 section saw Mitch Miller win with 3 points.

One of the more interesting games was Abner Diaz's win over Walter Watson. Diaz played an interesting sacrifice that allowed him to queen a pawn.

Alberta Junior Championship

will be an open event this year
Due to a very low number of participants
at previous year's qualifiers, the ACA
decided to hold an open swiss of 5 rounds
in Red Deer, November 27 and 28.
Watch for ACA website for details.

Junior Chess ...

Whitecourt Club Championship

Organized by Brian McDonald • May 15, 2004

#	Player #	Name	Gr.	OR	NR	Rou	ınds				Total
1	417407	Luke McDonald	4	984	1024	+11	+7	+2	+3	+5	5.0 / 5
2	546671	Luke Huston	9	787	809	+15	+8	-1	+9	+6	4.0 / 5
3	522088	Tylor Mombourquette	4	737	787	+17	+9	+5	-1	+8	4.0 / 5
4	433258	Sophia Burak	12	652	676	=20	+10	+6	-5	+13	3.5 / 5
5	546669	Joshua Miller	9	901	877	+12	+14	-3	+4	-1	3.0 / 5
6	522011	Bryce Bakker	9	719	709	+16	+13	-4	+10	-2	3.0 / 5
7	522066	Jordan Grierson	6	675	673	+18	-1	+12	=13	=11	3.0 / 5
8	607443	Matthew Gann	4	556	571	+23	-2	+17	+15	-3	3.0 / 5
9	534789	Shawn Soper	6	537	552	+24	-3	+16	-2	+15	3.0 / 5
10	522112	Tyler Grierson	3	526	542	+19	-4	+20	-6	+17	3.0 / 5
11	566291	Quinn Fisher	9	500	534	-1	=20	+22	+14	=7	3.0 / 5
12	522099	Jeff Fischer	4	480	514	-5	+22	-7	+16	+18	3.0 / 5
13	521976	Julie Godin	5	530	540	+21	-6	+18	=7	-4	2.5 / 5
14	640282	Shereen Kuehn	4	592	564	+22	-5	-15	-11	+21	2.0 / 5
15	476943	Louise McDonald	2	477	476	-2	+23	+14	-8	-9	2.0 / 5
16	607454	Caitlin Thompson	4	456	452	-6	+21	-9	-12	+19	2.0 / 5
17	578114	John Savage	5	457	446	-3	+24	-8	+20	-10	2.0 / 5
18	613012	Riley Fisher	4	435	428	-7	+19	-13	+23	-12	2.0 / 5
19	674155	Devon Byer	4	0	392	-10	-18	=23	+24	-16	1.5 / 5
20	640271	Lynden Kuehn	K	380	372	=4	=11	-10	-17	=22	1.5 / 5
21	674144	Kyle Jacobs	3	0	370	-13	-16	=24	=22	-14	1.0 / 5
22	650171	Brayden Spence	4	363	337	-14	-12	-11	=21	=20	1.0 / 5
23	650169	Morgan Mombourquette	2	291	273	-8	-15	=19	-18		0.5 / 4
24	632575	Dakota Woods	K	200	200	-9	-17	=21	-19		0.5 / 4

Alberta's CFC Regular Rated Female Players

There's only seven - four of them are juniors

1	Kazakevich, Anastasia	Edmonton, AB	1928
2	Das, Urmila Zdenka	Edmonton, AB	1833
3	Dinca, Cornelia	Calgary, AB	1788
4	Poliakov, Janna	Calgary, AB	1641
5	McMaster, Carolyn	Calgary, AB	1591
6	Chi, Megan	Edmonton, AB	1518
7	Pradhan, Sarah	Calgary, AB	927





Grand 7 Open at Edmonton Chess Club

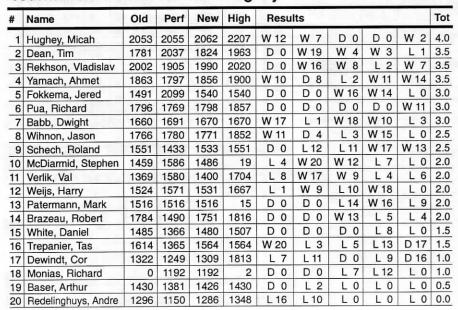
Tournament Director: Vladislav Rekhson

Finish Date: May 23, 2004

#	Name	Old	Perf	New	High	Resu	Its			I I Iali			Tot
1	Hughey, Micah	2049	2090	2073	2207	D 14	W 12	W 3	W 2	W 6	W 4	W 5	6.5
2	Kazmaier, Daniel	1950	1963	1974	2005	W 9	W 7	W 4	L 1	W 3	W 6	W 11	6.0
3	Dean, Tim	1843	1729	1826	1963	D 11	W 10	L 1	W 14	L 2	W 8	W 9	4.5
4	Pua, Richard	1798	1769	1805	1857	W 8	W 6	L 2	W 7	W 11	L 1	L 0	4.0
5	Mrugala, Artur	0	1738	1740	5	D 0	D 0	W 15	L 6	W 8	W 7	L 1	4.0
6	Stark, Mark	1837	1729	1824	1925	W 16	L 4	W 14	W 5	L 1	L 2	W 12	4.0
7	Mrugala, Jonathan	1135	1537	1315	16	W 15	L 2	W 9	L 4	W 16	L 5	L 10	3.0
8	Wang, Hao	1141	1472	1326	11	L 4	L 15	W 0	W 9	L 5	L 3	W 16	3.0
9	Stainer, Joel	1563	1411	1529	1656	L 2	W 16	L 7	L 8	W 12	W 11	L 3	3.0
10	Mendryk, Wayne	1418	1320	1402	1489	D 0	L 3	W 16	L 11	D 0	L 12	W 7	3.0
11	Mrugala, David	1339	1548	1391	1391	D 3	L 14	W 12	W 10	L 4	L 9	L 2	2.5
12	MacLeod, Damon	0	1399	1401	6	D 0	L 1	L 11	W 16	L 9	W 10	L 6	2.5
13	Rekhson, Vladislav	2026	1503	2026	2026	D 0	D 0	L 0	L 0	L 0	W 16	L O	2.0
14	Asquith, Tom	1660	1667	1660	1695	D 1	W 11	L 6	L 3	L 0	L O	L O	1.5
15	Wihnon, Jason	1771	1327	1729	1852	L 7	W 8	L 5	L 0	L 0	L O	L 0	1.0
16	Curtis, Frank	0	1097	1103	7	L 6	L 9	L 10	L 12	L 7	L 13	L 8	0.0

Edmonton Chess Club's 2004 Hollowach Challenge

Tournament Director: Micah Hughey



Alberta's Top Juniors (under age 20) according to CFC Regular Rating List

	0 00 0 00 00 00 00			
	1 Kaminski, Victor	Calgary, AB	2116	
1	2 Boik, Andrew	Edmonton, AB	2096	
	3 Kazmaier, Daniel	Calgary, AB	2083	
	4 Yam, Alex	Calgary, AB	2056	
	5 Haynes, Nicolas	Edmonton, AB	2050	
	6 Anderson, Ashton	Calgary, AB	1956	
	7 Kazakevich, Anastasia	Edmonton, AB	1928	
i	8 Dinca, Cornelia	Calgary, AB	1788	
L	9 Chi, Jonathan	Edmonton, AB	1744	
	10 Kaminski, Thomas	Calgary, AB	1743	
	11 Wong, Eric	Calgary, AB	1710	
	12 Kornilo, Ivan	Calgary, AB	1662	
	13 Fokkema, Jered	Edmonton, AB	1618	
	14 Zheng, Fisher	Calgary, AB	1582	
	15 Chi, Megan	Edmonton, AB	1518	
	16 Cunningham, Chase	Airdrie, AB	1482	
	17 Baser, Arthur	Edmonton, AB	1431	
	18 Pradhan, Faruq	Calgary, AB	1238	
	19 Dauphinais, Stephen	Edmonton, AB	1219	
	20 Straathof, Andreas	Calgary, AB	1184	
	21 Thomas, Derek B.	Edmonton, AB	1151	
	22 Culjaga, Marko	Edmonton, AB	1111	
	23 McDonald, Luke J.	Whitecourt, AB	1047	
	24 Pradhan, Sarah	Calgary, AB	927	

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Edmonton October Invitational

October 22 to 24 at Edmonton Chess Club

Directed by Zhichao Li (780) 492-2821 gzlizhichao@yahoo.com

Zhichao Li captures Alberta Active crown

by Director Greg Beebe

Alberta Active Championship was a quaint but competitive event this year. The 2003 co-champions, Leaf Li and Tim Dean, arrived along with seven other players to battle for the bragging rights for the next year.

My decision to hold it in Red Deer was made in hopes of attracting more Calgary players. I also figured that as something different we would hold a mini blitz knockout tournament in the middle of the event. All who attended thought it was fun but due to the low turnout we may have to try something else next year.

Along with the cash prizes we had some chess books for the tournament winners. As always with the active there was plenty of upsets to go around.

Of the nine players who did show up we had an average active rating of 1808 and an average regular rating of 1979. To avoid anybody getting a forced bye I played in round one until young Eric Hansen arrived from Calgary to return us to an even number. In my lone game against Mr. Li, I had a good attack going against his kings position which faltered in the end as Leaf defended like a master. Hmmm, I wonder if it is because he is one?

Round 1 saw some points sniped as Tim Dean drew his game with Chris Demers and Nic Haynes became the first of many to defeat Micah Hughey. Leaf and Rob Gardner took the expected points from their opponents as well.

Round 2 proved that you never really know what will happen as Tim defeated Nic (the round 1

> giant killer), Leaf knocked off Rob (a 300 Active point upset), and Lorne joined Nic to form the Bash Micah Club. Eric played a really strong game against Chris but succumbed in the end to Chris's superior knowl-

During the extended lunch break we played an unrated blitz knockout tournament with the winner getting some Ciniplex Odeon Gift Certificates. The rules were that opponents would be chosen at random with a little effort to equalize colors, and any player who dropped two points with either losses or draws was out. Leaf chose to sit this one out, which considering his tournament result was probably a wise decision.

The Blitz tournament played out in much the way one would expect the active to go with Rob taking home the honors, and Micah and Chris duking it out for second place. The comments I got on the blitz tournament was that it was a lot of fun. I may run one by itself

After a brief jaunt over to Wendy's we were well sated and prepared for the next round.

Round 3 showed that the Tim and Leaf Production from last year was no fluke as they scalp Rob and Chris. Young Eric shows no fear as he battles Micah to a long draw. Nic and Lorne are content to shake hands and let the fireworks happen elsewhere.

Round 4 Leaf and Tim enter the round in first and second and sit down to finally determine who is the real champion. When the dust finally settles Leaf emerges victorious to improve his record to 4-0 for the tourney. Rob and Chris take their frustrations out from the last round on poor Micah and Lorne. While Nic gives Eric some experience to draw on at a later tournament.

With Round 5 about to begin Leaf is uncatchable with 4 points. However the race for second heats up as there are five players battling for the second and third place prizes, all with between 1.5 and 2.5 points. The fact that none of the players with 2.5 play each other made for some possibilities of a huge second or third place tie. Many games in this round were close but in the end Leaf emerged on top with 4.5 points and the 2nd-3rd place tie went to Tim and Chris, both in top form as they beat Rob and Micah.

Congratulations to LEAF LI! Your 2004 Alberta Active Champion!

2004 Alberta Reserves

Tournament Director: John Quiring

Fi	nish Date: Ap	ril 11	1, 20	04, ir	n Edi	mont	on			4	
#	Name	Old	Perf	New	High	Resu	lts		Table 1		
1	Aspler, Gerald	2059	2279	2106	2106	W 12	W 4	W 2	W 6	W 7	
2	Yearwood, Roy	2071	2068	2076	2286	W 9	W 3	L 1	W 5	W 6	Ī
3	Kazakevich, Anastasia	1922	1936	1926	1926	W 5	L 2	D 0	D 4	W 9	Ī
4	Newton, Geoff	1986	1848	1966	2105	W 11	L 1	D 8	D 3	W 10	Ī
5	Smith, Kevin	1595	1835	1638	1652	L 3	W 9	W 10	L 2	W 11	Ī
6	Yamach, Ahmet	1871	1795	1863	1900	W 10	W 7	D 0	L 1	L 2	Ī

1	Aspler, Gerald	2059	2279	2106	2106	W 12	W 4	W 2	W 6	W 7	5.0
2	Yearwood, Roy	2071	2068	2076	2286	W 9	W 3	L 1	W 5	W 6	4.0
3	Kazakevich, Anastasia	1922	1936	1926	1926	W 5	L 2	D 0	D 4	W 9	3.0
4	Newton, Geoff	1986	1848	1966	2105	W 11	L 1	D 8	D 3	W 10	3.0
5	Smith, Kevin	1595	1835	1638	1652	L 3	W 9	W 10	L 2	W 11	3.0
6	Yamach, Ahmet	1871	1795	1863	1900	W 10	W 7	D 0	L 1	L 2	2.5
7	Babb, Dwight	1638	1793	1660	1660	D 0	L 6	W 12	W 10	L 1	2.5
8	Pua, Richard	1768	2109	1796	1857	D 0	W 12	D 4	L O	L O	2.0
9	Kazakevich, Alexander	1692	1618	1678	1794	L 2	L 5	D 0	W 11	L 3	1.5
10	Palcic, Branko	1410	1514	1419	1800	L 6	W 11	L 5	L 7	L 4	1.0
11	Corsmeier, Tom	1682	1271	1615	1730	L 4	L 10	D 0	L 9	L 5	0.5
12	Dean, Tim	1831	1422	1781	1963	L 1	L 8	L 7	L O	L O	0.0
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Calgary Chess Club 2004 Championship

Tournament Director: Richard Kaminski

# 1	Name Kaminski, Victor	Old 2095	Perf 2292	New 2136	High 2136	Results					Tot
						W 19	W 11	W 8	D 2	W 3	4.5
2	Yam, Alex	2006	2277	2119	12	W 5	W 12	W 6	D 1	W 7	4.5
3	Demers, Christopher	2252	2077	2239	2285	W 18	D 4	W 12	W 6	L 1	3.5
4	Kuczaj, Chris	1877	1960	1892	2171	W 13	D 3	D 11	D 10	W 9	3.5
5	Daniluk, Jim	1948	1911	1945	2193	L 2	D 9	W 19	W 13	W 10	3.5
6	Watson, Walter	1992	1964	1992	2071	W 16	W 7	L 2	L 3	W 13	3.0
7	Miller, Brian	1883	1881	1889	1909	W 20	L 6	W 14	W 8	L 2	3.0
8	Tomaras, Pavlos	1915	1857	1906	1915	W 14	W 10	L 1	L 7	W 16	3.0
9	Poliakov, Janna	1547	1858	1635	1635	L 12	D 5	W 18	W 11	L 4	2.5
10	Diaz, Abner	1792	1666	1754	16	W 17	L 8	W 15	D 4	L 5	2.5
11	Bentley, Bill	1844	1632	1815	2000	W 15	L 1	D 4	L 9	W 17	2.5
12	Milne, Arthur	1869	1877	1870	2068	W 9	L 2	L 3	W 14	L O	2.0
13	Simandjuntak, Jonah	1463	1745	1604	10	L 4	W 18	W 16	L 5	L 6	2.0
14	Ghazi, Mohamed	1591	1656	1604	1608	L 8	W 17	L 7	L 12	W 18	2.0
15	Hillard, Bob	1377	1575	1417	1417	L 11	W 19	L10	L 16	W 20	2.0
16	Miller, Mitch	1560	1575	1559	1606	L 6	W 20	L 13	W 15	L 8	2.0
17	Rogers, Denise	1211	1454	1262	20	L 10	L 14	W 20	D 0	L 11	1.5
18	Kaminski, Thomas	1750	1436	1683	1809	L 3	L 13	L 9	W 20	L 14	1.0
19	Pivovarov, Juraj	1731	1407	1692	1867	L 1	L 15	L 5	L O	L O	0.0
20	Williams, Philip	1388	1166	1339	1388	L 7	L 16	L 17	L 18	L 15	0.0





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