

DR. OTTO ESTENGER, SR., WINS BIGGEST EVER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!!!!

Dr. Otto Estenger, Sr., of the Lander College faculty, played fine chess in sweeping a strong field at Aiken to win the 1971 South Carolina Championship. Estenger, a native of Cuba, has been living in Greenwood for several years now, but only entered the South Carolina chess scene for the first time last December. Since then he has made an outstanding record which has established him as our highest rated player.

In Aiken Estenger met a strong field that included former state champions Charles Walter and Lee Hyder; he defeated these two players in succession in the third and fourth rounds to take a decisive lead of a full point into the final round. In the final round Estenger and newcomer David Sumner of Columbia exchanged off a large number of pieces and settled on a draw to decide the championship. Hyder took second as Doug Cail held Walter to a draw in the final round. Walter still took home the Junior Championship by tying with Sumner, Cail, and Jeff Smeltzer for third.

David Williams of Spartanburg continued his string of outstanding performances by sweeping the Reserve Section with a perfect 5-Oscore. Another newcomer to S. C. chess, Dr. Jerry Rothstein of Columbia, took second with 4-1, losing only to Williams.

The tournament in Aiken was the largest Closed Championship ever, and one of the largest weekend tournaments ever held in the state. There were 20 entries in the top section, 17 in the Reserve. Remarkably, there were more Columbia entries this year than last year when Columbia was the site.

Excellent facilities were provided by the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Aiken. The Aiken Recreation Department and Aiken Chamber of Commerce aided in pre-tournament arrangements and publicity. Lee Hyder of Aiken was Director, but much of the work was done by Bob Painter, Larry Shoemaker, and Ed Garvin. Chuck Braun and Harold Kelley handled the registrations. Thanks to all of these, and to Bill Dodgen and Frank Nieberding of North Augusta who helped with the publicity! And thanks to Mary Dodgen too, for coffee and doughnuts!

JAMES M. SMITH IS SCCA PRESIDENT; DOUGLAS CAIL IS VICE-PRESIDENT

The annual business meeting of the SCCA was held on the afternoon of Sunday, October 31. Mr. James M. Smith of Spartanburg, whose organization of the Piedmont One-Day Tournament Series has set a widely imitated model, was elected President of the SCCA for 1971-1972. Douglas Cail of Beaufort, the retiring President, was elected Vice-President. Secretary Lee Hyder and Treasurer Harold Kelley were returned to office. Bill Dodgen of North Augusta was appointed by President Smith to the newly created position of Publicity Director.

Extensive discussion followed the elections as a number of items were brought up from the floor. A resolution of thanks and appreciation to the Farmers and Merchants Bank for the use of their facilities was passed unanimously. Mr. Charles Walter moved that a Junior Tournament be held. This motion was amended to provide that the tournament be held if the officers determined that it was feasible. The motion was then approved. After extensive discussion concerning the site for the 1972 tournament (North Augusta had submitted a bid) a motion was approved putting the choice in the hands of the officers, with bids to be invited from interested sites by March 31, 1972. A motion to extend the Closed Championships to six rounds was defeated. (Continued, page 2)

ANNUAL MEETING (CONTINUED)

A motion to support the annual high school tournament by providing a trophy, as in past years, evoked extensive discussion on related matters. In the end the original motion was approved.

A motion that the SCCA build up a supply of sets and clocks for tournament use failed.

M. L. Hyder, SCCA Secretary.

SCCA ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

This report was submitted by SCCA Treasurer Harold M. Kelley and includes the financial status as of October 26, 1971. Additional receipts from the Closed Championships are noted separately below. An unpaid printing bill of \$60.14 was outstanding at this time and was received for payment subsequently.

1971:

Receipts		Expenditures	
1970 Balance	\$ 49.96	Newsletter	\$245.76
USCF Dues	128.00	USCF Dues	128.00
SCCA Dues	399.00	State Affiliation	10.00
Tournaments	61.20	Rating Fees	12.10
Miscellaneous	<u>1.59</u>	Postage, etc.*	25.00
Total Receipts	\$639.75	Trophies	124.30
		Rent	<u>25.00</u>
			\$570.16

Balance on Hand \$69.59

Received at 1971 S. C. Closed (includes USCF and SCCA dues, plus entry fees) \$254.00

Received from Shelby Chess Club prior to tournament \$10.00

* Secretary's petty cash fund, to be accounted for subsequently.

Harold M. Kelley, Treasurer.

Secretary's Report:

As of November 15, 1971, the SCCA has 141 paid-up members. As a goodly number of memberships expired November 1 and probably will be renewed in coming months, this represents a marked continuing growth.

SCCA NEWS published five issues totaling 60 pages during the past year. This increased schedule was made possible by new commercial publishing arrangements which increased the productivity of the Editor notably. The anticipated schedule for the coming year includes only four issues (nominal publication dates December 1, March 1, June 1, September 1) although it will be possible to supplement these if necessary. The supplementary issue this year came about because the Fall issue had to be rather rushed to meet the deadline. The SCCA mailing list is now on addressograph and special mailings can be made easily when the cost is justified; tournament organizers within the state may be interested in using our commercial mailing service and this set of plates; write for details.

An excellent arrangement has been worked out with the organizers and publishers in our neighboring states of North Carolina and Georgia by which tournament announcements and other information are exchanged and a calendar of coming events is maintained in each state. The SCCA mailing list includes principal organizers in these states, as shown on the final page of this issue. We also exchange newsletters with state organizations in Tennessee, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Minnesota, the Pacific Northwest, and with the Central California Chess Association and the Cincinnati Chess Club. This provides the Editor with more good material than he will ever be able to use; the quality of these other publications is remarkable!

M. Lee Hyder, Secretary/Editor

CROSSTABLES AND INCIDENTAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE 1971 S. C.

CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

No.	Player and Hometown	Results by Round:					Total
Open Section (Championship)		1	2	3	4	5	
1	Dr. Otto Estenger, Greenwood	W4	W10	W5	W2	D3	4½-1½
2	Lee Hyder, Aiken	W19	W15	W6	L1	W7	4-1
3	David Sumner, Columbia	W17	W7	D10	D6	D1	3½-1½
4	Douglas Cail, Beaufort	L1	W20	W12	W14	D5	3½-1½
5	Charles Walter, Columbia	W16	W9	L1	W8	D4	3½-1½
6	Jeff Smeltzer, Greenville	W18	W14	L2	D3	W10	3½-1½
7	Gerald Kelly, Bamberg	W8	L3	W19	W15	L2	3-2
8	Ed Garvin, Columbia	L7	W16	W11	L5	W14	3-2
9	C. E. Braun, Aiken	W11	L5	L14	W18	W15	3-2
10	James G. Inman, Florence	W20	L1	D3	W13	L6	2½-2½
11	Robert Painter, Beaufort	L9	W17	L8	D12	W16	2½-2½
12	Douglas Hawthorne, Aiken	L15	W18	L4	D11	D13	2-3
13	William Dodgen, N. Augusta	L14	W19	D15	L10	D12	2-3
14	John C. Ulrich, Sumter	W13	L6	W9	L4	L8	2-3
15	Dr. E. M. Pallares, Columbia	W12	L2	D13	L7	L9	1½-3½
16	Judson Duffee, Columbia	L5	L8	D17	Bye	L11	1½-3½
17	John T. Boettcher, Sumter	L3	L11	D16	D19	D18	1½-3½
18	Dr. Kenneth Yost, N. Augusta	L6	L12	W20	L9	D17	1½-3½
19	Donald Morse, Darlington	L2	L13	L7	D17	Bye	1½-3½
20	Fred M. Knetsche, Columbia	L10	L4	L18	Withdrew		0-5

Reserve Section:

1	David Williams, Spartanburg	W12	W7	W8	W2	W4	5-0
2	Dr. Jerry Rothstein, Col'a	W5	W6	W10	L1	W3	4-1
3	J. M. Smith, Spartanburg	W13	L8	W11	W5	L2	3-2
4	Robert Strickland, Smoaks	L16	W15	W9	W10	L1	3-2
5	Winston Reed, Florence	L2	W14	W7	L3	W6	3-2
6	Dr. J. S. Barr, Greenville	W15	L2	W13	W8	L5	3-2
7	William Patterson, Charleston	W9	L1	L5	W11	W12	3-2
8	John L. Sullivan III, "	W11	W3	L1	L6	D9	2½-2½
9	Bob Berry, Johns Island	L7	W12	L4	W15	D8	2½-2½
10	Wm. J. Pace, Hartsville	W17	WF	L2	L4	W'drew	2-3
11	William Shoemaker, Beaufort	L8	W14	L3	L7	W15	2-3
12	T. Richard Herold, Aiken	L1	L9	W14	W13	L7	2-3
13	Miss Celeste Toole, Aiken	L3	WF	L6	L12	L14	1-4
14	Otto Estenger, Jr., Greenwood	L11	L5	L12	L15	W13	1-4
15	Bob Metger, Columbia	L6	L4	W14	L9	L11	1-4
16	Jose Beguristain, Columbia	W4	Withdrew				1-4
17	Faran Pittman, Columbia	L10	Lf	Withdrawn			0-5

Complications entered the pairings in the Open Section after the third round when the games Kelly-Morse and Hyder-Smeltzer had to be adjourned following five hours of play. Kelly and Morse were in a Q and P end-game, while Hyder and Smeltzer had gotten into the complicated mess described in the games section. The fourth round was started without resolution of these games, so that the scores of these four players were still uncertain going to the final round. Fortunately it was possible to arrive at reasonable pairings for the final round: Hyder and Kelly, each with two wins plus an unfinished game, were paired against one another; both then won, and everything worked out!

Celeste Toole, the only lady to compete this year, is a high school girl who is essentially self-taught and had not played competitively until the North Augusta tournament last July, where she won her section. In the Reserve Championships she played much more strongly than her score would indicate, and all her games were hard fought. She evidently has talent. A special book prize was awarded to her as Lady Champion for 1971.

SEA ISLAND OPEN CROSSTABLE

#	Player, Home State	Rating	Results by Round					Score
			1	2	3	4	5	
1	E. V. Gabuyo, S. C.	2029	W23	W11	W13	W8	D2	4½
2	M. L. Hyder, S. C.	2063	W17	W6	W5	D3	D1	4
3	G. Blair, N. J.	1910	W24	W16	W12	D2	D7	4
4	R. Cooper, Ky.	1503	W10	L8	W17	W11	W13	4
5	T. Simmons, Fla.	1898	W30	W14	L2	W15	W12	4
6	D. D. Tabor, N. C.	1645	W34	L2	W30	W22	W8	4
7	C. Walter, S. C.	1984	W19	W15	L8	W14	D3	3½
8	R. Painter, S. C.	1705	W18	W4	W7	L1	L6	3
9	D. Purvis, S. C.	1703	D29	D28	D22	W18	D10	3
10	O. Hutaiff, Jr., N. C.	1932	L4	D18	W26	W28	D9	3
11	K. B. Raut, Ga.	1668	W21	L1	W19	L4	W23	3
12	H. Lota, Ga.	1695	W26	W20	L3	W23	L5	3
13	A. Angel, Ga.	1722	W25	W31	L1	W16	L4	3
14	D. Hull, N. C.	1617	W32	L5	W25	L7	W24	3
15	D. Cail, S. C.	1635	W33	L7	W24	L5	W25	3
16	R. Bobart, S. C.	1600	W35	L3	W32	L13	W22	3
17	R. Ramsey, S. C.	1659	L2	W26	L4	W20	D19	2½
18	W. Patterson, S. C.	1364	L8	D10	W29	L9	W28	2½
19	D. Maloney, S. C.	1549	L7	W35	L11	W32	D17	2½
20	W. Reed, S. C.	Unr.	W27	L12	D28	L17	W30	2½
21	H. Horres, S. C.	1206	L11	L23	W34	D30	W29	2½
22	B. Kendrick, N. C.	Unr.	D28	W29	D9	L6	L16	2
23	W. Shoemaker, S. C.	1557	L1	W21	W31	L12	L11	2
24	J. Lauff, Ga.	1461	L3	W33	L15	WF	L14	2
25	W. Pace, S. C.	1388	L13	W34	L14	W31	L15	2
26	A. Woodson, S. C.	1266	L12	L17	L10	W33	W31	2
27	D. Morgan, S. C.	Unr.	L20	L30	W33	L29	W34	2
28	G. Arab, Fla.	1621	D22	D9	D20	L10	L18	1½
29	J. Boan, S. C.	1305	D9	L22	L18	W27	L21	1½
30	C. Shoemaker, S. C.	1405	L5	W27	L6	D21	L20	1½
31	A. Staggs, S. C.	Unr.	Bye	L13	L23	L25	L26	1
32	K. Simpson, S. C.	Unr.	L14	Bye	L16	L19	L33	1
33	D. O. Tabor, N. C.	1118	L15	L24	L27	L26	W32	1
34	E. Vincent, S. C.	Unr.	L6	L25	L21	WF	L27	1
35	S. Willinger, N. Y.	Unr.	L16	L19	Bye	F-Withd.	1	

NEWS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Shelby Chess Club of Shelby, N. C., wishing to retain and demonstrate their long-standing ties with S. C. chess, sent the SCCA a contribution of \$10. It was unexpected, unprecedented, and remarkable! Thanks, fellows!

Several letters have come in concerning the USCF Tournament Director Certification Program. Contrary to first reports, this is about to go into effect, with certification to begin in 1972. Certification will be required in all rated tournaments beginning in 1973. We also note from our correspondents that the motion requiring advance notice of items to be presented to the annual USCF Directors' Meeting did not actually pass, although the desirability of this kind of notice is widely recognized and probably will be respected more often than not.

The tournament director certification program was vigorously debated and the committee which produced it also came up with a minority report which was a good bit simpler and which won widespread support. Not quite majority support, though. Some criticism is still coming in, mainly dealing with the practical problems of qualifying tournament directors. These will certainly be considerable.

Those who want to keep their S. C. chess history up to date may note that the record of the 1966 event has been found; there were 22 participants.

REPORT FROM THE JULY SEA ISLAND OPEN IN BEAUFORT

--A belated report by Tournament Director Robert Painter. A very incomplete report was published in our Fall issue--and we are glad to supplement and correct it!

The Sea Island Open II was won rather convincingly by a newcomer to chess in this area, Ernesto Gabuyo, from Charleston. He and Bob Bliss should have a good time teaching all the chess nuts in that area, and maybe they can get up a team next year to challenge Columbia for the state team championship. Our Beaufort team got its lumps from them!

Gabuyo swept through his first four games easily, and had Hyder in a bad way in the 5th round (You said it!--MLH), but touched the wrong piece and settled for the draw which was enough to win the tournament. Gabuyo is a very strong player! He destroyed me in round 4 with all ease, and his play really impressed me.

This tournament had 17 money winners!! Gabuyo was the big winner (\$150), and second place money was divided five ways. Hyder, G. Blair, R. Cooper, T. Simmons, and D. D. Tabor received \$30 each. We tried to offer all lower classes of players a prize to give them an incentive, and it turned out pretty well, with 11 cash winners in the classes here listed: 1600: D. Purvis, K. B. Raut, D. Hull, H. Lota, R. Bobert, and D. Cail, received \$4.15 each! 1500: David Maloney, \$25; 1400: J. Lauff, \$25; 1300/Unrated: W. Reed, H. Horres, and W. Patterson, \$8.33 each.

The tournament started out with a disagreement over smoking. In the tournament room John Lauff of Savannah gave a speech against, and Bob Strickland withdrew, and I heard grumbling from the smokers who were outvoted for the next two days. All in all it was a pretty good tournament!

Crosstables: See page four, opposite this.

USC CHESS TEAM ORGANIZED; FINISHES SECOND IN INTERCOLLEGIATE CONTEST (From reports by Ed Garvin and Charles Walter)

Chess at the University of South Carolina in Columbia is off and going! Thirty-eight players turned out on October 11 and 12 to participate in a qualifying tournament to choose the University's intercollegiate chess team. After five rounds the four qualifiers were determined: Charles Walter, Ed Garvin, Frank Kelly, and Faran Pittman.

On October 23-24 the newly organized team played in its first intercollegiate competition, journeying to Georgia Tech to compete in the Southeastern Intercollegiate Tournament there. Schools from Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Virginia were entered--a total of 44 players. The format of the tournament was that of a five round Swiss System event for individuals, with the highest three scores from any school determining the team score. Georgia Tech, the host school, won with 13 team points; South Carolina was second with 11. This order was also followed in the individual honors: Jarid Radian of Tech won with 5-0, while Ed Garvin of USC tied Tournament Director Bob Kolvick of Tech with 4½-½ for second (Kolvick won the trophy on tie-break). In the decisive match Radian defeated Walter, who was obliged to play for a win because of the team score.

The USC team plans to compete in several other competitions in this area and possibly in the Intercollegiate in Canada during the Christmas holidays. Formal recognition of the chess team as an official University organization (which will give it financial support from student activity fees) will follow approval of the recently drafted constitution.

The USC players also plan to organize a USCF-rated Open tournament in Columbia this coming March.

CROSSTABLES OF THE CASTLE CLUB OPEN, SPARTANBURG, OCTOBER, 1971

#	Player, hometown	Results by Rounds					Total
		1	2	3	4	5	
Sect. A							
1	Lee D. Purvis, Cayce	W3	W5	D2			2½
2	John Thompson, Greenville	W6	W7	D1			2½
3	Harry Lofton, Greenville	L1	W6	W5			2
4	Roger Ramsey, W. Columbia	L5	W8	W7			2
5	John Ulrich, Sumter	W4	L1	L3			1
6	Louis F. Knoepp, Spartanburg	L2	L3	W8			1
7	James F. Lutz, Gastonia, N. C.	W8	L2	L4			1
8	Thomas Forster, Spartanburg	L7	L4	L6	W24		1
Sect. B							
9	Peter Hopkins, Chatham, Va.	W18	W14	W10			3
10	Norman McCurry, Spartanburg	W12	W11	L9			2
11	Garth Miller, Mooresville, N. C.	W13	L10	W15			2
12	Donald Hull, Gastonia, N. C.	L10	W17	W14			2
13	David O. Stern, Greensboro, N. C.	L11	W18	D17			1½
14	Harold Bush, Spartanburg	W15	L9	L12	W32		2
15	Dana Tabor, Chapel Hill, N. C.	W17	L14	L11			1
16	David K. Williams, Spartanburg			W18			1
17	Bruce McCalley, North Augusta	L15	L12	D13			½
18	John C. Bell, Inman	L9	L13	L16			0
Sect. C							
19	James M. Smith, Spartanburg	W24	W22	W21			3
20	Joseph Hullender, Kings Mtn., N. C.	D27	W28	W24			2½
21	Timothy Shelton, Mooresville, N. C.	W28	W27	L19			2
22	Bruce Blanton, Buies Creek, N. C.	W26	L19	W25			2
23	Paul W. Moore, Greenville	W25	L24	W28			2
24	Richard O. Stucker, Camden	L19	W23	L20	L8		1
25	Bill McWhorter, Spartanburg	L23	W26	L22	L33		1
26	Ray Holzworth, N. Augusta	L22	L25	W27			1
27	Jeff Hoffman, Spartanburg	D20	L21	L26			½
28	David P. Rosser, Sheiby, N. C.	L21	L20	L23			0
Sect. D							
29	Mark Cantrell, Spartanburg	W36	W35	W34	W30		4
30	C. N. Allen, Greenville	W33	W37	W31	L29		3
31	James Scogin, North Augusta	W37	W34	L30			2
32	Manuel Schmettau, Spartanburg	L34	W36	W37	W35	L14	3
33	John H. Smith, Spartanburg	L30	L35	W36	W25		2
34	Dale O. Tabor, Huntersville, N. C.	W32	L31	L29			1
35	Jim Patterson, Gaffney	L29	L32	L33			1
36	Lewis Moore, Gaffney	L29	L32	L33			0
37	John Moore, Gaffney	L31	L30	L32			0

It was a good tournament for Jim Smith, the founder of the Piedmont series, as he swept his section! Peter Hopkins, a Virginia school-teacher who made the longest trip to compete, was successful in his section. Section A was split between two regular competitors in S. C. chess, John Thompson of Greenville, and Purvis of Cayce.

LOST AND FOUND

Found! At the S. C. Closed Championships, one chess set. (no board) Please identify and claim from Lee Hyder.
Strayed: Hyder's copy of the December, 1970, CHESS LIFE AND REVIEW.
Its return would be appreciated.

ALEX EDELSBERG RECUPERATING

We have just learned that Alex Edelsberg of Columbia, one of the principal founders of the postwar SCCA, is recuperating at his home from a serious circulatory disorder.

Although retired from serious competition for the last couple of years, Alex has long been one of the most prominent chessplayers in Columbia and South Carolina. He won or tied for the S. C. Championship five times (more than anyone else ever has) and held the Columbia Championship many times. His many friends around the state may write him at 116 Academy Way, Columbia 29206.

Otto Estenger won the 1971 S. C. Championship largely on the basis of his wins against former champions Charles Walter and Lee Hyder; here are those games.

Estenger vs. Walter, Rd. 3. English Opening.

1 c4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 g3 g6 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 O-O Nf6 6 Nc3 O-O 7 b3 (a) d5! 8 cd Nd5 9 Bb2 Nc7 (b) 10 Na4 Bb2 11 Nb2 Bg4 12 Nd3 Qd6 13 Rc1 b6 14 Nb2 Rc8 15 Nc4 Qf6 16 Ne3 Bd7 17 Qc2 Nb4 18 Qb1 Nb5 19 Nc4 Nd4 20 Nd4 cd21 a3 Nc6 22 d3 h5 23 h4 g5 24 hg Qg5 25 Qb2 h4 26 Qd2 Qd2 27 Nd2 hg 28 fg Kg7 (c) 29 Ne4 Ne5 30 Ng5 f6 31 Nf3 Nf3+ 32 Bf3 Bh3 (d) 33 Re1 Be6 34 Bb7! (e) Rc3 35 Rc3 dc 36 Rc1 Rb8 37 Ba6 Bb3 38 Rc3 Be6 39 Rc7 Kf7 40 Ra7 b5 41 Rb7 Rb7 42 Bb7 Bd7 43 Kf2 Ke6 44 Ke3 Kd6 45 Kd4 e5+ 46 Kc3 Kc5 47 e3 Be6 48 Bf3 Bd7 49 d4+ ed 50 ed+ Kd6 51 Kb4 Resigns (f)

a. Neither side has shown any aggressiveness. A good alternative here is 7 P-Q4 when Black should transpose to a K Indian with 7--P-Q3; not so good is 7--PxP 8 NxP Q-R4 (8--NxN QxN P-Q3 10 Q-R4 R-K1 11 B-R6 B-R1 12 P-KR3 Q-N3 13 P-N3 B-Q2 14 QR-B1 B-B3 15 P-K4+ Euwe-Colle, 1924) 9 P-K3 P-Q3 10 BxN PxP 11 NxP Q-B2 12 N-Q5 NxN 13 PxN B-N2 14 B-Q2 BxP 14 R-N1+; Silber-Gurgenidze, 1959.

b. Black should sterilize the position with --NxN 10 BxN BxB! 11 PxP B-N5=.

c. White's active B can't be neutralized with N-K4 followed by B-B3 because of 29 B-N7 R-N1 30 R-B7.

d. Black should take his chances in the B endgame with 32--RxR 33 RxR R-B1.

e. Now White wins a P and the game.

f. White wins the NP and his RP marches in.

Hyder vs. Estenger, Rd. 4. Sicilian Defense.

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NxP N-KB3 5 N-QB3 P-Q3 6 B-QB4(a) P-K3 7 B-N3 B-K2 8 B-K3 P-QR3 9 Q-K2 Q-B2 10 O-O-O P-QN4 (b) 11 P-N4 N-QR4 12 P-N5 NxP+ 13 RPxN N-Q2 14 P-B4?(c) B-N2 (d) 15 P-B5(e) P-K4 16 N-B3 N-B4 17 N-Q5(f) BxN 18 PxP NxP+ 19 K-N1 N-R4 20 B-B1 O-O-O 21 KR-N1 K-N1 22 N-Q2 R-QB1 23 N-K4 N-N2 24 B-K3 B-Q1 25 R-N2 N-R4 26 B-B1 N-B5 27 P-N3 N-R4 28 B-R3 N-N2 29 P-B6?(g) P-N3 30 P-R4 Q-Q2 31 P-R5 B-N3 32 PxP RPxP 33 Q-N4 QxQ 34 RxQ K-B2 35 R-N2 K-Q236 R/1-Q2 R-R5 37 R/q-K2 R/1-KR1 38 K-R2 P-R4 39 B-B1 N-B4 40 NxN BxN 41 B-Q2 P-N5 42 P-B4 R-R8 43 K-N2 B-Q5+ 44 K-B2 K-B2 45 B-K3 BxB 46 RxB K-N3 47 K-Q3 R-Q8+ 48 K-K2 R/1-R8 49 K-B3 R/q-B8+ 50 K-K4 R-R5+51 K-Q3 R-QN8 52 K-B2 R/5-R8 53 Resigns.

a. A line popularized by Fischer.

b. The first parting of the ways in this complicated opening. Black decides to delay castling. After 10--O-O, White has to choose between 11 P-KN4 and 11 KR-N1, both of which are very complex. After 11 P-KN4 best is 11--NxN 12 RxN (12 BxN P-K4) P-QN4! 13 P-N5 N-Q2 14 P-B4 N-B4 15 R-B1 R-K1! with a good game; at Palma, Larsen beat Fischer with 11--N-Q2 because Bobby replied with 12 P-KR4 instead of 12 P-KB4. On 11 KR-N1 P-QN4 12 P-KN4 P-N5! 13 NxN QxN 14 N-Q5! PxN 15 P-N5 PxP 16 PxN BxP 17 B-Q5! Q-R4 18 B-N5! and there are still plenty of fireworks left.

c. Black has equalized and White faces a tough choice. The other possibilities are (a) 14 N-B5! PxN 15 N-Q5 Q-Q1 16 PxP B-N2 17 P-B6 PxP 18 KR-K1 BxN 19 RxB R-KN1 20 P-R4 R-QB1, Gheorghiu-Hamann, Vrnjanka Banja, 1967; (b) 14 K-N1 N-N3, (c) 14 P-R4 (best) P-N5 (or B-N2 15 P-B3 P-N5 16 N-R4 N-B4 17 P-R5! NxN 18 PxN Q-R4=) 15 N-R4 B-N2 16 P-KB3 N-B4 17 P-R5 Q-R4 18 K-N1 NxN=.

d. Black gets the better game with 14--P-N5.

e. What can White play? One try is 15 P-N4!? to prevent N-B4.

f. 17 BxN saves the P but Black's two bishops should give him an advantage. Black is also threatening --NxP+ followed by P-N5. White therefore gives up a P to get some counterplay. (MLH)

g. White has gotten a reasonable game with some chances for his P. He is also getting into rather nasty time trouble and here makes the first of a series of weak moves. by 29 P-R4 followed by P-R5 and P-N6 he could have good chances. For example: 29--Q-Q2 30 R-KB1 B-N3 31 P-R5 and White cannot be prevented from breaking through advantageously. After 31-N-B4 32 P-N6 NxN 33 RxN P-B3! 34 PxP RxP 35 Q-N4 R/1-KR1 White has only drawing chances, though.

EDITORIAL POLEMIC: THE RUSSIAN METHODS AND MYTH

Whether he wins or loses against Spassky, Bobby Fischer has done the myth of Soviet invincibility in chess grievous damage. It's high time someone did. Yes, the Russian grandmasters are great players, but the Russians have tried to spread the propaganda that only in the land of Lenin can chess genius come to flower, and that's baloney! Listen to it:

"The traits of the Soviet man in general--his spirit of invention, his resourcefulness, his dislike of resting on his laurels, his bold solution of theoretical problems, and exacting, critical attitude towards himself--exercised their influence on the Soviet school. --- Euwe, for example, said he was amazed by the fighting spirit of Soviet masters and their inexhaustible energy. They do not seek a draw but boldly fight to win, striving to produce games that are works of art." --Kotov and Yudovich, The Soviet School of Chess, Foreign Language Publishing House, Moscow, 1958. (It's a good book, still available from Dover, worth getting if you can stand to wade through this stuff.)

Is this Tigran Petrosian? Come to think of it, what Soviet master does the above description fit as well as it does Fischer or Larsen? Was it true in 1958?

In fact, the Russian supremacy was built on four factors. First was their marvelous system for promoting and developing talent, which certainly certainly cannot be underrated; coupled with the high status of the chess professional, it assures the Russians of having several top players. Such top young players as came along in the West in the fifties could only play part-time: Panno, Olafsson, Evans, the Byrnes, etc. They could hardly compete with the Russians who trained and played full time. Second was World War II, which decimated a generation of Western Europeans and left the survivors busy with other matters. Botvinnik, Smyslov, and others stayed behind the lines and played a lot of chess. And by conquering Estonia, the Russians got Keres too. Third was luck, not only in getting Keres, but also in that Reuben Fine chose not to follow up his remarkable aptitude for the game and studied psychiatry instead.

Fourth was a series of manipulations which bely the above lofty image of Soviet man; they would do Boss Hague credit.

In 1950 the first Candidates' tournament was held to choose a challenger to Botvinnik. Reshevsky was the only serious challenger from the West. The tournament was held in Budapest, and Sammy could not get a Hungarian visa. Everyone said they were very sorry.

In subsequent tournaments of this kind it was suddenly noticed that Russians had the greatest trouble winning against their fellows. This reached a climax in the infamous tournament in Curacao, 1962, which was blatantly fixed. No Russian ever lost a game to one of his fellows until he had been beaten by a Westerner. Tal lost early to Benko, lost several more, and withdrew, claiming ill health; who can blame him? He had no more chance than did Fischer (who managed only a 50% score anyway.)

And of course in the Sousse Interzonal the Russians missed no chance to harass Fischer and the inexperienced organizers, so that Fischer finally cracked and left.

All this was possible because the governing body of international chess, the FIDE, was composed largely of volunteer organizers who were simply no match for the pressure exerted by the Russian delegation. Folke Rogard, the FIDE President, might have resisted this pressure but seems not to have been inclined to do so. Fortunately Rogard has retired and the Western delegates now realize their need to protect their own interests (at least many of them do), and the FIDE has effectively diluted the Russian influence over the last few years.

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What will happen now? I think the Russian decline will continue. The same inbreeding which gave the Russians such good results for so long now works to their disadvantage: only very few can get out and play in Western tournaments and reap the advantages of this experience. From all accounts they are getting lazy, too: they have a nice income by Soviet standards, while Western masters depend on their success for their livelihood, and this certainly sharpens one's play. (An amusing thought is that Spassky must surely have been pulling secretly for Fischer against Petrosian. Win or lose, in a match with Fischer he can expect to receive \$10,000 or more, maybe much more--the purse will be at least \$30,000. His reward for beating Petrosian again would have been very much less!) The future in chess probably belongs to the lean and hungry capitalists rather than the comfortably socialist Russians!

MISCELLANY

The shortest game in some time occurred in the Championship section of the S. C. Closed between two players (here nameless) who were at the time in contention for prizes! Chuck Braun adds some notes: 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NxP NxN (Unusual, but not particularly bad.) 5 QxN P-B3? (Bad. P-Q3 or P-K3 permit White only a minimal advantage.) 6 B-QB4 P-K4 7 Q-Q5 N-K2?? (Another game from a later round went 7---Q-K2 8 N-B3 Q-K3 9 Q-N5 Q-B3 10 Q-N3 N-K2 11 O-O and White had a healthy advantage. 9 Q-Q3 was strong too.) 8 Q-B7mate.

Reading in the Minnesota Chess Journal some recollections on chess in Minnesota over the years, I was amused by the author's (Mr. G. S. Barnes) description of the tactics of one F. S. Lewis:

"Against most players you occasionally get the opportunity to pin a knight with a bishop, but not Mr. Lewis. P-KR3 and P-QR3 were his trademarks and I daresay he never had a knight pinned early in the game in his life. Such time-wasting prophylactic moves frequently resulted in your defeating Mr. Lewis by an overpowering domination of the center, but you'd never pin his knight, nor his other knight!" I have met players who follow this strategy; you probably have too!

Notes from Charles Walter on tournaments he played in this summer:

The Coastal Empire Open was well covered by newspapers and TV; too well, in fact. There was a phone in the tournament hall, and starting in the second round the press started calling for information. There were numerous upsets on the boards nearest the phone! I tied for second with Jeff Smeltzer of Greenville; Gerald Blair of N. J. won. Doug Cail had a good tournament; his score of 3½ put him up with Bob Bliss, right behind us. Robert Brand was pleased to find his picture in the paper; Bob Painter provided considerable assistance to the tournament directors, and showed them how to report the event!

The Carolinas open went very smoothly without major problems. There were some unhappy people, though: Doug Cail brought along a brand new copy of Chess Life and Review with the latest ratings, and several people who had intended to play in the Reserve section couldn't!

Charles adds to his notes on his game with Tappert (see last issue) that on 11---e5 12 Bd5, winning, is better than his suggested Ne6. And in note d. 13 Qh5+ Kd7 is better than the suggested g6, but after fe+ Kc6 15 Be3 Be6 16 c3 opens lines against the Black K.

The second annual world computer chess tournament was held in Chicago, August 2-4. Eight computers played a three round Swiss, which was won by the programmer-computer combination from Northwestern University. The machines are not quite ready to take over yet. One kept trying illegal moves. Another missed a mate on the move several times and presently lost. Still, it was the first truly international computer tournament as an Austrian Univac program was entered. The Russians have been working in this area, too; maybe if Spassky loses to Fischer they'll work harder. Did anyone see that "Mission Impossible" sequence a year or two ago? Look out for Russians with hearing aids!

DURHAM OPEN, DURHAM, N. C., JANUARY 15-16.

5 Rd SS at the Graduate Center of Duke University, Erwin at Trent Sts. EF \$10; First prize \$100; top B player \$60, top C \$40; other prizes depend on entries. Register to 9 a. m. Jan. 15; rounds 9:30, 2:30, 7:30-8:30, 1:30. Sponsored by Duke Univ. CC; write Mr. Hugh Dorsey, c/o Duke Univ. Law School for additional details, if req. Dr. Gordon K. Klintworth, President of the Duke Univ. CC, has written us to invite any chessplayer who happens to be in Durham on a Thursday evening to play at their club; it meets from 7 to 11 in Private Dining Room A of the Duke Graduate Center.

GROUNDHOG SPECIAL, CHARLOTTE, N. C., FEBRUARY 4-6

5 Rd SS (50/2) at the YMCA on Morehead St. in two sections (Open, Booster for under 1400 or Unr.) EF \$10 Open, \$8 Booster + NCCA (SCCA honored) membership. Prizes: Open \$80, \$40, + trophies, and Class A and B trophies. Booster: \$40, \$20, + trophies, and trophies to classes D, E, Unrated, and Ladies. Registration to 7:30 p. m. Feb. 4, Rds. 8p. m., 9 and 3 Feb. 5, 9 and 2 Feb. 6. Information and entries to R. Grady Brown, 3921 Woodleaf Rd., Charlotte 28205.

1972 DOGWOOD OPEN, SHELBY, NC., MARCH 18-19

5 Rd SS, (50/2) at Shelby High School, in two sections (Open, Reserve for under 1600 or Unr.). EF \$6 in advance to 3/8; later \$8. NCCA or SCCA membership required. Prizes: \$100 Open; \$50 Reserve; trophies to both winners and to top A, B, C, D, Unr.; others as entries permit. Reg. to 8:30 a. m. March 18; Rds. 9, 2, 7; 9, 2. Inf: Shelby Chess Club, Box 975, Shelby, N. C. 28150.

FIRST SATURDAY OPENS, STATESVILLE, N.C.

North Carolina has its own one-day tournament series now, held at the Vance Motor Inn in Statesville. 3-rd SS in several sections, EF \$3, Reg. 9-9:30, start play at 10. Inf: David O. Stern, 4 Magnolia Ct., Greensboro 27401. Dates: March 4, April 1, May 6. Prizes: Not stated, probably trophies.

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We do not yet have information on the tournament proposed for Columbia in March, except that it will probably be in the cafeteria of the S. C. National Bank on Assembly St., a first prize of \$100 is projected, and the USC group is organizing it. Write Ed Garvin, 3119 Grace Hill Rd., Columbia 29204 if you want to know more; hopefully our Spring issue will be out in time to cover it..

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Incidentally, the first First Saturday Open in Statesville was held Nov. 6, and drew 22 players who played a 3 rd Swiss in one section. (Maybe they will all be one section events; this is not clear to us.) Two N. C. players, John Timm of Durham and Hal York of Olin, were undefeated and tied for first.

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THE CHESS PLAYER

Remember the ad for the above magazine? They had written requesting a quotation on advertising rates which was supplied them. They then sent their leaflets, and we sent them a statement. And we haven't heard from them since. We hope they do better by their customers than their creditors.

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IDEAS FOR ORGANIZERS

Massachusetts has a new program where players of high school age and younger can enter open tournaments at a greatly reduced fee. They are ineligible for cash prizes or trophies, but get all the other advantages of competition.

Washington has a "Chess to the People" program which has organized competition in every county in the state. The response is scattered, but it's an interesting idea. Maybe we're not ready yet for tournaments in McCormick, or Monck's Corner, but how about Anderson? Or Myrtle Beach?

CHESS CALENDAR FOR SOUTH CAROLINA AND VICINITY

Looking at the schedule below, it's obvious that there will be plenty of competition for everybody this winter!

1971-1972

December 4: Jenkins Ear Tournament, Shelby, N. C.*#
December 11: North Augusta Winter Open, North Augusta, S. C.*
December 18-19: Peachtree CC Inaugural Open, Atlanta, Ga.
January 1-2: Year of Peace Open, Atlanta, Ga.
January 8-9: Sea Island Open, Beaufort, S. C.*
January 15-16: Durham Open, Durham, N. C.*
January 21-23: North Florida Open, Jacksonville, Fla. (CCA)
January 22: Castle Club Open, Spartanburg*#
February 4-6: Groundhog Special, Charlotte*
February 4-6: Georgian Open, Atlanta, Ga.
February 19: Gaffney H. S. Open, Gaffney, S. C.*#
February 27-28: Continental Amateur-Experts; Southern H. S. Championships
Atlanta, Ga. (CCA)
March 4: First Saturday Open, Greensboro, N. C.*
March 4-5: Open Tournament, Columbia
March 11: Castle Club Open, Spartanburg*#
March 18-19: Dogwood Open, Shelby, N. C.*
April 1: First Saturday Open, Greensboro, N. C.*
April 8: Greenville H. S. Open, Greenville#
May 6: First Saturday Open, Greensboro, N. C.*
May 13: South Carolina High School Championships, Camden

* Additional information given below.

Piedmont one-day tournament series

CCA=Continental Chess Association (promoted by Wm. Goichberg)

Our only information on the Atlanta tournaments listed above comes from Chess Life & Review.

NORTH AUGUSTA WINTER TOURNAMENT, DECEMBER 11

3-Rd Round Robin in 4-man sections at the North Augusta Recreation Center, Buena Vista Ave., North Augusta, S. C. EF \$1, trophy to winner each section. Both rated and unrated sections, USCF and SCCA memberships required for rated section. Register at site 8:30-9:30; play starts 10 a. m. Inquiries: Frank Nieberding, 701 Crestlyn Ave., North Augusta, S. C. 29841. Time control 40/90

JENKINS' EAR SPECIAL, SHELBY, N. C., DECEMBER 4

One day tournament, 3 rd Round Robin in 4-man sections, 40/90, Shelby High School. EF \$3, except \$2 for player 17 or younger. Trophy to winner each section. Register at site 8:45-9:30; rounds at 10, 2, 6. EF waived for one-eared players named Jenkins. Inquiries: Shelby Chess Club, Box 975, Shelby 28150. USCF rated.

PIEDMONT TOURNAMENT SERIES

One day tournaments, Swiss System, generally three rounds, field divided into four sections by rating. EF \$3; trophy to winner each section; 40/90. Registration 9-9:30; rounds 10, 2, 6. USCF, SCCA memberships required, but memberships from other states are honored. Dates: See calendar above. Inquiries: Gaffney: Mr. James Patterson, Box 444, Gaffney 29340; Spartanburg: Mr. J. M. Smith, 611 DuPre Dr., Spartanburg 29302; Greenville: Mr. Smith. Sites: Gaffney H. S.; Spartanburg H. S.; Greenville H. S.

SEA ISLAND OPEN, BEAUFORT

JANUARY 8-9, 1972

4-Rd SS tournament in two sections (Booster, under 1700; Open, unrestricted.) EF \$10 (\$8 in advance, up to Jan. 5) Three prizes each section, depending on entries. At Beaufort Technical School, Ribaut Rd. Registration: 8:30-9:30 Jan. 8; Rounds at 10, 5; 9, 3. 40/2hr. Inquiries: Douglas Cail, 1002 Paul Dr., Beaufort 29902. Good accommodations and a comfortable rate of play; come join the fun!

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LAST MINUTE NOTES:

The S. C. High School Championships for teams of 4 players will be at the Woodward Park Canteen, Camden, S. C., May 31, 1972. EF \$1 per player. Not USCF rated. Full details in the next issue.

The S. C. Junior Open as authorized at the annual SCCA meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 2-4, 1972, at a site to be selected in Aiken County, unless somebody else bids for it before January 1.

The ending of the Hyder-Smeltzer game will be in the next issue.

Bids for the 1972 S. C. Closed Championships should be sent to the Secretary. Bidders should demonstrate availability of a site, a qualified director, adequate lodging in the vicinity, etc. Financial arrangements should be specified; note that one bidder proposes to furnish trophies at no cost. Bids close March 31, 1972, but expressions of interest at an earlier date would be very welcome.

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Next issue of SCCA NEWS: About March 1. Copy should be submitted by February 15 if at all possible.

The full list of chess organizers in this area will be back in the next issue. Meanwhile, add to it Mr. Ed Garvin, 3119 Grace Hill Rd., Columbia 29204: organizer of USC Chess Team.

TO ALL SCCA MEMBERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS! MAY YOU FIND LOTS OF BRILLIANT COMBINATIONS IN THE NEW YEAR!

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