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#### SPARTANBURG WINS STATE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP AGAIN

Spartanburg High School gave up only one draw in winning their ninth S. C. team Championship in Camden. After the winners'  $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  score came Camden and Irmo (6-2), Clover ( $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ ), Pacolet (2-4), and Lewisville Middle and Clover Middle (each 1-7). Notable for their absence was the uncrowned Southern High School Champion team, Lower Richland; that story is elsewhere in this issue.

This was the first time that this event was conducted under the auspices of the S. C. High School League, and the second time that it was fully USCF rated. In connection with this we have received a letter from SCCA President J. M. Smith, printed on Page 2.

In conjunction with the event the Camden Chess Club also sponsored an open tournament in groups of 4; no fewer than 37 participants turned out. With the 28 team members this made 65 players overall! Winners in the quad events were David K. Williams, Peter C. Hudson, Roy R. Lankford, James M. Smith, Gregory Martin, John Roberts, Terry Ray Young, David Rorie, and Jerry Willis.

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#### HYDER WINS ARTS FESTIVAL OPEN IN AIKEN

Lee Hyder defeated Otto Estenger in the last round to sweep the Aiken Spring Arts Festival Open at the end of April. A field of 28 participated in the two-day five round event.

An unusual feature of the tournament was the awarding of a handicap prize equal to the first prize to the rated player who best outperformed his previous rating; this went to John Garriss of Augusta, who scored  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ . Other prize winners were Estenger and Jim Williams, equal second; and Otto Estenger, Jr., the Junior Prize. Crosstables and games are elsewhere in this issue.

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#### CHESS ACTIVITY RESUMES IN SPARTANBURG

Spencer Mathews and Harold Bush tied for first in the 6-player "A" section of the Julius Caesar Memorial Chess Tournament held March 17 at USC-Spartanburg branch campus. Curtis Cantrell won the "B" section.

On June 22 26 players came out for the Spartanburg Open, held in 4-man sections. Winners included Jeff Smeltzer in Section A, Thomas Foerster and Mark Cantrell in Section B, Earl Jones and James Greenway in Section C, Bill McWhorter in Section D, John Caldwell in Section E, and William P. Haas in Section F. Harold M. Bush, Jr. directed and scored an upset win against Smeltzer.

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## GAMES

Edited by C. E. Braun

From the 5th Southern H. S. Championship, David Hutchins of Lower Richland notches a score against Al Davidson from the first place Plant Panther team. It's a French Defense with Hutchins as White.  
 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 a3 Bc3+ 6 bc Ne7 7 Nf3 c4 (a) 8 a4 0-0 9 Ba3 Re8 10 Be2 Nf5 11 Qd2 Bd7 12 Bc1 h6 (b) 13 Qf4 Nc6 14 h4! h5 15 g4 hg 16 Qg4 f6(c) 17 h5 Kf7 18 Qg6+ Kf8 19 h6 Resigns.  
 a. Much too committal. Better choices are 7--Qa5, Qc7, Bd7, or Nc6.  
 b. Black can't wait around like this. He has to start something on the queenside.  
 c. A better try is Kf8.

Otto Estenger's losses are so rare that they deserve notice. Here Lee Hyder scores on Otto in the decisive game from the Aiken Arts Festival Open. Hyder had White and contributes the notes to this French Defense.  
 1 e4 e6 (Otto normally plays the Naidorf Sicilian, but was playing the French in this event.) 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bg5 Be7 5 e5 Nfd7 6 Bd7 Qe7 7 f4 0-0 8 Nf3 c5 9 Bd3 f5 (All book to here, but I hadn't played against the classical French in years. I didn't like 10 ef because of Qf6--Keres says though that Ng5 is strong then, and that Rf6 is the better recapture. What bothered me is that I realized that 9--f6 would virtually have forced ef; the move had to be good, but I couldn't see how. So I reasoned that something might be better against 9--f5: the White center is firm, and a N at d6 would be very strong. Hence!) 10 Nb5??! c4 (Of course! Now on 11 Be2 Qb4+ 12 Nc3 Qb2 13 Na4 Qb4+ 14 c3 Qa5 Black has won a P with a very satisfactory position. So on into the maelstrom!) 11 Nc7 cd (In the complicated position after Ne5 12 Na8 Nf3 13 Qf3 cd 14 Qd3 White has reasonable chances although the N will eventually be lost.) 12 cd? (12 Na8! and Black cannot play dc without letting the N out. But 12 Qd3? Ne5! would be a dreadful error.) Nb6 13 Na8 Na8 14 a3 (At this point I knew I was in a lost position against a strong player--a very discouraging state of affairs made the more so by the knowledge of what Otto has done with such positions in countless games of skittles. Further, I had used a lot of time, and still could find nothing better at this point than spending a move to keep his Q out of my position.) Nc6 15 0-0 Nc7 16 Qa4 Bd7 f7 Qb3 Rb8? (He hasn't looked deeply enough into the position to see that his play has to come through an advance of pawns on the queenside, and in his next few moves allows me to stop that. 17--b5 would be strong here or earlier, and he could well have played a5 earlier too.) 18 Rf2 a6? 19 Qb6 Na8 20 Qc5 (I have just about equalized, since a trade of queens would straighten out my pawns. But perhaps he should take it, since as the game goes it is easier to play White's game.) Nc7 21 b4 Rc8 22 h3 (A feint to the K side that provokes an immediate response) Rf8 23 Qb6 Rc8 24 Rc1 Ne8 25 Rb2 Qc7 (White's position is much improved and the Q trade does not relieve Black's game.) 26 Qc7 Nc7 27 a4 Na8 28 b5 (White has achieved the most cramping pawn structure possible, and threatens to break through at any time. Black now finds it necessary to fix the pawns to his own disadvantage, after which White can improve his position at will.) Nb8 29 Nd2 b6 30 Kf2 a5 31 Ke3 Kf7 32 Nf3 Ke7 33 Ng5 (White can even afford the luxury of spending two moves to provoke a weakness at g6--which later proves decisive!) h6 34 Nf3 Bd7 35 Rbc2 Rd8 36 g4 (The final breakthrough!) g6 37 gf gf 38 Rg1 Rf8 39 Nh4 Be8 40 Ng6+ (The last active Black piece goes.) Bg6 41 Rg6 Nd7 42 Rc6 Kf7 43 Rh6 Re8 and Black resigned without waiting for 44 Rh7+.

## MORE GAMES

Here's one of the games that helped John Garris toward the Handicap Prize at the Aiken Spring Art Festival Open. Woodward vs. Garris; Bird Opening.  
 1 P-KB4 P-Q4 2 P-K3 P-K3 3 N-KB3 N-QB3 (a) 4 B-N5 B-Q2 5 P-QN3 N-KB3 6 B-N2 B-Q3 7 0-0 0-0 8 P-Q3 P-QR3 9 BxN BxB 10 QN-Q2 R-K1 11 Q-K2 Q-K2 12 N-K5 QR-Q1 13 P-B4 PxP 14 KNxP B-B4 15 QR-B1 P-QN4 16 N-K5 B-N2 17 P-Q4 B-N3 18 N-QB6 BxN 19 RxB N-Q4 20 P-QR3 R-Q3 21 RxR xR 22 N-K4 Q-K2 23 R-QB1 P-KB3 24 N-B3 (b) B-R2 25 P-N3 P-QB4 26 NxN?(c) PxN 27 PxP BxP 28 P-QN4? BxP+ 29 K-R1 BxR 30 BxB (d) QxQ White Resigns.  
 a. Now we are really out of the book! Black can play --N-QB3 with an eye to --P-K4, or --P-K3 with P-QB4, but not this combination.  
 b. Better 24 P-QN4 to restrain the QBP.  
 c. This exposes White's entire position. Better 26 PxP BxP 27 N-Q1.  
 d. 30 QxQ RxQ 31 BxB R-K8+ also wins for Black.

The shortest game from the tournament: Otto Estenger, Jr., vs. Greg Earle; Alekhine's defense.  
 1 P-K4 N-KB3 2 P-K5 N-N1 3 P-Q4 P-QN3 4 N-KB3 B-N2 5 B-QB4 N-QB3 6 N-N5 NxQP 7 BxP mate.

From the Aiken-North Augusta Match comes this game on Board 2 between C. E. Braun and Errol Sayin. Braun was White in this Vienna Game.  
 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-QB3 N-KB3 3 B-B4 N-B3 4 P-Q3(a) B-B4 5 P-B4 P-Q3 6 N-B3 B-KN5 7 N-QR4 B-N3 8 P-KR3 BxN 9 QxB Q-Q2(b) 10 NxR RPxN 11 P-R3 0-0-0 12 0-0(c)N-Q5 13 Q-B2 R-N1 14 B-K3 N-K3 15 P-B5 N-B1 16 B-KN5 Q-K2 17 P-QR4 N/1-Q2 18 P-R5 P-R3 19 B-K3 N-N1 20 PxP P-B3 21 R-R5(d) K-Q2 22 P-QN4 K-K1 23 Q-R4 N/1-Q2 24 R/1-R1 P-N4(e) 25 QxRP P-N5 26 R-R8 PxP 27 QxP N-N5 28 R/1-R7 N-N1 29 P-N5 P-B4 30 B-Q5 NxB 31 QxN N-Q2 32 BxNP NxP 33 B-B6+ N-Q2 34 Black resigns.  
 a. Sharper but more complicated is 4. P-B4. (Believed unsound by some analysts. ed.)  
 b. If 9--N-Q5 10 Q-B2! 0-0 11 NxR± or 9--Q-K2 10 NxR RPxN 11 0-0 Q-B2? 12 Q-B2 P-QN4 13 B-Q5 P-B3 14 P-B3 PxR 15 PxKP±.  
 c. White has a slight edge. He has the 2 bishops and better control in the center.  
 d. This prepares to double rooks, while preventing--P-Q4. Black now makes a run for it to the K side.  
 e. Loses his cool, but otherwise it's a slow death on the Q side.

Tournament Announcements

Greenville Open at Mauldin, SC, just outside Greenville, July 27 th. At First Federal S&L on Highway 276. 3-SS in 8 man sections, one 12-man if possible. EF \$6, \$1 less before July 20. Dues + EF \$10 if joining USCF for first time. First prize \$25 each section. Reg. 8:30 to 9:30, Rds. 10-2-6, time 40/90. Entries to TD Jeff Smeltzer, 30 Waters Ave., Greenville 29605.

Southern Open Team Championship, 5-SS, 50/2, for 4-man teams (1 alternate allowed) at Family World Motel on I-75 just S of Adel, Ga. Grading of teams required: First bd open, 2nd Under 1800, 3rd under 1600, 4th under 1400. EF \$50/team, less \$5 for each player 18 & under. Trophies & small cash prizes (trophies to each team member). Reg. to Spencer Hurd, 1212 First St. SE, Moultrie, Ga 31768. 50/2. Reg. to 11 a. m.

# SOLUTIONS TO THE

## C. WALTER QUIZ

(From last issue;  
see reprint at right)

A1 1--Ne4 2 cb!  
(a) --Nd6 3 b7+ R:b7  
4 ab+ Nb7 5 R:c8 #  
(b) --Q:g2+!! 3 R:g2!  
N:d6 4 b7+ N:b7 5 ab+  
R:b7 6 R:b7 K: b7  
7 Rg7+ Rc7 8 Rg4+ f5  
9 Rb4+ Ka8 10 Rf4;  
White has the better  
endgame.

A2: 1--Nf1+ 2 Kh1  
Ng3+ 3 R:g3 Qg3 4 cb! and now (a) 4--Rc2 5 Qd8+ Qb5 6 Qe7 ab 7 Qf5 with  
a material advantage; (b) 4--Rc3 5 R:b7; (c) 4--Rb5 5 b7+; (d) 4--Rb5  
5 Rc2+ Qb8 6 b7+ R:b7 7 ab+ K:b7 8 R:b8+ K:b8 9 Bf2 and White is better.

B1: 2--Nf1+ 3 Kh1 Ng3+ 4 R:g3 Qg3 5 b6; and now (a) 5--ab 6 cb! Q: d6  
7 R:c8+ Qb8 8 b7+ R:b7 9 ab+ Kb7 10 R:b8+ K:b8 and White wins the end  
game; (b) 5--Q:d6 6 cd R:c2 7 de B: e7 8 b7+ Kb8 9 Bh2+ Rc7 10 Bf4 Bc5  
11 g3 hg 12 h4 Bd4 13 Bc7+ Kc7 14 d6+ Kb8 15 d7 Bb6 16 h5 wins.

B2: 2--Re2 3 R:e2 N:e2 4 b6!

C: 3--ab 4 cb Q:g2+ 5 R:g2 Nd6 6 b7+ N:b7 7 ab+ R:b7 8 Ra2+ Kb8 9 Ba7+  
Ka8 (Or --Kc7 10 Rc2+ Kd6 11 R:c8 R:b3 12 R:d8+) 10 Rba3!

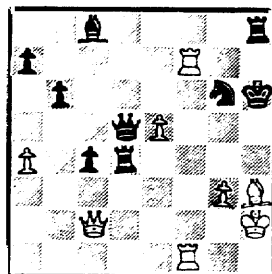
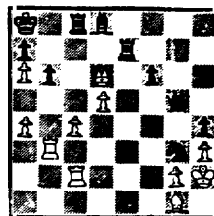
D: (1) 4--R:c2 5 b7+ R:b7 6 ab+ Kb8 7 Ba7+ Ka7 8 b8(Q)+  
(2) 4--Rb8 5 b7+  
(3) 4--ab 5 R:c8 Ka7 6 de Be7 7 Bb6+ Ka6 8 Ra8+ Kb7 9 Be3+  
(4) 4--Bc7 5 b7+ Kb8 6 dc+ and now (a) R8c7 7 Ba7+; or (b) R7:c7  
7 R:c7 Qe5+ (7--K:c7 8 Rc3+) 8 Kh1 Q:c7 9 Bh2.  
(5) See game. Alekhin was White; the position was quoted in  
Lehrbuch der Schachtaktik by Kotov.

For this month Charles poses a simple problem:  
In the position at right, White is to play  
and win.

WHO IS

THIS MAN?

(See p. 14)



## A New Feature---

### THE CHARLES WALTER CHESS QUIZ

Difficult analysis for those who wish  
to improve their game!

In the position at right White is to move  
and plays:

1 e4-c2!

Problem A: (Time limit 45 min.) How  
would White reply to (1) 1--Ne4, (2)

1--Nf1+ 2 Kh1 Ng3+?

1--b6-b5? (1--Re2 is correct.)

2 e4-b5 Ng3+?

Problem B: (Time limit 40 min.) How

would White reply to (1) 2--Nf1+ 3 Kh1 Ng3+, or (2) 2--Re2?

3 e4-b6! Bb6+?

Problem C: (Time limit 35 min.) How would White reply to 3--ab: 4 cb:

Qg2+?

4 e5:d6

Problem D: (Time limit 30 min.) How would White now reply to (1)

4--Rc2; (2) 4--Rb8; (3) 4--ab:; (4) 4--Bc7; (5) 4--Re7-c7?

4--Ra7-c7! 5 b6-b7+ Ka8-b8 6 d6-d7! Qg5-g3+ 7 Kh2-h1 Resigns.

Answers: next issue.

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## DETAILED SCORES IN RECENT EVENTS

### JULIUS CAESAR MEMORIAL, SPARTANBURG, MARCH 17

A Section: Spencer Mathews and Harold Bush 2½, David Williams 2, Louis  
Knoepp and Mark Cantrell 1, James Greenway 0.

B. Section: Curtis Cantrell 3, Bill McWorter and James Huff 2, Larry  
Heavrin and Jimmy Hodge 1, John C. Bell 0.

### S. C. HIGH SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP:

Scoring 2-0: Tim Baker, Neil Gosnell, Robert Kingsmore, Curtis Cantrell,  
Carl Beavers, Buddy Bloom.

Scoring 2-1: Wm. E. Aycock, Jr.

Scoring 1½-½: Clifford Gottlieb, John Mattis, Bill McWhorter, Kevin  
Stewart.

Scoring 1-1: Brad Burnett, Mike Ingle, Bob P. Wood, Ken Alexander,  
Johnny Allen Cook, Sonny Knox, Charles J. Smith, Keith Sanders, Jody Aycock

Scoring 0-2: Terry Millwood, Wayne Shehan, Billy Knox, Doug Meyer-Cuno,  
Raymond A. Craig, Johnny F. Locke, III, Kevin A. Jeske. 0-3: M. S. Boyd.

### CAMDEN QUAD OPEN: (MAY 11)

#### Results by Sections:

David K. Williams 2, Kenneth Cockrell and Len Flynn 1½, Js. E. Hughey 1.  
Peter Hudson 2, David Hutchins and Stephen Deaton 1½, H. M. Bush, Jr. 1.  
R. R. Lankford 3, Harry Abrams 1½, Ray Richards 1, Charles H. Walter ½.  
J. M. Smith 3, R. Van Hall, Joseph Pawlikowski, and Larry K. Jones 1.  
Gregory Martin 2½, Howard Orr, Jr. 2, Stephan Stankewich 1½, Kenneth J.  
Snipes 0.

John Roberts 2½, Marion Mahaffey & E. D. Bowling 2, C. M. Caudill ½.  
Terry R. Young 3, Harris Kinder 1½, Laurence Layne 1, John Hadstate ½.  
David Rorie 4-0, Tim DeWees 2-1, Deborah Anne Hernandez 1-3, Lawson Marsh  
0-3.

Jerry Willis 3-0, Paul M. Crescente 3-3, Scott Adams 2-1, Michael Ameen  
2-4, Susan Maxwell 0-3.

### SPARTANBURG OPEN: (JUNE 22)

#### Results by Sections:

Jeff Smeltzer 2-1; Louis Knoepp 2-1; Harold Bush 1½-1½; David Williams  
½-2½.

Thomas Foerster 2-1, Mark Cantrell 2-1, Charles Turner 1-2, S. Donald  
Johnson 1-2

Earl Jones 2-1, James Greenway 2-1, Robert Kingsmore 1½-1½, Barry  
Bridges ½-2½

Bill McWhorter 2-1, James Smith 1½-1½, Ed Dromgoole 1½-1½, John Hadstate  
1-2

John Caldwell 3-0, Jeff Hoffman 2-1, Frederick Olmsted 1-2, Rick Perry  
0-3

William P. Haas 3-0, Eric Johnson 2-1, Mike Williams 2-1, Chip Clary  
and Claude Ramsay 1-2, R. J. Whitlock (W) 0-3

# TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1974 CAROLINAS OPEN

MYRTLE BEACH!

JULY 13-14

5-SS, 40/90, at S. C. Public Service Authority Bldg. Auditorium. EF=\$8, under 16 \$4, advance EF \$6 and \$4 by July 1. Prizes: First through third: trophy and cash per entry; trophies for Expert and Classes A through E, + Unrated. USCF, SCCA or other state req. Reg. at site 7 to 8:30 a. m. July 13; Rds. 9, 2, 7; 10, 3. Advance registration to Director, Gary W. Small, 1109-B Tulip Ave., Myrtle Beach AFB, SC 29577. Rooms available at Holiday Inn (\$18 Single, \$21 Double) through Small.

REGION IV NON-SMOKING CHAMPIONSHIP AUGUSTA, GA. AUGUST 3-4

5-SS, 60/1½ (Rd.1-2) others 60/2; no adjudications. At Towers Motor Inn, 444 Broad St. (Site of Korchnoi-Mecking match). Write for low room rates. GCA or SCCA membership required for Ga. or SC residents. Entries by mail or at site Friday night only., 7-11 pm; rds. 9-1-7, 9-2:30. TOTAL PRIZES \$1050.

Open: Open to all. EF \$15, under 18 \$10, if postmarked by 7/27, \$5 more if at door. \$\$ 250-150-100, under 2000 or unrated 100-50, trophies to first, A, B/below.

Amateur: Open to under 1800 and unrated. EF \$12, under 18 \$8, if postmarked by 7/27; \$4 more if at door. \$\$ 150-100-50, under 1600 60-40, trophies to top two.

Booster: Open to under 1600 and unrated. EF:\$5, under 18 \$3, if postmarked by 7/27; \$2 more if at door. Trophies to top 3, top D, E, Unr.

TD: James Gates. Entries: Wm. H. Dodgen, 2008 Robin Rd., North Augusta, SC 29841. NS.

SEVEN OAKS CC FALL OPEN, SEPT. 21, 1974 COLUMBIA

3-SS in 8-man sections (maybe one 12-man section.) 40/90. EF \$5 if received by 8/13/74, \$6 later. If joining the USCF for the first time combined EF and dues \$9 Jr., \$13 Sr. Prizes: \$25 to first each section, \$15 second in 12-man section. Reg. 9-10 am at site or in advance to John Roberts, Rt. 1, Box 76, Lexington, SC 29072. Site: Seven Oaks Recreation Center, off St. Andrews Rd., Across from Allied Chemical Plant in Columbia.

CAMDEN OPEN, CAMDEN, SEPT. 14.

3-SS in 8-man sections, \$6 EF, \$25 to first each section, 40/90, SCCA req. but other states honored; 12-man section, if req.. At City Arena, Camden. Prizes include \$15 to second in 12-man section. Reg. at site 9-10; Rds. 10:15, 2:15, 6:15. Details from tournament director Richard O. Stucker, 3001 Beard St., Camden, 29020.

S. C. CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP, COLUMBIA, NOVEMBER 1-3.

5-SS, Cafeteria of SCN Bank Bldg., Main & Lady Sts. Three Sections:

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## S. C. CLOSED, CONTINUED

CHAMPIONSHIP: 40/2, Open to all SC residents, students, and servicemen stationed in SC. EF: \$6 if mailed by 10/18, \$7.50 if paid at tmt. Trophies to top three. Register 7 to 3 pm 11/1; Rds. Fri. 8:30, Sat. 10, 3; Sunday 9, 2.

INTERMEDIATE: 50/2, Open to below 1600 or unr. EF: \$4 if mailed by 10/18, \$5 if paid at tmt. Trophies to top three. Reg. 8:30-9:30 am 11/2; Rds. Sat. 10, 2, 6; Sun. 9, 2.

RESERVE: Open to below 1400 or unr., EF \$2.50 if mailed by 10/18, \$3.50 if paid at tmt. Otherwise similar to Intermediate Sect.

ALL SECTIONS: Send entries, inquiries to Don Elton, 3207 Berkeley Forest Dr., Columbia, SC 29209.

UNUSUAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR AUGUSTA IN OCTOBER

We have received word of a most remarkable chess event scheduled for Augusta, Ga., in October. In this winners of the several sections of a Swiss tournament will be given the opportunity to compete for a trip to the National Open in Las Vegas by playing the last round simultaneously against Pal Benko! We will have full details in our next issue; or watch CHESS LIFE & REVIEW.

## NOTES ON PRISON CHESS

Those who participated in the tournament this spring at the CCI in Columbia will be pleased to know that it has been cleared for rating after some delay in obtaining USCF memberships for all participants.

We have received a letter from Mr. Thomas E. Gregg at CCI requesting the opportunity to play correspondence chess with members of the S. C. chess community. Mr. Gregg is 26 and has been playing the game since childhood. Interested persons may write him at CB #2, 1515 Gist St., Columbia, SC 29202.

SUMMER ONE-DAY TOURNAMENTS IN COLUMBIA (Palmetto Chess Club)

Moonwalk Open-July 20

Details (same for each event): 3-SS, 8 man sections (maybe one 12-man) EF \$5 by June 20, \$6 later. Prizes: \$25 first in each section, \$15 second in 12-man section. Combined EF-USCF dues for first time joining USCF: \$9 Jr., \$13 Sr. At Woodland Park Recreation Center, behind VA Hospital off US 378 in E. Columbia, S. C. Turn at signs. Register: 9-10 a. m., or in advance to Donald Elton, 3207 Berkeley Forest Dr., Columbia 29209. 40/90, Rds. 10:30, 2:30, 6:30.

Second Ramada Special Statesville, N. C.

Aug. 17-18.

At Ramada Inn, I-77 at US 70; details similar for each event: 5-SS, 40/90, three sections: OPEN, EF \$10 1 wk in advance, \$13 at tmt. \$5 1st 80+trophy, 2nd 40+trophy, trophies to top Expert, A. AMATEUR, open to all rated under 1800 or unrated, EF \$8 in advance, \$11 at tmt. \$5 1st 50+trophy, 2nd \$25+trophy, 3rd trophy, trophies to top B, C, Unr. Booster: Open to under 1400 or Unr. EF \$6 in advance, \$9 at tmt. \$5 1st 25 + trophy, 2nd 10+trophy, trophies to top D, E. NCCA req., other states honored. Ladies' trophy. Free coffee. Reg. ends 9:15 (sharp) Sat. rds. Sat. 10-2:30-7, Sun 9:15-2. Entries: Chuck Howard, PO Box 1353, Mooresville, NC 28115.

July 20, Sept. 21: First and Second Ramada Opens. Site as above; 3-SS 40/90, 8-man sections. EF\$5, NCCA, or other state membership req. \$5 20 for 1st in top section, \$10 & trophy for all others. Reg. ends 9:30, first rd. 10 a. m. Free coffee; entries as above.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHESS ASSOCIATION  
Incorporating Amendments of November, 1973

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the South Carolina Chess Association, hereinafter abbreviated SCCA.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The SCCA is an organization of chess players and those interested in chess who reside in the State of South Carolina, and non-residents declared to be members by the Secretary-Treasurer. The purpose of the SCCA is to encourage and foster the playing of chess in South Carolina through tournament and match competition, assistance in local organization, publication of a periodical, and by all other feasible means.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

A. Any person is eligible to become a member of the SCCA upon application. There shall be no bar to membership for reasons other than immoral character or abuse of membership privileges.

B. 1. There shall be two classes of members, Junior and Senior, both of whom shall have voting privileges. Junior members shall consist of those 18 years of age and younger.

2. Dues for each class of member shall be established by majority vote of those members present at an annual business meeting, and may be altered by a similar vote at any subsequent annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV - GOVERNMENT

A. The government of the SCCA shall be vested in an Executive Committee: a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and the Editor of the SCCA NEWS. Their duties shall be those usual to their offices and any additional duties prescribed herein.

B. Except for the Editor of the SCCA NEWS, who is appointed by the President, the length of term for officers shall be one year. Officers are elected by referendum from the members nominated at the annual business meeting. (Article V) Should the office of President become vacant, the Vice-President assumes the office of President. Vacancies in other offices will be filled by appointment of the President for the unexpired portion of the term only.

C. Any member of the SCCA eligible to vote is eligible to serve as an officer, elected or appointed.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

A. A business meeting of the SCCA shall be held on one of the days the annual closed tournament is being played. The time, place and agenda of the meeting shall be furnished all members a reasonable length of time in advance of the meeting.

B. A special meeting of the organization may be called by the President, provided that each member is notified by mail at least thirty days in advance of the stated time of the meeting.

C. A quorum for SCCA meetings shall consist of fifteen members.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS (CONTINUED)

D. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the organization in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the SCCA.

ARTICLE VI - TOURNAMENTS AND MATCHES

A. The SCCA shall sponsor a closed tournament each year and such other tournaments the organization may decide are practicable.

1. The closed tournament shall be limited to residents of South Carolina; temporary residence, such as that at an educational institution or a military base will qualify a player in this category. The winner of the closed tournament shall be declared South Carolina chess champion. If two or more players tie for first place, they shall be declared co-champions.

B. In keeping with the purpose of the SCCA, the officers of the organization shall be alert and responsive to opportunities and desires for additional tournaments, such as speed tournaments, team tournaments and junior tournaments; interstate and interclub matches, chess exhibitions and chess instruction.

C. The Executive Committee is authorized to arrange dates, locations, schedules, entry fees, prizes, and special conditions for all tournaments, matches, and exhibitions sponsored by SCCA, not inconsistent with Section A.

D. In conducting a SCCA sponsored tournament, the tournament director shall have full charge. He shall be governed by the Laws of Chess of the Federation Internationale des Echecs (FIDE) and of the United States Chess Federation (USCF), except as amended by him and announced to all the players in a meeting in advance of play. In all disputes his decision shall be binding providing it is upheld by a majority of the tournament committee.

E. The tournament director shall have the power to disqualify from the tournament any player, or expel from the playing site any non-player, who violates tournament rules and regulations; interferes in any way with the normal conduct of games in which he is not a contestant; uses the tournament for purposes other than chess, such as solicitation of business; or refuses to abide by the decisions of the tournament director.

F. The director shall appoint an adjudication committee and a tournament committee and explain their duties before play begins.

1. The rate of play for all SCCA tournaments shall be determined by vote prior to beginning of play.

2. No tie-breaking system shall be used to determine final ranking of players in SCCA tournaments, although tie-break points may be used by the tournament director himself and may be used with the published results.

ARTICLE VII - PUBLICATION

A. The SCCA shall publish a periodical at least three times a year. It shall contain announcements, results of chess events, dates for meetings, news items, articles, editorials, games and other material on chess. The publication shall be named SCCA NEWS.

## CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS (CONTINUED)

### ARTICLE VIII - AFFILIATION

A. The SCCA shall be a franchised affiliate of the United States Chess Federation.

B. USCF membership shall be required of each entrant in a tournament, match or exhibition sponsored or co-sponsored by the SCCA.

### ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENT

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting held in accordance with the provisions of Article V.

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### EDITORIAL COMMENT

Above are presented our Constitution and Bylaws as compiled by SCCA Secretary Braun following the 1973 annual meeting. Although the amendments at that meeting substantially eliminated obsolete provisions, a few more have turned up and are worth noting.

Article F(1) appears obsolete since time limits are now generally advertised in advance of the event. This rule has generally been ignored and should be removed.

Article VIII. B. has not generally been followed in the case of the High School Team championship, although it was this year. If sponsorship of this event is to be continued, it would seem necessary either to require USCF membership or change this rule.

Also, oddly, no provision is made for requiring all participants to be SCCA as well as USCF members. We have also not provided for selecting our USCF Directors, a matter which is now generating much controversy. (See Below)

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### USCF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORTS

In a newsletter issued last month by the USCF Business Office, the long-awaited report of the USCF Bylaws Revision Committee was presented to the State and Regional USCF officers. The report, which calls for a substantial restructuring of the USCF government, aroused some immediate opposition; two private mailings have so far been sent out in opposition.

The Committee's proposal includes the establishment of a Policy Board composed of six officers; these would be elected for three-year terms on a staggered basis, with two elected each year. Presently the Policy Board consists of three elected officers, the Immediate Past President, and the Executive Director who is a hired staff officer. The proposal also would eliminate the office of Regional Vice-President on the rather cogent ground that this office is mainly titular. The proposal also calls for the direct election of State Directors (to be called "Delegates"), and recognizes the State chess organizations as Chapters of the USCF, and establishes the offices of Secretary and Treasurer as appointive offices similar to that of Executive Director.

### USCF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS REPORT (CONTINUED)

Opposition to the proposals has concentrated on the following points:

(1) That the proposals dilute the power of the offices of President and Vice-President. As this is obviously true and intended, the argument quickly boils down to the question of how many elected officers are desirable.

(2) That direct election of USCF Directors is impractical. It is now impossible, but it appears that with enough work it can be done, by the time of the 1975 election. It will be argued whether the goal justifies this effort and associated expense.

(3) Considerable and rather surprising opposition has arisen to the concept of an appointed Secretary. The stated grounds are that this concentrates too much power in an appointed official. Since these duties are largely mechanical and since the USCF has already seen fit to put great power in the hands of its Executive Director, this argument is hard to credit on its face. It appears more likely that this represents an attack on USCF Secretary Morrison, who also served as Chairman of the Bylaws Revision Committee and who would be the most likely candidate for an appointed Secretary.

The area that is potentially most inflammatory hasn't received much comment yet; this is the relationship of the USCF and its State Affiliate Chapters. The status of the various state affiliates range all the way from very weak to very strong; the SCCA, with somewhat less than half the resident USCF members enrolled, is perhaps on the stronger side relative to the national average. In such important states as California and New York, however, the state organization is rather weak. The committee proposals would give state chapters considerable legitimacy, which some of them do not now enjoy; on the other hand the USCF would assume much more control over them and would eliminate their privilege of naming USCF Directors. This would pass to the USCF members within the state, rather than to the state organization and its members. On balance, it is not likely that most State Affiliates will be anxious for such changes.

USCF members interested in details of the proposals may obtain Policy Board Newsletter #4 from the USCF Business Office. SCCA officers empowered to vote on the proposals include Messrs. Smith, Millen, and Hyder; they may give proxies if unable to attend the USCF Directors' Meeting.

### CORRESPONDENCE

In light of the above it may be particularly appropriate to excerpt two letters received from Mr. John Roberts of Lexington.

"The individual state affiliations are, in my opinion, the organizations which should be the backbone of all chess events and matters concerning chess in the state. I agree with the SCCA that state memberships should be required. However, what I am suggesting will be (as far as the chess world is concerned) something out of the year 2001. I would like to see the individual clubs of different areas under control of a state body. Each individual affiliate would pay an annual tithe of some prescribed amount to the state. The state organization would then take this fund and use it to establish regional playing or meeting halls about the state. These halls would be, for lack of a better description, chess country