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Championships Won By Alsbrook, Wall, and Dickson

Fred Alsbrook (2008), a student at University of South Carolina became the reigning state champion by winning the closed Championship Section, 4-1, in the South Carolina Chess Association's annual title tournament held during the Thanksgiving Weekend.

William Wall of North Carolina won the Booster title in that open section, on tie-break over John Southwick and Rudolfo Alimusa.

Joe Dickson of Fort Gordon, Georgia, won the Reserve Title in that open section, on tie-break over Billy Watt and Chris Falter.

In the closed Championship Section the state's highest rated resident, Charles Lawton of the U.S. Navy Base in Charleston, placed second with 3½ - 1½. K.K. Chang of Columbia finished third, 3-2.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield provided the tournament facilities and the sponsoring Palmetto Chess Club provided the Directors.

Minutes Of The 1976 Annual Business Meeting of The South Carolina Chess Association

The meeting was held at the site of the annual championship tournament, on November 28, 1976, to order at 1:30 p.m. by the Association's president, William Dodgen.

The report of Treasurer Harold Kelley was presented and approved by the membership present.

Mr. Dodgen announced that the 1976 Club of the Year Award had been won jointly by both the Clemson and Charleston Chess Clubs, in a dead heat. The \$100 award was divided and each received \$50.

David Hutchins presented a progress report on organization of high school team matches and tournaments.

The minutes of the preceding meeting, held in 1975 at Fort Jackson, was presented and approved.

Charles Walter presented the Nominating Committee Report, placing in nomination for election as officers in 1977:

President - William Dodgen
Vice President - Marion Mahaffey
Secretary - Charles Braun
Treasurer - Harold Kelley

Nominations properly presented from the floor according to the by-laws with 10 seconds each placed in nomination:

President - John Bates
Vice President - John Caldwell

Marion Mahaffey offered to sponsor the South Carolina Match Championship, provided that at least four clubs sponsor competition with at least four participants each to select regional candidates for qualification to the Match Championship.

Charles Walter was appointed Coordinator of tournament schedules and charged to attempt to prevent

tournament conflicts. All tournaments to be publicized in U. S. Chess Life and Review should be cleared through the Coordinator. Telephone evenings and weekends, in Columbia, 782-4446.

Bids were solicited for the 1977 South Carolina Junior Championship. Clubs willing to sponsor the Junior Title tournament should contact the association president.

Also discussed at the meeting was the recurring and always valid objection of players who attend church regularly and have to forfeit Sunday morning games during weekend tournaments. Tournament Directors were asked to attempt to assist these players by authorizing an alternate starting time with an amenable opponent.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Rock Hill Makes Bid For Junior Championship

On behalf of the Rock Hill Chess Club, Marvin S. Chappell, Jr., has submitted a bid to conduct the South Carolina Junior Chess Championship Tournament, as a four-round Swiss on May 28 at York TEC College on the Route 21 Bypass in Rock Hill. The bid is for a \$4 entry fee, guaranteed trophies to first and second place winners and to top finishers in Class A/B, C/D, E/Unr, plus medals to the biggest upset winner and best under age 14.

Registration would be 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. with rounds at 8:30, 12, 3:30 and 7. Time limit would be 40 moves in 80 minutes.

Tournament Announcements

February 5 and 6 – 5th Snowstorm Special - at Holiday Inn on I - 26 and Airport Road in North Charleston. A five round Swiss at 40 moves in 90 minutes. Entry fee \$10 with prizes and trophies to the tournament winner and class leaders, according to entries. Registration from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. on Feb. 5, and rounds at 9:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

February 19 and 20 – The Ted White Memorial - In Lancaster - At Starr Hall on the campus of USC at Lancaster, five round Swiss in four sections:

Open - Entry fee \$17 if rec'd by 2/12, prizes \$100 to 1st and \$50 to second.

Booster - Limited to under 1800 rating - Entry fee \$15 if rec'd by 2/12, prizes \$100 to 1st and \$50 to second.

Reserve - limited to under 1600 rating - Entry fee \$12 if rec'd by 2/12, prizes \$75 to 1st and \$35 to second.

Novice - Limited to under 1400 rating - Entry fee \$10 if rec'd by 2/12, prizes \$75 to 1st and \$35 to second.

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February 19 – The 1st Southern Open Benefit - at Clemson - In the YMCA on Campus, three-round Swiss in eight-player sections; 40 moves in 90 minutes. Entry fee: \$3.25. Winner in each section receives free entry to 56th Southern Open. Registration 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.; Rounds at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. (earlier if agreed with opponent). USCF and SCCA memberships required.

March 12 – The 2nd Southern Open Benefit - at Clemson - In the YMCA on Campus, four round Swiss in eight-player sections; 30 moves in 60 minutes. Entry fee: \$3.50. Winner in each section receives free entry to 56th Southern Open. Registration 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; Rounds at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m., and 7 p.m. (earlier if agreed with opponent). USCF and SCCA memberships required.

March 26 – 2nd Rock Hill Chess Club Tornado - at York TEC College in Rock Hill, four round Swiss, 40 moves in 80 minutes. Entry fee \$5 if rec'd by March 18, \$7 at site. Prizes, according to entries, to 1st and 2nd and to best in Class A/B, C/D, E/Unr, and upset. Registration 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.; Rounds

at 9:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 8 p.m. Send advance entry fees to Marvin Chappell at P.O. Box 3789, C - U Station, Clemson SC 29632.

April 9 — 3rd Rock Hill Chess Club Tornado - same as the second (above) with advance entries due by April 1.

May 21 and 22 — 1st Rock Hill Open - at York TEC College on Route 21 Bypass in Rock Hill. A five round Swiss at 40 moves in two hours with entry fee of \$12 if rec'd by 5/12 or \$15 at the tournament site. Players rated over 200 will get \$2 returned if all games completed. Prizes based on entries to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and to top finishers in Class A/B, C/D, E/Unr, and to top Junior and biggest upset winner. Free one-year memberships to South Carolina Chess Association to the highest rated entrants in Classes B, C, D, and E.

Registration 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.; Rounds on Saturday at 10 a.m., 3:00 p.m., and 8 p.m.; and on Sunday at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

A Really Big Event in March

The \$1,800 Dixie Open II — Prize money guaranteed -- in Greenville, SC. On March 19 and 20, a five round Swiss with time control of 40 moves in 100 minutes. This tournament will be played at the Roadway Inn on I - 85 at Whitehorse Road, Greenville, SC, 29605. Make hotel reservations there at \$15 per night for single occupancy, \$17 for two in a room, \$20 for three or \$22 for four.

Open Section - Entry fee \$16 for adults, \$15 for Juniors with combined USCF memberships and entry fees at \$30 and \$22. Prizes of \$300 - \$200 and \$100 plus \$100 and \$50 to first and second in Class A and \$100 and \$50 to first and second in Class B or below, plus trophies to the winner and to top finishers in Class A or Class B or below, and to the upset winner. Plus \$15 to the upset winner.

Amateur Section - Entry fee \$12 for adults or \$11 for Juniors. This section limited to under 1600 ratings. Combined USCF membership and entry fee at \$26 at \$18. Prizes of \$250 - \$175 - \$100 plus \$100 and \$50 to first and second in Class D, plus \$100 and \$50 to first and second in Class E and Unrated, plus \$20 to top woman player, and \$15 to the upset champion, plus trophies to first place, top Class D, top Class E, and Upset Champion.

A special prize, \$25, to the player traveling the greatest distance to enter.

Registration from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday, March 18 and from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 19. Rounds on March 19 at 9:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday March 20 at 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Smoking allowed. Tournament Director (and advance entries to) F. Donald Johnson, 230 Meridian Avenue, Taylors, S.C. 29687. The Assistant Tournament Directors will be Claude W. Corbett and Jeff Smeltzer.

**USE THIS BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF YOUR
SOUTH CAROLINA CHESS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS.**

Vote for one member for each office.

For President

William Dodgen ☐

John Bates ☐

For Vice President

Marion Mahaffey ☐

John Caldwell ☐

For Secretary

Charles Braun ☐

For Treasurer

Harold Kelley ☐

Mail your ballot - - - not later than February 28th to:

**Charles Braun
7 Winthrop Drive
Aiken, S. C. 29801**



GAMES FROM THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Championship Section

Hartman - Lawton 1. P-Q4, N-KB3 2. P-QB4, P-K3 3. N-QB3, P-QN3 4. P-KB3, P-Q4 5. PxP, PxP 6. B-N5, B-K2 7. P-K3, 0-0 8. B-Q3, P-QB4 9. KN-K2, N-QB3 10. 0-0, B-QN2 11. QR-QB1, Q-Q2 12. K-R1, P-KR3 13. B-KR4, N-KN5 14. B-B2, NxN 15. RxN, B-R5 16. R-B1, KR-K1 17. PxP, RxP 18. PxP (Dr. Hartman's own postgame analysis finds that NXP would have won here) P-Q5 19. N-QN5 (Dr. Hartman, again, finds N-R4 after the game) PxP 20. NxP, NxN 21. NxN, R-Q1 22. B-K4, BxB 23. PxN, QxN 24. Q-R5, B-B3 25. R-QB7, R-KB1 26. R-QN7, QxKP and black wins this thriller.

Chang - Taffinder (Crisscrossing Knights) 1. PQR, NKB3 2. NKB3, P-KN3 3. Qn-Q2, B-N2 4. P-B3, P-Q4 5. P-KN3, 0-0 6. B-N2, P-B3 7. 0-0, KN-Q2 8. P-K4, PxP 9. NxP, P-K4 10. N-Q6, PxP 11. NxP, N-B3 12. NxN, QxN 13. B-Q2, QN-Q2 14. Q-B1, R-K1 15. B-R6, B-R1 16. Q-B2, N-N5 17. B-B4, QN-N3 18. P-KR3, N-K4 19. QR-K1, KN-B5 20. N-B3, Q-Q2 21. R-Q1, N-Q4 22. B-R6, QR-Q1 23. P-N3, KN-N3 24. P-B4, N-N5 25. RxQ, NxQ 26. RxP, R-R1 27. RxBP!!, KxR 28. N-N5, K-K2 29. BxP, KR-Q1 30. BxR, RxB 31. NxP, B-Q5 32. B-Q2, R-R1 33. N-N5, R-Q1 34. N-B3, B-B3 35. R-B1, N-R6? 36. B-N4+, K-B2 37. BxN, R-Q6 38. K-N2, R-B6 39. RxR, BxR 40. B-B5, K-K1 41. N-N5, N-B1 42. N-K4, B-R4 43. P-QN4, B-B2 44. P-QR4, K-Q2 45. N-B6+, K-B3 46. N-Q5, B-R4 47. P-B4, P-R3 48. P-N4, B-Q1 49. P-B5, PxP 50. PxP, P-R4 51. P-B6, PxP 52. BxP, N-Q3 53. BxN, KxB 54. P-B7, B-K2 55. NxN, KxN 56. P-R5, 1-0.

NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

In the Pan American Intercollegiate Championships in New York, December 26 - 30, a fine showing and steady advancement in ranking was posted by the Clemson University Team made up of Stan Vaughn, Peter Hudson, Kirk Van Doren, Marvin Chappell, Ted Palmer and Mike Hamm.

Thirteen players competed in the South Carolina Armed Forces Chess Championship conducted by CHESS HOUSE in Charleston. Charles Lawton won with Troy Franklin second and Robert J. White winning the unrated championship.

Patrick Hart of Charleston won a clear first with 5-0 in the five round Labor Day tournament directed by Larry Crawford. Jeff Smeltzer finished 4-1 and Class B honors went to Richard Brown of Myrtle Beach at 3-2. Class C honors went to Fredrick Bates at 3-2. And Lindsay Blanks took Class D with a 4-1 score.

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