

RUFFY WINS CAROLINAS OPEN AGAIN!

Expert Alan Ruffy of Raleigh, a former Carolinas Open champion, won it again in Shelby, N. C. this past July, but by the narrowest of margins, beating out S. C.'s Charles Walter and John Potter of Virginia on the tie-break. Each player scored 4-1 in the five round Swiss, each drawing with the other two and defeating three other opponents.

We are indebted to Charles Walter for the report and for sending some games. He reports that his score was achieved despite having only one hour's sleep the night before the tournament!

Next year's tournament will be in South Carolina at a date and place to be announced after bids are received from interested parties. They should be sent to the SCCA President, as soon as possible.

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INNOVATIONS PLANNED FOR ANNUAL S. C. CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year's S. C. Closed has been scheduled for the Wade Hampton Hotel in downtown Columbia on November 16-18, under the sponsorship of the Palmetto Chess Club of Columbia, and will be contested in three sections. For the first time, cash prizes will be awarded in all sections. Also for the first time, early entry will be rewarded by a discount in entry fee.

Complete information is included on another page. We note that the Wade Hampton Hotel is now operating under new management and has undergone an extensive remodeling and renovation; both the tournament and the players should be comfortably accommodated.

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TOURNAMENT ACTIVITY

Competition besides the Carolinas Open this summer consisted of one-day events in North Augusta, Hartsville, and Camden. All saw moderate turnouts despite the conflicting summer outdoor activities. Our long-time friend Grady Brown came down and won the top section in a 28-player event in Hartsville in June. A newcomer to S. C. chess, J. Wayne Watson of Spartanburg, led a field of 36 in North Augusta in August, and one Charles Walter (That's Charles E.) led the Camden summer open with 30 entrants. Regrettably, the Sea Island Open announced for Beaufort in our last issue, was cancelled just after we went to press.

As may be seen inside, all three of the above clubs plan more one-day events this fall, as also does Aiken. Everyone get out and play!

SCOOP

We don't generally carry news from outside the state, but our deadline is such that we can beat the competition on reporting the Brazil Interzonal. National favorite Henrique Mecking, the young pride of Latin chess, scored a remarkable victory by winning the event outright with 12 of 17. Tied at 11½ were Yefim Geller and Lev Polugayevsky, both of the USSR, and Lajos Portisch of Hungary. These three will play off for the two remaining Candidates' spots. Vassily Smyslov (11) and David Bronstein (10½) finished just behind.

Mecking's victory would seem to put him up with Karpov as a star of the rising generation of chess players. He and the two others from this event will join Karpov, Korchnoi, Byrne, Petrosian, and Spassky in the playoffs for the right to challenge Fischer.

TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1973 SOUTH CAROLINA CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP

Columbia, Nov. 16-18 at the Wade Hampton Hotel, 1201 Main St. Five round Swiss System tournament in three sections. All sections limited to S. C. residents, full-time students studying in S. C., or servicemen stationed within the state. USCF and SCCA membership required.

Championship section: Open to all; 40/100; EF \$10; Prizes \$40%-20%-10%, (of net entry fees) + trophies to top three players; winner is State Champion.

Booster: Open to all under 1800 or unrated; 40/90; EF \$6; Prizes \$10% to winner, trophies to top two.

Reserve: Open to all under 1500 or unrated; 40/80; EF \$3; Trophy to winner.

All entry fees \$2 more if received after 11/9/73. Registration at site 6:30-7:30 p. m. 11/16; rounds 8:30; 9 & 5; 8 & 2:30. Advance entries to Howard Hammer, 1019 Assembly St., Columbia SC 29201.

AIKEN FALL TOURNAMENT

One day three round tournament in Aiken September 29, 1973. At "Heritage Room", second floor of Farmers and Merchants Bank, Park and Laurens Sts. in downtown Aiken. Played in 4-man round robin sections (may be some Swiss sections if entry exceeds 40.) EF \$2; USCF and SCCA (or other state) memberships required. Merchandise prize (chess book) to winner each section. Rounds 10, 2, 6; Time 40/90. Register at site by 9:30 a. m. or in advance to Lee Hyder, 33 Longwood Dr., Aiken SC 29801.

HARTSVILLE TOURNAMENTS

PEE DEE OPEN, OCT. 13; AUTUMN OPEN, NOV. 10; UNNAMED, DEC. 8.

3-RR, 45/120. Chamber of Commerce, Highway 15, Hartsville, SC. EF \$3 Trophy to winner each 4-man section. Reg. at site 9:30-10:00; Rounds 10, 1:30, 5. Door prizes. Non-USCF sections simultaneously at adjoining site, EF \$2. For advance registration or information contact Mike Baxley, 306 Park Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550.

GREENSBORO, N. C. TOURNAMENTS

OCT. 6, NOV. 3, DEC. 1.

3 rd-Swiss, 50/100, Student Union, UNC-Greensboro, Greensboro, NC. EF \$3, or free if joining USCF for first time. 7 sections, or as entries permit; Trophy to winner each section. Reg. ends 9:30, first round 10 a. m. NCCA req. for NC players. ENT: Joe Sims, 705 N. Greene St., Greensboro, NC 27401.

NORTH AUGUSTA ROUND ROBIN

OCT. 20.

Tournament in 4-man Round Robin sections at Recreation Center, Buena Vista Ave., North Augusta, SC. EF \$3, USCF and State memberships req. Trophy to winner each section. Time 40/75 + 15/25. Reg. to 9:45; rounds at 10, 1, 4. Inquiries; Bill Dodgen, 2008 Robin Rd., N. Augusta, SC 29841.

GEORGIA TOURNAMENTS

Atlanta Suburban Open, Sept. 29-30.

Atlanta High School Tournament, Oct. 13-14.

CCA Tournament, Atlanta, Oct 20-21.

Tech Open, Atlanta, Oct. 26-28.

PAN AMERICAN INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM TOURNAMENT, ATLANTA, DEC. 26-30.

Details of the last named event elsewhere in this issue.

REPORT OF THE SCCA TREASURER

The following is a comparison of expenses for 1972 and 1973 (to date)

	1972	1973
Newsletter	\$295.96	\$513.57
Tournament expenses	88.95	101.99
USCF Affiliation	10.00	10.00
Rating Fees	14.60	16.10
Postage	16.00	29.10
Miscellaneous expense	34.28	--
Total	\$469.79	\$670.76

Our balance sheet is as follows:

Balance carried forward	\$268.92
Receipts, Incl. \$224 USCF dues	877.45
Total receipts	\$1146.37
Expenses, itemized above	\$670.76
USCF Dues	224.00
Balance	\$251.61.

Note that we have already spent \$17.31 more than received during the year, and as much as \$150 may be required to meet expenses during the balance of this year. (Mainly this newsletter.) (Our fiscal year will conclude with the month of October.) The largest expense, the Newsletter, has so far required 63% of our funds each year.

H. M. Kelley, Treasurer

PROPOSALS FOR SCCA ACTION

It is proposed that a family membership rate be established where only one newsletter is sent to a family; that individual dues be \$3 for the first family member and \$1.50 for each additional. However, a dues increase may be in order. (H. M. Kelley)

The following resolutions will be proposed for action at the annual meeting:

1. Resolved, that no more than two rounds per day may be played in the Championship Section of the S. C. Closed Championship.
2. Resolved, that the entry fee for the S. C. Closed Championship may not exceed \$5.

Amendments will also be presented to amend the Constitution and Bylaws as follows:

Article IV: Amend to provide for Secretary and Treasurer as separate offices.

Article VI, Section E: Amend to provide that the Tournament Director must be certified by the USCF.

Article IX: Amend to delete the word Patron.

M. L. Hyder

The following items of continuing business may also come before the annual meeting:

Sites for the 1974 S. C. Closed Championship, the 1974 Carolinas Open, and the 1974 S. C. Junior championship.
Election of officers.

Readers are referred to p. 3 of the Summer issue for the additional proposals made by SCCA President J. M. Smith.

Additional Tournament Announcement

END-OF-YEAR-OPEN

Camden, Sat., December 29, 1973. Probably 3-rd SS in 8-man sections; \$25 to winner each section. Watch CHESS LIFE & REVIEW for details.

RATINGS OF THE TOP S. C. CHESS PLAYERS

As compiled from the June rating supplement by Bill Dodgen.

1	Otto Estenger, Greenwood	2147	34	E. M. Pallares, Columbia	1648
2	Charles E. Walter, Columbia	2099	35	Nelson Mathias, Spartanburg	1667*
3	Yakir Aharonov, Columbia	2074	36	James Greenway, Jr., Spbg	1647
4	Steven J. Shaw, Columbia	2031	37	Wm. Patterson, Chas'n	1645
5	Lee Hyder, Aiken	2028	38	Roger Ramsey, W. Col'a	1644
6	J. Wayne Watson, Sp'burg	1995	39	Henry Hudak, Aiken	1638
7	Jeff Smeltzer, Greenville	1954	40	Jerry Rothstein, Col'a	1637
8	Ron Miner, Beaufort	1951	41	Wm. Putnam, Greenville	1633
9	David Sumner, Columbia	1924	42	Virgil Smith, Hartsville	1637*
10	Spencer Mathews, Sp'burg	1924	43	Norman McCurry, Spbg.	1616
11	John M. McCray, Charleston	1903	44	Frank Schiffer, Columbia	1615
12	C. Raju, Spartanburg	1858	45	Gerald Knighton, Sr., NA	1613
13	George Dibert, Hilton Head	1845	46	Raymond Potwara	1611
14	Ed Garvin, Columbia	1840	47	James Foster, Columbia	1611
15	Ivan Aralica, Columbia	1837	48	Paul Tinkler, Greenwood	1606
16	C. E. Braun, Aiken	1835	49	Robert Painter, Beaufort	1607*
17	Douglas Cail, Beaufort	1815	50	Wm. Shoemaker, Beaufort	1585
18	Charles C. Walter, Columbia	1797	51	Judson Duffee, Columbia	1580
19	Lee D. Purvis, Cayce	1774	52	Harold Bush, Spartanburg	1580
20	James Inman, Florence	1763	53	Joan Graber, Charleston	1579
21	Joan Schmidt, Hartsville	1756	54	James Bentley	1576
22	Arthur Hammons, Cassatt	1736	55	Lloyd Milligan, Col'a	1566
23	J. W. Cabaniss, Charleston	1734	56	John L. Sullivan, Chas'n	1563
24	Charles H. Walter, Columbia	1718	57	Steve Wall, Aiken	1556
25	Clifford Gottlieb, Camden	1713	58	James Donnelly, Aiken	1540
26	Thomas Read, Charleston	1712	59	F. X. McGahee, Aiken	1539
27	Harry Lofton, Greenville	1707	60	James Boan, Hartsville	1539
28	David Williams, Spartanburg	1704	61	J. S. Barr, Greenville	1527
29	Don Morse, Darlington	1692	62	K. W. Yost, N. Augusta	1526
30	John W. Thompson, Greenville	1680	63	Winston Reed, Florence	1522
31	Peter Hudson	1675	64	John Guido, Hartsville	1507
32	Hank Dangerfield	1672	65	Thomas Forster, Spbg.	1505
33	Wm. T. Stevens, Jr.	1667	66	Wade Fisher, Charleston	1500

* Order transposed by mistake.

CROSSTABLES OF THE HARTSVILLE SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

Sect. 1: Player, Hometown		Results by Rd-- Total			
1	R. Grady Brown, Charlotte	W2	W4	D3	2½-1½
2	Charles H. Walter, Columbia	L1	W3	L4	1-2
3	Virgil Smith, Hartsville	D4	L2	D1	1-2
4	Peter Hudson	D3	L1	W2	1½-1½
Sect. 2: 7 Donald Morse, Darlington		W8	W10	W9	3-0
8	Bob Morrell	L7	W9	W10	2-1
9	Gregory Martin	W10	L8	L7	1-2
10	Tom J. Davis	L9	L7	L8	0-3
Sect. 3: 11 Steve Miller		D2	L4	L3	½-2½
2	Roy R. Lankford	D1	D3	L4	1-2
3	Jimmy Bullard	D4	D2	W1	2-1
4	Jim Frawley	D3	W1	W2	2½-1½
Sect. 4: 7 Stanley A. Benson		W8	L10	L9	1-2
8	John E. Hadstate	L7	W9	L10	1-2
Donald L. Henderson (9)		W10	L8	W7	2-1
10	Andy McCauley (Awarded trophy)	L9	W7	W8	2-1
Sect. 5: 1 Spencer M. Cameron		L2	D4	D3	1-2
2	Stephen Deaton	W1	W3	W4	3-0
3	H. Earl Norman	W4	L2	D1	1½-1½
4	David L. Futral	L3	D1	L2	½-2½
Unrated sections:					
Sect. A: Tom Cooney 3-0; Rick Wallace 0-3; Chad Riley 1-2; Harry Abrams					
2-1. Sect. B: Michael Frawley 1½-1½; Ricky Blackmon 2-1; Bill Baker					
2½-½; Michael Buchanan 0-3.					

From the North Augusta Summer Tournament comes this quick win in hyper-modern style by tournament winner Wayne Watson. White: Watson; Black: Cabaniss. 1 b3 d5 2 Bb2 Nc6 3 e3 e5 (a) 4 Bb5 Bd6 5 f4 Qe7? (b) 6 Nf3 f6 7 fe: fe: 8 Bc6: + bc: 9 Ne5: Be5: 10 Qh5+ Kd8 11 Qe5: Nf6 12 O-O Rf8? (c) 13 Qe7: + Ke7: 14 Ba3+ Ke8 15 Bf8: Kf8: a6 Nc3 Ba6 17 d3 Re8 18 e4 Kg8 19 ed: cd: 20 Rael d4 21 Re8: + Ne8: 22 Ne4 Bb7 23 Rf4 a6 24 Nc5 Resigns.

- a. Black sets up his center, which plays into White's hands.
- b. He must shore things up immediately with 5--f6 6 fe: fe: 7 Nf3 Bg4.
- c. Loses the exchange, but White should win after 17 --Be6 13 Qg5 Rf8 14 Ba3 c5 15 Nc3.

From the Carolinas Open, a first round win by Charles Walter:

White: Frank Montakhab; Black: Walter. Sicilian Defense.
 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Qd4 Nc6 (a) 5 Bb5 Bd7 6 Bc6 Bc6 7 Nc3 e5 ?! (b) 8 Qd3 Be7 9 Be3 Nf6 10 h3? (c) O-O 11 O-O-O Qa5 (d) 12 Bd2 Qc7 13 Bg5 Rfd8 14 Qc4 (e) Qb6 15 Be3 Qa5 16 Bd2? Rac8! 17 Qb3 Qc7 (f) 18 Rhe1 b5 19 a3?! a5 20 Ng5? d5! 21 f4? ef? (g) 22 e5 Nh5 23 Nf3? (h) a4 24 Qa2 d4 25 e6 f5 26 Ne5 Bd5 27 Qb1 dc 28 Bc3 Be6 29 Nf3 Rd1+ 30 Rd1 Bc5 31 Resigns.

Notes by Walter:

- a. 4--Bd7 as in my match with Garvin was better.
- b. 7--Nf6 8 Bg5 is book.
- c. Since 10--Ng4 was not a threat, it was pointless to prevent it.
- d. 11--b5 might be better.
- e. 14 Bf6!
- f. Black stands better.
- g. 21--a4 22 Qa2 ef.
- h. 23 Nce4.

From the Dogwood Reserve, a real brevity:

White: Loventson; Black: H. M. Bush. Petroff Defense.
 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-KB3 3 B-B4?! NxP (a) 4 NxP (b) P-Q4 (c) 5 NxP! ? (d) KxN 6 Q-R5+ K-K2? (e) 7 BxP N-KB3? 8 Q-K5+ K-Q2 9 Q-K6 mate!
 a. Black accepts the gambit. 3--N-B3 is the two Knights' Defense.
 b. Normal here is 4 N-QB3 NxN 5 QPxN P-KB3 6 O-O N-QB3 7 N-KR4 with just about enough for the P.
 c. A little better is 4--Q-K2 5 P-Q4 P-Q3 6 BxP+ K-Q1 7 O-O PxN 8 PxP+ B-Q2 9 B-Q5 N-B5 ?.
 d. Better is 5 Q-K2 B-K3 6 P-Q3 NxBP 7 NxBP KxN 8 QxN+ Q-B3 9 QxQ+ =.
 e. 6--K-K3 wins. Now Black is finished.

TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

1973 PAN AMERICAN INTERCOLLEGIATE CHESS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Wed. Dec. 26 through Sun. Dec. 30 at the Atlantan Hotel, Atlanta, Ga.
 8 Rd Swiss System tournament for teams of four from any college or university in the Americas. EF \$35/team (\$30 for additional teams from same school); \$5 more after 12/10. USCF membership, student ID cards required. Colleges must be ICLA/USCF affiliates; \$10 per yr, available at site. Full or part time graduate or undergraduate students eligible for teams; up to two alternates permitted. Guaranteed \$3600 prize fund with \$600 plus trophy to top team. Register from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. at site Dec. 26 or by mail to Jared Radin, 1458 Sheffield Dr. NE, Atlanta, GA 30329. Accommodations at Atlantan Hotel, Cone at Luckie Sts., are \$10.50-11.50 single, \$7.50 per person double, \$6 per person 3 in a room. Write Radin for additional information.

South Carolina Collegians should not miss the opportunity to play in this big annual event at minimal cost! We hope that several of our colleges will field teams.

NORTH AUGUSTA CLUB NEWS

As reported by Bill Dodgen

At a recent meeting of the Augusta-North Augusta Chess Association the following slate of officers was elected: Dr. K. W. Yost, President; Claude Eaton, Sr. Vice-President; Robert Holley, Junior Vice-President; Bill Dodgen, Sec.-Treasurer; and Gerald Knighton, Sr., Team Captain. The club meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month (also 5th in 5-Wed. months) at the North Augusta Recreation Dept.'s Activity Building on Buena Vista Ave., Directly behind the S. C. Highway Dept. Visitors are always welcomed.

Allow us, if you will, to crow a little over the fact that at USCF Master Jude Acers' recent exhibition in Augusta, Ga., members of our club scored two of the three wins over Acers and all three draws. There were about 45 participants. Winning were Dr. K. W. Yost and John Garriss (Garriss for the second year in a row), and drawing were Ray Holzworth, Robert Holley, and Luis Sanchez.

Now if we could only beat Aiken in a club match!

Below are crosstables of the recent tournament in North Augusta. Another is planned for Oct. 20; details are elsewhere in this issue.

CROSSTABLES OF NORTH AUGUSTA MIDSUMMER CHESS FESTIVAL

SECTION	NO.	NAME - HOMETOWN	RESULTS BY ROUNDS			1	2	3	TOTAL SCORE	
A	1	J. Wayne Watson, Spartanburg	D2	W4	W3	2½	-	½	(T)	
	2	Frank F. Simpson, Augusta, Ga.	D1	D3	W4	2	-	1		
	3	J. W. Cabaniss, Charleston	L4	D2	L1	½	-	2½		
	4	David Williams, Spartanburg	W3	L1	L2	1	-	2		
B	1	K. W. Yost, North Augusta	W2	L4	L3	1	-	2		
	2	Jon Standahl, Augusta, Ga.	L1	L3	D4	½	-	2½		
	3	F. X. McGahee, Aiken	W4	W2	W1	3	-	0	(T)	
	4	Ray Holtzworth, North Augusta	L3	W1	D2	1½	-	1½		
C	1	Walter C. Turnier, Jr., Aiken	W2	L4	L3	1	-	2		
	2	Russell Price, Spartanburg	L1	L3	L4	0	-	3		
	3	Steve Cabaniss, Charleston	W4	W2	W1	3	-	0	(T)	
	4	Thomas Forster, Spartanburg	L3	W1	W2	2	-	1		
D	1	Dan Hagler, Augusta, Ga.	L2	W4	WF3	2	-	1	(T)	
	2	John C. Bell, Inman	W1	W3	L4	2	-	1	(T)	
	3	Billy Clifford, North Augusta	L4	L2	LF1	0	-	3		
	4	Ray Estes, Fort Gordon, Ga.	W3	L1	W2	2	-	1	(T)	
E	1	Robert Holley, North Augusta	D2	L4	D3	1	-	2		
	2	Bill Lidster, Augusta, Ga.	D1	W3	L4	1½	-	1½		
	3	Patrick Hart, Sullivan's Island	W4	L2	D1	1½	-	1½		
	4	John Garriss, Augusta, Ga.	L3	W1	W2	2	-	1	(T)	
F	1	Tim Roisen, Fort Gordon, Ga.	W6	W2	W3	3	-	0	(T)	
	2	Jan Dabrowski, North Augusta	W5	L1	W6	2	-	1		
	3	James Gayle, Aiken	W4	W5	L1	2	-	1		
	4	Neil Gosnell, Spartanburg	L3	L6	W5	1	-	2		
	5	Joseph Widner, North Augusta	L2	L3	L5	0	-	3		
	6	George Kinser, Augusta, Ga.	L1	W4	L2	1	-	2		
G	1	Mac Lindsay, Greenville	W2	W4	D3	2½	-	½	(T)	
	2	Curtis Cantrell, Spartanburg	L1	W3	W4	2	-	1		
	3	Terry Halmstad, Augusta, Ga.	W4	L2	D1	1½	-	1½		
	4	Ronald Davis, Edgefield	L3	L1	L2	0	-	3		
H	1	Keith Hunley, Charleston	L2	W4	W3	2	-	1	(T)	
	2	William Besson, North Augusta	W1	L3	L4	1	-	2		
	3	L. J. Hockman, Jr., North Augusta	W4	W2	L1	2	-	1	(T)	
	4	John Hopkins, Augusta, Ga.	L3	L1	W2	1	-	2		
I	1	Ray Neill, Martinez, Ga.	W2	W4	W3	3	-	0	(T)	
	2	Earl Babbitt, Augusta, Ga.	L1	W3	W4	2	-	1		
	3	Griffin Stegall, Augusta, Ga.	W4	L2	L1	1	-	2		
	4	Bo Hagler, Augusta, Ga.	L3	L1	L2	0	-	3		

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From USCF Executive Director E. B. (Ed) Edmondson:

Dear Lee,

As always, I enjoyed the Summer 1973 issue of SCCA NEWS. Keep it coming to USCF--with Martin Morrison now here in the office, you can be sure that you have two avid readers in Newburgh.

Assuming that the editorial concerning book reviews (or the absence of them) is yours, please think back with me to the two separate publications of some years ago, CHESS LIFE and CHESS REVIEW. Each carried book reviews from time to time. We know, because Jack Battell usually wrote them for REVIEW and Burt Hoehberg and I each did several for LIFE. Certainly, then, none of us have anything against book reviews; we even enjoy doing them.

Our paramount rule in working for USCF is to meet the wishes of the membership majority insofar as possible. Since Burt Hoehberg became editor, we have distributed two questionnaires. One went to every reader, the other to a random selection of 10%. These questionnaires went out at three-year intervals. Burt and Jack love books, evidently you do, and so do I. So perhaps it is a bit of a shock to all of us that an overwhelming majority of our readers indicated book reviews were one of the things they would rather we did without in CHESS LIFE & REVIEW. This, and only this, is the reason we do not have a regular book review feature.

Quite apart from the above, no one publication (unless it devotes itself only to reviewing chess books) could do justice to the vast amount of new chess literature in recent years. Isn't the chessplaying bibliomania fortunate in this Fischer era?

I hope you will print this letter in SCCA NEWS and I would like to mention one other thing to your readers. There is a great deal of trash being published these days. We try to be selective at USCF and much of the trash never finds its way into our inventory. Some of the material of questionable value we do stock because our members request us to do so. Note, however, that we have begun indicating the size and number of pages, whether type has been set or a publication photo-offset from a typewritten master, whether the publication is a pamphlet, paperback, or hard cover edition. Also, our advertisements (while not as complete nor as satisfactory as book reviews) do indicate whatever we might think to be drawbacks. For example, read the ads which appeared on page 327 of our June issue. Another example will be our ad for Volume 3 of THE CHESS PLAYER, which will appear in our August or perhaps September issue. There are many faults with this series and we do not hesitate to say so in our advertising. Our goal is not to increase sales, but to be of increasing service to our members.

Part of that service must be to provide essential books even when a revision may not be so good as its predecessor. I have in mind MCO 11, which has been panned by many reviewers. Nevertheless, earlier editions are not available and no serious student of the openings should be without his MCO. We stock it therefore, but you will note that we are not pushing it.

Fraternally, Ed Edmondson.

We very much appreciate Col. Edmondson's letter. I wish there were enough interest to justify such a column. Our series of reviews is continued on another page in this issue.

Chessplayers in the central part of the state by now have noted with dismay that the Koltanowski chess column has been quietly dropped by the STATE newspaper. Please write and complain. I am unaware as to what criteria they used to drop it, but anticipate that several expressions of interest by subscribers might bring it back.

Ed.

CROSSTABLES OF THE CAMDEN SUMMER OPEN.

PLAYERS' NAMES *	EXP. DATE*	LAST RTG.	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3	Rd. 4	Rd. 5	Rd. 6	Rd. 7	SCORE
1 CHARLES E. WALTER	4/74	2125	D5	W4	W3					2½-½
2 ARTHUR R. HAMMONS	3/74	1736	W6	D3	D8					2-1
3 CHARLES H. WALTER	12/73	1730	W7	D2	L1					1½-1½
4 PETER HUDSON	5/74	1675	D8	L1	W6					1½-1½
5 STEPHEN P. MEYER	3/74	1610	D1	L8	W7					1½-1½
6 JAMES E. HUGHEY	8/74*		L2	W7	L4					1-2
7 PHILIP A. TETSUWARI	7/74	1529	L3	L6	L5					0-3
8 KENNETH COCKRELL	12/73	1354	D4	W5	D2					2-1
9 RAY HOLZWORTH	11/73	1488	W13	W16	W11					3-0
10 ROBERT HOLLEY	9/73	1474	W14	D11	W12					2½-½
11 ROBERT JOHNSON (NEW MEXICO)	3/74	1460	W15	D10	L9					1½-1½
12 GREGORY MARTIN	8/74	1406	L16	W13	L10					1-2
13 JEFF W. SHIRLEY	5/74	1400	L9	L12	L14					0-3
14 J. FRED WILSON	5/75	U	L10	W15	W13					2-1
15 DONALD ELTON	3/74	1390	L11	L14	DYE					1-2
16 DAVID S. FINCH	5/75	1354	W12	L9	WITHDRAW					1-2
17 MARLON HUTCHINS JR	7/74	1300	L24	L27	L26					0-3
18 JOHN E. HADSTATE	9/75	1287	W25	D30	L21					1½-1½
19 PAUL M. CARRIGER	1/74	1242	D26	L28	W29					1½-1½
20 DONALD L. HENDERSON	5/74	1225	W27	W22	D24					2½-½
21 RALPH G. BRYANT	8/74	U	D28	W26	W18					2½-½
22 WALTER MINTZ JR	5/74	1036	W29	L20	L27					1-2
23 DEBORAH S. HANNON	8/74*	U	L30	L22	L25					0-3
24 SAMUEL C. FREEMAN	8/74*	U	W17	W23	D20					2½-½
25 C. MARTIN CAUDILL JR	8/74	1036	L18	L29	W23					1-2
26 CARL T. BEAVERS	8/74*	U	D4	L21	W17					1½-1½
27 SYLVESTER BROWN	8/74*	U	L20	W17	W22					2-1
28 STEPHEN DEATON	6/74	U	D21	W19	W30					2½-½
29 HENRY GRAHAM	3/74	U	L22	W25	L19					1-2
30 STEPHAN STANKEWICH	10/73	963	W23	D18	L28					1½-1½

*As shown on USCF Membership Card

LATE NEWS

The 1974 U. S. Open will be in New York City. The 1975 Open may be at a Southern site if adequate bids are received. A new week-long National tournament, the USCF Class Championships, will be held in the spring of 1974, perhaps also in this part of the country.

BOOK REVIEWS

Book Reviews on this page by
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The following are brief reviews of books pertaining to studies and endgame theory. All but the first are available through USCF.

Imagination in the Endgame, Robert Brieger, Chess Digest, Dallas, 1973. 56pp. \$2.50

This book might have been called "Endgame Movies" as there is a diagram every two moves. For an easy introduction to studies it is hard to beat. Unlike many endgame books intended for the beginner, it does not bog down in trivial studies. Of course, the material is elementary. Brieger takes studies, or parts of studies, which illustrate a single theme (with some very good choices), and spreads them out in a multiple-diagram form that is easy on the brain and easy on the eyes. It is gratifying to see an American write a book on the endgame after such a long interim (the last was Chernev's **Practical Chess Endings**, 1961). A must for the collector as there are several studies not available elsewhere.

Basic Chess Endings, Heuben Fine, David McKay Co., New York, 1941. 573pp. \$3.75

There is probably more busted analysis in this book than in any other chess book in print. Considering the size and scope of the book it is quite understandable in a first edition. According to Evans, Fine is contemplating a revision--after 32 years and several reprints! For all of the errors, though, it is still probably the best endgame book for the tournament player (in English, that is). It is cheap, it is comprehensive, and, most importantly, it is didactic. Fine gives a pretty good exposition of the statistical principles involved in playing endgames. Endgame analysis (whether correct or faulty!) slips from the mind unless it is frequently reviewed. (Any questions as to how I know this are strictly out of place!) Second best to having the exact analysis memorized is having the correct principles memorized, and these are pretty easily absorbed from BCE. Ken Smith is coming out with a translation of Averbakh's three volume work in Russian after which we can put BCE in a museum, a relic of the good old days when they sold baloney by the pound and Fanny was a girl's name.

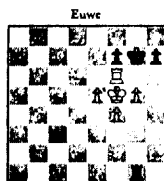
Book Endings, O. Levenfish & V. Smyslov, Chess Digest, Dallas, 1971. 224pp. \$6.95

This is a translation of the Russian work published in 1959 (2nd Edition). I consider this to be everything that Fine's chapter on rook endings should have been. The word "classic" has been overused so it probably won't mean too much to you when I apply it to this book. It really fits, though. There is no other book that treats practical rook endings as well as this one (for a sample look to the right). It does not give as thorough a treatment of the basic R & P v. R as does Cherov, but mastery of that ending is often of little help when the situation you are faced with is that of attempting to draw when the opponent has a passed pawn on the wing. As I indicated above, hard analysis is often not enough. One must be able to analyze the position at hand. A book like **Book Endings** comes in mighty handy in such cases.

Rook Endings

PAWNS ON ONE WING

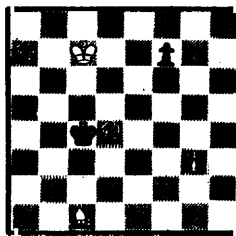
When all the pawns are on one wing the defensive possibilities are greater. However, to make proper use of his chances a player must be familiar with the ways of playing such endings and with certain critical positions. This will make his choice of this or that move during the game easier.



Black to play; White wins

A
1... R-KB8
The other method of defence, 1... R-QR8, is analyzed below.

A Pocket Guide to Chess Endgames, D. Hooper, G. Bell & Sons, Ltd., London, 1970. 197pp. \$5.00



The position at left is taken from this book and is typical of the sort of endgame Hooper covers, i.e. simple positions only.

5:2n (Thomes-Flohr, Hastings, 1935-36.) White is at a disadvantage, for his king is outside the Square of both passed pawns; but having the move he can draw: 1. B-Q2 (in the game he lost after 1. K-Q6? P-R4; 2. P-Kt4, P-B5; 3. P-Kt5, P-Q6; 4. K-K7, P-R6), K-Q6; 2. B-B5, K-K7; 3. K-Kt7, P-Q6; 4. KxP, P-Q7; 5. BxP, KxB drawn. Black to play wins, 1. ... P-R4. (Recognize this? It's No. 161 in BCE and it busts another Fine ending)

1234 Modern End-Game Studies, M.A. Sutherland & H.M. Lomser, Dover, New York, 1968. 358pp. \$3.00

A corrected reprint of the 1938 classic. Many of the most famous studies are in this. One of the two best anthologies ever.

360 Brilliant and Instructive Endgames, A.A. Troitzky, Dover, New York, 1968. \$2.00

Another Dover reprint of a famous study book. Only this time it's an inferior version as missing are the 61pp. treatise "2N's v. P's", Troitzky's valuable thematic index and a short biography of him. The studies and Troitzky's notes still make it a great book.

2 R-QB6 K-B1
3 R-B8+ K-N2
4 R-QB1 ...

Black is in Zugzwang. If 4... P-R3, then 5 PxP+ KxP 6 R-KN8 followed by R-N4 and K-B6±. White's principal threat is P-B5, -6, so that the Black rook must remain on the KB file.

4... R-B7
5 R-Q11 R-B6
Or 5... R-QR7 6 R-Q7 R-R3 7 K-N4 and then P-B5.

Black's rook proves to be too close to the White king and White can get P-B5 in.

6 K-K4 R-B7
7 K-K3 R-QR7
8 P-B5 R-KN7
On 8... R-R2 White would continue 9 K-K4 and 10 R-Q8.
9 R-Q7 RxP
On 9... K-B1 decisive is 10 P-B6 K-K1 11 R-K7+ K-B1 12 R-R7 K-K1 13 R-R8+ K-Q2 14 R-KB8 K-K3 15 R-K8+ K-B4 16 P-K61±.

10 K-B4 R-N8
11 P-K6 R-B8+
12 K-K5 R-K8+
13 K-Q6 P-R4
14 RxP+ K-N1
15 K-K7 P-R5
16 K-B6 P-R6

17 R-N7+ K-B1
18 R-N5 and wins.

1... R-QB6
2 R-QB6 R-B5
3 R-B7 K-B1
4 K-N4 R-B8
Or 4... R-R4 5 K-B3 R-R6+ 6 K-K4 R-R5+ 7 K-K3 R-R6+ 8 K-Q4 R-R5+ 9 R-B4 R-R8 10 P-B5 R-KN8 11 K-Q5 RxP 12 P-B6 K-K1 13 K-Q6 K-Q1 14 R-QR4.

5 P-B5 R-N8+
6 K-B4 R-B8+
7 K-K4 R-K8+
8 K-Q5 R-Q8+
9 K-B6 R-B8+
10 K-Q7 R-Q8+
11 K-B8 R-Q4
12 P-B6 RxP
13 K-Q71 R-Q4+
14 K-B6 R-Q1
15 R-Q7 R-B1
16 K-N7 R-K1
17 K-B7

After the exchange of rooks White has a won pawn ending.

USCF BUSINESS MEETING AT CHICAGO

Actions taken at this meeting included the following: A proposed dues increase was deferred, and affiliate fees remain unchanged. A new (slightly revised) rating formula will be adopted in October and will be published in CL&R in Oct. DO NOT CONTACT THE USCF FOR DETAILS. It is uncertain whether Junior memberships will be only for players 18 and under from now on; a resolution to do this was apparently passed but afterward challenged. A proposal for no smoking in tournaments was defeated. A proposal for Associate Memberships (without CL&R subscription) was defeated but will probably be back next year. The problem of tournament conflicts is still under study.

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