

WALTER WINS SOUTH CAROLINA CHAMPIONSHIP; RAMSEY WINS THE RESERVE SECTION

Young Charles Walter of Columbia won out over ten players in the annual S. C. Championship at the Columbia YWCA over Halloween weekend. Walter's score of $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ put him a full point ahead of Joseph Dinan of Charleston Naval Base and Lee Hyder of Aiken.

In the Reserve section, which also included ten players, Roger Ramsey of West Columbia led all the way and also finished with $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, beating out Joseph Szepanski of Aiken AFB by $\frac{1}{2}$ point. Dr. J. S. Barr of Greenville was third at $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$.

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A STALEMATE AT CHARLOTTE

After three years in which the South Carolina team had carried off the honors in the annual N. C. - S. C. match, the North Carolina team this year stood firm on their own home ground in Charlotte and barely yielded a 6-6 tie. North Carolina took a quick early lead in the match, which was played Oct. 24 at the Charlotte central YMCA, and ran it out to $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ before the tide started to turn. With two games unfinished the score had been tied at 5-5; and it soon became apparent that a tie was the likely outcome. And so it happened.

Oddly enough, all the points for S. C. were scored by Columbia or Aiken players. Winners included Roger Ramsey, James Baker, Tom Davis, and Chuck Braun, while Lee Hyder and Charles Walter scored half points on Boards 1 and 2.

The comfortable arrangements in the Charlotte YMCA added greatly to the pleasure of the event. An unusual feature was filmed TV coverage by WBTB of Charlotte, which was shown at halftime of the Sunday football game.

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COMING EVENTS

Turn to page eleven and read about the winter chess schedule! In addition to the very successful series of Spartanburg and Greenville tournaments, there is the annual Aiken event in January, and a big new competition to be held in Beaufort over New Year's weekend. Make your plans now!

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UPSTATE TOURNAMENTS DRAW LARGE CROWDS

The monthly tournaments in Greenville and Spartanburg have started out with a bang: twenty-five players from four states took part in the Castle Chess Club Open October 24 in Spartanburg, and twenty-eight showed up for the Wade Hampton Open in Greenville November 14.

Four sections were played in Spartanburg. State Champion Spencer Mathews won the three-player top section with 2-0; the other sections were won by James Lutz of Gastonia, N. C., David Williams of Spartanburg, and R. O. Hawk of Lynchburg, Virginia, each with 3-0.

In the three sections at Greenville the winners were Jeff Brewton, Morganton, N. C.; David Stern, Greensboro, N. C. and George Miller of Greenwood (tie); and Roland Bart of Columbia. Brewton, Stern, and Miller had perfect scores, while Bart scored $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. The fourth section was cancelled when only two players entered. Additional results are on pages 3 and 5.

1970 SOUTH CAROLINA CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Complete Cross-Tables:

Open Section

Player, home town	Results by rounds:	1	2	3	4	5	Total Score
1 Charles Walter, Columbia	W8	W4	D3	W5	W2		4½
2 Joseph A. Dinan, Portland, Me.	D6	W9	W4	W3	L1		3½
3 Lee Hyder, Aiken	W9	W5	D1	L2	W6		3½
4 Virgil Smith, Hartsville	W7	L1	L2	W9	W8		3
5 Danny Purvis, Cayce	D10	L3	W6	L1	W7		2½
6 Donald Morse, Darlington	D2	W10	L5	W8	L3		2½
7 Harold Funderburk, Camden	L4	D8	D9	W10	L5		2
8 Douglas Cail, Beaufort	L1	D7	W10	L6	L4		1½
9 James Inman, Hartsville	L3	L2	D7	L4	W10		1½
10 William Pace, Hartsville	D5	L6	L8	L7	L9		½

Reserve Section

1 Roger Ramsey, W. Columbia	W6	W10	W2	D3	W5		4½
2 Joseph Szepanski, Aiken AFB	W8	W7	L1	W5	W3		4
3 Dr. J. S. Barr, Greenville	W7	W4	W10	D1	L2		3½
4 James Smith, Spartanburg	W9	L3	L5	W8	W6		3
5 David Lowder, Columbia	L10	W8	W4	L2	L1		2
6 Harold Kelley, Aiken	L1	W9	L8	W7	L4		2
7 Ronald Scott, Columbia	L3	L2	W9	L6	Bye		2
8 Fred Knetsche, Columbia	L2	L5	W6	L4	W9		2
9 Roland Bart, Columbia	L4	L6	L7	W10	L9		1
10 R. F. Strickland, Smoaks	W5	L1	L3	LF9	--		1

The top section saw some surprising turns. Lee Hyder and Charles Walter were the only undefeated players after two rounds; their third round game was drawn after mistakes on both sides. In round 4 Hyder was a piece up against Dinan, a member of the U. S. Navy who is stationed in Charleston. However time pressure told in this game, for Hyder left a rook en prise on the 40th move. This led to the notable 5½ hour struggle between Walter and Dinan which is reprinted elsewhere in this issue.

In the reserve section Roger Ramsey and Dr. Barr shared the lead until the last round, when Joe Szepanski knocked Barr into third place. As in past years, this was a hard fought section, with many tight games up and down the line.

The entry of 20 was a notable drop from the entry of the past few years, and compared poorly with other recent tournaments around the state. However, several players who missed last year were able to compete this year.

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ANNUAL SCCA BUSINESS MEETING

The annual SCCA business meeting was held during the state championship tournament on the afternoon of November 1, 1970. Business transacted included the following items:

- The SCCA members voted again to donate a trophy to the championship high school chess team, at a cost of about \$15. This will be a rated tournament this year; details are elsewhere in this issue.
- An advisory vote of the membership was overwhelmingly against combining our newsletter with that of an adjacent state, as had been suggested.
- The officers were given discretion to raise tournament entry fees as required to meet the expenses of the 1971 Closed Championships.
- The Secretary reported that the membership on October 1, 1970, included 77 regular members and 25 student affiliates, compared with 72 and 30, respectively, on the same date in 1969. Since the next high school tournament will be rated, there will be no new student affiliates this year. The newsletter published 46 pages this year compared with 44 for the preceding year. (48 pages are projected for this year; the membership as we go to press is 81 regular members and 25 student affiliates.)

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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, CONTINUED:

The summary of the Treasurer's report was presented, as given below.
The following slate of officers was elected for the coming year:

President: Douglas Cail, Beaufort.
Vice-President: J. M. Smith, Spartanburg.
Secretary: M. Lee Hyder, Aiken.
Treasurer: Harold Kelley, Aiken.

The members expressed their appreciation to the retiring President, Tom Davis, for his efforts during the last two years.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1969-1970:

Receipts:		Disbursements:	
Cash brought forward:	\$ 70.96	Newsletter	\$123.26
Dues	161.00	Trophies	79.31
Tournament fees	72.50	Rent (YWCA)	20.00
		Rating Fees	17.00
		Miscellaneous	14.93
	<u>\$304.46</u>		<u>\$254.50</u>
Less Expenses	254.50		
Cash on Hand	\$ 49.96		

Presented by Harold M. Kelley, Treasurer, October 25, 1970.

COMPLETE RESULTS FROM THE SPARTANBURG (CASTLE CLUB) OPEN, OCT. 24, 1970:

#	Rating	Name, hometown	Results by rd:	1	2	3	4	Total
1	1871	Spencer Mathews, Spartanburg	-	W3	W2			2-0
2	1772	Randy Dolinger, Greensboro, N. C.	W3	--	L1			1-1
3	1788	J. M. Yates, Atlanta	L2	L1	--			0-2
4	1529	James Lutz, Gastonia, N. C.	W10	W5	W6			3-0
5	1549	J. M. Collins, Shelby, N. C.	W11	L4	W9			2-1
6	1586	Robert Strickland, Smoaks, S. C.	W9	W7	L4			2-1
7	1503	Donald Hull, Gastonia, N. C.	D8	L6	W11			1½-1½
8	1571	Norman McCurry, Spartanburg	D7	L9	W10			1½-1½
9	1524	Dwayne Jollay, Talbott, Tenn.	L6	W8	L5			1-2
10	1490	Joseph Szepanski, Aiken AFB	L4	W11	L8			1-2
11	1518	J. M. Smith, Spartanburg	L5	L10	L7			0-3
12	1366	David Williams, Spartanburg	W18	W15	W16			3-0
13	1492	David Stern, Greensboro, N. C.	W22	D16	W18			2½-1½
14	1378	James Creal, Spartanburg	L17	W19	W16			2-1
15	1342	Jeff Hoffman, Spartanburg	W19	W17	L12			2-1
16	1366	Harold Bush, Spartanburg	W20	D13	L14	L12		1½-2½
17	---	Chauncey Harmon, Shelby, N. C.	W14	L15	D19			1½-1½
18	1459	William Biggins, Spartanburg	L12	W20	L13			1-2
19	---	Rick Bailey, Greensboro, N. C.	L15	L14	D17			½-2½
20	---	Henry Horres, Charleston	L16	L18	L21	W23		1-3
21	1234	R. O. Hawk, Lynchburg, Va.	W24	W23	W20			3-0
22	---	Cam Harr, Spartanburg	L13	W23	D24	W25		2½-1½
23	---	Thomas Forster, Spartanburg	L22	L21	W24	L20		1-3
24	1278	Donald McCarter, Spartanburg	L21	D22	L23			½-2½
25	---	Bennie Black, Spartanburg				L22		0-1

CLUB NOTES:

From the Aiken Standard, Oct. 13, 1970:

CHESS CLUB HOLDS TOURNEY, by William Dugas.

There is an organization at Aiken High School whose members are devoted to the art of mating. This organization is officially known as the Chess Club.

Meeting weekly at a member's house, the Chess Club participants spend two hours huddled over a board concentrating on one objective--to checkmate their opponent. (Continued, p. 4; bottom)

OFFICIAL USCF RATINGS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA CHESSPLAYERS

These ratings were compiled for us by Mr. Harold Bush of the Castle Chess Club in Spartanburg.

1	L. Hyder	2010	49	H. Funderburk	1456
2	J. Smeltzer	1951	50	R. Mueller	1455
3	C. Walter	1934	51	K. Yost	1449
4	S. Mathews	1871	52	R. Wood	1431
5	H. Studstill	1812	53	R. Rollings	1429
6	A. Edelsburg	1806	54	H. Edwards	1427
7	C. Braun	1795	55	C. Ard	1421
8	J. Yates	1773	56	C. Shoemaker	1415
9	M. Schenkel	1773	57	G. Greiner	1405
10	E. Garvin	1764	58	A. Venable	1394
11	D. Hawthorne	1760	59	R. Behling	1385
12	H. Lofton	1750	60	J. Creal	1378
13	J. Thompson	1705	61	H. Bush	1366
14	V. Smith	1699	62	D. Williams	1366
15	D. Purvis	1688	63	D. Lowder	1364
16	R. Painter	1678	64	R. Scott	1354
17	C. Brewster	1640	65	W. Donaldson	1352
18	J. Inman	1631	66	I. Tolins	1343
19	D. Cail	1628	67	J. Hoffman	1342
20	G. Townes	1614	68	M. Donnan	1340
21	P. Clements	1612	69	B. O'Neill	1336
22	V. Steadman	1603	70	B. Pace	1334
23	F. Schiffer	1603	71	L. Spencer	1333
24	J. Nuzum	1601	72	D. Bailey	1324
25	G. Smith	1593	73	R. Rickard	1323
26	R. Ramsey	1592	74	M. Smith	1320
27	R. Strickland	1586	75	D. Holzworth	1319
28	J. Barr	1583	76	M. Crenshaw	1285
29	N. McCurry	1571	77	D. Morse	1284
30	W. Shoemaker	1556	78	B. Dixon	1284
31	M. Brodie	1535	79	D. McCarter	1274
32	T. Davis	1530	80	G. Douglas	1274
33	G. Prazak	1523	81	T. Adams	1271
34	B. Taylor	1520	82	H. Flanagan	1261
35	J. M. Smith	1518	83	R. Bart	1259
36	G. Joyner	1505	84	P. Carlson	1258
37	O. Duckett	1502	85	J. Boan	1248
38	M. Arnold	1501	86	M. Mercurio	1248
39	J. Bailey	1494	87	J. Purvis	1243
40	J. Szepanski	1490	88	S. Cabaniss	1219
41	F. Cole	1489	89	E. Brown	1203
42	L. Milligan	1476	90	H. Turner	1190
43	H. Kelley	1470	91	C. Thomas	1144
44	F. Baker	1467	92	G. Phillips	1108
45	F. Nieberding	1463	93	L. Smith	1071
46	W. Biggins	1459	94	J. Andrews	1001
47	V. Sardone	1458	95	C. Kirkland	767
48	J. Bell	1457	96	W. Glen	751

These ratings do not include several members of the military stationed in S. C., most notably R. Bliss (2067), runner-up in Beaufort this summer, and J. Dinan (1652), runner-up in the S. C. Championship.

CLUB NEWS (Continued)

The Chess Club is presently conducting a tournament to determine position on the chess team. The team, consisting of the four top players at Aiken High, will participate in invitational tournaments against other high schools as well as in the state championship tourney held yearly.

Donald Jennings, club president, when interviewed by Hornet Highlights, said, "Aiken has a strong chess team and it should have a good chance for the state championship this year."

COMPLETE RESULTS OF THE WADE HAMPTON OPEN, GREENVILLE, NOV. 14, 1970:

#	Player, hometown (rating)	Results by rounds:	1	2	3	4	Total
1	1520 Jeff A. Brewton, Morganton, N. C.	W7	W8	W4			3-0
2	James Baker, Columbia	D5	W6	W3			2½-1½
3	1549 J. M. Collins, Shelby, N. C.	W8	W7	L2			2-1
4	1583 James Barr, Greenville	W6	D5	L1			1½-1½
5	1571 Norman McCurry, Spartanburg	D2	D4	D7			1½-1½
6	Mike Farmer, Taylors, S. C.	L4	L2	W8			1-2
7	1490 Joe Szepanski, Aiken	L1	L3	D5			½-2½
8	Dennis Herald, Gaffney	L3	L1	L6	L23		0-4
9	1492 David Stern, Greensboro, N. C.	W11	W17	W16			3-0
10	1484 George Miller, Greenwood	W20	W18	W12	W26		4-0
11	1489 Frank Cole, Greenville	L9	W13	W17			2-1
12	1366 Harold Bush, Spartanburg	W19	W15	L10			2-1
13	1342 Jeff Hoffman, Spartanburg	D15	L11	W19	W24		2½-1½
14	Fred Knetsche, Columbia	L17	D19	W20			1½-1½
15	1364 David Lowder, Columbia	D13	L12	W18			1½-1½
16	1459 William Biggins, Spartanburg	L18	W20	L9			1-2
17	1366 David Williams, Spartanburg	W14	L9	L11			1-2
18	Robert Wood, Greenville	W16	L10	L15			1-2
19	1405 Greg Greiner, Greenville	L12	D14	L13			½-2½
20	1333 Lynwood Spencer, Gaffney	L10	L16	L14	L22		0-4
21	1284 Roland Bart, Columbia	D24	W23	W26			2½-1½
22	1260 Thomas Forster, Spartanburg	W26	L24	W25	W20		3-1
23	Andy Gunn, Gaffney	W25	L21	W24	W8		3-1
24	Eura Jenkins, Shelby, N. C.	D21	W22	L23	L13		1½-2½
25	C. N. Allen, Greenville	L23	W26	L22			1-2
26	Bruce Blanton, Gaffney	L22	L25	L21	L10		0-4

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CHARLESTON NAVAL SHIPYARD CLUB HOLDS TOURNAMENT

A club is now active at the Charleston Naval Shipyard, thanks to the efforts of Robert Strickland. The following details on the CNSYD Fall Tournament are reprinted from the Charleston Naval Shipyard News:

"The following eight top ratings were decided by the club's Fall Tournament:

1. 1st Lt. Robert Bliss	3-0	5. A. Veronee	1-2
2. E. E. Hoenck	2-1	6. E. Carter	1-2
3. Robert Strickland	2-1	7. J. Lawrence	1-2
4. H. Horres, Jr.	2-1	8. J. Markham	0-3

"The feature game pitted former state champion E. E. Hoenck against Charleston Air Force Base's Bob Bliss. Hoenck played a spirited Ruy Lopez with White, but lost the center to Bliss on a weak positioning of his King's Knight. Bliss used this avenue to apply constant pressure and wear down Hoenck's tenacious defense. Down by two pawns, White resigned at the 48th move.

"Ratings established by this tournament may be challenged at anytime, with a three game match deciding the position."

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HUDAK WINS AIKEN HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

Henry Hudak, playing in his second rated tournament, won the Aiken Handicap tournament with a 3-2 game score and 39 handicap points. C. E. Braun's score of 5-0 was good only for 29 handicap points and second place, but he also won the upset prize by defeating Lee Hyder. Other placings in the six-man round robin tournament await the completion of two final games.

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BLISS SCORES WELL IN U. S. OPEN

1st Lt. Robert D. Bliss of Charleston AFB was one of 20 players with a score of 8-4 who tied for 19th place in the U. S. Open in Boston this past August. Bliss, a native of California, is the Air Force Champion. A total of 307 players, an all-time record, took part in the annual event, which was won by Bent Larsen of Copenhagen, Denmark.

The crucial last round game from the 1970 South Carolina Championships:

White: Joseph Dinan; Black: Charles Walter. Sicilian Defense.
 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-Q3 3 P-Q4 PXP 4 NXP N-KB3 5 N-QB3 P-QR3 6 B-KN5 P-K3
 7 P-B4 P-KR3 8 B-R4 Q-N3 9 Q-Q2 QXP (a) 10 R-N1 Q-R6 11 P-B5 (b) Q-B4 (c)
 12 PXP? (d) PXP 13 B-K2 (e) N-B3 14 NXP QxN 15 BxN PxB 16 B-R5+ K-K2 17
 B-B3 (f) B-N2 18 P-K5 P-Q4 19 PXP+ BXP 20 N-K2 Q-B4 21 R-N3 P-QN4 22 R-K3?
 B-N4 23 N-Q4 BxR 24 QxB Q-B5 25 B-K2 Q-N5+ 26 K-B2 R-B1+ 27 B-B3 B-Q2 28
 R-K1 R-B3 29 K-N1 Q-Q3 30 Q-Q3 QR-KB1 31 B-R5 Q-N5 (g) 32 Q-K3 Q-B5 33 B-K2
 QXP 34 Q-K5 Q-R4 35 R-Q1 Q-N3 36 Q-K3 Q-Q3 37 B-B3 Q-B5 (h) 38 Q-R3+ Q-Q3
 39 Q-K3 P-QR4 40 P-B3 P-N5 41 PXP PXP 42 N-N3 Q-B3 43 P-KR3 Q-B6 44 R-Q3
 Q-N7? (i) 45 R-Q2? (j) Q-N8+ 46 K-R2 R-B1 47 N-B5 (k) Q-B8 48 NxB KxN 49
 B-K2 Q-B2+ 50 K-R1 Q-B4 51 Q-Q3 R-QR1 52 Q-R7+ K-Q3 53 R-B2 R-R8+ 54 K-R2
 Q-N8+ 55 K-N3 R-R6+ (l) White resigns.

Notes: by Walter (W) or Braun (B).

- Black partakes of the "poisoned pawn".
- Or 11 P-K5 with an equally complex game. B.
- Correct is 11--N-B3 12 PXP PXP 13 NXP PXP 14 P-K5 PXP 15 BxN PxB 16 B-K2
P-KR4 17 N-K4 B-K2=. E.
- 12 N-R4 Q-K4 13 BxN QXP+ 14 Q-K2 QxQ+ 15 BxQ PxB 16 N-N6 wins. W.
- Again 13 N-R4. W.
- Tempting, but 17 O-O or R-N3 were better. B.
- Q-R7+ was worth a try for White on his 31st move. B.
- Gaining time on the clock. W.
44. --Q-B7 is correct, for,
- 45 Q-B5+ now draws. W.
- If 47 RXP R-B6! or if 47 BXP Q-B4. W.
- 55--Q-B7+ would have mated in 3; but Black resigns anyway because of
56 B-Q3 Q-K6+ 57 K-R2 Q-K4+ 58 P-N3 R-QB6 with R-KB6 to follow. W.

In another game from the same event Virgil Smith surprises Doug Gail with sudden mate. Smith is White in an Alekhin's Defense.

1 P-K4 N-KB3 2 P-K5 N-Q4 3 P-QB4 (a) N-N3 4 P-Q4 P-Q3 5 PXP (b) BXP (c)
 6 N-KB3 (d) B-N5 7 B-K3 N-B3 8 P-QN3 P-KN3 9 B-K2 B-N2 10 N-B3 O-O 11 Q-Q2
 Q-B2 12 O-O P-QR4 13 N-N5 Q-Q2 14 QR-B1 (e) N-B1 15 KR-Q1 N/3-R2 16 N-B3
 N-B3 17 B-R6 BxN 18 BxB/7 BxB? 19 BxR RxR 20 Q-R6 Resigns.

- More fashionable these days is 3 P-Q4 P-Q3 4 N-KB3.
- White shies away from the four pawn attack (5 P-B4) which is very strong but must be handled with care.
- Better is 5--KXP to maintain pawn symmetry.
- Not bad, but 6. B-K3 or 6 N-QB3 are better. Fischer-Berliner continued
6 N-QB3 P-KN3 7 B-Q3 B-N2 8 KN-K2 N-B3 9 B-K3 O-O 10 O-O P-K4 11 P-Q5!
N-N5 12 P-QN3 NxB 13 QxN N-Q2 14 Q-Q2 P-B4; now MCO says =, but Bubry came up
with 15 P-B4! P-N3 16 Q-R1 with advantage.
- Threatens P-Q5.

Here is the biggest upset from the Aiken Handicap Tournament. White: C. E. Braun; Black: Lee Hyder. Vienna Game.

1 P-K4 P-K4 (a) 2 N-QB3 N-KB3 3 B-B4 B-B4 4 P-B4 BxN (b) 5 BxB NXP (c)
 6 Q-R5 N-Q3 (d) 7 QXP+ Q-K2 8 B-K2 QxQ 9 PXP N-B4 10 N-Q5 N-Q5? (e) 11 NXP+
 K-Q1 12 NXR NXP+ 13 K-Q1 NXR 14 P-QN3 N-B3 15 B-N2 NXP 16 PXP P-N3 17 R-
 KB1 R-B1? 18 B-R3 R-K1 19 B-Q6 RXP 20 RXP R-K3 21 R-B8+ R-K1 22 RXP+ KxR
 23 N-B7+ K-B2 24 B-R6 BxB 25 NxB and White won.

- In the style of the Green Bay Packers, Hyder runs right at the strength of his opponent. Braun is well versed in the Vienna. (The Pack isn't doing so well these days, either!--Ed.)
- The alternative is to transpose to a King's Gambit Declined with 4--P-Q3 5 N-B3 N-B3 6 P-Q3.
- Alternatives are 5--P-Q3 6 P-B5 N-B3 7 P-Q3 P-KR3 8 P-KN4!+, and 5--P-Q4 6 PXP O-O 7 PXP N-N5 8 P-KN3 NXP 9 B-K2+.
- 6--O-O 7 NXP P-Q4 8 BXP QxB 9 P-Q3 gives White a minimal edge.
- Black has to play 10--K-Q1, when White retains the edge with 11 P-Q4!

Now, here's a quickie between two Spartanburg players, demonstrating a common sacrificial attack. White: Mickey Bush; Black: Paul Clements. Q Gambit.
 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-Q4 3 N-QB3 P-QN3 4 Q-B2 P-K3 5 B-N5 QN-Q2 (b) 6 P-K3
 B-K2 7 N-KB3 O-O (c) 8 B-Q3 P-KR3 9 P-KR4! PxB? (d) (Continued next page)

GAMES: BUSH VS CLEMENTS, CONT.

- 10 PxP N-K5 11 NxN PxN 12 BxP P-KN3 (e) 13 BxP B-QN2 14 B-K4 (f) BxB
 15 QxB P-KB4 16 PxP ep NxP 17 Q-N6++
 a. Too soon. Better P-KN3 or P-K3.
 b. Better 5--B-K2 or --B-N2, as White could now play 6 P-K4.
 c. Now Black could consolidate with 7--B-N2.
 d. 9--PxP was best. Now Black is lost.
 e. On 12--R-N1 13 B-R7+ K-R1 14 R-R8+ KxB 15 Q-R7++.
 f. Or 14 BxP+.

This game comes from the Carolinas Open in Beaufort last summer, and features two of the leaders: B. Thombs of Pearson, Ga., as White, and Chris FitzSimons of Columbia with Black. It is a Petroff Defense.

- 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-KB3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 P-K5 N-K5 5 QxP P-Q4 6 PxPep NxP
 7 B-Q3 N-B3 8 Q-KB4 Q-K2+ (a) 9 B-K3 B-Q2 10 O-O O-O 11 N-B3 P-KR3 12 KR-K1
 B-K3 13 N-Q4 P-KN4 14 NxN PxQ 15 NxQ+ BxN 16 BxBP B-N4 17 B-K5 P-KB3? (b)
 18 BxP BxB 19 RxB QR-B1 20 R/1-K1 B-Q5 21 R-KB1 N-B2 22 B-B4 K-N1 23 R-K2
 N-N4 24 B-Q3 KR-N1 25 K-R1 P-KR4 26 P-B4 P-R5 27 R-K7 (c) N-B2 28 B-B4 R-N2
 29 R-Q1 B-B4 and Black resigned. (d)
 a. Black should now develop his KB with either 8--B-K2 or --P-KN3.
 b. 17--KR-K1 is the move.
 c. The game is all Thombs.
 d. 30 RxN wins a piece.

Another Petroff, from the Aiken Handicap Tournament, makes an interesting comparison with the above. It is full of things that might have been.

White: Lee Hyder; Black: Harold Kelley. Notes by Hyder.

- 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-KB3 3 P-Q4 NxP 4 PxP P-Q4 5 B-Q3 (a) N-QB3 6 O-O B-KN5
 7 B-KB4 Q-K2 (b) 8 P-B4 O-O-O 9 Q-K2 N-B4! 10 PxP(c) RxP 11 B-B4 R-Q2 (d)
 12 QN-Q2 (e) P-KN3 (f) 13 QR-B1 P-QR3 (g) 14 Q-K3 N-K3 15 BxRP NxR 16 QxN
 BxN 17 NxR N-Q1 18 B-N5 R-Q4 19 Q-QR4 P-QB3 20 B-B4 R-B4 21 P-QN4 RxR 22 RxR
 N-K3 23 P-N5 P-QB4 24 P-N6 B-N2 25 R-Q1 R-Q1 26 R-R8++
 a. This is played to avoid the usual drawish positions after the normal
 5 PxPep, but that is certainly better. Black now gets an excellent game.
 b. This move is not very good, but it tempts White into risky complications.
 White should now play 8 R-K1, for after --N-B4 9 QN-Q2 the Black Q is an
 embarrassment to its owner.
 c. Black is threatening the embarrassing move N-QN5, even after 10 Q-K3.
 PxP, as played, makes a place for the B but gets a bad game. 10 QN-Q2 seems
 best, with complex play.
 d. Now 11--R-Q5! gets Black the advantage. One 12 B-K3, R-K5 wins the KP.
 White realized this and had planned 12 NxR BxQ 13 NxN PxB 14 BxB, for now
 White's material disadvantage is compensated somewhat by Black's pawns and
 king position.
 e. Better here would have been 12 Q-K3.
 f. For now Black has one last chance with 12--P-KN4! 13 B-N3 P-KR4 14 P-R3
 P-R5 15 B-R2 B retreats with good attacking chances.
 g. White is developed and it is impossible to find a good move for Black--
 the position of the Q at K2 has come back to haunt him. This move prevents
 White from playing B-QN5, but there is lots more White can do.

From our neighbor publication, Tennessee Chess News, comes this interesting game that illustrates two things: a powerful Black counterattack in the Sicilian, and an interesting point of chess law. White: Marty Appleberry (Huntsville, Ala.); Black: Brian Worley, Knoxville. Notes by Worley.

- 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-Q3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NxP N-KB3 5 N-QB3 P-QR3 6 P-KR3 (a)
 P-K3 7 B-K3 Q-B2 8 P-KN4 P-KR3 9 Q-Q2 P-Q4 10 P-QR3 B-QN2 11 B-N2 QN-Q2
 (b) 12 O-O-O N-K4 13 P-KB4 N-B5 14 Q-Q3 R-QB1 15 N/4-K2 (c) 16 P-Q4! (d)
 16 PxP Q-B4! 17 P-Q6! (e) BxP 18 BxB BxRP 19 K-N1 NxQNP (f) 20 QOQ4 NxR
 21 BxR NxR 22 N-R2 (h) O-O (i) 23 BxKP NxEP 24 BxP+ RxB 25 KxN R-Q2 26 Q-K3
 Q-R5+ 27 Q-N3+ R-Q7+ (j) 28 K-B3 (k) R-Q6+ White resigns.
 a. One of Fischer's favorite systems. (In the game 7 P-KN4 P-KR3 8 B-N2
 is more in the spirit of the line that Appleberry's continuation. CEB)
 b. The N will go to K4. After 12 P-B4, N-B4 wins a P.
 c. 15--NxRP was threatened.
 d. The beginning of a long combination.
 e. Best by far. (Continued, top of next page.)

GAMES, CONTINUED: APPLEBERRY VS. WORLEY.

- f. This is the position Black aimed for after he played 15--P-Q4. He will be two pawns ahead.
- g. If 20--N-B5 21 N-R2! holds and wins.
- h. Not 22 QxN? for Q-N5+ mates.
- i. Black rightly sacrifices a P to bring the K to safety and to obtain two connected passed pawns.
- j. An illegal move. However 27--QxQ+ 28 KxQ B-E4 and the Black passed pawns win. (But Black should never be permitted to play that, for he touched the R and it has a legal move. After 27--R-B2 28 QxQ PxQ 29 N/R-B3 White wins back a P, with much play in store. GEB)
- k. He missed the check! Both players are nearing the time limit and the moves are being made very rapidly. Neither player saw the illegal move until after the game.

We close with some Russian games from Shakmatny Bulletin, both being examples of the Ufimtsev (Pirc) Defense, played in the European Team Championships. The notation is, of course, algebraic.

#1: Geller-Liberg. 1 P-K4 is written e4 in algebraic--that's the only hint we'll give--d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 f3 c6 5 Be3 Nbd7 6 Qd2 b5 7 Nh3 Qa5 8 Nf2 Bb7 9 Be2 a6 10 O-O B-g7 11 Bh6 O-O 12 B:g7 K:g7 13 f4 Rad8 14 Kh1 e5 15 fe de 16 de N:e5 17 Qf4 b4 18 Nd1 Rde8 19 a3 c5 20 Ne3 Qb6 21 h3 a5 22 b3 h6 23 ab ab 24 Kg1 Re7 25 Bc4 Rfe8 26 Nd3 Nfd7 27 Rf2 N:d3 28 cd Ne5 29 Raf1 Rd7 30 Ng4 N:g4 31 Q:g4 Ree7 32 Qh4 Qd6 33 Rf6 Qd4 34 Kh1 Qe3 35 R1f3 Qc1 36 Kh2 Qe5 37 Qf2 Qe5 38 g3 Qc7 39 h4 h5 40 R3f4 Bc8 41 Qb2 Kh7 42 Qf2 Kg7 43 Qb2 Kh7 44 R4f5! gf 45 Rh6 K:h6 46 Qh8 Kg6 47 ef. Black resigns.

#2: Zinn-Smyslov. 1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Kc3 g6 4 f3 Nbd7 5 Be3 c6 6 Qd2 b5 7 Nh3 Nb6 8 g4 h5 9 g5 B:h3 10 B:h3 Nc4 11 Qf2 Nh7 12 f4 e6 13 d5 cd 14 ed e5 15 fe N:e5 16 Ne4 Be7 17 Rg1 Qa5 18 Bd2 Qa4 19 Qe3 Q:c2 20 Rc1 Q:b2 21 Bc3 Qa3 22 Kf2 Qa2: 23 Kg3 h4. White resigns.

PUZZLERS

Solutions from the Fall issue:

#1: 1 R-KR4 Rxr 2 R-R3+ K moves 3 R-R4+ and wins.

#2: 1 R-Q8+ K-N2 2 R-Q3 B-B3+ 3 K-N4 P-N7 4 R-N3+ K-B3 5 K-B5 B-N2 6 K-Q4 P-R4 7 K-K3 P-R5 8 K-B2! Pxr+ 9 K-N1 with stalemate to follow. 1 R-N4 does not work, the difference being that Black's P-R4 attacks the R on the wrong square.

#3: 1 B-N2! K-K6 2 P-R4 KxP 3 B-B3! K-K4 4 P-R5 K-K3 5 B-Q5+ K-K2 6 P-R6 K-B1 7 K-Q2 and wins by taking all the Black pawns.

Answers to the matching quiz from the Fall issue:

1-e; 2-a; 3-b; 4-d; 5-g; 6-f; 7-c. Thanks to Jim Inman.
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CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMENT

As anticipated, last issue provoked some comments. Some were simply favorable, and are much appreciated. Equally appreciated are those who took the time to express their own criticisms or ideas in detail. Some of those are printed here, along with correspondence we have received on other subjects.

Jim Inman wrote from Hartsville:

"I agree with the entry fee being greater than \$5-10. I feel that \$15.00 would be OK for once in S. C. I also feel that, as I stated before, we should raise the dues for SCCA members to \$5.00 for all, and save the surplus for a tourney each year (besides the S. C. Closed in Columbia). All from Hartsville agree that the money at Beaufort made it a great tourney. It seems as if you now agree with what I said earlier in the summer--about what Harkness wrote, for example. The local level and state level should offer benefits to members."

Jim expressed his ideas further at the annual business meeting, which decided to raise entry fees but not dues at this time.

A long, carefully reasoned, and clearly expressed criticism of some of the points expressed was sent us by Allan Burkett, editor of the Carolina Gambit. Parts are printed at the top of the next page.

CORRESPONDENCE (CONTINUED)

Comments by Allan Burkett:

There are two points involved (in the article "Chess and Money") that I would like to comment on:

The first is that in addition to the cost of traveling, etc., the entry fee to the tournament has been doubled--\$20 to play in a five-round weekend event. I know for a fact that in North Carolina 1/3 to 2/3 of the participants in a tournament are high school and college students, where financing a trip can be a problem. They travel together to defray that cost, and often sleep in the local YMCA, or three or four in a motel room, or on the floor of a friend's house in order to be able to play. (For every tournament in the last year in Raleigh, I have had three or more people staying at my house in Chapel Hill--sleeping on the floor in sleeping bags--so that they could afford to play.) The addition of ten extra dollars in increased entry fees would deter at least some of these people from playing.

The second point is that a large prize fund does not make a tournament--neither does it draw people to play in it. (There are a few exceptions to this, of course. Some of the stronger players will go to a tournament if first prize is large enough, in order to get a chance at the big money.) Strangely enough, most people go to a tournament to play chess(!) They want an opportunity to beat or draw that expert or Class A player. They go just for the chance to play stronger opponents. Of the thirty-nine participants at the Carolinas Open, how many expected that they would win or even finish in the top money? Five or six at most? In my opinion what really interests people is a copious number of smaller prizes, to wit: class prizes, upset prizes, women's prizes, and so forth.--

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Well said. Is it right? The Spartanburg tournaments suggest that it is. The Continental Open strongly suggests that it isn't. What makes a tournament worth playing in to you? I'm with Burkett: I want to play against strong opposition; is that a general feeling? And is a big prize the best assurance that it will show up? I think I'd be willing to bet my own money on it, but I'd like to hear some other ideas expressed.

Richard Haas writes from Atlanta about the Atlanta Winter Congress, which conflicts with the Sea Island Open. It's a shame, but it is very difficult to anticipate such conflicts. Thank goodness we have progressed from the situation of some years ago when two tournaments conflicted, and they were the only two tournaments anywhere in the area for some months before or after.

J. M. Smith writes from Spartanburg concerning high school competition and the tournaments at Spartanburg:

We no longer play the old type of high school tournament up here because of poor attendance: eight to twelve players from two or three schools. Since several of these already had USCF cards we organized the present "Open" tournaments inviting adults to join us, and now we have 25-26 players. In the Spartanburg tourney (October) there were 17 high school and 14 adult players. In the Wade Hampton we had 15 high school and 17 adults, and two more who came didn't play.

In our state High School tournament which will be played here April 17 (See p. 11--Ed.) Gastonia and Greensboro would like to play as a team. We could change the name of the tournament to "Carolinas H. S. Championship".

Would anyone like to comment on that? Mr. Smith also wrote at length concerning the reasons for the several changes in arrangements for the state high school tournament. One of these, the opening of the tournament to teams larger than four players, has provoked some controversy. Perhaps a consensus can be reached after further discussion. We are thoroughly committed to having the tournament rated this year; it is frankly an experiment, and the results will be observed with great interest.

There was a problem at Greenville because the Class A section didn't get filled. Come on out, all you A, B, and strong unrated players: It's a great opportunity to compete.

POTPOURRI

This is the last page to be typed, and so we add some miscellaneous items, just arrived.

From Europe come early results from the Interzonal. Yes, Fischer got in. It took elaborate negotiation, some pretty drastic evasion of the usual rules, and cash payoffs to compensate others who gave up their right to play. Is it good that the tournament is now a representative one, or is it bad because of the flagrant favoritism? Obviously Fischer needs to play well, with all the controversy. So far he is doing it:

Fischer 4½-2

Geller, Gligoric, Panno, Uitumen 4-2

Uhlmann, Huebner, Polugayevsky, Portisch, Taimanov 3½-2½

Larsen 3-2

Other Americans include Reshevsky 2-3, Addison 1½-4½. Those points of Fischer's are not easy ones: Filip, Smyslov, Reshevsky, Addison!

Chuck Braun has added to this issue's games:

Ernest Hoencck vs. Robert Bliss, Charleston Naval Shipyard Tournament (P.5):
Ruy Lopez. 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 P-QR3 4 B-R4 N-KB3 5 O-O B-K2
6 P-B3 (a) NXP! 7 BxN (b) QPxB 8 NXP O-O 9 R-K1 N-Q3 10 P-KR3 P-QB4 11 P-Q4
PxP 12 PxP B-B3! (c) 13 N-N4? BxN 14 QxB N-N4 15 B-K3 P-B4! 16 P-QR4 NXP
17 N-R3 Q-B1 18 QR-B1 QxQ! 19 PxQ N-K3 20 R-B2 B-Q5 21 N-B4 P-QN4 22 PxP
PxP 23 N-N6? QR-Q1! 24 BxB RxB 25 R-K5! (d) R/1-Q1 26 R/5xP NXR 27 RxN R/5-Q3
28 N-B6! R-Q8+ 29 K-R2 R-Q7 30 N-R7 RxNP 30 N-R7 RxNP31 NXP P-N3 32 K-N3 R/1-
Q7 33 P-B3 RxP+ 34 K-B4 R-N5+ 35 K-K3 R-N6+ 36 N-B3 K-N2 37 K-K4 B-QB7 38 K-Q3
R-B6 39 K-Q2 R-KR8 40 K-K3 P-R3 41 K-Q4 R-K8 42 K-Q3 R-N1 43 K-Q2 R/1-K1
44 N-K4 R/8xN! 45 PxR RxP 46 P-N5 PxP 47 RXP K-R3 48 Resigns.

a. Usual is 6 R-K1. The idea of P-B3 is to answer P-QN4 with B-B2 and save a move.

b. Or 7 R-K1 N-B4 8 NXP NxB 9 RxN NxB 10 QxN O-O?, or 7 Q-K2 N-B3 8 BxN QPxB 9 NXP O-O 10 P-Q4 P-QB4.

c. Puts the heat on the isolated pawn.

d. This permits an almost even trade and clears the queen side. Black has enough left, however.

From the S. C. Reserve Championship comes this interesting game: J. M. Smith vs. Harold Kelley. Petroff's Defense, transposing to a four N game.

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-KB3 3 N-B3 N-B3 (a) 4 B-N5 B-N5 (b) 5 O-O P-Q3 6 R-K1
O-O 7 P-KR3 (c) BxN 8 NPxB B-Q2 (d) 9 B-B4 R-K1 10 B-N3 B-K3 11 P-B4 (e)
P-QN3 (f) 12 P-B3 R-K2 13 P-Q3 P-KR3 14 B-R4 N-QR3 15 B-R3 B-Q2 16 B-N4 BxB
17 QxB N-N2 18 Q-B2 R-Q2 19 B-R3 P-B4 20 QR-Q1 Q-K1 21 B-B1 N-Q1 22 Q-K2
N-B3 (g) 23 N-R4 K-R2 24 Q-B3 (h) Q-K3 25 N-B5 R-KN1 26 Q-N3 N-K1 (i)
27 Q-R4 N-K2 28 P-N4 NxB 29 NPxN Q-B3 30 Q-R5 P-N4 31 Q-N4 Q-N2 32 K-R2 N-B3
33 Q-N3 N-R4 (j) 34 Q-N4 N-B5? 35 P-Q6! QxP 36 QxR R-N2 37 Q-B5+ R-N3 38 QxQ
RxQ 39 BxN RxB 40 R-Q2 K-N3 41 R-KN1 P-KB4 42 R-N3 P-N5 43 PxP PxP 44 K-N2
K-N4 45 P-B3 K-R5 46 PxP RxP 47 RxR PxR 48 R-B2 Resigns.

a. 3--B-N5 is effective in this "Vienna three knights".

b. Black chooses the drawing line. He gets more winning chances with 4--N-Q5.

c. Neither side plays for the "break" that is so important in KP openings.

Both should strive to play P-Q4 or P-KB4.

d. Better B-K3 and P-Q4.

e. White should play B-N5 and P-Q4.

f. Black fears P-B5 but could reply with P-Q4.

g. There's more future in N-K3

h. The "break" with 24 P-B4 is recommended here.

i. N-K2 would relieve some pressure.

j. Black has eyes on B5. White sets a trap, and Black obliges.

SOME PUZZLERS**FROM THE OPENINGS THIS TIME:

Your opponent plays an Albin Counter Gambit: 1 P-Q4 P-Q4 2 P-QB4 P-K4. After 3 PxKP P-Q5 why not play 4 P-K3?

In the Ruy Lopez 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 P-QR3 4 BxN QPxB: What is the matter with 5 NXP?

Also in the Ruy after 3 B-N5 P-Q3 4 P-Q4 B-Q2 5 N-B3 N-B3 6 O-O B-K2 7 R-K1, why not O-O?

After 1 P-Q4 P-Q4 2 P-QB4 PxP 3 N-KB3 N-KB3 4 P-K3 P-QN4, what now?

COMING EVENTS

CASTLE AND WADE HAMPTON ONE DAY OPEN TOURNAMENTS

All tournaments of the same type: The entire field divided into four sections: 1700 and above; 1500-1699; 1300-1499; below 1300. 3rd Swiss system, 40/90. Registration 9-9:30, rounds at 10, 2, 6. EF \$3, USCF and SCCA required. Trophy to winner each section. Spartanburg tournaments (Castle Chess Club Open): Spartanburg High School Cafeteria, DuPre Dr., just off U. S. 29 east of the city. December 12, February 27, April 17 (This last is slightly uncertain due to the S. C. High School tournament, at the same date and place.) Greenville tournaments (Wade Hampton Open): at Wade Hampton H. S. Library, Greenville; east of town, turn north off U. S. 29 at the Liberty Life Bldg. January 16, March 27, May 8.

SEA ISLAND OPEN, BEAUFORT, JANUARY 1-3, 1971.

Five round Swiss System tournament in two sections: Open; Reserve (restricted to players rated 1599 or below.) Prizes (based on 25 entries): Open: \$100 first, \$50.00 second; Reserve: \$50.00 first, \$25 second. EF \$10.00 each section. USCF, SCCA or other state membership required. Register at the St. Pius X Center, Pigeon Point Rd. and Highway 21, on the afternoon of Jan. 1. First round 4:00 p. m.; two rounds each Jan. 2 and Jan. 3. 50/2hr. Special rates available at the Buccaneer Motel on the main highway into Beaufort: Single rooms \$6.24, two in a room \$8.32. Mention the tournament when making reservations. (This is a good motel!-Ed.) Additional information from Douglas Cail: Bus. phone (803) 524-4450; home phone 524-5180.

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One day round-robin tournaments, Saturday, January 9, 1971. Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, corner of Park and Laurens Sts., Aiken. The field will be divided into four-man sections by rating (bottom section may be larger), and each section will play a three-round tournament. EF \$1, USCF & SCCA Membership required. Trophies to winner each section. Registration: 9-10 a. m. at playing site; rounds at 10, 2, 6. Site is $\frac{1}{2}$ block from that of previous years; enter from Park Ave. side.

SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

One day, three round tournament to be held in conjunction with the Castle Club Open (see above) on April 17, 1971. Registration, timing, times, entry fee same as Castle Club Open. Any number of students from any high school in South Carolina may play as a team. The field will be divided into four sections, with a trophy for the top individual player in each section, plus a championship trophy for the school with the strongest team. In addition, the name of the winning school will go on a permanent plaque. This is a fully USCF rated tournament, and USCF and SCCA memberships are required. Unrated players will be given the opportunity to play four rated games in order to establish a rating. Certain details of tournament organization and scoring are still under discussion by the SCCA officers as we go to press. We will have full details in our next issue, or interested parties may write J. M. Smith, 611 DuPre Dr., Spartanburg 29302.

ANNUAL GROUNDHOG OPEN, CHARLOTTE

5 round Swiss system tournament to be held at the Charlotte YMCA February 5-7, 1971. The "Y" is at 400 E. Morehead St. EF \$8, Jrs. under 18 \$6. NCCA and USCF memberships required, other state memberships honored. First prize \$75 pluss Jerry Spann rotating trophy. Other prizes based on entries. Trophies for classes A, B, C, D-E, and unrated. Registration ends 7:45 p. m. Feb. 5. Bring clocks, sets, money, and good luck charms! (Good advice for all tournaments!) Entries to R. Grady Brown, 3921 Woodleaf Rd., Charlotte, N. C. 28205.

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