

# Alberta Chess Report



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## 2017 Alberta Youth Chess Championship

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January and February saw a host of regional junior championships all leading to the provincials in Edmonton. Inside: An exciting finish leads to a four-way tie atop the standings at the March of Kings. Also, 2016 WBX, 2017 Schleinich, NAO, Alberta Active Championship, & more.

*Above: the 2017 AYCC. Below: two of the winners at the March of Kings (photos below by Bhavik Dave.)*



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### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

At the beginning of 2017, Vladimir Pechenkin departed as editor of this publication, leading to some changes to the ACR. Notably, the ACR will return as a quarterly publication. It will still consist of the same features as before, but in different proportions. As always, I am eager for submissions from the membership regarding chess in Alberta.



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# 2016 WBX

TEAMS FROM EDMONTON, CALGARY  
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The annual team tournament in Edmonton was not without controversy this year, as the two winning teams met in the third round amid a dispute. The only game played between them was on board one, where FM Pechenkin beat NM Roy Yearwood. The disagreements happened on boards two and three, leading tournament organizer and director Terry Seehagen to score the non-played games as half point byes. Third place was a three-way tie.

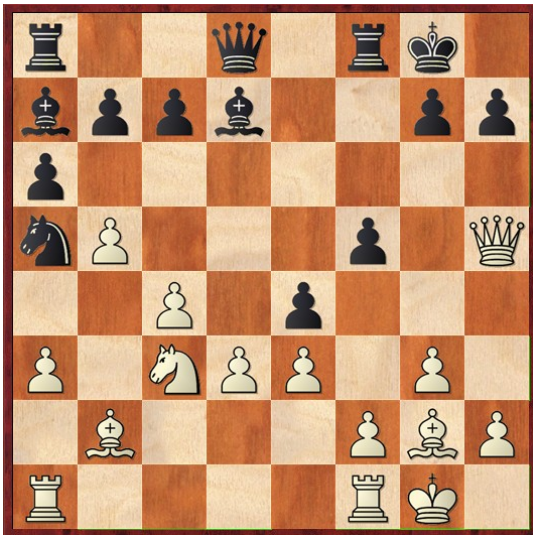
On the individual side, FM Vladimir Pechenkin and Butch Villavieja finished with 4/5 on board one. Ratings favorite Bitan Banerjee had a chance at taking first but suffered a final round loss to Villavieja. Mohamed Fellah finished in clear first on board two with 4.5/5, while relative newcomer Mohsen Saeed posted an impressive 5/5 on board three.

**Pechenkin, Vladimir (2344) - Yearwood, Roy (2077)**  
17.12.2016

**1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Bc5 4.Bg2 d6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.0-0 a6** Carlsen had this position against Tomashevsky in 2012 and opted to reply **7. a3**. That game ended in a long draw. **7.d3 0-0 8.a3 Bd7 9.b4 Ba7 10.Bb2** Interesting is 10.Bg5 giving black a problematic pin. 10...h6 11.Bh4! g5?? 12.Nxg5 hxg5 13.Bxg5 And black's f6 knight can't survive after the eventual move Nd5 or Ne4 from white. **10...Nh5 11.e3** Setting up a tactical win of the e5 pawn should black continue

with his f5 plan. **11...f5? 12.b5** Dislodging the knight protecting the e-pawn. **12...Na5 13.Nxe5 dxe5 14.Qxh5 e4??** [see diagram] Hoping to win material, but tactically unsound. **15.Nxe4! fx4 16.Bxe4** With

the mate threat on h7. **16...h6 17.bxa6** Dual attacks on the loose a5 knight and the b7 pawn. **17...Qg5 18.Qxg5 hxg5**



*Pictured: the two winning teams. Above: Roy Yearwood, Mohamed Fellah, & Nimai Koneru. Below: FM Vladimir Pechenkin, Rob Brazeau, & Dustin Koperski*

**19.axb7** White now has five pawns for the knight. **19...Rab8 20.Be5 Nxb7 21.Bxc7 Rbc8 22.Bxb7 Rxc7 23.Bd5+ Kh7 24.d4 Ba4 25.Rab1 Rf6 26.Rb4 Ra6 27.Be4+ g6 28.Rfb1 Kh6 29.c5 Be8 30.R1b3 g4 31.Rb7 Rc8 32.Re7 Bc6 33.Bxc6 Rxc6 34.Rbb7 Bxc5 35.dxc5 Rxc5 36.Rb4 Rxa3 37.Rxg4 Ra2 38.Rf7 Rb2 39.Rh4+ Kg5 40.f4# 1-0**

**Villavieja, Butch (2194) - Banerjee, Bitan (2416)**  
18.12.2016

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Be7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Qf2?** A significant departure from a well-known position. Caruana, So, Nakamura, etc., played 9. dxc5 or 9. Be2 here. The text move leads to difficulties after black's reply. **9...f6 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.Bd3** [see diagram following page] **c4?** Black is still better, but can gain more with the following continuation: **11...Ng4 12.Qd2 Nxe3 13.Qxe3 Qb6** If white tries to save the d-pawn by trading it off, black invades, picking up more material and preventing white from castling. If white abandons the d-pawn, black's knight jumps to d4, and an eventual e5 push will open up the position against white's uncastled king. Both result in a loss of material in a compli-



cated position. The text move, 11. ...c4, relieves the pawn tension early. **12.Be2 b5 13.Ne5 Bb7 14.Bf3 b4 15.Ne2 Bd6 16.Qh4 Ne7 17.g4 Ne4 18.0-0 Qc7 19.c3 a5 20.Bg2 Rab8 21.Rf3 Rf6 22.Raf1 h6** The sheer amount of material left on the board makes maneuvering hard, favoring white, who had to play some seemingly risky moves to get back to an even game. **23.Qe1 Rbf8 24.h4 g5?** Allowing the h-file to come open when white is better positioned to take advantage of it.

**25.hxg5 hxg5 26.Rh3 bxc3 27.bxc3 Ng6 28.Nxg6 Rxg6 29.Bxe4 dxe4 30.fxc5 Rf3 31.Qh4 Qg7 32.Rxf3 exf3 33.Ng3 Kf7 34.Kf2 Bc6?? 35.Nf5!** And black resigns. If he attempts to take the knight, then 36. gxf5 Rf6 37. d5, followed by Bd4 results in a massive attack and substantial loss of material. (Note that the continuation 37. gxf6 would be a massive blunder by white, leading to mate in 2.) If black attempts to hang on to material with 35. ...Qf8, then 36. Qh7+ is deadly. 1-0



# 2017 Schleinich Memorial

January 6-8 — Calgary's annual Schleinich Memorial sectional concluded in exciting fashion, when FM Dale Haessel scored a final round victory over FM Ian Findlay, leading them to split first place with 4/5. Behrooz Ebrahim-Shirazi won section B with two draws and three wins, while section C was split between Brian Timmerman and up-and-coming junior Ian Zhao with 4/5. In section D, Anand Rishi Chandra was nearly perfect with 4.5/5. Frank Kluytmans organized and directed.

Here is Haessel's earlier loss — an upset by Canmore resident Jerry Kobalenko.

**Kobalenko, Jerry (2173) - Haessel, Dale (2294)**  
07.01.2017

**1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 b5 3.a4** Taking this game into unfamiliar territory. More common is 3. Bg2, followed by castling. **3...b4 4.c4 Bb7 5.d4 c5 6.Bg2 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.e3 0-0 9.b3 d5 10.Nbd2 Nc6 11.Bb2 Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Nd2** [see diagram] Allowing f5, which will let the e4 pawn remain firmly lodged in white's position... **13...cxd4 14.exd4 f5 15. Nxe4 ...** unless white sacrifices his knight to remove it. -/+ **15...fxe4 16.Bxe4 Bf6** The unusual 16. ...Na5 should be



considered here, threatening the b3 pawn, while also threatening to trade off white's protective bishop. The response 17. Bc2 allows black to begin piling up on the d4 pawn, while potentially giving the queen access to the vulnerable h1-a8 diagonal via the freed c6 square. **17.Qh5 h6** More forcing is 17. ...g6. The text move allows 18. Qg6, after which black must choose between taking a repetition or allowing his king to be flushed into the open. **18.Rad1 Na5 19.Bc2 Qc7 20.Rfe1 Rfe8 21.Qg6 Kf8 22.Bc1 Qf7 23.Qh7 Qg8 24.Qg6 Qf7 25.Qh7 Re7 26.Bf4 Rd8 27.Be3 Red7??** [see diagram] A blunder, though hardly obvious. Black would have a nice position here after 27. ...Bf3, up material, digging into white's position, and allowing his knight back into the game via b7. Instead, white is able to play 28. d5, exposing the c5-f8 diagonal leading to the king, and allowing the d1 rook access to the fourth rank. **28.d5 Be7** [28...exd5 29.Bg6 Qg8 30.Bc5+ Be7 31.Bxe7+ Rxe7 32.Qxg8+ Kxg8 33.Rxe7 and black will suffer substantial material loss while white's pieces will easily coordinate an attack on the king.] **29.Rd4 e5 30.Rg4** Threatening 30. ...Rxg7 or Bxh6. **30...Rd6 31.Bxa7 Bc8 32.Rg6 Nb7 33.Rxe5 Bf6 34.Qh8+ Qg8 35.Qxg8+ Kxg8 36.Re1 Kf7 37.Kg2** [see diagram following page] Low on



# Calgary Seniors Championship



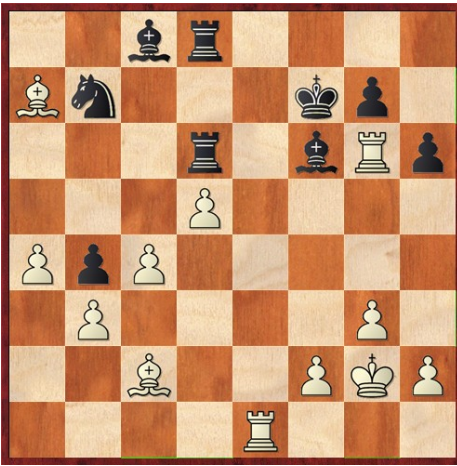
*Pictured: FM Ian Findlay at the 2017 March of Kings. Photo by Bhavik Dave.*

February 25-26, 2017 — This relatively new addition to the ACA tournament calendar was quite successful. 15 seniors (by FIDE's rather generous definition) showed up to participate in the event. Players only had to be 50 by the year's end in order to qualify. FM Ian Findlay was nearly perfect, finishing with 4.5/5 and claiming the \$300 travel grant to play in the provincial championship. Husain Ali was second with 4/5, while Jim Daniluk finished third with 3.5/5. Frank Kluytmans organized and directed.

FM Findlay put the prize to good use, traveling to Edmonton for the Alberta Seniors Championship in April. Findlay has been one of the leading participants of chess around the province, having already made it to numerous tournaments this year.

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time, black resigns. Black has defused white's attack, but white has four pawns for the knight, including multiple protected passed pawns. According to Kobalenko, his plan was to secure the g6 rook and protect the d5 pawn before pushing c5. 1-0

Omid Malek has seen his rating surge over the last year, but here he comes up short against FM Findlay.

**Malek, Omid (2182) - Findlay, Ian (2289) 08.01.2017**

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 d5 4.e3 c5 5.Bd3 cxd4 6.exd4 Nc6 7.Bxe4 dxe4 8.Ne2** Caruana had this position as white in the 2014 World Blitz Championship and won in 54 moves over GM Peter Michalik. Michalik responded 8.

...e5!? **8...g6 9.d5**

**Bg7! 10.Nbc3** If 10.dxc6? Qxd1+

11.Kxd1 Bxb2

12.Nbc3 Bxa1, and black is up material.

**10...Ne5** [see

diag.] A complicated pawn sac on

e4. If 11.Nxe4 Nc4

12.b3 Bf5 13.N2g3

Qa5+, Black has

nearly full compensation for the

pawn. White has to

move his king or return the pawn on c3; otherwise black

will come out ahead in material. **11.0-0 Nc4 12.b3 Nd6**

**13.Rb1 Bg4 14.Qe1 Rc8 15.Rc1 0-0 16.Nd1 e6 17.Ne3??**

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# 2017 Alberta Youth Chess Championship & Regionals

Jan-Feb — The AYCC got off to a great start in late January, with regionals held in three different areas of the province: Calgary, Fort McMurray, & Lethbridge.

Calgary continued its streak of putting together large junior tournaments. Sixty-four juniors participated in the CYCC, which was held at the University of Calgary. Winners were Ali Parsae, Anand Chandra, Ricky Chen, Ian Zhao, Arul Papneja, and Andre Tolentino. Runners-up were Ali Abdulla, Jerry Ming, Vishruth Sharma, Paul Wang, Andrew Xu, and Patrick Tolentino.

Peter Davis-Imhof hosted the Lethbridge Regional. Eighteen juniors participated, including winners Mattias Saad, Akshara Nagaruru, and Wilson Wong. The runners-up were Quinn Laurendeau-Adams, Munkhu Batbayar, and Jeran Lynnes.

In February, Fort McMurray joined in, with Jina Burn and the Fort McMurray Chess Club putting together a 26 player tournament. The winners were Ray Jiang, Jerry Li, Manish Shetagar, Sujit Velmurgan, Sarvesh Pillai, and Johnny Burn. Runners-up were Akshay Siravuri, Nirvan Joarder, Shawn Jiang, Francois Guillaume Marais & Dev Patel, Liam Redden, and Michael Jenkins-Grunsky.

Regional winners received free entry to the provincials, as well as \$100 in coaching vouchers.

On to the provincials—

When ACA President Vlad Rekhson called on Saturday, February 18, to offer me the job as Executive Director, he probably mentioned the major junior tournament occurring exactly one week later, but I don't think I fully processed how busy my first week on the job would be. Fortunately, first-time organizer Cristian Ivanescu already had a good handle on things, and Jina Burn was invaluable in providing assistance throughout. Experienced TDs Dustin Koperski, Paul Gagne, and Xiaoshi Huang helped things run smoothly, as did volunteers Carol Windram, Angelo Tolentino, and several others.

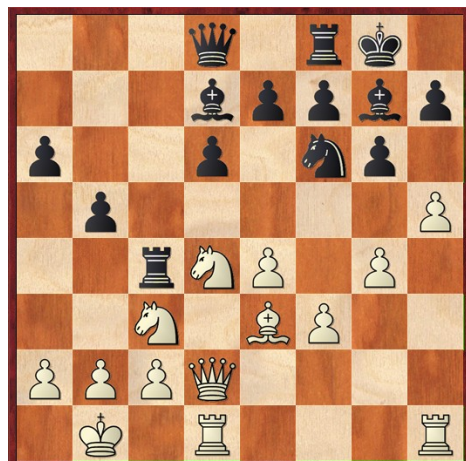
The event was held in a giant ballroom at the Radisson in southeast Edmonton. Some tournament highlights: two players taking 1 hour and 45 minutes to finish a 20 move draw with no captures, a Fried Liver ending on 9. Qf7#, and newly minted FM Diwen Shi going 4/4 despite playing some solid juniors. Due to his final round bye, Shi was able to collect his trophy and head home to Calgary early, as no one playing in the final round could catch him. How good is he? Shi was literally the last person out when it came to invites for the Alberta Closed, coming up just a

few rating points short of qualifying. He would have been the first junior to do so since IM Richard Wang. Here is Shi playing Matthew Zita.

**Shi, Diwen (2277) - Zita, Matthew (1719) 25.02.2017**

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 Bd7 10.g4 Rc8 11.h4 Ne5 12.Be2 a6?** The first new move in an otherwise familiar position. 12. ...Nc4 would win the bishop pair at the cost of allowing white to further his pawn storm on the kingside, while 12. ...h5, which scores quite well for black, would attempt to shut down white's attack. **13.h5 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Rxc4** Black gets the bishop pair, but too late.

**15.Kb1 b5** [See diagram] **16.Nb3** If 16.e5! dxe5 17.Nb3 Rc8 18.g5 and black can't hold on to both knight and bishop. Attempting it with 17. ...Rb7 loses even more material after 18. Bb6 **16...a5 17.Bh6 Bxh6 18.Qxh6** Threatening to open the h-file, followed by Nd5 or g5 and black must lose a knight to avoid checkmate. **18...Rxc3 19.bxc3 Qc7** [See diagram below] **20.Qd2?** 20.hxg6 is winning. 20...fxg6 21.g5 Nh5 22.Rxh5! If black recaptures,



the King chase is on, with the white Queen capturing pawns with check and the rook on d1 sliding over to assist in an eventual mate. 22...gxh5 23.g6 hxg6 24.Qxg6+ Kh8 25.Qxh5+ Kg7 26.Rg1+ Kf6 27.Rg6+ Kf7 28.Rh6+ Kg8 29.Qg6# The actual move, 20. Qd2, al-



*Above: The Under-10 participants show off their trophies and ribbons. Below: The tournament is underway! Photos by Jina Burn.*





Clockwise from top left: TD Paul Gagne with the U-12s; TD Dustin Koperski with the U-14s; the U-8s Organizer Cristian Ivanescu with the U-16s. Photos by Jina Burn.

lows black to cling to life. **20...Be6** Logical was a4, continuing the queenside pawn storm. **21.Nd4 Bc4 22.Ka1 e6 23.Qg5 Nd7? 24.Qe7** An uncomfortable pin for black **24...e5 25.hxg6 hxg6** Allowing mate in 3 **26.Qh4 Kg7 27.Nf5+** Black resigns with mate on the next move regardless. 1-0

The Under-16 section was a hard-fought battle. Jeff Wang and Karlo Gasparac both finished with 4/5, but Jeff won their round five face-off in order to claim first prize. Here is Jeff's fourth round victory against Lucy Chao, where he sacks a rook for an attack.

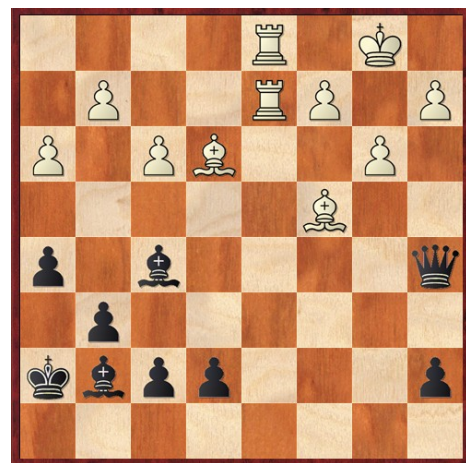


**Chao, Lucy (1459) - Wang, Jeff (1870)**  
26.02.2017

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0** So far identical to Shi-Zita, but this one turns out quite differently.  
**9...d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxc6 bxc6**

**12.Nxd5 cxd5 13.Qxd5 Qc7** [See previous diagram] A known rook sac. White can take it, but she'll have to give up her queen for two rooks and a pawn and fend off a big attack. **14.Qxa8 Bf5 15.Qxf8+ Kxf8 16.Rd2** Precise, and giving an equal score. Incorrect is 16. c3, which loses material to 16. ...Bxc3. Unfavorable is 16. Bd3, when 16. ...Qe5 flushes the king out of hiding. **16. ...h5** Allowing the f5 bishop to remain on its attacking diagonal. **17.Be2 Qb8 18.b3 Qc7 19.Rhd1 Kg8** Avoiding the backrank mate. **20.Bc4 Kh7 21.h3 Qa5 22.Kb1** [See diagram]

[See diagram] White has played carefully so far, but this move walks into line with the f5 bishop while limiting the King's escaping ability. A pretty, forced mate follows. **22...Qc3 23.Bd4 Bxd4 24.Rxd4 Qxc2+ 25.Ka1 Qc3# 0-1**



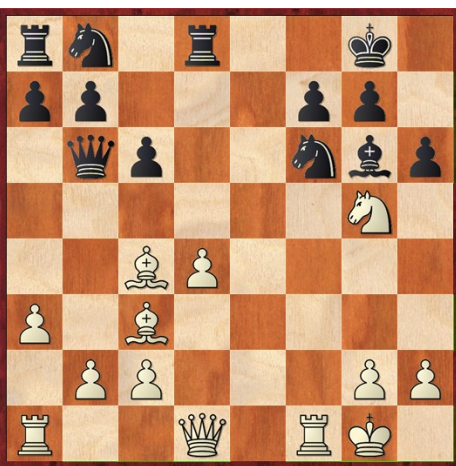
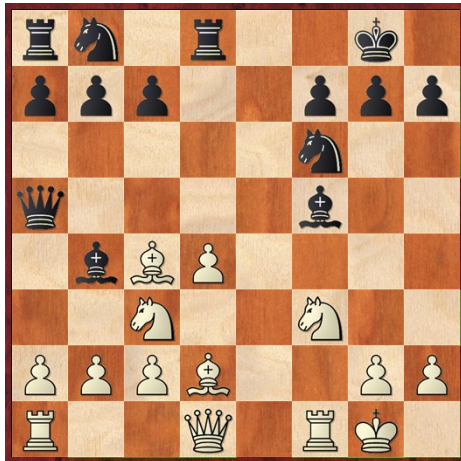
In the Under-14 section, both Michelle Mo and Kaixin Wang finished with 4/5, with Kaixin being victorious in their third round matchup. Here is Kai's second round vic-



tory over Jeffrey Chen, where he coolly maintains his king-side attack in the face of Jeffrey's forks.

**Wang, Kaixin (1848) - Chen, Jeffrey (1451) 25.02.2017**

**1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.exd5 exf4 4.Nf3 Qxd5 5.Nc3 Qa5 6.d4 Nf6 7.Bxf4 Bb4 8.Bd2** Favorable for white is 8. Bd3, sacking the b2 pawn to 8. ...Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qxc3+ 10.Bd2 in exchange for tempos, development, and an impressive bishop pair. **8...0-0 9.Be2 Bf5 10.0-0 Rd8 11.Bc4** [see diagram] **c6?** The black queen is low on squares, but still safe. The developing move 11. ...Nc6 is preferable to the text move. **12.a3 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Qc7 14.Ng5** Better is 14.Ne5, also threatening the f7 square along with the discovery on the f5 bishop, but also giving white the option of trading knight for bishop on g6. **14...Bg6 15.Be1 Qb6 16.Bc3 h6** [see diagram below] **17.Nf3** Missing the win available with a series of sacrifices: 17.Bxf7+ Bxf7 18.Nxf7 Kxf7 19.Qh5+ Kg8 20.Rxf6 gxf6 21.Qg6+ Kh8 With a complicated mate. White actually has time to move the rook over to join the attack--there's nothing black can do. 22.Qxf6+ Kh7 23.Qf7+ Kh8 24.Re1 Nd7 25.Re7 with mate next move.



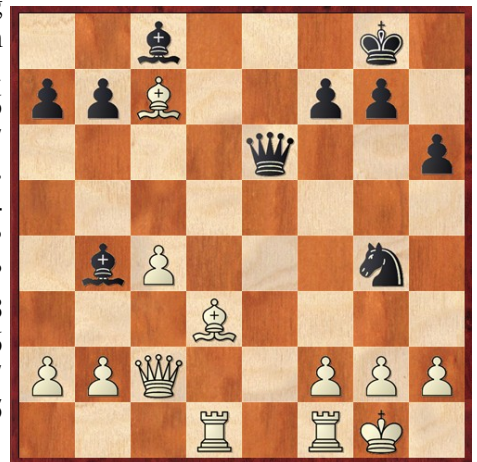
17...Nd5 18.Ne5 Ne3 19.Qf3 Nxc4 If 19...Nxf1? 20.Nxg6 Taking advantage of the pin on the f-pawn. Black will lose material and suffer a devastating attack on the weak f7 square. **20.Nxg6 Qc7** If 20...fxg6 21.Qf7+ Kh7 22.Qxc4 white has a favorable position, but the material is still equal. **21.Nh4 Rf8 22.Nf5 Nd7 23.Qg4 g6 24.Nxh6+ Kh7 25.Nxf7 Ne3** A tempting fork, but it leads to forced mate. **26.Qh4+ Kg8 27.Qh8# 1-0**

Several players in the younger sections took their time—in fact, in round one, some of the last games to finish were in the U-8 and U-10 sections. In the U-8 section, Anand Rishi Chandra was perfect, as was Felix Lin in the U-10 section.

In the following Under-10 game, Alice Ding shows the importance of getting pieces to good squares while carefully calculating tactics. Alice went on to collect another win and a draw on the way to a Top Girl trophy, while the unrated Yi Han got back to back wins in the next two rounds.

**Ding, Alice (935) - Han, Yi (Unr.) 25.02.2017**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6** Uncommon, blocking the c-pawn from challenging the center or supporting the d-pawn. **4.Bg5 e6 5.e3 Bb4 6.Qc2 0-0 7.Nf3 h6 8.Bh4 Re8 9.Bd3** White is quietly moving her pieces into the game while leaving open her castling options. **9...e5** [See diagram] Trying to break open the center or attack the pinned c3 knight before white can castle, but white is in no danger here. **10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.0-0 d4? 13.Bg3** 13.Nd5 is better, attacking the pinned Knight on f6 as well as the undefended bishop on b4. After 13. ...Be7 white wins the d-pawn and has all of her pieces in prime attacking position. **13...Re8 14.exd4 Qxd4??** A pawn black should not recover **15.Nb5 Qd7 16.Nxc7 Re7** Better to lose the undeveloped rook on a8, but white makes quick work of it, winning the black queen in just a few moves. **17.Nxa8 Qe6 18.Nc7 Rxc7 19.Bxc7 Ng4 20.Rad1** [see diagram] **Bd6? 21.Bxd6 Qxd6?? 22.Bh7+ Kh8 23.Rxd6 g6 24.Qc3+ Kxh7 25.Rd8 Bf5 26.Qh8# 1-0**



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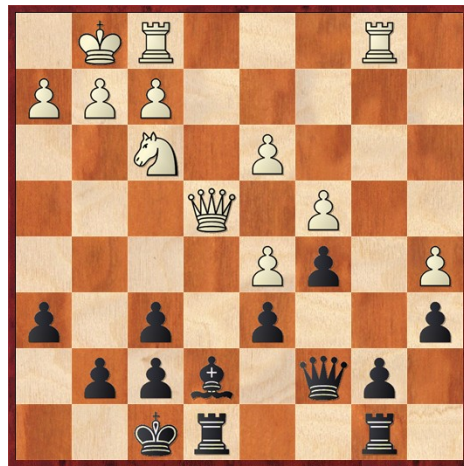
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And here's a quick example of Anand Rishi Chandra making the most of the opportunities given to him by his opponent in the U-8 section.

**Saad, Mattias (789) - Chandra, Anand Rishi (1655)**  
25.02.2017

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.d3 Nc6 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 exf6 9.0-0 Be7 10.b3 0-0 11.b4 A free pawn, though the computer does give white some compensation 11...Nxb4 12.a3 Nc6 13.Rb1 a6 14.a4 Nb4 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Rab8 17.a5 Qc7 18.Qe1 Rfe8 19.c4 Kf8 20.Qe4 [See diagram opposite] Threatening to

invade on h7  
20...Kg8 21.Rfc1 Qxa5 22.Rc2 Bf8 23.Qe1 Wiser is moving the Queen to the f, g, or h file for an attack.  
23...Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 g5 25.Rce2 Kg7 26.Nxg5 hxg5 27.Re8 Rxe8 28.Rxe8 Qa1+ 29.Re1 Qxe1# 0-1



# Northern Alberta Open

February 18-19 — Late February also saw one of the perennial elite tournaments on the ACA calendar—the Northern Alberta Open. This qualifier to the Alberta Closed regularly pulls in some of the best attendance numbers of any of the ACA tournaments, and this year was no exception, despite the competition of a large tournament in Saskatchewan on the same date. Organizer and director Michah Hughey stepped in at the last minute to pull this tournament together.

The final round came down to a winner-takes-all game between the leaders, CM Rafael Arruebarrena and Bitan Banerjee, in which Banerjee was victorious. Second place at the NAO was a tie between Omid Malek and Dante Briones (4/5), while class prizes were awarded to Peter Kalisvaart & Daryl Bertrand (3.5/5); Damon MacLeod, Rick Pedersen, & Bhavik Dave (3/5); and Mark Ivanescu and Cameron Ratte (3/5).

Here is the decisive game.

**Arruebarrena, Rafael (2335) - Banerjee, Bitan (2415)**  
2017 Northern Alberta Open (5), 19.02.2017

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 h6 10.Bh4 Nbd7 11.g4 More



common is 11. Be2 or Bd3 11...g5 12.fxg5 Ne5 13.Qe2? [see diagram] Eventually loses a pawn. If 13.Qg3, white's position holds. 13...Nfxg4 14.Rg1 hxg5 15.Bg3 Forced. White must protect the h-pawn, but in doing so ends his own attack on



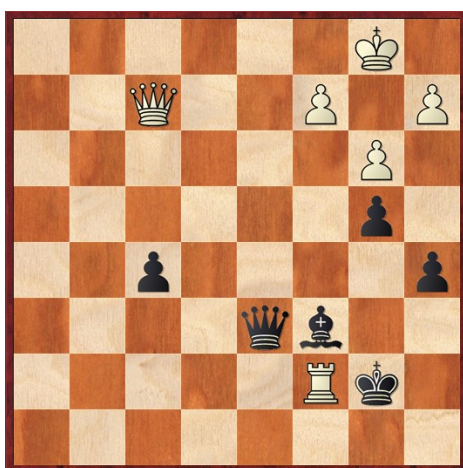
Winner Bitan Banerjee. Photo by Bhavik Dave

the g4 knight and g5 pawn. If 15. Be1? Rxh2 and white is in serious trouble. 15...Nf6 16.Nf3 g4 17.Nxe5 dxe5 18.h3 gxh3 19.Rh1 b5 20.Bxh3 b4 21.Nd5! [see diagram following page] All other lines are losing. This move required precise calculation from white. Black will keep only a slight edge in material. 21...exd5 22.Bd7+ Kxd7 23.Rxh8 Bb7 24.Rxa8 Bxa8 25.exd5 Nxd5 26.Bxe5 And black emerges with knight and bishop for rook. 26...Qc6 27.Qf2 f6 28.Bd4 Kc7 29.Rg1 Qe6 30.Bc5 Bc6 31.Bxe7 Qxe7

32.Re1 Qd6  
 33.Kb1 Kb7  
 34.Rg1 White hasn't made any outright blunders, but the computer score has gone up bit by bit for black.  
 34...a5 35.Rg7+  
 Nc7 36.b3 f5  
 37.Rxc7+ Perhaps hoping to hold the draw by eliminating the passed



pawn and simplifying the position. Black has a win, however. See diagram below. 37...Kxc7 38.Qxf5 Kb6 39.Qf2+



Qc5 40.Qd2 Kb7  
 41.Kb2 Qe5+ 42.c3  
 Kc8 43.a3 Be4  
 44.axb4?? Black can recapture, then his b4 pawn will be cutting into the white king's escape options. 44...axb4  
 45.Qe1 Kd7  
 46.Qd2+ Ke8  
 47.Qe1 Kf8  
 48.Qf2+ Bf5 49.Qf3  
 Qh2+ with forced mate to follow. 0-1

With this win, Banerjee would have laid claim to the NAO's spot in the Alberta Closed, but he had already qualified by winning the Closed in 2016. As such, the NAO's spot went to the ratings list.

Of course, most tournaments will feature a number of upsets, but here is a rare first-round upset.

**Ivanescu, Cristian (1781) - Gardner, Robert (2288)**  
 2017 Northern Alberta Open (1), 18.02.2017

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 b6 4.Nbd2 Bb7 5.e3 Be7 6.h3 0-0 7.Bd3 Tomashevsky tried 7. ...c5 against Giri in 2016 and lost. Leko had better luck against Kramnik in 2015, earning a draw with the same move. In this case, black opts for the uncommon 7...d5 8.Qe2 Ne4 9.0-0-0 c5 10.c3 c4 11.Bc2 b5 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Nd2 f5 Black has gained space at the cost of development and pawn structure. White has a protected pawn on d4 that will figure into the endgame. 14.g4 Nd7 15.gxf5 exf5 16.Rdg1 Nf6 17.Rh2 Nd5 18.Rhg2 Bf6? See diagram. Seems good at first, but white can combine pressure on the king with pressure on the center, and something must give for black. Better is 18.Rf7, limiting white's options. 19.Bg5 Rf7 20.f3! Challenging black's center while threatening to win a pawn. If 20. ...exf3, white will recapture with the knight, swinging it



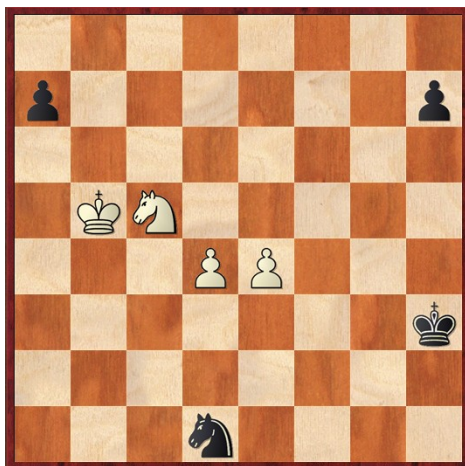
Right: Omid Malek versus FM Dale Haessel in round 5. Malek was victorious. His second place finish helped him gain enough points to put him within striking distance of 2200 again. Photo by Bhavik Dave.



into action at the same time that the position opens up for white's c2 bishop. 20...b4 Rather than defend, black opts for a counterattack. 21.Bxf6 An immediate 21. fxe4 would put black under more pressure. 21...Qxf6 22.fxe4 bxc3 23.Nxc4 cxb2+ 24.Nxb2 Nc3? Better is 24. ...fxe4. If white tries to take the pawn on e4, disaster ensues, starting with Rc8+. The computer favors black here, likely due to the exposure of the white king. The text move 24. ...Nc3 creates problems for black. 25.Qc4! Rc8 26.Rxg7+ Qxg7 27.Rxg7+ Kxg7 28.Qe6 fxe4 29.Nc4 Nxa2+ 30.Kb2 Nb4 31.Bb3 Nd3+ 32.Ka3 Rc6 33.Nd6 Ra6+ 34.Ba4 Rf1 35.Qe7+ Kg6? See diagram.

36.Nxb7 White bravely takes the piece on b7. 36...Ra1+ 37.Kb3 R1xa4 38.Qxe4+ Kf6 39.Qh4+ Taking the knight leads to a skewer. 39...Kg7 40.Qe7+ Kh6 41.Qf8+ Kh5 42.Qe8+ If 42.Qf5+ Kh6 43.Nd6 black has to give up material to avoid checkmate. 42...Kh4 43.Qxa4 Rxa4 44.Kxa4 Kxh3 45.Nc5 Nb2+? Even after a long think, the computer believes





black can hold the draw with 45.  
 ...Ne1. The practical chances are with white, however.  
**46.Kb5 Nd1 47.e4**  
 See diagram.  
 White's pawns are unstoppable. The white knight is perfectly positioned to assist them forward.  
**47...Kg4 48.d5 Kg5 49.e5 Kg6 50.d6**

**Kf7 51.e6+ Ke8 52.Nb7 Nc3+ 53.Kc6 1-0**

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**Saturdays (12:45PM—5PM):** Active tournaments, sometimes junior events. Call for schedule.

# March of Kings

March 11-12 — Another staple of the annual ACA calendar is Calgary's March of Kings. Frank Kluytmans organized and directed.

Newcomer Andrei Krautsou debuted with a 2003 rating despite a fourth round forfeit due to misreading the round times (the spring time shift happened in the middle of the tournament.) Junior Ian Zhao reached a peak rating of 1891 after managing a second round draw with Gary Ng (2354). Ng, meanwhile, was the only player to finish with no losses. Class prizes went to Georgi Kostadinov, Adam Harris, Jim Daniluk, and Bhavik Dave (3/5); Brian Timmerman and Vishruth Sharma (3/5); and Paul Wang and Yash Darvekar (2/5).

As to the winner, well, FM Ian Findlay was 4/4 and a full point ahead of the field going into round 5, but suffered a loss at the hands of Gary Ng. Meanwhile, both FM Dale Haessel and Jerry Kobalenko won their games, leading those four players to finish in a four-way tie for first. Below, see FM Findlay's commentary on his third round game with Kobalenko. —LH

**Kobalenko, Jerry (2211) - Findlay, Ian (2290) MOK (3), 2017**  
 by Ian Findlay

This is the third game I have played Jerry since moving to Banff in July 2015. Jerry lives in Canmore, about 20 km from me, which makes him my nearest competition. Jerry likes flank games as white, so the opening came as no surprise. **1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d4 dxc4 7.Qa4** In my last round game against Gary Ng, I got crushed when

Gary played 7.Ne5. Qa4 is an older approach, which was popular in the 80's. **7...a6 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Nc3!?** Bd2 was very popular in the 80's. Black finally learned how to defend which often involves playing Be4 and then later going to g6. Bf4 and Bg5 are the main alternatives. They are covered nicely by Jan Gustafsson on chess24 in his video on the Catalan. Kramnik came up with many ideas for white, and Anand found many good ideas for black. Before that, Beliavsky on the white side and Karpov on the black side. **10...b4!?** [see diagram next page] I remember Jan in his video saying the knight is not good on c3 because black can chase it away with b4. Black does gain some space and development, but the c5 square is weakened and

*Below: Jerry Kobalenko and FM Ian Findlay in their third round game. Photo by Bhavik Dave*





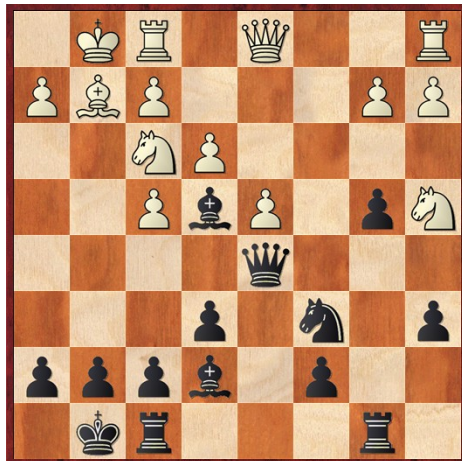
black's normal plan to equalize is to play c5. I did not like 10...Nbd7, since I remember Fuster playing Ne5 against me in speed games in the 80's where his doubled e-pawns would give him a good attack. Funny



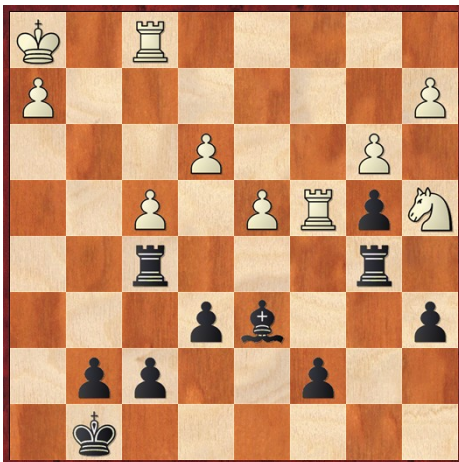
Above: the Calgary Chess Club during the March of Kings. Photo by Bhavik Dave.

the engines don't really worry about that. **11.Na4 Be4 12.Qb3 Nc6 13.Bf4 Nd5 14.Qd1!?** Allowing doubled f pawns which white often does in the Catalan to gain more control over the centre. Also possible was 14. Bd2.

**14...Nxf4 15.gxf4 Qd5 16.e3 Rab8** [see diagram below] I thought for about 10 minutes here. I am working on prophalytic thinking in my games. Here I say that white's plan should be to play Rc1 and Nc5 to dislodge the bishop on e4 or trade for bishop on e7 when c7 will become weak. My idea was to play Rb5 to stop this. I wanted to bring my bishop to d6, then my knight to the kingside via e7. This play may have been too optimistic and perhaps



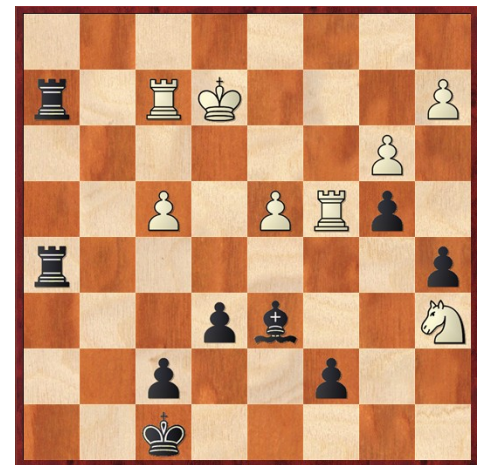
the simple Nb8, then Nd7 would be better. It is always harder to find retreating moves such as Nb8. **17.b3 Rb5 18.Ne1 Bxg2 19.Nxg2 Bd6 20.Rc1 Ne7 21.Nh4 Ng6?! This does not offer black much. [21...g5 22.Qg4 Ng6 23.Nxg6 hxg6 24.fxg5 Qxg5 25.Qxg5 Rxg5 +f] 22.Nxg6 hxg6 23.Qg4 Rfb8!?** I did not want to commit to g5, since



it simplifies the game quite a bit. The engines like g5 a little better immediately. **24.Rc4 g5 25.fxg5?! Nc5** is slightly better and should hold the balance. **25...Qxg5 26.Qxg5 Rxg5+ 27.Kh1 Rbb5 28.f4 Rgf5?! [see diagram left]** I must stop e4 and e5, but Rg4 was

a better way to do this. **29.Rc6 Ra5 30.Rf2 Kf8 31.Rc4?! I really expected Nb6 during the game, since Jerry had surprised me with similar tactical shots in our previous 2 games. I thought I could play the desperado Bxf4, but after Nc4 Bd6, white just plays Rc2 with an equal game. [31.Nb6 Bxf4 32.Nc4 Bd6 33.Rc2] 31...g5 32.Kg2 gxf4 33.exf4 Rh5?** This allows Nc5. Better was Kg7 when black has a nice advantage. **34.Kg3?** White returns the favour, when now, black's advantage is real again. In fairness, both players had less than 3 minutes left on their clocks. **34...Rag5+ 35.Kf3 Rh3+ 36.Ke2** I was hoping for Ke4?? f5 mate! **36...Rgh5 37.Nc5 a5 38.Na6 Rxh2** Winning the h-pawn, and the a-pawn eventually also. Black is now winning and the rest requires no comment. [see diagram]

**39.Nxc7 Bxf4 40.Na6 Bd6 41.Nc5 Rxf2+ 42.Kxf2 Rh2+ 43.Ke3 Bxc5 44.dxc5 Ke7 45.c6 Kd8 46.Rd4+ Kc7 47.Rd7+ Kxc6 48.Rxf7 Rxa2 49.Kd3 Rb2 50.Kc4 Rc2+ 51.Kd4 Rc3 52.Ra7 Kb6 53.Re7 Rxb3 54.Rxe6+ Kb5 0-1**



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**Tuesdays (7PM—):** \$5 entry, CFC rated, game in 90+30, tournament starts on the first of the month  
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**Saturdays (10AM-1PM):** Junior drop-in school. Incl/ with purchase of annual junior membership for \$20.

# Alberta Active Championship

Closing out the first quarter of 2017 was the Alberta Active Championship, held in Red Deer on Saturday, March 25. Alexey Taranik organized, while Paul Gagne directed. The event allowed many players to get a FIDE rapid rating for the first time.

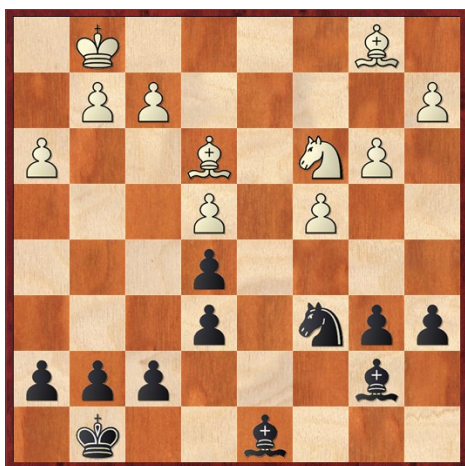
The Championship proved to be quite popular, with many of the province's top players turning out. First place was shared between FM Ian Findlay and CM Rafael Arruebarrena with 4.5/5, while Belsar Valencia placed third with 4/5.

Here is Valencia's victory over Dustin Koperski. Koperski held his own throughout the beginning and eventually traded into a same color bishop ending. Valencia's king's activity, however, allowed him to continue pressing for the win. Koperski could have held the draw but instead made a critical mistake.

## Koperski, Dustin (1760) - Valencia, Belsar (2380)

2017 Alberta Active Championship, 25.03.2017

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 d3 4.Bxd3 d6 5.c4 e6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.h3 Be7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nc3 b6 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.Qe2 Rc8 13.b3 Nd7 14.Rfd1 Nde5 15.Nxe5 dxe5 16.Bb1 Qc7 17.Nb5 Qb8 18.Rd7 Rfd8 19.Rcd1 Rxd7 20.Rxd7 a6 21.Nc3 Rd8 22.Qd2 Qc8 23.Rxd8+ Qxd8 24.Qxd8+ Bxd8 [See diagram] Queens and rooks have just

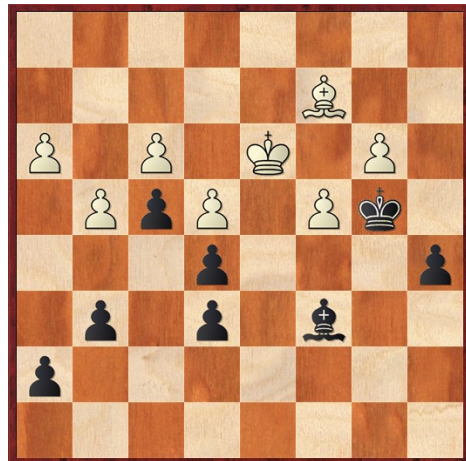


come off down the open d-file. Ostensibly, white is better, with a three-on-two majority on the queenside and perfect pawns. The computer agrees, putting white's advantage at >0.4. Black, however, has the advantage of 600 rating points. 25.Na4 Nd4 One knight goes to the

side of the board, while the other heads to the center, where it's hard to remove without giving black the advantage of a passed pawn or bishop pair. 26.f3 Bc6 27.Nc3 Be7 28.Kf2 Bc5 29.Ne2 f6 30.Nc1 a5 31.Nd3 Ba3 32.Ne1 Kf7 33.Nc2 Bc5 34.Ne1 Ke7 35.Nd3 The same position as 31. Nd3, except black has moved his King from g8 to e7. White, meanwhile, is in the middle of moving his knight 13 times in a row. 35...Ba3 36.Ne1 Bb4 37.Nc2 Bc5 Not quite a repeat of the position, though white is certainly trying to force a draw by repetition here. 38.Ne1 Kd6 39.Nd3 Ba3 40.Ne1 g6 41.Nc2 Nxc2 Finally stopping that knight once

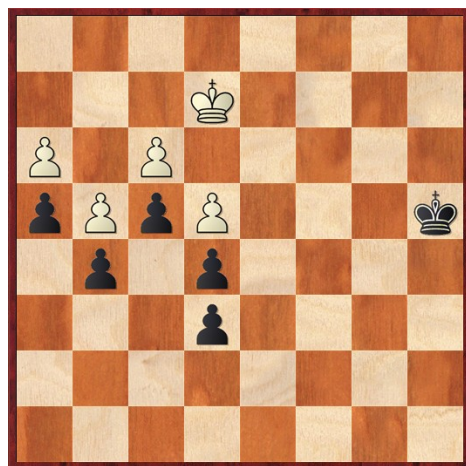
and for all. 42.Bxc2 Bc5 43.a3 Bxa3 44.Bxb6 Bc5+ White offers a trade of pawns and ends up in a same-color bishop ending. The black king's activity gives black the smallest of advantages. 45.Bxc5+ Kxc5 46.Ke3 f5 47.g4 f4+ 48.Kd3 Kb4 [see diagram] White has several moves to hold the draw--

namely shutting down the kingside with either h4 or g5, or shuffling the bishop back and forth from c2-d1. Black continues pushing for the win, however, and after many bishop



moves, White makes a critical mistake. Believing his kingside to be in danger, White moves his bishop from the c2-d1 diagonal to oppose black's bishop--however, in doing so he loses the opposition. At this point, the players were no longer writing moves due to time pressure (this was an active game), thus the following is a condensed recreation, excluding many of the bishop moves: 49.Bd1 h5 50.Bc2 h4 51.Bd1 g5 52.Kd2 a4

53.bxa4 Kxc4 54.Bc2 Kb4 55.Bd1 Bb7 56.Bc2 Bc8 57.Bd1 Ba6 58.Be2?? Bxe2 59.Kxe2 Kxa4 [see diagram] And black has the opposition. White resigns a few moves later, as he is unable to stop black from penetrating into his position and collecting



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# Wrapping Up

2017 is off to a great start with lots of junior events and several of the most prominent ACA tournaments. In the next issue of the Alberta Chess Report we'll be looking at the spring tournaments (April-June). That issue will feature the Alberta Closed and the Chess Challenge, among others. For comments about this issue, please email Leah Hughey at albertachess@gmail.com. Thanks to all of the volunteers that made these tournaments happen, as well as the players who are coming out for them. Special thanks goes to the Alberta government for its continued support of chess in the province.

## Top 10 FIDE Rated Albertans

April 1, 2017—Active Residents Only

1	<b>IM Edward Porper</b>	2383
2	<b>Bitan Banerjee</b>	2364
3	<b>IM Richard Wang</b>	2337
4	<b>Belsar Valencia</b>	2318
5	<b>FM Vladimir Pechenkin</b>	2299
6	<b>FM Diwen Shi</b>	2293
7	<b>FM Alex Yam</b>	2268
8	<b>Jeff Reeve</b>	2257
9	<b>CM Rafael Arruebarrena</b>	2242
10	<b>FM Ian Findlay</b>	2240

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Grande Prairie(16) ; Red Deer(14)**

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## Top 20 CFC Rated Albertans

Active Residents—April 19, 2017

1	<b>Banerjee, Bitan</b>	2456
2	<b>Wang, Richard</b>	2408
3	<b>Valencia, Belsar</b>	2384
4	<b>Yam, Alex</b>	2354
5	<b>Pechenkin, Vladimir</b>	2344
6	<b>Ng, Gary</b>	2335
7	<b>Arruebarrena, Rafael</b>	2319
8	<b>Haessel, Dale</b>	2316
9	<b>Matras-Clement, Agnieszka</b>	2305
10	<b>Laceste, Loren Brigham</b>	2301
11	<b>Findlay, Ian</b>	2300
12	<b>Reeve, Jeff</b>	2295
13	<b>Kazmaier, Daniel</b>	2284
14	<b>Shi, Diwen</b>	2278
15	<b>Haynes, Nicolas</b>	2263
16	<b>MacKinnon, Keith</b>	2262
17	<b>Gardner, Robert J.</b>	2246
18	<b>Caldera, Anuar</b>	2239
19	<b>Peter, Steven</b>	2235
20	<b>Grumic, Sasa</b>	2224



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## 2017 ACA Tournament Schedule

All tournaments subject to change by the ACA and/or organizer. Tournaments with an \* are **Road Warrior** events. For updated info, please visit our website: [albertachess.org](http://albertachess.org)

Date	Event	Organizer	Location	Road Warrior Winner
Jan 6-8	Schleinich Memorial*	Frank Kluytmans	Calgary	Jerry Kobalenko
Jan-Feb	Regional Youth Ch.	Multiple	Multiple	N/A
Feb 18-19	University Battle of AB	U. Calgary Chess	Calgary	N/A
Feb 18-19	Northern AB Open*	Micah Hughey	Edmonton	Mark Tuvera
Feb 25-26	Calgary Seniors Ch.	Frank Kluytmans	Calgary	N/A
Feb 25-26	AB Youth Championship	Cristian Ivanescu	Edmonton	N/A
Mar 11-12	March of Kings*	Frank Kluytmans	Calgary	Jerry Kobalenko
Mar 25	AB Active Championship*	Alexey Taranik	Red Deer	N/A
Apr 1-2	Lethbridge Open*	Jerry Mikusek	Lethbridge	Yash Darvekar
Apr 8	AB Chess Challenge	Guoliang Wu	Red Deer	N/A
Apr 8-9	AB Seniors Championship	Terry Seehagen	Edmonton	N/A
Apr 14-16	AB Closed/Reserves*	Frank Kluytmans	Calgary	Rafael Arruebarrena
Apr 29-30	Edmonton Intl. Qualifier*	Leah Hughey	Edmonton	Adam Harris
May 13-14	Red Deer Open*	Alexey Taranik	Red Deer	Chris White
Jun 3-4	34th Trumpeter Classic*	Wade Caughlin	Grande Prairie	Ian Findlay
Jun 10-11	Calgary Intl. Qualifier*	Brad Booker	Calgary	Yash Darvekar
Jun 20-25	12th Edmonton International	Dustin Koperski	Edmonton	N/A
Jun 23-25	12th Edmonton Intl. Open*	Dustin Koperski	Edmonton	TBD
Jul 1-2	Fort McMurray Open*	Jina Burn	Fort McMurray	TBD
Jul 1-3	AB Women's Ch.	Jina Burn	Fort McMurray	N/A
Aug 2-7	10th Calgary International*	Vlad Rekhson	Calgary	TBD
Aug 26-27	Over/Under 1800*	Giridhar Koneru	Calgary	TBD
Sep 9	Battle of AB	Alexey Taranik	Red Deer	N/A
Sep 16-17	Calgary Jr. Regional	Guoliang Wu	Calgary	N/A
Sep 23-24	23rd Medicine Hat Open*	Dr. Bill Taylor	Medicine Hat	TBD
Sep30-Oct 1	Edmonton Jr. Regional	Dustin Koperski	Edmonton	N/A
Oct 7-9	Alberta Open*	Ali Razzaq	Edmonton	TBD
Oct 27-29	Edmonton Fall Sectional*	Robert Brazeau	Edmonton	TBD
Nov 10-12	Banff Open*	Ian Findlay	Banff	TBD
Nov 18-19	AB Jr. Championship	Guoliang Wu	Calgary	N/A
Nov 25-26	Southern AB Open*	Frank Kluytmans	Calgary	TBD
Dec 16-17	WBX Team Tournament*	Terry Seehagen	Edmonton	TBD