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(Please note the entry deadlines for the first tournaments of the new season at the Calgary and Edmonton Chess Clubs! You might also check the details of the 1979 Alberta Open.)

EDITORIAL

This special issue of the Report is devoted solely to information about chess, and particularly chess in Alberta. It is hoped that sufficient details have been included to inform you, the Alberta chess players, about all relevant aspects of our chess scene.

This issue intentionally does not contain any tournament reports, games, etc. The recent Canadian Open report and Chris Evans' May-June ACR (which members may have already received, or will receive shortly) and the July-August ACR thoroughly cover all recent Alberta tournaments and events of interest to Albertans.

ALBERTA CHESS ASSOCIATIONMembership Fees

Senior -- \$3.00  
 Junior (under 18) -- \$2.00  
 {valid 1 year from month of purchase}

ACA members receive a subscription to the bimonthly Alberta Chess Report.

Each membership submitted should include the members' full name and address, and CFC (Chess Federation of Canada) number, if known. Please indicate if the membership is new or a renewal.

"Family memberships" (same family, same address, bought at same time) are available at the rate of one membership at the regular cost (\$3, unless all are juniors), and the rest at half-price. One ACR per household.

Executive and Directors

President: John Schleinich, Calgary  
 Vice-Pres: Stephen Ball, Edmonton  
 Treasurer: Alan Clifford, Calgary  
 Secretary: Len Steele, Edmonton  
 Directors: Chris Evans, Edmonton  
 Murray Frank, Edmonton  
 Bill Rusk, Calgary  
 Bruce Thomas, Slave Lake  
 Andrew Zissos, Calgary  
 (1 directorship vacant)

1979 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Edmonton  
 Sunday, Oct. 7, 9:30 a.m.  
 (at the site of the Alberta Open)  
 Room 553, General Services Bldg  
 91 Ave & 116 St, U of A

All ACA members are invited to attend. Nominations for Executive positions and Directors are requested. If you wish to run or you know of a likely candidate, please submit a nomination! Matters of importance to the entire future of the ACA and Alberta chess will likely be discussed. We invite your input -- any organization can only be as strong as its members make it!

More about the ACA

The Alberta Chess Association became a Registered Society under the Societies Act on December 13, 1974. The objects of the ACA, as set out in the original application, are:

1. To administer, coordinate and foster chess activities in Alberta.
2. To give guidance to any group wishing to form a chess club and to help maintain existing clubs.
3. To represent the Alberta chess community to the CFC, local government, and other chess associations in matters dealing with the planning and directing of tournaments, exhibitions and matches.
4. To promote, arrange and hold any and all kinds of amateur chess contests, exhibitions and competitions, and to contribute towards and provide for the awarding of prizes and trophies therein.
5. To promote and afford opportunity for friendly and social activities.
6. To sell, manage, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise deal with the property of the society.
7. To operate branches and associate or affiliate with other societies with similar objects.
8. To generally do all things that may appear necessary and useful in accomplishing the purposes hereinabove set out.

Perhaps the most important single service the ACA now offers its members is the Alberta Chess Report. We feel that the only way to keep our organization strong and thriving (and growing!) is to keep the members informed of what has happened, what is happening, and what will happen with respect to aspects of chess of interest to Albertans. We strive to report fully on Alberta tournaments, including game scores, hopefully annotated, wherever possible. Another important aspect is to let players know what events are coming up so that they may arrange their schedule to partake in our many tournaments.

The ACA is committed to holding the Alberta Open and the Alberta Closed each year, as well as the Southern and Northern Alberta Open tournaments. Furthermore, the Calgary and Edmonton Chess Clubs, operating as branches of the ACA (ACA membership is required of all club members; the Black Knight Chess Club also requires this), regularly hold the Open and Closed Championships of their respective cities. Funds are provided to assist the running of some tournaments. Naturally, the ACA is vitally interested in promoting the staging of many events, be they regular tournaments or "one shot" affairs, workshops, simultaneous displays, beginners tournaments, etc. Furthermore, the ACA often provides personnel, chess boards, scoresheets, demo boards, sets, clocks, etc.

The distribution of "active" chess players in the province (see page 5) has resulted in most of the activity occurring in Calgary and Edmonton. That is only natural. However, we are not ignoring other areas! It is true that what we really need is active organizers in all regions of the province. In an attempt to arouse interest in other parts of Alberta, the ACA will probably be operating a regional tournament program in 1979-1980 wherein we will organize tournaments in smaller centers (hopefully with the active assistance of some local players); securing a playing site, advertising locally and in the ACR, and providing equipment and a director. We also should be able to get \$50 per tournament through



the CFC's Local Tournament Incentive Program (LTIP). By this means we would hope to get even broader participation in the ACA. A higher profile on the part of the ACA will make us more visible to the public in general. This should result in an increase in the number of members and a rise in the activity level of chess in Alberta.

The ACA receives a large portion of its funding from the Government of Alberta, with the rest of our operating capital coming from membership dues, etc. The Government does not just give the money to us without some strings attached, and their regulations are now becoming tighter. Basically, if the ACA (or any organization funded by the Government) does not perform up to certain standards and within a set of guidelines, the funds could be reduced or, perish the thought, cut off. So, we are not only dedicated to furthering Alberta chess, but we have to!

One thing the Alberta Government does insist on for 1980 is that the ACA and TAYCA (The Alberta Youth Chess Association) must present a joint application for funding in the future. This will necessitate some form of association between the two organizations (though, of course, each could operate in its "own" area as in the past -- TAYCA being mostly concerned with juniors, and the ACA operating more at the club and rated tournament level, with no age restrictions). There has been a fair bit of friction between our two organizations, but it does appear that we are now rather more potentially compatible than ever before. Since there must be some sort of ACA-TAYCA cooperation, here is something about TAYCA itself for your information:



#### THE ALBERTA YOUTH CHESS ASSOCIATION

The objects of TAYCA, as set out in their Societies Act application dated February 4, 1975, are:

1. To organize, sponsor, conduct, and promote programmes and activities related to the play of chess by young persons in the Province of Alberta, including (without restricting the generality of the foregoing) workshops, tournaments, matches, exhibitions, courses of instruction, and the publicizing through the media of such activities as aforesaid.
2. To provide, operate, and maintain facilities for the play of chess for the use of young persons in the Province of Alberta.
3. To establish a library and reading room.
4. Generally to encourage and foster and develop among its members and the public a recognition of the importance of the play of chess as a recreational activity.
5. To sell, manage, lease, mortgage, dispense of, or otherwise deal with the property of the society.

The operations of the society are to be chiefly carried on in all parts of the Province of Alberta where the society considers it expedient and convenient to do so. Until the present, TAYCA has operated almost exclusively in Calgary, but it is hoped (and expected) that the new Executive will be widening their affairs considerably, particularly into Edmonton. TAYCA and the ACA have an agreement with respect to the operation of the Alberta Junior Closed (scheduled for the

Remembrance Day Weekend in November). Part of this agreement involves the holding of Edmonton and Calgary Junior Closed tournaments shortly in order to qualify some entrants for the Alberta Junior Closed. Those juniors interested in making the Alberta Junior Closed and wishing more information should contact TAYCA by writing P. O. Box 247, Stn M, Calgary T2P 2H9 (Secretary: Robert South).



#### CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA

Those of you who are already CFC members will have received the 1979 CFC Yearbook which contains a lot of information about the CFC (with a general description on pages 20-21). We will not reproduce all the details here. New members of the CFC will also get the Yearbook.

Membership in the CFC is required for all those who wish to play in rated tournaments. Alberta CFC members must also be ACA members. CFC dues for Albertans, including ACA dues, are:

Senior -- \$13  
Junior (under 18) -- \$8

CFC memberships are valid one year from date of purchase. Along with your membership you will receive the bimonthly publication "Chess Canada Echecs". This magazine is produced by Jon Berry, CFC Business Manager, and it would be well worth your while to join the CFC just to receive it! It is quite a good chess magazine, chock full of lots of interesting games, reports from all across the country and elsewhere, general information, etc. Furthermore, CFC members have access to a large stock of books and equipment, with a special discount to members, and good service. Why not join if you are not yet a member or your membership should be renewed? Send your dues to us, join at your local club, or write directly to the CFC (Box 7339, Ottawa, Ontario K1L 8E4).

Juniors who wish to get a "participating CFC membership" (includes CFC Yearbook; can play in rated events; no CFC magazine, but you get the ACR), can join for \$5. Family memberships (same family, same address, bought at the same time) in the CFC can be purchased (first membership at the adult rate, the rest \$5 each plus half-ACA dues; one magazine per household).



#### CANADIAN CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION

Ever wanted to try your hand at postal chess? If so, we have an organization right here in Canada which invites you to join (yearly dues are \$8 senior, \$6 junior; includes bimonthly magazine). The CCA currently has over 600 members. You can play in both class and open postal tournaments within Canada, and there is also an international program. If you want to explore this area, get further information by writing: Gary Ruben, 1319 Poprad Ave, Pickering, Ontario L1W 1K9



#### CHESS FOUNDATION OF CANADA

The Foundation administers and invests a fund of money which has evolved through sale of CFC Life Memberships (see CFC Yearbook, p. 17), donations, etc. The interest is given annually to the Chess Federation of Canada to support country-wide chess activities. If you would like to contribute to help the fund grow and boost Canadian chess,

then won't you please send your donation to the Foundation to: Martin Jaeger, Chairman, Chess Foundation, 409-3311 Kingston Road, Scarborough, Ontario M1M 1R1. Mr. Jaeger will also be glad to handle any request for information.



### OLYMPIAD FUND

Since the Federal Government obstinately refuses to recognize the value of chess, the CFC must go hat-in-hand to its members for financial help in sending our team to the 1980 Olympiad. The total cost for last year's Olympiad venture was \$19,312.03, and 1980 will probably require a like amount. Won't you consider making a donation, no matter how small? Clubs are invited to hold events wherein a "cut" of the entry fees goes to this Fund, and they might consider making a donation from their general revenues. Stronger players might consider holding simultaneous displays and forward the "profit" to the Olympiad Fund. Donations should be sent to: CFC Olympic Fund, Box 7339, Ottawa, Ontario K1L 8E4 -- thank you in advance!



### HELLO TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS AND ORGANIZERS

We would like to announce your tournaments in the ACR! Please send us full details far enough in advance for publication.

Please check to see that all entrants in your rated tournaments possess current ACA and CFC memberships. A list of ACA members is available on request to directors and organizers.

PLEASE send a copy of the final crosstable of your tournament to us for publication in the ACR (in tiebreak order, if possible). A written report plus game scores would be a definite asset. The quality of our report on your tournament depends very much on what you send us.



### CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION RULES

All entrants in the Alberta Closed and the Alberta Junior Closed must have at least 2 "participation points" in the year prior to each Closed (normally since the previous Closed). The following tournaments are worth 1 participation point each: Alberta Open, Northern Alberta Open, Southern Alberta Open, Calgary and Edmonton Championships (run at the city clubs), plus any other major tournaments that may be put in this category (e.g., the 1979 Canadian Open). All other Alberta tournaments are worth one-half a participation point each if they are CFC rated tournaments (matches do not count). Participation points are not given to dropouts. Note: juniors may also get participation points through TAYCA tournaments (the value of most is less than one-half point). TAYCA members should consult that organization for further details (address in an earlier section).



### MOVING?

Please send your complete new address (and phone number?) to us when you move. That way you will not miss any ACR issues. Include your CFC number, if you have one.



### SO YOU'RE GOING TO WITHDRAW?

If, during a tournament, you wish to withdraw,

then PLEASE give notice as soon as possible. The Tournament Director has to make pairings for the next round, and he needs to know if you will not be coming. It is not a nice thing to have people simply drop out -- their scheduled opponent then has to sit around, and, since he entered the tournament to play, he surely is entitled to have someone to play! So, kindly give notice when you must withdraw. The ACA has a rule that dropouts can be charged \$5 before they can enter another ACA event. Please be considerate. Thank you.



### RATING SYSTEM, HOW TOURNAMENTS ARE RUN ...

Well, we could explain it all here, but since you have to be a CFC member to play in a rated tournament, you can consult the CFC Yearbook (given to all CFC members) -- full details have been presented there by Jon Berry. You need only join the CFC, and all the information is yours!



### HOW DO WE IN ALBERTA RATE?

A catchy title, but this is just a bit of statistics for Alberta players in the 1979 annual CFC rating list. All players, whether they have established or provisional ratings, were considered in calculating the following:

Expert	2000-2199	9
Class A	1800-1999	27
Class B	1600-1799	48
Class C	1400-1599	100
Class D	under 1400	205
TOTAL		389

Average Rating: 1407

Median Rating: 1389

(The USCF, to "express a player's strength more meaningfully" has instituted a new naming system for rating classes. These classes [remember, this is for the US, but may spread someday to Canada] are: Senior Master 2400+; Master 2200-2399; Candidate Master 2000-2199; Expert 1800-1999; Candidate Expert 1600-1799; Advanced 1400-1599; Intermediate 1200-1399; Novice below 1200. With such a system, most of us would feel better when asked our class, or so it seems to me!)



### CORRECTIONS (to the 1979 Canadian Open Report)

A couple of errors in the "Final Tournament Director's Report" on the 1979 Canadian Open (Edmonton, July 7-15) have come to light:

(1) A game score for round 8 showed A. Skeel beating H. King in 10 moves. Mr. King was rather surprised to see this! He did lose to Skeel, but only after a long game and a time scramble. It appears that the game was actually played against a different opponent (presumably in round 7). Mr. Skeel did not know Harvey King by sight, and he seems to have used King's name in error. I regret this blunder in my report, having accepted the game submitted to me as correct, and am happy to set the record straight! I extend my apologies to Mr. King.

(2) Abe Yanofsky (winner of the Canadian Open) wrote to say that he had made a slight error in his annotations to his game with Hawkes in round 4. The note given after move 4 should actually have gone after move 5, with an increase of 1 in each move number. You may wish to correct your copy of the tournament report.



CHESS CLUB DIRECTORY AND  
CLUB TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Here is a list of the playing night, address, and contact person for Alberta clubs and a tournament schedule for some. Please take special note of the deadlines for registration in the first tournaments of the new season at the Calgary and Edmonton Chess Clubs.

BLACK KNIGHT CHESS CLUB

Meets Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Royal College in Calgary. FMI: Bill Busk, 1418-8 St NW, Calgary T2M 3K3, phone 282-6739.

CALGARY CHESS CLUB

Meets Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. at the Rosedale Community Center, 800-11 Ave NW, Calgary. FMI: John Schleinich, 3916 Vardell Rd NW, Calgary T3A 0C4, phone 288-6721.

Here is the 1979-80 schedule (note the registration deadline for the first tournament!):

September 5: REGISTRATION for the CCC WARMUP TOURNAMENT, a 6-round Swiss, entry fee \$6. You must register this week! There will also be a speed chess tournament this night.

September 12: The 6-round (1 per night) Warmup tournament begins (you must have registered Sept. 5!). The tournament continues to October 17th.

October 24: REGISTER for the CCC CHAMPIONSHIP, a 7 round Swiss, \$7 entry fee, may be 2 classes. Tonight will also be the FIRST PRELIMINARY for the CCC Speed Championship.

October 31: Club Championship begins (you must have registered Oct 24!).

Late October, or November: SOUTHERN ALBERTA OPEN (weekend tournament). More details at a later date.

December 19: Christmas Turkey Shoot! The Club will then be closed for the holiday season after tonight.

1980:

January 2: REGISTER for the CALGARY OPEN, an 8 round Swiss, entry fee \$8. The SECOND PRELIMINARY for the CCC Speed Championship will be held tonight.

January 9: Calgary Open begins (you must have registered January 2nd!).

March 5 & 12: Finals will be held in the CCC Speed Championship.

March 19: REGISTRATION for the CALGARY CLOSED. Will be round robin sections formed by rating. The winner of the top section qualifies for the Alberta Closed.

March 26: Calgary Closed begins (register March 19!).

May 7 - June 18: Team Tournament.

June 25: Club Party & closing ceremony for the summer.

EDMONTON CHESS CLUB

Meets Monday evenings in the Commonwealth Swimming Pool Center (Kinsmen Aquatic Center) conference rooms from 7:15-11:30 p.m. The club meets year round except for holidays. FMI: Bruce Thomas, phone 466-5383. While there is usually a tournament in progress (for those who prefer such), there is still plenty of opportunity for casual play. If you have a CHESS CLOCK, PLEASE BRING IT (we might need a few extra sets too).

Here is the schedule for the next few months (note the entry deadline for the Club Championship!):

September 3: CLOSED for the holiday.

September 10: Registration for the Club Championship. Skittles.

September 17: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Election of officers, and other business. Please attend. We must have help in running the club. Please volunteer!

FINAL DAY for REGISTRATION for the 1979 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP. Please be sure and register by tonight! The tournament will be 8 rounds, with a few round robins made up of some of the top-rated players, and everyone else in one big Swiss. Why not play? The winner of the top section qualifies for the Alberta Closed.

September 24: The Club Championship tournament begins (you must have registered Sept. 17th!) and continues until the end of November with one game per night.

October 6-8: ALBERTA OPEN at the U of A. Details are on the last page of this issue. The Club will be closed on the 8th.

Details on scheduling of subsequent events will be posted at the Club and printed in future ACRs.

RED DEER CHESS CLUB

Meets Tuesday evenings in the Recreation Center downtown from 7:00-11:00 p.m. (October to May). FMI: Jens Kaastrup, 5432 Kerry Wood Dr, Red Deer T4N 4H2, phone 346-6380.

SLAVE LAKE CHESS CLUB

Meets Thursday evenings in the Municipal Library in Michener High School from 7:00 p.m. (September-May). FMI: Bruce Thomas, Box 541, Slave Lake T0G 2A0, phone 849-4033 (call Tuesday-Friday only).

U of A CHESS CLUB

The operational status of this club for 1979-80 is not known at this time. FMI: Box 119, U of A, Edmonton T6G 2E0

WHERE ACA MEMBERS RESIDE

As of August 20th there were 382 members of the ACA. Here is the geographical distribution of memberships:

Edmonton.....	182
Calgary.....	129
St. Albert.....	9
Red Deer.....	8
Other Alberta.....	33
Outside Alberta.....	21

# 1979 ALBERTA OPEN !

EDMONTON

Thanksgiving Long Weekend

October 6-8

5th floor General Services Building, U of A

116 St. & 91 Ave.

6-round Swiss  
2 per day

★ Registration: 8:45 - 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 6 -- no later! ←

or in advance to:

Alberta Chess Association  
Box 119, U of A, Edmonton,  
Alberta T6G 2E0

★ Entry Fee: only \$10 senior and \$7 junior = under 18 ←

CFC and ACA memberships required!

- bring your cards, else get:
- memberships sold at site

Cash Prizes to top finishers overall and in each class



Time Control: 45 moves in 2 hours each, then 25/1

Last round schedule gives out-of-towners time to get home!

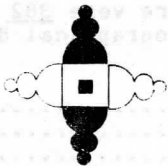
Good Games!

Good Prizes!

Winner  
qualifies for  
Alta Closed

Don't miss it!

see you there ...



★ PLEASE BRING A CHESS CLOCK !!!