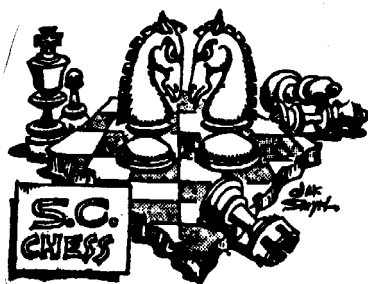
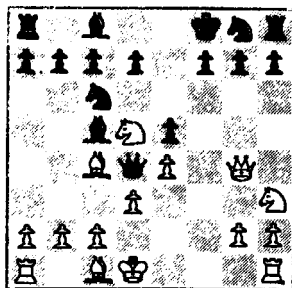
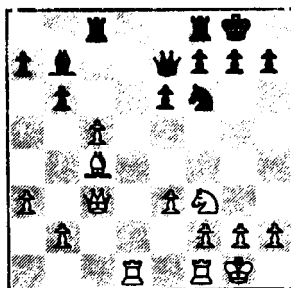


# SCCA NEWS



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**COMPUTER CHESS**

**BORIS AWAITS YOUR MOVE**

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The monogram above, as well as many of the graphics on our cover, were composed on a Commodore PET<sup>II</sup> computer and an Epson MX-80<sup>II</sup> printer. It seemed only appropriate in light of the article starting on page 9. Thanks to Steve Peterson of Aiken for their use. The message "Boris Awaits Your Move" is printed on the Boris 2.5 message screen at the beginning of every game.

#### COMING EVENTS AROUND THE STATE

April 4	Columbia	4-SS
April 25	Spartanburg	3-SS
April 26	Columbia	4-SS
May 9	Lancaster	3-SS
May 16	Aiken	3-SS
June 6-7	Spartanburg	7-SS and quads

Details: See inside back cover.

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## PAUL TINKLER WINS NINTH SNOWSTORM SPECIAL

The snow came early to Charleston this year, but the Snowstorm Special was right on time. SCCA Vice President Paul Tinkler, the second rated player in the field, swept through the competition for four rounds and drew with Pat Hart in the fifth to take clear first. Hart was second in the field of eighteen players with four points; he was followed by Romeo Conde, David Causey, and Lee Westbrook, who had  $3\frac{1}{2}$ . Crosstables follow:

#	Player	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Paul Tinkler (1914)	W6	W4	W3	W8	D2	$4\frac{1}{2}$
2	Patrick Hart (1861)	W5	D11	W16	W9	D1	4
3	Romeo Conde (1728)	W13	W16	L1	D4	W9	$3\frac{1}{2}$
4	David Causey (1678)	W14	L1	W11	D3	W8	$3\frac{1}{2}$
5	Lee Westbrook (1563)	L2	W10	W13	D6	W11	$3\frac{1}{2}$
6	Wade Fisher (1568)	L1	W14	D7	D5	W13	3
7	Ralph Bryant (1556)	L8	W18	D6	D11	W12	3
8	Lindsay Blanks (1790)	W7	W15	D9	L1	L4	$2\frac{1}{2}$
9	Walt Weatherson (1598)	W17	W12	D8	L2	L3	$2\frac{1}{2}$
10	Philip Lawrence (1458)	W11	L5	D14	WF	W17	2
11	William Floyd (1646)	W10	D2	L4	D7	L5	2
12	Hank Dangerfield (1584)	L16	L9	W18	WF	L7	2
13	Henry Cabaniss (1550)	L3	W17	L5	WF	L6	2
14	Ed Price (1491)	L4	L6	D10	W17	D15	2
15	Bill Bland (1622)	W18	L8	LF	LF	D14	$1\frac{1}{2}$
16	Ed McCauley (1923)	W12	L3	L2	LF	LF	1
17	Frederick Lipe (1060)	W9	L13	Bye	L14	L10	1
18	Luis Matos (1422)	L15	L7	L12	LF	LF	0

The Charleston Chess Club has moved its weekly meetings to the North Charleston City Hall on Mall Drive, next to the Charlestowne Square Mall. The meeting room is 517 on the fifth floor; meetings are 7 p. m., Wednesdays.

The Aiken Chess Club now meets Mondays at the H. O. Weeks Recreation Center on Whiskey Road in the Virginia Acres Park. The meeting time is 7 p. m.

Jim Smith of Spartanburg, SCCA President for a number of years, is teaching a chess class for senior citizens at the First Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg.

The Greenwood Chess Club meets every Thursday night at 7:30 pm in Room 151 of Jackson Library on the Lander College campus. Gene Mull is the President, and Benjy Hawthorne (our printer) is Secretary-Treasurer.

## GREENVILLE OVERCOMES SPARTANBURG

In a match held in Greenville, the Greenville CC defeated the Spartanburg CC 6½-4½. Klaus Pohl continued his recent "hot streak" as he survived a fierce king-side attack against his French Defense, conducted by Ernie DeGuzman. The Greenville club fielded an unusually strong team; their #8 player had a 1772 rating. Complete results follow.  
(Report by Dave Williams)

Greenville		Spartanburg	
Pohl (2239)	1	E. DeGuzman (2167)	0
Smeltzer (2047)	½	Mathews (1890)	½
W. Williams (1957)	½	Schenkel (1816)	½
Fish (1850)	½	D. Williams (1799)	½
B. Corbett	½	Bush (1805)	½
Hughes (1551)	½	Cantrell (1590)	½
J. Corbett (1679)	1	Seko	0
Olmstead (1772)	1	Smith	0
Harlock (1328)	0	JoJo DeGuzman	1
Jernigan	0	Joel DeGuzman	1
Wells	1	Osteen	0
	6½		4½

## COLUMBIA CHESS IN 1980

Don Lemaster has summarized the active chess program in our capital city, and we present the result below.

February 24, 1980: Charles H. Walter Memorial  
Jack Berry First, 5-0; Bill Bland Second, 4-1.  
Six players.

May 18: Sims Sunday Swiss. Jimmy Hill and Don Lemaster tied for first with 2½-½. Six players.

May 24: Sims Saturday Swiss. David Erb and Jimmy Hill tied for first with 2½-½. Six players.

May 25: Sims Sunday Swiss #2. David Erb scored 3-0, and Phil Jackson and Bill Floyd were 2-1.  
Six players.

June 7-8: Third Annual Midlands Open. Jim Mottonen and John Simmons were first with 4½-½. Jack Berry with 4-1 was top "B", and Bill Bland and Frank Caston tied for top "D" with 2-3. Jay Koenig with 2-2 was top "E"-Unr. There were 22 players.

## COLUMBIA CHESS (CONTINUED)

November 22: State Championship Warmup. Jimmy Hill was 1st with  $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ ; Jack Berry and Benjy Hawthorne scored 3-1. 8 players.

August 10: Sims Sunday Swiss # 3. Jimmy Hill was 1st with  $2\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ ; Cliff Hyatt, Bill Floyd, and Don Lemaster each scored 2-1. 8 players.

October 25th: Halloween Classic; 34 players in four sections. Incredibly, in Section 1, five players tied for first with  $2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ ! The lucky five were Jack Berry, Fred Wilson, Lindsay Blanks, Lee Purvis, and David Haemes. In Section 2 Bill Floyd and Bob Smith each scored 3-1; in Section 3 Wayne Busser won with 4-0 ahead of Arbie Vega's 3-1; and in Section 4 Andrew Jackson and Steve Salzberg each had  $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ .

The USC Chess Club is meeting Tuesday nights at 8:00 pm. David Erb is President, and Don Lemaster (1471 Pine St., West Columbia 29169) is Secretary-Treasurer. The meeting place is Room 305, Russell House, on the USC campus.

## KLAUS POHL FIRST IN FIELD OF 32 IN GREENVILLE

State Champion Klaus Pohl led the field in a strong one-day tournament in Greenville, scoring 3-0 in the top eight-man section. Winners in the three other sections were Albert M. Cantrell (3-0), Hobert Norman and Donald Harlock (tie,  $2\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ ), and Matthew Elliott (3-0). The Greenville Chess Club sponsored the event on February 28; Bill Corbett directed. Details follow:

Section I: Klaus Pohl 3-0; Wayne Williams and James Hardy 2-1; Neal Harris  $1\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ ; Jeff Smeltzer, Dennis Fish, and Harold Bush, Jr., 1-2; David Williams  $\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ .  
Section II: Albert Cantrell 3-0; Claude Corbett 2-1; Michael Williams, Stephen Cohen, Oliver Hilz, and Ralph Hughes  $1\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ ; Gary Brown 1-2; Joseph Corbett 0-3.  
Section III: Hobert Norman and Donald Harlock  $2\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ ; Sherrill Harris and Stanley Rosemond 2-1; Paul Orr and Herbert Horton 1-2; Pat Wood and Russell Muir  $\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ .  
Section IV: Matthew Elliott 3-0; James Wells, Jeff Kishpaugh, and Ronald Jernigan 2-1; James Lynch, Michael Orr, and David Adcock 1-2; Sherry Orr 0-3.

# GAMES

Edited by C. E. Braun

This game was contested by the two top players in the Atlanta February Cyclone. David Williams of Spartanburg, who played White, provided the notes. Black was Mike Lucas, rated 2178 to Williams' 1825!

1 P-QB4	P-K4	19 Q-R4	QR-K1
2 N-QB3	N-QB3	20 N-B4	N-N5
3 N-B3	P-KB4 (a)	21 Q-N3	K-R2 (h)
4 P-Q4 (b)	P-K5	22 BxN	PxB
5 N-KN5	P-KR3	23 QxP	Q-K5+
6 N-R3	P-KN4	24 Q-N2	P-B4
7 P-K3	N-B3	25 B-Q2	QxQ+
8 B-K2	B-N2	26 KxQ	PxP
9 O-O1?(c)	O-O	27 PxP	BxP
10 P-B3	PxP	28 QR-K1	B-KN3
11 BxP (d)	P-N5!?	29 NxB	KxN
12 BxN	PxN (e)	30 RxR/B8	RxR/B1
13 B-B3! (f)	PxP	31 R-K6+	R-B3 (i)
14 KxP	P-Q3	32 RxR+	BxR
15 K-R1	P-B3	33 K-B3	B-K4
16 Q-K1 (g)	Q-K2	34 P-KR3	P-KR4
17 N-K2	B-K3	35 K-K4 (j)	Drawn
18 P-QN3	B-B2		

- Sharp! White's KN will be subject to attack by a timely P-K5.
- If 4 P-Q3 or P-K3, Black simply responds N-B3.
- A new move. Watson gives 9 B-R5+ K-B1, after which White cannot satisfactorily contest his K4.
- PxP is also playable.
- If QPxP, 13 N-B4 with control of the central squares.
- White should maintain this bishop to defend the king and put pressure on Black's queen side along the diagonal. Thus 13 B-Q5+? NxN 14 NxN P-QN3!
- 16 Q-Q3 followed by B-Q2, QR-K1, and P-K4, etc., may be a better plan.
- Not NxKP, 22 R-K1!. At this point Black had to make his next nine moves in a minute!
- Any king move loses a pawn.
- White could play for a win by exchanging bishops and advancing his queen-side pawns. However, the win is not easy. Keres' book Practical Chess Endings gives the technique on pp. 42-43.

## MORE GAMES

From the 1980 State Championships comes a game by the Reserve Section winner Irving Hwang. Pete Anderson was Black.

1	P-K4	P-QB4	11	Q-Q2	N-K4
2	N-KB3	N-QB3	12	P-B4	N-B3
3	N-QB3	P-Q3	13	R-Q1	B-R3
4	P-Q4	PxP	14	B-B3	P-K4?
5	NxP	P-KN3	15	QxP	PxP
6	B-K3	N-B3	16	BxP	Q-N3+
7	B-K2	B-N2	17	K-R1	BxB
8	O-O	O-O	18	QxB	N-QN5
9	P-KR3(a)	Q-N3	19	R-Q6	N-R4
10	N-N3	Q-Q1	20	BxN	Resigns

a. Better 9 N-N3 or 9Q-Q2. Black can now get away with 9--P-Q4!. Instead he does a four-move cha cha. White's buildup is methodical and effective.

From the same event: Jose Hector Elias vs. Jack Berry.

1	e4	e6	8	Qe2+	Kd8
2	d4	d5	9	cx d5	Nb4
3	Nd2 (a)	c5	10	Qe8+	Kc7
4	Bb5+(b)	Nc6	11	Nc4	Bf5 (d)
5	c4	cx d4	12	Bf4+	Bd6
6	Ngf3	Qb6 (c)	13	Qf7+	Resigns
7	exd	exd			

a. White's last conservative move. From here on, it's blitz city.

b. Out of the book already. Usual is 4 exd5. Black should now reply with 4--Bd7.

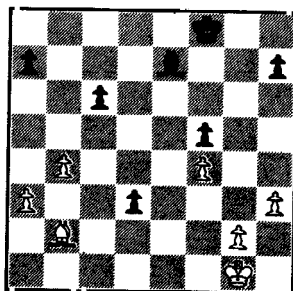
c. Better 6--dxe.

d. A good try, but not good enough.

Remember the following interesting position from Pohl vs. Erb in our last issue?

David Erb has pointed out an interesting resource not previously recognized. Pohl played 33 Bc1? and drew with considerable difficulty after 33--Bh4!; he recommended 33 Bc3 instead. Erb points out that after 33--Bf6! followed by Bd4+ White can again draw only with difficulty. Erb points out, though, that 33 Kf2! is much stronger.

After 33--c5 34 Bc3 White has all the winning chances.



## MORE GAMES

From the 1981 Snowstorm Special: Lee Westbrook (1536) vs. Pat Hart (1861). A French Defense.

1 P-K4	P-K3	15 QxRP	QxBP(g)
2 P-Q4	P-Q4	16 N-N5?	NxN(h)
3 N-QB3	B-N5	17 BxN	RxB
4 P-K5	P-QB4	18 K-B1	R-KN1
5 PxB(a)	N-QB3	19 QR-N1	P-N3
6 N-B3	Q-B2	20 R-N3	Q-R1
7 B-QN5(c)	KN-K2	21 QxQ	RxQ
8 O-O	B-Q2(d)	22 P-KR3	R-QB1
9 R-K1	BxN	23 P-QB3	N-B4
10 PxB	NxKP	24 K-K2	K-K2
11 BxB+?	NxB(e)	25 R-KR1	N-Q3
12 B-K3	NxP?!(f)	26 K-Q3	N-K5!
13 Q-Q4	N-K5	27 R-KB1?	N-B4+
14 QxNP	R-KN1	28 Resigns	

Notes by Hart and Braun:

- a. Played by Alekhine and Fine, and not as bad as it looks. Sharpest however is 5 P-QR3 BxN 6 PxB N-K2 7 Q-N4.
- b. But best is 5--Q-B2 6 N-B3 N-Q2! with a good game.
- c. Here White misses his chance. 7 B-KB4 KN-K2 8 B-K2 gives him a good game, e. g. 8--N-N3 9 B-N3 KNxP 10 NxN NxN 11 Q-Q4.
- d. Threatening NxKP. e. His queenside is hopeless.
- f. Allows his next, but it leads to a position better for Black.
- g. Threatening R-R1!. h. It's all over now.

Finally, a game from the 1979 State Championships; Rich Cohen vs. Ed McCauley--Pirc Defense.

1 P-K4 P-Q3 2 P-Q4 N-KB3 3 N-QB3 P-KN3 4 P-B4 B-N2 5 N-B3 P-B4 6 P-Q5

Two lines that have proven more effective are 6 PxB Q-R4 7 B-Q3 QxBP 8 Q-K2 O-O 9 B-K3, and 6 B-N5+ B-Q2 7 P-K5 N-N5 8 BxB+ QxB 9 P-Q5.

6--O-O 7 B-Q3

White seems content with equality. His last good shot at an opening advantage was 7 P-K5 N-K1 8 B-K3 B-N5 9 Q-K2.

7--P-K3 8 PxB PxB

8--BxP would be countered by 9 P-B5! B-B1 10 O-O N-B 11 K-R1 N-KN5 12 N-Q5 R-K1 13 P-KR3 KN-K4 14 NxN NxN 15 P-B6!

9 O-O N-R4 10 P-B5 NPxP 11 PxB P-Q4 12 PxB N-B5 13 P-K7!? QxP 14 BxN BxN (A knight fork had to be avoided.) 15 PxB RxB 16 R-K1 Q-N2 17 R-K8+ R-B1 18 RxR+ KxR 19 Q-Q2 N-Q2 20 N-N5 N-B3 21 R-KB1 K-N1 22 BxP+! K-R1 (Not 22--NxP? 23 R-B7) 23 B-Q3 B-Q2 24 Q-B4 R-KB1 25 Q-R4+ K-N1 26 P-KR3 (Concluded on page 14.)



## A FEW BYTES OF CHESS

A new member joined our club in January. He's basically a quiet type (although he does make cheerful little noises during games, and sometimes even comes forth with a mild wisecrack), and his personality is such that everyone loves him. In fact he has been living in members' homes without any complaints. Such an agreeable nature! Always ready for a game, never too busy with something else. He doesn't mind it if you decide to take back a move or two and try another plan. In case you have a hard time deciding on a move, he'll make a suggestion--but only if asked.

This paragon is of course Boris 2.5, the chess computer from Applied Concepts. Boris has to be the most humbling little device to come down the pike lately. In a little box the size of a deck of cards is a small maze of computer circuitry that will give a lot of Class C players a hard time, and can catch an expert when he's being too casual. (Personal experience)

Our Boris came to us through the good offices of George Koltanowski, as we described in the last issue. It was a marvelous present for our little club, and an eye-opener for me. Before Boris I had not seen a program for a small computer that made more than a crude effort at playing chess. The Boris program, originally known as Sargon 2.5, must be taken seriously, and it's a portent of more to come. Already an improved version (the "Morphy module") is on the market, and there are other contenders, of which more later. The machines are gaining, friends, and it is clear that chess won't quite be the same in another decade.

Boris has his weaknesses. His opening book is pretty short (but I was astonished when a game followed a complex line of the two knights' for ten moves and ended with a plausible novelty: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5 Nxd5 6 d4 Bb4+ 7 c3 Be7 8 Nxf7 Kxf7 9 Qf3+ Ke6 10 Qe4 g5!?). He is weak in closed positions (1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 Nc6?), contemptuous of dangerous passed pawns, and cannot mate with B and N. Such failings guide the programmers for the next version -- and the one after that.

On the following pages are some examples of Boris' play. In an article in BYTE (the small computer systems journal published by McGraw-Hill), I was able to find some details on how he works. (cont. next p.)

## BORIS (CONT.)

The heart of the system is a "6502" microprocessor chip, the same device that is the heart of the Apple, Atari, and PET microcomputers. The program is stored in 8192 bytes of ROM ("read-only" or hard-wired memory; a "byte" in this case is a set of eight pieces of binary information--and at this point I leave the details of the math.) 2048 more memory locations are provided for the use of the computer during play. This makes a very respectable little computer--not quite as powerful as the Radio Shack TRS-80, the most widely sold of the breed, but it's faster. The people who invented the "Sargon" program are named Dan and Kathy Spracklen; I haven't been able to find out anything about them, except that they have written other game programs for small computers. Their "Sargon 2.0" program, the predecessor of the Boris system and nearly as powerful, is available for Radio Shack and Apple computers.

There are other contenders in the competition to bring out the best small computer chess program. You have probably heard of the Chess Challenger series, and Atari is into the competition as well. In March of 1980 a tournament was held at the annual West Coast Computer Fair, and Sargon 2.5 was third behind an Atari program and a program called Mychess, which finished first. Mychess is commercially available; it takes about \$1800 of Apple computer to run it, though.

The 1981 Computer Fair will be going on about the time you read this, and no doubt the competition will continue. It is interesting to ask: to what end? Boris is too good for beginners, but a fair competitor for Class C and D players. An expert level computer would be interesting for players at that level, but there aren't many of them, and the programming and development costs have to be covered by volume sales. The answer has to be the challenge of the difficult task. That is probably enough to ensure that the race will go on, and an expert level computer may well be available to all who can pay a few hundred dollars by 1990.

Is this a disaster, or a good thing? I don't see it as a disaster. Players who are intrigued by the computer are at least as avid for competition with other players as they were before. Play with the computer is an interesting challenge, but it (Cont.)

## BORIS (CONT.)

doesn't give the satisfaction of a match with a live opponent, or so it seems. I think I'd like to have that expert computer, and it would be great for serious practice, but it wouldn't be exciting.

What I would also enjoy is something entirely different: a computer of rather modest ability that would play Go, or Japanese shogi, or that crazy Chinese chess game with a river in the middle of the board. I could never find an opponent in my neighborhood for a casual game of one of these fascinating games. Perhaps that is the key to the role of the chess computer--that it will show something of the game to a great many people who would otherwise never find an opponent. It will be interesting to see if this happens.

So--let's look at some play. One of the interesting, and revealing, characteristics of Boris is that there is a button marked "hint". If you press it, Boris will tell you what he would play. Let's see how it works.

Boris	Hyder	"hint"
1 d4	Nf6	
2 c4	e6	
3 Nc3	Bb4	
4 Bd2	(Boris hates doubled pawns)	
	c5	
5 Nf3	O-O	
6 e3	b6	Nc6 (B. plays for develop-
7 Bd3	Bb7	ment)
		cx d4 (and for open lines)
8 O-O	d5	Na6
9 Qc2	dx c4	Nbd7
10 Bxc4	Nbd7	(I forgot to get a hint)
11 a3	Bxc3	Bxc3 (We agree!)
12 Qxc3	Ne4	cx d4
13 Qb3	Ndf6	Qf6
14 Rad1	Qe7	Qd7 (Boris doesn't fear pins!)
15 Bc3	Nxc3	Nd5
16 Qxc3	Rac8	Bxf3 (Still wanting double P's)
17 dx c5??	Qxc5	Bxf3 (See notes below)
18 Ne5	b5	Rfd8
19 b4	Qc7	Qe7
20 Rc1	bxc4	Rfd8?
21 Nxc4??	Bd5	Rfd8?

And black won in a few moves. (Continued next p.)

# BORIS (CONT.)

What to make of this? It is clear that on this level (level 2) the computer isn't looking very far ahead. Even after White's 18th it couldn't see that the White bishop would be lost in two moves, and on move 21 it was even more short-sighted. On higher levels the machine becomes slow, but sees more, as Chuck Braun now reports:

I used my week with the club's Boris 2.5 to pit an advanced microcomputer program against the Vienna Game, an opening I've played consistently for over thirty years. Games were played at each of the computer's three highest levels (four through six).

Braun vs. Boris, level 4: 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-QB3 N-QB3 3 B-B4 B-B4 4 Q-N4 Q-B3?! This is a "natural" move with a bad reputation. Best here is probably 4--P-KN3, when White gets a bit of an edge with 5 Q-B3! N-B3 6 KN-K2 P-Q3 7 P-KR3 followed by P-Q4.

5. N-Q5! QxP+ Here Boris asked "Am I falling into a trap?" "Yes", says the book.

6. K-Q1 K-B1 Other tries here are not good. 6--N-B3 is met by 7 QxNP NxN 8 PxN P-Q3 9 PxN; 6--KN-K2 by 7 N-R3 Q-Q5 8 QxP N-N3 9 P-Q3; 6--P-Q3 by 7 QxNP B-Q2 8 NxP+ K-Q1 9 NxR K-B1 10 N-B3 B-KR6 11 R-B1 QxP 12 B-K6+, winning. Boris does fine, so far!

7. N-R3 Q-Q5 8 P-Q3 The position in the cover diagram. White threatens to win the Q with P-QB3.

In this key position, Boris moved differently on each level. Continuing on level 4:

8--P-Q3 9 Q-B3 BxN 10 PxR R-B1 (If 10--Q-B7 11 QxQ BxQ 12 R-B1 B-N3 13 NxR RPxN 14 RxP+ K-K1 15 RxBP KN-K2 16 B-KN5) 11 N-N6! P-Q4 12 BxP N-B3 13 P-B3 BxN 14 PxQ NxQP 15 Q-N2 NxR 16 PxN and Boris was mated in 31.

On level 5, Boris selected:

8--B-N3 9 R-B1 N-Q1 (On 9--N-B3 10 RxN PxR--or P-Q3 11 QxP+ QxQ 12 B-R6+ K-N1 13 R-N6+ RPxR 14 N-B6mate-- 11 B-R6+ K-K1 12 Q-N7 winning)

10 P-B3 Q-B4 11 N-N5 N-R3 12 Q-R4 P-QB3! 13 B-K3 Q-Q3 14 NxR N-B4 15 NxP+ K-N1 16 NxBP and Boris is outcombined again.

On level 6, taking hours per move, Boris came up with the devilish 8--N-B3! It's not in the book. I tried 9 Q-B3. Boris recommended 9 NxN, with some justification, e. g. 9--PxN 10 Q-R5 N-Q1 11 B-R6+ K-K1 12 P-QB3 Q-Q3 13 B-N7. 9--B-K2 10 NxP R-QN1 11 N-KN5 Boris recommended the better move 11 N-QN5 here. P-Q4 12 P-B3 PxKP 13 PxQ Here Boris became overheated and insisted on playing 13--B-Q1+!

## BORIS (CONT.)

The game had been going on for days and will be completed when I have Boris again. I think the move 8--N-B3 is a distinct improvement over published lines for Black, though it may not be good enough.



## THIRTY-EIGHT (AGAIN) PLAY IN LANCASTER

The turnout for the Lancaster Chess Club's March tournament duplicated that of the January event. Twenty-five players from South Carolina and thirteen from North Carolina participated in the three-round Swiss. Winners in the five sections were Marvin Chappell, Jr. (3-0), David Griffin (3-0), Jeff Rayfield (3-0), Emmanuel V. Seko (3-0), and Matthew Earl Elliott (3-0). As indicated elsewhere in this issue, another tournament of the same sort and format is planned May 9.

Complete results were as follows:

Section A: Marvin Chappell, Jr., 3; Wayne Williams and Jack Berry 2; David Knox Williams 1½; J. Fred Wilson, David Erb, and Stephen Cohen 1; Paul Tinkler ½.  
Section B: David Griffin 3; Robert M. Smith 2; James Hughey, Richard Van Hall, and Gary Brown 1½; Fred Miller and William Floyd 1; Rolf Storz ½.  
Section C: Jeff Rayfield 3; Albert Cantrell, Anwar Ahmadi, and Martin Mahaffey 2; James Hanlon and Duane Janowski 1; Arturo Martin de Nicolas and Paul Carriger 0.  
Section D: Emmanuel V. Seko 3; Daniel B. Crews 2½; Pedro Martin de Nicolas 2; Steve Slimp 1½; James Martin, John Beatty, and Tony Cato 1; Philip L. Lawrence 0.  
Section E: Matthew Earl Elliott 3; Ricky Burton and Randy Lowder 2; William Frank Caston and James Lynch 1; Joyce Mahaffey 0.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Are in order to our neighbor Tom Galloway of the University of North Carolina. Tom was elected President of the Intercollegiate Chess League of America, and is probably the first Southerner to hold that position.

## SOUTH CAROLINA'S TOP TWENTY PLAYERS

Compiled from the 1980 annual rating list by Don Lemaster.

1. Timothy W. Taylor	2395	11. Scott Wilson	1976
2. Klaus A. Pohl	2239	12. Wayne G. Williams	1957
3. Curtis A. Graham	2207	13. Richard Cohen	1932
4. Ernesto De Guzman	2167	14. Edward McCauley	1923
5. Crandall Lanphear	2099	15. Paul Tinkler	1914
6. Lee Hyder	2061	16. Spencer Mathews	1890
7. Joseph Zeimet	2050	17. J. Fred Wilson	1889
8. Jeffrey Smeltzer	2047	18. Peter Hudson	1886
9. Randal Ferguson	2043	19. Don Yarid	1886
10. William Holloway	2022	20. Charles E. Braun	1878

Timothy Taylor, our top player, is a Clemson student from Pennsylvania who is well known in Eastern chess at the highest level. He has not been active in our tournaments, no doubt because the risk to his rating would be enormous compared to the prospect of any gain--he could hardly get many points from most of us!

COLUMBIA: The Palmetto Chess Club meets Thursday nights at 8:00 at 1327 Lady St in the Seibels Bruce Building. Officers are Max Gergel, President; Jack Berry, Vice-President; William Bland, Secretary; William Floyd, Treasurer.

COHEN VS. McCAULEY (Continued from p. 8)

P-B5 27 B-K2 Q-N3 28 B-Q1 R-K1 29 Q-B4 K-N2 30 P-KR4  
R-KB1 31 R-K1 R-K1 32 R x R Q x R 33 N-B3 N-K5 34 N-N5 N-B3  
35 N-B3 N-K5 36 N-N5 drawn.

KNOWLEDGEABLE SOUTH CAROLINA CHESSPLAYERS will not be surprised by the exploits of the Oklahoma State chess team in the Pan American Intercollegiate in Atlanta last winter. Captained by Stan Vaughan, formerly of Clemson, OSU showed up with three players rated as masters and the number two rating in the tournament. However the Oklahoma team scored only two wins in six matches and withdrew.

The tournament was won quite convincingly by Toronto University, scoring  $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  in matches. Tied for second with 6-2 were Ohio State, Florida, Michigan State, and Massachusetts. Thad Rogers of the Georgia Chess Assn. directed.

## COMING EVENTS

Columbia, April 4: four round Swiss at Russell House on the University of South Carolina campus. (Room 327) EF \$6; registration 8:00-8:45, rounds 9, 12:15, 3:30, 6:45. TD: Don Lemaster, (803) 7550957.

Spartanburg, April 25: Spartanburg CC Open. 3-SS in 8-man sections, time 40/80, at Arts Center, 385 S. Spring St. EF: \$4 adults, \$3 Juniors, in advance by 4/22; \$1 more at site. Trophies to top 2 each section and upset trophy. Reg.: 9-9:45 at site, or in advance to David K. Williams, 109 Applewood Lane, Spartanburg 29302. (Phone 803-573-9861) NS.

Columbia, April 26: USC Open Championship, 4-SS in the Russell House Ballroom on the USC campus. Time 40/75. EF \$15 in advance, \$18 at site; cash prizes to 1st, 2nd, top C, top D/E, top Unr. Register at site 8:15-8:45, rounds 9, 12, 3, 6. Advance entries to TD David Erb, Box 81265, USC, Columbia 29225. NS

Lancaster, May 9: May Swiss. 3-SS in 8-man sections, time 40/90, at Starr Hall, USC-Lancaster, S. C. # 9 By-Pass. EF \$5, \$25 to first each section. Register at site 8:30-9:30; rounds 10, 1:30, 5.

Aiken, May 16: Aiken Spring Open. 3-SS in 8-man sections, at Weeks Recreation Center, Whiskey Rd (S. C. 19 south of Aiken). Time 40/75. EF \$5; \$20 or more to first in each section. Register at site 8:30-8:45, or in advance to Lee Hyder, 33 Longwood Dr., Aiken 29801, phone (803) 648-8924. Rounds 9, 12:30, 3:30. NS.

Spartanburg, June 6-7: Spartanburg Supercyclone. 7-SS at the Spartanburg Motor Inn, 578 N. Church St., Spartanburg 29303. Time 40/1 hr. EF \$10 for advance entries by 6/3; \$2 more at site. Cash prizes (if 45 enter) \$80 first, \$50 second, \$30 third, \$10 plus trophies to top A, B, C, D/E, Unr., and \$2 upset prize each round. Register 9-9:45 at site or in advance to David K. Williams (address and phone above). Rounds 10, 1, 4, 7; 10, 1, 4. AND

Spartanburg Summer Quads each day at the same site. Three rounds, Time 40/90, EF\$4 in advance, \$1 more at site. Trophy to 1st each quad. Reg. 9-9:45 each day, rounds 10-2-6. NS all these tournaments.

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