
WALTER WINS SOUTH CAROLINA CHAMPIONSHIP AGAIN!
Deaton, Ducate Win Other Sections in 49-Player Event in Columbia

Charles E. Walter of Columbia repeated as South Carolina Closed Champion by defeating former champion Spencer Mathews in the last round of the annual S. C. Closed Championships in Columbia. The annual event was sponsored by the Palmetto Chess Club and conducted on November 1-3 at the South Carolina National Bank Bldg. in downtown Columbia. Walter's victory marked the fourth time that the USC student has won or tied for the state title. This year he did it the hard way, constantly playing out of trouble and coming from $\frac{1}{2}$ point behind in the last round. Mathews had led throughout the tournament, defeating Frank Kelley of Columbia in Round 4; These two players finished in a tie for second at 4 behind Walter's $4\frac{1}{2}$.

In the eight-player Intermediate Section Stephen Deaton swept the field with a perfect 5-0 score ahead of Dr. J. S. Barr who scored 4-1. These two had all the play to themselves; there were no other plus scores! The Reserve Section was one of the most closely contested tournaments imaginable; Robert Ducate led the field with $4\frac{1}{2}$ points, followed by James D. Gayle with $3\frac{1}{2}$ and a field closely clustered around the middle. Fred Miller drew with the two leaders but could only score 3-2 along with five others.

The total of 49 players was one of the largest to compete for the title, and there was a strong representation from all parts of the state. New faces in the competition included Kelley, who defeated former champ Lee Hyder on the way to his 4-1 score, and Stephen Cabaniss of Charleston, who narrowly missed defeating Walter on his way to scoring $3\frac{1}{2}$. Last year's co-champion Jeff Smeltzer gave up a draw to Cabaniss and then was upset by Danny Purvis; Purvis finished undefeated with $3\frac{1}{2}$ points.

Photographs, cross-tables, and other information concerning the state championships are on the inside pages along with accounts of the annual SCCA Business Meeting.

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HUTCHINS IS SOUTH CAROLINA JUNIOR CHAMPION

David Hutchins of Columbia scored a perfect 4-0 in a field of nine player to take the S. C. Junior Championship for 1974. The tournament was held on November 23 in North Augusta after a long postponement from last spring, when only two players showed up. This time many of the strong S. C. Juniors made it and the tournament was well contested. Hutchins won the tournament by defeating all his close rivals except Stephen Cabaniss, who lost early and dropped from contention. Billy Clifford of Belvedere lost only to Hutchins and took the second place trophy with a 3-1 score. Tied for third were two Columbians, Carl Beavers and Marlon Hutchins; Beavers took home the trophy on the tie break. Mark Gibson of Aiken won the Unrated trophy. Lee Hyder directed.

TOURNAMENT PLAY

WALTER SCORES HIGHEST IN UNIQUE AUGUSTA TOURNAMENT

S. C. Champion Charles Walter added to his recent impressive string of triumphs with a tie-break victory in the Pal Benko Special held October 16-17 in Augusta, Ga. But neither Walter, the three masters among the top finishers, nor anyone else could take home the big prize offered for defeating U. S. Open Co-Champion Pal Benko in a simultaneous exhibition held after the tournament. The prize was two expense paid entries in the National Open in Las Vegas next year, and Benko earned it for himself by defeating or drawing the whole field of top finishers from the three sections of the tournament.

Four players reached a 3-1 score in the open section of the four-round event, and among them was Ruben Shocron of Milledgeville, Ga., a former Argentine champion with a USCF rating of 2320. Shocron gave Benko his closest competition and was the last player to finish in the simultaneous; according to accounts of the game Shocron had a decisive material advantage but let it slip away to a draw with a weak move well after midnight. Walter and several others also drew.

Other leaders in the open section were Luis Busquets from Colombia, South America, and David Tew of Florida. Second ranked player Frank Thornally of New York could score only 2½. First honors in the Amateur Section went to Michael Russell of Florida ahead of two Georgians, John R. Simmons and Ralph Hawkins, while in the Booster Section Sam Henderson of Atlanta beat out two more Georgians, Ray Neill of Augusta and David Geeter.

The tournament was sponsored by the Augusta-North Augusta Chess Club and was assisted by the patronage of Mr. Charles Shaffer. The A-NACC is planning another tournament plus simultaneous for next May; arrangements will be somewhat different for this event, though, and it is anticipated that the simultaneous will probably be open to all.

Photographs from this event are among those in the photo section of this issue.

BIGGEST CCI EVENT YET

No fewer than twenty-three players participated in the third CCI tournament at the Central Correctional Institute in Columbia, including eight from CCI and fifteen from outside. The tournament was split into two sections for the first time. In the top section Wm. McClain and David Hutchins of Columbia and Jimmy Hill of CCI all scored 2-0; time did not permit a third round. In the second section, though, Chris Falter of Columbia got in three games and won them all; Harris Kinder of Columbia could only manage two and scored 2-0. Jerry Wells with 2-1 was the top CCI scorer.

Complete results are elsewhere in this issue. The fourth event will probably be next spring and will be announced in the Spring issue of SCCA NEWS.

CAROLINA CHESS CALENDAR

December 21: 2nd Wilmington Sectional, Wilmington, NC*
December 28: End of Year Open, Camden
Mom & Pop's Tournament, Hickory, NC*
January 11: Winter Chess Festival, North Augusta
January 25: Ocean Open, Myrtle Beach
February 1-2: 3rd Snowstorm Special, Charleston
February? Groundhog Open, Charlotte, NC. (No information received)
April 12: Carolina Team Championships, Aiken
Tournaments marked * are described in Chess Life & Review. Others are given below. There will probably be other tournaments in the Spring.

END OF YEAR OPEN, CAMDEN, Dec. 28

3-SS for 8 man sections at the City Arena. EF ? Trophies to top each section. Reg. at site 9 to 10; rounds at 10:15, 2:30, 6:30. Info: Richard O. Stucker, 3001 Beard St., Camden SC 29020.

WINTER CHESS FESTIVAL, NORTH AUGUSTA, January 11

3-RR in 4 man sections at the City Recreation Center, Buena Vista Ave. EF \$3, trophy to winner each section. 60/90. Reg. 9-9:45, first rd. 10 am, others as soon as possible. Info: Bill Dodgen, 2008 Robin Rd., North Augusta 29841.

OCEAN OPEN, MYRTLE BEACH, January 25

3-SS in 8 man sections, EF \$6, trophy and \$22 to first in each section, \$14 2nd each sect. 50/2. At Driftwood Recreation Center, 3rd St., Myrtle Beach AFB. Reg. at site 8:30-9:30; Rounds 10, 2, 6. Info: Gary W. Small, Grand Strand Chess Club, PO Box 776, Myrtle Beach SC 29577.

THIRD SNOWSTORM OPEN, CHARLESTON, FEBRUARY 1-2

5-SS at Home Fed. Savings and Loan, 158 Meeting St. 40/90. Reg. 8:30 to 9:30 1 Feb.; Rds. 10, 3, 8; 10, 3. EF \$10 adult, \$5 under 21; in advance (before 21 Jan.) \$7 and \$4. \$50 first and trophies to first, second, C, D, Unr. Registration to Joan Schlich, 3116-A Meeting St. Rd., Charleston, SC 29405.

CAROLINA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, AIKEN, April 19

4-SS in two sections for teams of four (two alternates permitted). At new City Recreation Center, Whiskey Rd. at Virginia Acres Park (on S. C. 19 South of Aiken.) Open Section: Open to all teams. EF \$12 per team. Prizes: Trophy and medals to winning team plus cash per entries. Scholastic Section: All players must be students enrolled at the high school level or below. EF \$6 per team. Trophy and medals to winning team. Both Sections: 40/60. Winner determined by match points with game points as tie-break and blitz match to decide unbreakable ties. Registration ONLY IN ADVANCE by 4/18 to Lee Hyder, 33 Longwood Dr., Aiken, SC 29801. Play begins 9 a. m.; captains must submit ordered player list with USCF membership dates (or fees) before this time.

ALL TOURNAMENTS ABOVE WILL REQUIRE SCCA OR OTHER STATE MEMBERSHIPS.

MORE NEWS OF RECENT EVENTS

CAMDEN OPEN

Twenty-two entrants showed up for the Camden Open, played in three sections in Camden on September 14. Section winners, each with 3-0, were Kenneth Cockrell, Marion E. Mahaffey, and Richard W. Van Hall. Richard Stucker directed.

Complete Results:

First Section: Kenneth Cockrell 3-0, Herbert W. Haberland 2-1, Arthur C. Joy and Charles H. Walter each $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Second Section: Marion E. Mahaffey 3-0, Gregory Martin, Robert M. Smith, and Kenneth Fulbright each 2-1; Tim Baker and Darrel Lotz each 1-2; David Rorie and Thomas S. Odom each $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Third Section: Richard W. VanHall 3-0, Robert Bevis, Thomas C. Yunick each 2-1; Michael Ameen, Edward Bowling, and Billy Callas each $1\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$; James D. Rogers $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$; Chris Ryan and David L. Wittschen each 1-2; Eric F. Goforth 1-3.

NORTH AUGUSTA ROUND ROBINS

Three sections of round robins were held in conjunction with the S. C. junior event; these sections were open to seniors and out of state residents. Lee Hyder found time from direction the S. C. Junior to win one section, while another Aikenite, Robert Phillips, took the second section. Joseph Widener of North Augusta triumphed with a perfect score in Section C. Full results follow.

First Section: Lee Hyder 3-0; Chuck Braun and Bob Martens each $1\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$; Claude Eaton 0-3.

Second Section: Robert Phillips $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$; Ken Yost $1\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$; Bill Dodgen and Ray Neill each 1-2.

Third Section: Joseph Widener 3-0; Jan Dabrowski and George Kinser each 2-1; Frank Hutto 1-2; D. C. Kirkley and John Otwell each 1-2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Sometimes organizers don't take proper advantage of the opportunities for publicizing their event in SCCA NEWS or CHESS LIFE AND REVIEW. We want to remind our readers of the considerations involved.

SCCA NEWS is published four times a year, nominally on March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1. We rarely make the deadline, though, and even if we do the printer and the mails can add to the time involved. In practice the periodical usually reaches the readers by mid-month. In this issue a serious attempt to beat this failed in part because much important material was not available in time. Thus we could not publicize a tournament held in Lancaster on December 7. It should have been announced in the fall issue, to ensure coverage.

For CL&R about a four-month lead is required for useful publicity. It doesn't hurt to be earlier, either.

In general any important tournament should be planned about six months in advance to get coverage and avoid conflicts. If submitted to me before general publicity is sent out I can warn of any important conflict. Organizers should be aware of tournaments held regularly in the S. C. area including those in Charlotte (early Feb.) and Savannah (Memorial Day, as well as the Shelby series in N. C.

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

FLAT WORLD WHIRLWIND, COLUMBIA

Danny Purvis and David Hutchins each scored 3-0 to lead the Flat World Whirlwind in Columbia on October 12. Thirteen others participated; a crosstable is given below.

Player-----	Hometown	Result	1	2	3	Total
1. Danny Purvis	Cayce, S. C.	W8	W6	W3	3 - 0	
2. David Hutchins	Columbia	W9	W7	W10	3 - 0	
3. Ken Cockrell	Columbia	D10	W4	L1	1½ - 1½	
4. Carl Beavers	Columbia	W11	L3	W7	2 - 1	
5. Mark Simmons	Columbia	W12	L10	W8	2 - 1	
6. Charles H. Walter	Columbia	W13	L1	W9	2 - 1	
7. Pete Prokity	Columbia	W14	L2	L4	1 - 2	
8. Charles Gilfillan	Columbia	L1	W11	L5	1 - 2	
9. John Roberts	Lexington, S. C.	L2	W12	L6	1 - 2	
10. Warren L. Kurtze	Columbia	D3	W5	L2	1½ - 1½	
11. LeRoy E. Lewis	Columbia	L4	L8	W14	1 - 2	
12. Chris Falter	Columbia	L5	L9	W13	1 - 2	
13. David L. Futral	Cayce, S. C.	L6	W14	L12	1 - 2	
14. Douglas T. Durig	Columbia	L7	L13	L11	0 - 3	
15. Michael Ameen	Camden, S. C.	Bye	**	***	- - -	

HYDER TO SEEK USCF SECRETARYSHIP

Lee Hyder of Aiken, Editor of SCCA NEWS, has announced that he will seek the office of USCF Secretary in the triennial election to be held in the summer of 1975. Hyder is the first candidate to announce for this office, and the first Southerner to seek a national USCF office in recent years.

Hyder is a former President of the SCCA, and also has held the office of Secretary-Treasurer. He has represented the state on the USCF Board of Directors for nine years, and was Regional Vice-President in 1971-1974. He has also been President of the Southern Chess Assn.

The Secretary and other members of the USCF Policy Board are to be elected by the more than three hundred members of the USCF Board of delegates, representing the entire U. S. Candidates announced for other offices at this date include George Koltanowski of California, President; Richard Verber of Illinois, Vice-President; Doris Thackray of Michigan, Western Regional Representative; and Bill Goichberg of New York, Eastern Regional Representative. Several other prominent organizers are believed likely to seek office in these elections; one, Frederick Townsend of Connecticut, has announced his candidacy for an office yet to be named.

All three Regional Vice-Presidents from the Southeast (Region IV) have announced their support for Hyder in the election. Several prominent Delegates in other parts of the country have also indicated support.

Despite the large number of chess events in recent months, very few games have been submitted. Send more! We do have the Tri-County League publication Chess Chats, though, and so are able to offer this miniature from the Wando HS-Goose Creek HS match, with comments by Steve Cabaniss. White: Conde (GC); Black: Ward (W). Stonewall Attack.
 1 P-Q4 P-Q4 2 P-K3 N-KB3 3 B-Q3 N-B3 4 N-Q2 P-K3a5 P-KB4 b B-N5 c 6 N-B3 N-Q2 d 7 P-B3 B-Q3 8 N-K5 e BxN 9 BPxB O-O 10 O-O N-K2 11 BxP+?! f KxB 12 Q-R5+ K-N1 13 R-B3 N-KN3? g 14 R-R3 R-K1 15 P-QN3 K-B1? h 16 B-R3+ P-QB4 17 PxP NxKP 18 P-B6+ R-K2 and Resigns i.

Notes:

- a. Too cramping. 4--N-QN5 neutralizing the B is best. If 5 B-K2 B-B4! (4--P-K4 is also quite good. Ed.)
- b. The Stonewall Formation.
- c. Pointless, as White will play P-QB3 anyway. Therefore Black loses a move. (He could still play N-QN5. Ed.)
- d. This leaves the kingside undefended.
- e. Very good. This is a strong move because if the N is taken, White gets the open B file and a strong P at K5.
- f. The "Greek gift" sacrifice. In this position it should not work, but the pressure is on Black. (White could have maintained his great advantage more simply with 11 P-K4. Ed.)
- g. 13--P-KB4! stops the attack, i. e. 14 R-R3 Q-K1 or 14 PxPep, NxP.
- h. 15--P-QN3 was the last chance.
- i. 19 Q-R8+ NxQ 20 RxN mate. Conde played well.

Viktor Korchnoi, winner of the Augusta Candidates Match, finally lost out in his finals match with Anatoly Karpov, losing 3-2 in 24 games. This may not be the end for Korchnoi, though; there is a possibility that if Bobby Fischer does not defend his crown that the two will have to play again under the conditions imposed for the World Championship by FIDE, which would give the title to the first to win 6 games or the leader after 36. Korchnoi's brilliant win, the 21st game of the match just past is evidence that he would have a chance this time around.

We present it here with notes derived from Robert Byrne's in the New York Times. Korchnoi was White in a Q Indian Defense.

1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 N-KB3 P-K3 3 P-KN3 P-QN3 4 B-N2 B-N2 5 P-B4 B-K2 6 N-B3 O-O 7 Q-B2 P-B4 8 P-Q5 PxP 9 N-KN5 N-B3 (a) 10 NxQP P-N3 11 Q-Q2 (b) NxN 12 BxN R-N1? (c) 13 NxRP! (d) R-K1 14 Q-R6 (e) N-K4 15 N-N5 BxN (f) 16 QBxB QxB (g) 17 QxQ BxB 18 O-O BxP 19 P-B4 Resigns.

- a. In the fifth game of the match Karpov played 9--P-N3 10 Q-Q1 P-Q3 11 O-O N-R3 12 PxP N-B2 with reasonable play. But 9--P-KR3 10 NxQP BxN 11 BxB N-B3 12 BxN PxP is in White's favor.
- b. Threatening 12 NxB+ QxN 13 B-B4, with advantage.
- c. 12--BxN 13 QxB QxQ 14 BxQ gives White the advantage, but is best.
- d. The point is 13--KxN 14 Q-R6+ K-N1 15 QxP+ K-R1 16 Q-R6+ K-N1 17 B-K4 P-B4 18 B-Q5+ R-B2 19 Q-N6+.
- e. Threatening QxP+.
- f. If 15--B-KB3 16 BxP+ NxN 17 Q-R7+ K-B1 18 QxN mate.
- g. If 16--Q-B2 17 B-B6 mates.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We all owe Jim Smith our thanks and appreciation for his many years of service to chess, his devotion to the younger players and high school chess, and his leadership as President of the SCCA!

--Bill Dodgen

SOLUTION TO WALTER'S CHESS QUIZ

White mates in at most seven moves:
1 QxNch KxQ 2 R/1-B6ch K-N4 3 R-B5ch
K-N3 4 R/7-B6ch K-R2 5 R-R5ch K-N1
6 R-N5ch K-R2 7 B-B5 mate.

STATISTICS FROM THE S. C. CHAMPION*
SHIPS --By Don Elton, TD

Championship Section, 25 players.
Average Rating 1750; Highest 2163,
Lowest 1290.

Intermediate Section, 8 players,
Average Rating 1425; Highest 1577,
Lowest 1263.

Reserve Section, 16 players, Highest 1380, Lowest 1184, Ave. 1276.

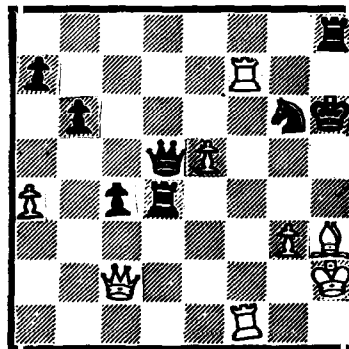
BUSH, CANTRELL, SMITH WIN IN NIMZOVICH MEMORIAL

Fourteen players participated in the Nimzovich Memorial in Spartanburg on November 9. Winners, all from the Spartanburg area, were Harold Bush and Mark Cantrell who tied for first in the A section with 2½, and Jim Smith who won the B section with a perfect 3-0. Complete results are on p. 13.

AIKEN COUNTY MATCH PLAY FEATURES AIKEN*NORTH AUGUSTA TIE

For the second time in the last three matches Aiken and the Augusta-North Augusta Chess Club played to a tie. This time the score was 7-7 in a match played in Aiken. On top board Lee Hyder saved a draw from Frank Simpson of Augusta with a perpetual check; on Board two Braun of Aiken defeated Bob Martens. Several games were exciting, but none was stranger than the draw between Phillips of Aiken and Dr. Jon Standahl, in which Standahl's last piece, a rook, chased Phillips' king all over the board. As the R could not be captured without allowing stalemate, the game was drawn.

A somewhat reduced Aiken club also played a match against the newly formed USC-Aiken club and eked out a narrow 4-3 win. Complete results of these matches are on p. 13.



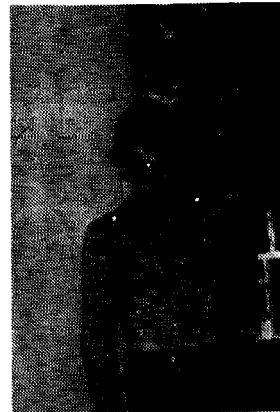
White to play and win



Photos from the S. C.
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proceeds smoothly.

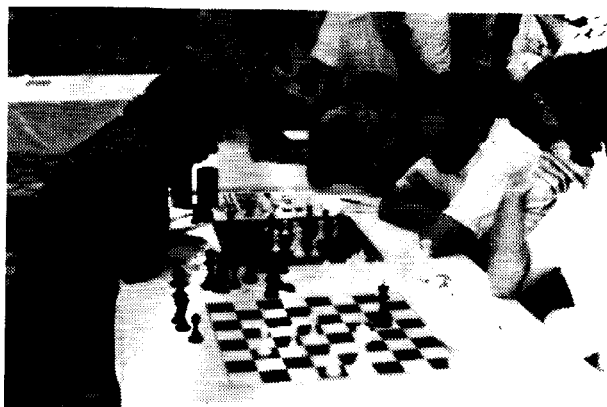


Photos by Lee Hyder





C. Closed Championships:
 Champion Charles
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 Alley and Spencer
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Above: IGM Pal Benko prepares for the
 Augusta simultaneous, and finishes it
 some hours later against Ruben Shocron.
 (Gerald Knighton, Sr., photographs.)
 Left: The prizewinners in the S. C.
 Jr. display their trophies: David
 Hutchins, Billy Clifford, Carl Beavers.
 (L. Hyder photograph)

MINUTES OF THE 1974 SCCA BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Smith at 2:00 p. m., November 3. The President expressed his approval of the 1974 championship tournament.

Minutes of the 1973 meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer presented his report (appended below). The Secretary was directed to send a letter of appreciation to T. J. Davis for his efforts to provide a playing site for the 1974 championship tournament.

Lee Hyder reported on the recent USCF meeting and announced the 1974 South Carolina Junior Championship to be held in North Augusta.

The members voted to write the President of the Association of High School Principals asking that the SCCA be permitted to resume sponsorship of the High School Team Tournaments beginning with the 1975-1976 season. Mr. Elton read a letter from the USCF (Mr. Morrison) concerning requirements for amateur status.

Outgoing President Smith was given a vote of appreciation for his many years of work in support of chess in South Carolina. A vote of thanks was given to the Palmetto Chess Club for an excellent tournament.

Spencer Mathews presented the report of the nominating committee which also included Claude Eaton, Charles Walter, and Douglas Cail. Nominees for 1975 are: President: Bill Dodgen; Vice President: Jeff Smeltzer; Secretary: Chuck Braun; Treasurer: Harold Kelley.

A ballot, including other pertinent matters, will be included in the Newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p. m.

Charles E. Braun, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Harold M. Kelley, Treasurer

A comparison of the expenses of the last three years:

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>
Newsletter	\$296	\$513	\$511.14
Tournaments	89	102	6.50
USCF Affiliation	10	10	27.00 (3 yr)
USCF Rating Fees	15	16	2.30
Postage	16	29	28.00
Miscellaneous	<u>34</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>25.00</u>
	\$ 460	\$670	\$599.94

Balance forward from 1973	\$147.51
1974 Receipts, including \$344.80 USCF dues:	966.90
	\$ 1114.41
Less USCF dues paid	344.80
	\$ 769.61
Expenses 1974, itemized above	599.94
Current bank balance	\$ 169.67

SCCA BUSINESS, CONTINUED

The Treasurer noted that 85% of receipts was spent on the Newsletter.

HIGH SCHOOL CHESS

Subsequent to the meeting there has been a substantial number of conversations among various SCCA officers, the Director of the S. C. High School League, and several high school principals. A sympathetic principal spoke for the SCCA at an area meeting but received no support. Due to this contact and lack of success the letter called for at the meeting has not been written.

The following is a summary of the situation as your Editor understands it, regarding the High School Team Championship.

1. The S. C. High School League is uniquely empowered to regulate all competitive activities involving affiliated secondary schools within the state.
2. While the SCHSL has no intention of conducting a S. C. High School Chess Championship, they cannot delegate this responsibility to any other body, and thus no High School Championship can be held.
3. Any school or organization may hold an open high school tournament (but not a State Championship) if the proper approvals are obtained from the League, and the tournament is held according to league regulations. Fees may be charged for entry, but no membership requirements may be imposed.
4. Participation on an official basis by any affiliated school in the Southern or National High School Championships is forbidden, since these tournaments are not recognized by the appropriate sanctioning body in the states concerned. A team of students entering such a tournament on their own initiative and claiming to represent their school are liable to the discipline of the school and may make themselves ineligible for SCHSL competitions.
5. Chessplaying students who accept cash or merchandise prizes in any tournament are regarded as professional by the SCHSL and become ineligible to participate in any competition sanctioned by the SCHSL.
6. While formal matches between schools are subject to the regulations of the SCHSL, there is no bar to informal matches between clubs or groups of students from different schools. Also, the participation of students as individuals in any tournament is not the concern of the SCHSL, so long as they maintain their amateur standing.

These matters considered in the light of our constitutional obligations to (1) encourage and promote chess competitions within the state and (2) to require USCF and SCCA memberships in all activities that we sponsor have led to the following plan of action:

1. The SCCA will not sponsor a high school team championship this year. However, we will continue to give publicity and recognition to high school chess generally, and would encourage the holding of an open tournament to replace the Team Championship of years past. The SCCA may provide a trophy for such a tournament.

HIGH SCHOOL CHESS, CONTINUED

If an open tournament were held and publicized through the SCHSL publication, it might be very useful in arousing interest in interscholastic chess.

2. The Aiken Chess Club will again conduct a Carolinas Team Championship, this time in two divisions, open and scholastic. (See "Tournament Announcements") The scholastic division will be restricted to teams composed solely of primary and secondary school students, with the provision that the members of a team need not be from the same school, nor can they enter in the name of their school. We will contact the SCHSL to ensure that this tournament is so set up as to avoid the pitfalls that the Southern High School Championships find themselves in. The scholastic division will be conducted on a purely amateur basis. It is hoped that this will provide an opportunity for groups of students to test their strength against one another.

The officers would welcome additional suggestions for improving the S. C. program of Junior chess. This year's S. C. Junior was a very modest success; perhaps some of our junior players might tell us what they want, and what we could do better. It may be that most of them would rather compete in open events than with one another; there is some evidence that this is the case.

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CHARLESTON HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE OPENS PLAY

The Tri-County Chess League, composed of nine Charleston area schools, opened its second season this fall with a full schedule of play and a regular newsletter reporting its activities. The Tri-County League is the most active and largest high school group in the state, so far as we know. Wando High School is defending their championship from last year against runner-up St. Andrews and third place Summerville; other teams in last year's competition were Hanahan and James Island equal 4th; C. A. Brown and Goose Creek, equal 6th; Middleton, 8th; and Porter-Gaud 9th. Some of these have not started play this year but Bishop England and First Baptist High Schools have been added to the list.

Matches so far this year have produced the following results: Wando 3, Goose Creek 2; St. Andrews 4, First Baptist 1; Hanahan 4, First Baptist 1, Hanahan 5, C. A. Brown 0; Goose Creek 4, St. Andrews 1; First Baptist "B" 1½, Hanahan "B" 1½ (Practice match).

Stephen Cabaniss is Editor of the newsletter "Chess Chats". He would like to receive announcements of all chess events for his publication; he may be reached at 334 Molasses Lane, Mt. Pleasant 29464.

THE CHARLESTON CHESS CLUB is now meeting at First Baptist High School, 48 Meeting St., each Tuesday at 7:00 p. m.

DETAILED RESULTS OF RECENT TOURNAMENTS

NIMZOVICH MEMORIAL, SPARTANBURG, NOVEMBER 9

Section A: Harold Bush 2½, Mark Cantrell 2½, Louis Knoepp 1½, J. M. Collins, Bill Haas, and James Greenway ½ each.

Section B: J. M. Smith 3, Curtis Cantrell, John Bell, and Marty Kianos 2 each, John Garrett, Eric Johnsen, and Mike Williams 1 each, Barry Bridges 0.

S. C. Junior Championship (Crosstable)

#	Player, hometown	Result by Rounds:	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Stephen E. Cabaniss, CHARLESTON	W5	L3	W9	L4		2-2
2	David Hutchins, Columbia	W7	W6	W4	W3		4-0
3	Carl T. Beavers, Columbia	D6	W1	W5	L2		2½-1½
4	Billy Clifford, Belvedere	W8	W9	L2	W1		3-1
5	Mike S. Stowell, Aiken	L1	W8	L3	L6		1-3
6	Marlon Hutchins, Columbia	D3	L2	W7	W5		2½-1½
7	John Phillip, Aiken	L2	L9	L6	D8		½-3½
8	Mark Gibson, Aiken	L4	L5	W9	D7		1½-2½
9	Mark Stowell, Aiken	L4	W7	L1	L8		1-3

AIKEN - NORTH AUGUSTA MATCH

(Aiken players first) Lee Hyder-Frank F. Simpson ½-½; Charles E. Braun-Robert I. Martens 1-0; F. K. McGahee-Kenneth W. Yost 1-0; Mike Chesser-Billy Clifford 0-1; Robert G. Phillips-Jon Standahl ½-½; Stephen L. Gardner, Jr.-Garrett J. Cumpson 0-1; Henry Hudak-John Garriis ½-½; Raymond S. Wood-Claude Eaton 0-1; Mike S. Stowell-Rex Blalock 0-1; James D. Gayle-George H. Kinser ½-½; Harold M. Kelley-Dan Hagler 1-0; Richard Duncan-Clyde Wells 1-0; Charles McGahee-Jan Dabrowski 1-0; J. William Bell-John Otwell 0-1. Total 7-7.

AIKEN CC - USCA MATCH

(Aiken CC first) C. E. Braun-Mike Chesser 1-0; Mike Stowell-Robert Phillips 1-0; Ray Wood 1 Posey 0; Harold Kelley 0 Duncan 1; Jim Gayle 0 Waterhouse 1; Mark Gibson 0 Jeff Dexter 1; John Phillips-Niland 1-0. Total 4-3.

THIRD CCI TOURNAMENT

A Section: Stobie Mills, 0-2; Ma. L. McClain 2-0; Jimmy Hill 2-0; Houston Mays 0-2; W. Lloyd Milligan 1-1; David Hutchins 2-0; Carl Beavers 0-2; Kwei K. Chang 1-1; Wesley Bennett 1-1; Charles H. Walter 1-1.
B Section: Jerry Wells 2-1; Kenneth Simpson 2-1; Wayne Tippet 0-2; Marlon Hutchins 2-1; Russell Knight 1-2; LeRoy Lewis 1-2; Chris Falter 3-0; Jody Aycock 2-1; Harris Kinder 2-0; R. J. McCormac 0-3; R. Wesley Pye 1-0; Jose Pena 1-3; L. Hamilton 1-0..

Trophies donated by CCI were awarded to Hutchins, Hill, and Falter.

CROSSTABLES OF THE 1974 S. C. CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION

#	Player	Result by Rounds: 1 2 3 4 5					Total
1	Charles E. Walter	W10	D5	W7	W24	W2	4½-½
2	Spencer R. Mathews	W12	W9	W25	W8	L1	4-1
3	Jeffrey R. Smeltzer	W13	D7	L5	W10	D4	3-2
4	William L. McClain	W14	W17	L8	D5	D3	3-2
5	Danny Purvis	W16	D1	W3	D4	D12	3½-1½
6	J. W. Cabaniss	L17	W16	L12	L20	W22	2-3
7	Stephen Cabaniss	W24	D3	L1	W11	W9	3½-1½
8	A. Frank Kelley	W18	W24	W4	L2	W23	4-1
9	Kenneth Cockrell	W19	L2	W17	L23	L7	2-3
10	Thomas Forster	L1	W15	W21	L3	L17	2-3
11	C. E. Brewster	L24	W18	W22	L7	L20	2-3
12	Larry Crawford	L2	WF	W6	W25	D5	3½-1½
13	David Hutchins	L3	LF	LF	W18	WF	2-3
14	Dennis L. Fish	L4	L23	W18	L17	W21	2-3
15	Carl Beavers	L25	L10	W19	D22	W16	2½-2½
16	Kwei Kwang Chang	L5	L6	W20	W21	L15	2-3
17	Mark Simmons	W6	L4	L9	W14	W10	3-2
18	Joan Schlich	L8	L11	L14	L13	Bye	1-4
19	Mark Brodie	L9	LF	L15	Bye	L13	1-4
20	Charles M. Gorman	W21	L25	L16	W6	W11	3-2
21	S. Donald Johnson	L20	WF	L10	L16	L14	1-4
22	Charles Gilfillian	L7	Bye	L11	D15	L6	1½-3½
23	Marion E. Mahaffey	Bye	W14	L24	W9	L8	3-2
24	M. Lee Hyder	W11	L8	W23	L1	WD	2-2
25	H. W. Haberland	W15	W20	L2	L12	WD	2-2

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

1	Stephen Deaton	W5	W8	W3	W2	W6	5-0
2	Kenneth Mann	D6	L3	W7	L1	D4	2-3
3	James S. Barr	W7	W2	L1	W8	W5	4-1
4	James M. Smith	L8	D7	L5	L6	D2	1-4
5	Ernest W. Schlich	L1	L6	W4	W7	L3	2-3
6	Dr. Manuel Keepler	D2	W5	L8	W4	L1	2½-2½
7	Dr. Charles W. McGahee	L3	D4	L2	L5	D8	1-4
8	Fred Lethbridge	W4	L1	W6	L3	D7	2½-2½

RESERVE SECTION

1	Harold M. Kelley	W10	W6	L12	L5	W8	3-2
2	James D. Gayle	W14	W8	L4	W11	D12	3½-1½
3	Joseph J. Pawlikowski	L9	W10	W16	L8	L11	2-3
4	Robert Ducate	W16	W9	W2	D12	W5	4½-½
5	H. E. Norman	W15	L12	W6	W1	L4	3-2
6	Warren L. Kurtze	W11	L1	L5	W13	L7	2-3
7	Leroy E. Lewis	L12	L11	WF	W9	W6	3-2
8	Tom J. Davis	W13	L2	W9	W3	L1	3-2
9	Marilyn McGahee	W3	L4	L8	L7	W10	2-3
10	Charles B. Cannon	L1	L3	L13	Bye	L9	1-4
11	Kenneth W. Lowe	L6	W9	W15	L2	W3	3-2
12	Fred Miller	W7	L5	W1	D4	D2	3-2
13	Jose Pena	L8	L15	W10	L6	Bye	2-3
14	William F. Gaston	L2	L16	Withdrew			0-2
15	J. W. Green	L5	W13	L11	Withdrew		1-2
16	K. N. Seel	L4	W14	L3	Withdrew		1-2

OFFICIAL BALLOT

1974 SCCA ELECTIONS

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	William H. Dodgen	_____	Write in	_____
VICE PRESIDENT	Jeff Smeltzer	_____	Write in	_____
Secretary	Charles E. Braun	_____	Write in	_____
Treasurer	Harold M. Kelley	_____	Write in	_____

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS CHANGES

1.
Shall Item 1 of Article VI. F, which requires a vote of players on the rate of play before each SCCA-sponsored tournament, be deleted?

For deletion _____

Against deletion _____

2.
Shall "and SCCA" be added to Article VIII B., so that it reads as follows: "USCF and SCCA membership shall be required of each entrant in a tournament, match, or exhibition sponsored or co-sponsored by the SCCA."

For amendment _____

Against amendment _____

ADVISORY VOTES

These items do not have the force of binding the SCCA, but are put in to guide the SCCA officers in proposing future action.

1.
South Carolina's representatives to the USCF Board of Delegates should be chosen by the following means:

Election _____

Presidential appointment _____

Other (Specify) _____

2. Should the SCCA seek to establish a match play championship?

In addition to the championship tournament, ? _____

In place of the championship tournament? _____

Not at all? _____

Sign on reverse and return to SCCA Secretary C. E. Braun.

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