

AN HONOR ROLL OF WINNERS:

Spartanburg Two-Day Open, March 28-29: Randy Dolinger, Open Sect., 4½-½; Dr. J. S. Barr, Amateur Section, 4-1. Details p. 2,4

Spartanburg One-Day Open, Feb. 28: (Four Sections) Charles Walter, 2½-½; Dan Purvis, 2½-½; Norman McCurry, 3-0; Paul Clements, 3-0. P.2,5

S. C. Open Team Championships, Aiken, May 9: Aiken (Open), 6½-1½; Shelby, N. C. (Reserve) 5-3. P. 3.

S. C. High School Team Championships, Columbia, April 25: Dreher High School, 8-0. Details below, and p. 4; article p. 10.

High School Team Tournament at Greenville, March 21: Spartanburg High School, 11½-½. Details, p. 6.

Groundhog Open at Charlotte, February: Tom Nard, 5-0. Details P.4,5.

Rated Tournament in Hartsville, April: Virgil Smith, 5-0. P. 3.
Beaufort Rating Tournament, April 25: W. L. Shoemaker, 3-0. P. 3.

High School Team Tournament in Spartanburg (Dorman H. S.) Feb. 21: Spartanburg, 5½-2½. Details P. 5.

GREATEST CAROLINAS' OPEN EVER PLANNED FOR BEAUFORT THIS SUMMER!!!!!!!

This year's Carolinas' Open will be held in Beaufort July 18 and 19 in conjunction with the annual Beaufort Water Festival. The cooperation and support of the Water Festival Committee has made it possible to offer a prize fund of \$400 and to arrange a Grandmaster exhibition. turn to the coming events page and read the details; then start making your plans to attend!

DREHER WINS STATE HIGH SCHOOL EVENT

Dreher High School was host to the annual S. C. High School Team Championships this year and won it convincingly with a perfect 8-0 score. This was something of an upset, despite the strength of the top two boards, since Dreher had finished third of four in Spartanburg a couple of months before. Brookland-Cayce, the defending champs, have not been active this year--we don't know why--and so weren't there to defend their title. Details of the tournament are given elsewhere, and a description by Norman McCurry appears below.

ON THE SPOT ACCOUNTS OF STATE TOURNAMENTS, BY NORMAN McCURRY

Mr. McCurry, one of the state's most active young players, has sent us a series of on-the-spot accounts of some of the tournaments listed above in which he participated. We are pleased to print them to give a better picture of what happened than cold statistics could ever convey. And we welcome more of the same from other correspondents.

Tournament at Dorman H. S., Feb. 21:
The most exciting high school tournament yet was held on February 21st (continued on page two)

On-The-Spot-Accounts, Continued
at Dorman High School in Spartanburg. Teams from Spartanburg, Dreher, Dorman, and Greenville competed. Spartanburg won the tournament with 5½ points; Dorman scored 5, Dreher 4½, and Greenville 1.

Before the tournament everyone was wondering if Spartanburg could beat Dreher. Dreher's first and second board players are Charles Walter and Ed Garvin, who have USCF ratings of 1835 and 1733 respectively. Both these players scored a perfect 2 points, but the other two Dreher players could only get ½ point.

Spartanburg's bottom boards scored 3½ points while the first two got 2 of 4. Steadman and McCurry both dropped a game to one of the Dreher top boards after hard fights.

Dreher thus did not have the depth to beat the Spartanburg teams. Could this have been a dry run for the state championships? Spartanburg certainly hopes so!

Spartanburg One Day Open, February 28.
The Spartanburg One Day Open was held at Spartanburg High School on February 28. The four section event drew 25 players and was considered a great success. Players came from S. C., N. C., Georgia, and even one from Ohio! And the tournament even received coverage from the Spartanburg Herald, including photographs.

It may seem monotonous to say this, but Charles Walter again won the top section, this time with 2½ points. Dan Purvis took the second section with the same score after a hard fight with Steven Hunt of Athens. Norman McCurry found the winning formula and swept the third section with a 3-0 score; and Paul Clemens duplicated this in the fourth section. In view of Paul's consistently good results, his rating is sure to rise considerably.

The event was ably directed by Mr. J. M. Smith, who passed up the chance to play because he has found it difficult to play and direct at the same time. (He isn't the only one!--Ed.) several members of the Castle Chess Club assisted. The spacious and very comfortable facilities of Spartanburg High School made this an even more enjoyable tournament. (McCurry is absolutely right: I have not seen these facilities matched anywhere. Ed.)

Spartanburg Two Day Open, March 28-29.
The Spartanburg Two Day Open on March 28 and 29 had 19 participants. The slim turnout was probably because the tournament had mistakenly been scheduled on the Easter holidays.

Despite this some very lively action took place. The field was divided into two sections: B and above, and C and below. There were six players in the top section, so they played a round robin.

This time Charles Walter, the usual winner of such affairs, had some tough competition. Randy Dolinger of N. C., who is 14th in the nation in the under 16 category, drew Walter in the first round, and then scored four straight while Walter yielded another draw to Airman Joseph Szepanski of Aiken. Thus Randy took the trophy home.

In the second section Dr. J. S. Barr of Greenville took first place with a score of 4-1. Dr. Barr finished the first day with a perfect 3-0 score, and it appeared then that he would not be caught. He drew Venson Steadman of Spartanburg in the 4th round, however, and there was a slim chance of catching him. But I let a slight positional advantage slip away to a draw in the last round, and it was all over.

Final scores: Barr 4, McCurry 3½, Greene 3½; with McCurry ahead on tie-break.
McCurry's account of the State High School Championships is on p. 10.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

S. C. Open Team Tournament, Aiken, May 9.

Only four teams showed up for this experimental event, but a good time was had by all. Two divisions were played, as advertised, so the tournament turned into a double round match. The Aiken home team beat out Beaufort for the top trophy by a 6½-1½ score; Shelby, N. C., defeated the North Augusta-Augusta Club by 5-3 for Reserve honors.

Detailed results:

Aiken	Beaufort
Lee Hyder 1, 1	Robert Painter 0,0
C. E. Braun 1, ½	Douglas Cail 0,½
Ray Wood 0,1	W. Larry Shoemaker 1, 0
Joseph Szepanski 1, 1	Robert Strickland 0, J. M. Bailey 0.
Shelby	North Augusta
Don Hull 1, 1	W. J. Mareska 0,0
Mike Collins 1, 1	Dr. George Miller 0,0
Joseph Hullender 0,0	Dr. Ken Yost 1, 1
Chauncey Harmon 1, 0	Frank Nieberding 0, 1

BEAUFORT RATING TOURNAMENT, April 25.

1. W. L. Shoemaker 3-0	5. J. M. Bailey 1½-1½
2. Robert Painter 2-1	6. C. N. Shoemaker 1-2
3. Douglas Cail 2-1	7. Mawk Arnold 1-2
4. Robert Strickland 1½-1½	8. David Carpenter 0-3

The Beaufort Chess Club announces that a rating tournament will be held one Saturday a month henceforward. The tournaments will be open to all USCF members. For information call Beaufort 524-4450 days or 524-5180 at night. Next one May 31.

HARTSVILLE CLOSED TOURNAMENT, April-May, 1970

The Hartsville Club played their first-ever rated tournament over a five-week period this spring. All ten participants were SCCA members. Veteran competitor Virgil Smith came through with a perfect score of 5-0 to claim the championship ahead of Jim Inman and Doc Duckett. A crosstable follows:

1. Virgil Smith	W8 W4 W3 W2 W5	5-0
2. Jim Inman	W7 W5 W6 L1 D3	3½-1½
3. Bill Taylor	D6 W8 L1 W5 D2	3-2
4. James Boan	W10 L1 L5 L6 D9	1½-3½
5. Bill Pace	W9 L2 W4 L3 L1	2-3
6. Doc Duckett	D3 W7 L2 W4 W10	3½-1½
7. Joe Taylor	L2 L6 W10 W4 L8	2-3
8. William Donaldson	L1 L3 W9 W10 W7	3-2
9. John Andrews	L5 W10 L8 L7 D4	1½-3½
10. Marsh McSwinney	L4 L9 L7 L8 L6	0-5

Jim Inman, our reporter in Hartsville, adds the following to the above report: "We are challenging the Univ. of S. C. chess club in Florence to a Team match in Hartsville before the end of May. Rev. H. L. Hoover was at our meeting last night. He is 91 years old, and has been playing for the past 76 years. He won three, and lost one but should have won it; he was just chess tired."

In Atlanta: 1970 Atlanta Open, 6 Rd. Swiss, May 29-31; Hotel Atlantan, 111 Luckie St. EF \$10 Open, \$8 Amateur. All net income returned as prizes. Details from R. Haas, 4371 Glenwood, D3, Decatur, Ga. 30032.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, COLUMBIA, APRIL 25, 1970

Team	Player	Rd1	Rd 2	Team total
Dreher H. S. (Columbia)	Charles Walter	1	1	8
	Ed Garvin	1	1	
	Lyth Clark	1	1	
	Ed Hines	1	1	
Garrett H. S. (Charleston)	Jeff Pease	1	1	4½
	David Renau	0	½	
	Ray Cox	1	1	
	Don Ross	0	0	
Spartanburg H. S.	Venson Steadman	0	1	4½
	Norman McCurry	½	0	
	Paul Clements	1	0	
	James Creal	1	1	
St. Andrews H. S. (Charleston)	Jack Griffith	1	0	4
	Ed Daniels	1	1	
	Tom Rodwell	0	1	
	Roddy Anderson	0	0	
Wade Hampton H. S. (Greenville)	Frank Cole	0	0	3
	Richard Wedemeyer	1	0	
	Greg Greiner	0	1	
	Robert Wood	0	1	
Greenville H. S.	Don Sparks	0	0	3
	Coy Lewis	½	½	
	Mike Page	1	0	
	Frances Carpenter	1	0	
Lower Richland H. S. (Columbia)	Ronnie Scott	0	1	1
	Robert Johnson	0	0	
	Roland Bart	0	0	
	David Lowder	0	0	
	David Johnson	0	0	

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SPARTANBURG TWO DAY OPEN, March 28-29, 1970

Player and Hometown	Result,	Rd 1	2	3	4	5	Total
1 Charles Walter, Columbia	D2	W3	W5	D6	W4		4
2 Randy Dolinger, Greensboro, N. C.	D1	W5	W6	W4	W3		4½
3 Steve Hunt, Athens, Ga.	W6	L1	W4	W5	L2		3
4 Charles Dale, Athens, Ga.	D5	W6	L3	L2	L1		1½
5 Douglas Cail, Beaufort	D4	L2	L1	L3	W6		1½
6 Joseph Szepanski, Aiken	L3	L4	L2	D1	L5		½
"C" Section							
11 Paul Clements, Spartanburg	L12	L17	W22	W16	W18		3
12 Dr. James S. Barr, Greenville	W11	W18	W20	D13	D15		4
13 Venson Steadman, Spartanburg	W14	W23	D18	D12	L20		3
14 David Stern, Greensboro, N. C.	L13	W19	L15	W16	W21		3
15 Norman McCurry, Spartanburg	L16	W22	W14	W20	D12		3½
16 Jeff Hoffman, Spartanburg	W15	D23	L11	L14	L22		1½
17 James Creal, Spartanburg	L18	W11	D21	L19	W23		2½
18 Henry Greene, Durham, N. C.	W17	L12	D13	W21	W19	L11	3½ (6)
19 David Williams, Spartanburg	L20	L14	W23	W17	L18		2
20 Dr. George Miller, Augusta, Ga.	W19	W21	L12	L15	W13		3
21 Harold Bush, Spartanburg	W22	L20	D17	L18	L14		1½
22 Dana Tabor, Huntersville, N. C.	L21	L15	L11	W23	W16		2
23 Bill Brittingham, Augusta, Ga.	L13	D16	L19	L22	L17		½

S. C. PLAYERS IN THE GROUNDHOG OPEN, FEBRUARY, 1970

Winner: Tom Nard, Asheville, 5-0

2-3: William Adickes, Asheville, and Charles Walter, Columbia, 4½=½

Other participants from S. C. listed top of next page.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

GROUNDHOG OPEN (CONTINUED)

John Thompson, Greenville, 3-2
 Virgil Smith, Hartsville, 3-2
 Danny Purvis, Cayce, 3-2
 J. M. Smith, Spartanburg, 2½-2½
 Norman McCurry, Spartanburg, 2-3
 Frank Cole, Greenville, 2-3

Thomas G. Davis, Columbia 1½-3½
 Paul Carlson, Greenville, 1-4
 Hal Turner, Greenville, 1-4
 William Glen, Greenville, 0-5
 Greg Greiner, Greenville, 2-3

SPARTANBURG ONE DAY OPEN, FEBRUARY 28, 1970

#	Player and Hometown	Result:	Rd. 1	2	3	4	Total
1	Charles Walter, Columbia		D3	W2	W4		2½
2	Richmond Green, Columbus, O.		W4	L1	W3		2
3	Spencer Mathews, Spartanburg		D1	D4	L2		1
4	Ed Garvin, Columbia		L2	D3	L1		½
5	Dan Purvis, Cayce		W10	D9	W7		2½
6	Ralph Cook, Charlotte, N. C.		W9	L7	W8		2
7	Steven Hunt, Athens, Ga.		W8	W6	L5		2
8	Charles Dale, Athens, Ga.		W7	W10	L6		1
9	Venson Steadman, Spartanburg		L6	D5	D10		1
10	Dr. J. S. Barr, Greenville		L5	L8	D9		½
11	Norman McCurry, Spartanburg		W14	W16	W12		3
12	David Maloney, Davidson, N. C.		W16	W15	L11		2
13	Frank Cole, Greenville		L15	W17	W14		2
14	John Bell, Inman		W17	L11	L13	W15	2/4
15	Robert Strickland, Smoaks		W13	L12		L14	1/4
16	David Williams, Spartanburg		L12	L11	W17		1
17	Jeffrey Hoffman, Spartanburg		L14	L13	L16	L23	0/4
18	Paul Clements, Spartanburg		W19	W22	W20		3
19	Harold Bush, Jr., Spartanburg		L18	W23	W24		2
20	Dana Tabor, Huntersville, N. C.		W21	W24	L18		2
21	Donald McCarter, Spartanburg		L20	W25	W22		2
22	Paul Carlson, Greenville		W23	L18	L21		1
23	James Creal, Spartanburg		L22	L19		W17	1
24	Hal Turner, Greenville		W25	L20	L19		1
25	Tom Adams, Spartanburg		L24	L21			0/2

HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT AT DORMAN H. S., SPARTANBURG, 2/21/70

Dreher H. S.	Charles Walter	1	1
Columbia	Ed Garvin	1	1
4½	Jay Greider	0	0
	Donavan Clark	0	½
Greenville H. S.	Mike Page	0	1
1	Coy Lewis	0	0
	Don Sparks	0	0
	Ricky Cook	0	0
Spartanburg H. S.	Venson Steadman	1	0
5½	Norman McCurry	0	1
	Harold Bush, Jr.	1	1
	D Williams/J. Hoffman	1	½
Dorman H. S.	David Johnson	0	0
Spartanburg	Billy Cannon	1	0
5	Darrell Massey	1	1
	Billy Clayton	1	1

TOURNAMENT RESULTS, CONTINUED

HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT AT GREENVILLE, MARCH 21, 1970

Spartanburg H. S.	Venson Steadman	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
11 $\frac{1}{2}$	Norman McCurry	1	1	1
	Paul Clements	1	1	1
	Jeff Hoffman-James Creal	1	1	1
Wade Hampton H. S.	Frank Cole	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
Greenville	Richard Wedemeyer	1	0	0
5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Robert Wood	0	0	1
	Greg Greiner	0	1	1
Dorman High School	Steve McNeely	0	1	0
4	Billy Cannon	0	0	1
	Darrel Massey	1	0	0
	Billy Clayton	1	0	0
University of S. C.	James Greenway	0	0	1
Spartanburg Facility	David Kennedy	0	1	0
3	Kenny Ervin	0	1	0
	Bruce Cannon	0	0	0

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CORRECTIONS

We regret that there were errors in the last issue:
 In the high school tournament at Greenville the scores of the Spartanburg team should read:
 McCurry 1; Sardone 1(2); Clements 2(2); Bush 2(2) Hoffman 0(1).
 Our apologies for the errors in the original listing.

Final score of the Aiken-Augusta match: Augusta 6 $\frac{1}{2}$, Aiken 5 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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GAMES by C. E. Braun

(The games are in short supply this month, because of all the tournament reports and other news; but next issue will be full of those we have and we can use more, so send them in!--Ed.)

Spartanburg one-day open. Charles Walter vs. Spencer Mathews, Ruy Lopez Opening: 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 N-B3 4 O-O P-Q3 5 P-Q4 B-Q2 6 P-B3 (a) B-K2 7 R-K1 O-O 8 QN-Q2? (b) NxQP! 9 PxN(c) BxB 10 Q-N3B-R3 11 PxF PxP 12 NxP N-Q2 13 NxN(d) QxN 14 N-B3 KR-Q1 15 B-KB4 P-QB4! 16 N-K5 Q-K3 17 QxQ PxQ 18 QR-Q1 B-K7! 19 R-Q7(e) RxR 20 NxR B-N4 21 N-K5 R-Q1 22 P-B3 B-KB3 23 R-QB1 P-QN3 24 P-QN3 P-N4! 25 B-N3(f) R-Q7 26 P-QR4 B-R3 27 R-N1 B-Q6(g) 28 NxB RxN 29 B-N8 (h) B-Q5+ 30 K-R1 P-QR3 31 P-R3 P-N4 32 PxF PxP 33 B-R7 R-B6?(i) 34 P-QN4 P-K4? 35 PxF BxB 36 B-N8 P-N5 37 BxB R-B7 38 B-B6 P-R3 39 P-R4 PxP 40 BxB K-B2 41 B-Q8 B-Q3 42 B-R5 P-N6 (j) Drawn
 Notes (Mostly by Walter)

- 6 N-B3 is better. The QP needs no support, but the bishop does.
- 8 P-Q5 looks better.
- 9 BxB NxN+ 10 QxN QxB 11 QxP is better because Black doesn't get the two bishops.
- 13 N/2-B3 is better, but then Black replies N-B4.
- 19 R-QB1 is preferable.
- 25 N-N4 is a better try.
- Weak. 27--P-R4 would put the heat on.
- 29 B-B7 would be preferable.
- 33 P-B5 34 BxB RxB 35 PxF PxP 36 K-N1 K-B2 37 K-B2 P-K4; and Black brings over his king and wins.
- Mathews played his last move and offered a draw simultaneously. If he had realized how good his move was he need only have waited a second for my resignation. Black wins after 43 B-N6 (forced) P-N7 44 B-K3 B-K4, i. e. 45 K-N1, B-Q5; or 45 Bxp R-B3 46 B-K3 R-R3 and R-R8; or 45 P-B4 B-B6 and R-K7-K8.

EDITOR'S CORNER

For this issue this space will be devoted to correspondence and accounts of various activities around the country, as reported in our exchange publications.

First, a very helpful letter from Russell W. Miller, former Editor of NORTHWEST CHESS:

"I agree there should be more organization news in the pages of CHESS LIFE and REVIEW. President Dubeck does send a letter out once in a while; the latest one is enclosed.

"I assume the terms of the (CHESS LIFE and CHESS REVIEW) merger will come out at the USCF annual meeting.

"I read somewhere that Fischer got no money for Lugano. There was a figure in the Treasurer's report on "International Expenses" is CHESS LIFE several months ago I think, but it did not show how much to whom. It might not be a good idea to publish just how much each one got.

"A young fellow in Spokane, Washington played chess for 72 straight hours--a new record. This raised about \$140 in donations to a kidney fund and got a lot of publicity for Spokane Chess Club, which they needed."

The Dubeck letter, noted above, contained the following items:

--The merger has led to a total subscription of about 20,000.

--The USCF rating system is under review; the problem is the large number of new, unrated players (more than 40% of the membership is only provisionally rated.) These revisions will be set and published in CL&R by June.

--Plans for the match, USSR vs. rest of world.

--Criteria for selecting a site for the U. S. Junior Open.

From the October, 1969 Minnesota Chess Journal comes information on The USCF rating system, thus: Winning a game now gets you at least one rating point; if in a tournament you score two or more points above the value anticipated from previous ratings, for that tournament only your rating will be adjusted using a larger factor; i. e. you will gain more points.

Incidentally the Minnesota Chess Association must be the shining light among all state associations. They now have more than 1000 members and a wonderful schedule of activities. As a result, and due to the efforts of Dr. G. van D. Tiers, they publish their journal eight or more times a year for dues of \$1 a member. It's the same format as SCCA NEWS, but they gain an economy of scale which we can't match.

The annual Hastings tournament in England was about to die, it seemed, due to the Grandmaster draw. But this last winter they invited some players who play to win: Portisch, Gligorich, Smyslov, et al, and had a fine tournament with many interesting games. We commend the February issue of CHESS to you; it contains them all, including Smyslov's loss to young Martyn Corden of England. Here are a couple of interesting ones: the first is a rare example of a player developing his R at QR3--twice!--and doing fine thereby. But don't ask me why they agreed the draw. White: Smyslov; Black: Drimer. Budapest Defense: 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-K4 3 PxP N-N5 4 N-KB3 B-B4 5 P-K3 N-QB3 6 B-K2 QNxP 7 NxN NxN 8 O-O O-O 9 N-B3 R-K1 10 P-QN3 P-QR4 11 B-N2 R-R3 12 N-R4 B-B1 13 P-B4 N-B3 14 P-B5 R-R1 15 R-B3 P-Q3 16 R-N3 PxP 17 Q-B2 Q-K2 18 B-Q3 N-N5 19 BxRP+ K-R1 20 Q-N1 R-R3 21 P-B5 R-KR3 22 P-B6 RxBP 23 BxR QxB 24 R-B3 Q-KR3 25 B-K4 Drawn. Our sister state publication in Tennessee recently ran an article on the Breyer Gambit, and concluded that it was perfectly good. In the second game from Hastings some flaws appeared. 9--P-B4 is a novelty, and, it seems, a good one; White could have saved himself by something like 10 N-K2 O-O 11 O-O-O B-KN5 12 Q-Q3; but I surely don't like his game very much, and the line is supposed to be the best one for White. White: Drimer; Black: Unzicker. 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 P-KB4 PxP 3 Q-B3 N-QB3 4 P-B3 N-B3 5 P-Q4 P-Q4 6 P-K5 N-K5 7 BxP (Continued, next page)

EDITOR'S CORNER, continued

B-K2 8 N-Q2 P-B4 9 PxPep NxKBP 10 B-Q3 O-O 11 N-K2 B-KN5 12 Q-B2
N-KR4 (for all practical purposes, White is lost!) 13 P-KN3 NxR
14 PxN B-R5 15 N-KN3 Q-K2+ 16 K-B1 B-R6+ 17 K-N1 Q-Q3 18 P-B5 N-K2
19 Q-K3 NxP 20 BxN BxB 21 R-K1 B-R6 22 Q-K5 Q-KN3 23 QxQP+ K-R1
24 B-K3 Q-B7 25 N/3-B1 B-B7 mate!

NOTICE TO TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:

The Central California Chess Association is to publish a Tournament Director's Guide and Manual, which will be issued in installments. They are seeking subscribers; the initial subscription is only \$1.00, with subsequent material published at cost; this is a non-profit undertaking. The material to be covered will include official interpretations of chess laws as well as useful guides for tournament direction. Contributions are invited. Interested persons may subscribe by sending \$1.00 to the CCCA, P. O. Box 1622, Oakland, Cal. 94604.

Our friends in Atlanta are going great guns. In addition to the Atlanta Open, described elsewhere in this issue, they plan a multi-section Atlanta Summer Congress in late July, and events quarterly thereafter, providing that the series is well received. Richard Haas of the Atlanta Chess Assn. is the guiding light.

Active South Carolinians: Five players from the Palmetto State took part in the Continental Amateur tournament in Columbia: Charles Walter, Dr. J. S. Barr, Tom Davis, Clifton Brewster, and Glenn Joyner. There were twelve in the High School Championships: Ronnie Scott, Don Schermer, George Smith, Mike Smith, Clevey Ard, Roland Bart, Harvey Flannigan, and David Lowder of Lower Richland; Lee Smith and David Bailey of Pageland, Gary Phillips of Mill Springs, and Steve Mathis of Sumter Academy. Interestingly enough, not one of these high school players had ever participated in an organized chess event before, to our knowledge. Another South Carolinian whom we have not met, but who is doing well for himself, is Chris Fitzsimons IV of Columbia. Chris is a student at Georgia Tech, and he scored 3-2 in the 1970 Atlanta Metropolitan Championship to win the Junior title--in his first tournament!

A letter received from R. D. Pabst, of the Monroe Calculator Plant Box 787 Lexington, S. C.: "We have organized a group of chess players in our plant, and are interested in contacting a chess club in Columbia." We replied, but don't know whether they ever made contact.

Thanks to Steve Hunt, who wrote us concerning the plans for the Bulldog Open in Athens, Ga. I'm sorry I couldn't publicize it due to the publication date being after the tournament. In order to help in such cases, the nominal publication date is hereby announced as follows: June 1, September 1, December 1, March 1. Material submitted for publication should be to the editor a minimum of two weeks before these dates, and more if possible.

We in Aiken were happy to welcome the new club from Shelby, N. C. to our team tournament, and to learn that they plan an Open Swiss tournament for this fall. If their plans hold up we will publish details in the next issue.

Apparently there will be no Charleston Open this summer, or at least we had not received any announcement at our publication date.

Piedmont Chess Players will be looking ahead eagerly to the planned monthly one day events to be alternated between Greenville and Spartanburg this fall and winter. Paul Carlson of Greenville and J. M. Smith of Spartanburg are responsible. A schedule will be published in our next issue.

Our closed championships will be Oct. 30-Nov. 1, if present plans hold up. In Columbia, as always.

CORRESPONDENCE CHESS (Subtitle: Galloping Confusion)

Here are a number of items which have come to our attention; the reader can form his own conclusions and judgments.

Excerpt from "The International World of Correspondence Chess", by Walter Muir, THE CHESS CORRESPONDENT, February, 1970:

"The Federation Internationale des Echecs (FIDE) and the International Correspondence Chess Federation (ICCF) have concluded an agreement for the promotion of chess throughout the world. Each organization remains legally, economically, and technically independent. ICCF recognizes FIDE as the supreme organization of world chess, and FIDE recognizes ICCF as the only international federation which organizes correspondence chess tournaments and championships by mail, telegraph and radio. In effect then, FIDE is the sole authority in over-the-board chess and ICCF is the sole authority in correspondence chess. Both FIDE and ICCF have agreed to guide their activities and decisions so that the interests of neither partner are violated in the development of all forms of chess.

"The agreement between the two bodies was ratified by FIDE at their Lugano meeting in 1968 and by ICCF at their Brussels Congress last August.

"It should be pointed out that this new agreement confirms the right of the Correspondence Chess League of America to hold the official U. S. Correspondence Chess Championship Tournament through its affiliation with ICCF.

"Our readers should know that CCLA membership is now required for U. S. correspondence chess players who wish to enter ICCF tournaments. CCLA is the only official representative of the ICCF in the U. S. All entries must be made through the office of the ICCF-U. S. Secretary."

The ICCF-U. S. Secretary is Mr. Walter Muir, 1722 Orchard Dr., Salem, Virginia 24153. CCLA Secretary is Donald R. Taylor, 706 Mt. Hope Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45204. Entry in the 38th CCLA Grand National Tournament for the U. S. Correspondence Chess Championship is open to all residents of the U. S., Canada, or Mexico, through Mr. Taylor, for \$3.00 per section.

CHESS LIFE AND REVIEW now advertises the "Twelfth annual United States Open Postal Chess Championship and the Twenty-third Golden Knights Postal Chess Championship". This is sponsored by the USCF, the "official governing body and FIDE unit for chess in the USA"

Excerpt from NORTHWEST CHESS, February, 1970: "The Canadian Correspondence Chess Association announces the North American Correspondence Championship, open to residents of Canada, USA, and Mexico; the winner will play off with his counterpart from South America for the Championship of the Western Hemisphere. The eventual winner will participate in a world title event. Entry fee is only \$1.00 --- Register with John Cleeve, 4745 W. 6th Ave, Vancouver 8, British Columbia, Canada."

Correspondence chess is a lot of fun and a great teacher. We hope some South Carolinian wins a Championship; there seem to be enough to go around!

After the above was written came the March, 1970 CHESS CORRESPONDENT, with proposed changes in CCLA tournaments:

The "Grand National" will become the "U. S. Open Correspondence Championship";

The CCLA will hold a U. S. Correspondence Championship, with entry restricted to at most 225 players who establish a high rating in previous play; rules similar to those of the ICCF; play to start this fall. They also announce the opening of negotiations with the Canadian CCA regarding a North American Championship Tournament.

Entry in international (ICCF) tournaments is available to CCLA members through Walter Muir for \$1.50 per 7-man section.

The Spartanburg team left home at 7 a. m. to travel to Dreher High in Columbia for the annual tournament. On our arrival we were greeted by the Dreher team; their first board, Charles Walter told us he had been sick and might not be able to play; he also told us that his USCF rating had just reached the Expert level. Naturally, we all agreed that he must be too sick to play; but he decided to play anyway.

We found that seven schools had entered this year; and, to our horror we found that our top two players would have to play the top two dreher players, Walter and Ed Garvin, during the tournament. (Garvin's rating is "only" 1786.) True to form, Dreher won both these games, and they won all their others as well to sweep the tournament.

The battle for first that was anticipated between Spartanburg and Dreher didn't come up to expectations. Spartanburg had won five straight tournaments, beating Dreher in one of these; but Dreher now had two players on 3rd and 4th board who could pull their weight; and they demonstrated that they are the strongest team in the state. We would like to congratulate them on their fine victory and for being such good hosts for the tournament.

HARTSVILLE CHESS CLUB NEWS

The Hartsville Chess Club has elected officers: Virgil Smith, Pres.; Jim Inman, V. P.; Virgil Smith, Tournament Director; William Donaldson Secretary-Treasurer.

Jim Inman writes that he would like to establish chess by mail among the members of the SCCA. Those who are interested should write Jim at 1420 Barefoot St., Hartsville 29550. If several people show an interest we can organize a tournament for the South Carolina Correspondence Championship.

AIKEN CHESS CLUB

The Aiken Club continues to meet on Wednesday nights at the Pet Milk Building on Rt. #15 east of the city. The club now has eight active members who are also USCF and SCCA members, and is planning a number of rated events.

USC-F CHESS CLUB

The University of South Carolina at Florence has elected the following officers: Dick Kinney, President; Karen Ham, Secretary; Winfield Brown, Treasurer. They have two faculty advisors, Messrs. Pearson and Need. Twenty-one players are active in the club. They are affiliated with the Intercollegiate Chess League of America.

President Kinney notes his great appreciation to Mr. Paul Gladson for help and advice in establishing this new club.

SOME SHORT GAMES

Club game, Spartanburg, 1969: White McCurry; Black, Biggins.
1 P-Q4 P-Q4 2 P-QB4 N-KB3 3 B-N5 Q-QB3 4 BxN KPxB 5 Pxp Q-R4+ 6 Q-Q2 QxQP 7 N-QB3 Q-QR4 8 P-K4 B-QN5 9 P-QR3 O-O 10 R-B1 BxN 11 QxB QxQ+ 12 RxQ R-Q1 13 N-K2 R-K1 14 N-N3 P-KN3 15 B-K2 P-QN4 16 O-O B-R3 17 R-K1 P-KR4 18 P-KR4P-QN5 19 PxP BxB 20 RxR R-K3? (better N-R3) 21 P-Q5 PxP 22 PxP RxR 23 NxR N-R3 24 P-Q6 NxP?? 25 P-Q7 R-N1 26 R-B8+ and White won.

TWO BIG COMING EVENTS!!!!!!

THE CAROLINAS' OPEN

This will be a 5 round, Swiss system tournament, fully USCF rated, to be held the 18th and 19th of July at Beaufort. Registration will be 7:30-8:30 July 18. First round will be 9:00 a. m.; three rounds Saturday, two Sunday. Prizes: \$200 first, \$100 second, \$50 third, \$50 best unrated. Entry fee \$10.00, plus USCF membership. Prizes will be awarded at 6:00 p. m. on 7/19/70. M. L. Hyder will direct.

The night before, July 17, there will be a Grandmaster exhibition by Pal Benko, several times U. S. Open Champion and twice a qualifier for the World Championship Candidates' tournament. The exhibition, to be held in the National Guard Armory, will start at 8:00 p. m. There will be a charge of \$5 for playing against Mr. Benko. The Armory is at 1500 Rogers St. in Beaufort.

The site for the Open is somewhat uncertain at this time. Check at the Exhibition on the 17th or write Douglas Gail, 1002 Paul Dr. for further information when it is available, or for early entry. Gail can also be reached by phone: 524-4450 in the daytime, or 524-5180 evenings.

This big tournament is being held in conjunction with the 15th annual Beaufort Water Festival, and there will be a lot going on during the weekend. So bring the family and plan for a great weekend!

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THE SOUTHERN OPEN

Seven round Swiss system tournament in three sections to be held at the Marco Polo Hyatt House Hotel in Miami Beach July 2-5, 1970. Sponsored by the Southern Chess Association.

Open Section: Open to all. EF \$17 = SCA, USCF memberships. Prizes \$300, \$150, \$75 to top three, plus trophies; also Junior and USCF Region IV Championship trophies.
Amateur Section: For players rated 1900 or below. EF \$10 + SCA, USCF. Prizes \$125, \$70, \$35, plus trophies.
Reserve Section: For players rated 1600 or below. EF \$6 + SCA, USCF. Merchandise prizes to players with plus scores, top three prizes suitably inscribed.
Advance entries to Murray G. Cohen, 1900 S. W. 3rd Ave., Miami 33129. Advance hotel reservations directly to the Marco Polo Hyatt House, 192nd St. at Collins Ave., Miami Beach, Fla. 33160. Special convention rates: \$14 single occupancy, \$17 double.
Several masters including Kenneth Smith have indicated their intentions of entering.

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TOURNAMENTS ELSEWHERE

Atlanta, July 25-26. Atlanta Summer congress, 5rd SS, 3 sections, 45/2. Divided Expert-A (EF\$12); B-C (EF\$10); D-E (EF\$8). These are for advance entry; \$2 more after 7/21. Liberal cash prizes based on entry. Registration closes 9 a.m. July 25, at the playing site, Atlanta American Hotel, Spring St. at Carnegie Way. Entries or inquiries to R. S. Haas, address on P. 3.

U. S. Open: Parker House Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, August 9-22. In two sections, for the first time. We have an unconfirmed report that Larsen and perhaps Spassky may participate in this and the Canadian Open, also to be held this summer. Would-be-grandmasters, now is your chance!

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