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TOP OF THE NEWS

SHOCRON TAKES \$1500 DIXIE OPEN

The biggest chess tournament in the history of South Carolina was won by Ruben Shocron, a USCF Master from Millegdeville, Georgia. Don Hull of Gastonia, North Carolina and Roane Carey of Birmingham, Alabama shared the honors in the Amateur Section.

ADDISON, SMELTZER, HYDER SHARE S.C. TITLE

The South Carolina Closed Chess Championship produced tri-Champions this year: Jim Addison of Walterboro, Jeff Smeltzer of Greenville, and Lee Hyder of Aiken with identical 4-1 scores. Smeltzer emerged as the only undefeated player in the Championship Section; Addison took the trophy on tiebreak points despite losing to Hyder in the fourth round. Charles H. Walter of Columbia won the Intermediate section. Ted White, also of Columbia, claimed the 1st prize in the Reserve Section. The overall competitiveness of the tournament is best seen in this interesting statistic: no player in ANY section was able to finish with a perfect score!

SOUTH CAROLINA CELEBRATES CHESS DAY

Governor James Edwards proclaimed September 13, 1975, as CHESS DAY in South Carolina. Chess players across the state turned out for the festivities, which included rated tournaments, junior tournaments, and chess club "open houses." Several other states followed the Palmetto State lead. USCF President George Koltinowski has suggested a national observance in 1976 as part of the Bicentennial celebrations.

DETAILS OF THESE AND OTHER STORIES WILL BE FOUND IN THIS ISSUE OF SCCA NEWS. ALSO GAMES, TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND MORE !!

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK--SCCA INCENTIVE PROGRAM--

As I reported during the annual business meeting at Fort Jackson, SCCA has received a generous donation from an individual who wishes to remain anonymous; the money to be used in the manner described in the following paragraphs to promote SCCA membership.

1. During the coming year, starting on January 1st, 1976, an extension of one year's SCCA membership will be credited to an SCCA member in good standing that brings (sponsors) a new member into the state association, or renews a member who has been out of the association for at least two years. The only SCCA members that will not be eligible to receive credit for new members and old renewals will be: A. Members of the Membership and Growth Committee; B. Tournament Directors that sign-up members at a tournament which they are either TD's or assistant TD's; and C. Tournament Promoters and organizers at a tournament they are involved with.

What does this mean to you, a member of SCCA?

This means that you have the opportunity to have your SCCA membership free for one, three, five or more years, depending on how much effort you are willing to exert to enlist new members. There is no limitation as to how many members one person can sponsor, but this offer applies only to the first one hundred that are reported to us. If we have a good response, the chances are good that the program will be repeated next year.

This is your chance to do something for SCCA, and get something for your effort. We all know chess players who are not USCF or SCCA members, and many of these people do not attend local clubs. Let us get to work on them and see how many we can involve in organized chess.

The gauntlet has been tossed to the ground before us! Do we pick it up and accept the challenge, or do we just sit back and "let George do it?" Remember, being part of an organization is a give and take proposition. We, the officers of SCCA can only do so much, and cover limited ground. We need your help and support if we are to grow and prosper. Come on! Do your part, and together we can put South Carolina on the chess map as a progressive and active state.

--CLUB OF THE YEAR BONUS--

2. The same benefactor will make a donation of one hundred dollars to the chess club that has demonstrated, in four areas to be listed below, their efforts to promote chess in South Carolina in an effective and productive manner. This award will not be automatically awarded. It will have to be earned. A panel of judges will decide if it is merited, and to which club it will go, if any qualifies for it. Their decision will be final. The four areas the judges will look at, in the order of their importance are:
 1. Percentage of SCCA increase
 2. Number of Published and rated tournaments
 3. Junior Chess Promotions
 4. Other Chess Promotions

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Item 2, Number of Published and rated tournaments, needs more explanation. A tournament Published in both Chess Life and Review and SCCA News will receive more credit than if published in our newsletter alone. The purpose for this is simple. We want chess players to look at the Tournament Announcement section in Chess Life and Review and see several tournaments available in South Carolina, not just occasionally, but on a frequent basis. We want people to wonder just what we are doing to have so many tournaments, and as I said before, to put our state on the national chess map.

If any of you have any questions about this program, please write to me. Above all, let us get involved: let us get active; let us become united toward a common goal; the promotion of chess in our great state. It can be done. Let us start now.

"CHESS 4.4" WINS U.S. COMPUTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Chess 4.4, the computer chess program of Northwestern University, has won the 1975 US Computer Chess Championship held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The program, written by David Slate and Larry Atkin, had held the title from 1970-74, having been unseated in '74 by Tree Frog (a Canadian program from the University of Waterloo). Chess 4.4 finished second in the 1974 World Computer Chess Championships to the Soviet program Caissa.

Despite its victory against a 12-computer field, Chess 4.4 fared no better than its colleagues in the post-tournament simultaneous exhibition versus IM D.N.L. Levy. Levy is probably second only to Botvinnik in knowledge of computer chess, and is known to feel that machines will not overtake the stronger human players in the foreseeable future. He has gone so far as to make a little wager (one thousand English pounds) that no program will be able to defeat him by 1978. Thus far no electronic brain has put Levy's money in danger, largely for two reasons: (1) their inability to make subjective evaluations of a given position, and (2) the time limit which restricts the machines' calculations.

Our thanks to George Tiers of the Minnesota State Chess Association for the report of the 1975 Championship, and to David Levy for helping humans feel a little more secure!

--jra

ADDISON NEW SCCA NEWS EDITOR

James R. Addison of Walterboro has been appointed the new Editor of SCCA NEWS. Addison recently returned to South Carolina from Virginia, where he served as Editor of the Virginia Chess Federation NEWSLETTER since 1973. In that capacity, he published letters-to-the-editor from 14 states and was quoted by several state and regional publications on a variety of topics. A member of the Association of United States Chess Journalists, Jim was a USCF Delegate in 1975, and has been appointed to the USCF Prison Chess Committee.



SOUTH CAROLINA CHESSCAPADES

Around the State...

C OF C DEFEATS THE CITADEL

The College of Charleston Chess Team downed the Citadel 4½-2½ on November 7th in Mark Clark Hall on the Citadel campus. The match was highlighted by a first-board draw between Larry Crawford (CofC) and David Causey (Citadel). A combined team of the College of Charleston and the Citadel has issued a challenge to the Charleston Chess Club, which was accepted. The match is scheduled for early December.

--Pat Hart

STATE CHAMP VISITS CHARLESTON

James R. Addison, the new South Carolina State Champion, visited the Charleston Chess Club on November 12, 1975. He played a seventeen board simultaneous and finished with a score of 11 wins, 6 draws, and no losses. Most draws were agreed due to a lack of time, therefore no losses were suffered. Ed McCauley, David Causey, John Bates, Harue Blanton, Patrick Hart, and Steve Cabaniss all obtained draws. We would like to congratulate Jim on his new title, and also on becoming the new SCCA NEWS editor. Please come back soon.

--Pat Hart

CHESS DAY--AIKEN

The Aiken Recreation Department co-sponsored the Chess Day activities, and provided the H.O. Weeks Recreation Center for the tournament. A junior event, the competition was held in three classes: high school, junior high, and elementary. Section winners were Mike Phillips, high school; Chris Brodie, junior high; and Mitchell Farmer of Langley, elementary (Mitchell is only in the 4th grade!). Phillips defeated Brodie in a playoff for the book prize as overall champion. Each winner received a certificate, and all entries got a copy of CHESS LIFE & REVIEW for entering.

--Lee Hyder

CHESS DAY--CAMDEN

Camden celebrated Chess Day with a USCF-rated event in two 8-man sections. Top ranked Paul Tinkler (1642) registered a perfect 3-0 score to take clear first place and \$25.00 in the top section. Daniel J. Sox finished second with 2-1, losing only to Tinkler. Michael S. Ameen and M. Barry Bridges turned in 2~~k~~-~~k~~ performances in Section 2 to share top honors. LTD Richard O. Stucker directed.

--Richard Stucker

CHESS DAY--CHARLESTON

On September 13, the Charleston Chess Club celebrated Chess Day with free coffee, doughnuts, and skittles, highlighted by a blindfold simultaneous by Larry Crawford (1-1) and a simultaneous by Steve Cabaniss (9 wins, 4 losses, 1 draw). A good turnout of thirty players were on hand with an average attendance of 15-20 throughout the day. The Charleston Chess Club would like to thank all those who participated and help things run smoothly.

--Pat Hart

CHESS DAY--CLINTON

Clinton chess enthusiasts held an "open chess house" for interested persons in the area. The Clinton First Baptist Church generously made the Family Life Center available. The day was spent in casual chess and encouraging membership in SCCA and USCF. The festivities were publicized through the local newspaper and the church bulletin.

--Ken Mann

CHESS DAY--NORTH AUGUSTA

Not only had Governor James Edwards proclaimed September 13 as CHESS DAY in South Carolina, but the Mayor proclaimed that date as CHESS APPRECIATION DAY in North Augusta.

Taking advantage of the new USCF rule allowing rated games at one minute per move, a 40/40 round robin was conducted, making our club the first in South Carolina, and undoubtedly one of the first in the nation, to use the new time control. The top section was won by Chuck Braun of Aiken with a 3-0 score, and the second section honors went to Tom Wilson of North Augusta, also scoring 3-0. An unrated section was conducted for players who were not members of USCF or SCCA; it was won by Luke Barefoot of North Augusta with a score of 4-0. Several people wandered in throughout the day and enjoyed skittles games with club members.

--Bill Dodgen

DIXIE OPEN BIGGEST-EVER S C EVENT !

Ruben Shocron of Milledgeville, Georgia won the \$1500 Dixie Open at Greenville in September with a perfect score of 5-0. First place in the Open Section brought the USCF Master \$300 and a trophy. Tied for second with identical 4-1 scores were Mike McCann of Dobson, NC, Jewell Watson and Jared Radin of Atlanta, Richard Searles of Cleveland, TN, Steve Cabaniss of Mt. Pleasant, SC, and Bill Layton of Milledgeville, GA.

In the Amateur Section, Don Hull of Gastonia, NC and Roane Carey of Birmingham, AL were equal first with scores of 5-0. Filadelfo Cunanan of Fort Meyer, FL took third place with 4½-½.

150 players from eight states participated, to make the event the largest chess tournament ever held in South Carolina. Rick White of East Lansing Michigan received a prize for travelling the greatest distance to play.

Dr. E.B. Hallman, age 90, played in the Amateur Section; he won 3 games and lost two. It was his first rated event! Dr. Hallman, now a resident of Brerand, NC, was a chess promoter in the 1930's and 40's. During that period he directed many South Carolina Championships when that tournament was held in Charleston. He won the state championship in 1930.

The \$1500 Dixie Open was sponsored by the Greenville Chess Club. Bill Grady, the club treasurer, guaranteed the prize fund. Jeff Smeltzer and S. Donald Johnson directed. --Jeff Smeltzer

1975 SOUTH CAROLINA CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Fort Jackson was the scene of a hard-fought SC Closed. Twenty-four players competed in the Championship Section, which produced three state chess Co-Champions for '75-76: James R. Addison of Walterboro, Jeff Smeltzer of Greenville, and Dr. M. Lee Hyder of Aiken (in tiebreak order). Addison recently moved to South Carolina from Richmond, Virginia where he was 1975 Richmond Area Champion. Smeltzer is SCCA Vice-President, and promoted the largest tournament ever held in the Palmetto State (Dixie Open '75). Hyder was the overwhelming victor in this summer's election for USCF Secretary, defeating former President Dubeck to become the first Southerner on the Policy Board.

The close competition is illustrated by the crosstable below (compiled by TD Don Elton). After Round II, there were only two perfect scores: Addison, and Charleston's Larry Crawford, who upset Lee Hyder. When Addison downed Crawford in Round III and Lee Purvis (2½-½) had to withdraw due to illness, Jim had a full-point lead. But Lee Hyder beat him decisively in Round IV to pull even going into the final round. Also tied at 3-1 were Jeff Smeltzer (who had suffered two early draws), Frank Kelley, and Kenneth Cockrell. Round V saw Addison beat Kelley, Hyder down Cockrell, and Smeltzer defeat Jimmy Hill (2½) to yield the triple-tie.

In the Intermediate Section, Charles H. Walter of Columbia took clear first with a 3-0-2 record. Second was David Cruzado, also of Columbia, scoring 3-1-1. Marion E. Mahaffey of Lancaster copped third place with 3-0-1.

Columbian Ted White claimed top honors in the Reserve Section, 4-0-1. Jack Berry of Orangeburg won the second prize with 4-1. Third place went to Chris Falter of Columbia, who scored 3-1-1.

The tournament was directed by Donald Elton. Patricia Willis and the staff of Recreation Center #2 attended to the comfort of the players, and very commendably so (see "YOU MISSED IT" on Editorial Page--Ed.).

CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION

	1	2	3	4	5	Final
01 Lee Hyder (1945)	W13	L19	W15	W3	W10	4-1-0
02 William McClain (1936)	L14	W19	W17	L10	D12	2-2-1
03 James Addison (1910)	W15	W10	W9	L1	W7	4-1-0
04 Jeffrey Smeltzer (1864)	D16	W11	D12	W9	W6	3-0-2
05 Lee Purvis (1815)	W17	D12	W14	WITHDREW	---	2-0-1
06 Jimmy Hill (1800)	W18	D14	D16	D12	L4	1-3-1
07 Frank Kelley (1791)	W19	L16	W18	W11	L3	3-2-0
08 David Hutchins (1786)	W20	F	F	W16	W17	3-2-0
09 Larry Crawford (1738)	W21	W1	L3	L4	W16	3-2-0
10 Kenneth Cockrell (1730)	W22	L3	W20	W2	L1	3-2-0
11 Mark Simmons (1680)	W23	L4	W13	L7	W19	3-2-0
12 Paul Tinkler (1675)	W24	D5	D4	D6	D2	1-0-4
13 Kwi Kwang Chang (1657)	L1	L20	L11	L17	W22	1-4-0
14 W. Lloyd Milligan (1606)	W2	D6	L5	D15	WITHDR1	1-2EW
15 Thomas Odom (1547)	L3	W21	L1	D14	L20	1-3-1
16 Harry Abrams (1511)	D4	W7	D6	L8	L9	1-2-2
17 Harue Blanton (1500)	L5	W22	L2	W13	L8	2-3-0
18 William Dodgen (1442)	L6	W24	L7	W20	WITHDR2	2-0EW
19 Stanley Orłowski (1384)	L7	L2	W22	W21	L11	2-3-0
20 Daniel Sox (1383)	L8	W13	L10	L18	W15	2-3-0
21 Claude Eaton (1359)	L9	L15	FW24	L19	WITHDR0	3-0EW
22 Harold Blanton (1297)	L10	L17	L19	BYE	L13	0-4-0
23 Stan Vaughn (1218)	L11	WITHDREW	-----	-----	-----	0-1-0
24 Thomas Powells (UNR)	L12	L18	F	WITHDREW	----	0-2-0



Frank Kelley (left) ponders his move against Jim Addison in the last round



TD Don Elton (left) with the trophy and Co-Champion Lee Hyder

WALTERBORO CHESS: FROM TINY ACORNS. . .

Earlier this fall, Richard Price and John Caldwell of the Walterboro--Colleton County Recreation Commission decided to include a beginners' chess class amongst their many programs. Neither had much knowledge of chess, so they began with a saturation campaign in the local media. Robert Smoak, who had played rated chess in Delaware, and Richard Gaskins (who had played in the clubs of New York City) responded to the W-CCRC initiative, and the course was set to begin November 17. When SC Co-Champ Jim Addison followed up the ad in the local newspaper, he was drafted to teach the class. All parties concerned have been pleasantly surprised with the response from the community; apparently several small groups of players were in the area, but had no contact with each other. A club is now being formed and plans are in the works for eventual USCF affiliation and rated events.

GAMES SECTION



Readers are invited to submit their most interesting games for this department. Games will be published in the notation form in which they are submitted. Persons who send in games typed and ready for publication will receive the famous Gnit-Six Enon trophy from the Editor as a token of his appreciation.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I hope I won't seem immodest by printing one of my own games here. Since most of you don't know me, I thought it might be the best way to introduce myself to South Carolina players. This is not my best game, but it is recent and one of my favorites. It was played June 29, 1975, in the Richmond Area Championships in Virginia.

ADDISON--M. SHIBUT (1709)

GRUNFELD DEFENSE

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 (the first time I faced the Grunfeld in a tournament game) 4 cd5 (the Exchange Variation is critical to the Grunfeld. White's classical pawn center puts the burden of proof on Black, which seemed a good idea against a weaker but improving player; test his

knowledge from the start) Nd5 5 e4 Nc3 6 bc3 Bg7 7 Bc4 c5 8 Ne2 Nc6 9 Be3 0-0 10 0-0 Qc7 (This is all well known--championed by Smyslov, played by Fischer and others) 11 Rcl Rd8 12 Qel (Spassky's move. Also good are 12 f4 and 12 Qd2) Qa5 13 Rdl e6 (normal is ...cd4 and exchanging Queens immediately, 13...b6 is interesting) 14 f3 (more or less a waiting move. 14 f4 is more aggressive, but I wanted to give Black a little rope) cd4 15 cd4 Qel 16 Rfel b6 17 d5! (the alternative was Rd2 and Rfd1, but since Black can then complete his development with ...Bb7 and ..Rac8, I decided to strike immediately) Nc4 18 de6 (the point: Black must accept a weak pawn, since 18..Rdl 19 Rdl Nc4 20 Rd8+ Bf8 21 e7 wins) Rdl 19 Rdl fe6 (a difficult decision. In view of his 22nd move, it may have been better to exchange the Bishops and free the QR immediately) 20 Bb5 Bb7 21 Rd6 Bf8!? (if now 22 Re6 Kf7 and the Rook will lose time running, but the 7th rank is open, so) 22 Rd7 Bc6 23 Bc6 Nc6 24 Nf4 Ne5 25 Rb7 Nc4 26 Bd4! (...e5 now allowed 27 Nd5 threatening mate) Rd8 27 Ne6 Rd6 28 Nf8 (28 Rc7 is also possible) Rd4 29 Nh7 Rdl+ 30 Kf2 Rd2+ 31 Kg3 Ra2 (31..Ne3 32 Nf6+ and 33 Ra7 wins easily) 32 Nf6+ kf8 33 Nd5 Kg8 (Black wants to play ...a5 34 Nb6 Rb2 but White has a knight check. 33..Nd6 34 Rb8+ and 35 e5 was not to his liking either, so he prepares the pawn push. I almost played 34 h4 since a5 35 nb6 Rb2 36 Rb8+ Kany 37 Nd7 Rb8 38 Nb8 a4 37 Nc6 and the knight gets back in time. Or in the same line if 37...a4 38 Rb2 Nb2 39 Nc5 is good enough. But I didn't) 34 Rc7 b5? (loses immediately, but the white e-pawn is warming up for the footrace anyway) 35 Nc3 b4 36 Na2 b3 and BLACK RESIGNS without waiting for 37 Rc4.

Phillip Lamb -- Spencer Mathews \$1500 DIXIE OPEN English Opening

- 1 P-QB4 N-KB3 2 N-QB3 P-KN3 3 P-KN3 B-N2 4 B-N2 0-0 5 P-K4 P-Q3
6 KN-K2 P-K4 (a) 7 0-0 B-K3 (b) 8 P-Q4 Q-Q2 9 P-B4 B-R6 10 P-B5 BxB
11 KxB N-B3 12 P-KR3 N-K2 13 P-KN4 P-KR3 14 N-N3 P-KN4 15 R-R1
N-R2 16 P-KR4 B-B3? 17 N-R5 B-N2 18 PXP PXP 19 Q-B3 P-KB3 (c) 20 Q-R3
R-B2 21 N-K2 P-B4 22 N/2-N3 K-B1 23 B-K3 R-K1 24 R-R2 N-N1 25 QR-R1
R/1-K2 26 N-K2 (d) Q-R5 27 N-B1 R-Q2 28 P-N3 Q-R3 29 Q-N3 K-K1
30 NxB+ RxN 31 R-R5 Q-R4 32 Q-R2 Q-B2 33 K-B3 K-Q1 34 N-K2 R/Q-B2
35 N-B3 Q-Q2 36 N-Q5 N-B1 37 R-R8 R-R2 38 RxB RxR 39 Q-N2 RxR
40 QxR Q-R2 41 QxQ (e) NxQ 42 P-R4 N-K2 (f) 43 NXP NxB 44 BxNP
N-R2 45 B-R4 K-K1 46 P-N5 N-N1 47 K-N4 K-B1 48 P-B6 K-B2 49 K-B5
N-B1 50 P-R5 N-N3 51 B-N3 P-R3 52 B-K1 (g) NXP (h) 53 PxB N-B5
54 P-N4 NXP 55 PXP NXP/4 (i) 56 B-N4 N-N6 57 K-N5 N-Q5 58 BXP N-K3+
59 K-B5 N-Q5+ 60 KXP N-B3+ 61 K-B5 N-Q5+ 62 K-B4 KXP? 63 B-K5+ 1-0
(A) Poor. As long as White retains the option of P-Q3 and P-B4-B5, Black
needs to hold P-K3 in reserve.
(b) Black has the wrong idea again. He intends to exchange his good QB for
White's not-so-good KB.
(c) Since this is necessary, it should have been played on move 16. Black
has now sealed in the KB. What a dreary position!
(d) The fact that White can waste so much time is mute testimony to the
impotence of Black's set-up.
(e) Q-R5 is also good.
(f) Black hurries to chop wood and walks into a positional combination.
(g) Threatening 53 P-N4 followed by an attack by the Bishop on the central
pawns.
(h) Black can't play 52...N-B5 directly without losing a tempo to 53 B-Q2
(53...NXP/Q6 fails against 54 P-N6+).
(i) 55...NxB is met by 56 PXP threatening 57 P-Q6. Notes by Mathews.

Ruben Shocron -- Alan Kussack \$1500 DIXIE OPEN Queen Pawn Opening

1 N-KB3 N-KB3 2 P-B4 P-K3 3 P-Q4 P-B4 4 N-B3 PxP 5 NxP B-N5 6 B-Q2
 N-B3 7 N-B2 B-K2 8 P-KN3 0-0 9 B-N2 P-Q4 10 PxP PxP 11 0-0 P-KR3
 (Black could equalize here with ...P-Q5 and ...P-Q6 on successive moves)
 12 B-K3 B-K3 13 P-KR3 Q-Q2 14 K-R2 KR-Q1 15 N-Q4 NxN 16 BxN N-K5
 17 P-K3 B-KB4 18 R-B1 K-R2 19 Q-K2 NxN 20 RxN KR-QB1 21 Q-B3 RxR
 22 BxR B-K3 23 R-Q1 P-KN4 (The only possible defense for Black was
 23 ...Q-B3! with enough resources against P-K4, but 24 Q-R5 holds the edge.
 for instance if 24...R-Q1 25 P-K4 PxP 26 Q-K5 P-B3 27 Bxp+ P-N3 28 BxQ
 PxQ 29 RxR BxR 30 BxNP BxQRP 31 BxP is likely enough to win, but the
 best line Black has.) 24 P-K4 P-N5 25 PxP R-KB1 26 Q-B4 B-N4 27 Q-K5
 P-B3 28 Q-Q4 BxP 29 QxQP Q-QB2 30 P-B3 B-B1 31 B-R3 B-R5 32 Q-Q6
 Q-B5 33 QxR Q-K7+ 34 B-N2 1-0 Notes by Shocron

Stan Vaughan -- Richard Searles \$1500 DIXIE OPEN Sicilian Defense

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Nc3 Nc6 (a) 4 d4 d5 5 ed Nd5 6 Nd5 Qd5
 7 c3 (b) cd 8 Nd4 a6 9 Be3 Nd4 10 Qd4 Qa5 (c) 11 Rd1 e5 (d) 12 Qb6
 Qb6 13 Bb6 Be6 14 a3 Be7 15 Be2 0-0 16 0-0 f5 17 Rfel Rac8 18 f3
 Rc6 19 Bf2 b5 (e) 20 Bd3 Bd6 21 Rcl Rd8 22 Bbl Kf7 23 b4 R8c8
 24 Re3 f4 25 Rd3 Kf6 26 Bel g5 27 R3d1 h5 28 h4 g4 29 Be4 g3!?
 30 Bc6 Rc6 31 Rd3 Bc7 32 Ral Bb6+ 33 Kh1 Bc4 34 Rd2 Kf5 35 a4 ba
 36 Ra4 Bb3 37 Ra6 Rc3 38 Rd1 Bd1 39 Bc3 1-0
 (a) White is trying to steer the game back to familiar channels; Black is
 determined to get out of the book as soon as possible.
 (b) 7 c4! Qe4+ 9 Be3 cd 9 Nd4 Nd4 10 Qd4 Qd4 11 Bd4 + Euwe.
 (c) Black has to make weak moves to keep some play left in his game.
 (d) Not 11...Qa2 12 Qd8 #.
 (e) Black is hard pressed to find good moves. Notes by Vaughan

Lee Hyder -- Jim Addison SOUTH CAROLINA CLOSED French Defense

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bg5 Bb4 (a) 5 e5 h6 6 Bd2 Bxc3 7 bxc3
 Ne4 8 Qg4 g6 9 Bd3 (b) Nxd2 10 Kxd2 c5 11 Nf3 Nc6 12 Qf4 Qe7 (c)
 13 h4 Bd7 14 Rhbl (d) Na5 15 a4 0-0-0 16 Qe3 Bc6 17 g3 c4 18 Be2
 Rdg8 19 h5 gxh5 20 Rh1 Rg4 21 Rh4 b6 22 Kcl Kc7 23 Rxh5 Re4? (e)
 24 Qd2 f5 25 Ng1! (f) Qg7 26 Bf3 Be8 27 Rh1 Bg6 28 Bxe4 fxe4
 29 Ne2 Bf5 30 Nf4 Bg4 31 Qe3 Kd7 32 Nh5 Bxh5 33 Rxh5 Nc6 34 Qf4
 Rf8 35 Qxh6 Qxh6 36 Rxh6 Rxf2 37 Rh1 Rg2 38 Kb2 Rxc3 39 Rh7+ Ne7
 40 Rf1 Ke8 41 Rff7 e3 (g) 42 Rxe7+ Kf8 43 Rxa7 Kg8 42 Rh2 1-0
 (a) The MacCutcheon Variation, an old warhorse that has never been refuted.
 (b) ECO recommends 9 Bcl, but the text is just as good.
 (c) Better is c4 to avoid 13 dxc5 Qxc5 14 Nd4 a6 15 Rab1 Nd8 16 h4 +.
 (d) Normally the QR develops here and the Kr at h3.
 (e) Sends the rook on a suicide mission. (But Black has a positionally lost
 game anyway, since White can penetrate via the h-file at will --Ed.)
 (f) Springs the trap.
 (g) Goes for broke (and finds it--Ed.). Notes by Chuck Braun

Thomas Odom -- Lee Hyder

SOUTH CAROLINA CLOSED

Ruy Lopez

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 Nxe4 6 d4 b5 7 Bb3
 d5 8 Nbd2 (a) Nxd2 9 Qxd2 e4 10 Re1 Be7 11 Qc3 Qd7 12 Nd2 0-0
 13 f3 ?? (b) Bf6 1 0-1 (c)

(a) When Geller sprang this surprise move at the Skopje Olympiad in 1968, Savort replied simply 8...Be6 and the game returned to normal channels with 9 de Be7 10 c3 0-0. Better was the standard 8 ed or, if White wants to try something different, 8 a4 or 8 c4 !?

(b) Too big a hurry. 13 Nf1.

(c) The Queen is lost.

Notes by Chuck Braun

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tournament announcements are gratefully accepted for this department from all events in South Carolina, provided that SCCA membership is required of all participants with SC residence. Organizers are encouraged to plan ahead and send in details of their tournaments early to ensure maximum publicity. Since SCCA NEWS is also entrusted with Tournament Clearinghouse duties, organizers should send long-range plans for events to be published in the Tournament Schedule and clear the tentative date with others' plans to avoid conflicts.

JANUARY 24 1st TIGER TOURNAMENT Clemson, SC

3-SS, 6-man sections. YMCA Building on Clemson campus. EF: \$3.25, USCF & SCCA membership required, other states honored. \$\$ \$14.00 to 1st each section. Register 8:30 - 9:30 am 1/24. Rounds: 10, 2, 6 (earlier if agreed). Time Control: 40/90. ENT: John E. Caldwell, 107 Hillcrest Ave Clemson, SC 29631

FEBRUARY 7-8 4th ANNUAL SNOWSTORM SPECIAL Charleston, SC

5-SS; 40/90, 30/1 thereafter. Home Federal Savings & Loan Building, 158 Meeting St, Charleston. USCF & SCCA required. other states OK. EF: \$5 (EF+USCF+SCCA: \$20 adult, \$13 junior. \$7.50 junior without magazine). Free to 2200+. Special \$5 drawing for entries postmarked 2-1-76. \$\$ per entries. Trophies to 1-2-3 in class. Register 8-9 am, rounds 9:30-2-7:30. 9:30-2. ENT: Ernest Schlich, 1303 Bexley St, North Charleston SC 29406. Checks payable to Charleston Chess Club.

FEBRUARY 21 2nd TIGER TOURNAMENT Clemson, SC

3-SS (8-man sections), 40/90. YMCA Building on Clemson campus. EF: \$4.15 if received by 2/14, \$5.25 later. \$\$ \$30 1st each section. Reg: 8:30--9:30 am, rounds 10-2-6, earlier by agreement. ENT: John E. Caldwell, 107 Hillcrest Ave. Clemson, SC 29631

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G C C GAMBIT TOURNAMENT

Greenville, SC

4-SS, 40/60. First Federal Savings & Loan, 110 Main St (Hwy 276), Greenville. EF: \$6, \$5 juniors (USCF+EF \$19, \$11.50 juniors). \$\$ \$50, 25, upset-10, more as entries permit. Trophy 1st. Register 8:30-9:30 am, rounds 10-1-4-7. Openings restricted to the King's Gambit Accepted and the Evans Gambit Accepted. Limited NS.

EDITORIAL COMMENT:

YOUR SCCA MAIL BALLOT

Members of the South Carolina Chess Association have an opportunity to actively participate in SCCA affairs not available to members of most other states' organizations. You may deliberate on the proposals and vote through the mail ballot included in this issue. In virtually all other states, members must physically attend the annual meeting in order that their voice be heard and vote count. SCCA conducts its most important business through the mail, feeling that each dues-paying member has an equal right to vote on issues that affect him or her directly. Unfortunately, in last year's "debut" of the mail ballot, less than 10% of the membership exercised their privilege.

Those who argue against more democratic practices in USCF and state associations say "most players are concerned only with playing, and care nothing for organizational matters." If this is true to any extent, it only shows chessplayers' shortsightedness: Everything national and state groups do affects your opportunity to play, directly or indirectly.

Organizers--good organizers--are always willing to listen to the players; many even solicit players' views. However capable an organizer may be, his effectiveness is limited if he gets too little input from the people he is trying to serve.

You owe it to yourself to vote the mail ballot. There are strong indications that the Policy Board will recommend the mail ballot be discontinued next year if the response does not increase significantly.

By the way, it has probably taken you longer to read this editorial than it will to complete and return your SCCA mail ballot. --Jim Addison

YOU MISSED IT !!

If you weren't at Fort Jackson for the SC Closed Championships, you really missed the boat--and an interesting and enjoyable chess tournament. The staff of Recreation Center # 2, headed by Mrs. Patricia Willis, went all out for this one (to the delight of the players)! Imagine--not just coffee, tea, and orange drink, but a buffet lunch and supper--followed by a pastry breakfast. Pat Willis and team deserve the SCCA Medal of Honor for service above and beyond the call of duty. If you were amongst the many poor souls who missed it, take heart! The Fort Jackson team is already gearing up for a bid on next year's Championship (they promise to do BETTER, with more time to prepare for their SECOND chess event)!! Wow! With organizers like this, who needs Fischer? -- Jim Addison

MINTUES OF THE 1975 BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Dodgen at 1:35 pm, November 2.

The President announced the resignation of M. L. Hyder as SCCA NEWS Editor. James Addison was appointed to succeed him; he is a former editor of the newsletter of the Virginia Chess Federation. The President introduced the other SCCA officers and USCF representatives.

Appreciation was expressed to the Palmetto Chess Club and the Fort Jackson Chess Club for providing the excellent facilities for this year's tournament. The graciousness of the ladies of Recreation Center # 2 was also noted; flowers will be sent to the staff in the name of the SCCA.

M.L. Hyder, the new USCF Secretary, solicited ideas and support.

President Dodgen announced a new incentive program to increase SCCA membership. Details will appear in the Winter Newsletter. Hw also requested ideas for the South Carolina Closed and Junior Championships.

Minutes of the 1974 Meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read.

Jeff Smeltzer reorted plans for the 1976 Dixie Open.

The following proposals for presentation to the membership were voted on:

1. Immediate Past President to be a member of the executive board. Approved
2. The USCF Delegate for South Carolina shall be a member of the executive board. Approved.
3. Candidates for SCCA office may be nominated by the Nomination Committee, by petition of 10 SCCA members, or by 10 members from the floor at the Annual Business Meeting. Approved.
4. Increase the annual dues to \$4.50, 3.00 juniors, and publish six issues of SCCA NEWS per year. Approved.
5. Increase the annual dues to \$4.50 for all members, and publish six issues of SCCA NEWS per year. Approved.
6. Increase the annual dues to \$4.00, 3.00 juniors, and publish four issues of SCCA NEWS per year. Approved.
7. Items not previously publicized may be approved for presentation to the membership on the floor of the Annual Business Meeting. Defeated.
8. USCF Delegates and Voting Members for South Carolina shall be selected by mail ballot to be included in the summer newsletter. Approved.
9. The SCCA shall establish a S.C. Match Champion during 1976. Approved.

Marion Mahaffey of the Nominating Committee presented the following nominees:

PRESIDENT: William H. Dodgen; VICE-PRESIDENT: Jeff Smeltzer; SECRETARY: C.E. Braun; TREASURER: H.M. Kelley.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles E. Braun, Secretary

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1975 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>
Newsletter	\$513.00	\$511.00	\$491.55
Tournaments	102.00	7.00	-----
USCF Affiliation	10.00	27.00(3 yrs)	-----
USCF Rating Fees	16.00	2.00	-----
Postage	29.00	28.00	35.00
Membership Drive	-----	-----	45.00
Miscellaneous	-----	-----	36.21
Total Expenses	\$670.00	\$600.00	\$607.76
Balance brought forward from 1974			\$169.67
1975 Receipts including USCF dues			994.95
Total			1164.62
Less USCF dues paid			-465.80
Total			699.82
Expended 1975			-607.76
Current bank balance			\$ 92.06

Books closed October 20, 1975.

Respectfully submitted,
H.M. Kelley, Treasurer

POLICY BOARD ENDORSES DUES INCREASE

The SCCA Policy Board has decided to endorse one of the dues increase proposals found on your mail ballot elsewhere in this issue. The Board urges that the annual dues be raised to \$4 adult, \$3 junior, a \$1 increase across the board, without increased frequency of publication for SCCA NEWS. As President Dodgen pointed out, the Board can authorize extra issues at any time the treasury will bear it. But any increased revenues from the dues increase will not be felt until late next summer or early fall when most memberships come due for renewal, so that the proposals to raise the dues and publish SCCA NEWS six times per year do not provide a source of funding for even the three scheduled issues that must be published before the benefits of the dues hike become available late next year. The Policy Board feels that SCCA should avoid any deficit spending if at all possible, and therefore wait until the effects of increased dues can be measured before making SCCA NEWS a bi-monthly publication. While both the Board and the Editor favor bi-monthly issues, they feel we need some idea of the fiscal impact of any dues raise before committing SCCA to increased expenditures.

YOUNG PLAYERS NOT FORGOTTEN

The SCCA has not given up on the Palmetto State's young chessplayers, in spite of the obstacles presented by the regulations of the SC High School League. The entire matter is being referred to the National Association of High School Leagues. There are eight states with the restrictive rules that have crippled efforts to effectively promote junior chess in South Carolina. In the meantime, SCCA is looking for new ideas to work within the narrow framework allowed at the present.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The SCCA Policy Board has endorsed one of the dues increase proposals, # 6 below. The Board feels it is imperative that SCCA avoid any possibility of deficit spending. Members are urged to review the short article "Policy Board Endorses Dues Increase" on the SCCA business pages before making a decision on the dues increase proposals.

OFFICIAL SCCA BALLOT

Elections

FOR PRESIDENT: William H. Dodgen _____ Write-in _____

FOR VICE PRESIDENT: Jeffrey R. Smeltzer _____ Write-in _____

FOR SECRETARY: Charles E. Braun _____ Write-in _____

FOR TREASURER: Harold M. Kelley _____ Write-in _____

Other Business

1. Shall the Immediate Past President of SCCA be a member of the executive board? YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN _____
2. Shall the USCF Delegate(s) from S.C. be a member of the executive board? YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN _____
3. Shall nominations for SCCA offices be accepted from the Nominations Committee, and through petition of ten SCCA members, and through vote of ten SCCA members from the floor at the annual business meeting? YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN _____
4. Shall the annual dues be raised to \$4.50, 3.00 juniors, and SCCA NEWS be published six times per year? YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN _____
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6. Shall the annual dues be raised to \$4.00, 3.00 juniors, and SCCA NEWS be published four times per year? YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN _____
7. Shall USCF Delegates and Voting Members for South Carolina be selected by mail ballot to be included in the summer issue of SCCA NEWS ? YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN _____
8. Shall the SCCA establish a S.C. Match Champion during 1976 ? •YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN _____

SIGN THIS BALLOT IN THE SPACE PROVIDED ON THE REVERSE SIDE AND RETURN TO
SCCA SECRETARY C.E. BRAUN.

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