

## TAYLOR WINS CAROLINAS OPEN IN SHELBY

Lee Taylor of Carrboro, N. C., surprised even himself by winning the Carolinas Open at Shelby in June with a perfect 5-0 score. Although Taylor was one of the highest rated entrants, the field was pretty even at the top. His play was so devastating that second place was  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ , achieved only by Lee Hyder who never got close enough to play Taylor!

With the entries falling a bit short of anticipated, the prizes matched the results. Taylor received the guaranteed \$300; Hyder \$20.

In the Reserve section Daniel Liu won his last round game over John Thompson, Sr., to come from behind and win with  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ . Thompson, a former South Carolinian who recently moved north to the Tarheel State, had had a perfect record until that time. Steve Bowman won the Booster Section.

In Taylor's words (from the CAROLINA GAMBIT) "The playing conditions were excellent.--ITD Don Hull directed, ably assisted by Chuck Howard and Sommers Douglass--In my opinion all three did an excellent job." The Shelby club sets a high standard for their tournaments!

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## SOUTH CAROLINIAN ELECTED USCF SECRETARY

Lee Hyder of Aiken, S. C. was elected to the position of Secretary of the U. S. Chess Federation in mail balloting by the USCF Delegates this summer. Hyder defeated Dr. Leroy Dubeck of New Jersey by a margin of 213 to 112 to become the first resident of Region IV to hold national office in the USCF. As Secretary he will serve on the USCF Policy Board for a three year term.

Elected to other USCF offices in the triennial elections were George Koltanowski of San Francisco, President; Fred Townsend of Hartford, Vice-President; and Bill Goichberg of New York City and Doris Thackrey of Ann Arbor, Mich., Board Members. Frank Skoff of Chicago remains on the Board as Immediate Past President.

The new officers took their positions after an unusually heated campaign that had filled Delegates' mailboxes with letters during the spring and summer months. Campaign activity will no doubt be continuing during the coming year, as the annual Delegates' meeting at Lincoln, Nebraska, in August voted to add two more members to the Board in 1976.

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SOUTH CAROLINA CHESS DAY IS SEPT. 13! SEE PAGE TWO FOR DETAILS

## 1975 CHESS DAY IN S. C.

Chess Day appears to be an idea that will start an avalanche. Within a short time after Governor Edwards had proclaimed the event for South Carolina, Governor Edwards (!) of Louisiana had joined him by proclaiming Sept. 13 also Chess Day in that state. When the new USCF President George Koltanowski saw the Louisiana proclamation in Lincoln and heard the story behind it, his immediate response was --why not every state in 1976? If it happens, remember where it started. And be in on the first Chess Day by participating in one of the events below. Or organize your own local Chess Day activity, and tell us about it later! Columbians, this especially means you!

**AIKEN COUNTY ACTIVITIES:** The Aiken Recreation Department will sponsor a tournament for all school-age children at the H. O. Weeks Recreation Center on Sept. 13 beginning at noon. Entry fees will be 25¢ and medals or certificates will be given as prizes.

Over in North Augusta the North Augusta Chess Club will be holding a rated Round Robin event at the North Augusta Recreation Center on Buena Vista Ave. Taking advantage of the new USCF regulations on time control, the event will be played at the accelerated rate of 40 moves in 40 minutes, which should get everyone home in time for the football game! The last half, anyway. Play will be in 4-man sections, entry fee \$3, trophies to section winners. Registration will be 9 to 9:45 a. m., play starts at 10. Also in the afternoon, starting at 1:00 p. m., Dr. John Crosby will give a simultaneous exhibition in the park in front of the Recreation Center, followed by a lecture by Gerald Knighton, Sr.

CAMDEN will also have a multi-event day: a USCF rated tournament in 8-man sections; 3-SS, 40/90, with rounds at 10, 2, 5; EF \$5, \$25 prize to first in each section; other profits will be donated to the SCCA. USCF and SCCA memberships required, other states honored. R. O. Stucker, 3001 Beard St., Camden 29020 is handling arrangements--register at the site around 9:30.

In addition there will be instruction for beginners at the same site on chess fundamentals from 10 to 4, and simultaneous exhibitions at 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.

CHARLESTON has the most elaborate plans, with activities from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. at their club meeting place, Building 112 at Charleston AFB. Starting with skittles, coffee, and doughnuts in the morning, the program will move on to a blindfold exhibition at 1 p. m. by Larry Crawford and speed tournaments (maybe even a blindfold tournament) starting immediately thereafter. Chess lessons at all levels will be given throughout the day. At 7 p. m. Steve Cabaniss will give a simultaneous exhibition against all comers.

GREENVILLE-SPARTANBURG plans are still being made, but it is anticipated that the highlight will be a match between the two clubs. Interested persons should contact Jeff Smeltzer in Greenville or Harold "Mickey" Bush in Spartanburg.

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## TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Where are all our promoters this fall? Besides Chess Day and the Dixie Open, given on other pages, only the annual S. C. Championships have been scheduled. We understand that plans are being made to hold the S. C. Junior, but a date and place are not yet set. Also the CCI club plans one or more events. These events will be publicized through clubs and affiliates if held; but that's not a very satisfactory system.

With some space available, though, we'll remind everyone of the major events of the year in this area:  
February: Groundhog Open, Charlotte; Snowstorm Special, Charleston.  
April or May: Alex Edelsburg Memorial, Columbia  
June or July: Carolinas Open; site varies; will be in S. C. in '76.  
October or November: State Championships, usually Columbia.  
As you can see the Dixie Open is a welcome addition to the list; we hope it prospers. There is also room for an annual tournament in the Augusta-Aiken area, perhaps in January or in March.

1975 SOUTH CAROLINA CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS Oct. 31-Nov. 2  
The 1975 S. C. Closed Championships will be held on Fort Jackson just outside Columbia in Recreation Center #2. This is 1 block west of Jackson Blvd., behind Post Headquarters. 5 Rd. SS in three sections:  
Championship Section: Open to all S. C. residents, students, and servicemen stationed in South Carolina. 40/2. Starts Oct. 31 with registration from 7 to 8 p. m.; first rd. 8:30; then 10, 3 Sat; 9, 3 Sun. Winner is S. C. Champion for 1975. EF (All Sections) \$3, plus USCF, SCCA req. Trophies to first three places.  
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Accommodations: Civilian personnel can obtain accommodations at the Host of America Motel near Fort Jackson. Discount rates of \$14.56 single, \$20.80 double, 2 beds; \$18 double, 1 bed can be obtained through Mrs. Willis (see below). Military personnel may make reservations at the Ft. Jackson guest house on a prepaid basis at a rate of \$5 per person per night with two beds per room. Meals may be obtained on the post at the cafeteria, NCO and Officers' Clubs, or at nearby restaurants and quick-food establishments.  
Advance Registration: to Mrs. Patricia O. Willis, Recreation Center #2, Recreation Services, Fort Jackson, SC 29207 by Oct 17.

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## INGENUITY

"During the blitz match (at the Vancouver tournament last spring) one guy saved himself from losing on time by promoting his lone pawn to a bishop with nothing else except kings on the board. He claimed a draw due to insufficient mating material."

--Bill Wall (a former South Carolinian) in CAROLINA GAMBIT

## EDITOR'S NOTES

At the Carolinas Open this summer I had been thanking Spencer Mathews for some help he had given me in my campaign for USCF Secretary. Spencer graciously replied that he was happy to do it, but couldn't understand one thing: why anyone would want the job at all!

A fair question that, and I must admit to having had some qualms myself from time to time during the last year. The pressures on the organization are many and various, and they have been aggravated in recent years by problems centering around the World Championship. I have been interested in resolving some of these problems, and in stimulating greater interest in and awareness of USCF affairs among the membership generally. The office of Secretary appeared then and now appears to be the place to work on these goals.

It will be time-consuming, and as I realized before I set out there will probably not be time for me to work on SCCA NEWS very much during my term of office. Fortunately, it appears that help will be forthcoming during the next few months and publication should not be interrupted. This is Volume IX, #4; I have been working with SCCA NEWS since Volume II began, and am anxious that it continue to serve the chessplayers of South Carolina. So I'll do what I can, but I solicit the assistance of any of our readers who have a journalistic bent.

I also solicit your advice, as that of all USCF members, on the policies and affairs of the USCF. My intent is that in the future these will be better defined and publicized, so that they may accurately reflect the desires of the membership.

--Lee Hyder

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## DEMOGRAPHY OF THE SCCA AND THE USCF IN SOUTH CAROLINA

"Demography" is a word that refers to the geographical distribution of people--in this case chessplayers. The USCF gave us a computer print-out of players in the state, arranged by zip-codes, that paints an interesting picture of where people are:

290xx (Suburban Columbia): 30  
291xx (Central S. C. excluding Columbia & most suburbs): 22  
292xx (Columbia): 67  
293xx (Spartanburg area): 32  
294xx (Charleston & suburbs): 72  
295xx (Pee Dee area & north coast): 52  
296xx (Greenville to Greenwood): 67  
297xx (Lancaster, Rock Hill, etc.): 26  
298xx (Mostly Aiken County): 39  
299xx (Beaufort-Hilton Head): 7

The list shows where the players are, and aren't, and reveals some places where we should be working. For example, there are only 3 USCF members among the 30,000 residents of Anderson, only 5 in a larger number in Rock Hill. Not all regions are equally interested in the SCCA: there are 30 SCCA members in Aiken County, (Continued next page)

## DEMOGRAPHY (Continued)

but only 28 in Columbia, 18 in Charleston, 1 in Florence, 8 in Greenville. President Dodgen recently sent out a letter inviting the many USCF members who are not SCCA members to join. It seems essential for the health of our state association that we have a good representation from all parts of the state.

A final point is worth mentioning: by the standards of most of the U. S. there is not a very large number of chessplayers anyplace in South Carolina. If we are to accomplish anything significant, it is obvious that it will take all of us working together to do it.

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## REPORT FROM THE ANNUAL USCF MEETINGS:

This year's annual USCF Delegates' Meeting brought together the largest number (176) of USCF Delegates ever assembled to act on USCF affairs. There was a strong incentive: a challenge to the actions of last year's meeting had elicited a legal opinion that a majority (169) of Delegates in person was required to revise the Bylaws and perform other USCF business. Such a majority had never been assembled, except in the form of proxies, which weren't allowable, it appeared, under the laws affecting USCF incorporation. To assemble the necessary majority to revise the Bylaws to a more workable form, the USCF Policy Board found it necessary to offer a substantial subsidy to Delegates to attend the meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska, this August.

The Delegates so assembled worked through two laborious days to devise a new plan that calls for a smaller number of Delegates and liberal procedures for substitution. In addition, they did some other things that were rather surprising to many observers:

Chess at one minute per move was brought under the Rating System; National tournaments were made non-smoking events; A new Junior membership (without the magazine) at \$2.50 annually was instituted, effective December 1.

A major question concerning the Bylaws revision was whether the right to name Delegates and to thereby participate in USCF elections should be reserved to State federations, as now, or extended to the membership generally. The idea of direct balloting received considerable support, but there were so many unanswered questions concerning its implementation that it was abandoned fairly early. It will likely return, and I expect considerable discussion on this point during the coming year.

The most hotly contested point was the no-smoking action, that came late in the session after many Delegates (including its proponent) had left. The final vote produced a bare quorum!

Election results were counted before the meeting. James Gates of Columbus, Georgia succeeded Dr. K. B. Raut of Savannah as Regional Vice-President for the Southeast (Region IV).

The Third Snowstorm Special, held in Charleston in February, was won by William L. McClain who scored 5-0. Steve Cabaniss beat out Larry Crawford for second on tiebreak; each had 4-1. Twenty-two players participated.

The Colonel James Green Open in Charleston was won by Scott Hickman and Patrick Hart, each with 3-1. In the unrated section Mike Miller was first with 3-0. Larry Crawford directed with assistance from Hal Blanton.

The Spartanburg Year-End Invitational was won by former S. C. champ Spencer Mathews with  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ , ahead of David K. Williams with 2-1, Harold M. Bush, Jr., with 1-2, and Thomas Foerster with  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ . Bush directed the strong event, which had an average USCF rating of 1750.

The Karl Schlechter Memorial in Spartanburg was played in two sections on March 1. Harold M. Bush, Jr., won Section A with James M. Smith in second place; John C. Bell and Vernon L. Noll tied for first in Section B. Twelve players participated.

Winners in the Spartanburg Quad on April 12 were Harold M. Bush, Jr., John C. Bell, and Michael N. Williams of N. C. Tournament Director Bush calls our attention to the excellent performance of Mr. Bell in this and the March event above, demonstrating that the over-60 generation can show their juniors how to play chess!

North Augusta August Round Robin: By Bill Dodgen

Chuck Braun drove over from Aiken on August 2 and then drove home with the first place trophy from the top section after posting a perfect score of 3-0. Chuck went into the last round tied with the current Fort Gordon Champion, John Abell, but the tie was quickly broken when a mistake by Abell allowed Braun to win a piece. In Section B Frank Hutto and Bill Snyder of Augusta tied for top honors with 2-1 scores, while in Section C Jan Dabrowski defeated D. C. Kirkley in the last round and finished one point ahead at 3-0.

The Wilhelm Steinitz Memorial was played in two sections in Spartanburg on May 17. S. Donald Johnson of Greenville and Harold Bush of Spartanburg tied for first in the A Section with  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  each, as David Williams had an off day and slipped to 1-2. In Section B John Caldwell's  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  was a half point ahead of John Hadstate and John Garrett. Fourteen players participated.

We had word this summer--but no details yet--of a three-way match between Asheville, Greenville, and Spartanburg that brought out most of the players in that area including some old-timers who hadn't been active. Would someone give a report?

From the Charleston Chess Chat ("Published: when the spirit moves us") we learn that Harold Blanton is the new Charleston CC president and his wife Harue is the new Secretary-Treasurer. The Blantons have been very active, playing in the U. S. Open in Lincoln in August. Mrs. Blanton is probably the strongest lady player in the state since Joan Schmidt left, and has been participating in simultaneous exhibitions at the CCC as the simultaneous player!

Under our Constitution and Bylaws, items to be discussed at our annual SCCA Business Meeting (which will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, November 2, at Fort Jackson) must be published in advance. I have received only some suggestions from Bill Dodgen, to which I want to add a couple of items of my own. Note that the Business Meeting can only approve submitting proposals to the full membership for final ratification by mail ballot. Such a ballot, including a list of candidates for SCCA office, will be in our Winter issue.

Proposals by Bill Dodgen:

1. The Immediate Past President shall be added to the list of SCCA Officers.
2. The USCF Delegate for South Carolina, if not otherwise an officer, shall be added to the list of SCCA Officers.
3. Candidates for SCCA office may be nominated by the Nominating Committee, by petition of 10 SCCA members, or by 10 people from the floor of the annual meeting.
4. We should consider an increase in SCCA dues, perhaps of \$1.

Proposals by Lee Hyder:

1. Items not previously publicized may be put on the ballot for ratification by a majority vote on the floor of the annual meeting.
  2. USCF Delegates and Voting Members for South Carolina shall be selected by a mail ballot to be included in the Summer issue of SCCA NEWS. All USCF members in good standing shall be eligible to vote.
  3. The SCCA shall establish a S. C. Match Champion during 1976.
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BOOK REVIEW by Lee Hyder

Tournament chess is increasingly a young man's game, and in chess as well as in other aspects of society we tend to forget the older players who link us to times past. I have been privileged to meet a few such men whom I remember vividly: Sven Almgren and Imre Konig in California, Robert S. ("Uncle Bob") Scrivener in Memphis, Norman Whitaker in this area, and so forth. They all shared a love of chess that made it a pleasure to talk to them and play against them. I believe that our older players deserve some recognition.

In this light, then, it was a particular pleasure to me to receive from New England a beautifully produced booklet honoring the nonagenarian master emeritus Harlow Daly. The little volume, containing a short biography and no less than 140 games played by Daly over the past 75 (!) years is obviously a labor of love by its authors Harry Lyman and Stephen Dann. It is worth emulating, and indeed there are plans for a follow-up devoted to the late Weaver Adams (of Vienna Opening fame).

The Russians have a nice tradition of honoring their older masters with a collection of games in Shakmatny Byulletin on a milestone birthday, usually the 70th. Perhaps we should do the same; a logical starting place would be Edward Lasker, now 90, and the last living participant from the great New York tournament in 1924.

Meanwhile, persons wanting a nice little bit of American chess history should send for "75 Years of Affection for Chess" to Stephen A. Dann, 97 Granite St., Worcester, Mass. 01438. I think it's \$1.50; some extra postage might be appropriate.



Good games from S. C. are in short supply these days--not many have been submitted. But, to make up in part, we have a specially annotated game from the U. S. Championship that didn't quite fit in CHESS LIFE & REVIEW, and was therefore distributed to local publications for their use. It's a Sicilian Defense, Tarjan vs. Mednis, annotated by International Grandmaster William Lombardy.

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NxP N-B3 5 N-QB3 P-Q3 6 B-QB4 P-K3 7 B-K3 P-QR3 8 Q-K2 Q-B2 9 O-O-O B-K2

9--N-QR4!? 10 B-Q3 (10 B-N3 was also playable) P-QN4 11 B-N5 (11 P-QR3 to prevent --P-N5 was better) P-N5 12 N-N1 (12 N-Q5!? PxN 13 PxP+ Q-K2 14 Q-Q2 wins; 13--K-Q1 14 BxN+ PxP 15 P-KB4, and White's position is at least as good as in the stem game for this N-Q5 style sacrifice, Matanovich-Tal, Portoroz 1958; 12--NxN 13 PxN P-K4 14 N-B6 and White still has the pull) 12--B-K2 13 P-B4 P-K4 and Black has the initiative, Rantanen-Reshevsky, Nice Olympiad 1974.

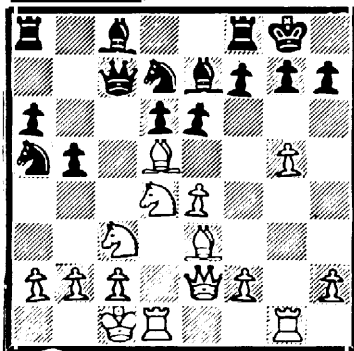
10 B-N3 O-O 11 KR-N1

Some annotators suggest the refinement 11 K-N1 to slow down Black's queenside counterplay, e. g. 11--P-QN4 12 NxN QxN 13 B-Q4! P-N5? 14 N-Q5!! PxN 15 BxN BxB 16 BxP and, as White's QRP is defended, Black is without the resource --Q-R5 and is therefore lost.

11--N-N4 12 P-N4 P-QN4 13 P-N5 N-Q2

13--NxB+ 14 R-PxN N-Q2 15 N-B5 leads to a very wild game, e. g. 15--PxN 16 N-Q5 Q-Q1 17 PxP!. If one likes to defend with a piece ahead, fine! If one prefers to attack, naturally the White pieces will more than do for that purpose.

14 B-Q5!?



Analagous situations make chess ever more fascinating, even to the lowest level player. As if he had cooked up the position at home, Mednis sacrificed the exchange without the slightest hesitation. Perhaps his "idea" is the "refutation of the Velimirovic Attack. Certainly the sacrifice takes the starch out of White's kingside attack, while Black retains considerable pressure on the opposite flank. The game becomes extremely sharp!

14--N-N3!?

Naturally Black cannot indulge in 14--PxP?

15 NxQP! Q-Q1 16 P-QN4; alternatively 16

N-B5 R-K1 17 B-Q4, or 17 N/BxB+ RxN 18 N-B6+ are well worth consideration for White.

15 BxR NxP 16 P-B4 P-N5 17 N-N1 R-K1 18 N-Q2 N-N3 19 P-B5 P-N3! 20 PxKP PxP 21 P-KR4 N/3=B5! 22 P-R5 P-K4! 23 PxP PxP 24 R-R1 B-B1 25 NxN NxN 26 N-N3 B-N5! 27 Q-R2

White has nothing after 27 QxB? NxB 28 Q-K2 NxR 29 QxN R-K2.

27--B-R4

27--NxB?? or 27--BxR?? 28 R-Q8+ K-B2 29 R-R7+ K-K3 30 Q-B6 mate.

28 R-Q3 R-B1?!

After the game Bisguier exonerated Black's sacrifice: 28--P-Q4! 29 RxP?? NxB; 29 PxP? B-Q3! (threatening 30--P-K5!). White can play 29 Q-N2, but after 29--Q-QN2 (30 N-B5? NxB), Black has a fine game!

29 B-N1 Q-B3 30 Q-N2 B-K2 31 R/3-R3 P-QR4

31--Q-K1 slows down the breakthrough.

32 RxB PxR 33 RxP R-B1 34 N-Q2

34 Q-R1 K-B2! 35 P-N6+ K-K1, and White's attack is nullified by the mate threat.

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34--NxN 35 KxN Q-B5 36 Q-R1 K-B2

Even here 36--Q-K3 offers some hope.

37 P-N6+ K-K1 38 P-N7 R-N1 39 R-R8 B-N4+ 40 K-K1

Black lost on time. He has no defense to 41 Q-R7 anyway.

The most amusing chess story of the year so far has to be the intemperate remarks by Larry Evans about the absurdity of women entering the Lone Pine tournament. Wouldn't you know it--Larry was paired in Round One against Alla Kushnir. Guess who won!

Lady chessplayers, so long ignored, or ridiculed, are becoming more and more a factor to reckon with in tournaments of all sorts. Consider, for example, what happened to Clyde Wells when he played Marilyn McGahee in the North Augusta Championship:

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 N-B3 P-Q3 4 B-B4 Q-Q2(a) 5 N-KN5 N-B3(b)  
6 NxBP KR-N1 7 N-N5 Q-K2 8 BxR NxB 9 NxRP(c) N-Q5 10 P-Q3 B-N5 11 Q-Q2  
(d) O-O-O 12 O-O B-B6! 13 N-Q5 Q-R5 14 NxB Q-N5 15 Q-N5??(e) N-K7+!  
16 K-R1 BxP mate.

a. Better 4--N-B3 or 4--B-K3. b. 5--N-R3!

c. White has enough material. He should develop with 9 P-Q3.

d. White is intimidated. After 11 QxB NxP+ 12 K-Q1 NxR, the N is lost.

e. 15 N-K3!

We learned from an unexpected source that our former S. C. master, Bob Bliss, is still doing well; he lost out only on tie-break in the USCF European Championship. We have here from the Dayton, Ohio CC Bulletin the game that cost him the title. Bliss-Chunruh; notes by Chunruh.

1 P-KB4 P-KN3 2 N-KB3 B-N2 3 P-K4 P-QB4 4 N-B3 N-QB3 5 P-Q3 P-Q3 6 B-K2  
(a) P-K3 7 O-O KN-K2 8 Q-K1 N-Q5(b) 9 B-Q1 N/2-B3 10 N-K2 B-Q2?(c) 11 P-B3  
NxN/7+ 12 QxN O-O 13 B-K3 Q-B2 14 P-Q4 PxP 15 PxP P-QN4 16 Q-KB2(d) P-QR4  
17 P-QR3 P-R5 18 B-Q2?(e) KR-B1 19 R-B1 Q-Q1 20 P-K5?(f) Q-N3! 21 B-B2  
P-N5 22 PxNP NxNP 23 B-K4 P-Q4 24 B-N1 B-B1 25 RxR RxR 26 R-B1 RxR+  
27 BxR B-N4 28 P-KN3 Q-B3 29 B-Q2 N-Q6 30 BxN BxB 31 B-K3 B-N5 32 P-R3(g)  
Q-B5 33 P-KN4 Q-N6 34 K-R2 Q-Q8 35 B-Q2 BxB 36 NxB Q-B7 37 P-B5 KPxP  
38 Q-K3 K-N2!(h) 39 P-K6 PxP 40 QxP QxN+ 41 K-N3 P-B5+ White resigns. (i)

a. Slightly better is 6 P-KN3 with the idea of a closed Sicilian.

b. Also equalizing is 8--O-O 9 Q-R4 N-Q5 10 B-Q1 N/2-B3 11 QxQ RxQ.

8--N-Q5 keeps the White Q from the attacking base R4, and 9 NxN PxN gives Black a slight plus because of the cramping effect of the P at Q5.

c. Too passive; best was 10--P-QN4 starting the Q side attack at once.

The B belongs on R3, of course, after --P-QR4.

d. Of course not 12 QxP, for 12--NxP gives Black a P after 13 Q-Q3 NxN+, 14 RxN BxP.

e. Better is 18 P-KN4 with the idea of 19 P-B5 and a strong K side attack.

f. Again the wrong plan. 20 P-KN4 was still good.

g. White is under the impression he can hold the Black attack and equalize on the K side. After 32--Q-B5 33 K-R2 Q-N6 34 B-B1 Q-Q8 35 B-K3 Q-QN8 and the P falls with 36--B-B7.

h. The threat was 38--QxP 39 Q-N5 drawing.

i. If 41 K-R4 Q-B7+ 42 K-N5 P-R3 mate.

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One of the country's more interesting magazines is OVERBOARD, the official quarterly of the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation. It has as much material of general interest as of local interest, and is beautifully produced on slick paper with lots of photos and art work. Subscription is \$4.80 from Ray Leight, One N. Jones Ave., West Point, PA 19486.

By now you all are aware that Lee Hyder has been elected National Secretary of USCF. Needless to say this is a high honor for Lee. It is also a high honor for SCCA and all chessplayers in South Carolina to have one of our own seated on the USCF Policy Board. He is well qualified to face the awesome responsibilities that come with the office, and I wish him well as he assumes his new duties. Understandably, Lee will not have time to continue as the Editor of our Newsletter, nevertheless we will miss the fine service he has rendered SCCA for several years. We can find consolation in the fact he will still be in our state, and will from time to time contribute articles to the SCCA NEWS.

The officers of SCCA are continuing their drive to increase the ranks of our membership. A recent print-out indicated that we have over 250 USCF members in South Carolina that are not members of SCCA. Our latest effort was a mass mailing to these chessplayers. Early responses to our letters have produced hopeful signs. I would like to ask each of our members to help. If you know a chess player who is not in our state association, do your best to get him or her to join.

I hope everyone plans to participate in some activity on CHESS DAY, September 13. A schedule of various events around the state can be found elsewhere in this issue. If your club does not have something planned, it still may not be too late.

The Charleston Chess Club may yet host the S. C. Junior Championship before the end of the year. Things are still in the planning stage, but definite arrangements may be completed by the time of the State Championship, Oct. 31. My thanks to Harold Blanton of the Charleston group for their efforts on this event. Incidentally, I have just added Harold and his wife Harue to our Membership Committee.

Plan now to attend the S. C. Championship. It should be one of the largest and most competitive state tournaments ever!

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\* \* \* \* \* CHARLESTON CHESS CLUB ROUNDUP \* \* \* \* \*

The Charleston Chess Club has moved to a new location. The new meeting place is the Charleston Air Force Base located on Dorchester Road. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend. Meetings are held every Wednesdays and Thursdays in building #112 from 7 - 11 p.m.. We are very grateful for the use of the rooms for which without there would be no place to hold meetings.

In April, the Charleston Chess Club Championship was held and a new champion emerged. Patrick Hart won the title with a score of 4-0 in a field of 18 strong players ( 2 1800's; 1 1700; 3 middle 1600's ). Harue Blanton, Steve Cabaniss, and Jason Jordan finished 3-1 with second place going to Blanton on tiebreak. Ed McCauley won the prize for the Best 1250-1500 player and the Best under 1250 was Jim Rivers. Mrs. Blanton surprised everyone on her way to finishing second before losing to Hart in the final round, she started in 11th position.

Charleston Chess Club Championship: Additional Scores  
 2½-1½: Ed McCauley, Larry Crawford. 2-2 : Stephen Deaton, Ike Jenkins, Al Veronee, Jim Rivers, Ray McClain. 1½-2½: Bruce Christesen, Clark Rivers. 1-3: Scott Hickman, Hal Blanton, Dick Neapolitan, Mike Gage. 1-0: Walter Lee, forfeited remaining games.

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