The 2025 PEI Open Chess Weekend, July 25-27 consisted of the main event: the ANVO PEI Open as well as separate Blitz, Amateur and Junior events. This year we set a record as there were a total of 59 players from PEI, NB, QC, ON, and AB. Once again thanks to our host UPEI, for our playing site.

Pictured above: New buildings on the UPEI campus, that were ready for last years Canada Winter Games.

NM Anthony Howarth had his best performance since returning to tournament

chess nearly two years ago, after a ten year layoff. After taking a first round draw, he went on to win the rest of his games and took first with a score of 4.5/5.

Pictured above: Anthony is receiving the ANVO Pharma Trophy from Tournament Organizer, Fred McKim.

**ANVO PEI Open Prize Winners**

**1st** - Anthony Howarth (Charlottetown)
**2nd** - Anthony Banks (Charlottetown)
**3rd** (Tie) - Titan Dunahee (Moncton), Fernando Melgar (Charlottetown) and Anton Gribanov (Toronto) (also **Top Under 1800**)
**Top Under 2000** (Tie) - Vadim Mandel (Saint John), Francois Chevalier (Rimouski,

QC), Reg Milne (Charlottetown), and Rutvik Reddy Allampati (Moncton)
**Top Under 1600** (Tie) **-** Allan Li, Marcus Lai, and Lucas Pham (all from Charlottetown)
**PEI Junior Champion** (Under 2000) - Rutvik Reddy Allampati

Twenty five played

Pictured above: Fernando, Anton, Titan, Anthony B, Anthony H.

**ANVO PEI Open Prize Winners - Under 1600 Section**

With just over 40 players, and two different schedules, I decided that it would be best to avoid accelerated pairings that would be required, and for the first time split the Open into two sections.

**1st** (tie) - Mark Fowlie (Moncton), Devin Osborne (ex Peterborough, now Borden-Carleton, PE), and Imran Nabiev (Saint John)
**Top Under 1200** - Davud Nabiev (Saint John)

Eighteen played

Pictured above: Imran and Mark

**PEI Open Blitz Prize Winners**

Friday afternoon, we had the annual Blitz Tournament with twelve competitors.

**1st** - Jorge Moreno (Charlottetown)
**2nd** - Anton Gribanov (Toronto)
**Top Under 2000** - Fred McKim (Charlottetown)
**Top Under 1700** - Julian Rasch (Toronto)
**Top Under 1400** - Axel Aubin (Moncton)

Pictured above: Anton and Jorge

**PEI Open Amateur Prize Winners**

Saturday afternoon we had a record twenty-four players come out for the PEI Open Amateur. Aidan Arsenault took the event for the second consecutive year, this time with a perfect 5-0 socre.

**1st** - Aidan Arsenault (Miscouche, PE)
**2nd** (Tie) - Vadim Mandel (Saint John), Rutvik Reddy Allampati (Moncton), Emmanuelle Manuel (Miramichi, NB), and German Ivkovich (Charlottetown).
**Top Under 1500** (Tie) - George Chen and Miguel Jatoba Abreu (both from Moncton)
**Top Under 1200** - Johnny Nguyen (Charlottetown).

*Special thanks to my arbiters: Edgar Li and Jorge Moreno*

Pictured above: Aidan

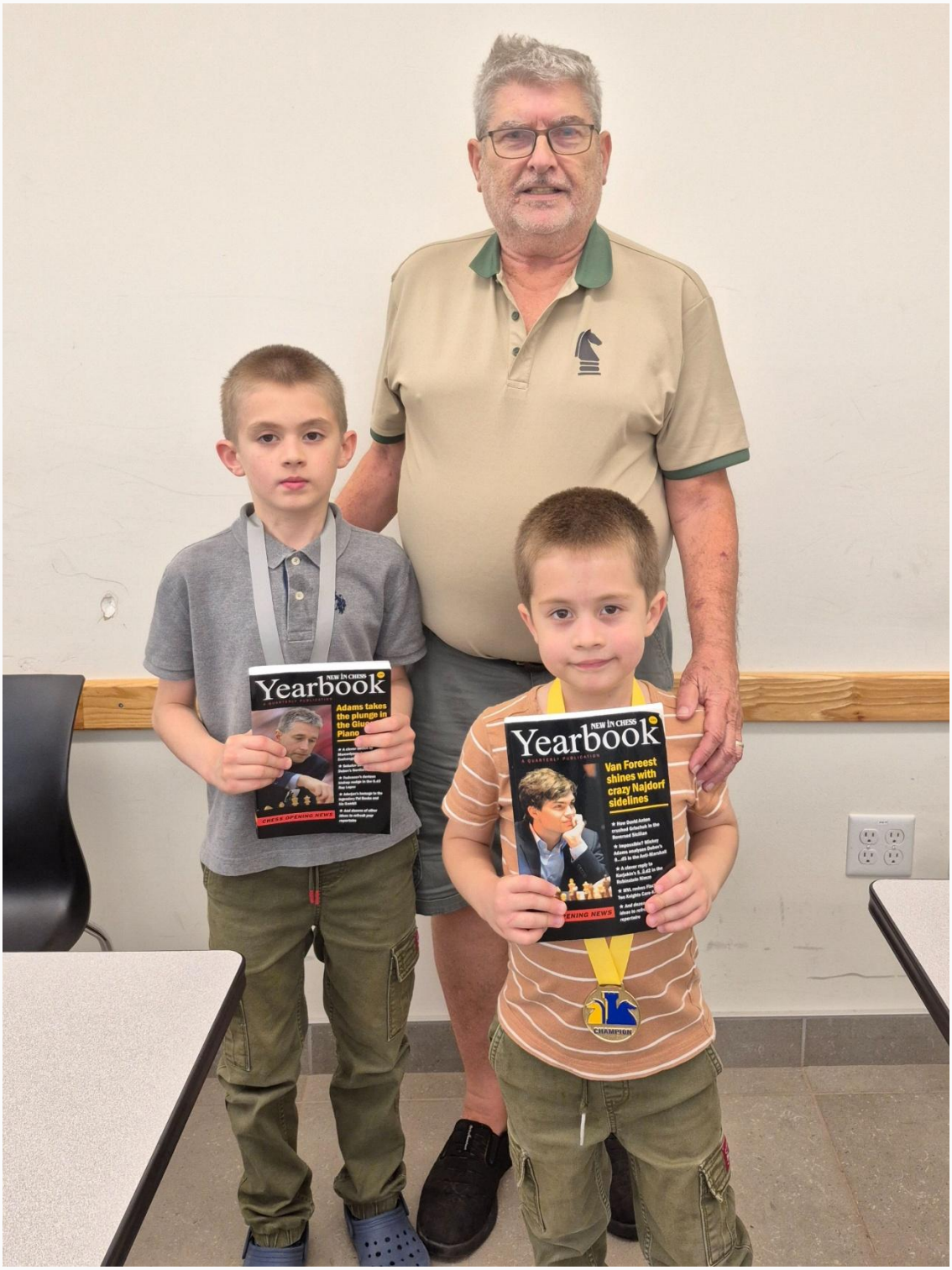
Sunday morning we had a record twenty-five players competing in the Junior

tournament.

**PEI Open Junior Prize Winners**

**Gold** - Rutvik Reddy Allampati (Moncton)
**Silver** - Imran Nabiev (Saint John)
**Bronze** - Julian Rasch (Toronto)

Pictured above: Rajveer Reddy with the PEI Junior Open Championship (from the PEI Open) and PEI Junior Open Quick Chess Championship (from this tournament) Trophies.




**PEI Open Junior Prize Winners (Under 1300)**

Gold - Davud Nabiev (Saint John)
Silver - Justin Nguyen (Charlottetown)
Bronze - Axel Aubin (Moncton)

Pictured above: Brothers, Imran (Silver Overall) and Davud (Gold Under 1300)

**PEI Open Junior Prize Winners (Under 1000)**

**Gold** - Seyhiru Dewsithu Loku Dadallage (Fredericton)
**Silver** (tie) - Sid Hart (Moncton), Sourish Reddy Allampati (Moncton), Theo Hudson (Fortune Cove, PE), and Emmanuel Sajith (Charlottetown)

*Thanks to my arbiters for the event: Ravindra Reddy and Daniel Nguyen*

Pictured above: Front: Theo, Emmanuel, Sourish Reddy, Seyhiru Dewsithu, and Sid; Back: Ravindra, Daniel and Fred

**Team Miramichi (NB)** have become regulars at our weekend events

Pictured above: Emanuelle, Maria Gabrielle, Nathanaelle and Austin.

**GAMES**

Round 4

Reg Milne - Peter MacKean
1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Bc5 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e3 Re8 6.Nge2 Nc6 7.0-0 e4 8.Nd5 Nxd5 9.cxd5 Nb4 10.Nc3 f5 11.f3 exf3 12.Rxf3 d6 13.Bf1 a5 14.a3 Na6 15.b3 Bd7 16.Bb2 c6 17.Bg2 Nc7 18.Rf4 Rf8 19.Kh1 cxd5 20.Nxd5 Bc6 21.Nxc7 Bxg2+ 22.Kxg2 Qxc7 23.Qc2 Qd7 24.Raf1 Rf7 25.Qc4 Raf8 26.Kg1 Bb6 27.Rxf5 d5 28.Rxf7 Rxf7 29.Rxf7 Kxf7 30.Qf4+ Kg8 31.Kg2 h6 32.h3 Bc7 33.Qd4 Qf7 34.Qg4 Kh7 35.e4 Bd6 36.Qf5+ Qxf5 37.exf5 g5 38.g4 h5 39.Kf3 Bf4 40.Ke2 hxg4 41.hxg4 Bd6 42.Kd3 Bc5 43.a4

Be7 44.Bc3 b6 45.Kd4 1-0
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Anthony Banks - Leon Zimmerman
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bf4 e5 8.Bg5 a6 9.Na3 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Nc4 Nd4 12.Nd5 b5 13.Nce3 g6 14.a4 Rb8 15.c3 Nc6 16.axb5 axb5 17.b4 Bg7 18.Bd3 0-0 19.0-0 f5 20.f3 f4 21.Nc2 Ne7 22.Nxe7+ Qxe7 23.Ra5 Qc7 24.Qd2 Bd7 25.Na3 Ra8 26.Nxb5 Qb6+ 27.Qf2 Qc6 28.Qa2+ Kh8 29.Ra1 Qb6+ 30.Qf2 Qc6 31.Rxa8 Rxa8 32.Rxa8+ Qxa8 33.Qa7 Qxa7+ 34.Nxa7 d5 35.Kf1 d4 36.c4 Bf8 37.c5 Ba4 38.Ke2 Kg7 39.Kd2 Kf7 40.Bc2 Bxc2 41.Kxc2 Ke6 42.Kd3 Kd7 43.Kc4 Ke6 44.Nb5 g5 45.Na3 h5 46.h3 Be7 47.Nc2 Kd7 48.Ne1 Kc6 49.Nd3 Bf6 50.b5+ Kc7 51.Kd5 Bg7 52.Ke6 Bh8 53.Kf5 h4 54.Kxg5 1-0
https://lichess.org/NkVcwi92#25

Round 5

Anton Gribanov - Leon Zimmerman
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 c5 3.c4 e6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 Be6 7.e3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Be7 9.Bb5+ Nbd7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.e4 dxe4 13.Bxd7 Nxd7 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Nxe4 Nf6 16.Qe2 Nd5 17.Rae1 Rae8 18.Qc4 Rc8 19.Qb3 Rc6 20.a3 Rfc8 21.g3 Rb6 22.Qa2 Rc2 23.h4 Rbxb2 24.Qa1 Qc7 25.Qd1 Qe5 26.Qg4 Qf5 27.Qg5 Qf8 28.Qe5 Nc7 29.Rc1 Qf5 30.Qd4 Qd5 31.Qa4 Qb5 32.Qxa7 Qc6 33.Qb8+ Kf7 34.Ng5+ Kg6 35.Rxc2 Rxc2 36.Qg8 Kf6 37.Qf7+ Ke5 38.Qf4+ Kd5 39.Rd1+ Kc5 40.Qb4# 1-0
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Reg Milne - Anthony Banks
1.c4 c6 2.g3 d5 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bf5 7.Nc3 e6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.e3 Qd8 11.Rc1 Bd6 12.a3 0-0 13.0-0 Qe7 14.Nb5 Bb8 15.Nc3 Rc8 16.h3 Bd6 17.Nb5 Bb8 18.Re1 a6 19.Nc3 Ba7 20.Kh2 Na5 21.b4 Nc4 22.Qb3 Bb8 23.Bf1 a5 24.Na4 b5 25.Nc5 axb4 26.axb4 Ra3 27.Qd1 Bd6 28.Ra1 Rca8 29.Rxa3 Rxa3 30.Qc1 Qa7 31.Kg1 Ra2 32.Bd3 Bxc5 33.Bxf5 Bxb4 0-1
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Anthony Howarth - Titan Dunahee

1.g3 c5 2.Bg2 g6 3.e4 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.d3 d6 6.f4 e6 7.Nf3 Nge7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 Nd4 10.Qd2 Rb8 11.Kh1 Nec6 12.Ng1 Qa5 13.a3 b5 14.Qf2 b4 15.axb4 Qxb4 16.Nd1 Qb5 17.g4 f5 18.gxf5 exf5 19.c3 fxe4 20.dxe4 Nb3 21.Ra3 Nba5 22.Rxa5 *White makes an "amazing" Exchange sacrifice in what looks like an even position, presumably to mix things up. When asked about this, Anthony said that he was playing for the win. While it's not possible to have computer evaluation during the game, Titan has a "winning" position for a long time. Anthony stays calmer during the wild time scramble and takes advantage of an uncovered King, scoring the full point and taking clear first* 1-0

Pictured above: Action in Sunday's PEI Open Junior.

**2026**

I already have some plans in place for 2026, that includes a two section ANVO PEI Open, with the top group being FIDE Rated.

I want to close off the report by thanking **ANVO Pharma** for their continued financial contribution to the PEI Open.

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