
UNPRECEDENTED CHESS ACTIVITY IN SOUTH CAROLINA!

The spring has brought more chess competition to South Carolina than any previous three month period, and the calendar shows that the pace should continue through the summer. Events described in this issue, and the calendar of those to come, are listed below.

Results:

Spring Holiday Tournament, Spartanburg: P. 1
 High School Competitions and Championships: Beginning P. 2
 Aiken Chess-In: P. 3

To Come:

Southern Open, Knoxville, Tenn., July 3-6	Charleston Open,
Augusta Open, Augusta, Ga., July 19-20	August 30-31
Carolinas' Open, Asheville, N. C., August 8-10	
Spartanburg 4-Man Sectional Tournament, Spartanburg, Aug. 16.	
Larry Evans Exhibition, Augusta, Georgia,	
Florence "Chess-In",	

Details on these events will be found beginning on p. 5.

RICHMAN WINS BIGGEST S. C. TOURNAMENT IN SPARTANBURG!

North Carolina Expert Dan Richman had a successful trip to S. C. March 29 and 30, as he gained first place in the Spring Holidays Open in Spartanburg with a perfect 5-0 score. John Yates of Rock Hill, a newcomer to S. C., scored 4-1 for second, losing only to the winner. S. C. Champ Lee Hyder and Runner-up Spencer Mathews found themselves tied for third with 3½-1½ each--thanks to losses to Richman and a draw with each other. In the Reserve division Everad Horton of Johnson City, Tennessee, won handily with 4½-½, conceding a draw to runner-up Dr. James Barr of Greenville. Barr also drew with Venson Steadman of Spartanburg and had 4-1, as did David Stern of Greensboro, N. C.

The size of the tournament was perhaps the most remarkable aspect of the weekend. The 34 entrants were the most to gather for a South Carolina tournament in recent years, or perhaps ever. Many of the players were enthusiastic young people from Spartanburg, which seems to be becoming the chess center of the state due to the very active high school club and the organizing abilities of Spencer Mathews and J. M. Smith.

The tournament was well and smoothly run in the excellent facilities of Spartanburg High School. We were happy to welcome numerous players from outside S. C., from as far away as Pennsylvania.

A pleasant and unexpected surprise at the tournament was the visit of Dr. E. B. Hallman of Spartanburg. Dr. Hallman was South Carolina chess champion in 1930, and a regular participant in the annual championships held in the late twenties and early thirties. Now retired, Dr. Hallman retains a keen interest in chess. We are happy to welcome him back to the S. C. chess community.

Spartanburg Tournament notes furnished by Spencer Mathews:

16 players played in their first rated tournament.

16 players joined the USCF.

20 players joined the SCCA.

Shortest game: Edwards-Clements, mate on the 10th move.

Longest game: Simmons-Thompson, drawn in 76 moves.

Tom Adams, 10 years of age, became the youngest member of the SCCA. Dr. Hallman, 84, is our oldest member.

BROOKLAND-CAYCE ARE 1969 STATE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPS

A strong Brookland-Cayce team won every game to sweep the state high school championships at Brookland-Cayce April 26. Second in the nine-team field was Dreher High School of Columbia, which suffered only one loss in eight games. J. M. Smith directed the annual event.

Full results follow:

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| 1: Brookland Cayce (8) | 6: Spartanburg (3) |
| Harvey Studstill 2-0 | Venson Steadman 0-2 |
| Roger Ramsey 2-0 | Bill Biggins 0-2 |
| Danny Purvis 2-0 | Paul Clements 1-1 |
| Keith Funderburk 2-0 | Norman McCurry 1-0 |
| | Brian O'Neill 1-0 |
| 2: Dreher (7) | 7: Airport (2) |
| Lee FitzSimons 1-1 | Bill McDowell 1-1 |
| Lyth Clark 2-0 | Carpenter King 1-1 |
| LeRoy Smith 2-0 | Jimmy Farrow 0-1 |
| Charles Walter 2-0 | Tom Harmon 0-2 |
| 3: Garrett (5) | 8: St. John (1) |
| Roy Cox 1-1 | Earl Wilson 0-2 |
| Joseph Scott 1-1 | Skip Huntley 0-1 |
| Jeff Pease 2-0 | Margret Lane 0-1 |
| Ronnie Dale 1-1 | Frank Holmes 0-2 |
| | Terry Chick 1-1 |
| 3: Wade Hampton (5) | 9: Brunson-Dargan Jr. High (1) |
| Carlos Quintero 2-0 | Dan Sansbury 1-1 |
| Gary Dudley 1-1 | Tom Christie 0-2 |
| Joe Morgan 2-0 | Kem Lunn 0-2 |
| Brad Van Name 0-2 | Mike Capen 0-2 |
| 5: Greenville (4) | |
| Lamar Craze 1-1 | |
| Tom DiPuma 2-0 | |
| Frances Carpenter 1-1 | |
| Andy Scott 0-2 | |

Being dissatisfied with the arrangements for the event, a group of Aiken High Chess Club members put on their own version of a championship tournament in mid-May. Only Brookland-Cayce and Dreher chose to compete, in addition to two Aiken teams, and B-C confirmed their claim on the state championship by winning the tournament very handily. Aiken "A" edged Dreher by $\frac{1}{2}$ point for second.

Results:

Brookland Cayce (13 $\frac{1}{2}$)
 D. Purvis 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
 R. Ramsey 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
 Harvey 3-0
 Studstill 3-0
 H. Purvis 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Aiken (8 $\frac{1}{2}$)
 Brodie 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
 Duncan 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
 Jennings 1-2
 Nelson 1-2
 Garland 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Dreher (8)
 FitzSimons 2-1
 L. Smith 1-2
 Walter 2-1
 Garvin 2-1
 Dennis 1-2

Aiken B (0)
 Vandervelde 0-3
 Henshaw 0-3
 Chesser 0-3
 Philip 0-3
 Springer 0-3

Brookland-Cayce actually fielded only a four-man team; Harvey Studstill played boards 3 and 4 simultaneously and scored six wins straight in the process.

We print elsewhere in this issue correspondence we have received concerning this tournament, and our comments.

"CHESS-IN" IN AIKEN:

The Aiken Chess Club and the Aiken City Recreation Department combined to hold a very successful one day Chess-In at the Aiken Municipal Auditorium May 10. 19 players from South Carolina and Georgia competed in sections of four players (one section, necessarily, had seven) in a three-round, USCF rated round robin tournament. Players were grouped roughly according to rating, with some modifications made to pair opponents from different cities as much as possible. The rate of play, 40 moves in 1½ hours, permitted completing nearly every game in three hours.

The four sections were won by Lee Hyder of Aiken, Dr. J. S. Barr of Greenville, John Donnelly of Augusta, and Charles Walter of Columbia. All were closely contested. Walter won his section in a long playoff with Ed Garvin of Columbia, after both had tied with 2½. Donnelly tied in score with Horace Edwards of Spartanburg, but won their individual game. Barr won by only ½ point, and in the top section a completely unbreakable four-way tie seemed very possible late in the final round when Purvis was a piece up on Hyder for a brief time.

Complete details of the tournament will be found on Page 4. More events of this kind are scheduled; see the announcements column.

THE "CHESS-IN"; HOW AND WHY

The idea for the "Chess-in" grew out of discussions among members of the Spartanburg Chess Club, particularly J. M. Smith and Spencer Mathews, who recognized the need for more activity on the state chess calendar. The Spartanburg group had been very successful in bringing newcomers into the game, but few of these were able to indulge in the large amount of travel required to participate regularly in tournament chess in the South. Weekend tournaments are strenuous and involve considerable expense for hotels, meals, etc. Also, many lack the time to devote whole weekends to chess. The Spartanburg group decided what was needed was one-day events of some kind, and they suggested this to your editor, during the Spartanburg tournament. Much enthusiastic discussion developed the idea along the lines of the annual chess festival at Sonoma, California, which is always a popular event in that area.

On returning from the tournament I proposed the idea to Aiken City Recreation Director Mike Facciolo, who reacted very favorably, and in a few days the "Chess-in" was set up. We are indebted to the inspiration of Mrs. Hyder for the name.

Incidentally, the value of a city recreation department in encouraging a municipal chess program should not be underestimated. (Greenville chessplayers are hereby notified that your new director, Gene Fuller, is very interested in adding chess competition to his program, if his actions in Aiken are any indication!) The Aiken Chess-In, and its predecessor, the Holiday Chess Festival, were largely made possible through the efforts of Messrs. Fuller and Facciolo in publicity and arrangements. There are a lot of variations on the one-day chess event, and we hope organizers around the state will come up with more new, interesting ideas. Team tournaments, gambit events, and what have you? These one-day events can be very valuable in filling in the chess schedule for the state, making chess a year-round activity instead of just one weekend a year. For many of us, too, chess is as much a social event as a competition; it is always good to see friends again; and these events just fill the bill. May the idea prosper. to print some of the details of the event in this issue.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following letter was received from Richard Duncan of the Aiken High School Chess Club, and is printed in accordance with a policy previously stated in this publication of encouraging all correspondence relevant to S. C. Chess. In view of the nature of the letter, we reiterate that rebuttals will also be published, and append our own comments.

Dear Sir:

The behavior of South Carolina's high school chess teams is enigmatic, to say the least. This is shown by the number of teams at the Brookland-Cayce tournament April 26 and at the one at Aiken May 17. Nine showed
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SPRING HOLIDAYS OPEN: COMPLETE RESULTS

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	SCORE	PLACE
1 Lee Hyder, Aiken	W23	W8	W6	D3	L2	3½-1½	3
2 Dan Richman, Greensboro, N. C.	W9	W5	W6	W1	W3	5-0	1
3 Spencer Mathews, Spartanburg	W24	W10	W22	D1	L2	3½-1½	3
4 Gene Haney, Spartanburg	W25	D7	L10	L9	--	1½-2½	
5 John M. Yates, Rock Hill	W26	W11	L2	W10	W8	4-1	2
6 Randy Dolinger, Greensboro, N. C.	W7	W21	L1	L2	L9	2-3	
7 John W. Thompson, Greenville	L6	D4	W9	D11	W10	3-2	
8 Steven Hunt, Athens, Ga.	W27	L1	W11	W22	L5	3-2	
9 Timothy Strauch, New Cumberland, Pa.	W28	L2	L7	W4	W6	3-2	
10 Rudolf Mueller, Spartanburg	W16	L3	W4	L5	L7	2-3	
11 John G. Simmons, Freeland, N. C.	W18	L5	L8	D7	W22	2½-2½	
12 Everad Horton, Johnson City, Tenn.	W29	W24	W19	W13	D15	4½-1½	1R
13 Roger B. Ramsey, West Columbia	W30	L32	W28	L12	D18	2½-2½	
14 Bob Holroyd, Inman	W31	W26	L20	D17	L19	2½-2½	
15 Dr. James Barr, Greenville	W32	W33	D34	W16	D12	4-1	2R
16 J. M. Smith, Spartanburg	L10	W29	L17	L15	W27	2-3	
17 John D. Nichols, Johnson City, Tenn.	W33	L34	W16	D14	L32	2½-2½	
18 Mark Brodie, Aiken	L11	W31	W33	D32	D13	3-2	
19 David Stern, Greensboro, N. C.	W34	W30	L12	W20	W14	4-1	3R
20 Donald Morse, Darlington	L22	W14	W24	L19	L29	2-3	
21 Tom Adams, Spartanburg	L22	L6	L31	L23	L26	0-5	
22 Bill Biggins, Spartanburg	W21	W20	L3	L8	L11	2-3	
23 Earl Brown, Spartanburg	L1	L27	L29	W21	L28	1-4	
24 Harold Bush, Jr., Spartanburg	L3	L12	L20	L25	L33	0-5	
25 Paul Clements, Spartanburg	L4	L28	L29	W24	W31	2-3	
26 Bailey Dixon, Clinton	L5	L14	--	--	W21	1-2	
27 George Douglas, Spartanburg	L8	W23	L32	L34	L16	1-4	
28 Horace Edwards, Spartanburg	L9	W25	L13	W31	W23	3-2	
29 Robert Garner, Greensboro, N. C.	L12	L16	W23	W25	W20	3-2	
30 Oliver Green, Clinton	L13	L19	-----	-----	-----	0-2	
31 Donald McCarter, Spartanburg	L14	L18	W21	L28	L25	1-4	
32 Norman McCurry, Spartanburg	L15	W13	W27	D18	W17	3½-1½	
33 Randy Rickard, Spartanburg	L17	L15	L18	L34	W24	1-4	
34 Venson Steadman, Spartanburg	L19	W17	D15	W27	W33	3½-1½	

AIKEN CHESS-IN: COMPLETE RESULTS

Section 1:	R1	R2	R3	Score
1 Lee Hyder, Aiken	W2	D3	W4	2½-1½
2 C. E. Braun, Aiken	L1	D4	W2	1½-1½
3 Spencer Mathews, Spartanburg	W4	D1	L2	1½-1½
4 Danny Purvis, West Columbia	L3	D2	L1	½-2½
Section 2:	R1	R2	R3	Score
1 Dr. J. S. Barr, Greenville	W2	D3	W4	2½-1½
2 Charles Williams, Augusta, Ga.	L1	W4	W2	2-1
3 Harold Kelley, Aiken	L4	D1	L2	½-2½
4 J. M. Smith, Spartanburg	W3	L2	L1	1-2
Section 3:	R1	R2	R3	Score
1 John Donnelly, Augusta, Ga.	W3	L4	W2	2-1
2 Horace Edwards, Spartanburg	W4	W3	L1	2-1
3 Bailey Dixon, Clinton	L1	L2	W4	1-2
4 Paul Clements, Spartanburg	L2	W1	L3	1-2
Section 4:	R1	R2	R3	Score
1 Charles Walter, Columbia	W7	W6	D2	D2 W2 4-1
2 Ed Garvin, Columbia	W3	W4	D1	D1 L1 3-2
3 Brian O'Neill, Spartanburg	L2	D4	W5	1½-1½
4 Norman McCurry, Spartanburg	L2	D3	W6	1½-1½
5 Mike Chessner, Aiken	L6	W7	L3	1-2
6 John Purvis, West Columbia	W5	L1	L4	1-2
7 Bill Brittingham, Augusta, Ga.	L1	L5	--	0-2

PALMETTO CHESS CLUB TOURNAMENT, COLUMBIA

Alex Edelsburg	3½-½	1st place	Roger Ramsey	2½-1½	Junior
Harvey Studstill	3-1	2nd place	Champion		

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

SOUTHERN OPEN AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

A seven round Swiss System tournament to be played at the Hotel Andrew Johnson in downtown Knoxville, July 3-6.

Three divisions: Open, Amateur, Reserve. \$850 guaranteed prize fund, cash prizes in all divisions. first prize in Open, \$300; in Amateur, \$100(1); in Reserve, \$30. Entrance Fees: Open, \$15; Amateur, \$10; Reserve, \$8. Southern Chess Association membership of \$2 required. Amateur tournament restricted to 1899 and below; Reserve to 1599 and below. Play begins 8 p.m. July 3, ends after 7th Rd. which starts at 3 p. m. July 6. Martin Southern will direct, 40 move/2hr. time limit. Registration: At playing site up to 7 p. m. July 3, or in advance to East Tennessee Chess Association, Box 6111, Knoxville 37914. Entry by several masters is anticipated.

CAROLINAS OPEN AT ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Five round Swiss System tournament to be held at the Jack Tar Grove Park Inn on Macon Ave. in Asheville, August 8-10. First round Friday night with registration immediately preceding. This fine hotel set high on a hillside overlooking Asheville should be one of the finest sites ever for this traditional tournament. We regret we have mislaid some details, and suggest looking them up in Chess Life, or writing Don Schultz, 4216 Rowan St., Raleigh, N. C. 27609.

AUGUSTA OPEN IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

Five round Swiss System tournament to be played at the Town House in downtown Augusta, July 19 and 20. Registration at tournament site before 9:00 a. m. July 19. Play begins and 9:30. \$75 first prize, other depend on entries. Four trophies. Entry fee \$10+GCA membership. 50 moves/2hr. Advance entries to Philip M. Lamb, 2805 Pierce Dr. No., Macon, Ga. 31204. Tournament director: James Ballard.

SPARTANBURG FOUR-MAN SECTIONAL

Round robin tournament to be played in sections of four at the Spartanburg High School on DuPre Dr., August 16, 1969. To be similar to the Aiken "Chess-In". Trophies to section winners; EF\$1 + SGCA membership. Contact J. M. Smith, 611 DuPre Dr., for additional details. Registration at tournament site to 9:30 a. m.

CHARLESTON OPEN AT CHARLESTON, S. C.

Five Round Swiss System tournament to be played at Gage Hall, 8 Archdale St., in downtown Charleston. Entry fees (\$10 except \$5 for junior players) will be returned in prizes. Date: August 30-31; NOT Sept. 1, too. Registration at tournament site on morning of Aug. 30 or in advance to Gerald Prazak (see last page for address.)

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION BY LARRY EVANS

The Augusta-North Augusta Chess Club will sponsor a simultaneous exhibition by U. S. Champion Larry Evans on the afternoon of Sunday, October 19, the the Town House on Broad St. in downtown Augusta, Ga; IF AND ONLY IF TWENTY-FIVE FIRM COMMITMENTS TO PLAY ARE RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE. The board fee will be \$5. This is a rare opportunity to play one of the top players in the U. S. and we hope it will be possible for twenty-five or more players to do so. If you wish to reserve a board, please contact Mr. Frank Nieberding, 701 Crestlyn Dr., North Augusta, S. C. 29841 as soon as possible.

We are informed that all players who win or draw against Mr. Evans will receive an autographed copy of his book New Ideas in Chess. This is a fine book of instruction, and a nice incentive in addition to the honor involved.

The exhibition is scheduled for 2:30 p. m. We will confirm this plan in our fall issue.

Augusta Area players may wish to contact Mr. Nieberding during the day at the Bath Mills, Bath, S. C. 29816.

Note that all tournaments above, but not the Evans exhibition, are USCF rated and USCF membership will be required.

FLORENCE CHESS-IN: DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME, BUT THEY PLAN ONE.

CORRESPONDENCE (CONTINUED)

up at B-C, three at Aiken. The tournament at Aiken offered more to the players by any standard. We (Mark Brodie and I) invited 25 schools from three states to try to insure the strongest field possible. The Aiken High Chess Team spent thirty dollars to buy a tournament trophy and also the S. C. High School Team Championship Trophy. The tournament at B-C offered a rotating plaque given to the state champion. In order to have cash prizes for the first three teams, we required a dollar entrance fee from each of the five players on a team. We judged that a dollar from each player would not constitute a hardship. We hoped for a \$50 prize fund.

The time limit was 30 moves an hour contrasted to the extremely fast 40 moves in 50 minutes that prevailed at B-C. The Aiken Chess Team was informed by Mr. Smith that no smoking would be allowed at B-C, an obviously unfair condition. We had three rounds, while only two were allowed at Brookland-Cayce. At B-C the players wanted three rounds but the director wanted to leave, so only two rounds were played.

We had much needed breaks between rounds consisting of thirty minutes and an hour. We allowed about 2½ hours for each game. (Only one game was adjourned.) At a Dorman tournament I went out for 15 or 20 minutes to relax from a nerve-wracking first round game, only to discover when I returned that Mr. Smith had started my clock and five minutes were gone. Also, two players from separate Aiken teams were (in my opinion) unnecessarily paired against each other.

I hope that high school chess players will realize that if interscholastic chess is to be meaningful, there should be an adequate time limit for the serious players, if possible a prize for the winner of a tournament, and above all, a worthwhile tournament should be attended.

Richard Duncan

Editorial comments on the above:

Some of Duncan's complaints seem quite irrelevant; the unfairness of a ban on smoking is far from obvious to me as a non-smoker after 16 years of competition in the blue haze of tournament play, and I rather feel that permitting smoking at tournaments is unfair--but enough of that. There are some apparent errors of fact; the SCCA has annually for some years purchased a trophy for the High School champion; the tournament announcement stated quite clearly that three rounds would be played if ten teams or more entered, but otherwise only two rounds. And there is a good point buried in his comments: if several of ten or twelve teams are closely matched, there is no really satisfying way of choosing a winner in one day's play. Here some sort of preliminary qualifying seems necessary, to reduce the field to (say) four or six. (For a contrary viewpoint, see below.)

I am surprised, though, that Duncan cannot see what has happened, for it is obvious. The Aiken High Club represents no one but themselves, in fact only one of their number is a member of the USCF or the SCCA. Any "Championship Title" they choose to award has no standing in the overall chess community. So everyone stayed home except two teams that had good reason to believe they could take the cash prize. One of them did, and confirmed that the official High School Championship had indeed produced a valid champion--oh, does that hurt! So now, instead of being chastened by the results of their presumption, the Aiken club announces that everyone else is to blame for not looking at things the way they do and accepting them as the official sponsor for S. C. high school chess.

Fellows, we have an organization that deals with these problems. If you are really interested in doing so, instead of sitting outside it and sniping, join it, talk with the officers, and make your suggestions. You will probably find yourselves a part of it in no time, doing an important part of the work. But we can ill afford factionalism and division. Such stresses and the resulting animosities have completely disrupted chess competition in other communities, to the detriment of all.

COMMENTS BY J. M. SMITH.

(At the Dorman Tournament) Both Brodie and Duncan were very obnoxious with their smoking. They showed no respect for the Dorman School. When Brodie asked me to have ash trays at the state meet to be held at Brookland-Cayce High, my answer was that there would be (Continued next page)

J. M. SMITH COMMENTS, CONTINUED

no smoking at the B-C school. Neither Brodie or Duncan have expressed to me any dissatisfaction about the State Championship Tournament. The first I heard about it came from Purvis of B-C. He wanted to have three rounds in the state meet, saying that the boys from Aiken did not feel the strongest team won last year. (Dreher won) I explained to Purvis that with 2 rounds being played by nine schools, (this system) gave us a sample one game match with each and all schools. If there were more than ten schools in the tournament we would need to play three rounds. If there were seven schools three rounds would give us two games played between each school.

Best Wishes, J. M. Smith

NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Here are the results of that Dorman tournament:

Aiken $5\frac{1}{2}$; Spartanburg 5; Carver $4\frac{1}{2}$; Wade Hampton $3\frac{1}{2}$; Dorman 2. The Aiken score represents the average of two Aiken teams which competed.

The Castle Chess Club at Spartanburg High School played a rating tournament, with the following results:

J. M. Smith 10-1

Brian O'Neill 2-6

Venson Steadman 7-2

Randy Rickard $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$

Vincent Sardone 6-3

Bill Biggins 3-2

Donald McCarter 3-7

Earl Brown 1-4

Paul Clements $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$

James Creal 0-4

Mark Crenshaw $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$

The tournament, planned as a round robin, suffered from numerous withdrawals. Only games actually played are shown.

Norman McCurry $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$

"A player that drops out of a tournament because he is not able to win all of his games does himself an injustice." J. M. Smith. We were amused to see that one player withdrew from the American Open, an 8-rd. Swiss, after losing his first game. Was he really that upset? Perhaps he was merely ill--

Roger Ramsey and Harvey Studstill attended the Coastal Empire Open in Savannah, which was won by Ken Smith of Dallas against a field of 32. Studstill tied with Steven Hunt of Athens, Ga., for the Amateur title with 4-1, and was awarded the first place trophy on the tiebreak. Congratulations!

Jim Inman reports the news from the Florence-Darlington-Hartsville area: The FDH Chess Club has been formed and held its first meeting at the Darlington Recreation Department on May 15, with 23 (!) members present. Officers were elected as follows: President: Don Morse; Vice-President: Tommy Kelly; Sec.-Treas. and Tournament Director: Jim Inman. They will continue to meet the second and last Thursday of each month. The club Constitution calls for all members also to be members of the SCCA. Jim reports that the Darlington Recreation Department has supplied not only the meeting place but also promises refreshments and trophies for club competitions. They are starting ladder competition this month (June).

Where did all those chessplayers come from at once? Here is a partial explanation, from an earlier letter from Inman:

"There is a very active Junior High Chess Club in Darlington at Brunson-Dargan Junior High. They have a chartered membership of 60 students with active membership of 35. They meet three times a month. They are very good, having beaten Darlington High School in a team match. Mr. Mike Wilson is the sponsor. They are interested in postal chess, tournament play, and interscholastic matches. Their principal is behind them 100%. The High School team in Darlington has about 20 active members, also. " Jim has been meeting with them to discuss tournament organization, USCF and SCCA, clock play, etc.

FROM ELSEWHERE:

Bill Irwin, Secy. of the East Tennessee Chess Assn. (who are holding the 1969 Southern Open, writes "I have some proposals to make concerning the Southern Chess Association." and Tennessee Chess Assn. President James Wright and Editor Peter Lahde have concurred in an editorial in the Tenn. Chess News with your Editors ideas concerning the need for changes in the SCA. Looks like we hit on something!

We need more good games by our readers. Here's a short one sent in by one of our readers, Steven Hunt of Athens, Ga., from the Spartanburg tournament: (Notes, in part, by Hunt)

1 P-Q4 P-Q4 2 P-QB4 P-K3 3 N-QB3 N-QB3 4 N-B3 B-Q3 (aa) 5 PXP PXP
 6 NXP BXP 7 P-K4 B-Q3 8 B-K3 KN-K2 9 B-QN5 B-Q2 10 N-QB3 O-O 11 P-K5
 B-QN5 12 N-KN5 N-Q4 (a) 13 NXP! NXP 14 PXP BXP+ 15 B-Q2(b) BXR(c)
 16 Q-R5 PKN3(d) 17 N-B6+ QxN 18 Q-R7++
 aa:4--B-N5 5 P-K3 N-B3 equalizes in MCO-10, but 5--KN-K2 6 B-Q2
 O-O 7 P-QR3 BxN 8 BxB PXP 9 BXP N-Q4 10 Q-B2+ Gligoric-Planinc,
 Yugoslav Championship 1965. CEB
 a If P-KR3 13 N-K4 threatening BXP. If then 14 --PxB, White would win
 by 15 N-B6ch and 16 RXP. (But would Black be threatening the N with
 Q-R5 in the offing? CEB)
 b. The position I envisaged when I played NXP.
 c Black falls into the trap. 15 BxB+ 16 QxB NXP 17 BxB NxB 18 NXR
 NxB is better for Black. (But hopeless enough after 19 Q-KB4, 1. e.
 Q-K2+ 20 K-B1 Q-B3 21 QxQ PXP 22 R-QB1 and the KR comes into play via
 R3--Black cannot return to the defense of his pawns fast enough. MLH)
 d Mate is forced. After 16--:-B3 B-B4+ mates; or if 16--R-K1 then
 17 BxN BxB 18 N-B6+ K-B1 19 B-N4+ R-K2 20 Q-R8 mate.

From the Chess-In. White: Dan Purvis; Black: Braun. Ruy Lopez.
 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 P-QR3 4 B-R4 N-B3 5 O-O NXP 6 P-Q4
 P-QN4 7 B-N3 P-Q4 8 PXP B-K3 9 P-B3 B-K2 10 QN-Q2 O-O 11 B-B2 P-B4
 12 PXP PXP/3 13 R-K1a B-KN5 14 P-KR3 B-R4 15 N-B1 Q-Q2 16 N-N3b
 BxN 17 QxB N-K5 18 Q-Q3 N-K4 19 Q-K2 RXP 20 Q-Q1 c N-B6+ d 21 PxN
 QXP 22 QXP+ K-B1 23 Q-B5+e QxQ 24 NxB RxB 25 NxB Drawn. f.
 a. This weakens the BP. Book is 13 NxB3 B-KN5 14 Q-Q3 N-K5= or 14--
 B-R4=, or 13 N-N5 B-KN5 14 P-B3 B-Q2 or B-B1=.
 b. Black now launches a "winning attack".
 c. Black is looking for a knockout punch. 20--B-B4 doesn't work
 because of 21 NxB R-Q7 dis + 22 NxB (but now on RxB, 23 NxB RxB+
 24 K-B2 RxB should win. So White must play 23 RxB, with advantage.
 Best seems 20--RxB 21 NxB (forced) RxB 22 RxB PxB 23 QxQ NxB 24 RxB
 B-B4+, and Black should win this difficult endgame. Ed.)
 d. Simple. Now after 21 PxB QXP and "White "is mated"--but
 e. A rude surprise!
 f. White offers the draw as he was very short of time. (but Black had
 only used 21 minutes!)

The chess-In brought the first tournament encounter between the two
 editors. Black reversed a recent trend. White: Braun; Black: Hyder
 1 P-K4 P-KN3a. 2 P-Q4 B-N2 3 N-QB3 P-Q3 4 P-B4 N-KB3 5 N-B3 O-O 6 B-Q3
 N-B3b. 7 B-K3 N-KN5 c. 8 Q-Q2 NxB 9 QxN P-K4 10 BPXP PXP 11 P-Q5 N-Q5
 12 N-K2 NxB+ 13 PxBd. Q-R5+ 14 Q-B2 Q-R3 e. 15 N-N3 P-QB3f. 16 P-QB4
 PXP 17 BPXP B-Q2 18 P-KR4 QR-B1 19 K-K2 P-B4 20 P-R5 Q-B5 g. 21 RXP
 RXP 22 PXP B-B4!! h. 23 BxB R-B7+ 24 K-B1 RxB+ 25 KxR Q-Q5+ 26 K-B1
 QxNP 27 B-B4 QxR+ and won.
 a. Avoiding the lines Chuck has worked out against my usual openings.
 b. A book position in the Robatsch. White's game is favored by Fischer,
 among others, but no definite advantage has been demonstrated. Usual
 here is 7 O-O or P-K5; as played, Black equalizes easily.
 c. Naturally. The Black KB becomes strong.
 d. A move intended to take the game away from its drawish course;
 I think it scarcely can be good, and QxN must be preferred, though Black
 keeps some initiative with the two bishops. White wants to open the KN
 file and attack after the anticipated P-KB4 by Black. Black need not
 cooperate, though h, and the White K gets caught in the middle.
 e. At this point each of us felt we had an advantage. The Black Q
 is indeed out of play for a while, but White can hardly develop.
 f. The alternative, and a good one, is B-R6 with a fine blockade.
 Now White can, but at his peril, play to win a P with 16 PXP PXP 17
 Q-B5. Black plays Q-B5 and it is very hot around the White K. Still,
 I think he would have done better to have exchanged pawns and then play-
 ed 17 Q-Q2. After --QxQ+ 18 KxQ B-R3+ 19 K-K2 Black still has all the
 play, but there is a long game to come. Chuck goes for broke instead.
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B-R6 is a reasonable alternative on Black's move 17 as played, too.
h. White could hardly have improved on his last couple of moves, as Black was threatening B-R3 among other things. But now there is no way to keep Black from breaking through. i. e. 23 N-K4 BxB+ 24 KxB PxB P-K5+ --and so forth. Giving up the Q is desperation.

(Notes by Hyder)

Here's another Wilkes-Barre Variation game, played by one of our members in a tournament at Georgia Tech. White: S. Loeche; Black: M. Donnan.

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-B4 N-KB3 4 N-N5 B-B4! 5 NxBP BxP+ 6 KxB NxP+ 7 K-K3 Q-R5 8 Q-B3 N-B3 9 NxR N-N5+? a. 10 K-Q3 N-B7+ 11 K-K3 N-N5+ 12 K-Q3 N-B7+ 13 K-B3? Q-Q5+ 14 K-N3 Q-N3+; White resigns.
a. 9--Q-Q4+ 10 K-K2 QxB+ 11 K-Q1 N-Q5 wins.

Games from the 1968 Carolinas Open:

White: Cooksey; Black: Danny Purvis. Guiooco Piano.

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 N-B3 N-B3 4 B-B4 B-B4 a. 5 P-Q3 P-Q3 6 O-O B-N5 7 B-K3 B-N3 b. 8 Q-K2 Q-Q2 9 P-KR3 B-R4 10 N-Q5 N-K2 11 R-Q1 N/2xN 12 BxN P-QB3 13 B-QB4 B-B2 14 P-B3 P-KR3 15 P-Q4 c. NxP 16 PxB P-Q4 17 P-KN4? B-KN3 d. 18 N-R4 Q-K3 19 B-N3 QxP 20 P-KB4 Q-Q3 21 B-Q4 O-O-O 22 Q-B3 N-N4 23 PxN?? Q-R7 mate

a. Better 4--NxP!

b. Book is 7--N-Q5 8 BxN BxB 9 P-KR3 B-R4 10 R-K1 (10 P-KN4 BxN 11 PxB/3 NxP 12 PxN BxP 13 P-Q4 Q-B3?) Q-Q2 11 N-Q5 NxN 12 BxN P-QB3?

c. Risky

d. 17--BxB 18 PxB QxP+ and 19--PxB wins.

e. There was still time for 23 Q-N3 N-K5 24 B-N2.

White: Hyder; Black: J. Cabaniss. Sicilian, Dragon, Yugoslav Attack.

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-Q3 3 P-Q4 PxB 4 NxP N-KB3 5 N-QB3 P-KN3 6 B-K3 B-N2 7 P-B3 O-O 8 Q-Q2 P-QR3 9 O-O-O B-Q2 10 P-KR4 N-B3 11 P-KN4 P-QN4 (a) 12 K-N1 P-N5 13 N-Q5 P-QR4 14 NxQN BxN 15 QB-R6 P-K3 16 BxB KxB 17 N-K3 P-Q4 18 P-N5 (b) N-R4 19 PxB PxB 20 NxQP Q-N1 21 B-B4 Q-N2 22 KR-K1 QR-Q1 23 Q-Q4+ P-B3 24 Q-B5 K-R1 25 R-K7 Q-B1 27 Q-K7 R-Q2 28 RxB BxR 29 NxRP NxN 30 PxN R-K1 31 Q-N7++

a. Other tries are: 11--R-B1 12 B-K2 NxN 13 BxN Q-R4 14 K-N1 P-K4 15 B-K3 B-K3 16 QxP RxB (KR-Q1 17 Q-K7+) 17 PxB QxP+ 18 K-B1+, and 11--NxN 12 BxN Q-R4 13 K-N1 B-K3 14 N-Q5 Q-Q1 15 NxN+ PxB 16 P-N5+. Zuraletv-Romanov, Kalinin 1952.

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CHESS SCRIBE is publishing again, after the editor missed several issues due to a great personal misfortune.

The CHESS CORRESPONDENT has had a face-lifting and shows considerable improvement in content. The current issue has an article by Norman Hornstein, M. D., formerly of N. C., now of upstate N. Y., who is the new U. S. Correspondence Champion. Several of his annotated games are included.

A quick lesson, from the Spartanburg tournament. White: Hyder. Black: Earl Brown. Ruy Lopez.

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 P-QR3 4 B-R4 P-QN4 5 B-N3 P-R3 a. 6 O-O N-B3 7 P-Q4 PxB 8 P-K5 N-KR2 9 NxP B-N2 10 N-B5 b. B-QN5? 11 NxP+ K-B1 12 Q-R5 Q-K2 13 N-B5 Q-K1 14 QBxB+ K-N1 15 Q-N6++

a. Giving White the chance to play the center attack in the Ruy Lopez a tempo ahead. Black has a lost game.

b. But here he could have saved himself for a while with N-K2! White should have kept developing with N-QB3--but he couldn't resist trying for lines like 10--P-KN3? 11 Q-Q5!

Before this series of SCCA NEWS was begun by Mr. Houston in 1967 there was an irregular publication put out for some years by Prof. Brand in Charleston. I have Nos. 6 and 8 (the last). If anyone has a copy of Nos. 1-5 or 7 they would be willing to lend me I would like very much to see it.

THANK YOU to all the Editors around the country who answered my letter in CHESS LIFE. It has been an inspiration to me to see the quality of work you are doing. I look forward to sharing some of this with South Carolina chessplayers in future issues; Meanwhile, I hope you can find something of interest herein.

The Editor.

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