

SOUTH CAROLINA CHESS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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A LETTER FROM THE SCCA PRESIDENT

Fellow Chess Enthusiasts:

The sponsor of the SCCA membership incentive program and the person who has offered a \$100.00 cash award to the club of the year, if it can be earned, has requested that I remind you of these opportunities to help your State Association, your local club, yourself and the game of chess in general. I urge you to read the president's report on page 12 very carefully. As you can see by not only these projects, but by the fact that a private business in Columbia will be sponsoring the S. C. Junior Championship with us, chess in South Carolina is reaching out into areas never before explored. I ask that each of you reach back and try a little harder to insure that these programs work. We have the players, we have the promoters, and we are going to have even more tournaments in our state. All we need now is your support and participation. If some of you are sitting back waiting for George, Sam, or Joe to get the job done, or if you know of anyone who fits that description, then get active or get the others active. I have heard just about every excuse that can be given for everything from not joining SCCA to not playing in tournaments, and most of these are for self-serving reasons. We only have so many Georges, Sams, and Joes, and those we have, spend a lot of their time, energy, and money just to keep the chess pieces moving. With just a little more help, everyone's job would be a whole lot easier and chess would be the victor. Ask your local club leaders what you can do to help. I predict some wonderful years ahead for the SCCA. Be a part of its movement, not apart from it.

Best regards,

Bill Dodgen

SCCA COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 1976

MEMBERSHIP AND GROWTH COMMITTEE

1. Spencer Mathews, Spartanburg - Chairman
2. Lloyd Milligan, Columbia
3. Jim Barr, Greenville
4. Richard Stucker, Camden
5. Harold Blanton, Charleston
6. Harve Blanton, Charleston

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Pat Hart, Sullivan's Island - Chairman
2. John Caldwell, Clemson
3. David Hutchings, Columbia
4. Stan Vaughan, Clemson
5. Jimmy Hill, Columbia

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. Warren Kurtze, Columbia, Co-Chairman
2. Charles H. Walter, Columbia, Co-Chairman
3. Lee Hyder, Aiken
4. Spencer Mathews, Spartanburg
5. H. T. Wilson, Belvedere

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS TO THE PRESIDENT

1. Marion Mahaffey, Lancaster
2. Stanley Orlowski, Hanahan
3. LeRoy Lewis, Columbia

CLUB OF THE YEAR JUDGES... No one knows but them and me. All nominations are to be sent to me by October 1, and I will see that each judge receives a copy.....

- Bill Dodgen -

SCCA BALLOT RESULTS: DUES INCREASE PASSES: OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

President: Dodgen 39 - Mahaffey 1 write-in
Vice President: Smeltzer 39 - No vote 1
Secretary: Braun 39 - No vote 1
Treasurer: Kelley 39 - No vote 1

Refer to December issue for wording on ballot.

#1	34 Yes	3 No	3 Abstain	- Carried
#2	27 Yes	5 No	8 Abstain	- Carried
#3	33 Yes	0 No	7 Abstain	- Carried
#4	6 Yes	30 No	4 Abstain	- Failed
#5	8 Yes	29 No	3 Abstain	- Failed
#6	21 Yes	14 No	5 Abstain	- Carried
#7	26 Yes	8 No	6 Abstain	- Carried
#8	32 Yes	0 No	8 Abstain	- Carried

Charles E. Braun
SCCA Secretary

Effective immediately, SCCA dues are \$4.00 Adults and \$3.00 Juniors a year. Family rates accordingly.

SCCA SEEKS BIDS FOR 1976 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The SCCA would like to receive bids as soon as possible from clubs interested in hosting this year's State Championship. The State Championship is normally held during the first half of November, either the first or second weekend. Basic requirements are adequate playing site, nearby accommodations for food and lodging, and a non-playing TD furnished. We also would like a one dollar per entry return to the SCCA.

Other details such as entry fee, time control, prize distribution, and so on can be worked out. One point to remember in this area is that conditions of the tournament must be approved by the SCCA President as outlined in our state bylaws. Therefore, be sure to offer suggestions and proposals on these matters before announcing them. Also, I am not against prize money being offered in the State Championship if done in a fair and proper manner; such as a percentage of the entry fees paid into each section, thereby not taking the money from one section and paying it out in another. With memberships on the increase, we should have a good attendance. Submit a bid.

Bill Dodgen

FLASH.....UNITED STATES AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
to be conducted in Atlanta, Georgia,
on May 29-30-31. Only other detail
available at this time is the playing
site: The Executive Park Motel.

Watch "CHESS LIFE & REVIEW" for additional information.

BULLETIN!! BULLETIN!! BULLETIN!! BULLETIN!! BULLETIN!! BULLETIN!! BULLETIN!!

SOUTH CAROLINA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULED

The South Carolina Junior Chess Championship will be held April 10, at "Checkmate East", 6790 Garners Ferry Road, Landmark Square Shopping Center, Columbia, S. C. 29209. This is on the Sumter Highway across from the Veterans' Hospital.

The tournament will be a four-round Swiss event, open to all who are 20 or younger on April 10. Six trophies will be awarded: first, second, third, and top Class C, D, and E/unrated. No more than one trophy to a player.

Registration at the site - 9:30 A. M., Saturday, April 10. First round 10 A. M.; forty moves in sixty minutes, second control, twenty moves in twenty minutes. Later rounds as soon as available.

Entry fee is three dollars; USCF, and SCCA membership required. Refreshments will be furnished by the store owners, Tom Ross and B. C. Inabinet.

Send advance entry fees to LeRoy Lewis, 5218 Montgomery Avenue, Columbia, S. C. 29205.

International Grandmaster Walter Browne, current United States Champion, rolled into the North Augusta Recreation Department around 7 P. M. on Saturday, December 6, to take on 28 chessplayers from the Aiken, North Augusta, Augusta area. Shortly after 10 P. M., the energetic Browne, after about three hours of racing around like he was wearing roller skates, completed his appointed task with a perfect score of twenty-eight wins.

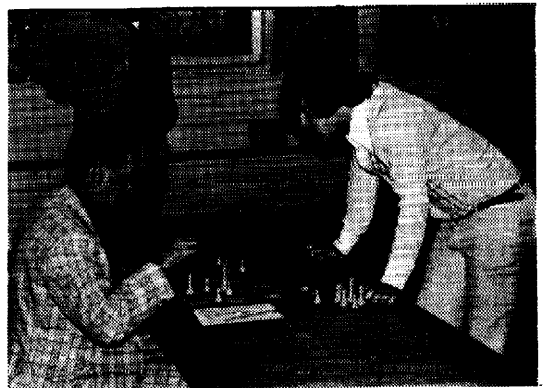
Before the exhibition, fourteen of the participants enjoyed the company of GM and Mrs. Browne at a supper at the Town Tavern in Augusta. The opportunity to dine and discuss various topics with the champion proved to be the highlight of his stopover. While obviously a self-confident man, and not one to shy away from questions, Browne nevertheless stated that he believes Bobby Fischer to be the best chessplayer in the world, and also was of the opinion that we would see Fischer back in tournament play within two years.

Browne did not escape our area without a defeat. However, it was not on the chessboard. He wanted to play some tennis Sunday afternoon, so I arranged a match between him and Bob Fuller, tennis instructor for the Recreation Department (who also plays chess). Fuller won 6-1, 6-2 but quickly added that Browne had a good serve and moved well on the court. Browne's appearance was well received and very enjoyable.

- Bill Dodgen -



U. S. Champion Walter Browne (in white) listens thoughtfully as SCCA President, Bill Dodgen, emphasizes a point (perhaps on Dodgen's famous (??) game combining the Fried Liver and the Max Lange).



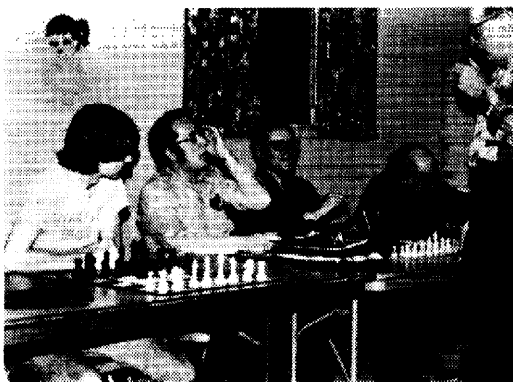
Dr. K. W. Yost prepares to execute a critical move against the Champion. This was the last game to be completed and was one of the hardest for Browne to win.

Photos by Gerald Knighton

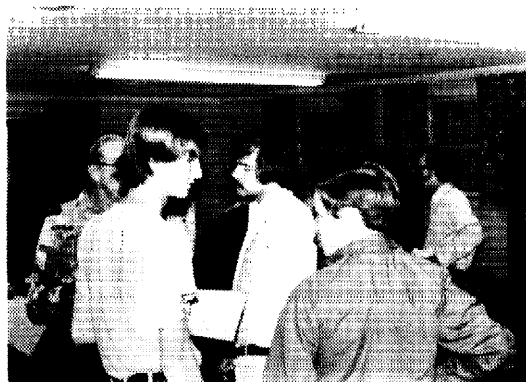


Pittman Photo

Dodgen prepares to blitz move with the Champ, resulting with Browne winning in 5 more moves.



Photos
by
Knighton



Chuck Braun and Harold Kelley discuss strategy prior to the exhibition while Pat O'Leary (l) listens, Frank Simpson (c) meditates, and Dan Kirkley waits.

His night's work finished, G.M. Browne takes time to talk to some of the players and sign autographs.

END OF YEAR OPEN, December 27, 1975, at Camden, S. C.

No.	Name	Rating	Round			Score
			1	2	3	
*1.	McClain, W. L.	1936	W5	W2	W4	3-0
2.	Cockrell, Ken	1740	W6	L1	W7	2-1
3.	Chang, K. K.	1657	D7	L4	L5	$\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
4.	Hull, Don	1559	W8	W3	L1	2-1
5.	Odom, Tom S.	1547	L1	W8	W3	2-1
6.	Martin, Gregory	1543	L2	L7	L8	0-3
7.	Dieteman, Marshall	1533	D3	W6	L2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
8.	Rader, John F., III	UNR	L4	L5	W6	1-2
9.	Hubbard, Jesse	1433	L13	W12	W15	2-1
10.	Gordy, William	1382	D14	L15	W16	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
11.	Green, Stephen	1403	D15	W14	L13	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
12.	Turnier, Walter	1368	L16	L9	L14	0-3
*13.	Sox, Dan	1387	W9	W16	W11	3-0
14.	Reardon, David	1407	D10	L11	W12	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
15.	Campfield, Allen	1371	D11	W10	L9	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
16.	Mahaffey, Marion	1390	W12	L13	L10	1-2
17.	Snyder, William	1355	W21	L22	W20	2-1
18.	Johnson, Lowell	1275	L22	L24	W21	1-2
*19.	Ameen, Michael	1326	W23	W20	W22	3-0
20.	Carriger, Paul	1267	W24	L19	L17	1-2
21.	O'Conner, Jeremy	UNR	L17	L23	L18	0-3
22.	White, Ted	1347	W18	W17	L19	2-1
23.	Berry, Jack	1274	L19	W21	W24	2-1
24.	Drake, Michael	1312	L20	W18	L23	1-2
25.	Winn, Peter	1224	L29	L32	D30	$\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
26.	Clay, Robert	UNR	W30	L29	L32	1-2
27.	Lewis, Peter	1212	L31	W30	L28	1-2
28.	McCall, Craig	UNR	W32	L31	W27	2-1
29.	Chappell, Marven	UNR	W25	W26	L31	2-1
30.	Vaughn, Stan	1218	L26	L27	D25	$\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
*31.	Corbett, Claude	UNR	W27	W28	W29	3-0
32.	Williams, Jack	1208	L28	W25	W26	2-1
**33.	Morris, Larry	UNR	W36	W37	D38	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
34.	Turner, Tommy	UNR	L37	L38	D35	$\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
35.	Castro, Arnold	1187	L38	L36	D34	$\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
36.	Pittman, Dan	1187	L33	W35	L37	1-2
37.	Hamilton, George	1188	W34	L33	W36	2-1
38.	Yunick, Thomas	998	W35	W34	D33	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

*Trophies

** Trophy on tie-break with Yunick

Richard O. Stucker
Director

NORTH AUGUSTA JANUARY RATING TOURNAMENT

David Geeter of Martinez, Ga. walked away with the Section A trophy in the North Augusta Round Robin Rating Tournament on January 17, with a score of $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, yielding only a last round draw to Bill Dodgen. Claude Eaton of Belvedere and Frank Hutto of Augusta tied for Section B honors with scores of $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Bo Hagler of Augusta took the C Section with a perfect score of 3-0. Danny Taylor, also of Augusta, earned himself a trophy with a 3-0 score in Section D

FOURTH ANNUAL SNOWSTORM SPECIAL RESULTS, February 7-8, 1976, at Charleston, S. C.

No.	Name	Rating	Round					Score	Rank
			1	2	3	4	5		
*1.	Lawton, Charles	2140	W14	W10	W6	W3	W9	5-0	1
2.	Cabaniss, Stephen	1867	W15	L7	W24	L9	W22	3-2	11
*3.	Hart, Patrick	1759	W17	W11	D5	L1	W15	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	3
4.	Crawford, Larry	1741	W16	D12	W7	D5	D10	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	4
*5.	Tinkler, Paul	1701	W18	W22	D3	D4	W7	4-1	2
6.	Causey, David	1577	W19	W23	L1	D15	D12	3-2	10
7.	Patterson, William	1562	W20	W2	L4	W17	L5	3-2	9
8.	Wilson, Horace	1557	L22	W19	L17	xx	xx	1-2	26
*9.	McCauley, Edward	1556	D24	W21	W12	W2	L1	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	5
10.	Bryant, Ralph	1536	W27	L1	W20	W23	D4	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	6
11.	Blanton, Harve	1519	W26	L3	D16	W21	W24	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	7
12.	Odom, Thomas	1507	W25	D4	L9	W16	D6	3-2	8
13.	Fisher, Mike	1489	D21	L24	xx	xx	xx	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	28
14.	Moore, Robert	1488	L1	W25	L23	L24	W20	2-3	19
15.	Bates, J. Frederick	1452	L2	W26	W22	D6	L3	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	15
16.	Orlowski, Stanley	1437	L4	W27	D11	L12	W21	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	14
17.	Nicolet, Gale	1362	L3	L29	W26	W27	W25	3-2	17
18.	McClain, Ray	1280	L5	L28	L27	BYE	D26	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	24
*19.	Blanton, Hal	1274	L6	L8	W26	W27	W25	3-2	12
20.	Christensen, Bruce	1242	L7	BYE	L10	L25	L14	1-4	25
21.	Wittschen, David	1197	D13	L9	W28	L11	L16	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	22
22.	Blanks, Lindsey	UNR	W8	L5	L15	W28	L2	2-3	18
23.	Walker, George	UNR	W29	L6	W14	L10	D12	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	16
24.	Bowdon, Keith	UNR	D9	W13	L2	W14	L11	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	13
25.	Surana, Prakash	UNR	L12	L14	W29	W20	L19	2-3	21
26.	Howard, Robert	UNR	L11	L15	L19	W26	D18	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	23
27.	Brazelton, Donald	UNR	L10	L16	W18	L19	W29	2-3	20
28.	Soni, Suresh	UNR	xx	W18	L21	L22	xx	1-2	27
29.	Green, Richard	UNR	L23	L17	L25	L26	L27	0-5	29

* Prize Winners

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY IN THE CHARLESTON AREA

Wando High School won its third consecutive Tri-County Chess League title by defeating second place Goose Creek $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$. Wando finished its third undefeated season with a 6-0 match record.

The league individual title was won by Wando team captain Steve Cabaniss. Four students, Lindsey Blanks of Garret, and Donny Cragg, Marvin Perkins, and Michael Lambricht of Goose Creek tied for second. The trophies went to Blanks and Cragg on the tie-break.

Hanahan took the "B" team title by beating runnerup Wando 7-3.

In an early season tournament held at College Prep, George Walker of Wando took first; Blanks, second; and Cragg, third. Joan Schlich directed.

The League's new officers are: Steve Cabaniss (Wando), President; Pam Nuckholls (Hanahan), Vice President; and Paul Anagnostos (Wando), Secretary-Treasurer.

The League's third season of play was marred only by two late season forfeits by First Baptist.

Steve Cabaniss

SCORE TABLES OF TRI* COUNTY CHESS LEAGUE GAMES

"A" TEAMS

	<u>WN</u>	<u>GC</u>	<u>FB</u>	<u>HN</u>	<u>PG</u>	<u>GR</u>	<u>CP</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Wando	XX	W	W	W	W	W	W	6-0
Goose Creek	L	XX	W*	W	W	W	W	5-1
First Baptist	L	L*	XX	W	W	L*	W	3-3
Hanahan	L	L	L	XX	W	W	W	3-3
Porter-Gaud	L	L	L	L	XX	W	W	2-4
Garret	L	L	W*	L	L	XX	W	2-4
College Prep	L	L	L	L	L	L	XX	0-6

"B" TEAMS

	<u>HN</u>	<u>WN</u>	<u>GC</u>	<u>FB</u>	<u>PG</u>	<u>GR</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Hanahan	XX	W	W	W	W	W	5-0
Wando	L	XX	W*	W	W	W	4-1
Goose Creek	L	L*	XX	W*	W	W	3-2
First Baptist	L	L	L*	XX	W	L*	1-4
Porter-Gaud	L	L	L	L	XX	D	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$
Garret	L	L	L	W*	D	XX	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$

* Indicates a win or loss by forfeit

CHARLESTON VICTORIOUS TWICE

The Charleston Chess Club defeated the combined College of Charleston and Citadel chess teams by a 9-4 score. The informal match took place at the Stern Student Center on the 5th of December.

The overall strength and the depth of the lower boards which scored seven points was too much to overcome for the less experienced college players.

Also, the Charleston Chess Club defeated a three-man team off a British NATO ship which was visiting the Port City. The two-day match produced a final score of 12-10 which saw the British team rallying to close the gap. A Canadian player lost 2-0 also.

- Patrick Hart -

EXPERT MOVES TO CHARLESTON

Charles Lawton (2140) has been transferred to the Charleston Navy Base, stationed aboard the USS Hunley. His last outing was in the U. S. Armed Forces Championship, last September. He finished in sixth position. He is also the Navy team captain and the highest rated player in the Navy. He is definitely the best player in the Charleston area, and we believe him to be the strongest in the state and possibly the highest rated. He is looking to play tough competition and be as active as possible.

- Patrick Hart -

THINGS TO REMEMBER AND THINK ABOUT

1. Sign up a new member under the incentive program and get a free year yourself.
2. If you have an interesting game you would like to see published, send it to Chuck Braun.
3. The SCCA is seeking bids for this year's State Championship.
4. If you want tournament announcements and results published, send them to Chuck Walter, our new editor.
5. We are planning a regular column each issue on Junior Chess activities.
6. Chess Clubs: Plan more tournaments.
Chess Players: Support more tournaments.
7. Introduce a new player to your Chess Club.
8. Remember that poor sportsmanship can scare away members.

- Bill Dodgen -

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

- March 27 First Clemson University Chess Championship,
Clemson, S. C.
- April 24-25 Alex Edelsburg Memorial Tournament
Columbia, S. C.
- April 10 South Carolina Junior Chess Championship
Columbia, S. C.
- May 8 North Augusta rating tournament
North Augusta, S. C.
- May
29-30-31 U. S. Amateur Championship
Atlanta, Ga.
- June 26-27 Carolina Open
Charleston, S. C.

NORTH AUGUSTA MAY ROUND ROBIN RATING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED

The tournament will be played at the North Augusta Recreation Department on Buena Vista Avenue, on May 8, 1976.

There will be four-man sections. The tournament will go three rounds, forty moves in forty minutes. Trophies will be awarded to the winner of each section. Entry fee is three dollars, SCCA and USCF membership required. Registration will be from 9:00 to 9:45, and the first round will be played at 10 A. M. Later rounds will be played as they are available.

CAROLINA OPEN SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 26-27

The tournament will be played at the Stern Student Center Banquet Hall, at the College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina. The tournament will be a five-round Swiss event, and the players will play in three sections, Open, Reserve (1800 and under), and Booster (1400 and under). Prize money will be distributed as entries permit, with at least \$200 guaranteed in the Open section. USCF and SCCA membership required (other states are acceptable). There will be three rounds played Saturday, and the other two on Sunday.

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 27

The tournament will be played at the YMCA, Clemson University, Clemson, S. C. The entry fees are \$7.20 if received by March 20. \$2.20 will be refunded to those 1800-1999, \$4.20 to 2000-2199, \$6.20 to those over 2199, if all rounds are completed. SCCA membership required (other states o.k.) Prize money (based on 50 entries) will be awarded to each section winner, and a trophy will be awarded to the first place winner. The event will be a four-round Swiss tournament with thirty moves in sixty minutes. Registration will be from 8:30 to 9:15 A. M., rounds at 9:30, 12:30, 3:30, and 6:30.

SEND ENTRY FEES TO: JOHN CALDWELL
107 Hillcrest Avenue
Clemson, S. C. 29631

FOURTH ALEX EDELSBURG MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 24-25

The tournament will be played at the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Building, Alpine Road, at I-20, Columbia, S. C. 29206.

Two sections. Open: open to all; Reserve is open to all under 1600 or unrated. The tournament will be a five-round Swiss; 50 moves in two hours. Registration will be from 8-9 A. M. Rounds on 4/24 at 10 A. M., 3 P. M., and 7:30 P. M.; Rounds on 4/25 at 10 A. M. and 3 P. M. Entry fees for the Open are fifteen dollars, members of the Palmetto Chess Club are eligible for discounted rates. The entry fee for the Reserve is ten dollars, and members of the Palmetto CC are eligible for reduced rates. All entry fees discounted two dollars if received by April 15. SCCA membership required; other states are honored. The prize money is based upon entire 100% above expenses returned and will be distributed as follows: Open 40%, 15%, 5%; Reserve 25%, 15%, 5%. Trophies will be given to the top two in each section.

SEND ENTRIES TO: LE ROY LEWIS
3218 Montgomery Avenue
Columbia, S. C. 29205.

Make checks payable to Palmetto Chess Club.

- LeRoy Lewis -

CHARLES H. WALTER TO BECOME NEW SCCA NEWS EDITOR

Due to the resignation of Jim Addison as editor of SCCA NEWS, (he moved back to Virginia), we began our search once again for another editor. Lucky for us, we did not have to look very long. Charles H. Walter of Columbia offered to accept the responsibility without hesitation. This issue is being thrown together by Chuck Braun, his son, and myself. Chuck Walter will assume the editorship, per my appointment, as of March 15, and therefore will put out the June issue. Anyone who wishes to submit tournament announcements, tournament results, club notes, or other material for the newsletter should address them to Charles Walter, 4720 Brentwood, Columbia, S. C. 29206. Continue, however, to send chess games to the Games Editor, Chuck Braun.

We look forward to a long association with Chuck Walter as our newsletter editor. He is an avid player and we believe he will be just as enthusiastic about our publication. He has many inventive and creative ideas, and I think SCCA members will see a new and improved look in future issues with additional features and illustrations. GOOD LUCK, CHUCK, AND WELCOME ABOARD!

- Bill Dodgen -

SUPPORT NATIONAL CHESS DAY IN 1976

OCTOBER 9

SCCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am happy to say that we are getting some results on the membership incentive program which we announced in our last issue. It should be moving along better though, so I feel I should briefly restate the rules in case some of you missed it or did not completely understand how it works. Basically, this is the plan: Any SCCA member in good standing, except those on the Membership and Growth Committee, tournament organizers, and TD's at a tournament they are involved with, can have a year's extension of their SCCA membership FREE for each new SCCA member they sponsor, or for any former member that has been out of the Association for at least two years. Bring in three members and receive a three-year extension; five new members, a five-year extension, and so on. This offer will apply only to the first hundred new members we are notified about. We have plenty left, so don't wait, get working now, and you won't have to pay any dues for a while. Save yourself some money and help SCCA grow at the same time! REMEMBER, you have to send your notification of sponsorship and the new member's name, address, and dues, to our State Secretary (Chuck Braun) to get credit, or have a member of the Membership and Growth Committee do it for you.

I am also pleased to see that some of our chess clubs are working hard to try and win that possible one-hundred dollar cash award for the Club of the Year. Noteworthy of mention are: the Charleston Chess Club, which has signed up fifteen new SCCA members since the first of the year, and the Clemson Chess Club with ten. The Camden Chess Club is also on the ball. All of these clubs are scheduling more tournaments, as are the Palmetto Chess Club in Columbia, the Lancaster Chess Club, Greenville Chess Club, and the North Augusta Chess Club. WAY TO GO, TEAM!! Our state can be a leader in the national chess upswing, not just a tag-along. I know we can do it. I have a lot of faith in our chessplayers and organizers. The key word is PARTICIPATION. I want to see even more tournaments planned and published in Chess Life and Review. I want more chessplayers playing in these events. Just because we have a good start does not mean that we can let up. Darn right, I'm proud of the inroads South Carolina chess has made. The credit is yours, not mine. But I will be even prouder of you if we can keep moving ahead.

'Til next issue, put a little fun in your life: PLAY CHESS!

- Bill Dodgen -
SCCA President

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Pat Hart, chairman of this new committee formed to organize and promote junior chess in South Carolina, will report in each newsletter on how things are progressing.

S.C.'s SECOND AND THIRD ALTERNATES TO USCF REPLACED

Due to Jim Addison's move from South Carolina, I have notified USCF that his position of second alternate be cancelled and that his name be replaced by that of Marion Mahaffey of Lancaster. I also advised the Federation that our third alternate, Charles Walter, has failed to renew his USCF membership for several months now, and therefore is not eligible to serve. Accordingly, I sent them the name of LeRoy Lewis of Columbia to function in that capacity.

- Bill Dodgen -

RESULTS OF 1st & 2nd TIGER TOURNAMENTS

The first tiger tournament was held on January 24 with 33 players in four sections.

Winners were as follows: Section 1 - Jeff Smeltzer, $2\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

Section 2 - Peter Hudson, $2\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

Section 3 - Michael Ameen, 3-0

Section 4 - Brian Gibson, 3-0

The second tiger tournament on February 21 had 22 players. Winners were:

Section 1 - (Tie) Jeff Smeltzer and Peter Hudson $2\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

Section 2 - Claude Corbett, 3-0

Section 3 - Walter Green, $2\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

The Clemson Club reminds you of their upcoming 1st Clemson University Open Championship, on March 27.

- Stan Vaughan -

SUPPORT NATIONAL CHESS DAY, October 9, 1976. Plan some event for this date. See page 80 of the February issue of "Chess Life & Review" for additional details.

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NATIONAL CHESS LEAGUE

The National Chess League began play January 29, with 8 of its 9 teams competing in 6-board telephone matches. The League, which will establish a national cities champion for the first time, is also the first telephone chess league in the world.

In opening night play, everything ran smoothly in 3 of the 4 matches as Boston edged Cleveland $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$, Chicago beat Houston $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, and San Francisco upset Los Angeles $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. The New York-Miami match, though, was bogged down with disputes and transmission errors and was abandoned by Miami with New York leading $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$; the captains hope to resolve the match through adjudication or settlement.

Boston came from behind, winning its last 3 games to beat Cleveland. On top board, International Master Norman Weinstein of Boston drew with Senior Master Milan Vukceovich of Cleveland. David Strauss, Leslie Leow, and Dan Harrington won for Boston; Cleveland winners were Dumitru Ghizdavu and Robert Burns.

Chicago scored an expected triumph over Houston, winning 3 games and drawing 3, Ed Formanek, David Presser, and Andrew Karklins were Chicago winners.

Playing without several top stars, San Francisco surprised a Los Angeles team that was higher rated on every board. A key upset was the win by Master C. Bill Jones over International Master Anthony Saidy. Peter Cleghorn also won for San Francisco; the only L.A. win was scored by Allan Pollard.

In the New York-Miami match, a heated dispute arose over the first board game, in which Grandmaster Robert Byrne of New York faced International Master Arnold Denker of Miami. Byrne's flag fell on the 38th move, but the Director ruled "no forfeit" due to a defective clock on which the flag had fallen prematurely. Telephone contact was broken to allow Miami to appeal to USCF Technical Director Martin Morrison, after which New York phoned Miami repeatedly to encounter first a busy signal and then a janitor saying the Miami team had left. In the match, 16-year old Ken Regan had won for New York; Sal Matera and Julio Kaplan have easily won positions so New York should win the match, but the final score is in doubt.

MARCH 24 SCHEDULE

Los Angeles (6:30) vs. Boston (9:30)
Miami (8:00) vs. Washington (8:00)
New York (8:00) vs. Cleveland (8:00)
and
San Francisco (7:00) vs. Houston (9:00)

SURVEY OF THE 1975 USCF ANNUAL RATING LIST (2.4% Sample)

<u>Rating Interval</u>	<u>Established Players, % of Group</u>	<u>Provisionally Rated, % of Group</u>	<u>All Players, %</u>
Over 2200	0.6	0	0.4
2000 - 2199	2.5	0	1.6
1800 - 1999	10.3	0.3	6.5
1600 - 1799	17.1	5.1	12.6
1400 - 1599	33.9	14.6	26.7
1200 - 1399	29.7	34.5	31.6
1000 - 1199	5.6	25.0	13.0
800 - 999	0.4	15.2	6.0
600 - 799	0	3.5	1.4
Below 600	0	1.9	0.5
Percent of Total	62.0	38.0	100
Average Rating	1510	1210	1396
Standard Deviation	235	258	294

USCF TOURNAMENT STATISTICS

Prepared by Martin Morrison, Technical Director of USCF

	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>
Local Tournaments	2932	4353	4272
Intermediate Tournaments	191	175	116
National Tournaments	8	12	8
Total	3131	4540/+45%	4396/-3%
Number of Players	119922	131881/+10%	122028/-7%
Average Number Players Per Tournament	38	26/-24%	28/-8%
Average Participation Per Player	3.24	3.10/4%	3.44/+11%

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