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A business meeting of the South Carolina Chess Association was held on March 22nd, last, at the Foster School of Dance, Columbia. The special meeting was called mainly for the purpose of electing a successor to our late esteemed President, Lanneau Foster. Newly elected officers are as listed above. Several other matters were brought up and some formal proposals adopted. The possibility of arranging a match with North Carolina was discussed at length, but no definite decision was reached. Hopefully it can be worked out.

A working draft of a Constitution and Bylaws was presented and discussed briefly. It was decided to defer action until all members have had an opportunity to study the provisions of the draft and present it again at the November meeting. A copy is attached herewith in order that members may familiarize themselves with its contents and be prepared to offer any amendments they wish.

One proposal agreed to was the issuance of an official organization publication. It is hoped we can publish at least three issues a year and more if increased activity and interest warrants so doing. President Hyder appointed W. E. Houston of Columbia as editor. His address is given above and members are invited to send in news items, material of general interest and suggestions looking toward improvement in the quality of our periodical. "Letters to the Editor" will be welcomed. If you feel strongly on a particular subject or think things are not being run right, just fire away. For any profanity we shall substitute asterisks, exclamation points and the other usual characters.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

All of us in the S. C. C. A. are deeply grieved by the loss of our late president, Lanneau Foster. Not only was he our friend, but he shouldered as a matter of course most of the responsibilities associated with South Carolina chess and made many of our activities possible. In taking his place as president, I have suddenly become aware of the magnitude of these responsibilities. There is a lot of work to be done.

Fortunately we will have available to us the services of three capable and dedicated men who have taken on the offices of Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and Editor. But we will need the help of many other individuals. I hope you all will take every opportunity to promote chess and the S.C.C.A. We in turn will do what we can to promote and coordinate chess throughout the state. Write us; our addresses are in this bulletin. Give us your thoughts on the proposed constitution; on tournaments; on chess activities of all kinds; and if you have any news, be sure to send it to Mr. Houston, so that he can print it in these pages. We want to know what is going on around the state.

I would like to see several chess activities organized each year which will be open to all the players of the state, and other events open to special groups such as junior players, etc. Such a schedule would maintain interest and enthusiasm in chess in South Carolina. If this goal seems reasonable to you, let me know about it and tell me what kind of events appeal to you. If enough people share the desire to have such a program, we can work out the details at our November meeting of the membership.

Lee Hyder

IN MEMORIAM

All members of the chess fraternity in South Carolina and the South were saddened by the death on February 6th of Lanneau Lide Foster. For the past fifteen years Foster had served as President of the South Carolina Chess Association, was current President of the Palmetto Chess Club and had served as President of the Southern Chess Association and as Regional Vice-President of the United States Chess Federation.

A native of Bennettsville, S. C. Foster attended the University of South Carolina, earning his bachelor's degree in psychology. After several years as teacher and principal in the public schools of Bennettsville he returned to the University and earned a master's degree in psychology.

Moving to Columbia in 1934 Mr. Foster was soon active in many facets of the cultural life of the city. His unusually wide range of interests included the theatre, art, psychology, air navigation, the ballet and all forms of dance instruction, chess, tennis and fencing. But if one were to remind Foster's chess companions of his many interests and of his proficiency in all they would be quick to say none was dearer to him than chess. Lanneau Foster was a generous chess patron and an energetic leader in many programs contributing to the progress of the game. He has done more than any other South Carolinian to keep alive tournament activity, arrange inter-club and interstate matches and provide playing accommodations, enabling players to meet and thus improve playing ability. Attesting to his own prowess with the chessmen are some thirty trophies. He was State Champion three times, being one of only two persons to achieve that distinction.

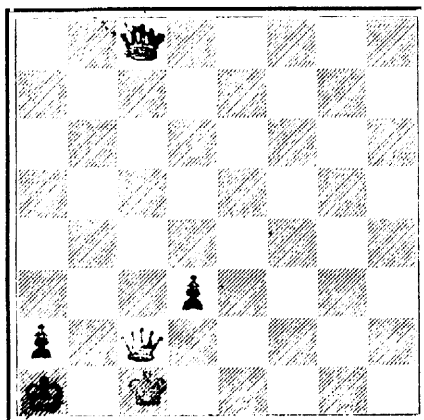
To his many chess friends Lanneau's passing will leave an enduring emptiness in their lives. His ready smile and friendly greeting to all who came to play at his pleasant facilities will be a memory they long shall cherish. The members of this organization wish to express to his family our deepest sympathy in their sorrow. Their grief is shared in large measure by our entire membership.

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Below are two problems composed by Mr. Tad Lisicki of Charleston. We, of the South Carolina Chess Association are fortunate to have as a member, Mr. Lisicki, an internationally known problemist and for many years a contributor of problems to European chess magazines.

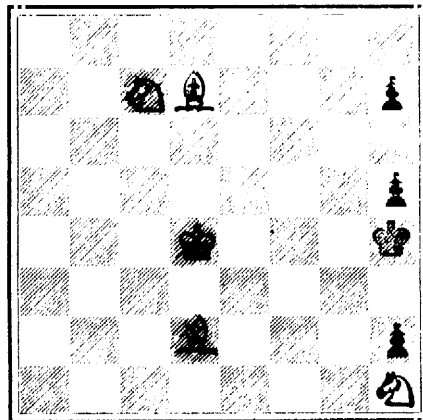
First solutions to both problems wins for the solver a steak dinner. Solutions must be mailed to the Editor. Solutions with earliest postmark determines winner.

No. 1



White to move and draw

No. 2



White to move and mate in 3

GOOD INSTRUCTION

Also some cogent remarks on the King's Gambit

Annotation by Dr. Steven J. Shaw

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SMELTZER

1. P-K4 P-K4
In 24 years I, personally, have never when playing Black replied to 1. P-K4 with P-K4, but usually with P-K3. I have a healthy respect for the King's Gambit opening and as Black never give my opponent the opportunity to play it against me. There are a few drawing variations for Black, but to get this draw the player of the black pieces must be acquainted with over a score of subvariations.
2. P-KB4 P x P
3. Kt-KB3 B-K2
The Cunningham, which is coming back into fashion on the strength of new analysis.
4. P-Q4
An even stronger variation for White is the noncommittal B-K2. I am saving this surprise for another time.
Kt-KB3
A recommended equalizing move.
5. Kt-QB3
P-K5 leads to an equal game very quickly.
P-Q4
6. B-Q3
Deceptively strong.
P x P
7. Kt x P Kt x Kt
Kt-R4 might also have been tried.
8. B x Kt B-Q3
Black, a move behind, has played the P-Q4 which is supposed to equalize. Now he loses time by moving the same piece twice with the hope of holding the gambit pawn and winning the game. This is probably the losing strategy.
9. O - O O - O
10. P-B4 P-B4
This looks very strong as it seems that White must play P-Q5 and look up the game. But there is an ingenious resource. This is what makes chess fascinating.
11. Q-QB2
Better is P-QKt4 right away. Both White and Black are sailing in unexplored waters.
P-KR3
12. P-QKt4 !!
This is the idea which seems to refute Black's P-B4 strategy. He cannot defend by the normal P-QKt3.
P x QP
The better of the two pawn capture possibilities.
13. P-B5 B-K2
Now the game is lost quickly. Somewhat better might have been B-QB2.
14. B x BP
The capture of the center pawn can be accomplished later.
P-KB4
This move only weakens Black's king side and blocks in his white bishop. Kt-QB3, a developing move, would have been much better.
15. Q-B4 ch K-R2
Black should not place his king in a position where an obvious pin might be used later by P-KKt4.
16. B-B2 B-B3
Black tries to hold the central pawn, but this strategy does not work due to constriction on the queen side.
17. QR-Q1 P-QKt4
18. Q-Q3 P-KKt3
19. B-Q6 Kt-B3
Threatening knight takes pawn.
20. B x R
White is not afraid of the threat.
Q x B
Admitting the threat of Kt x P would fizzle out.

21. P-QR3	B-Q2
Black completes his development too late.	
22. Q-Q2	P-QR3
23. Q-B4	Q-QKt1
24. Q x Q	R x Q
25. KR-K1	QR-K1
26. B-Kt3	R x R
27. Kt x R	B-Kt4
28. Kt-B2	K-Kt2
29. K-B1	B-B5
30. Kt x P	Resigns

If B x P then 31. Kt x KtP ♠ and Black's defense crumbles.

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A REPORT FROM CHARLESTON

By Tad Lisicki

I am very thankful for a letter from the Editor requesting the chess news from Charleston, but I shall confess this letter puts me in certain embarrassment. There is not much to report from the Holy City which is located rather outside the borders of Caissa's kingdom.

As you know, Charleston has very nice traditions concerning chess - Mouzon, Cabaniss, Hoenck, Chalmers, Banov, Varn, Read, Brand; the list of good fellows may be continued. But now? - The evening newspaper carries an ad every week saying that at the USO every Monday the members of the Charleston Chess Club are meeting and that everybody is welcome. This author got the guts to peer one Monday into the meeting chambers, but nobody has been there for several Mondays. This is quite contrary to the times when a dozen or so good players met every week. We played tournaments, played for TV and tried our strength with outside players.

Of the old guard only three may be counted today; Ernest Hoenck, Thomas Read and this reporter. Now well - Ernest because of business and Thomas because of health are inactive. Yours truly, for lack of competition has been forced to sign into Charleston Bridge Club, where about 25 life-members take care of good fight and where blood runs thrice weekly.

But, as you know, nature does not permit the vacuum. The YMCA has finally organized classes and I will give the lectures. Also several high schools are reporting chess activity. For your next issue lets see if the news from Charleston could be better.

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PIEDMONT LEAGUE OF HIGH SCHOOL CHESS IS FLOURISHING

Thanks to the zeal and organizing ability of Professor J. M. Smith of Spartanburg and his associates, high school chess in the Piedmont is thriving. The league comprises seven schools; Byrnes, Carver, Greenville, J. L. Mann, Spartanburg, Union and Wade Hampton.

In addition to intraschool competition, regular monthly meetings are held, where a type of round robin of two games for each entrant is played. Each school sends four players as a team.

It is to this type of program we must look for a vigorous growth and advancement of chess interest in our state. Let's hope more leaders of Professor Smith's caliber will come forward to initiate similar programs. It is a commendable endeavor, in the interest both of chess and of our youth. At the April meeting Carver swept the field without a loss, scoring 8 points to lead Greenville and Union with 5 points each.

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Our genial friend, Alex Edelsburg, who is so erudite he reads The N. Y. Times only, reports that Bobby Fischer won the Grand Prix International at Monte Carlo. Fischer lost his last game to Efrim Geller of the Soviet Union but finished with 7 points to win the title ahead of Vassily Smyslov, also of the Soviet Union who placed second with 6½ points. Yes Alex, the "Times" is still the best source for late big-time chess results. Please keep us informed.

POETRY ? DEPARTMENT

If you would avoid anguish and cursing
Beware your opponent's bishop

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You can plainly see we are sorely in need of contributions to our Poetry Department. Please come to the rescue.

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DOES THE PLAYING OF CHESS HAVE AN EDUCATIONAL VALUE?

The question has been brought up many times. You can easily get an argument both pro and con. A chess enthusiast would perhaps be indignant that such a question should be asked. Most players have heard the statement; the game in no way improves your mind and you are wasting your valuable time.

Perhaps you did not know the point has been solemnly debated in at least one court-of-law. A wealthy benefactor willed a large amount of money to an administrator with the provision it be used for the promotion of chess among the youths of his city. Monetary rewards were to be given to those who excelled, thus stimulating improvement in playing ability.

Other heirs contested the will, claiming the laws of their country forbade charitable bequests that did not, among other requirements, contribute to the advancement of education. After testimony by many witnesses and lengthy deliberation by the Justice, he ruled the bequest was valid, stating the playing of chess encourages the qualities of concentration, reasoning, memory, foresight and ingenuity and is beneficial in training the mind.

So, if you are in the process of drawing your will and have some surplus thousands you wish to leave for some particular chess program or to provide luxurious playing quarters for your local club, your bequest will not only be praiseworthy, very likely it will be legal.

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AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

The club reports a very successful ^{year,} winning the second Piedmont Chess League tournament with a score of 8 - 0. Two matches played in Aiken against Garrett Senior High of Charleston resulted in wins of 7 - 1 and 6 - 2. In a match played in Charleston against Bishop England Senior High and Garrett, Aiken won 10½ - 1½. Members enjoyed a simultaneous exhibition recently by Mr. Charles E. Braun, a local chess club member. The club's interest is now focused on the South Carolina High School Championship tournament to be held in Spartanburg on May sixth.

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S. C. HIGH SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

MAY 6, 1967

Spartanburg, S. C.

Spartanburg High School

Registration 10:00 A. M.

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DIRECTORY -

AIKEN - Aiken Chess Club - Pet Milk Bldg. Rt. 215, meets Mon. 7:30.
CHARLESTON - Charleston Chess Club, YMCA, Mon. 8:00 P.M. Contact Tad Lisicki.
COLUMBIA - Palmetto Chess Club, Foster School of Dance. Wednesdays 8:00 P.M.
GREENVILLE - Contact Dr. Wm. A. Putnam.
SPARTANBURG - Contact Prof. J. M. Smith, Spartanburg High School.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
OF THE
SOUTH CAROLINA CHESS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the South Carolina Chess Association, hereinafter abbreviated SCCA.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The SCCA is an organization of chess players and those interested in chess who reside in the State of South Carolina, and non-residents declared to be members by the Secretary-Treasurer. The purpose of the SCCA is to encourage and foster the playing of chess in South Carolina through tournament and match competition, assistance in local organization, publication of a periodical, and by all other feasible means.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

A. Any person is eligible to become a member of the SCCA upon application. There shall be no bar to membership for reasons other than immoral character or abuse of membership privileges.

B. There shall be three classes of membership:

1. Regular - anyone who pays dues of _____ dollars per calendar year; he shall have the privilege of entering SCCA sponsored tournaments (except as Article VI, Section A excludes non-residents) without further payment of dues, of receiving all SCCA publications and of participating and voting in meetings of the organization.
2. Patron - anyone who contributes ten dollars or more to the SCCA in a single calendar year; he shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Regular member.
3. Junior - any minor who has not attained the age of _____; who pays dues of _____ dollars per calendar year; he shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Regular member.

ARTICLE IV - GOVERNMENT

A. The government of the SCCA shall be vested in three officers: a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary-Treasurer. Their duties shall be those usual to their offices and any additional duties prescribed herein.

B. The length of term for officers shall be one year, extending from their election at the annual business meeting held in connection with the annual closed tournament of the organization. Should the office of President become vacant, the Vice-President assumes the office of President. If the office of Vice-President or Secretary-Treasurer should become vacant, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the President for the unexpired portion of the term only.

C. Any member of the SCCA eligible to vote is eligible to serve as an officer, elected or appointed.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

A. A business meeting of the SCCA shall be held on one of the days the annual closed tournament is being played. The time, place and agenda of the meeting shall be furnished all members a reasonable length of time in advance of the meeting.

B. During the business meeting of the SCCA, held in connection with the annual closed tournament, the time and place for the following year's closed tournament and business meeting shall be decided by vote of the members.

C. A special meeting of the organization may be called by the President, provided that each member is notified by mail at least thirty days in advance of the stated time for the meeting.

D. A quorum for SCCA meetings shall consist of fifteen members.

E. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the organization in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the SCCA.

ARTICLE VI - TOURNAMENTS AND MATCHES

A. The SCCA shall sponsor a closed tournament each year and such other tournaments the organization may decide are practicable.

ARTICLE VI (cont'd)

1. The closed tournament shall be limited to residents of South Carolina; temporary residence, such as that at an educational institution or a military base will qualify a player in this category. The winner of the closed tournament shall be declared South Carolina chess champion. If two players or more tie for first place, they shall be declared co-champions.

B. In keeping with the purpose of the SCCA, the officers of the organization shall be alert and responsive to opportunities and desires for additional tournaments, such as speed tournaments, team tournaments and junior tournaments; interstate and interclub matches, chess exhibitions and chess instruction.

C. The President is authorized to arrange the dates, locations, schedules, entry fees, prizes and special conditions of all tournaments, matches and exhibitions sponsored by SCCA, not inconsistent with Article V, Sections A. and B. and Article VI, Section A.

D. In conducting a SCCA sponsored tournament, the tournament director shall have full charge. He shall be governed by the Laws of Chess of the Federation Internationale des Echecs (FIDE) and of the United States Chess Federation (USCF), except as amended by him and announced to all the players in a meeting in advance of play. In all disputes his decision shall be binding provided it is upheld by a majority of the tournament committee.

E. The tournament director shall have the power to disqualify from the tournament any player, or expel from the playing site any non-player, who violates tournament rules and regulations; interferes in any way with the normal conduct of games in which he is not a contestant; uses the tournament for purposes other than chess, such as solicitation of business; or refuses to abide by the decisions of the tournament director.

F. The director shall appoint an adjudication committee and a tournament committee and explain their duties before play begins.

1. The rate of play for all SCCA tournaments shall be determined by vote prior to beginning of play.
2. No tie-breaking system shall be used to determine final ranking of players in SCCA tournaments, although tie-break points may be used by the tournament director himself and may be used with the published results.

ARTICLE VII - PUBLICATION

A. The SCCA shall publish a periodical at least three times a year. It shall contain announcements, results of chess events, dates for meetings, news items, articles, editorials, games and other material on chess. The publication shall be named SCCA NEWS.

B. The President shall appoint a member or members of SCCA to serve as Editor and Publisher. All editorial matter must be submitted to the President for his approval before publication. The Editor or Publisher shall keep a record of expenditures and submit this to the Secretary-Treasurer for reimbursement.

ARTICLE VIII - AFFILIATION

A. The SCCA shall be a franchised affiliate of the United States Chess Federation.

B. USCF membership shall be required of each entrant in a tournament, match or exhibition sponsored or co-sponsored by the SCCA.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENT

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Regular, Patron and Junior members present at any annual meeting held in accordance with the provisions of Article V.