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## ALEXANDER EDELSBURG DIES IN COLUMBIA

Alexander Edelsburg of Columbia, founder of the Palmetto Chess Club in Columbia, and five-time Champion of South Carolina, died September 9 at his home after a long illness. Alex was 66 years old.

Alex was born in Warsaw, Poland, and studied at the University there, compiling a brilliant record that culminated in the Doctor of Laws degree. When admitted to the bar he was the youngest barrister in his country. At that time Warsaw was one of the leading European chess centers, with Tartakower and the young Naidorf in residence, and Alex learned the game well in this difficult school.

At the outbreak of World War II he entered the Polish army; after the defeat of his country by the Germans he was able to escape and join the Polish units which fought under Montgomery in North Africa and Italy. He received numerous decorations for bravery in these campaigns. Following the war the Russian subjugation of Poland caused him to settle in the West; he settled in Columbia in 1950. Alex gained admission to the S. C. bar and practiced law with the firm of J. F. McGuinn in Columbia.

There was no chess club in Columbia in 1950. Alex went out and started one. There was no state chess organization, either, but with the Palmetto Club as a nucleus a loose organization of players from around the state came to exist; somewhere along the way this acquired the title of South Carolina Chess Association. Thus he was really the founder of postwar chess competition in S. C. along with such enthusiasts as Peter Grant and Lanneau Foster of Columbia, Dr. William Putnam of Greenville, and Prof. Robert Brand of Charleston, he helped keep chess competition going through the fifties and sixties; and during this time compiled the best record of any South Carolinian in these competitions. He won the S. C. Closed Championship outright in 1952, and was co-champion in 1956, 1960, 1965, and 1967. He was Palmetto Club Champion in 1953, 1955, and 1966, and Columbia Champion in 1954, 1955, 1967, and 1969. He won the inships in 1966 and 1967.

Alex was a cultured man who loved music and the arts, but it was clear to all who knew him that of all his interests he most loved chess. Having derived so much pleasure from the game, he felt a strong obligation to work to make it possible for others to enjoy it also. We in South Carolina are the beneficiaries of his efforts.

Alex is survived by his widow, Andree, a daughter, and a granddaughter. All his friends in the South Carolina chess community join them in mourning his loss.

--Lee Hyder

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THE ANNUAL S. C. CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP

will be in North Augusta November 10-12. Turn to Page 3 for details.



ALEXANDER EDELSBURG

With Fischer as World Champion, the chess world can never be the same again. The press has found him a newsworthy personality, and he knows how to exploit that. For the first time, chess competition has entered the world of high finance; and, to the wonderment of nearly everyone, it has been demonstrated that televised chess can be exciting and very possibly a commercial proposition.

More importantly, so far as we in South Carolina are concerned, a lot of newcomers have discovered the game, and a lot of old-timers have been moved to take it up again. To all of you reading this who are in these categories, a hearty welcome! And may chess give you many enjoyable hours.

The public at large now knew much more about chess than they did before, and this is a happy thing for us all, I think. Chess events generally should get a better press reception, and arouse more public interest.

The USCF is going to have to make some adjustments to an increasing membership and a greater degree of professionalism among masters. This is the same sort of problem that the sports world has already encountered. The interests of the professionals may often conflict with those of the governing body, who are amateur devotees of the game. This will arise, for example, in sending a team to the Chess Olympics: should USCF funds be used to pay our players for playing, and, if so, how much? Such funds have been generally used in the past; but a "hessmaster"s time is worth a lot more this fall than it has ever been before.

Let's pass over these problems, though, and look at the fruits of the upsurge in chess interest and how they benefit us in South Carolina: --Revitalization of chess clubs; a huge new club in North Augusta, and another big one in Charleston; a new college club at Clemson; reactivation of the Palmetto Club in Columbia.

--Chess every week on the SCETV network with Koltanowski. (Fridays at 7 p. m.; repeated on Saturday at 6 p. m.) --Chess columns in the Columbia <u>State</u> (by Koltanowski) and the Charleston <u>Evening Post</u> (by Bob Bliss). Both are weekly, the Columbia column being on Sunday, the Charleston column in midweek.

Enjoy all these things! And don't miss an opportunity to join in our SCCA activities whenever possible!

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### CLUB NEWS

The Palmetto Club of Columbia, the oldest continuously active chess club in the state, is now meeting Wednesday nights at the YMCA. Membership is about 30, and is increasing. Three members: Charles Walter, Stephen Shaw, and Dr. Aharonov, put on a two-day exhibition at White's at Dutch Square Mall in Columbia, and attracted more than 200 participants during that period. The Palmetto Club is planning to hold their annual Peter Grant Memorial Tournament as an Open in October. (See Tournament Announcements on another page.)

John McCray won the Gharleston Chess Club Speed Championship for the second straight year, losing only to runner-up Tad Lisicki. Following them in the 22-player field were Peter Polic, Phil Tetsuwani, and Ernest Hoenck.

Bob Bliss is President of the Charleston Club: Henry Horres is Secretary, and Bob Berry is Treasurer. Joan Graber is Tournament Director, and Jesse Howar is Director of Student Activities. The CCC is now meeting every Thursday at the Jewish Community Center at 1645 Millbrook Dr. One of the club activities is a two game correspondence match against the Aiken Chess Club which is now approaching the 20th move in each game.

The Hartsville Club, with 14 members, is meeting on Thursday nights. Officers for the coming year are: Mike Baxley, President; Jim Millen, V-P; Jacob Will, Secretary-Treasurer; Virgil Smith, Tournament Director; and Howard Moore, Asst. Tournament Director. 1972 SOUTH CAROLINA CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE IN NORTH AUGUSTA

For the second straight year the annual S. C. Championships will be held in Aiken County; this time the North Augusta Chess Club will be the host. The site will be the weekend of November 10-12; the site will be the North Augusta Recreation Center on Buena Vista Ave. directly across from the City Hall.

Due to the upsurge in chess activity in recent months the Championships will be held in three sections. The Championship Section, as usual, will be open to all S. C. residents, and to servicemen and students temporarily residing in the state. The other two sections will have rating restrictions but no residence restrictions. This change was made to accommodate the Augusta members of the host club in particular, but all our out-of-state friends who qualify are invited to take advantage of it and join us.

Further details are as follows: CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION: Entry fee \$3, USCF + SCCA memberships required. Time limit 40/2. RESERVE SECTION: Restricted to players rated 1599 or below, or unrated players. Entry fee \$3, USCF + SCCA (or other state assn. for non-residents) memberships required. Time limit 50/2‡. BOOSTER SECTION: Restricted to players rated 1349 or below, or unrated players. Entry fee \$2. Memberships required as Reserve Section, Time limit 50/2‡. ALL SECTIONS: Trophies to top three players. Registration at tournament site to 8 p. m. November 10, or in advance to Lee Hyder or to Mr. Wm. H. Dodgen, 2008 Robin Rd., North Augusta, S. C. 29841. Rounds: 8:30, 9:30-2:30; 9:00-2:00.

The winner of the Championship Section is of course S. C. Champion for 1972.

For those who don't know North Augusta, it's a rapidly growing town of 15,000 or so located right across the river from Augusta, Georgia. It is easily reached by Interstate Highway 20 from the east, U. S. # 25 from the north, U. S. # 1 and connecting roads from the southeast, and S. C. # (25 from the Beaufort area. Right now it is the home of the largest chess club in the state.

Varied and plantiful accommodations are available in the Augusta area, including nearly all the major motel chains. In the downtown North Augusta area are three locally owned motels which we list below; the first two are within reasonable walking distance of the tournament site. These are fairly popular motels at this season and advance reservations with one night's deposit are advised. <u>Baynham's Motel</u>: 303 Georgia Ave., N. A. 29841. \$8 Single, \$10 dbl. (1 bed) or \$11 (2 beds); \$2 each additional person. <u>Downtown Motel</u>: 132 Georgia Ave., N. A. 29841. \$6 Single, \$7.50 dbl. (1 bed) \$9 (2 beds); \$2 each additional person. <u>Seven Gables Motel</u>: 1208 Georgia Ave., N. A. 29841. \$9 Single, \$10 dbl. (1 bed) \$11 (2 beds); \$1 each additional person.

North Augusta and Augusta are served by Greyhound and Trailways bus systems, and by Delta, Piedmont, and Eastern Air Lines.

The annual SCCA business meeting will be held on November 12 before the firth round of the tournament. Officers for the coming year will be elected and such other business transacted as comes before the floor.

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OTHER COMING EVENTS October 7: Castle Club Open, Spartanburg\* October 14-15: CCA tournament, Atlanta October 27-29: A triple conflict: Gaffney Open, Gaffney (Oct. 28)\*; Peter Grant Memorial, Columbia (Oct. 27-29)\*, South Georgia Open, Statesboro, Oct. 28-29\*. November 18: Jenkins Ear Special, Shelby, N. C. \* \* See p. 13 for details. - 3 - MORE CLUB NEWS

HUGE CLUB IN NORTH AUGUSTA

(by Bill Dodgen)

The Augusta-North Augusta Chess Association may be one of the newest chess clubs in the Carolinas and Georgia, but it may also be the largest. As of mid-September the club, which is an USCF affiliate, had 110 dues-paid members on its roll, and no fewer than 63 persons had attended any of its biweekly meetings. About half the members are from the Georgia side of the Savannah River, which runs between Augusta and North Augusta, with the remainder coming from North Augusta and other S. C. cities. It appears that the membership will top 125 by the end of the year.

Officers of the A-NACA are: Dr. Kenneth W. Yost, North Augusta, President; John Garris, Augusta, V-P; W. H. (Bill) Dodgen, Secretary-Treasurer. Meetings are held the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays of each month at the City Recreation Dept. building in North Augusta at 7 p. m.

Dues are \$1 per year, with a 25¢ per night playing fee. Members are encouraged to join the USOF and their state association, and over 40 have already done so. One innovation is an arrangement between the club and the J. B. White Department Store in Augusta, wheraby members receive a 10% discount toward the purchase of any chess equipment there.

So, COME ON IN ALL YOU OTHER CLUBS! With the wave of publicity that chess is receiving after the Fischer Spassky match, there is no reason you, too cannot increase your membership substantially. Interested persons seeking more information about the A-NACA can contact me at 2008 Robin Rd., N. Augusta 29841, or (803) 279-6881.

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### CHARLESTON NEWS

According to Bob Bliss, the Charleston Club is also prospering, with over 60 members, and more than 30 USCF members. Bob sends us the following reports of tournaments conducted there this past spring:

The Second Annual Charleston Chess Clob Championship Tournament was completed May 20 at Charleston AFB. The tournament was conducted in two sections, a nationally rated Open event, and a Reserve event. Defending champion Robert Bliss won the Open tourney with a score of 8-0. Fellow Charleston Heights player John McGray captured second at 7-1. John Sullivan (Isle of Palms) scored 6-2 to win the third place trophy. Other prize winners in the 18-man field were William Patterson (James Island H. S.) fourth place (5-3), and Petar Polic (Charleston), fifth ( $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ ). Besides Patterson, other high school students who did well included Donald Johnscored four wins in the eight round event. In the 10-man Reserve section, Dr. John Johnson of Summerville won top honors with an 8-1 score. His only loss was to Bill Balish of Walterboro, who scored 7-2 to win the second place trophy. Larry Smith of Charleston and Bill Gardner of Walterboro tied for third with scores of 6-3.

The first Annual Charleston High School Chess Championship was conducted in May at Chicora HS. The winner was William Patterson, a Senior at James Island HS. Patterson scored 4-0. Allan Phillips (Bonds-Wilson) beat out Jesse Howard (Chicora) and Edward McCauley (St. Andrews) for second on tie-break; each scored 3-1.

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# CATCHING UP THE LOOSE ENDS

The planned second part of the Summer issue didn't make it out, due in part to your Editor's breaking his arm, which stopped him from typing. Most of what would have been included is in this edition. We don't have a report from the Carolinas Open as none was submitted; hope to have that next time along with more material from Charleston tournaments. We never got any more on the Atlantic Coast Open (and the USC Chess Club still owes the SCCA money for memberships collected at that event.) The new tiebreak system mentioned in an earlier issue didn't work, unfortunately. We may be able to catch up also on some games we once promised in a coming issue, and include some very interesting historical material gathered at the White Library in Cleveland. NORTH AUGUSTA HOSTS LARGEST S. C. TOURNAMENT EVER!

9 -- that's right, <u>ninety-one</u>--chessplayers turned out for a one-day tournament in North Augusta August 12. The huge attendance, which resulted from excellent publicity by organizer Bill Dodgen and also, no doubt, from the excitement of the Fischer-Spassky match, nearly doubled the previous S. C. high. Fifty players competed in the rated sections alone, and forty-one unrated players contested the remaining four-man sections.

David Williams of Spartanburg scored  $2\frac{1}{2}$  of 3 to win the top-rated section ahead of C. E. Braun of Aiken. Other section winners included: Rated Sections: Gerald Knighton, Sr., of North Augusta; Dr. K. W. Yost, North Augusta; Neil Gosnell, Spartanburg; Dr. Jon Standahl, Augusta; Mike Baxley, Hartsville; William Pollack, Augusta; F. X. McGahee, Vaucluse; Mark Cantrell, Spartanburg; Jan Dabrowski, North Augusta; Charles Henshaw, Jr., Aiken; and Ed Meloan, North Augusta. Unrated Sections: Ray Neill, Augusta; Jim Buglio, Jr., Augusta; Ron Miller, Augusta; Estol Belflower, Augusta; Cheryl Evans, Augusta; Robert Holley, North Augusta; Stephen Loesche, North Augusta; Terry Brown, McBee, and Wayne Hitt, North Augusta.

Complete prosstables are given for the rated sections on another page. The North Augusta Recreation Dept. sponsored the event, providing trophies, as well as the playing site (which will also the the site of the 1972 S. C. Championships.) Lee Hyder directed.

### GWIN WINS GREENVILLE OPEN

Jack Gwin, an Alabaman temporarily living in Aiken, took the top section of the Greenville Open April 8 with  $2\frac{1}{2}$  points of 3. Arthur Hammons (Cassatt), Barry Kendric (Gastonia), and J. M. Smith (Spartanburg) won the other three sections of the 26-player event. Crosstables follow.

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## CROSSTABLES OF THE GAFFNEY CHESS CLUB OPEN, FEBRUARY 19, 1972

Player and Home Town Result by rounds:	ĩ	2	3	4 T
Section A:				
1 Jeff Smeltzer, Greenville		W3		3-0
2 Ed Garvin, Columbia		W6		2-1
3 Harry Lofton, Greenville			W6	
4 John Thompson, Greenville			L1	1-2
5 David Stern, Greensborc, N. C.			L2	
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Section B:	W13	ng	W11	2월~월
7 J. Clark Curry, Spartanburg			W12	22-2
8 Mike Starnes, Burlington, N. C.			D1Õ	
9 Judson Duffee, Columbia 10 James S. Barr, Greenville			D9	
11 Barry Kendrick, Gastonia, N. C.			L7	
12 Larry Heavrie, Spartanburg			ĽŚ	0-3
13 M. Barry Bridges, Gaffney			- L21	
Section C:				
14 Sommers N. Douglass, Gastonia, N. C.	W16	W17	W18	30
15 Paul Tinkler, Greenwood	W19	L18	W16	2-1
16 James M. Smith, Spartanburg	L14	W19	L15	1-2
17 Paul W. Moore, Greenville	W18	L14	L19	1-2
18 C. N. Allen, Greenville			L14	
19 William B. Tabor, Huntersville, N. C.	L1 5	L16	W17	1-2
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20 Jim Patterson, Gaffney				3~0
21 Lewis Moore, Gaffney				W13 3-1
22 Johnny Moore, Gaffney				W25 2~2
23 Cheslie E. Fowler, Gaffney	W22	124	D25	12 12
24 Ted A, Gavalis, Charleston	L20	W23	1.21	1-2
25 Luis A. Alvarez, Due West		W23 L22		1-2 0-2
26 Reggie Martin, Gaffney	ואנ	116.6		V~2

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### BAXLEY WINS HARTSVILLE TOURNAMENT

Young Mike Baxley beat out reteran Champion Virgil Smith on tie-break to win an eight round Swiss System tournament which was completed in Hartsville this past June. Both scored 7 of 8 points, but Baxley won the game between the two top players. Other scores were as follows: John Guido, 6; James Boan, 52; Howard Moore, 3; Jim Bullard, 3; Preston Gainey, 22; Jacob Will, 2; Jim Millen, 2; and Roy Flynn, 2. Boan got the only win against Baxley.

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### CAROLINAS JUNIOR OPEN WON BY WALTER

The SCCA's experiment in a Junior tournament was, alas, a flop, with only four people turning out to participate in the top section. Charles Walter added to his laurels by sweeping the three-round event and taking home the top prize, a chess set. Dana Tabor of Huntersville, N. C., lost only to Walter and was awarded a chess clock for second place. Arthur Hammons beat out Mike Chesser for third.

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# LATE NEWS FROM THE ANNUAL USCF BUSINESS MEETINGS:

Frank Skoff of Chicago is the new USCF President; George Koltanowski of California is  $V - P_s$  and Martin Morrison of California is Secretary. Dr. K. B. Raut of Savannah is the new Regional V-P for our region. There was no dues increase. The 1973 U. S. Open will be in Chicago. There will be no rated matches after 1972, except in connection with tournaments, because of numerous "thrown" matches. Starting in 1973 monthly rating supplements will be issued separately rather than in CL&R, which will publish only annual ratings.

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# GAMES BY BOB BLISS (CONTINUED FROM THE SPRING ISSUE)

Bliss vs. Ken Morrisey, U. S. Open, 1970. Morra Gambit. 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 P-Q4 PxP 3 P-QB3 PxP 4 NxP P-Q3 5 B-QB4 P=K3 6 N-KB3 B-K2 (Move order is flexible in the Morra, but the resulting positions are similar. In this particular game Black avoids N-QB3 and develops the QN on d7 instead, but this gives White no ulcers.) 7 O-O N-KB3 8 Q-K2 P-K4 (One of the nice things about the Morra is that Black usually must play P-K3 to protect f7, then plays P-K4 later anyway. I°ll let my opponent give me a tempo any day.) 9 P-KR3 (To avoid a nasty pin on g4) O-O 10 R-Q1 QN-Q2 11 B-K3 P-QN3 12 QR-B1 B-N2 13 B-R6 R-QN1 (Not 13--NxKP 14 BxB+, nor 13--BxKP 14 NxB NxN 15 B-N7) 14 N-Q2 N-B4 15 BxN QPxP 16 N-B4 Q-B2 17 BxB RxB 18 P-B4! Q-B3 (This turns out badly, but 18--PxP 19 P-K5 N-K1 20 N-Q5 looks uncomfortable as well.) 19 NxK<sup>c</sup> Q-K3 20 N-KB3 N-KR4 21 P-KB5 Q-KR3 22 Q-Q2 QxQ 23 RxQ R-Q1 24 N-Q5 K-B125 P-KN4 N-N6 (I thought this was not playable, as the knight would have trouble getting out. But it seems White also does well.on 25--N-B3 26 NxN BxN 27 RxRch BxR 28 R-Q1 K-K1 29 K-B2, for example: 29--R-Q2 30 RxR KxR 31 N-K5+ K-K1 32 N-B6 B-R5+ 33 K-B3 P-QR3 34 K-B4 K-Q2 35 N-K5+--but not 35 N-N8+77 K-B2 36 NxP+ K-N2∓ --35--K-<sup>a</sup>2 36 N-B3 B-B7 37 K-K5+) 26 N-B3 RxR 27 NxR B-N4 28 R-B2 (It may seem that White's pleces are on awkward squares; but trapping a N is worth a few inconveniences.) 28--R-Q2 29 N-B3 B-B5 30 K-N2 P-B3 31 N-K1 B-K4 (If 31--R-Q7ch not 32 RxR BxR\*, but 32 K-B3! RxR 33 NxR B-N1 34 N-K3, and the N is trapped permanently.) 32 K-B3 N-B6 33 N-Q5 B-Q5 34 R-K2 B-K4 35 N-Q3 B-N1 36 N/3-B4 P-KR4 37 R-KB2 PxP+ 38 PxP BxN 39 KxB; Resigns.

Masters are supposed to have some knowledge of almost all openings, and never make serious mistakes. Well, my master opponent broke both those two rules in this game. White: Bliss; Black: Steven Hohensee. Armed Forces Matches 1970. 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 B-B4 N-KB3 3 P-Q4 PXP 4 N-KB3 NXP (This is known as the Keidanski Gambit, which I play on occasion. Hohensee was totally unfamiliar with it; he used 17 minutes by the 4th move, and 57 minutes by the 10th, quite a handicap, since the limit was 50/2.) 5 QXP N-KB3 6 B-KN5 B-K2 7 N-B3 P-B3 8 0-0-0 P-Q4 9 Q-KR4 (9 KR-K1 is also playable) B-K3 10 N-Q4 QN-Q2 11 B-Q3 N-B4 (If Black has any thoughts of castling K-side, he should maintain his f6 N by defending with his d7 N. But in that case his e6 square gets weak and he'll probably lose a P.) 12 KR-K1 0-0? (Seeing only 13 BXN NXB+, Black overlooks a sham sacrifice on h7.) 13 BxP+1 NxB (Or 13--K-R1 14 B-N6 dis + K-N1 15 BxN+) 14 BxB (+) P-KN4 (His best practical chance) 15 BxQ PxQ 16 B-K?! (The point! The B fork wins an Exchange. 16 BxKRP would lead to a difficult endgame.) N-Q2 17 BxR N/R2 XB 18 NxB PxN 19 R-Q4 P-R6 20 P-KN3 (No need to mess up my P formation.) Black resigns.

I enjoyed winning the following game against Expert David Steele; it gave me the Southeast Open title and \$150! White: Bliss; Black: Steele; SE Open 1970. 1 P=K4 P=QB4 2 N=QB3 N=QB3 3 P=KN3 P=KN3 4 B=N2 B=N2 5 P=KB4 P=K3 6 P=Q3 KN=K2 7 N=KB3 P=Q3 8 0=0 0=0 9 QN=K2 P=B4 10 P=B3 B=Q2 11 B=K3 P=QN3 12 R=QN1 Q=B2 13 P=QN4 QR=B1 14 Q=N3 N=Q1 15 N=Q2 N=B2 16 KR=QB1 B=N4 17 P=B4 B=QB3 18 P=Q4 PxNP 19 QxP KR=Q1 (Black is confused, because W has so many options for breaking through with pawns on c4, d4, e4; and f4 and pieces right behind.) 20 P=Q5 B=Q2 21 P=K5 R=K1 (Both pawns are poison= ed: 21=-QPxKP 22 QXN, and 21=-KPxQP 22 BPxQP Q moves 23 P=K6) 22 PxQP N/BxQP/3 23 P=B5 P=QR4 24 QXNP NxQP (With the idea that 25 BxN PxB 26 PxN QxQ 27 BxQ RxN gives Black some chances for counterplay.) 25 PxN1 QxR+ 26 RxQ NxQ 27 BxN RxR+ 28 NxR R=QB1? (The R has no future here) 29 B=B7 P=K4 30 B=Q5+ K=B1 31 PxP BxP 32 N=Q3 (Now that the knights are entering the fray, Black's cause is hopeless.) B=Q5+ 33 K=N2 R=K1 (See not to move 28) 34 N=N3 R=K7+ 35 K=R1! B=KB3 36 N/N3=B5 K=K1 37 NxB (Now the blockade has been eliminated and the P is free to advance.) KxN 38 N=B5+ K=K1 (If 38 K=B1 39 B=N7 mate) 39 P=Q7+ K=B1 40 N=K6+1 K=B2 41 N=B4+ Black Resigns.

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LATE NEWS: Capt. Bliss tied for first in the 1972 Air Force Championships conducted in the third week of September. His weekly chess column is now appearing in the Charleston <u>Evening Post</u> each Thursday.

# NORTH AUGUSTA MIDSUMMER OPEN, AUGUST 12, 1972

	Section A R	ds: 1	2	3	4	Total
A1:	Gerald Kelley, Bamberg, S. C.		2 DÃ4		4	
A2:	C. E. Braun, Aiken, S. C.	WA	1 DA3	DA4		2
	David Williams, Spartanburg, S. C.		4 DA2			21
A4:	Stephen Meyer, Pendleton, S. C. Section B	LA	3 DA1	DAZ		1
B1:	James W. Donnelly, Aiken, S. C.	LB	2 LB4	LB3		0
B2:	Gerald Knighton, Sr., North Augusta, S					2호
	Harold Bush, Jr., Spartanburg, S. C.		4 LB2			2
B4:	Frank F. Simpson, Augusta, Ga. Section C	ЪВ	3 WB1	DBS		1 <del>]</del>
C1:	Doyle Woodward, Hephzibah, Ga.	WC	2 WC4	LC3		2
	Dan Hagler, Augusta, Ga.		Ĩ LC3			õ
С3:	Dr. Kenneth W. Yost, North Augusta, SC		4 WC2			3
C4:	Dwight Evans, Augusta, Ga.	LC	3 LC1	MC5		1
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E1:	Ray Holzworth, North Augusta, S. C.	WE	2 WE4	LE3		2
E2:	John Garris, Augusta, Ga.	LE	1 LE3	WE4		1
E3:	Dr. Jon Standahl, Augusta, Ga.		4 WE2			3
E4:	Tommy Ward, Langley, S. C.	LE	3 LE1	LE2		0
F1:	Section F William H. Dodgen, North Augusta, SC	ກຮ	2 LF4	กตว		1
	Harold Kelley, Aiken, SC		1 LF3			11
F3:	Mike Baxley, Hartsville, SC	DF	4 WF2	DF1		2
F4:	J. M. Smith, Spartanburg, SC		3 WF1			11
	Section G					
G1:	Claude Eaton, Belvedere, SC	WG C LC	2 LG4	LG3		1
G2: G3:	Gerald Knighton, Jr., North Augusta, St Jeff Hoffman, Spartanburg, SC		1 LG3 4 WG2			0 2
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H1:	F. X. McGahee, Vaucluse, SC	WH	2 WH4	WH1		3 2
H2:	Frank Townsend, Augusta, Ga.		1 WH3			
H3:	James Scogin, North Augusta, SC		4 LH2			1
H4:	Bob Ingham, Augusta, Ga.	LH	3 LH1	LH2		0
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	Kent Hoffpauir, Augusta, Georgia		1 WI3			1
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	Preston Gainey, Hartsville, SC	WI	3 DI1	WI2	LI1	2호
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J1:	Jan Dabrowski, North Augusta, SC		2 WJ3			2
J2: J3:	Billy Clifford, Belvedere, SC Curtis Cantrell, Spartanburg, SC		1 WJ4 4 LJ1			1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
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K2:	Glenn Duvall, Augusta, Ga.		LK3 WK2			2
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L1:	Celeste Toole, Aiken, SC	DL2	2 LL4	ll6		ş
L2:	Susan Hanaburgh, Augusta, Ga.		LL5			ż,
L3:	Jimmy Bullard, Hartsville, SC	DLI		WL2		
L4:	James D. Millen, Hartsville, SC		WL1	WL4 I	11.6	12 3
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# SHOCRON WINS J. B. WHITE'S INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Until last winter no one suspected that the strongest chessplayer in this part of the country had been living quietly in Milledgeville, Georgia, for six years, playing no chess at all. Ruben Shocron, an industrial engineer who is Technical Director for Concord Fabrics in Milledgeville, first appeared on the Southern chess scene last February, when he tied for first in the Georgian Open in Atlanta, earning a provisional rating of 2325. He showed that this was no fluke by sweeping the Georgia Championship in May, and then tying for first in the Southern Open in July.

Thus when the J. B. White department store in Augusta, Ga., decided to sponsor a round robin tournament that included Shocron and the three toprated South Carolina players, the high-rated Georgian was a solid favorite. And in the three-round event, played at White's on September 8 and 9, Shocron fully lived up to expectations, sweeping past Otto Estenger, Lee Hyder, and Bob Bliss to win by a full point. Shocron yielded only a last-round draw to Bliss, while Estenger defeated Bliss and drew with Hyder to take second place. Bliss and Hyder tied for third with one point each.

Shocron won the very strong championship of his native country, Argentina, in 1952. His well-conducted but losing battle against Bobby Fischer in an Argentine tournament was selected by the new World Champion as one of his 60 most memorable games in his recent book of that title. Shocron has been a resident of the U. S. since 1960.

The games from the White's event were quite interesting, and we present them below in their entirety, along with some very brief comments.

ROUND ONE: Shocron forced Estenger onto the defensive early in the game and maintained his advantage. Hyder wriggled out of trouble against Bliss but missed the chance to gain an advantage on his 20th move with Q-K3ch.

Shoeron (W) 1. P-QB4 2. N-QB3 3. P-K4 4. P-Q4 5. N-B3 6. B-K2 7. O-O 8. P-Q5 9. N-K1	Estenger (B) N-KB3 P-KN3 P-Q3 B-N2 O-O P-K4 N-B3 N-K2	Shocron 21. R-B4 22. R-N4 23. RxR 24. Q-N3 25. P-QR4 26. QxB 27. BxQ 28. B-R5	Estenger B-Q2 N-B1 NxR B-N4 BxP NxQ B-B3 N-B4
9. N-K1 10. N-Q3 11. P-B3 12. P-B5 13. B-Q2 14. R-B1 15. N-N5 16. N-R3 17. N-B4 18. PxP 19. B-R5 20. NxNP	N-Q2 P-KB4 N-KB3 P-B5 P-KN4 N-K1 P-QR3 R-N1 K-R1 PxP P-N3 RxN	29. NxN 30. R-B1 31. B-B7 32. RxP 33. R-B6 34. BxKP 35. R-B7 36. P-46 37. B-B4 38. PxB 39. BxRP	PxN N-Q3 B-K2 NxP N-B3 K-N2 R-B2 B-Q1 BxR R-B1 Resigns
Bliss (W) 1. N-KB3 2. P-Q4 3. P-B4 4. N-B3 5. B-B4 (Continued neg	Hyder (B) N-KB3 P-KN3 B-N2 P-Q4 O-O xt page)	Bliss 6. P-K3 7. Q-N3 8. BxP 9. PxP 10. Q-N4	Hyder P-B4 QPxP N-B3 N-QR4 NxB

(Continuation of Bliss vs. Hyder from Page 9) Hyder Bliss Hyder Bliss 19. RxB Q-B3 11. QxN Q-R4Q-R6 P-K3 12. P-QN4 20. Q = B4B-B4 21. R-N5 13. N-Q4 P-QR4 Q-R3 N-R4 N/4-N5 22. 0-0 14. PxP R-Q1 23.  $Q \ge P$ RxP 15.

24. N-45 NxB N-Q6 P-R3 16. 17. PxN B-K3 25. R-N3 R--B7 BxNDrawn by agreement 18. Q-K2 ROUND TWO: Again Shocron gained an advantage from the opening and

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maintained it. Bliss launched a violent attack against Estenger, who found an inspired defense and cleverly trapped Bliss's bishop.

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Hyde: 1. 2. 3. 5. 7. 9. 10. 12. 14. 15. 16. 19. 20. 21.	r (W) P-Q4 P-Q83 P-K3 B-Q3 N-K2 0-0 PxB P-Q5 P-K4 P-B4 BxP RxN Q-Q2 N-N3 QR-KB1 R/4-B2 RxQ N-B5 PxB R-N1	Shocron (B) N-KB3 P-K3 B-N5 P-B4 N-B3 P-Q3 BxN P-K4 N-K2 N-N3 PxP NxB N-N5 N-K4 Q-N4 N-N3 VxQ N-K4 BxN P-B3 O-O-O	Hyder 22. B-K2 23. R/2-N2 24. K-B2 25. P-QR4 26. P-R5 27. R-R2 28. P-R6 29. B-Q3 30. R-K1 31. KxR 32. R-K2 33. BxR 34. K-Q2 35. K-B2 36. P-R4 37. B-R5 38. P-N4 39. B-K8 40. K-Q3 Resigns.	Shocron KR-K1 R-Q2 R-Q1 R/1-Q2 P-N3 K-N1 RxR R-K2ch RxRch N-K4 K-B2 N-Q2 N-N1 NxP P-R3 N-Q2

ROUND THREE: Both Shocron and Bliss had serious time problems from about the 18th move on. After finally completing the moves required to reach the time limit Shocron decided to offer a draw rather than try to realize his advantage in pawns. Hyder and Estenger had already drawn their game, thereby making Shocron the clear winner of the tournament.

## WHITE'S INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT CONTINUED

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South Carolina Champion Dr. Otto Estenger of Greenwood will be ready for the 1972 Championship Tournament; this summer he played in the U. S. Amateur, the U. S. Open, and the White's Invitational! Here, however, he seems to bein trouble against his son, Otto, Jr., but it's not as bad as it looks. The position was posed. We obtained the picture from the Columbia <u>State</u>, which also carried a brief story on Dr. Estenger and his son.



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### CHESS COLUMNS

Seem to crop up everywhere these days. One of the neatest and best produced is published in the monthly magazine Savannah under the editorship of Dr. K. B. Raut of that city. In order that you may have a glance, we have obtained permission to print part of one column that contained news of one of Charles Walter's successes, and an interesting game played by a former South Carolinian in the Georgian Open.

Those of you who are fond of Savannah would no doubt enjoy the whole magazine as well.

## RATINGS

Hardly any question is asked as much as "How are ratings figured?" So, when we saw the clear explanation below from Northwest Chess, we resolved to publish it.

The reference here is to the rating system used in the Pacific Northwest, which is identical to the USCF system.

THE RATINGS GAME, or More than you ever wanted to know about ratings. By Bruce Bailey, HW Rating Director

The purpose of this article is to amuse, divert, and maybe even inform you about Northwest ratings. Let's start with some general information. If you already know all about it pardon me, but I am sure at least some of our many new members have never had the oppor-tunity to get their questions answered. This article is dedicated to them.

First off, our rating system is the same as that used by the United States Chess Federation: It was devised some years ago by Professor Arpad ELo, Chairman of the USCF Ratings and Pairings Committee. It is a predio-tive system in which the difference between two ratings measures the difference between the two player's strengths. For instance, a difference of 100 points means that the higher rated player has a 61% chance of winning a single game, or, phrased better, in a 100 game match he should score 61 points. Here are his percentage expectancies for other rating differences: for other rating differences:

200 points, 73%. 300 points, 80%. 400 points, 88%. And so forth. This of course is a statistical expe-tation which does not take into account either player's tation which does not take into account either player. Learning during the match, personality factors, etc., but it gives you some idea of what a rating difference means. The scale of values runs from about 700 clear up to 2450 - local values. In the USCF rating pool Bobby Fischer has reached 2825, a fantastic rating.

Enough on that. I turn now to a rather frequent question: How are ratings calculated! For a full explanation I re-for you to the March 72 issue of Chess Life and Review (if there is any demand I'll detail it in NWC in a later issue), but in brief, here goes:

#### By Dr. K.B. Raut

#### GEORGIA CHESS ASSOCIATION

Thirty-eight players competed in the Savannah Coastal Empire Open held May 27-28 at the Savannah, Howard Johnson Motel. In the open section Charles Walter (41/2-1/2), Columbia, S.C., won first place, followed by Val Eidson (4-1), East Point, Ga., 2nd, Larue Goldfinch, Fayetteville, Ark., and Ulyssis Martin, Reidsville, (31/2-11/2) tied for the third place, with George Dibert (3-2), Hilton Head Island, S.C., fourth.

Trophy winners were Dr. K.B. Raut. Savannah; George Grimsley, Baltimore, Md.; Denny Butler, Savannah; and Douglas Cail, Beaufort, S.C.

In the amateur section Charles Lober, Greenwood, S.C., took first place; Robert DeLoach, Savannah, and Don Wilson, Summerville, S.C., tied for the second place, followed by Mike Hollifield, Columbus, Ga.

Trophy winners were Tom Hamilton, Savannah; Dennis Druash, Columbia, Ga.; Rodney Reierson, Savannah; and Charles Cox, Stone Mountain, Ga.

The tournament was directed by Dr. K. B. Raut, assisted by John Lauff and Tom Hamilton, Book prizes were won by Mrs. Betty Ray and Rajesh Raut. Charles Ray of the Ray Coffee Service provided free coffee for all the participants which was very well appreciated. Trophies were provided by Savannah Magazine. All participants received one year's free subscription to Savannah Magazine.



WHITE: Fitzsimons BLACK: Stawski

### Two Knights Defense

1. P-K4	P·K4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. B-B4	B-B4
4.0-0	N-KB3
5. P-Q3	P-Q3
6. P-KR3	0.0
7. N-QB3	P-KR3
8. N-QR4	N-Q5
9. N X B	N X N +
10. Q X N	PXN
11. Q-KN3	Q-Q3
12. P-KB4	ΝΧΡ
13. Q-K3	N-KB3
14. P X P	R-K1
15. P X Q	RXQ
16. B X R	Resigns
	(Black lost
	a Rook)

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(1		Chess C	lub)
	A	В	
1	e4	e5	
2	g4? ed	d51	
3	ed	Qd5	
4	Nf3? Bg2? Nc3	Bg4 e4	•
5	Bg2?		
6	Nc3	ef!	
7	Nd4	fg	
8	Qg4	ghQcl	
9	Ke2	Qd4 a	and won

For provisionals and unrateds, it is just an averag-ing procedure. You take your opponents ratings, one game at a time, and add or subtract 400 points depend-ing on whether you beat his or lost to his. If you drew don't add or subtract anything. Then sum up these mumbers and add the total to the product of your rating times your number of games played prior to this event. Finally divide this mumber by your new games total (the old count plus the number of games played in this event) to get your new rating.

For established players, one must use a formula of Elo's. It is New Rating = Old Rating + 16 times your member of wins minus your mamber of losses + .04 times the sum of the differences between your opponents' ratings and your rating, with differences greater than 350 points to be counted as 350 points. The first clause in this equation measures your event performance while the second clause measures the strength of your opposition.

When an event is rated the Unrateds are processed first. When an event is rated the Unrateds are processed first, then the Provisionals, using the post-event ratings for their unrated opponents, and finally the Establisheds, using the post-event ratings of their provisional and unrated opponents. This may explain why you can never calculate your own rating so that it agrees with what my computer comes up with for you. Last I will mention that the rules are different for those rated over 2400 or under 1200. MORE TOURNAMENT DETAILS (COMING EVENTS)

CASTLE CLUB OPEN, Spartanburg, Oct. 7. 3Rd Swiss System one=day tournament in four sections. EF \$3, trophy to winner each section. At Spartanburg High School. Register by 9:30 a. m. or write Mr. J. M. Smith, 617 DuPre Dr., Spartanburg 29302. USCF, SCCA or other state membership required.  $4C/1\frac{1}{2}$ .

BRING SETS AND CLOCKS TO ALL TOURNAMENTS IF POSSIBLE!

GAFFNEY OPEN Gaffney October 28. Gaffney High School. Arrangements similar to Castle Club Open, above. Tremont Motel, III Knox Abbom Dr.

PETER GRANT MEMORIAL, Columbia, Oct. 27-29. Site to be announced; contact Jerry Rothstein, 883 Pine Forest Ct., Columbia 29210 (Phone (803) 772-6755) or watch the Columbia paper for information. This is a 5 Rd SS tournament in two sections, one rated, and one unrated, with unlimited entry into each. EF each section only \$3. USCF req., SCCA encouraged in Rated Section only. 2 hrs for 50 moves. Prizes: Rated Section: \$100, 50, 25 (!); Unrated Section, Trophies (Prizewinners in Rated Section get trophies too.) Register in advance or at tournament site 7-7:30 p, m. Oct. 27. Play starts at 8. Sponsor: Palmetto Chess Club of Columbia.

SOUTH GEORGIA OPEN, Statesboro, Ga., Oct 28-29. Community Room, Sea Island Bank, Statesboro. Reg. at 8 10/28 at site. 5Rd SS, rounds at 9, 2, 7, 9, 2. 45/2. Cash prizes 40-30-20-10% of EF \$5. GCA req. Inq. to Dr. Robert F. Brand, Box 2004, Statesboro 30458.

JENKING EAR SPECIAL, Shelby, N. C. November 18. Don't have full details, but should be as follows: 3 Round Tournament in 4 man sections, Shelby HS, Register 8:45 to 9:30, rounds 10, 2, 6, Trophy to winner each section, EF \$3, \$2 to those under 18 years of age.  $40/1\frac{1}{2}$ . Information: Shelby Chess Club, Box 975, Shelby, N. C. 28150.

About the conflict above: The Peter Grant Memorial has been a purely local event. This year the schedule makes it possible for others to participate, so at the request of the Palmetto Club we are happy to list it.

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PEE DEE CLUB TIES HARTSVILLE

On Thursday, April 6, the Pee Dee Chess Club of Florence played a 6 board match with the Hartsville Chess Club in Hartsville. The result was a 3-3 tie. Individual results were as follows: Virgil Smith (H)  $\frac{1}{2}$ , Winston Reed(PD)  $\frac{1}{2}$ Mike Baxley  $\frac{1}{2}$ , Don Morse  $\frac{1}{2}$ Jacob Will 1, Robert Denmark O Jim Millen 0, Gregory Martin 1 Howard Moore 0, I. C. Wiley 1 John Guido 1, S. A. Benson 0. Report by M. Baxley.

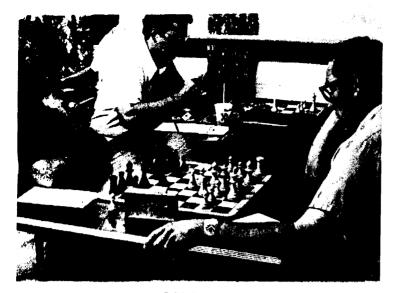
OTHER EVENTS

Charles Walter tied with John Timm and Greg Samsa for first in the 1972 Dogwood Open in Shelby; later in the year he finished second in the top section of the Grazy Horse in the same city. The two events attracted 60 and 57 players respectively.

The top section of the Asheville Open was won by Frank Montakhab of Asheville; 26 players participated.

COLLEGIANS

For complete information on the 1972-1973 Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship at Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 26-30, write: Michelle West, 3502 Colonial Place, Grove City, Ohio 43123. It's a big event for teams of four.



This photograph from the Aiken <u>Standard</u> shows the top players in the largest chess tournament ever held in South Carolina. See pages 5 and 8 of this issue for details.

TOP (COMPETITION Top ranked in the North Augusta Chess Festival David Williams of Spartanburg, left, and C.E. Braun of Aiken drew this game. Williams went on to win the section,

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