

BLISS ACHIEVES MASTER RATING--WINS SEA ISLAND OPEN AT BEAUFORT

Capt. Robert Bliss of Charleston AFB is the first South Carolina resident of recent times to achieve a USCF Master's rating! His fine play this past summer, especially in the U. S. Open and in the Armed Forces Tournament, vaulted Bliss nearly 200 points upward to a rating of 2255, according to the January rating list. This is a truly remarkable accomplishment! Fittingly, Bliss added to his tournament successes with a clear victory in the Sea Island Open played in Beaufort early in January. Against a strong field, Bliss scored $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ and won the event outright by $\frac{1}{2}$ point. Earlier, in November, he tied for first in the Northeastern S. C. Open in Darlington.

We are fortunate to have obtained from Bob Bliss (who writes every bit as well as he plays chess) a special article and some annotated games for this issue. We also have a full report on the Sea Island Open by Robert Painter, just below.

SEA ISLAND OPEN III -- Robert Painter

Robert Bliss of Charleston won the Sea Island Open III January 8-9, and with his $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ score took home \$100 for his efforts. Bliss in Rd. 4 (of the four round event) smashed John Farwell from Fairfield, Conn. (rated 2189) and assured himself of first place.

Lee Hyder of Aiken finished second and won \$50. He always wins money in Beaufort; we must be his good luck charm. I thank him for helping me run the tournament.

Tied for third and the \$30 prize were John Farwell, Charles Walter, Robert Painter, William McClain, Robert Brand, and Lee Purvis.

The Reserve section was won by Ronald Minor, an unrated player from Beaufort, over a strong field. The victory netted him \$70 and a very good rating. His 4-0 sweep included wins over Albert Epstein (1697) from Georgia, and Roger Ramsey (1659) of S. C. Second place went to another unrated player, C. Carr Lucas of Savannah, who won \$35. Tied for 3-7 and \$3 each (!!) were Stephen Connally, David Dickinson, Robert Deloach III, John Lauff, and Peter Mantius.

There were 39 players in the tournament, and all had a good time. This tournament supplied my biggest thrills in chess yet: my first round draw with Bliss, and winning \$5. This is after three years study, numerous tournaments, and spending about \$500, but I love it!

My thanks also to William Shoemaker and Doug Gail for their help.

NORTHEASTERN S. C. OPEN: BLISS AND WALTER

Robert Bliss and Charles Walter drew their individual game in Round 3 and swept the rest of the field in sharing the title in the N. E. S. C. Open in Darlington Thanksgiving Weekend. The disappointingly small turnout was still reasonably strong, but the two leaders made it look easy in winning by $1\frac{1}{2}$ points. Jim Inman, Don Morse, and William Patterson tied for third.

Gary Woodall of Darlington swept the Reserve Section with a perfect score. Howard Moore of Hartsville and Richard Stucker of Camden tied for second with 3-2.

NORTH AUGUSTA: A BIG TURNOUT, A STRONG FIELD, AND ESTENGER WINS

The largest group to play chess in South Carolina this winter showed up at the North Augusta Recreation Center for the North Augusta winter tournament, the second in the series of one-day events sponsored by the North Augusta Chess Club and the N. A. Recreation Dept. The 44 entrants included 24 in rated sections, and the top section amounted to a replay of the S. C. Championships, with the same result: Otto Estenger won out over Lee Hyder and Charles Walter. It was close, though; Estenger had 2-1, Hyder and Walter 1½ each, and Games Editor C. E. Braun scored 1-2. The other winners of individual sections included Robert Strickland of Smoaks, William Patterson of Charleston, Dwight Lyman of Augusta, Ray Holzworth of North Augusta, and Judson Duffee of Columbia in the rated sections; in the unrated sections Alan Taylor of North Augusta, Jan Dabrowski of North Augusta, Nate Wolfe of North Augusta, Miss Peggy McKie of North Augusta, and Bob Ingham of Augusta came out on top.

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SMITH AND BOAN IN HARTSVILLE CLOSED

Once again Virgil Smith was on top after the Hartsville Closed Round Robin came to an end, but this time James Boan equalled Smith's 4-1 score. This came about because tailor James Millen scored his only win of the tournament by upsetting Smith in the early part of the tournament. Still, Smith won out on the tie-break to maintain his Hartsville title.

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GROUNDHOG!

(WHITAKER, AGAIN)

This year's Groundhog Special in Charlotte set some sort of a record for a first place tie, as no fewer than six players finished with the same 4-1 score in the 30-player Open Section. When the tie break was exercised, though, Master Emeritus Norman Whitaker was on top for the third time in this series, and the second straight year. Lee Hyder finished second by drawing with Whitaker and swindling a remarkable draw from Leroy Taylor. Following on the tie-break were Ken Collins, Ron Simpson (Class A winner), Terry Newman, and Taylor. Chuck Howard won Class B, Joseph Crump Class C.

It was a good tournament for the Howards, as Chuck's wife Karen, a Class D player, beat R. L. Minor in the last round and finished tied for first with Tim Shelton. With Karen winning another trophy, Betty Taylor took the Ladies' Trophy, and R. L. Minor was highest unrated player in the 16-player section.

(From a report by Grady Brown)

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PIEDMONT SERIES CONTINUES TO PROSPER AND PRODUCE GOOD COMPETITION

Despite the abundance of competition around the area, the popular Piedmont tournaments continue to attract big groups of chessplayers. At Gaffney in November 28 showed up, and Charles Walter of Columbia won the top section. Harold Bush of Spartanburg tied with James Smith (SCCA President) at the top of Group B; David Smith of Decatur, Ga. won Section C. Mark Cantrell of Spartanburg won Section D in a 3-way playoff. At Spartanburg in January 33 came out, and David Williams of Spartanburg scored a big win by sweeping the A section ahead of several Class A and B rated players. Dana Tabor of Chapel Hill was also 3-0 in winning Section B; Barry Kendrick of Gastonia was 3-0 in Section C. The day's fourth 3-0 sweep was scored by Frederick Knetsche of Columbia in Section D. As we go to press we do not yet have the results from the February tournament in Gaffney.

ESTENGER HONORED

Dr. Otto Estenger of Greenwood, the 1971 S. C. Chess Champion, was honored on January 28th of this year by the presentation to him of the Lincoln-Marti award. This award, which is sponsored by the United States Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare, was established to recognize outstanding achievements by Cubans now living in this country. At the presentation in Miami, Dr. Estenger was specifically honored for becoming S. C. Chess Champion. This would seem to be not only a signal honor for Dr. Estenger, but an unusual recognition of the game of chess itself!

Dr. Estenger is a member of the faculty at Lander College in Greenwood, where he teaches Romance Languages. His wife, Vilma, is also a member of the Lander faculty. The Estengers have one son, Otto, Jr., a keen chessplayer who frequently accompanies his father to tournaments.

INTRODUCING BOB BLISS, OUR NEWLY HONORED MASTER

Capt. Bob Bliss of the U. S. Air Force is now South Carolina's only master. This by itself would assure him an important place in the state chess scene; but his biggest contribution to S. C. chess has probably not been over the board. During the year and a half that he has been stationed at Charleston AFB he has been largely responsible for reviving chess in the Charleston area. Bob quickly started up a club at CAFB and made it open to townspeople as well as servicemen; he has organized several tournaments and matches in that area; and he has been writing a chess column for the base newspaper which has been reprinted in the Beaufort newspaper. As one Charlestonian has pointed out, this is evidence of talent still rarer than chess mastery. Your Editor has met very few young, talented players who were willing to work to promote the game in this way.

Many South Carolinians have not yet met Bob, though, for he has been unable to participate in the South Carolina Championships because of personal conflicts. (For one thing, the 1970 Championship coincided very closely with his wedding.) We present here therefore a short biography.

Bob is a native Californian, having been born in Santa Monica in 1947. He grew up in Los Angeles and Manhattan Beach, graduating from Manhattan Beach H. S. in 1964. After taking his B. A. in Political Science from Occidental College in 1968, he received a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the USAF, and was assigned to Sacramento, California, through the summer of 1970. In June of 1970 he was transferred to Charleston AFB. His promotion has been rapid; he is now a Captain assigned as a Logistics Officer.

As Bob describes elsewhere in this issue, he learned chess fairly early in life, and has scored numerous successes. He was three times tied or outright under-16 champion of California, and was several times in the top four in the California Junior Championship. He has won the USAF championship once and finished second twice; was Armed Forces Speed Champion in 1970; and finished in 3rd place in the Armed Forces Championship this past year. The past three years he has been a member of the Air Force team, which has in turn during that time his team has won the Armed Forces Championship once and twice tied for first. He won several club championships in California, and since coming to Charleston has won the Southeastern Open in Raleigh (1970), the Sea Island Open (1972), and tied for first in the Sea Island Open (1971) and the NESO Open. He was 21st in the 400-player 1971 U. S. Open.

We understand that Bob expects to be reassigned overseas sometime this year. We hope he comes back to S. C.!

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMENTS

From Prof. Robert F. Brand, Statesboro, Ga.: (Secretary, Ga. Chess Assn., former SCCA Secretary) to the Editor:

Early last June I was in Washington, D. C. and called up Harold Mouzon, former S. C. Chess Champion. As you probably know, he has a master's rating. At the time I called him he said that he had four daughters and was expecting a fifth child within a short time. He is working for the U. S. Government with the Dept. of Labor as an attorney in Silver Spring, Maryland, and makes his home in Alexandria, Virginia.

You go much too far in your effort to belittle and discredit the achievements of Soviet chess players. Good sportsmanship is not served by attacking the integrity of an entire group of chessplayers from purely political motives. It looks to me like you have taken your cue from Bobby Fischer, the enfant terrible of American chess. I have the greatest respect for Fischer as a chess player, but his behavior certainly leaves much to be desired.

Editor's Response: I do not believe that I have maligned the integrity of the Russian chessplayers and chess officials by stating that they have used every fair and foul method at their disposal to maintain world chess domination. The Marxist-Leninist ethic to which they subscribe in fact demands that they do so, and if they failed to do so it would be a lack of integrity by their own standards. Many Americans do not fully appreciate this; Fischer does, and many of his actions are somewhat more comprehensible in this light. (In particular, his seemingly Quixotic insistence on changing the method of selecting a challenger for the World Championship.) Fischer was quoted by Life magazine after the Petrosian match as fearing for his life because of the importance the Soviets attach to their domination of chess. Remembering Alekhin's mysterious death, I don't feel his concern is unreasonable.

News from the Chess Clubs around the State:

From Mike Baxley, Hartsville:

This year Hartsville High School has a chess team for the first time. They would like to arrange matches with other schools. The team has a 2-0 record so far. We can play during school hours. Interested persons should contact Mike Baxley, 306 Park Ave., Hartsville, S. C. 29550.

From Allen Dawson, Orangeburg:

We have organized a college chess club here at S. C. State College, and want to get started as soon as possible in competition through the SCCA. Our club's name is "The Challengers of Knights".

Allen Dawson, President, Bethea Hall, SCSC, Orangeburg 29115.

Some of us have a good chess library, or so we think. But did you ever hear of the John G. White Collection of the Cleveland Public Library? Consider the following description:

" 'The largest chess library in the world', wrote the famous chess historian Harold J. R. Murray about the collection as long ago as 1914. Mr. John G. White, a prominent Cleveland attorney and for many years President of the Library's Board of Trustees, at his death in 1928, left his chess collection to the Cleveland Public Library with an endowment, the income from which is sufficient to buy every book published in the field.--" "Every phas of chess has been the object of acquisition. The collection of periodicals, many of them short-lived and not easy to find, is especially extensive. For printed books the aim has been to buy every edition of every book. There are nearly 1,000 manuscripts, among which may be cited one from the year 1480 containing Jean de Vignay's translation of Cessolis' De ludo scacchorum." "There are altogether over 15,000 catalogued chess and checkers items in the collection (and more than 100,000 volumes), more than twice the number of items listed in the largest printed chess catalog, that of the Royal Library in The Hague." (Continued next page)

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMENTS, CONTINUED

The catalog of the White collection has been published by G. K. Hall of Boston. It requires two volumes totaling over 1,000 pages, and costs \$125!

So: I found not long ago that I would be visiting Cleveland later this spring, and decided that I must see this wonder. I wrote the Cleveland Public Library for information, and thereby started an interesting correspondence with Mrs. Alice N. Loranth, Head of the John G. White Department. I learned from her that the White Dept. is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m., and that the chess books are kept in closed stacks, but that the Library Staff welcomes visitors and will assist researchers during those hours. I have also arranged to have the Cleveland Library copy my complete back issue file of SCCA NEWS and enter it in their collection. Mrs. Loranth notes that "The Chess Collection indeed is interested in obtaining and preserving local chess club publications of this type, which are of important research value to a special library". (Other publications with whom we exchange might well note this and put the Cleveland Library on their gratis mailing list as we will be doing. A century from now someone may be very grateful to have access to your publication in this way.)

I am looking forward to my visit to Cleveland!

A letter from J. M. Smith (SCCA President) to Ed Garvin of the USC Club has reached me, and it bears reprinting in several parts:

"A few years ago there were only three tournaments during the whole year that I could enter: Atlanta, Charlotte, and Columbia. Now, I notice there are to be seven tournaments in this same area during the next six weeks period."

"Here is an idea you may want to consider in pairing unrated players. I used it in my last tournament here in January. To prevent unrated players from entering into the low section and then "mopping up" on weak players, I paired them for the first round in the middle section. If they won I then paired them for the remaining rounds in the upper section. If they won I then paired them for the remaining rounds in the upper section. If they lost I paired them in the low section. It worked out beautifully. This is the original method used by Harkness in pairing unrated players."

Mr. Smith, of course, has been instrumental in increasing the number of competitions held in this part of the country. So, recently, has Ed Garvin. We have just learned that Ed has been nominated as co-Regional Vice President of the Intercollegiate Chess League of America by ICLA President Harold Winston of the University of Chicago. We are now on the exchange mailing list of the ICLA, and will be passing on news of interest to our college student membership from time to time. To start with, we excerpt some material just received from the ICLA:

The ICLA has been serving chessplayers in colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean since 1945 by sponsoring intercollegiate tournaments, publicizing college chess activity, and collecting and distributing information on organizing and running college chess clubs.

The 1972-73 Pan American Team Championship for colleges and universities in the Americas will be held next December 26-30. The ICLA also promotes regional and state college championships. Our goal is to have at least one college tournament each year within reach of every North American club.

The ICLA BULLETIN, published 3-5 times a year, contains news, tournament results and announcements, information and games. The ICLA is preparing a comprehensive booklet for the college chess organizer, the ICLA COLLEGE CHESS GUIDE, which we hope to publish in the autumn of 1972. (Continued next page)

CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS, CONTINUED FURTHER!

A college club can join ICLA for \$10 per year. Each club on joining will receive the ICLA BULLETIN and will also be a full affiliate of USCF with the right to sponsor USCF rated events, and collect a 20% commission on USCF memberships which they forward to Newburgh. They will also receive CHESS LIFE & REVIEW for one year. Schools wishing to join should send their name, mailing address, and \$10 to ICLA membership director Joe Sprince, 40 Orchard Rd., Brookline, Mass. 02146.

We note in particular the Gamecock Intercollegiate individual and team tournament to be held at USC April 22-23, as a sign of increasing collegiate activity in this area. (See Tournament Announcements)

We have also learned that the Southern Intercollegiate Champions, Georgia Tech, were beaten "convincingly" in a ten-board match against the University of Tennessee recently.

Mr. Stanley Benson of Florence is the new President of the Pee Dee Chess Club in that city.

From Richard Haas of the Southern Chess Association we have received a list of the top players in the Southeast. (Including Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, and the Carolinas) Here are the first ten:

1	Milan Momic, Alabama	2326	6	Eduardo Celorio, Florida	2212
2	Arnold Denker, Florida	2314	7	Marty Appleberry, Georgia	2193
3	Juan Gonzalez, Florida	2260	8	Kit Crittenden, Florida	2173
4	Robert Bliss, S. C.	2255	9	K. Pohl, Georgia	2145
5	Dave Truesdel, Tenn.	2221	10	M. Sills, Florida	2128

Other high rated South Carolinians included Otto Estenger who is # 20 at 2074, and Lee Hyder who is #29 at 2017. An average rating of the top players in each state came out like this:

Florida 2239; Georgia 2123; Tennessee 2096; Alabama 2086; S. C. 2063; N. C. 2023.

Georgia native Dave Truesdel is apparently the strongest native Southerner still active in this area. The caliber of chess in this area is strongly dependent on players moving here from elsewhere, it would seem!

The USCF Nominations Committee has presented a slate of candidates for the triennial elections scheduled for this year. Here is how it looks:

President: Frank J. Skoff, Chicago.

Vice President: George Koltanowski, San Francisco; Russell W. Miller, Yakima, Wash.; Maj. Robert Karch, Okinawa; Dr. Arpad Elo, Brookfield, Wisconsin.

Secretary: Martin E. Morrison, Oakland, California.

Regional Vice President (Region IV); John T. Demos, Louisville: Dr. K. B. Raut, Savannah.

Both Skoff and Morrison are well-known and highly respected organizers in their respective areas. The contested race for Vice President will be interesting. George Koltanowski is well known as a blindfold chess champion, columnist, and tournament director; as an organizer he has consistently gone his own way without making much of an effort to cooperate with the USCF or anyone else, and it is a surprise to find him nominated by no less a person than USCF President Dubeck. Dr. Elo is of course the founder of the USCF Rating System; Maj. Karch is a tireless and gifted organizer who has done great things for the game at his many duty stations. Miller is little known outside the Pacific Northwest, where he has been quite active. Dr. Raut will be familiar to many South Carolinians who have met him at tournaments in Beaufort or Savannah.

A few weeks ago the new USCF rating list arrived, and to my pleasant surprise, I had finally become a Master. Although I'm sure Fischer is not yet shivering in his shoes at the thought of having to play against me, I still am proud of my 2255 rating, and consider it one of the most important achievements of my chessplaying career. Dr. Hyder has asked me to write a bit about myself, so the following random thoughts are respectfully submitted.

I learned the game from my grandfather when I was about eight, and would occasionally play a game with him or my father, perhaps after Sunday dinner. But it was not until I was 13 that I really began to play. That summer a neighbor and I played almost daily after summer school. At first he beat me constantly, but I studied a couple of books my grandfather had left when he died, and by the end of the summer I was winning more than my share.

When high school began in September, my mother noticed an article in the paper about the local chess club's annual tournament. She asked if I'd like to go watch, but, feeling my oats, I said I would like to play. Fortunately the club was near and my parents didn't mind taking me to the club each Wednesday, so I did. As I recall, I scored a point by forfeit, another from the bye, was a Q down when my opponent stalemated me, and earned one "honest" draw. But last place didn't upset me; I was hooked. I played and improved steadily enough that the following year I came back to win the same club championship, at the age of 14.

I played quite a bit while in high school. In fact, too much. I studied the French Defense instead of French grammar, Horowitz instead of History, endgames instead of English, and Alekhine instead of Algebra. I became an Expert chessplayer, but my grades weren't so hot.

At college however, I played very little, almost exclusively in the summers. Not surprisingly, my rating stayed where it was, and occasionally dropped a bit. From about 1965 until 1971, my rating stayed in a very small range, never below 2020, yet never reaching 2100. After I entered the Air Force, I began to play more once again, and now am very active. Practice may not always make perfect, but it sure does improve your rating!

Two of the nicest experiences I have enjoyed were the Piatigorsky Cup International Grandmaster Chess Tournaments of 1963 and 1966. I was fortunate enough to be a member of the Communications Committee at each event. We were a group of about a dozen teenage players in Los Angeles who kept the official scoresheets, ran the demonstration boards, relayed the moves to the analysis rooms, and did odd jobs for the players and tournament director.

You can imagine what an impression these tournaments made on me. Naturally we met and helped all of the players (Fischer, Spassky, Larsen, Petrosian, Reshevsky, Gligoric, etc.), talked chess incessantly, and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves for the month each tournament ran. I was fortunate enough to be score- and board-keeper for most of Fischer's games. He requested that I keep a record of the time on the clock for each of the moves, one of the methods he uses to improve his use of the time allotted in future games. We also had good times like spending an afternoon talking chess with Olafsson, or going to a movie with Donner. And the only excitement that could compare with Fischer's brilliant charge in the second half of the 1966 tournament would have to be his even more recent successes. All in all, I shall never forget the good times I had at the Piatigorsky Cup Tournaments.

I'm not going to show you my "best" game, because I haven't played it yet. You would think a Master would have one game he was exceptionally proud of, but really I don't. I have played a great many games I enjoy replaying, however, and I would like to show you a few. They are not perfect, no, but I think you will enjoy them.
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Traps are fun, when you win, that is. In this quickie I saw the possibility of setting a snare for White, did so, and he put his R right in! I don't believe it's in the books, so you might take note of it. My opponent was apparently a decent player (he finished with 7½ points out of 12) so maybe the trap is not so easily seen. White: Martin Merado; Black: Robert Bliss; U. S. Open, 1971.

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 P-QR3 4 BxN QPxB 5 O-O P-B3 6 P-Q4 PxP 7 NxP P-QB4 8 N-N3 (So far all "book" which now recommends 8--QxQ. But I prefer to develop my B and let White bring my R to d8 if he feels like a Q exchange.) 8--B-K3 9 Q-B3 (Aha! White doesn't want to exchange queens, and he falls into the first part of my little trap--note that he threatens 10 NxP BxN 11 Q-R5+, winning a P.) P-B5 (Now White must move the N and he wants to put it on d4 as a5 and c5 are dangerous, and d2 slows his development. So he tries a *zwschenzug* to gain control of d4.) 10 R-Q1??? Q-B1! White resigns. Any N move loses a R to 11--B-N5.

The Morra Gambit against the Sicilian has been one of my most effective openings. Of the many games I've tried it in, I only recall 4 losses, including a game that I lost after overlooking a forced mate in 5! For just a P, White gets a lasting edge in position, and there are several traps Black must avoid. Here are a few Morras you may enjoy.

Robert Bliss vs. John Geder, Armed Forces Matches, 1971.

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-K3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 P-QB3 PxP 5 NxP P-QR3 6 B-QB4 Q-B2 7 Q-K2 N-QB3 8 O-O KN-K2 9 B-K3 N-N3 10 QR-B1 B-K2 11 B-N3 Q-N1 12 N-QR4 B-Q1 (Is Black trying to get all of his pieces back to the first rank??) 13 N-N6 BxN 14 BxB Q-B5 15 KR-Q1 Q-B3 16 B-R4 O-O 17 R-Q6 Q-B5 18 QR-Q1 Q-N5 19 P-KR3 N-B5 20 PxQ NxQ+ 21 K-R2 N-B5 22 K-N3 N-N3 (Black's a bit tied up, eh?) 23 B-N3 R-K1 24 N-Q4 N/N3-K4 25 P-KB4 NxN 26 R/1xN N-B3 27 R-Q1 P-QR4 (Black will try anything to get out of the bind, but it will be expensive.) 28 B-QB4 P-R5 29 P-QR3 P-KR3 30 K-B3 N-R4 31 B-N5 N-B3 32 P-KN3 P-KN3 33 R-QB1 P-KN4 34 R-B4 K-N2 35 RxR RxR 36 BxR P-KB3 37 P-QN4 P-K4 38 P-B5 R-K2? 39 P-QN5 N-Q5+ 40 K-K3! (to keep the blockade on d6) R-K1 41 BxN PxB+ 42 KxP R-K4 43 R-Q5 Resigns. (Now White's K will penetrate, and Black may NEVER move his QB!)

Robert Bliss vs. Robert Cross, U. S. Open, 1971:

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 P-Q4 P-K3 3 N-KB3 PxP 4 P-B3 PxP 5 NxP N-QB3 6 B-QB4 P-QR3 7 O-O P-Q3 8 Q-K2 N-KB3 9 R-Q1 Q-B2 (This is a typical Morra set-up; White must understand this position to play the Morra well.) 10 B-KB4 B-K2 11 QR-B1 O-O 12 P-KR3 B-Q2 (Probably an error; the B gets into trouble here.) 13 P-K5! N-K1 14 PxP BxP 15 RxB! NxR 16 N-K4 P-K4 17 BxP NxB(K4) 18 BxP+ RxB 19 RxQ (This is the position White had to examine before he began the combination on move 15. I thought I could hold it despite Black's active pieces. Note that the material is now in White's favor.) NxN+ 20 PxN N-N4! (This move forces White to play very carefully; his weak K side and Black's active N could cause serious problems.) 21 R-B4! R-K1 22 Q-Q3 P-KR3 23 P-QR4 N-R2 24 N-Q6 R-K8+ 25 K-R2 R/2-K2 26 R-K4 N-B3 27 Q-B3! R/8xR 28 PxR (Now that the pawns are undoubled, my task is much easier.) N-K4 29 P-B4 N-B2 30 P-K5 B-K3 31 P-B5 B-Q4 32 Q-B8+ K-R2 33 NxN BxN 34 P-K6 B-R4 35 Q-Q8 R-K1 36 Q-Q7 P-QN3 37 P-B6 Resigns.

We have several more games sent us by Bliss which will be saved for the next issue, and will here proceed to Chuck Braun's regular Games column:

Here's the game Bliss Couldn't win in the Sea Island Open. White: Painter

Black: Bliss. Benoni. 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 N-QB3 P-QB4 3 P-Q5 (a) P-K4 4 P-K4 P-QR3 5 P-KB4 P-Q3 6 N-KB3 B-N5 7 P-KR3 BxN 8 QxB QN-Q2 9 P-B5 (b) P-QN4 10 B-Q2 P-N5 11 N-Q1 B-K2 12 N-K3 N-N3 13 P-QN3 KN-Q2 14 B-K2 Q-B2 15 P-KR4 (c) K-Q1 16 P-KN4 K-B1 17 Q-B1 K-N2 18 N-B4 P-QR4 19 P-QR4! (d) P-KN3 20 P-N5 P-B3 21 B-K3 KR-K1 22 BPxP RPxP 23 PxP BxP 24 Q-N2 R-KN1 25 B-N5 NxN 26 BxN QR-KB1 27 KR-B1 Q-Q1 28 BxB RxB 29 RxR QxR 30 Q-R3 N-N3 31 O-O-O NxB 32 PxN K-B2 33 R-B1 Q-K2 34 Q-B3 R-N2 35 Q-R3 R-R2 36 Q-K6 QxP 37 R-B7+ RxR 38 QxR+ K-N3 39 QxP Q-K8+ 40 K-N2 Q-B6+ 41 K-B1 Q-R8+ 42 K-Q2 Q-Q5+ 43 K-B1 Drawn.

a. The game has already left familiar waters. White could try for a Sicilian with 3 N-B3 PxP 4 NxP followed by 5 P-K4.

b. This bottles Black up, although his position is sound. (Continued page 9)

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- c. White seizes the opportunity to attack on the K side.
- d. Stops Black cold on the Q side.

From the Spartanburg Sectional last April comes an interesting sacrifice by Ed Garvin who played Black against Bill Adickes of Asheville in a Q Gambit (Lasker Defense). The notes are by Garvin.

- 1 P-Q4 P-Q4 2 P-QB4 P-K3 3 N-QB3 N-KB3 4 B-N5 B-K2 5 P-K3 O-O 6 N-B3 P-KR3 7 B-R4 N-K5 8 BxB QxB 9 PxP(a) NxN 10 PxN PxP 11 Q-N3 R-Q1 12 B-Q3 (b) P-QN3! 13 O-O P-QB4!(c) 14 P-B4 B-K3 15 KR-K1(d) N-B3 16 BPxP BxP(e) 17 Q-R3 BxN 18 PxP Q-B3 19 B-K4 PxP 20 QR-B1 PxP! 21 RxN?(f) PxP+ 22 KxP Q-R5+ 23 K-B1 Q-R6+ 24 K-B2(g) QxR+ 25 K-B1 R-Q7 26 Resigns.
- a. 9 NxN PxN 10 N-Q2 P-K4=
- b. Correct is 12 P-B4. The text loses a tempo.
- c. This gives Black at least equality.
- d. Better is 15 KR-B1.
- e. Threatening PxP 17 BxP N-R4
- f. A better try was 21 BxN PxP+ 22 KxP Q-R5+ 23 K-Q3; but QxP! seems to win for Black, e. g. 24 R-K2 R-K1+! or 24 Q-B3 QR-B1 with the possibility of --QxP netting four P's for the piece. (Perhaps another try might be 24 KR-Q1 intending Q-K7. Ed.)
- g. White resists as long as he can, but the mate is forced.

Here's a brief game between two South Carolinians from the 1971 Carolinas Open. White: Charles Walter. Black: Douglas Cail. Alekhine Defense.

- 1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 c4 Nb6 4 d4 d6 5 f4 de 6 fe (a) c5!? (b) 7 d5 (c) e6 (d) 8 Nc3 ed (e) 9 cd Qh4+? (f) 10 g3 Qd4 11 Bf4? (g) Qd1+?(h) 12 Rd1 Bg4 13 Be2 Be2 14 Nge2 Na6 15 O-O O-O-O? 16 Bg5!? Rd7?(h) 17 e6 fe 18 de Rd1 19 Rd1 g6 20 e7 Bg7 21 Rd8+ Rd8 22 ed(Q) mate.
- a. White has accepted the challenge to take the center.
- b. Not as bad as it looks.
- c. Best. 7 de Qd1+ 8 Kd1 Na4!
- d. White gets the better of it after 7--Bf5 8 Nc3.
- e. Best. 8--Nc4 is met by 9 Qa4+; not 9 Bc4? Qh4+. Also 8--Qh4+ 9 g3 Qd5 10 Bd2!+
- f. Black has to play c4 here. Some possibilities are 10 Qd4 Nc6 11 Qe4 Nb4 12 d6 g6, and 10 Bf4 (threatens 11 Bc4) Bb4 11 Bc4 Nc4 12 Qa4+ Nc6!
- g. Correct is 11 Bb5+ Bd7 12 Qe2 with a winning attack: a6 13 e6! fe 14 Qe6+ Be7 15 Bg5; or 12--Nd5 13 e6! Bb5 14 Nb5! Qb4+ 15 Bd2 Qb2 16 ef+ Kf7 17 Qh5+.
- h. 11--g5 is correct.
- i. 16--Re8 is correct.

Here's one of the games that won David Williams the S. C. Reserve Championship last fall. T. R. Herold is White in this K Indian.

- 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 N-KB3 P-KN3 3 B-B4 B-N2 4 P-K3 P-Q3 5 B-B4 (a) P-B4 6 N-N5 O-O 7 P-QB3 B-B4(b) 8 Q-N3! P-Q4 9 B-K2?(c) P-QN3 10 PxP PxP 11 QN-Q2 P-KR3 12 N/5-B3 QN-Q2 13 O-O R-K1 14 P-K5 NxN 15 NxN Q-Q3 16 N/5-B3(d) P-K4 17 Q-Q1(e) N-Q2 18 B-N5 QR-N19 BxN Q-B 20 P-QN3(f) Q-Q1 21 R-B1 B-Q6! 22 R-Q1 P-K5 23 P-B4(g) B-N7! 24 PxP BxR 25 QxB PxN 26 NxP P-B5 27 PxP R-N8 28 Q-Q2 RxR+ 29 NxR BxP 30 P-K4 RxP 31 N-B3 Q-N3 32 Q-B2 R-K7 33 P-KR3 QxP+ 34 Resigns.
- a. Better 5 P-B4 because Black can now play 5--P-Q4!
- b. Last chance for P-Q4.
- c. 9 QxP PxP 10 QxR wins material. Now Black has things under control.
- d. Better to fight a holding action with 16 N/2-B3.
- e. 17 R-Q1 would have slowed Black a bit.
- f. More N-K1 is called for.
- g. No place to hide!

Finally, one of the games that gave Bob Bliss his first place in the NESO Open: William Patterson was White in this Budapest Defense.

- 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-K4(a) 3 PxP N-N5 4 Q-Q4 P-Q3 5 PxP N-QB3(b) 6 Q-K4+ B-K3 7 BxP PxP 8 N-KB3 O-O-O 9 N-N5?(c) R-Q8+! 10 KxR NxP+ 11 K-K1 NxQ 12 NxN N-Q5 13 K-Q1 B-KB4 14 N/1-Q2 B-K2 15 P-KN3 Q-K4 16 B-N2(d) B-QN5 17 R-K1 BxR/7 18 N-Q6+(e) QxN 19 BxP+ KxB 20 BxB N-B7 21 QR-B1 N-K6++
- a. The Budapest, a fighting game.
- b. The book line is 5--BxP 6 N-KB3 O-O 7 N-B3 N-QB3 8 Q-Q3 B-K3, with compensation for the P.
- c. White gets greedy, instead of developing and solidifying with 9 N-B3.
- d. White develops rapidly, but too late. e. If 18 NxN B-B7++

TOURNAMENT CROSSTABLES

NORTHEASTERN S. C. OPEN, DARLINGTON, NOVEMBER, 1971

Open Section:

Player	Result by Rounds:					Total
	1	2	3	4	5	
1 Robert Bliss, Charleston	W7	W6	D2	W4	W3	4½
2 Charles Walter, Columbia	W3	W4	D1	W6	W8	4½
3 Wm. Patterson, Columbia	L2	W8	W5	W7	L1	3
4 Don Morse, Darlington	W10	L2	W9	L1	W6	3
5 James Inman, Florence	W8	L7	L3	W10	W9	3
6 Douglas Cail, Beaufort	W9	L1	W7	L2	L4	2
7 Robt. Strickland, Smoaks	L1	W5	L6	L3	W10	2
8 I. Wiley, Darlington	L5	L3	W10	W9	L2	2
9 Stanley Benson, Florence	L6	W10	L4	L8	L5	1
10 Robert Denmark, Darlington	L4	L9	L8	L5	L7	0

Reserve Section:

Player	Result by Rounds:					Total
	1	2	3	4	5	
1 Woodall, Gary (Darlington)	W3	W4	W2	W5	W6	5
2 Stucker, Richard (Camden)	W6	L5	L1	W4	W3	3
3 Moore, Howard (Hartsville)	L1	W6	W5	W4	L2	3
4 Baxley, Mike (Hartsville)	W5	L1	W6	L3	L2	2
5 Boettcher, John (Sumter)	L4	W2	L3	L1	Bye	2
6 Millen, James (Hartsville)	L2	L3	L4	Bye	L1	1

GAFFNEY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN, NOVEMBER, 1971

Player	Result by Rounds:					Total
	1	2	3	4	5	
Section A:						
1 Charles Walter, Columbia	W5	W3	D4			2½
2 John C. Bell, Inman	W3	W8	L6			2
3 J. M. Collins, Shelby, N. C.	W2	L1	W7			2
4 Judson Duffee, Columbia	W8	D6	D1			2
5 Donald Hull, Gastonia, N. C.	L1	D7	W8			1½
6 James Lutz, Gastonia, N. C.	D7	D4	L2			1
7 Lewis Knoepp, Spartanburg	D6	D5	L3			1
8 Thomas Forster, Spartanburg	L4	L2	L5			0
Section B:						
9 Harold Bush, Spartanburg	D13	W15	W12			2½
10 James Smith, Spartanburg	W14	D12	W13			2½
11 Chauncey Harmon, Shelby, N. C.	L12	W16	W15			2
12 J. S. Barr, Greenville	W11	D10	L9			1½
13 Barry Kendrick, Gastonia, N. C.	D9	W14	D10			1½
14 S. M. Douglass, Shelby, N. C.	L10	L13	W16			1
15 Paul Moore, Greenville	W16	L9	L11			1
16 John Sullivan, Charleston	L15	L11	L14			0
Section C:						
17 David Smith, Decatur, Ga.	W20	W21	W18			3
18 C. N. Allen, Greenville	W22	W19	L17			2
19 Bob Berry, John's Island	W21	L18	W20			2
20 James Patterson, Gaffney	L17	W22	L19			1
21 Bruce Blanton, Gaffney	L19	L17	D22			½
22 Cheslie Fowler, Gaffney	L18	L20	D21	W28		1½ (4)
Section D:						
23 Mark Cantrell, Spartanburg	W27	W26	L25	W24	D25	3½ (5)
24 James Greenway, Spartanburg	L25	W28	W26	L23	W25	3 (5)
25 J. Clark Curry, Spartanburg	W24	L27	W23	D23	L24	2½ (5)
26 John Smith, Spartanburg	W28	L23	L24			1
27 Dennis Herald, Gaffney	L23	W25	W. D.			1 (2)
28 Johnny Moore, Gaffney	L26	L24	L22			0

HARTSVILLE CLOSED ROUND ROBIN, NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, 1971

1 Virgil Smith	W4	W2	W3	L5	W6	4
2 James Boan	W6	L1	W5	W4	W3	4
3 Mike Baxley	W5	W4	L1	W6	L2	3
4 Howard Moore, Jr.	L1	L3	W6	L2	W5	2
5 James Millen	L3	L6	L2	W1	L4	1
6 O. D. Duckett	L2	W5	L4	L3	L1	1

Smith finished ahead of Boan on Sonneborn-Berger tie break, 10 to 7.

TOURNAMENT CROSSTABLES

THIRD SEA ISLAND OPEN, BEAUFORT, JANUARY, 1972

Championship Section:

Player and Home State	Results by Rounds: 1 2 3 4				Total
1 Robert Bliss, S. C.	D5	W6	W9	W3	3½
2 Lee Hyder, S. C.	W8	D9	W5	D4	3
3 John Farwell, Conn.	W7	D12	W4	L1	2½
4 Charles Walter, S. C.	W11	W13	L3	D2	2½
5 Robert Painter, S. C.	D1	W16	L2	W12	2½
6 William McClain, Fla.	W15	L1	W12	D7	2½
7 Robert Brand, Ga.	L3	W15	W10	D6	2½
8 Lee Purvis, S. C.	L2	D11	W13	W4	2½
9 Ed Garvin, S. C.	W10	D2	L1	D11	2
10 William Patterson, S. C.	L9	W14	L7	W13	2
11 Douglas Cail, S. C.	L4	D8	WF16	D9	2
12 Henry Lota, Ga.	W14	D3	L6	L5	1½
13 George Andrews, Ga.	W16	L4	L8	L10	1
14 Jackson Howell, Jr., Ga.	L12	L10	W15	L8	1
15 William Shoemaker, S. C.	L6	L7	L14	Bye	1
16 Tom Simmons, Fla.	L13	L5	LF	With.	0

Reserve Section

1 Ronald Minor, S. C.	W15	W10	W8	W3	4
2 C. Carr Lucas, Ga.	W5	W16	W9	D8	3½
3 Stephen Connally, Ga.	W17	W7	W13	L1	3
4 David Dickinson, Ga.	W6	L8	W12	W9	3
5 Robert DeLoach III, Ga.	L9	W22	W16	W13	3
6 John Lauff, Ga.	L4	W23	W18	W15	3
7 Peter Mantius, S. C.	Bye	L3	W20	W10	3
8 Roger Ramsey, S. C.	W21	W4	L1	D2	2½
9 Roger Brewer, N. C.	W5	W19	L2	L4	2
10 Albert Epstein, Ga.	W14	L1	W11	L7	2
11 Ted Garalis, Penn.	L2	W14	L10	W20	2
12 Mark Edwards, Ga.	W20	L13	L4	W14	2
13 Robert Capsheew, Jr., Ind.	W22	W12	L3	L5	2
14 Eddie Carson, Ga.	L10	L11	WF22	W12	2
15 John Bell, S. C.	L1	W21	W19	L6	2
16 James Mayfield, Ga.	W18	L2	L5	W21	2
17 John Crockett, S. C.	L3	L18	W21	W19	2
18 Robert Strickland, S. C.	L16	W17	L6	With.	1
19 John Grizzle, Ga.	W23	L9	L15	L17	1
20 Tim Morgan, S. C.	L12	Bye	L7	L11	1
21 Daniel Morgan, S. C.	L8	L15	L17	L16	0
22 John Sullivan, III, S. C.	L13	L5	Withd.		0
23 Richard Bobart, S. C.	L19	L6	Withd.		0

NORTH AUGUSTA WINTER TOURNAMENT, DECEMBER, 1971: UNRATED SECTIONS

A. 1 Alan Taylor, N. Augusta	W2	W3	W4	3
2 Claude Eaton, Belvedere	L1	W4	W3	2
3 Eddie Melton, Bamberg	W4	L1	L2	1
4 Wayne Tollison, Augusta	L3	L2	L1	0
B. 1 Jan Dabrowski, N. Augusta	L3	W2	W4	2
2 Col. Matt Wright, Augusta	W4	L1	W3	2
3 Stan Vaughn, Bamberg	W1	L4	L2	1
4 John Scott, Augusta	L2	W3	L1	1
C. 1 Nate Wolfe, N. Augusta	W2	W3	W4	3
2 Kenneth Webb, Augusta	L1	W4	W3	2
3 Kurt Fago, Bamberg	W4	L1	L2	1
4 Jerry Tollison, N. Augusta	L3	L2	L1	0
D. 1 Peggy McKie, N. Augusta	W2	W3	W4	3
2 Miguel Seise, Augusta	L1	W4	L3	1
3 Eddie Bowden, Bamberg	L4	L1	W2	1
4 Gerald Knighten, N. Augusta	W3	L2	L1	1
E. 1 Bob Ingham, Augusta	W2	W3	W4	3
2 Charles Robertson, Smoaks	L1	W4	W3	2
3 Alan Staggs, Bamberg	W4	L1	L2	1
4 Dr. F. Ashley, Aiken	L3	L2	L1	0

No Draws!

TOURNAMENT CROSSTABLES

CASTLE CLUB OPEN, JANUARY, 1972

#	Player, Hometown	Results:	1	2	3	4	Total
Section A:							
1	David Williams, Spartanburg		W7	W4	W2		3-0
2	John Yates, Columbia		W5	W8	L1		2-1
3	Jeff Smeltzer, Greenville		L4	W7	W6		2-1
4	John Ulrich, Sumter		W3	L1	D5		1½-1½
5	John Thompson, Greenville		L2	W6	D4		1½-1½
6	Ricky Bailey, Greensboro, N. C.		W12	L5	L3		1-2
7	Chuck Howard, Charlotte, N. C.		L1	L3	W8		1-2
8	Paul Tinkler, Greenwood		W15	L2	L7	W24	2-2
Section B:							
9	Dana Tabor, Chapel Hill, N. C.		W23	W11	W10		3-0
10	Thomas Forster, Spartanburg		W21	W14	L9		2-1
11	Donald R. Hull, Gastonia, N. C.		W24	L9	W16		2-1
12	Jim Osborne, Greensboro, N. C.		L6	W13	W14		2-1
13	Clark Curry, Spartanburg		W19	L12	W15		2-1
14	James M. Collins, Shelby, N. C.		W16	L10	L12		1-2
15	John C. Bell, Inman		L8	W16	L13		1-2
16	Louis Knoepp, Spartanburg		L14	L15	L11		0-3
Section C:							
17	Barry Kendrick, Gastonia, N. C.		W31	W22	W20		3-0
18	James S. Barr, Greenville		W28	D20	W23		2½-1½
19	Richard O. Stucker, Camden		L13	W24	W22		2-1
20	Harold Bush, Jr., Spartanburg		W27	D18	L17		1½-1½
21	John A. Thompson, Chapel Hill, N. C.		L10	D23	W24		1½-1½
22	Neil Gosnell, Spartanburg		W32	L17	L19		1-2
23	Larry Heavrin, Spartanburg		L9	D21	L18		½-2½
24	William Verzino, Asheville, N. C.		L11	L19	L21	L8	0-4
Section D:							
25	Frederick Knetsche, Columbia		W33	W32	W29		3-0
26	Greg Hall, Greensboro, N. C.		W29	L27	W30		2-1
27	George Yachan, Carrboro, N. C.		L20	W26	D28		1½-1½
28	Bill McWhorter, Spartanburg		L18	W33	D27		1½-1½
29	James Greenway, Spartanburg		W30	L26	L25	W33	2-2
30	Bruce Blanton, Buies Creek, N. C.		L29	W31	L26		1-2
31	Mark Cantrell, Spartanburg		L17	L30	W32		1-2
32	William B. Tabor, Huntersville, N. C.		L22	L25	L31		0-3
33	Mrs. Dale Tabor, Huntersville, N. C.		L25	L28	L29		0-3

NORTH AUGUSTA WINTER OPEN, CHAMPIONSHIP SECTIONS

1	Dr. Otto Estenger, Sr., Greenwood	D4	D2	W3		2-1
2	Lee Hyder, Aiken	L3	D1	W4		1½-1½
3	Charles Walter, Columbia	W2	D4	L1		1½-1½
4	Charles E. Braun, Aiken	D1	D3	L2		1-2
5	Robert F. Strickland, Smoaks	W7	D6	WF		2½-½
6	F. F. Simpson, Augusta	W8	D5	WF		2½-½
7	Gerald Kelly, Bamberg	L5	WF	WD		1-1
8	John L. Sullivan, Charleston	L6	WD	WD		0-1
9	William Patterson, Charleston	W10	L11	W12		2-1
10	William Mareska, Augusta	L9	W12	W11		2-1
11	Harry Bell, Augusta	D12	W9	L10		1½-1½
12	William Dodgen, North Augusta	D11	L10	L9		½-2½
13	Dwight Lyman, Augusta	W14	W16	W15		3-0
14	Kenneth Yost, North Augusta	L13	W15	W16		2-1
15	Bruce McCalley, North Augusta	W16	L14	L13		1-2
16	James Scogin, North Augusta	L15	L13	L14		0-3
Ray	Holzworth, North Augusta (17)	W18	W19	W20		3-0
18	Myron Lyman, Jr., Augusta	L17	W20	W19		2-1
19	Otto Estenger, Jr., Greenwood	W20	L17	L18		1-2
20	Henry Horres, Jr., Charleston	L19	L18	L17		0-3
21	Judson Duffee, Columbia	W22	W23	W24		3-0
22	Steve Wall, Gloverville	L21	W24	L23		1-2
23	C. S. Wells, Augusta	L24	L21	W22		1-2
24	John M. Garris, Jr., Augusta	W23	L22	L21		1-2

Review: *Think Like A Grandmaster* by Alexander Kotov,
Translated by Bernard Cafferty, B.T. Batsford, London,
1971.

By Jude F. Acers, USCF Senior Master

Gee whiz, What a book and where do I begin praise?
Let's do it by question and answer:

Q. Who is the Author Kotov? A. A USSR great who became famous in 1939 by whizzing through the 1939 Russian Championship, 1½-4½ only to lose to Botvinnik in their last round game. Dynamic, Competitive Kotov was immediately awarded the title of Soviet Grandmaster, without provision, only the third player so honored. Moscow Champion in 1941 and twice zonal qualifier for the world title. 4th at Saltsjobaden 1948 and then his great 1952 Saltsjobaden Interzonal win 16½-3½, 3 points ahead of Petrosian and Talmanov. In the following Super G.M. candidates tournament he scored 50% W8-B=12. A munitions engineer during WWII and tireless organizer, Kotov is famous for a series of axioms. They are:

A. NEVER move without thinking. (Exit all speed chess.)

B. Calculate every variation only once--every time the chessplayer has to calculate in tree style he must cover each branch but once.

C. Look every time for the most fantastic possibilities on the board. This stimulates imagination and assures the recognition of resources.

D. Remember the Blumenfeld Rule: "When you have finished calculations (variations), look for 1 minute with the eyes of a beginner." Look: do you lose the queen, do you allow mate in one or two?

E. Always keep score perfectly, even in time pressure.

F. Write your move clearly before making it on the board without fail. Kotov first reached English speaking audiences with his very helpful advice in the early sixties by an Australia Exhibition Tour and series in Chess World. The volume here reviewed is a much simplified attempt to help the student become a tremendously capable analyst. In my opinion it works beautifully.

Q. What is the content of the book like? A. Organization is stressed in analysis, playing, training that is very easy to follow. Individual effort and nothing more is needed for progress.

Q. Can I, a USCF expert, become a grandmaster by really working on this book and, say, all the games in INFORMATOR? A. Yes. No talent is required. It is solely a matter of interest.

Q. Is practical advice given with encouragement or is it dry Soviet School of chess, we-are-the-best junk? A. Kotov really tries to help the reader become a much better player and encourages him forward. The advice given is not only from Kotov but Smyslov, Bronstein and Botvinnik, people Kotov has known very well over four decades.

Q. Are there really analysts positions or is the book all talk? A. 159 diagram positions and exercises caused your reviewer to be weeks late with this review.

Q. Do you advise purchasing the book? A. No, I want to be the only person on earth with a copy. Seriously, get the volume if you wish to play professionally or regularly face strong players in open tournaments.

Q. Any conclusions? A. A triumph for quality chess publication, Chess Digest and of course Kotov and Kenneth R. Smith. Well translated, beautifully produced. Just a wonderful volume for the serious player.

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Editorial from the Parkway CC Bulletin of Cincinnati, Ohio:

EDITORIAL: Computers in Chess

Sneaky Pete bombed at the University of Dayton Open. Who cares?

Sneaky Pete is (was?) a computer, entered in the tournament by a Columbus company. Pete scored only 1½ points, alternating (said Ed Lawrence) between brilliance and stupidity.

We don't like the idea of computers--potentially near-perfect "chessplayers"--participating in chess tournaments. However, since they WILL be entered, we recommend that:

- 1) Because the computer, in effect, violates Article 18, Section 1(a), the human opponent should also be allowed to play an open-book game.
- 2) The opponent should, at least, not be paired with a computer without his specific approval.

Incidentally, what proof was there that there was really a computer on the other end of the phone line connecting the equipment at the tournament with the computer in Columbus? Putting a good player on the other end would ensure first place, or near to it, and be a rather distasteful practical joke. --D.M.

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Send us the following information and we will print it. If you hold tournaments restricted to SCCA members (see p. 15) and send this information, you will qualify as an affiliate of the SCCA.
Name of club; Meeting place and date; Officers.

To start this out, we list the Castle Chess Club of Spartanburg High School, Spartanburg, S. C. This SCCA Affiliate meets every Thursday afternoon in the SHS Guidance Center. Visitors are welcome. President: David Williams; V-P: Tom Forster; Sec-Treas.: Jeff Hoffman; Advisor: James M. Smith.

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TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL S. C. HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP, MAY 13, Camden, S. C.

Tournament for teams of four players. Each team must bring two Staunton sets and boards, plus clocks, if you have them. Each player will keep his own game score. Registration 9:30 to 10:00 a. m. at Woodward Park Canteen just off U. S. Highway 1 west of Camden. Time limit: 40/60. Pairing by dot. Two rounds (three if ten or more schools enter). Entry fee \$1 per player; no memberships required. Trophy to winning school. All public and private junior and senior high schools in the state are eligible. J. M. Smith is Tournament Director; James Patterson and R. O. Stucker are Assistant Directors. If you know of any school in the state with four chess players, have them enter this tournament!!

CAROLINA JUNIOR OPEN, JUNE 10-11, Aiken, S. C.

5 Round SS Tournament at the Heritage Room of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, Park Ave. at Laurens St., Aiken, S. C. Open to all players born after September 1, 1951. USCF and SCCA or other state memberships required. EF \$5. Time Limit 50/2. Prizes: Certificates and merchandise, mainly books. It is the intention of the organizers to provide the winner with substantial assistance in attending the U. S. Junior Open in Minnesota later in the summer. This will depend in large part on the negotiations with potential sponsors now progressing. Prizes to winner, runner-up, and age group winners as follows: Boys under 18; Boys under 16; Boys under 14; Girls; Girls 15 and under. (Ages are as of June 11.) Sponsors: S. C. C. A.; Aiken Recreation Dept; perhaps others. Registration: At the tournament site by 8:30 a. m. June 10, or in advance to M. L. Hyder, 33 Longwood Dr., Aiken, S. C. 29801.

CAROLINAS OPEN, JULY 21-23, Beaufort, S. C.

Five Round Swiss Tournament now in Three Sections! \$425 in prizes guaranteed! Open: \$200 1st, \$100 2nd, \$50 3rd. Reserve: \$50 1st, trophy second. Novice: \$25 1st, Trophy 2nd. Entry Fees: Open \$15 (Open to all) Reserve \$12 (1400-1699) Novice \$10 (1399 and under, or Unr.) \$2 discount on entry if received by July 18. Note the schedule now: The Open starts Friday night at 8:30; entries must be in by 8 p. m. This section plays only two rounds each day on Saturday and Sunday. The Reserve and Novice close registration on Saturday at 8:30 a. m. and start play at 9, playing 3 games Saturday and 2 Sunday. Time limits: Open: 45/2; Reserve: 45/1:45; Novice: 45/1:30. For the first time this year this tournament is being held on the big weekend of the Beaufort Water Festival, which means that there are activities going on all the time that will interest the whole family, so bring them along! It also means that you should arrange your accommodations early! Come one! Come all! Information: Douglas Cail, 1002 Paul Dr., Beaufort 29902. Tournament Directors: Bob Painter and Lee Hyder.

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. Sites: Spartanburg H. S. (March 11); Greenville H. S. (April 8). Information: Mr. J. M. Smith, 611 DuPre Dr., Spartanburg 29302.

OTHER TOURNAMENTS:

First Saturday Opens, Statesville, N. C. : 3Rd SS in single section, EF\$3, Reg 9-9:30, start play at 10. Dates: April 1, May 6. Site: Vance Motor Inn, Statesville. Prizes? USCF + State Memberships. Information: David O. Stern, 4 Magnolia Ct., Greensboro, N. C. 27401.

University of N. C. Tournaments, March 25th and April 15th, in Rms. 207-209 of the Porter Student Union, UNC at Chapel Hill. Essentially identical to the Piedmont series described above.

Charleston AFB Club Championship: Starts March 9. 8Rd. SS in two sections, Open (Rated) and Reserve. EF's \$2 and \$1 respectively. To be played one (Continued next page)

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game per week at Charleston AFB, Room 3, Bldg. 112, at regular club meetings. (Thursdays, beginning at 7 p. m. For further information call Bob Bliss (Home phone 553-6108; office phone 747-4111, ext. 2507.)

Dogwood Open, Shelby, N. C.: See attached flyer.

GABEGGON INTERCOLLEGIATE, APRIL 22-23, Columbia
5 rd SS, 50/2, at Room 310 of the Russel House on the USC Campus in Columbia. EF \$2. Trophies to top 3 and top two teams of four or more (team score is the total of the best 4 scores by players from a given school.) Reg. at tournament site 9-9:30 a. m., rounds 10-2-7, 10-2. To inquire or enter write John Boettcher, USC Box 7184, Columbia 29208.

Great Academic Disaster Tournament, Columbus, Ga.: 5 rd SS, 3/25-26/72, at the Student Center of Columbus College, Room 208. EF \$4. + USCF, GCA. Prizes \$5. more if sufficient entry; Trophies to winner, top A, B, C, and D/Und. Reg.: 8-9 3/25, Inf.: Mike Hollifield, 6146 Arrington Dr., Columbus 31904.

SOUTHERN OPEN, ATLANTA, JULY 1-4. 7 Rd SS in three sections. Open: EF \$20, Prizes \$320-160-80, \$120 to top A. Amateur (Ratings 1799 or below): EF \$10, Prizes \$160-80-40, Top C \$60. Reserve (Ratings 1399 or under): EF \$10, Prizes \$100-50-25. Trophies to winner each section, top Jr. in Open. Entry fees include SCA Dues, crosstable to be sent all participants. Early entries (before June 24) will be put in a. crosstable for two chess clocks. Site: Atlanta American Hotel, Spring St. at Columbus Way, Atlanta 30603. Registration: 10-1:30 July 1; Rounds 2-7, 1-7, 1-7, 7. Special hotel rates \$17 single/\$20 double. For hotel reservations and early entry write Richard Haas, Box 32634, Decatur, Ga. 30632.

And as we go to press the Atlantic Coast Open is about to be held in Columbia. We hope you all came!

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The USC Chess Club held a Chess Festival at the USC Ball Camp outside Columbia on Jan. 16. There was blitz, kriegspiel, skittles, and food, plus free transportation from the campus via bus. Ah, college life is getting better all the time!

DON'T FORGET! Bids for the 1972 S. C. Closed Championship should be in the hands of the SCCA President or Secretary by March 31!

North Augusta High School, getting into shape for the State Tournament, and has beaten decisively, taking Carlisle Military Academy 5-0 and Aiken High 4-1. Here's how the scoring went:

Carlisle	
Alan Stagg 0	
Stan Vaughan 0	
Eddie Bowden 0	
Vann Hibberts 0	
Eddie Meriton 0	
Aiken	
Mike Moore 1	
Mack Fowler 0	
Pat Flannagan 0	
Paul Rideout 0	
Brent Oldenburg 0	
North Augusta	
Jimmy Scogin 0	
George Taylor 1	
Nate Wolfe 1	
Gerald Knichtson 1	
George Morris 1	

New Policies of the SCCA have been announced by SCCA President Smith on a trial basis after discussions among the officers:
Members of one family living at the same address may be permitted to enter SCCA Tournaments on payment of dues for one person. They will receive only one copy of the Newsletter.
Clubs may now affiliate to the SCCA as clubs, and will be recognized by the organization as club affiliates, providing they require SCCA membership for their tournaments. See p. 13 for information.

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