

SOUTH CAROLINA CHESS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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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

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The Carolinas Open will be in Charleston on the weekend of June 26-27. I urge every member of SCCA to make every effort to attend. Next to our state championship tournament, the Carolinas Open is the most important event scheduled by our state association. And the opportunity to play the Carolinas Open in South Carolina occurs only every other year. The Charleston Chess Club is going all out to make this the best tournament ever. I hope to see you in Charleston.

Please remember that when you claim a free SCCA one-year membership under the incentive program, you must send notification to SCCA Secretary Chuck Braun. Include the new member's name and address. Remember that he must be a new member. Many of the claims already made were for old members renewing their memberships.

Bill Dodgen

SOUTH CAROLINA CHESS ASSOCIATION BY-LAW CHANGES CALL FOR YOUR VOTE

The U.S.C.F. Delegate, the Voting Member, and three alternates must be elected at large by the SCCA membership. Balloting for those five offices will take place in early autumn.

The Nominating Committee will make nominations and other nominations can be made by petition in writing with signatures of at least 10 SCCA members, or from the floor at an SCCA annual meeting with at least 10 members seconding the nomination. Any nomination petitions this year should reach Chuck Braun by August 1st.

Now in those offices, to serve through the annual USCF meeting (at the U.S. Open in Fairfax, Va., in November this year) are:

U.S.C.F Delegate from S. C. - Jeff Smeltzer, Greenville
Voting Member - Harold Blanton, Charleston
1st Alternate - Spencer Mathews, Spartanburg
2nd Alternate - Marion Mahaffey, Lancaster
3rd Alternate - Leroy Lewis, Columbia

The Nominating Committee nominates these same office holders for re-election. They and any other nominees would be expected to serve, if elected, through the 1977 U. S. Open and U.S.C.F. meeting.

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.

COLLEGE CHESS

Stan Vaughan of Clemson is in charge of SCCA promotion of college team chess matches. College players wishing to set up matches between schools should contact Stan. His address: Box 2548 C-U Station, Clemson 29632.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

This SCCA committee is seeking to identify all high school chess clubs in the state, reports its chairman Pat Hart. The purpose is to arrange more matches between schools.

Hart asks high school players to contact the Junior Activities Committeeman nearest to them. Any of the five committeemen will assist high school clubs getting organized. According to Hart, "It is up to each school to decide on obeying the South Carolina High School League and its rules, such as 'no playing on Sunday'."

On May 1st the Summerville High School Chess Club hosted a tournament for high school players in two divisions. The tournament was unrated and sponsored and directed by Gerald Hawkins of Summerville. Players from five high schools participated. They were the Goose Creek, Garrett, Bonds Wilson, Rock Hill and Summerville schools.

In the Registered Division at Summerville the Goose Creek Team took top honors and the team trophy for first place. The home town Summerville team won second honors and trophy. Individual trophies for first and second place final scores in the Registered Division went to Romen Conde and Donny Cragg, respectively. Both played for the winning Goose Creek team.

In the Unregistered Division the top player and trophy winner at tourney's end was Lindsey Blanks of Garrett.

This school tourney at Summerville drew 29 players in all, 15 in the Registered Division and 14 in the Unregistered Division. As Pat Hart points out, there were only 10 players in the state junior championship in April. The Summerville Invitational shows how much can be done to organize and promote junior chess at local levels.

ODOM WINS JUNIOR TITLE AT “CHECKMATE EAST”

The South Carolina Junior Chess Championship was won by Tom Odom of Sumter who finished $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ in the four-round title event held April 10. The tournament was held at Checkmate East, a bright and congenial men's clothing store featuring a chess motif. The store owners, Tom Ross and B. C. Inabinet, provided trophies and refreshments during play at the store, on the Sumter Highway opposite the VA hospital east of Columbia.

Odom beat last year's Junior title holder, David Hutchins, in the first round. Then he beat two other higher rated players, and drew with a player of equal rating in the last round.

Only 10 players completed in this state junior title event this year and, as Pat Hart of the Junior Activities Committee points out, we need better promotion of our junior tournaments. Our thanks and congratulations for a fine job are extended to the management and staff of Checkmate East. Lasting recognition of the contributions put forth by business patrons of chess throughout our state.

JUNIOR RANKINGS

Here's the starting rank, according to USCF ratings, and the finishing ranking of the 10 players in the South Carolina Junior Championships:

	Starting Rank	Finish
Thomas Odom	6	1
Daniel Sox	5	2
David Hutchins	1	3
Jack Berry	7	4-5
Marvin Chappell, Jr.	8	4-5
Harry Abrams	3	6-9
Michael Ameen	4	6-9
Troy Amos	10	6-9
Tom Thorpe	9	6-9
Ken Cockrell	2	withdrew

21 PLAY IN 3-ROUND “COME SEE ME”

A score of 2½ won the Group “A” trophy for D. R. Hull in a field of eight players at the Rock Hill Chess Club’s “Come See Me” Tournament on April 24th. Thirteen more players competed for the Group “B” awards. Marvin S. Chappell won first place in the group with 2½, and second place honors went to Jimmy King, also with 2½.

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LATE ITEMS: Palmetto Chess Club has elected Dr. Stephen Shaw of USC’ College of Business as the new club president. The club will submit a bid for the state championships in November. Other bids are still desired.

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Save \$\$\$\$!! Renew your USCF membership through SCCA at the affiliate discount rates: \$12 adult, \$6 juniors 18 or under. Why pay more?

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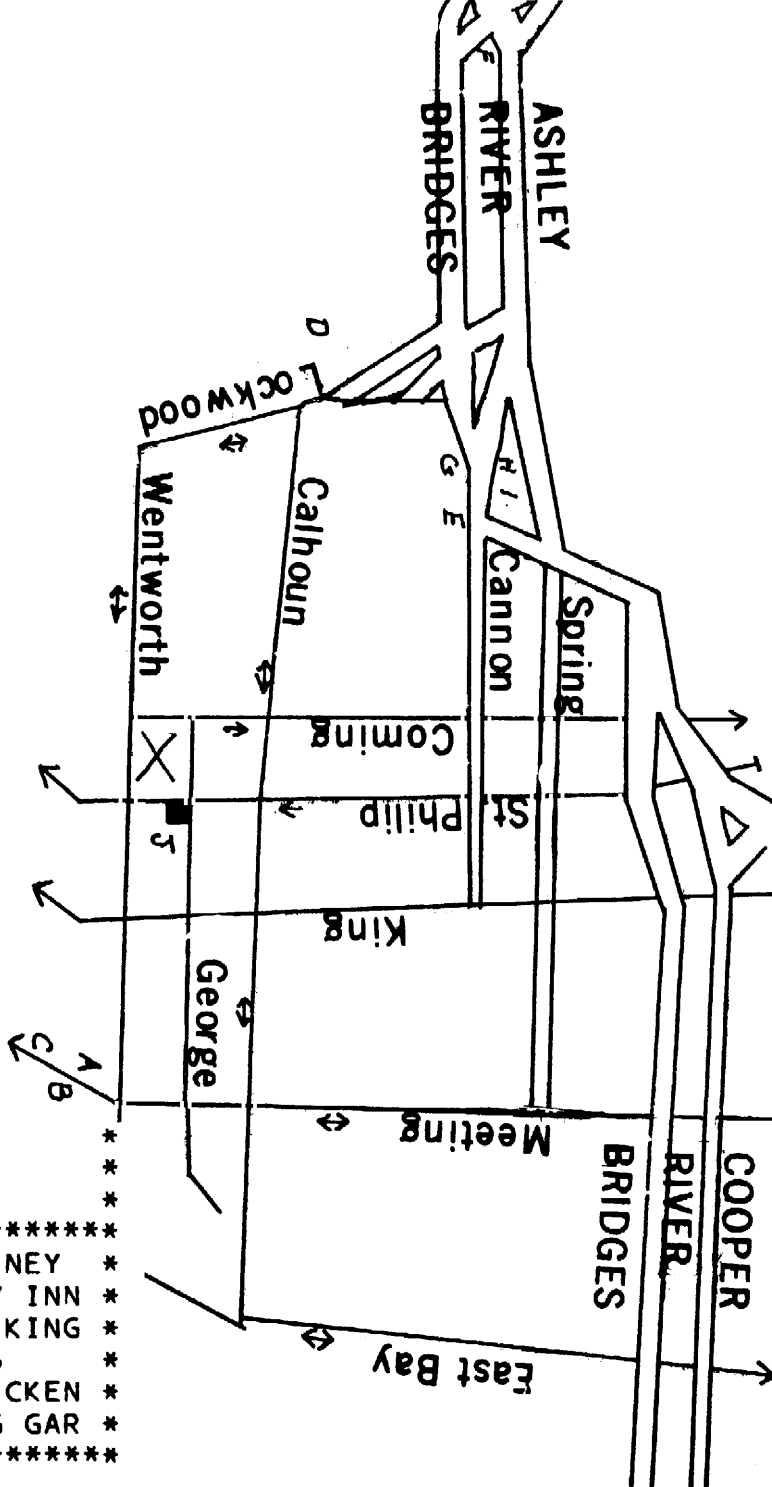
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Klaus Pohl of Greenville in winning effort in April's tournament sponsored by Palmetto Chess Club in Columbia.



Charleston Champion Charles Lawton in Edelsberg Memorial after winning Navy Base and local club titles.

NEWS FROM LOCAL CLUBS

Augusta - North Augusta Chess Association: The 4th annual club championship was concluded in April with Dr. M. Lee Hyder of Aiken winning the title, 5-0. In 2nd place was Rex Blalock of Augusta with 4½-4½. Four players finished in a tie at 3½-3½. In tie-break order they were: Bob Martens, Frank Hutto, Charles Achafer, and David Geeter. Trophies were presented at an awards dinner at the S&S Cafeteria in North Augusta.

Other awards went to Ken Yost, Sportsmanship Award; Bill Snyder, Most Improved Player; D. C. Kirkley and Jan Dabrowski, Appreciation Awards for Support and Participation.

Sixteen players participated in four sections in the club's May Round Robin Rating Tournament. Winners were: Section A, Bill Clifford (2-1); Section B, Jim Logan (2½-½); section C, George Kinser (3-0); and Section D, Bo Hagler (3-0).

Charleston Chess Club: Now meeting each Wednesday in the community rooms of the Post-Courier Building at 6296 Rivers Avenue in the North Charleston area, this club extends a standing invitation to visiting players and spectators. The club championship, contested by 18 players from April 14 thru May 5, was won by Charles Lawton, 4-0. Ernie Gabuyo and Patrick Hart tied at 3-1, with second place awarded to Gabuyo on tie-break and last year's champion, Hart, finishing third. The event was directed by new USCF Tournament Director J. Frederick Bates.

Special thanks go to Larry Crawford of the Charleston Chess Club whose efforts on behalf of the club got permission from the College of Charleston for use of the playing site for the Carolinas Open, June 26-27.

This club has scheduled its annual election of officers on July 14, with eligibility limited to the dues-paid membership.

The Labor Day Weekend will see still another big event put on by the active Charlestonians. They will hold a 5-round Swiss System Tournament. See CHESS LIFE AND REVIEW for details.

CLUB OFFICERS, TOURNEY DIRECTORS - NOTE!

Your tournaments, in order to be rated, have to be limited to U.S.C.F. members. All entrants should also be SCCA members. When you collect the \$4 SCCA dues from renewals and new members, be sure to send the names, addresses, dates, and money, to Chuck Braun.....within 7 days.

EXPERT KLAUS POHL IS CLEMSON OPEN CHAMP

Klaus Pohl, expert of Greenville, won the First Clemson University Open, March 27th, with a score of 4-0 including an upset win over USCF Master Ruben Shocron of Georgia. Other winners in this 34-entrant tournament were Allen Davidson who captured the Class B prize with 3-1, Billy Clifford and Peter Hudson who tied for the Class C prize with 3-1, Bill Shuman who won Class D with 2½-1½, and Ralph Hughes who won Class E with 2-2. Those winners shared \$250 in prizes, and a special \$5 prize went to Kirk VanDoren (rated 1575) for his first round Upset Victory over Bill McClain (rated 1935).

This tournament exceeded by one the former record for entries at Clemson. Twenty of the players were South Carolinians. The Clemson Chess Club thanks all who participated and helped make the tournament a success.

POHL WINS EDELSBERG MEMORIAL, TOO

Klaus Pohl, fresh from his Clemson Open victory, scored 4½-½ to win the Fourth Annual Alex Edelsberg Memorial Tournament in April. His fourth round draw with Herbert Haberland of West Columbia and USC permitted Haberland to win the second prize in the Open Section.

Rex Blalock of Augusta scored a perfect 5-0 to win the Reserve Section prize ahead of Danny Sox whose 4-1 won the second place money.

The tournament was sponsored by the Palmetto Chess Club of Columbia and played at the Home Office of Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Nine players including experts Pohl and Charles Lawton competed in the top section. Thirteen played in the Reserve Division.

HALLMAN TOURNAMENT SET IN GREENVILLE

Back in the 1930's Mr. E. B. Hallman was the unofficial chess champion of South Carolina. He promoted the game and organized tournaments throughout the state. Last September, at age 90, he played his first USCF rated event, the Dixie Open in Greenville. And he scored 3-2 in that hotly contested \$1,500 tournament.

Mr. Hallman recently died, and the Greenville Chess Club has organized the first E. B. Hallman Memorial Tournament. Here's the tournament announcement: Five-round Swiss, July 24-25, at the Bobby Pearce Community Center on Townes Street in Greenville. EF \$10 by 7/17, \$12 at site. Registration 8-9 on 7/24. Rounds at 10, 2:30 and 7 on Saturday, 9 and 1:30 Sunday. Time limits: 40/90. USCF and SCCA or other state association memberships required, and available at site. Prizes: \$300 guaranteed. 1st-\$100, 2nd-\$50, Top Class B&C-\$75, Top Class D, E&Unrated-\$75; more as entries permit. Tournament Directors will be Jeff Smeltzer, co-champion of South Carolina. Limited Smoking and refreshments provided. Send your entries to Jeff Smeltzer, 30 Waters Avenue, Greenville, S.C. 29605. The tournament site is easily reached by going north on Main Street out of the city.

COMPETITION ENHANCED BY MORE PATRONS AND PLAYERS

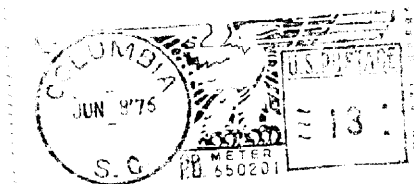
Chess activity is on an upswing in South Carolina, as evidenced by more players in more tournaments at sites provided without charge by more patrons. Charleston, Clemson, Greenville, Columbia, Rock Hill, Lancaster, and North Augusta have been scenes of well attended tournaments this spring. Patrons deserving thanks for providing playing sites are Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Checkmate East, the College of Charleston, University of South Carolina Lancaster, Francis Marion College, Clemson University, and several municipal recreation departments and county governments.

Over-the-board strength is much improved with very strong players entering tournaments regularly. They include Klaus Pohl (rated 2105), Ernie Gabuyo (2090) of Charleston; and the highest rated active competitor in South Carolina, Charles Lawton (2140) of Charleston. Lawton serves aboard the USS Hunley at Charleston Navy Base and leads the U.S. Navy Chess Team. He wants to play weekends with local clubs in South Carolina and can be reached through the Charleston Chess Club.

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