

SOUTH CAROLINA CHESS ASSOCIATION

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1976 SOUTH CAROLINA CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

November 26, 27, & 28, 1976

Blue Cross and Blue Shield Building, Interstate 20 at Alpine Road Exit, Columbia, South Carolina.

Three Sections:

Championship

CHAMPIONSHIP. Open only to S.C. Residents 5 rd SS. 40/120 min. EF \$15.00 at site \$12.00 if received by 11/15. PCC mem. \$10.00. Reg. 6-7:30 pm 11/26 1st rd. 8:00 pm 11/26 2nd & 3rd rds 10 am & 2 pm 11/27. 4th & 5th rds 10 am & 2 pm 11/28. S.C.C.A. bus. sess. 1 pm 11/28 \$\$ (based on 30 entries) 150-100-50

BOOSTER. Open to all under 1800 EF \$10.00 at site, \$8.00 if rec. by 11/15 \$\$ (based on 20 entries) 70-30-10

RESERVE. Open to all under 1600 EF \$8.00 at site \$6.00 if rec. by 11/15 \$\$ (based on 20 entries) 40-20-10

Booster & Reserve. Reg 7:30 am to 8:30 am 11/27 Rds. 9:30 am - 2:00 pm - 6:30 pm 11/27 10 am & 2 pm 11/28

Trophies to 1st 3 in all sections. TD Don Elton, Ass't LeRoy Lewis. ENT: LeRoy Lewis, 3218 Montgomery Ave., Columbia, S.C. 29205 (ph 252-2239)

Native sons were sparse

Stan Sherman (1859) of Atlanta, Georgia, was winner of Section One of the October 2nd SCCA Appreciation Day Tournament in Clemson. He took first place with a 3-0 score. In Section II, Nicholas Cox (1384), also of Atlanta, Georgia, suffered only a draw with Ralph Hughes (1268) of Greenville, in winning with a score of $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Section III was won by Van Ford (1086) of Elberton, Georgia, who scored 3-0. A total of 20 players participated, of whom ten were from Georgia! Eight of the remaining ten were from Clemson, leaving only two S.C. players who traveled to show their appreciation to the SCCA.



Greenville Upset

This spring a 10 board match was played at Clemson between the Clemson Chess Club and the Greenville Chess Club. It resulted in a surprising upset by the infant Clemson team. It was the first of a continuing series of semi-annual matches to be played between the Clemson team and their good friends in Greenville.

RESULTS

Clemson			Greenville
Williams	0	1	Pohl
Van Doren	1	0	Smeltzer
Hudson	1	0	Puttman
Parker	0	1	Johnson
Deaton	1	0	Fish
Caldwell	1	0	Barr
Vaughan	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Corbett
Schumen	1	0	Olmstead
Palmer	1	0	Taylor
Algon	0	1	Edge

For Juniors!

Pat Hart, chairman of the Junior Activities Committee, again urges already-organized high school chess clubs to contact him so that more interschool matches can be arranged. Please send the name of your school, president, sponsor, phone number and address. Also, high school students interested in getting a school club and/or team started should contact him so he can refer you to a nearby JAC committeeman who will help you organize one. Pat's address is PO Box 364, Sullivan's Island, S.C. 29482.

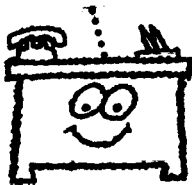
Charleston Invitationals Offered

A pair of three-man invitational tournaments were played in a two day span at the Charleston CC. The first one was the Charleston's Strongest, appropriately fought out by Charleston's three highest-rated players, Charles Lawton (2140), Steve Greanias (1930), and Bill McClain (1898) on June 12. The round robin affair was won by Charles Lawton, (2-0), followed by Steve Greanias (1-1) and Bill McClain (0-2). The following day the Junes Sunday Triangle was staged between Charles Lawton, Steve Greanias, and Larry Crawford (1710). Lawton and Greanias tied for first at $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, with Larry Crawford finishing third. It was originally intended to be a 4-man double elimination RR event, but it fell through at the last moment when Ernesto Gabuyo (2090) had to withdraw. Both events were USCF rated and directed by Joan Schlich. If anyone is interested in sections like these, contact Joan Schlich, 1607 Bexley Street, North Charleston, S.C. 29406.

The Charleston Navy Qualifying Round Robin tournament was played at the Chess House July 25-29 under Joan Schlich's directorship. An upset of major proportions was the result when Ding (that (that's right, Ding!) Sabio beat two of Charleston's highest-rated players, Charles Lawton and Steve Greanias, to take first place. The top two finishers, Sabio and Lawton, earned qualifications toward the next step in becoming a member of the Navy team, a tournament in Norfolk. The Navy team will play in the Armed Forces Championship later this year. Steve Greanias will join them as a result of automatic qualification due to his high rating.

POI Ding Sabio	1614	x	1	1	0	1	3-1
Charles Lawton	2153	0	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
Steve Greanias	1930	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	1	1	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
Ernest Schlich	1447	1	0	0	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
Alfred J. Fink, Jr.	----	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



--First let me thank those of you who attended the Carolinas Open in Charleston. The playing site was outstanding, the city was beautiful, and the organizers and members of the host club were energetic and enthusiastic. My congratulations to Charles Lawton on his win in the Championship section.

--Announcement of the 1976 S.C. Chess Championship can be found in this issue. The host club will be the Palmetto Chess Club in Columbia. Note that it will be a prize money tournament with ample trophies. Let us try and set a new record for participants in the state tournament! Plan now to attend.

--Ample free one year extensions of your SCCA membership are still available under the membership incentive program. Sign up a NEW SCCA member and send notification of your sponsorship to Chuck Braun. This deal is too good to pass up!

--PLEASE —please let the editor of the SCCA Newsletter know of planned tournaments, and do not forget to send him the results. Send games of interest to Chuck Braun, with or without notes.

--No additional nominations were received to supplement those offered by the SCCA Nominating Committee for the positions of USCF Delegate, voting member, and alternates. Therefore, I have certified three names to the USCF for these positions.

--Although the complete financial report of the SCCA will be given at our business meeting in November, preliminary indications are that we are in much better shape than last year. Two of the major reasons for this are the successful efforts of our newsletter editor, Chuck Walter, to decrease cost of publication without diminished quality, and approximately a fifty member increase over the same time last year.

--Marion Mahaffey of Lancaster talked to me in Charleston about the possibilities of their holding a memorial tournament in honor of Ted White. Ted was an upcoming young player from Camden (he finished first in the booster section of the 1975 state tournament) who met with an untimely death in a bicycle accident earlier this year. Marion is seeking assistance from anyone willing to help him with this worthwhile endeavor.

--It is not too early for bids to host the 1977 Junior Championship (suggested date, February or March). If your club is interested, send a bid in.

--Many chess clubs in S.C. have indicated an interest in playing rated matches against other clubs. Not only is this a good idea, it is also fun.

Til next issue--keep on playing.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

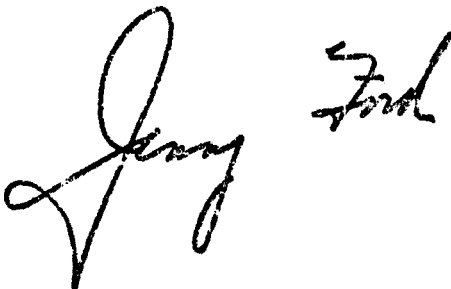
August 13, 1976

Dear Mr. Dodgen:

It was indeed kind of you to arrange for me to receive the United States Chess Federation neckties and tie tac. I am delighted with these special remembrances, and your thoughtful letter was deeply appreciated.

With gratitude, and with my warm regards to you and your colleagues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Ford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Jimmy" is written with a large, looped 'J' and a long, sweeping underline. The last name "Ford" is written in a more compact, cursive style.

Mr. William H. Dodgen
2008 Robin Road
North Augusta, South Carolina 29841

The Charleston Chess Club has elected new officers for the coming year: President-Lt. Col. Donald E. Brazelton; Vice-President-Joan Schlich; Treasurer-James Lawrence; Secretary-Doctor Ray Hartman.

Carolinas Open's Winners

June 26-27 marked the playing of the Carolinas Open in Charleston. Attended by 63 players, it was sponsored by the Charleston CC and directed by J. Frederick Bates. Assisting him were Barbara Bates, Donald Brazelton, and Joan Schlich. We tip our hats off to the CCC for a well publicized, well run and exciting tournament!

Charles Lawton and Fred Allsbrook (Wisconsin) dominated the Open section and tied for first, with top spot going to Lawton on tie-break. Bill McClain took third place money with a 3-2 score behind the 1st place tie at 4-1. The top two finishers split \$120 two ways and third place was worth \$30.

John Earle Morrison captured first place in the Reserve section with a $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ score, followed by Mark Ishee and R. C. Eastwood with 4-1. \$120 went to the Georgian Morrison, and Ishee and Eastwood both took \$50 home.

Stan Orlowski clearly dominated the Booster section with a very convincing 5-0 score, earning the \$90 1st prize. Second and \$45 went to Algie Clyburn with a $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ result, leaving third place to Jeffrey Kearns at 4-1 and \$22.50.

North Augusta Quads Results

On July 24 the Fifth Annual North Augusta Mid-Summer Chess Festival Quad was conducted at the North Augusta Recreation Center.

Billy Clifford (1624) of Belvedere and Rex Blalock (1725) of Thompson, Georgia, tied for first place in the top section with scores of $2\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$. Billy has been a frequent tournament player in S.C. and Georgia and is known by many players in both states. He recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy and is currently undergoing basic training in Florida. He will be missed by not only the N.A. club members but also his many chess friends.

Another tie resulted in section B with John Hague of Augusta and Bill McCain of Martinex posting scores of $2\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$.

Oscar Merz of Augusta swept through Section C with a perfect 4-0 and John Orquart took the trophy in the unrated section with a score of 2-1.

BIDS SOUGHT FOR 56TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN OPEN

Bids are now being solicited for the 56th Annual Southern Open to be held next July 4th weekend. The Southern Chess Association is responsible for soliciting bids each year. Current SCA President Bill Bryan writes, "This is the longest running annual tournament in the U.S. and I want to see it returned to \$2000-\$3000 prize fund with 200+ players. The Southern has been held in Alabama our out of the last six times and I want to see it moved around more." Any club that would like to submit a bid should write to Mr. Bill Bryan; 342 3rd Street, Boylston; Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

Warm-up for S.C. Championship

Nov. 20-21 2nd ANNUAL CHARLOTTE OPEN Charlotte, NC
5-SS, 40/2, Red Cross Bldg, 2425 Park Rd, Charlotte, NC. Open to all USCF and NCCA members (\$3) other states honored. EF:\$15 if received by Nov. 16, \$18 at site. \$\$150-75-35 Top B,C,D,E, \$35 each. Trophies to 1st, A/B, C/D, E/Unr (Guaranteed). (Cash based on 25 boards) Reg ends 9:30 am RDS:10-3-8, 10-3. ENT to Leland Fuerstman, 1827 Lookout Ln. #4, Charlotte, NC 28205 (704-568-2019) (LS)

Clemson's good place to play

In the summer edition of the SCCA Newsletter, Seneca native Wayne Parker's first place finish in the unrated section of the Clemson Open was neglected. Our apologies, Wayne!

John Caldwell of Clemson scored an upset by outscoring a host of higher rated opponents and winning the top section of the Second Welcoming Open, held in Clemson. Wayne Parker of Seneca won the 2nd section and Thomas Allen, also of Seneca, finished at the top of the 3rd section. Twenty players showed up for the tournament. Fourteen were local players and two were from out-of-state, leaving only sparse attendance from other S.C. areas. The Clemson CC would like to see more S.C. woodpushers at their future tournaments, especially from Spartanburg and Columbia.

Better, Faster, next time

Our tardiness in getting out this issue of South Carolina Chess Association News, and the paucity of its content that results from missing a publication date that was scheduled prior to National Chess Day, prompts irresistibly an apology to all SCCA members.

Chris Falter of Columbia has volunteered to serve as assistant editor of the news letter, and the best of this issue is his work.

Officers of local clubs are asked to send to SCCA News the time and place of their club's regular meetings, if you welcome visiting skittles players. We plan to publish your meeting schedules in the Winter issue and regularly thereafter. Also to be published in the Winter issue will be the games that have most bearing on the results of the State Championship.

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