

# SOUTH CAROLINA CHESS ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

Spring 1968

The South Carolina Chess Association was founded to encourage and promote chess competition in the State of South Carolina. It conducts the annual South Carolina closed championships, co-sponsors the annual Carolinas' open championships, and helps organize many other types of competition in South Carolina.

Membership is open to all S. C. residents, students at S. C. schools, or servicemen stationed in South Carolina. Annual dues are \$3.00 for adults, and \$2.00 for junior members under 19 years of age. Memberships are available through the secretary, whose address is given below.

This issue of the S.C.C.A. Newsletter is being circulated widely to libraries, colleges, and military bases in South Carolina. Persons desiring more information on the S.C.C.A. or on local chess activity in their area are invited to contact any of the officers or others listed below.

### Officers:

President: Dr. M. Lee Hyder, 33 Longwood Dr., Aiken, S. C.

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(State High School Chess Director)

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### Coming Events:

#### CAROLINAS' OPEN

This big annual tournament will be held in Charleston this year on July 20-21. It will be a 5 round Swiss event with a First prize of \$100. More details will be forthcoming soon - meanwhile, set aside the time for the biggest tournament of the year in S. C. For details write Gerald Prazak at the address above.

#### CLOSED STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The annual S. C. closed state championship will be held in Columbia, October 11-13, at the YWCA, as last year.

#### SOUTHERN OPEN

The annual Southern open will be held at Raleigh over the July 4 weekend this year. A large turnout is anticipated for this big competition. The 1966 Southern in Atlanta attracted six masters and one grandmaster!

S. C. defeats N. C.!

South Carolina scored six wins and four draws in twelve games to defeat North Carolina in the annual match, held in Columbia last October. A strong Charleston contingent showed up for the first time in several years and was instrumental in the victory. Details are shown below. The return match will be in Charlotte this fall.

<u>Board No.</u>	<u>South Carolina</u>	<u>North Carolina</u>
1	Lee Hyder - 1/2	Don Schultz - 1/2
2	Steve Shaw - 0	B. Schmidt - 1
3	Otmar Albrand - 1	Stuart Noblin - 0
4	Norton Jacobl - 1/2	Grady Brown - 1/2
5	Chuck Braun - 1/2	Steve Beatty - 1/2
6	Ernest Hoenck - 1/2	Rhodes Peele - 1/2
7	Alex Edelsburg - 1	Al Pearson - 0
8	Todd Lisicki - 1	Leo Little - 0
9	Peter Wludyka - 1	Gene Mull - 0
10	Tom Read - 0	Al Styer - 1
11	W. Johnson - 1	J. Schmidt - 0
12	Gerald Prazak - 1	K. Andrews - 0

NOTE:

Mr. W. E. Houston of Columbia, who edited the Newsletter last year, has been obliged to give up this job because of other demands on his time. The officers of the Association wish to thank Mr. Houston for his good work; we are very sorry to lose his talents.

Temporarily the job of editing and publishing the Newsletter has fallen to your president, who is soliciting help from all the membership in submitting news items and games. The latter should be sent to our new Games Editor, C. E. Braun. Mr. Braun is an expert Correspondence player and analyst, whose abilities over-the-board were recently well demonstrated in the Augusta Open, where he defeated Norman Whitaker and tied for second place.

Correspondence Chess:

Is there an interest in correspondence chess within the association? If so, let your editor know.

We intend to have a feature article on correspondence chess in a future issue.

Articles on all phases of chess are solicited. We have several in hand which will be published as space allows. The next issue will be out in about 4-6 weeks.

# STATE TOURNAMENT GETTING BIGGER

Lee Hyder and Alex Edelsburg drew in the last round and tied with  $4\frac{1}{2}$  points each to share the S. C. state championship for this year. They were awarded identical trophies. Twenty eight entries completed in this S. C. Annual Closed Chess Tournament which was held last December 1, 2, and 3. This number of entries equals the highest previous entry list of 1965. Bob Fickling won third place trophy. Paul Neil won the junior championship with 3-2.

The contestants played at the Columbia YWCA. Excellent accomodations were furnished by the Y. The tournament had to be rescheduled at a late date because of unavailability of accomodations on Thanksgiving weekend. The membership voted to move the tournament from Thanksgiving to an earlier date (October 11-13) next year.

Detailed results are given below:

<u>Round</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Lee Hyder, Aiken	W25	W18	W9	W3	D2	$4\frac{1}{2}$
2. Alex Edelsburg, Columbia	W27	W4	W12	W13	D1	$4\frac{1}{2}$
3. Robert Fickling, Columbia	W22	W5	W7	L1	D8	4
4. Mario Schenkel, West Columbia	W26	L2	W22	W12	W7	4
5. Harold Tallman, Aiken	W11	L3	W19	D16	W15	$3\frac{1}{2}$
6. Dr. J. S. Barr, Greenville	L23	D15	W28	W14	W16	$3\frac{1}{2}$
7. Norton Jacobi, Columbia	W19	W23	L3	W9	L4	3
8. Spencer Mathews, Spartanburg	W20	L12	W21	W10	L3	3
9. Wayne C. Bell, Columbia	W21	W16	L1	L7	W18	3
10. Harry Lofton, Greenville	D14	D13	W18	L8	W21	3
11. Paul Neil, Columbia	L5	L22	W24	W28	W13	3
12. Eusebio I. Koh, Columbia	W17	W8	L2	L4	W20	3
13. Danny Purvis Cayce		$2\frac{1}{2}$	19. James Smith, Spartanburg			2
14. Robert Phillips Columbia		$2\frac{1}{2}$	20. C. E. Brewster, Columbia			2
15. James G. Inman, Hartsville		$2\frac{1}{2}$	21. Harvey Studstill, West Columbia			2
16. John Chalmers, Columbia		$2\frac{1}{2}$	22. Art Venable, Columbia			2
17. W. E. Houston, Columbia		2	23. R. B. Behling, Columbia			2
18. Bill Funderburk, Camden		2	24. Thomas Davis, Columbia			1
			25. James Wright, Columbia			1
			26. Hank Swats, Columbia			1
			27. Lloyd Milligan, Columbia			$1\frac{1}{2}$
			28. David Fletcher, Columbia			$1\frac{1}{2}$

## Call For Comment!

Your president solicits comment on the two items below. If you wish to support or oppose them please drop him a card.

1. Proposal for a State Amateur Tournament. By James M. Smith, Spartanburg.
  - a. The State Amateur Tournament would be held in conjunction with the S. C. closed championship.
  - b. Dues and fees and trophies would be the same for both sections.
  - c. Championship Section: Open to all.
  - d. Amateur Section: Open only to players with USCF rating under 1650.
  - e. Unrated players are paired up from the bottom.
  - f. Top rated paired with each other - Harkness method.
  - g. For the second and remaining rounds the unrated players are paired as follows: Those with drawn games remain in that section. Those that won in the first round are paired in the Championship section, and those that lost in the first round are paired in the Amateur section.

## 2. Support of U.S.C.F. Actions

Question: Should the U.S.C.F. use its funds to pay either the costs of U. S. teams in international competition or of individual players in interzonal and other tournaments?

It is presently the policy of the organization to pay part of such costs. Your president feels that this may be to the detriment of more proper needs and functions of the organization, and also be an undesirable expense to the membership. What do you think?

## Problems and Endgames:

Jim Inman, in Florence, has suggested that there may be interest in these topics among S.C.C.A. members. Readers who have such an interest or who would like to submit either problems or endgames for publication should write him. His address is on Page 1.

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## DAVIS WINS PRIZE

S.C.C.A. Vice President Tom Davis of Columbia played good chess at the Peach State Open last Thanksgiving, scoring 3-3 and easily winning the class C prize.

C. E. Braun of Aiken played a simultaneous exhibition at the Aiken Hobby Show, during the Aiken Spring Arts festival. One of his strongest opponents fell into the well - known trap shown below. The same trap was also successfully sprung by Norman Whitaker in the recent Augusta Open.

# CARO-KANN DEFENCE

C. E. Braun

F. F. Simpson

1. P-K4
2. P-Q4
3. N-QB3
4. NXP

- P-QB3
- P-Q4
- PXP
- N-Q2

Played to prevent the doubling of pawns that would result after an immediately N-B3, 5 NXN.

5. Q-K2!?

Laying the Trap

K N-B3??

The natural reply

6. N-Q6 mate

Dreher High School of Columbia won the S. C. State High School Team Championship, held at Dreher on May 11, 1968. The S.C.C.A. has sponsored this tournament since 1962. It was inaugurated by Prof. Robert Brand of the Citadel. Mr. Smith of Spartanburg High School has directed the tournament since 1964. Mr. Smith also directs the chess tournaments for T.A.C. of the U. S. Air Force.

We will have further details on this tournament in our next issue.

## SWINDLE?

From Round one of the S. C. Closed Championship.  
Milligan Vs. Edelsburg.

White: Pawns d3, e4, f5, h3; knight c7, rook d1, king g4.  
Black (to move): Pawns d4, e5, f6, g5, h4; rook b3, king h6.  
1.---, R-N7 (threatening to win the KRP) 2. R-KN1, R-KB7!  
White resigns as he will be checkmated.

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The annual SCCA business meeting was held at the South Carolina Closed Tournament last December. Major items of business included the following:

### Constitution

The constitution proposed by Mr. Houston was ratified with one amendment which removed the amount of annual dues from the constitution. The amendment will be published in the Summer Newsletter; the remainder of the constitution was published in the last edition.

### Officers

Officers elected for 1968 included Lee Hyder (Aiken) President; Thomas C. Davis (Columbia) Vice-President; John Chalmers (Columbia) Secretary-Treasurer.

### 1968 Tournament

The 1968 S. C. Closed Championship was again awarded to Columbia, to be held again at the YWCA, if possible. An early October date was selected (See Announcements of forthcoming events.)

### Interscholastic Tournament

The S.C.C.A. will again provide a trophy for the annual interscholastic team tournament.

### Dues

Annual dues were set at \$3.00 except for members under age 19, who will pay \$2.00.

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### CHALLENGE:

The best analysis of the following position (Hyder vs. Henry, California, 1960) will win the analyst a chessbook. Send analyses to Lee Hyder by July 1.  
White: (To move): Pawns a4, b4, d6, h4; Queen d2; King f6.  
Black: Pawns a6, b7, f7, g6, h5; Bishop b3; Rook d7; King h7.

How do you organize a chess club? The account below by Harold Kelley tells how it was tried in Aiken. It has not been a total success, as you will see. He would like someone to suggest what might have been improved.

### CLUB CALAMITY

By radio and newspaper announcements, gratis, a rejuvenation of the defunct Aiken Club was attempted in January, 1966. Personal contact was made with the dedicated dependables who then drove up to 20 miles to play. Initial attendance was spectacular. The first four months attendance averaged 25 per week; 72 people came at least once. May and June ran an average of 12 and the number has since drifted down to about four per week while 92 people have shown interest at one time or another.

Although the initial campaign was successful, interest was not developed or maintained. The goals were to play chess, form an Aiken team, run internal competitions, both tournament and ladder and to interest beginners. The latter item seemed most vital to provide sustained interest by the majority of those attracted to the club.

Four excited and delighted players were 6-8 years old; they were the only ones interested in trying to learn more about playing. They made some progress and attended faithfully until summer vacation. Since then they play mostly at home since it was a chore for parents to bring them in the evening.

Continuing publicity was a problem and slowly fell off because it became repetitious. The small local paper offered to print a full column of material on chess news per week. Not enough material was available for this, but occasional reports are published. (Other clubs may also find local papers willing to publish a column if asked.)

At the initial meeting it was decided not to have a formal club with officers, dues, etc. Organizational effort thereafter was left to those two or three men who were willing to perform it. This can be a burden on those persons.

So at the present time 12 players account for the average attendance of four per week. What to do?

Send your comments - or experiences of your club - to H. M. Kelley, 811 Rhododendron Pl, S.E., Aiken, S. C. 29801. Mr. Kelley will be writing in future issues on chess club activities and promotion of chess generally.

## SOUTH CAROLINIANS IN AUGUSTA OPEN

The Georgia Chess Association sponsored the Augusta Open, held in Augusta, Georgia, last April, but out-of-staters including two South Carolinians wound up with most of the prizes. S. C. Co-Champion Lee Hyder was first with 4 1/2-1/2, and Charles Braun of Aiken was one of three players with 4-1.

The early rounds of the tournament were full of surprises. Greenville's Harry Lofton took advantage of a blunder by Master Emeritus Norman Whitaker to win material, but the master managed to draw. In Round 3 Braun took the exchange in the opening against Whitaker and held it to win. In the same round the second rated player, expert Nowak of Milwaukee, was defeated by Ream of D. C., and Hyder played a draw with Joiner of Atlanta.

At this point Ream and James Inman of Florence led with 3-0. In the next round Ream won after Inman missed a chance to turn the tables. Hyder defeated Ream in the last round.

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