#### SCCA NEWS

PUBLISHED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHESS ASSOCIATION \* VOLUME VII \* NO. 2

#### WILLIAM PATTERSON IS SOUTH CAROLINA JUNIOR CHAMPION

Charleston high school student William Patterson won the South Carolina Junior Championship from a field of 15 entrants in a tournament in his home town February 10-11. The tournament was held despite a record snowstorm that dumped an all-time high of 7 inches on the Holy City, and closed the roads connecting Charleston with upstate points from Friday night to Monday afternoon.

Complete results are not yet at hand, but here are the prize winners:
1st: William Patterson, Charleston
2nd; Russell Price, Spartanburg
3rd-4th: Billy Clifford, N. Augusta, and Larry Crawford, Charleston (tie)
5th-6th: Ray Holzworth, N. Augusta, and Paul Tinkler, Greenville (tie).

## TOURNAMENT ACTIVITY CONTINUES AROUND STATE

The popular one-day tournaments continued to attract many players to various points around the state this winter. Two tournaments were held in Camden on December 30 and January 27, and each attracted 44 players. State co-champion Charles Walter of Columbia won the top section of each with a perfect 3-0 score; in the January tournament he beat out Master Emeritus Norman Whitaker, of Washington, D. C. Other section winners in December included Ray Holzworth of North Augusta; Mark Simmons of Columbia; and Charles C. Walter of Columbia. (No kin.) Section winners in January were Charles C. Walter, again; Clifford Gottlieb of Camden, Steven J. Piet, of Kinston, N. C., and M. Barry Bridges of Gaffney.

Thirty-three participants in four-man sections competed in the North Augusta Midwinter Open, February 24. Douglas Cail of Beaufort was top man in the first section; other winners are noted in the crosstables elsewhere in this issue.

#### PETROSIAN COMES TO AUGUSTA

Former World Chess Champion Tigran Petrosian, fresh from a first-place tie at the Church's Fried Chicken Open in San Antonio, Texas, stopped off in Augusta, Georgia on December 17th for a simultaneous exhibition. Petrosian defeated 33 local players in less than two hours in the event, which was sponsored by the North Augusta Chess Club and the Georgia Iron Works of Augusta. Dan Hagler of the Georgia firm arranged for the all-important financial backing which made it possible to bring one of the top world players to this part of the Southeast for the first time.

We present on the inside pages pictures and other material relating to this event.

### TOURNAMENTS FORTHCOMING!

A good variety of tournament play is in store for the S. C. area in the next few months. See P. 2. Contents of other pages are as follows: Petrosian: 3, 4. Games: 5, 6
Ratings: 7, 8

News, Tournament Results: 9, 10, 12 USCF and SCCA Matters: 11

Miscellany: 13

ALEXANDER EDELSBURG MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT, W. COLUMBIA, APRIL 27-29: 4 Rd. Swiss Sm. tournament in two sections to be held at the Tremont Motel, Knox Abbott Dr., just across the river from downtown Columbia. USCF, SCCA membership required. 50/2hr. Sponsored by the Palmetto Chess Club of Columbia. Open Section: EF \$10 in advance, \$12 after 4/20; Prizes \$ 150, 75, 40, + 2 trophies. Reserve Section: Restricted to players rated 1599 and below. EF \$8 (\$10 after 4/20); prizes \$ 70, 35, 20, + 2 trophies. Palmetto CC members get \$5 discount on entry fees. Rounds, both sections: 8:30 pm; 9 am; 3 pm; 9 am. Entries to tournament director Leroy Lewis, 6501 Winyah Dr., Columbia 29203. Unrated tournament also being held simultaneously for beginners.

WHOLE EARTH OPEN, HARTSVILLE, MARCH 17
One day tournament in 4 man RR sections for players of similar ratings.
Trophy to winner in each section. 45 moves in 2 hours. EF \$3.
At: Chamber of Commerce Building on Highway 15. Register to 9:30 at tournament site, or in advance to Mike Baxley, 306 Park Ave., Hartsville, South Carolina. Rounds at 10, 1:30, 5. A non-USCF tournament of similar type will be played simultaneously at the site in a different room (EF\$2).

STATESVILLE OPENS, STATESVILLE, N. C., March 17 and May 19 3Rd RR, 40/90, Grace Park Recreation Center, 510 W. Bell St., Statesville. State membership required; \$3 EF. Players with similar ratings placed in 4-man sections. Trophy to first each section. Register at site to 9:30; Rds. at 10, 2, 6. Advance entries to Chuck Howard, Box 12545, Charlotte, N. C. 28205; make checks payable to N. C. Chess Assn.

1973 DOGWOOD, SHELBY, N. C., MARCH 24-25
5-Rd. Swiss, 50/2, at Shelby High School. Three sections: Open (EF \$10, \$200 1st prize), Reserve (For players under 1800 or unrated. EF \$6, \$100 first prize), Booster (For players under 1400 or unrated. EF \$6, \$50 1st prize.) All EF \$2 more after 3/15. Trophies to winner each section and top A, B, C, D, unrated. Other cash prizes as entries permit. Register 3/24 8 to 8:45. Rounds 9:30, 2, 7; 9, 2. Entries and checks payable to Shelby Chess Club, Box 975, Shelby, N. C. 28150. (See also P.12.)

GREENVILLE OPEN, APRIL 14 We have no information on this tournament, and do not know whether it will be held.

S. C. HIGH SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, CAMDEN, MAY 12
One day tournament for high school teams of 4 players. Two or three rounds depending on entry, plus extra playoff if needed to break a 1st place tie.
EF: \$1 per player. Not USCF rated. Register: 9:30 to 10 a. m. Rounds: 10:15, 1:00, 3:30. Time 40/60. Bring two sets of Staunton pattern per team, plus available clocks. Score sheets provided; scorekeeping is compulsory. At: Woodward Park Canteen, just off US#1 on the west side of town. All public and private junior and senior high schools are eligible. Tournament Director: J. M. Smith. Assistants: James Patterson, R. O. Stucker.

COASTAL EMPIRE OPEN, SAVANNAH, GA., May 26-27. Details not yet available. Watch CHESS LIFE AND REVIEW.

SOUTHERN OPEN, MCBILE, ALABAMA, EARLY JULY This will be a really major tournament this year with a prize fund of \$2000. Watch CHESS LIFE AND REVIEW FOR DETAILS.

SEA ISLAND OPEN IV, BEAUFORT, JULY 21-22 4 Rd 99 tournament in sections of 16 players according to rating. (Size of lowest section may differ.) At Beaufort Tech. School on Ribaut Rd. At beginning of Beaufort Water Festival Celebration. Full details in next issue.

NORTH AUGUSTA MIDSUMMER OPEN, NORTH AUGUSTA, S. C., August 4. One day tournament in four-man sections. Full details in next issue.

As Dan Hagler's delighted guest during the wisit of Mr. and Mrs. Tigran Petrosian to Augusta, Georgia, in December, I had the chance to get to know our distinguished visitors better than the quick impression one might get by only attending the exhibition. I am glad of this, for they are delightful people.

The two Petrosians traveled to Augusta from New York by air, arriving on a beautiful sunny December afternoon. Petrosian speaks little English, though he understands some, but Mrs. Petrosian is fluent in our language. It was through her, then, that we got to know them both. They arrived coated and muffled against New York winter, and were immediately delighted with the Georgia weather, which formed the first topic of conversation; the second, almost inevitably, was Bobby Fischer. Mrs. Petrosian told of her conversation with Mr. Church, the sponsor of the San Antonio tournament, in which she asked him how much he would have had to pay Fischer to get him to enter that event. "I don't know; maybe I could have given him my business." replied Church.

The exhibition was held on the top floor of the First Federal Savings and Loan Building in downtown Augusta. There was a brief ceremony beforehand, in which Petrosian was made a member of the North Augusta Chess Club, to which he responded with a few words and obvious pleasure. Mrs. Sargeant, a delightful Tady of Armenian heritage whose husband is stationed at Fort Gordon near Augusta, acted as interpreter here.

Then Petrosian went to work, and most impressively. He is very, very quick and good. In my game he found a move in a few seconds that I only began to appreciate fully 15 or 20 minutes later—in fact, it was only in analysis several days later that I decided it was very strong in all variations.

It was after the exhibition that my wife and I had a chance to talk to the Petrosians and learn about their life. They have two grown sons in whom they take great pride. One, a scientist, is recently married and lives in his parents! flat in central Mossow; the elder Petrosians reside in a suburban home. Petrosian is Editor of "64", a Russian chess weekly; he also holds a lectureship in Philosophy at the University in his native Yerevan, Armenia. It is a measure of the man that after competing as a chess professional from his teens, and reaching the highest possible level in this field, he returned to school and earned the equivalent of a Master's degree in Philosophy, with a thesis on "Logic in Ghess". Mrs. Petrosian says that his book based on this thesis is to be translated into English and published soon.

Despite the language barrier, it was evident that Petrosian has a fine sense of humor, a fact that quickly became evident during a game of pocket billiards later in the evening. (Alas, I lost to him at both chess and pool on the same day.) Someone asked him to comment on Kotov's book, Think Like a Grandmaster. He replied, "I think Kotov is the only grandmaster who thinks like that."

The Petrosians left the following day; he was on his way to take up his lectureship in Yerevan. He said he had been invited to the U.S. to play in an International Tournament in 1973 (evidently the Bobby Darin tournament, which has recently been announced) and might come if it doesn't conflict with the annual Spanish tournament at Mallorca, which he likes to play in. It would appear that the Petrosians are remarkably free to travel, subject only to his professional commitments in Russia. I hope they will come back, I'd like to meet them again, and I'd also like another chance at a chess game!

INMAN WINS TOURNAMENT IN FLORENCE

Jim Inman returned to the S. C. chess scene in a big way by winning the Greater Florence Closed with 7-1, yielding only two draws. Other top players were Oxley, 6½-1½: Martin and Warren, 6-2; Cannon, 5½-2½; Abrams, Belge, and M. Frawley, 5-3, and Benson, J. Frawley, and Poston with 4½-3½. Judd Drinnen, Assistant City Recreation Director, directed the event sponsored by his department between January 22 and February 2.



Above: Bill Dodgen of the h. Augusta Chess Club presents Petrosian with an monorary membership as Lee hyder and Mrs. Jargeant, the interpreter, patch.

Right: The last game to finish, with Otto Estenger.





At left, or. and Mrs. Petrosian relax before the exhibition.

Photos are by Knighton-Montapheto, Inc., 816 Woodlawn Ave., N. Augusta, S. C. 29841. We want to express our special appreciation to these photographers.

Here are two of the crucial games from the 1972 S. C. Closed Championship with annotations by the winner, co-champion Charles Walter.

Round Two. White: Walter; Black: Lee Hyder. Alekhin's Defense.

1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 c4 Nb6 4 d4 d6 5 f4 Bf5 6 Be3 de 7 fe e6 8 Nc3 Bb4

9 Nf3 c5! The idea of Black's opening: to break up White's center.

10 Be2 Nc6 11 0-0 cd 12 Nd4 Nd4 13 Bd4 0-0?! Since Black's goal in this position is to exchange the dark square bishops he should play 13--Bc2

14 Qd2 Rc8 (threatening Qd4+) 15 Kh1 0-0 16 b3 Bc5 17 Nb4, and Black has reached his goal with equal chances. 14 a3?! The right idea, but the wrong method. I wanted to prevent the exchange of the dark square bishops, but 14 Nb5 will accomplish the same goal without weakening the queenside pawns. 14--Be7 15 b4 a5. The right way to exploit premature pawn advances. 16 ba Ra5. I had expected 16--Nd7 with the idea of --Qa5 and Bc5, and White would have problems with his three isolated pawns. 17 Nb5 f6 18 Qd2?? A bad blunder. Correct is 18 ef, which would probably lead to a draw.

18--fe! 19 Qa5 Also hopeless is 19 Be3. ---ed 20 Rad1 Bg5? Giving up most of Black's advantage. 10--Bc5 should win easily. (I'm afraid I was fascinated by the combined power of the two bishops with the passed pawn, and undervalued White's counterplay. Ed.) 21 c5 Nd5 I had expected the complicated 21--Be3+22 Kh1 d3. (Which was what I had planned, but decided against at the last minute, probably wrongly. Ed.) 22 Qd8 Rd8

23 Bc4! Preventing 23--No3? 24 Rf5, and placing the bishop on a more active diagonal. --Bg4 I had expected here 23--Kh8 (or g6) 24 Nd4 Ne3

25 Nf5 Rd1 26 Rd1 Nd1 27 Be6, which is unclear. 24 Nd4 Be3+. Another possibility is 24--Ne3 25 Be6+ Be6 26 Ne6 Rd? 27 Rd1 Nd1 28 Nd5.

25 Kh1 Bd1 26 Ne6 Be2 27 Be2 Rc8?? A bad blunder. Better is 27--Rb8

28 Bc4 Nf6 29 Rf3 Bd2; White has good winning chances. 28 Bc4 Nf6

29 Ng5+. Black did not see this check. Kf8 30 Nf7+ Ke7 31 Nf6 gf 32 Re1

Rc5 33 Re3+ Kd6 34 Bf1 Rc1 35 Kg1 Resigns.

Round 5: White: Walter; Black: Bob Bliss. French Defense.

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 c5 4 Ngf3 Nc6 5 c3?! Weak as it does not put any pressure on the center. So 5 Bb5 or 5 ed ed 6 Bb5 are more logical.

5--cd. Dissolving the tension this early will not give as many winning chances as keeping the tension, so 5--Nf6 was better. 6 cd Bb4 I had expected 6--de 7 Ne4, giving White an isolated QP, which I thought was the point of 5--cd. 7 e5 Nge7? Very bad. Black cuts off the retreat for his KB. 7--f6 hitting the center is correct. 8a3 Ba5? Putting the B out of play for good. 8--Bd2+ or even 8--Qa5 are better. After White's next move Black is already positionally lost. 9 b4 Bc7 10 Bd3 a6 11 Nb3 Nf5 12 O-O h6. Here I had expected 12--f6 13 Bb2. If 12--O-O?! 13 g4 Nfe7 14 Bh7+ Kh7 15 Ng5+ Kg8 16 Qd3 Ng6 17 Qh3 Re8 18 f4 with a strong attack. 13 Kh1 g5 (Desperation) 14 g4 Ng7 15 Ng1 h5 16 f4. Weaker is 16 gh Nh5 17 Qg4 Nf4 18 Bf4 gf 19 Qf4 f5, and Black has closed the position. 17 Qg4 Rh4 18 Qg2 Nh5? Black should try to keep the position closed with 18--g4, even though 19 Nf3 wins a P. 19 gf. Also good is 19 Nf3 Nf4 20 Bf4 Rf4 21 Ng5. 19-Ne5 The only try besides resignation. 20 de Be5 21 Nf3 Ng3+ 22 Kg1 Rg4. Here is 22--Nf1 23 Ne5 Nh2 24 Qf2 wins, or 22--Ba1 23 Qg3 Rh8 24 Na1 wins. 23 Ne5 Ne2+ 24 Be2 Rg2+ 25 Kg2 d4 26 Bf3 Qc7 27 Bf4 Qc2+ 28 Nd2 Bd7 29 Rac1 Resigns.

One of the important games from last fall's Charleston-Aiken match was this one between C. E. Braun of Aiken and John McCray of Charleston on Board 2. McCray won a nice game with a Pirc Defense:

1 P-K4 P-Q3 2 P-Q4 N-KB3 3 N-QB3 P-KN3 4 P-B4 B-N2 5 N-B3 0-0 6 B-Q3 P-B4 (a) 7 PxP PxP 8 B-K3 Q-R4 9 0-0bN-B3 10 P-K5 N-KN5 11 B-Q2 P-B5t(c)

12 B-K2 Q-B4+ 13 K-R1 N-B7+ 14 RxN QxR 15 BxP B-N5 16 B-K2 KR-Q1 17 N-K4 Q-N3 18 Q-QB1 QR-B1 19 B-K3 Q-N5 20 N-B5 BxN 21 BxB N-Q5 22 N-Q3 Q-N4 23 P-QR4 Q-B5 24 BxN RxB 25 BxP R-B2 26 B-B3 QxBP 27 QxQ RxQ 28 R-Q1 RxRP 29 P-QN3 R-Q5 30 K-N1 R-B6 31 B-K2 RxNP 32 K-B2 P-K3 33 K-K3 R-Q2 34 R-QB1 B-B1 35 K-K4 K-N2 36 R-B8 B-K2 37 R-QR1 R-R6 38 P-N4 P-QR4 39 N-B1 R-N2 40 B-R6 R-N5+ 41 Resigns.

a. An older continuation. Black almost always plays 6 --N-B3 now.

b. This innocent move is the start of White's trouble. He must counter with 9 B-Q2! B-N5 10 P-K5 KN-Q2 11 P-KR3 BxN 12 QxB N-QB3 13 P-KR4+, as in Spassky-Gadia, Mar del Plata, 1960.

c. Well played. If 12 BxBP, then Q-R4+.

(Continued next page)

Turnabout and Fair Play: Charleston evened their correspondence match against Aiken with the following nice win in the game in which they had White. It was a Two Knights' Defense: notes are by Lee Hyder.

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 B-B4 N-KB3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 N-KB3 N-Q83 (a) 5 0-0 NxP 6 R-K1 P-Q4 7 N-B3 (b) PxB 8 RxNch B-K3 (c) 9 NxP B-Q84?! (d) 10 NxB QXQ+

11 NxQ PxN 12 B-K3! (e) B-K2 13 RxKP P-QR3 14 N-B3 K-B2 15 R-K4 P-QN4

16 N-Q5 B-Q3 17 B-KB4! KR-K1 18 QR-K1 N-Q5 (f) 19 BxB PxB 20 R-B4+ Resigns.(g)

a. A good way of avoiding the problems of the tricky gambit White has offered. Of course, then you get the problems of the 2 N Defense!

b. This amazing (but known) move has as its point 7-PxN 8 BxP.

c. B-K2 is also Playable.

d. Impetuously, we left the book and tried a new move. Usual is 9-8

NxN Rxn B-Q3, which about equalizes.

e. Instead of RxP+ K-B2, with an initiative that compensates for the weak pawns. Now Black just has weak pawns.

f. Quite bad, but there was nothing good. Black loses a P with a bad endgame at best.

## SOUTH CAROLINA'S FIRST MASTER

by Lee Hyder

In the latter half of the nineteenth century the leading active player in the Southeast was a South Carolinian named Isaac E. Orchard. At least I presume he was a South Carolinian, for he lived in both Charleston and Columbia, and perhaps in other places too the wrote a column for an Atlanta publication at one time, around 1891. Earlier, beginning in 1879, he had written for the Charleston Courier.

g. Wherever the K moves, there follows N K?+ and RxN.

How good was Orchard? It's hard to say, but one publication in the White Library in Cleveland gives a story of Orchard traveling to New York and playing an informal match against Adolph Albin during the latter's visit to this country, and winning. Albin was generally regarded as a master, though not a top master by any means.

My afternoon of research in Cleveland supplied little more information about Orchard. Perhaps there are some South Carolinians who might be acquainted with his family and could tell us more. I do have one interesting example of his play: a game, ironically that he lost, though giving the odds of QN. Both players acquitted themselves rather well in this game in Charleston, 1879, and it is easy to believe that Orchard was, in fact, South Carolina's first chessmaster.

I. E. Orchard vs. Morton B. Paine: Mazic Gambit. (Remove White's QN)

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 P-KB4 PxP 3 N-KB3 P-KN4 4 B-B4 P-N5 5 0-0 PxN 6 QxP Q-B3

7 P-K5 QxP 8 BxP+ KxB 9 P-Q4 Q-KB4 10 Q-N3+ K-K1 11 BxBP Q-KN3 12 QR-K1+
N-K2 13 BxQBP N-R3 14 Q-QR3? NxB 15 RxB+ KxR 16 QxN+ K-N1 17 Q-Q8+ K-N2
18 R-K7+ K-B3 19 QxR N-K31 20 P-Q5 P-N3 21 P-KR4 B-N2 22 Q-K5 R-KB1
23 RxQP B-R1 24 QxN QxQ 25 PxQ R-K1 26 P-K7 B-K5 27 P-B3 K-N2 28 RxP K-B2
29 K-B2 RxP 30 RxR+ KxR 31 P-KN4 K-K3 32 K-K3 K-K4 33 P-QR3 B-B7 34 K-Q2
B-N6 35 K-K3 P-R3 36 K-B3 B-Q8+ 37 K-N3 K-K5 38 P-R5 K-Q6 39 K-R4 K-B7
40 P-N5 PxP+ 41 KxB BxPf 42 KxB KxP 43 K-N5 KxBP 44 K-B4 K-N6 45 K-K4 KxP
46 K-Q3 K-N6 47 Resigns.
The notes are from the Chess Courier of February, 1879.

Here's a miniature game from a Tennessee tournament of 1970. White: Garner; Black: Ball. Sicilian Defense. 1 P.K4 P.QB4 2 N.KB3 N.QB3 3 P.Q4 PxP 4 NxP P.KN3 5 N.QB3 B.N2 6 B.K3 P.Q3 7 B.QB4 N.B3 8 P.B3 0.0 9 Q.Q2 R.K1 (a) 10 P.KR4 B.Q2 11 P.R5 R.N1 (b) 12 PxP PxPc13 B.R 6 B.R1 14 0.00 N.QR4 15 B.K2 P.R3 16 B.B8!!(d) N.R4 (e) 17 P.KN4 KxB 18 PxN PxP 19 RxP B.N2 20 R.N1 (f) B.B3 21 Q.R6+ Resigns. Notes, by Garner: a. To answer B.R6 with B.R1. 9.8-Q2 is normal, and best. b. Too slow; he should try 11.8-N.QR4. 3. Now forced because the B has not been drive off. d. This probably should have been played last move. e. If 16.-KxB 17 RxB+ K.N2 18 Q.R6 mate; or 16.8-RxB 17 RxB+ KxR 18 Q.R6+ K.N1 19 R.R1 N.R4 20 P.KN4 and White should win. f. Threatening 21 RxB KxR 22 Q.R6+ with a quick mate.

Thanks to the diligent efforts of Bill Dodgen, we present below the most recent ratings of all South Carolina players active in the last two years. This list is up to date through the January, 1973 list which was mailed to affiliates only. In a few cases the player listed is known or believed to have left the state, and we note this with an "X" beside his name. Where known, the player's residence is listed.

It would be nice if the USCF would convert this monthly list to computer printing! The computer could then easily be programmed to put out state lists like this with little effort, avoiding what was a very laborious job for Dodgen.

The list contains approximately 230 players. The "approximately" is because in a few cases there may or may not be two players with the same surname and initial. January ratings are starred (\*).

		The state of the s	
Robert Bliss, Charleston	X2165*	William Patterson, Chastn.	1610*
Otto Estenger, Sr., Greenwood	2147*	P. Clements	1610*
Charles Walter, Columbia	2090*	Robert Painter, Beaufort	1607*
Yakir Aharonov, Columbia	2074*	Hank Dangerfield	1604*
Lee Hyder, Aiken	1990*	James Donnelly, Aiken	1601*
Ron Minor, Beaufort	<b>X</b> 1980	P. Polic	1601
Jeff Smeltzer, Greenville	1971	Arthur Hammons, Cassatt	1601#
E. V. Gabuyo, Charleston	<b>X</b> 1936	Judson Duffee, Columbia	1599*
David Sumner, Columbia	1944*	Douglas Morrin	1589*
Spencer Mathews, Spartanburg	1924*	David Jenkins	1582*
John M. McCray, Charleston	1877*	Richard Bollinger	1582*
C. Raju, Spartanburg	1858*	Joan Graber, Charleston	1580*
Charles Braun, Aiken	1847*	J. Andrews	1570
George Dibert, Hilton Head	1845	John L. Sullivan, Charleston	1563*
Ed Garvin, Columbia	1840 <b>*</b>	O. Calleino, Greenwood	1556
Charles H. Walter, Columbia	1838*	F. X. McGahee, Aiken	1555*
Ivan Aralica, Columbia	1837*	Robert Strickland, Smoaks	1546
Douglas Cail, Beaufort	1824*	Claude Eaton, N. Augusta	1542*
William Pace, Hartsville	1812	S. Ramirez	1537
Clifford Gottlieb, Camden	1791*	Tony Flores-Toro	1536*
John Yates, Columbia	X1775*	J. Bailey, Beaufort	X1535
Lee D. Purvis, Cayce	1774	K. W. Yost, N. Augusta	1534*
Jerry Rothstein, Columbia	1771	J. S. Barr, Greenville	1534*
James Inman, Florence	1763	James Bentley	1533*
John W. Thompson, Greenville	1756*	William Shoemaker, Beaufort	1529#
Douglas Hawthorne, Aiken	X1732	Winston Reed, Florence	1522*
Thomas Read, Charleston	1726*	F. Cole	1512
David Williams, Spartanburg	1719*	Thomas Forster, Spartanburg	1512*
Virgil Smith, Hartsville	1717*	Paul Tinkler, Greenwood	1509*
James Greenway, Spartanburg	1716*	William Balish	1506
Harry Lofton, Greenville	1713*	James Boan, Hartsville	1499*
Harry Lofton, Greenville Henry Hudak, Aiken	1699	John C. Bell, Inman	1496*
W. Donaldson	1696	J. M. Smith, Spartanburg	1492*
J. Baker	1690	J. Clark Curry, Spartanburg	1492*
John Ulrich, Sumter	<b>X</b> 1685	Frank Nieberding, N. Augusta	1491
W. Stevens	1679	H. Funderburk, Columbia	1490
Gerald Knighton, Sr., N. August		Wade Fisher, Charleston	1488*
Don Morse, Darlington	1667*	Richard Booker	1487*
Nelson Mathias, Spartanburg	1667*	C. R. Barrom	1481
Harold Bush, Spartanburg	1663*	Edward McCauley, Charleston	1480*
C. Young	1660*	Richard James, Greenwood	1480*
Gerald Kelley, Bamberg	1654	Richard James, Greenwood R. A. Bobart, Beaufort	X1475
E. M. Pallares, Columbia	1648*	A. Gunn, Gaffney	1474
Roger Ramsey, West Columbia	1644*	Russell Price	1472*
W. Putnam, Greenville	1633	John Guido, Hartsville	1467*
Peter Hudson	1631*	Lloyd Milligan, Columbia	1465*
Steve Meyer, Pendleton	X1629	Gregory Martin, Florence	1458*
Norman McCurry, Spartanburg	1616	Horace Edwards, Spartanburg	1452
Frank Schiffer	1615	Don Wilson	1450
James Foster, Columbia	1611*	Ray King, Greenville	1446*
ong · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
		Continued next page	

(We start on this page with # 10	1)	_	
James Butler, Columbia	1439	'ames Millen, Hartsville	1259
Alan Phillips	1437*	Carry Crawford	1259*
Howard Hammer, Columbia	1434	William Ferrara	1258*
I. C. Wiley, Darlington	1429	John Davis, Spartanburg	1253*
Ernest Schlich, Charleston	1418*	Donald Johnson	1249*
Wm. H. Dodgen, N. Augusta	1414	Jesse Howard Charleston	1248*
Ray Holzworth, N. Augusta	1409*	Mike Bayley Hanteyille	
Alam Tarlam N Assessed		Mike Baxley, Hartsville	1248
	1407*	Roland Bart, Hopkins	1241
Harold Kelley, Aiken	1407*	Larry Grawford, Charleston	1238*
George T. Miller, Jr., Greenwood	1402*	Mac Lindsy, Greenville	1238*
John Boettcher, Sumter	1402*	Leroy Lewis, Columbia	1233*
Robert Holley, N. Augusta	1399*	Jarob Will, Hartsville	1233
Mark Cantrell, Spartanburg	1398*	Marilyn McGahee, Aiken	1232*
Mike Farmer, Taylors	1396	Octo Estenger, Jr., Greenwood	1232*
Jeff Hoffman, Spartanburg	1396	Ted Palmer: Columbia	1227
Noil Cornell Spartenburg			
Neil Gosnell, Spartanburg	1394*	Crang Bacom	1226
William T. Besson, N. Augusta	1393*	Bob Metger, Columbia	1224
Billy Clifford, N. Augusta	1393*	Faran Pittman, Columbia	1222
C. N. Allen, Greenville	1391*	Bruse Robson, Charleston	1219*
<u>W</u> illiam Wells, Greenville	1389*	Larry Heavrin, Spartanburg	1209
Richard Bridges,	1389*	Dennis Herald, Gaffney	1209
Patrick Wood,	1387*	Peter Prokity, Columbia	1206*
Paul W. Moore, Greenville	1384	Robert Wood, Camden	1203*
Steve Wall, Aiken	1383*	Ray Blewins	1193*
Gerald Knighton, Jr., N. Augusta		C. MaElween	1183
	1376		
T. R. Herold, Aiken		C. W. McGahee, Aiken	1186*
Alvin Veronee		James Polk	1186*
Frank Hicks	1373*	Maron Marsh	1185*
O. Duckett, Hartsville	1372*		11182*
R. L. Honeycutt	1368*	Kenneth Cohen	1180*
Edward Plyler, Lancaster	1364*	Lewis Moore, Gaffney	1177
Patrick Hart	1360*	Dave Jepson	1177
James Greenway	1355*	Jim Patterson, Gaffney	1175*
Richard Stucker, Camden	1350*	L. McSwain	1166*
Steve McCain	1350	Edward Dromgoole, Greenville	1160*
Ray Richards, Camden	1349*		
Poh Domer Johns Toland		Jim Scogin, N. Augusta	1150
Bob Berry, Johns Island	1348*	Cheslie Fowler, Gaffney	1136*
John Crockett	1348	M. Barry Bridges, Gaffney	1128*
Jan Dabrowski, N. Augusta	1345*	Alan Staggs	1128*
<u>Curtis Cantrell, Spartanburg</u>	1343*	Lloyd LeJeune	1123*
Peter Roddick	1338	John Johnson	1120*
David Lowder, Columbia	1338	Don Holzworth, N. Augusta	1110
William Gardner, Walterboro	1332	John H. Smith, Spartanburg	1108#
Cornell W. Atkinds	1331*	John Moore Gaffney	1104*
Henry Horres, Charleston	1327*	Bob Skinner	1101*
Mark Simmons, Columbia	1325*	Richard Neapolitan	1068*
		Mishael Absonounhis	
Max Boyko	1322*	Michael Abercrombie	1063*
Steven McCain	1315*	Tracy Welch	1054*
Kenneth Cockrell	1307*	Thomas Foster	1020*
L. J. Hockman, N. Augusta	1305*	Charles Poole, Jr.	1013
Bill_McWhorter, Spartanburg	1299	Reggie_Martin	1009*
Roy Flynn, Hartsville	1293	Ricky Perry	992*
John Kollmeyer, Spartanburg	1293	Tommy Ward, Langley	987*
Nate Wolfe, N. Augusta	1290*	Fred Golod	981
Manuel Schmettau, Spartanburg	1289	Mark Robson	980
John Hadstate, Clemson	1289*	Sam Freeman	965
Charles Henshaw, Aiken	1285*	Robert Doyle	945*
Ed Meloan, N. Augusta	1283	Celeste Toole, Aiken	919
Dan Morgan	1278		
		Ken Simpson	914 955*
Luis A. Alvarez, Due West	1273*	Gary Lawrence	855*
William Stallings	1271*	Andrew Fruster	843
Preston Gainey, Hartsville	1265	Bert Haug	805*
Donald Henderson, Hartsville	1263*	Donna Nettles	764
Melton Francis, Spartanburg	1262*	Tim Whelchel, Gaffney	701*
James Bullard, Hartsville	1261*		

## CROSSTABLES OF THE NORTH AUGUSTA MIDWINTER OPEN

2 3	Player, Hometown Results by Rounds: James Donnelly, Aiken Frank F. Simpson, Augusta *Douglas Cail, Beaufort C. E. Braun, Aiken		2 L4 L3 W2 W1	3 L3 W4 W1 L2	4	Total Score 0-3 2-1 2-1 1-1 1-1
1 2 3 4	Robert Holley, N. Augusta William Shoemaker, Burton	W1	L4 W3 L2 W1			0-3 2-1 2-1 2-1
3	Jon Standahl, Augusta	W1	L4 W3 L2 W1	$\mathbf{L}_{4}$		1-2 2-1 0-3 3-0
3	Ray King, Greenville *Richard James, Greenwood James Gayle, Aiken George Kinser, Augusta	D1 W4	L4 W3 L2 W1			2-2-2 2-1 2-1 1-2
1 2 3 4	*Billy Clifford, North Augusta Jeff Roberts, Aiken	W1		L3 W4 W1 L2		0-3 3-0 2-1 1-2
2	*Jan Dabrowski, N. Augusta William Besson, N. Augusta Robert Stephens, Wrens, Ga. Terry Halmstad, Augusta	L1	W4 W3 L2 L1	W3 WF L1 LF		3-0 2-1 1-2 0-3
3	Marshall Beall, Augusta Don Henderson, Hartsville *John Garris, Augusta	D2 D1 L4 W3 W1				2-12 1-2 1-2 22-2 2-1
2 3	*Tim Putnam, Greenville Gene Stegall, Augusta *David Mitchum, W. Columbia Bo Hagler, Augusta			D3 W4 D1 L2	D3 D1	3-1 1-2 3-1 0-3

## AIKEN DEFEATS NORTH AUGUSTA CLUB

The Aiken aggregation showed little mercy on North Augusta in taking a ten-board team match last December by the score of 7-3 in North Augusta. An Aiken sweep of the first four boards constituted the winning margin. Players and results were as follows:

Boar	d Aiken	North Augusta	
7	Lee Hyder 1	Frank F. Simpson O	
	C. E. Braun 1	Dwight Evans 0	
3	Jim Donnelly 1	Gerald Knighton, Sr	. 0
4	Steve Wall 1	Ken Yost O	
5	F. X. McGahee O	Dan Hagler 1	
6	Jim Gayle 1	John Garris O	
7	Harold Kelley O	Jon Standahl 1	
8 9	Paul Rideout 1	Doyle Woodward O	
9	Jeff Roberts 1	Claude Eaton O	
	Paul Springer 0	Billy Clifford 1	

```
Results by Rounds:
        Player, Hometown
                                                                                                                                       1 2 3 4
                                                                                                                                                                                                Total
 Ä Section:
B Section:
B Section:

11 John Guido, Hartsville

12 F. X. Mcgahee, Aiken

13 Gerald Knighton, Jr., N. Augusta

14 James M. Smith, Spartanburg

15 Don L. Henderson, Hartsville

16 Neil Gosnell, Spartanburg (2nd Pr)

17 Charles H. Walter, Columbia

18 Mark Cantrell, Spartanburg

19 Gregory Martin, Florence

20 Robert Holley, N. Augusta

21 * Ray Holzworth, N. Augusta

22 LeRoy E. Lewis, Columbia

L10 W17 L20 W13 L43 2-2

W19 L16 L11 1-2

L21 L17 L22 0-3

W22 W13 L21 2-1

W12 W13 L21 2-1

L11 W15 L18 W10 2-2

L12 W19 W17 2-1

L13 L18 W14 1-2

W14 W11 L12 2-1

W15 W12 W16 3-0

L1 C Section:
C Section:
                                                                                                                                                                                       1월-1월
 Section D:

      Section D:
      37 Bob Wood, Camden
      W4! L43 L40 W39 2-2

      38 Curtis Cantrell, Spartanburg
      W42 W44 L43 2-1

      39 Spencer Burgess, Concord, NC
      L43 L40 W42 W42 L37 2-3

      40 Robert G. Phillips, Columbia
      L44 W39 W37 2-1

      41 R. John Phillips, Columbia
      L37 W42 L44 1-2

      42 John S. West, Camden
      L38 L41 L39 L39 0-4

      43 * Charles C. Walter, Columbia
      W39 W37 W38 W11 4-0

      44 Mike Peebles, Columbia (2nd Pr.)
      W40 L38 W41 2-1

      * Section Winners
```

#### USCF AND OTHER NEWS

The new USCF administration has done a marvelous and unprecedented job of getting the word out around the country on its actions in behalf of chess. The USCF Business Office has also been busy and gotten out two copies of the monthly rating supplement. One of the advantages of affiliating your club with the USCF is that you will have this available.

The Tournament Director Certification program has been moved back to July for the very good reason that the new Tournament Rules are only now becoming available and have not been generally distributed. They are good rules, I think, and the handling of the time-forfeit problem is particularly sensible. There are two cases: (1): A referee can watch the game and count moves; or (2) forfeiture can be claimed by an opponent who is no more than three moves behind himself in recording the score. The complete rules are too long to publish here; I hope they will be in CHESS LIFE AND REVIEW soon.

For the first time we know how much it cost the USCF to back Fischer's successful challenge for the world championship: \$55,000. He had better start being nicer to us fish!

Aspiring tournament directors may also note that the definition of an "Intermediate Tournament" has been revised from 50 or more players to 150 or more players. I, for one, breathe easier, as directing the number of tournaments required to reach this grade would be quite a chore, and it would be hard to find the necessary number of people to do it.

It has been announced that the USCF will sponsor another international tournament this coming fall, with the strongest possible field of U. S. and international players. Singer Bobby Darin will be the principal sponsor of the event, which will be sometime in October.

As Regional Vice-President of the USCF I am interested in all the actions of the organization, and very glad to have reports on these and a myriad of other subjects coming to me through the President and the Secretary of the organization. I would be happy to hear from anyone who has specific questions regarding USCF affairs. —MLH

## SCCA AFFAIRS

We have received word from Jim Smith that he is developing specific proposals regarding the conduct of the 1973 S. C. Closed Tournament. Hopefully a way can be found to have these acted on in advance of the event.

Your Editor has also some proposals for amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, which I present here. We would be happy to receive others and print them in forthcoming issues for the consideration of the membership. Please refer to the existing C & B in the last issue.

Proposals:

- (1) Amendments and changes in the Constitution and By-Laws should be proposed in writing by 5% of the membership or 10 members, whichever is smaller. Except for urgent matters, they should be published and circulated to all members in advance of the meeting. The President shall be empowered to decide which matters are "urgent".
- (2) A special meeting may be called by the officers or by petition of 10% of the membership or 20 members, whichever is the smaller number. Notice must be circulated to the membership two weeks in advance of the meeting.
- (3) A quorum at any meeting shall require 15% of the membership or 30 members, whichever is smaller.
- (4) Delete the requirement for a player's meeting in advance of the tournament. (This has been ignored)
- (5) Permit all members of a family residing at one address to join SCCA by paying a single fee.

We need to define tournament organization better too. What are the ideas of the membership here? We also should provide for Committees for By-Laws and Nominations.

# Player, Hometown Results by Rounds: Norman Whitaker, Washington, D. C.  2 * Charles E. Walter, Columbia 3 Douglas Cail, Beaufort 4 Harry Lofton, Greenville Expert Section * A Section **	1 D4 W1 L1 D1	2 L2 W3 L2 W3	W4 L4		Total $1\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ 3-0 0-3 $1\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
5 Barry Kendrick, Gastonia, NC 6 Louis F. Knoepp, Spartanburg 7 A. R. Hammons, Cassatt, SC 8 Haroli M. Bush, Spartanburg 9 Peter W. Prokity, Columbia 10 Mike Baxley, Hartsville 11 John Guido, Hartsville 12 Paul Tinkler, Greenwood 13 Wm. L. Shoemaker, Burton 14 * Charles C. Walter, Columbia 15 Charles H. Walter, Columbia 16 Jim Williams, Columbia B Section	W12 L13 L14 L15 L16 W7 W8 W9	W10 L14 W9 L12 L7 L5 L15 W16 W16 W11 L13	W10 W16 W9 L8 L12 W11 D15 W5 D13		1-2 2-1 2-1 1-2 0-3 1-2 2-1-2 2-1-2 2-1-2 1-2
17 *Clifford Gottlieb, Camden 18 Ray King, Greenville 19 T. J. Colpitts, Albemarle, NC 20 W. C. Turnier, Aiken	L19	W25 L21 D24 W28	W27	W40 W21	1호-1호
Don L. Henderson, Hartsville Edward C. Plyler, Lancaster Mac Lindsay, Greenville Luis A. Alwarez, Due West Keith Wolf, Albemarle, NC Henry W. Graham, Irmo Donald K. Sides, Albemarle, NC Ray Richards, Camden C Section	L28 L17 W27	W18 W26 D27 D19 L17 L22 D23 L20	W21 WF V L20	L20 139	$2-1$ $2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
29 * Steven J. Piet, Kinston, NC 30 A. M. McCauley, Southport, NC 31 John Roberts, Lexington 32 Grant Stanford, Cramerton, NC	L33 W32	W36 W32 L33 L30	D34 L34	<b>L</b> 20	3-0 1½-1½ 1-2
33 Bob Wooi, Camden 34 Ken Gockrell, Columbia 35 Hoover Grant, Forest City, NC 36 Clarence D. Moss, Cramerton, NC D Section	L29 L36	W31 W35 L34 L29	D30 W32		2-1 1½-1½ 1-2
37 Fred T. Turner, Cramerton, NC 38 Henry Plyler, Lancaster 39 Timothy M. Putnam, Greenville 40 C. M. Caudill, Camden 41 J. D. Hathrock, Jr., New London, NC 42 John S. West, Camden 43 Paul M. Carringer, Belmont, NC 44 * M. Barry Bridges, Gaffney * Section Winners	L41 W43 L44 W38 D37 L39	W43 L39	L43 L44 L37 L42 W41 W38	W23 L18 L40	1½-1½ 3-1 1-3 1-2 2½-1½ 1-2 3-0

## ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

DOGWOOD FESTIVAL TOURNAMENT, STATESVILLE, N. C., APRIL 15 One day tournament similar to other Statesville tournaments (p. 2) except sponsored by Statesville Recreation Commission. Entries to Chuck Howard, but make the check payable to the Statesville Recreation Commission.

# SHELBY CHESS Nooz let er

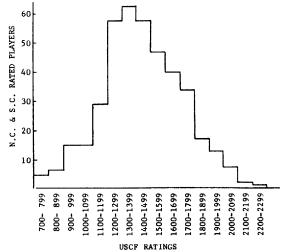
# **USCF Ratings**

by Sommers N. Douglass

We have done a little statistical analysis of area players' USCF Ratings. Extracting the ratings of all North Carolina and South Carolina players from the rating list in the December 1972 issue of Chess Life & Review, we found the data to be distributed as follows:

RATING	NC & SC	RATING	NC & SC
	PLAYERS		<b>PLAYERS</b>
700- 799		1550-1599	28
800- 899	6	1600-1649	27
900- 999	15	1650-1699	13
1000-1049	10	1700-1749	14
1050-1099	5	1750-1799	20
1100-1149	10	1800-1849	11
1150-1199	19	1850-1899	6
1200-1249	28	1900-1949	7
1250-1299	30	1950-1999	6
1300-1349	35	2000-2049	5
1350-1399	28	2050-2099	2
1400-1449	24	2100-2149	2
1450-1499	34	2150-2199	0
1500-1549	19	2200-2249	1
		TOTAL	410

Graphically, these data may be represented by a histogram with the ratings plotted in cells 100 points wide:



Information derived from this sort of data handling includes: 1) As of December, 1972, there are 410 USCF rated chess players in the Carolinas. 2) The mean of this population of ratings is about 1438, and the median about 1429 - see note at end of article. 3) There are seventy "E" players (under 1200), and forty players in the "A" Class or higher (over 1799). 4) The 100-point cell in which the greatest number of ratings occur is 1300-1399 (top half of the "D" Class). 5) There is only one Master

in the Carolinas. (This is Robert Bliss of S. C. We are sorry to note that in the January Ratings Supplement just issued by the USCF, Mr. Bliss has just dropped into the Expert Class. We hope that this is a temporary situation.) (Bliss has been reassigned overseas. - Ed.)

We are interested in this information because the majority of players in Shelby tournaments are from the Carolinas. Knowledge of the number of rated players in the area and their rating distribution is essential to good tournament planning. --- We feel that the USCF should publish rating statistics, including the number of rated players, and the rating distribution for each state. If you agree, please write the USCF and suggest this.

Note: The mean and median quoted above are not exact, but are probably correct within  $\pm$  10 rating points. The methods of calculating the mean and median are not shown here due to lack of space—thest us! (The mean is the arithmetic average; the median is the "middle number" — the rating above which, and below which, there are an equal number of ratings.)

# READ AND HEED - guest editorial from the "Louisiana Chess Association Bulletin"

ABSOLUTELY NO ANALYSIS, OFFHAND GAMES, 5-MINUTE, OR OTHER NON-TOURNAMENT ACTIVITY IS PERMITTED IN THE PLAYING ROOM AT ANY TIME.

The above rule sounds clear, but obviously is not understood by many players, who not only do not go to the skittles room on their own but even put up a protest when asked! So let us elaborate:

- 1) The rule states that ABSOLUTELY NO NON-TOURNAMENT ACTIVITY is permitted. It does NOT say that such activity is permitted if you are quiet. It says that such activity is prohibited-period.
- 2) You may think that because your game is over, the round is over. IT IS NOT. With sections starting at different times, there are always tournament games going.
- 3) You may think that because you don't mind noise when you play, others don't mind it either. THEY DO.
- 4) You may think it's OK to play or analyze in the playing room so long as no games are going near you. IT IS NOT-NOISE CARRIES CLEAR ACROSS ANY ROOM.
- 5) You may think it's OK to play or analyze in the playing room because "we're not making any noise." IT IS NOT! Experience has shown that the playing room will be quiet only if EVERYONE goes to the skittles room when finished. NO EXCEPTIONS!



RUSSIAN CRUNCHER — Former world chess champion, Tigran Petrosian defeated 33 chess enthusiasts Sunday at a simultaneous exhibition match sponsored by the Augusta-North Augusta Chess Club. Petrosian was not even scratched as he took only two hours to defeat a field of Chess Club members that included the co-cham-

pion of South Carolina, Otto Estenger, a four-time South Carolina State Champion, Lee Nyder and a former Georgia State Champion, Dr. Peter Cranford. Petrosian lost his title in 1969 to Boris Spassky. (Augusta Chronicle photo by John R. Drummond)

- 14 -

SCCA NEWS
Published by the S. C. Chess Assn.
33 Longwood Dr.
Aiken, South Carolina 29801
Printed Newspaper

PLAY CHESS!