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Andy Jackson (Ajax) for his delightful Checkmate! cartoons,
and Alex Dunne with whom I corresponded via E-mail over The
LINC for permission to publish his notes to his game with
Doug Holmes.

Don't miss Lee Hyder's game with Michael Brooks starting on page 12. I watched as much of the game as I could "live" at the "Land of the Sky Open" and went to bed thinking Lee could win it. All will be explained in Lee's notes.

Palmetto Chess was formerly the SCCA NEWS

Editor's Notes

Due to demands of family and work upon my time I have decided to resign as your editor. The past two years have been a pleasant experience for me although at times, hectic. It is rewarding that so many people have responded to my request for input. The newsletter is self-supporting in terms of the membership dues covering the expense of three issues per year. I do regret that I haven't been able to keep deadlines as I had intended. I trust that our new editor, whomever that shall be, will bring new ideas and superior skill to the task.

Larry Goldberg suggested to me a few months ago that the state associations of NC, SC, GA, and FL get together to produce a common magazine -- one rivaling the best of the regional publications such as Chess Horizons. Copy would be sent by computer/ modem from each state editor to Leisure Linc which would route the information to the overall editor. This would enable our SCCA membership to have as much space or more for state news as well as recieve six issues per year of about 80 pages each issue. We would have, perhaps, enough readership to support advertising as well as nationally known writers. From a production standpoint the look would be similar to the current Carolina Gambit (NC) with its photographs and laser printing. Unfortunately, I recently learned from Larry that influential members of the NCCA are opposing this project. I do not expect movement on this issue soon, but I believe it is worth pursuit by the SCCA. By ourselves, we simply don't have the membership size to greatly improve our newsletter unless we get wellheeled support from one of our members.

Odds and Ends: Anthony Fowler has moved to Greenwood and is interested in starting a club. Interested parties can contact him at Long John Silver's. How to Reassess your Chess by Jeremy Silman is the best chess book I've ever seen-period. The accompanying video is slickly-produced but too brief for the price. The Palmetto CC seems to be back on its feet again. The Palmetto Chess Club Newsletter edited by Danny Purvis has some good stuff! Changes in ownership of both of Spartanburg's regional shopping malls nearly sunk plans for an exhibition by WIM Anna Achsharumova, however, due to the relentless efforts of Earl Barber the exhibition became a reality (details elsewhere in this issue).

Please send material for the next issue to John McCrary.

President's Page

by Robert John McCrary

As I write this, I am celebrating my own 25th anniversary of entering organized chess. I was a lad of 14 when I responded to an announcement of a local tournament in the Milledgeville, Georgia, newspaper on April 25, 1963. Through that tournament I joined the local club and learned about Chess Review and ultimately about state and national chess organizations. It is fitting, then, that the state scholastic championships that I helped organize came on April 30, 1988. In name of the participants' eyes I saw myself exactly 25 years ago, discovering a new world of enjoyment. The SCCA needs to maintain a regular scholastic chess program. I will recommend that next year's state scholastic championship be held about two weeks after the Snowstorm tournament, and that the SCCA organize a state high school team championship in November. I am exploring sources of outside funding that should give us some threefigure sums to continue to devote for scholastic chess next year.

On the USCF scene, there has been another surprise with the rather abrupt departure of Executive Director Gerry Dullea. The intense politics and associated litigation of recent months took its toll on Gerry, who was only the second Executive Director to have a long tenure. (The first was Ed Edmondson.) During his decade of service, Gerry accomplished many things, including the restoration of financial strength to the USCF.

A) Lawrence will be interim director for a few months.

We have had about no member feedback concerning the timing of our next postal championship, but it will certainly be advertised in either our September or January issues of Palmetto Chess. Sections are still in play from the previous Events. Our Overthe-board state championship will definately be at the Tremont October 7-9, so feel free to go ahead and make your plans to come!

[In reference to the vacancy for USCF Executive Director noted above, I tried to get John to apply for it, as I feel he is well-qualified, but he declined stating he'd rather not move to that area of the country (New York)-Ed.]

Chess Queen Visits S.C.

U.S. Women's Champion, Anna Achsharumova, delighted 25 participants in a simultaneous display given at the Spartanburg Arts Center on May 7. Playing in an aggressive style, Ms. Achsharumova defeated 15 opponents, but lost to Charles Walter, Danny Purvis, Mike Peschke, Mark McKinnon, and your Editor. Five players also attained draws: Wayne Williams, Spencer Mathews, Greg Frady, Javy Gwaltney, and Dan Yarborough. That the exhibition took nearly eight hours is evidence of the many hard-fought games that took place as well as the strength of her opposition. Prior to the exhibition Ms. Achsharumaova granted interviews which appeared later in the Spartanburg Herald-Journal as well as a televised interview broadcast on WRET-Channel 49. Below I give my game from the simul. I'd publish others but no one gave me their scoresheet (except for my 5-year-old, that is).

White: WIM Anna Achsharumova Black: David Williams

Benko Gambit

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5 4 cxb a6 5 bxa Bxa6 6 Nc3 d6 7 e4 Bxfl 8 Kxfl g6 9 g4!? (declaring aggressive intent) Bg7 10 g5 Nfd7 (book is 10...Nh5, 11 Nge2 Qc8 12 Kg2 Qg4+ 13 Ng3 Nf4+ 14 Bxf4 Qxf4 15 h4 0-0 16 Rh3 Bxc3 17 bxc f6. At the time I thought Nh5 a good move to hold up white on the K-side but I feared getting the knight stuck out of play.) 11 Nge2 0-0 12 h4 Qa5 13 h5 Na6 14 Kg2 Nc7 (Nb4 is more aggressive but I saw no clear-cut advantage to it over the text which is aimed at defending the e6 square against an anticipated posting of a white knight on f4.) 15 Qd3! Rfb8! (it may seem madness to strip the k-side of another defender but this move serves two purposes: to increase counter-play on the Q-side and to provide the king with an escape square if needed.) 16 hxg hxg! (I believe it is better to recapture with the rook pawn for several reasons. First, white's pawn on g5 restricts the dark squared bishop, white will be unable to use the rook file successfully [at least I thought], and finally it is better to keep the pawn structure intact both for the endgame and to guard the e6 square.) 17 b3? (obviously overlooking black's reply. I had expected Qh3 followed by an all-out assult on the king by f4-f5, etc.) Rxb3 18 Bd2 Rb2 19 Rad1 Ne5 20 Qh3 Qa6 21 Qh7+ Kf8 22 Rh3 e6 (time to create some luft) 23 Nf4 Qc4 24 Bc1 Rc2 25 dxe Rxc3 26 Rxc3 Qxc3 27 e7+ Kxe7 28 Be3 Qc2 29 Qxg7 Qxdl and white resigns as she has emerged form the complications a rook down.

1988 S.C. SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP

by Robert John McCrary

Kevin Eberle and Todd Boyle are the new state high school chess co-champions. Both went undefeated, and then drew their playoff game after a hard fight. Third place went to Dave Blackman in a playoff victory over Mark Sessons.

The new state elementary-middle school champion is Ken Klatte who defeated runner-up, Milton Ortiz, in the last round. Jae Min Purvis was third and Mandy Stanford was recognized as the best girl player.

This event was held April 30 at the Tremont Motor Inn in Cayce. The turnout of 19 players was modest, but nevertheless encouraging considering that our state scholastic program had been at absolute zero prior to the event. There was geographic variety among the trophy winners: Boyle, Purvis, and Stanford are from metro-Columbia; Eberle and Sessions from the Charleston area; Blackman from Saluda; Klatte form Spartanburg; and Ortiz from Greenville. Four active high school clubs were represented (each providing one of the trophy winners): Airport, Hanahan, Saluda, and Middleton High Schools.

Don Lemaster directed, assisted by John McCrary. SCCA Vice President, Bob Strickland, was there, along with Palmetto Chess Club President, Danny Purvis, and also Kyle Oody. Former state champion, Charles Walter, gave a brief lecture on how to improve, emphasizing hard work and study of the literature of chess.

Special thanks go to Doug Holmes and Dean Roesner, each of whom brought a group of youngsters. Had it not been for Doug's perseverance in resolving a transportation mix-up, Kevin Eberle would not have even come! As it is, Kevin is thinking about possibly representing our state in the National High School Championships.

Scholastic chess is a world of its own, as the directors/ organizers soon learned. Early-round games went so quickly that the round startilng times were accelerated. Draws were rare, although at least two stalemates were reached. The Scholar's Mate made a comeback (perhaps appropriately in a scholastic event!), as some players were very inexperienced. A few players had to learn notation as they went along, producing some of the most imaginative scoresheets I have ever seen in the process! In general, players were better behaved than many adults, as there were no dropouts or disputes. Friendships were formed, and peals of laughter could often be heard from the skittles room.

The tournament was a success, and should be the start of regular scholastic support by the SCCA. Thanks to the USCF for funding the event through its state-assistance program.

Scholastic Shorts

Giuoco Piano- White: M. Sessions Black: R. Smith

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 Nc3 Bc5 5 0-0 0-0 6 d3

Ng4? (better h61) 7 Bg5 Qe8 8 Nd51 Bd6 9 h3 Nf6 10 Bxf6

a6 11 Qd2 a5 12 Qg5 g6 13 Qh6 Nb4 14 Qg7 1-0

Irregular Opening- White: R. Adams Black: M. Sessions
1 c3 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Qb3 Nf6 4 Ng5 d5! 5 e4 Bc5 6 c4?
dxe4 7 f3 0-0 8 fxe4 Bg4 9 Qc2 Nd5! 10 exd5 Qxg5
11 dxc6 Qf6 12 cxb7 Qf2 0-1

Giuoco Piano- White: C. Purvis Black: K. Klatte

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Nc3 Nc6 4 Bc4 h6 5 0-0 Bc5 6 d3

d6 7 Qe2 Bg4 8 Be3 Bxe3 9 Qxe3 Bxf3 10 Qxf3 Nd4 11 Qd1

0-0 12 Nb5 Qd7 13 a4 Qg4? 14 Nxc7 Rc8 15 Nd5 Qxd1 16 Ra1xd1

Nxd5 17 Bxd5 Rxc2 18 Rb1 Ne2+ 19 Kh1 b6 20 Bb3 Rd2 21 Rbd2

Rxb2 22 5-5

Irregular Opening: White: S. Broome Black: W. Bolton
1 e4 e5 2 Bc4 Bc5 3 Qf3 Qe7 4 d3 Nh6? 5 Bxh6 gxh 6 Ne2
Qg5 7 0-0 Nc6 8 Qxf7+ Kd8 9 Qf3 Na5 10 Bb3 Qd2??
11 Nxd2 and wins in 22

THE LINC

By Doug Holmes

We must all admit that computers are a very important part of the future. Certainly this is true in chess. However, this article is not about chess computers as one might think from reading the first two lines. This is about something quite different yet just as important. I want to talk about using computers to play people from all over the country. I personally have both types of computers. One to play against and one that allows me to play people. I must say that I am much more excited about the latter.

About four months ago, I bought the Chess Network from the USCF. I knew very little about computers, but I felt confident that the USCF would not let me down. They guaranteed me that I could play chess on the Leisure Linc, a computer bulletin board service located in Greensboro (NC), with their product without any computer knowledge. The system came complete with a phone modem and special software (see catalog for further info). It includes a free membership.

The Linc mainly specializes in chess but has some other games as well. Within just a couple of hours I was on the line playing chess. It was not perfect, but it was exciting. It took me a few days to figure out how to make the most of my package. Once everything was set up correctly, I was hooked. With my free time allotted, it allowed me to roam around through the system using menus. These outlines allow you to read and make your selection.

Now let me list some of the opportunities that I've taken advantage of. I've joined a postal ladder and soon these games will become USCF rated. I got daily reports of the World Chess Championship complete with game scores and press releases. One of the LINC masters providing analysis was National Master Alex Dunne, who writes 'The Check is in the Mail' column in Chess Life. Mr. Dunne also gives a simul each month (\$15) and I've included my game with him.

Other masters also write instructive articles ranging from beginner to expert, including opening theory and a game of the month, which are posted each month. The instruction is much better than anything I've seen in Chess Life. Other items include information on the candidate matches and the World Chess Festival. Everything posted is stored permanently in the archives for retrieval. There are also board rooms, conference rooms, electronic mail and blitz chess.

Probably the best thing about the Linc is how it will affect "postal" chess. A typical game will last about two months instead of two years. Time is counted from the minute you leave your move. Usual time limit is 20 moves in 30 days. There is no transmission time and no holidays. You are charged by the minute (\$5.00 per hour) and you call via a local number (if available) so there aren't any long distance charges. When you compare a 14 cent postcard to an 8 cents a minute cost, you can see you save both money and time. After learning the system, you will spend no more than thirty minutes a week on line. Unless you become addicted! The more you play, the more you pay.

In conclusion, an IBM (or compatible) computer is the best way to go since you will get graphics (with a graphic card installed) using the specialized software. A Commodore version is available I believe. Other brands such as Apple can certainly use the Linc, but won't get graphics as of now. That's the main advantage of buying the Chess Network. It has everything you need and little computer knowledge is required. This system can also be used just like any personal computer. Contact the Linc at 1-800-826-9688 for further information.

THE PALMETTO GAMBIT

by Robert John McCrary

Did you know that an opening variation was once named for South Carolina? The discoverer of this variation was Isaac Edward Orchard, who was born in Columbia on Dec. 6, 1853, and achieved some national recognition as a chess player before dying at the age of 54. Orchard was not the first South Carolina native to achieve national recognition in chess; Paul Morphy's father and uncle Ernest, as well as Judge A. B. Meek, were all born in our state. But Orchard may have been the first to attain prominence while still resident here.

Orchard's name first appeared in 1875, when a "T. E. Orchard" of Columbia (probably a misprint for I. E.) published a letter he had received from a New Orleans man about Paul Morphy's mental condition. I next find Orchard's name in the https://published.orchard.com/Philadelpia_Times chess columns in 1881, where this notice appeared.

"A SOUTHERN CHESS TOURNAMENT"

"Chess players of the South and particularly of South Carolina, will hold a tourney at Spartanburg, S. C., beginning June 20. Mssrs. I. E. Orchard, Thomas J. Kirkland, T. P. Villepigne, William Muller, Melvin Drew, W. R. Hale, T. R. S. Thomson and others have promised to attend, as also have Professer A. F. Wurm and John B. Bedwine, of Atlanta, Ga., who are reputed to be the coming players of the South. This will be the first grand tournament ever held in the Palmetto State."

That was not the first S. C. tournament, per se, as we know also of one in Charleston in 1859. The <u>TIMES</u> does not give the tourney results, but it later referred to Orchard as the "champion of the Carolinas", so it is likely that he won the event.

In a column later in 1881, the <u>PHILADELPHIA TIMES</u> published a game by Orchard that may have been from the Spartanburg tournament. That game, which <u>may</u> be South Carolina's first published one, christened the name "Palmetto Gambit". Here is the game with Orchard as white against Col. Thomson: 1.e4 e5; 2.f4 exf4; 3.g3 fxg3; 4.Nf3 gxh2; 5.Bc4 Nf6; 6.Rxh2 Nxe4; 7.Re2 d5; 8.Bxd5 Qxd5; 9.Nc3 Qh5; 10.Nxe4 Qh1+; 11.Kf2 Qxd1; and white who is a Queen and 2 pawns down, mates in two by 12.Nf6+!

It is fitting that S. C.'s first known published game should be such a dazzling little brilliancy! The <u>TIMES</u> credited Orchard with inventing white's third move, which he called the "Palmetto Gambit".

GAMES

B. Corbett vs M. Bush, Greenville-Spartanburg Match 1987.

1 e4 e5 2 2 f3 2 f6 3 2 c3 2 b4 4 2 d5

This is not as strong here as it would be if there were a 2 at c6. Black takes his simplest path, which is to exchange, and White has lost a tempo.

4 -- 2xd5 5 exd5 e4

5 -- 0-0 is simple and good.

6 2d4 e3?!

This is imaginative, and it eventually confuses White enough that Black gets the advantage. Objectively, it isn't good. Nor is it necessary; Black can still castle without disadvantage. If he can outplay White a pawn down, he could outplay him easier with the pawn. Now the simplest plan for White is 7 fxe3, and if 7-- 當h4+8 g3 當e4 9 當f3. As we will see, the move played is all right too.

7 🛱 e 2 O - O 8 fxe 3 c 5 9 dxc 6??

Throwing away all advantage. After 9 包b3 White is threatening a3; and if then 當h4+ 10 g3 當e4 11 皇g2 with advantage.

9 -- dxc6 10 c3 Qd6 11 Nf3?

Moving his best piece from the center without provocation. Better 11 g3.

11 -- ଛg4 12 🛱 f2 ව්d7 13 ଛe2 විf6 14 d3 🛱 d7 15 ଛd2 White should consider e4. He has no play, and his next move just gives Black a target.

15 -- a5 16 O-O-O b5 17 h3 ge6 18 留b1 gg3 19 留f1 c5 20 gg5 b4

21 cxb4??

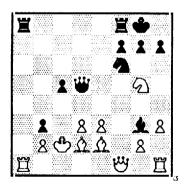
This is the last mistake. 21 c4 was the only hope, and it would offer some prospect of keeping Black out.

21 -- \(\Omega \text{xa2+!}

Deciding the game quickly. After 21 -- axb4 22 Nxe6 fxe6 Black has a big advantage, but here he wins at once.

22 曾xa2 axb4+ 23 曾b3 曾c6 24 国a1 曾d5+ 25 曾c2 b3+ 26 Resigns

The continuation would be 26 留b1 置xa1 27 留xa1 窗a8+ 28 留b1 窗a2+ 29 留c1 窗a1+.



POSITION AFTER BLACK'S 25 ... 63

Douglas Holmes (1830) vs. Alex Dunne (2333)

(Annotated By Alex Dunne)

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. cxd5

This is a good line to play against the Slav in a simul against a higher rated opponent. It minimizes Black's winning chances (White's too), but Black is the one who has to try to win (honor).

4. ...cxd5 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Bf4 Bf5 7. e3 e6 8. Ne5

New to me but has been played before. I have faced 8. Bb5 Bb4 with a slight edge to White and 8. Bd3 Bxd3 9. Qxd3 Be7 =.

8. ... Bd6 9. Bb5 Rc8 10. Qa4

This is a TN -- ECO gives 10. Bxc6! bxc6 11. 0-0 0-0 12. Rc1 c5 13. Nb5 a6 14. Nxd6 with a slight edge for White.

10. ...0-0?!

I (mistakenly) thought I would get good play on the queenside with this Pawn sacrifice. Apparently I have to defend with 10. ... Qb6. You have discouraged me from EVER playing this Pawn sac again.

11. Bxc6 bxc6 12. Nxc6 Qc7 13. Bxd6 Qxd6 14. Nxa7

So far, so seen -- I thought your uncastled King and awkward position of your Knight would get me counterplay. I was wrong.

14. ...Rc4 15. N7b5

How simple (now!) -- Completely refutes my two Pawn sacrifice.

15. ...Qb6 16. b4

After 16. Qd1. I would have zero play.

16. ... Ne4 17. Rc1 R8c8 18. 0-0 h6 19. N3e2

Since 19. ...Nd2 leads to nothing, I elected to swap for complications.

19. ... Rxc1 20. Rxc1 Rxc1+ 21. Nxc1 Qc6 22. Ne2

And White answers all Black's threats. Yes, I was disappointed.

22. ... Nd6 23. N5c3 Qc4 24. Qa8+

This is OK, but White should guard his back rank first.

24. ...Kh7 25. Qb8 Ne4 26. Qb5 Qc7 27. Nxe4 Bxe4 28. Qc5

This is very strong, but maybe 28. f3 and 29. a4!

28. ...Qd7 29. b5

Black tries for a swindle which works.

29. ...e5!? 30. a4?!

The first break in a difficult game -- 30. f3 Bd3 31. Nc1!

30. ... Qg4! 31. f3 Bxf3 32. Ng3 Be4

Black has only made the win more difficult.

33. Nxe4 Qxe4 34. Qc3 Qb1+ 35. Kf2 Qa2+ 36. Kg3 Qxa4 37. Qb2! exd4
Black must open up the board. (perpetual check)

38. exd4 Qa7 39. b6 Qb8+ 40. Kf3 g5!?

Black has to gain some squares to check the White King. Your last chance may have been 41. Qc2+! and Qc7! and Black is doomed.

41. g3?! Qc8 42. b7 Qf5+

At this point I don't know if you can win or not. I think can hold.

- 43. Ke2 Qe4+ 44. Kd1 Qd3+ 45. Kc1 Qe3+ 46. Kb1 Qe1+ 47. Ka2 Qa5+ 48. Qa3 Qd2+
- 49. Kb3 Qd3+ 50. Kb4 Qxd4+ 51. Kb5 Qe5

My Instincts told me I was lost here. Maybe 52. Qf8!?

52. Qc5 Qe2+ 53. Kb6 Qb2+ 54. Kc7 Qe5+ 55. Qd6 Qc3+ 56. Kb8 d4
I still thought I'd lose after 57. Qf6!? preventing the Pawn advance.

57. Ka??! Qa5+ 58. Qa6?! Qc5+ 59. Ka8 Qd5! 60. Ka7 DRAW

Doug -- this was one hell of a fight -- I hope you'll try again in my February simul -- I'll try not to sac two Pawns on specs! Alex



POSITION AFTER WHITE'S 60 Ka7 ...

Upset

Is there a chessplayer who hasn't dreamed of winning a Big Game against a great opponent? The wonder is that it sometimes happens. The wonder for me is that it happened to me!

Michael Brooks is a fine young player from Kansas City with a USCF rating of 2560 or so-about 510 points higher than mine when this game was played. I had arrived in Asheville from Aiken after a day's work and three hours' travel, to find that I was to play him in a half hour. Here's what happened--

Brooks	Hyder
(Asheville, 19	88)
1 e4	еб
2 d4	d 5
3 Nc3	8b4
4 e5	c5
5 a3	Вхс3+
6 bxc3	Ne7
7 Nf3	Bd7
8 a4	Qa5
9 Bd2	Nbc6
10 Be2	f 6

According to Watson's book on the French Defense, this position is best for Black, and equal. At this point he analyzes mainly the interesting alternatives after 11 c4. The line Brooks chooses is dismissed as giving nothing, a conclusion which this game reinforces.

110-0	c4
12 Re1	0-0-0
13 Bf I	Ng6
14 a3	Rde8

Only after I made this move did I realize that it was a fine example of overprotection, as recommended by Nimzovich. Now Bh3 lets Black counter-attack by h5; if White exchanges pawns, Black is well placed for eventually playing e5. White commits to nothing, though, so Black soon fixes the pawn structure.

15 Bg2	fxe5
16 Nxe5	Ngxe5
17 dxe5	hŠ

Played after considerable thought. White's play must come from advancing the kingside pawns, and eventually f5; Black goes to block this plan and establish his own presence there.

18	h4	Ne7
19	Bf3	g6

Plan completed. White has made entries for his QB, but there is no target there. Already I was anticipating the layout of pieces that I actually

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played.

20 Qc I Nf5
21 Bg2 Rh7
22 Qb2 Bc6
23 Bg5 Rd7
24 Red I Qc5I
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The threat of Nxg3 forces queens off, followed by Black's bad bishop.

25 Qb4 Qxb4 26 cxb4 d4 27 b5 Bxg2

I thought 27 Bxc6 would be better for White.

28 Kxg2 Rd5 29 Bf6 Kd7 30 Kf3 Rc8 31 Kf4 d3

The threat of a rook entry at d4 induces White to block the position. He now wants to play g4, but Black anticipates this plan.

32 c3 Ke8 33 Rd2 Kf7 34 f3 Nd6I 35 a4 Ne8 36 Ba5 Rd7 37 Re1 Nc7 38 Kq3 NdS 39 Rc1 Nb6 40 Ra2 Rd5

The N has done its work. Now at the first time-control, White finds that he must yield something.

41 Be3 Rxe5 42 Kf2 Rd5 43 Rq1 hxq4 44 Rxq4 Nd7 45 Rd2 **b6** 46 Rq2 **e**5 47 Ra1 Nf6 48 Rb1 R8d8?

My worst move of the game; White gets plenty of play. I should have played 48--e4.

49 a5 R5d6 50 axb6 axb6 51 Ra4 Rc8 52 Ra7+ Ke6 53 Rg7 Rg8 54 Rc7 Ra8 55 Bd2 Ra4

The second time control is met. Black has managed to hold the extra pawn, but the game is very much in doubt.

56 Rg7	Ra2
57 Rď 1	K/S
58 Rc7	Ra4
59 RgI	Nd7

60 Rc61?

Going for broke! I gulped, looked hard, and decided only by exchanging could I live.

	Rxc6
61 bxc6	Nc5
62 Rb1	Nb3
63 c2	Ra8
64 Be3	b 5
65 Rg1	Rc8
66 Bb6	b4!

Counterplay! Black can also play to promote a pawn.

67 cxb4 c3 68 Ke3 c2 69 Kxd3 c1Q 70 Rxc1 Nxc1+

Third time control. I was convinced I could hold this, but I wasn't sure I could keep all my own pawns on the board.

71 Kc4 Ke6 72 b5 Kd7 73 Ba5 Ne2 74 Kd5 Ra8! 75 Bb4 Kxc7

The bishop had to stay on the diagonal that covered f8 to keep the Black rook from shutting out the White K. Now Black is just able to hold one pawn long enough to get his K and N over.

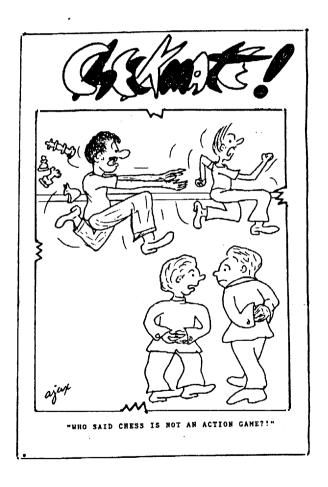
76 Kxe5 КЬб 77 Kf6 Kxb5 78 Be7 Ra6+ 79 Kq5 Nc3 80 Bf6 Nd4 81 Be5 Kc4 82 14 Ne7 83 Bf6 Nq8 84 Bg7 Kd5 85 h5 qxh5

Fourth time control! Black has lost his last pawn, but it doesn't matter any more.

86 Kxh5 Ke6 87 Kg5 Ra5+ 88 Be5 Ne7 89 Kg4 Rb5 90 Bc3 Ng8 91 Be5 Nh6+ 92 Kh4 Kf5

Resigns

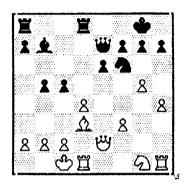
Two forty-five a.m. There was no one around to congratulate me; even the TD's had gone to bed. Where is the cheering multitude when you want it? The kind words came the next day, when my friends saw the result; but the best part was the knowledge of having played a really good game against excellent opposition. Nothing in chess beats that!



1987 S.C. Closed Championship
White: Curtis Graham Black: Jack Berry
Caro-Kann

1 e4 c6 2 Nc3 d5 3 Qf3 (This rarely played move while presenting some danger to black seems circumspect because it causes some disharmony of development.) dxe (The simplest, a more complex line is 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 [4...d4 5 exf6 dxc3 6 fxg7 cxd2+ 7 Bxd2 Bxg7 8 0-0-0 Qb6 9 Bc3+] 5 Qg3 [5 d4 e6 6 Qg3 c5 7 Nb5 exd4 8 Nf3 a6 9 Nbd4 Nc6 10 Bd3 Oc7 11 Nxc6 bxc6 12 0-0 Nc5 13 b4 Nd3 14 cxd3+ but black can improve this linewith 6...axb & 8...Nb6] 6 Nf3 a6 7 Be2 c5 8 0-0 Nc6 9 Rel Nd4 10 Bd1 Nf5 unclear Smyslov-Flohr, Budapest, 1950. But 3...d4 is not good, for instance, 3...d4 4 Bc4 Nf6 5 e5 dxc3 6 exf6 cxd2+ 7 Bxd2 exf6 8 0-0-0+) 4 Nxe4 Nd7 5 d4 (I could find only one alternative here: 5 b3 Ndf6 [or Ngf6] 6 Nxf6+ Nxf6 7 Bb2 Bg4 8 Og3 e6 9 Be2 Bf5 10 Bd1 Bg6 11 Nf3 Bd6 with chances for both sides.) Ngf6 (even better is 5...Ndf6 with the attack on white's d-pawn. A game game Lutikov-Petrosian continued: 6 c3 Nxe4 7 Oxe4 Nf6 8 Oc2 Bq4 9 Ne2 e6 10 Nq3 Qd5=) 6 Bc4 (better than 6 Bd3 which is speculative) e6 7 Bg5 Be7 8 0-0-0 (white's development seems uncoordinated because of his k-knight being deprived of its most aggresive post. White castles Q-side in anticipation of an attack on the black king, but this seems unrealistic due to the problem he will have getting his knight and rooks into active roles. I would have opted for Ne2 and 0-0. The ensuing exchanges only help black.) 8...Nxe4 9 Bxe7 Qxe7 10 Qxe4 Nf6 11 Qe2 0-0 12 g4 (Why not now 12 Nf3 with plans to go to e5? Then, a pawn storm supported by his rooks would have more "teeth.") **b5** (beginning his own "attack" and providing his problem bishop with some scope. [keep an eye on this anemic-looking fellow!] Now, we can see that with white's knight on f3 such a move would provide white with a target in the backward c-pawn.) 13 Bd3 Bb7 14 f3 (defending

against c5 followed by Bxhl. Nf3 would lose the g-pawn but looks interesting: 14 Nf3!? Nxg4 15 Rg1 Nf6 16 Ne5, perhaps, white now doubles rooks on the g-file with some promise of a bright future. Rfd8 15 h4 c5 (of course not 15...Rxd4 because of 16 Bxh7+ followed by 17 Rxd4) 16 g5 (black threatened 16...Nxg4 17 fxg4 Bxhl, but now a subtle threat nets him the white d-pawn)



POSITION AFTER WHITE'S 16 g5 ...

Nh5 17 Qf2 (defending the knight fork at his g3 square) cxd4

18 Nh3 (The knight finally gets into [?] the game-but the delay has weakened his attack in that the rooks have been kept out of play. A pawn storm needs support!) b4 19 Rhq1 q6 (black's K-side will now be a tough nut to crack.) 20 Be2 Qc5 (hitting the now weak c2 square) 21 f4 Ng7 22 h5 (desparately hoping to find an attack but the black kingside is too solid for half-measures. White should go over to the defense.) Rac8 23 Bq4 (23 Bd3 loses a pawn but is probably a better choice) gxh5

24 Bxe6 fxe6 25 q6 hxq6 26 Rxq6 (white must have counted on this penetration on the open file for counterchances, but he misses a fine combination) Qxc2+ 27 Qxc2 Rxc2+ 28 Kxc2 Be4+ 29 Kb3 Bxg6 30 Kxb4 d3 31 Nf2 Rd4+ 32 Kc3 Rxf4 33 Resigns

Teaching Chess to Young Children

by David K. Williams

Teaching chess to young children can be a rewarding experience for both parent and child. Patience and an awareness of child development are necessary for this to be accomplished. At what age should chess be taught? Obviously, there is no pat answer to this question. Infants "actively" perceive the world through their senses. This is why infants are fascinated by rattles. Although chess pieces don't literally "rattle" they offer texture, shape, and color to be perceived by an infant. I have used large chess pieces as rattle-substitutes and they work fine. (I would caution you not to leave the child unsupervised with a chess piece though, as a fragment could conceiveably break off and be swallowed.) I suppose one could tape a plastic board above the child's crip as a mobile, but even I've not gone this far. (As a boy, though, Koltanowski taped a board above his bed and stared at it for hours to help improve visualization of the board, and, given his famous blindfold skill, I suppose it must have worked!) As children begin to say words the names of the chess pieces can be taught. My children could say "pawn" at 18 months, but were not very consistent at identifying the other pieces. I think it's best to try and teach only 1 or 2 pieces at a time. Also, children vary tremendously in the time in which they develop speech so this time frame may differ greatly with your child. As the child leaves the toddler stage, chess pieces can be introduced as toys. Don't try to teach rules yet; the child will incorporate them into his or her own fantasy-world. At a later date the child will group them into his or her own set of rules which can become quite sophisticated. Of course, it doesn't hurt to tell the child that the knight "hops" and the rook goes "zoom!" As the child becomes interested in playing according to "your" rules remember to keep the game "fun" and let the child win most of the time. Praise your child's effort and resist the temptation to teach too much. Your child's grasp of concepts will be slow at first, but then you will be surprised when your child demonstrates quite good ideas on his or her own!

CROSSTABLES

Spartanburg CC Championship October 13, 1987 - November 10, 1987 Director: David K. Williams

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       PLAYER
                        ST RING
                                   RTNG
                                                              TOT
   1 MATHEWS. JR SPENCE SC 2014
                                   2035 W-9 H-- W12 D-4 W-2
  # 2 WILLIAMS, DAVID KN SC 2006
                                   2009 N13 W12 W-3 W-6 L-1
                                                              4.0
                                   1878 W17 N-8 L-2 W-9 W-6
   3 SCHENKEL, MARIO
                        SC 1868
                                                              4.0
                        SC -1977
                                   1957 WRO W-7 L-6 D-1 W-8
   4 BUSH.JR HAROLD M
                                                              3.5
                                   1410 W19 L+6 W17 H-- W11
 ** 5 BARBER. EARL CARLT SC 1392
                                                              3.5
                        SC 1686
   6 AUSTIN, DONALD
                                   1711 W10 W-5 W-4 L-2 L-3
                                                              3.0
   7 ROSBORUUGH, JOHN C SC 1583/13 1568 W16 L-4 L-9 W15 W14
                                                              3.0
                       3C 1513
                                   1526 h18 L-3 h10 H13 L-4
   8 KLATTE ROSS A
   9 HOOPER.HAROLD A
                       SC 1125
                                   1228 L-1 W15 W-7 L-3 W13
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                       SC 1433/3 1417 L-6 W14 L-8 H-- W16
***10 YARBOROUGH.DAN C
  11 RUTLEDGE RONALD W SC 1399
                                   1386 L15 W18 H-- W12 L-5
                                   1606 W14 L-2 L-1 L11 W17
  12 DILLARD, LERGY
                        SC 1634
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  13 MILLER, JAMES R
                       SC 1251
                                   1268 L-2 W16 W15 L-8 L-9
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  14 SHUMAN.GENE
                                   1238 L12 L10 W18 W19 L-7
                       SC
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  15 PENCE. DAVID
                       SC
                                   1288 W11 L-9 L13 L-7 W18
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  16 GURAN, FRANK
                       SC
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                                   1169 L-7 L13 W19 W17 L10
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                            974/11 1036 L-3 W19 L-5 L16 L12
  17 KLATTE, KEN
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  18 PFISTERHAMMER.ALF SC
                                                              1.0
                                    939 L-8 L11 L14 8-- L15
  19 SCHENKEL, CAROL
                       SC
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                                    813 L-5 L17 L16 L14 8--
                                                              1.0
                                   1135 L-4 H-- U-- U--
  20 WAGNER LARRY V
                       SC 1046/5
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17 EUGENE F. DAVENPORT	1746	B 38 W 5 B 6 W 7 B 25 3	\$ 50
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20 STEVEN WALL	1653	W 41 B 9 W 4 B 11 W 18 7 F	\$200
21 BARRY EVANS	1650	IRM TWINIRI TIRIQIWIZA - I	\$ 50
22 CRAWFORD	1640	W44 B 11 W 37 B 34 B 15 4 -	
23 HUGHEY	1632		
BRUCE	1557		
25 BRADLEY L.	1547	B 3 W 36 W 9 B 35 W 17	
26 IAN C.	1528	W 4 B 37 W 39 B 32 B 46	
27 DAVID	1515	BIS WISS BIOWISS BISS	
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29 JOHN W.	1481	B 7 W 43 B 12 W 38 W 27 0	
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32 RIGDON	1430	0 0 0 1 2 2	

33	GALE A. NICOLET	1413	B 12	W 40	B 38	W 46	B 35	1	
34	GREGORY W. ADAMS	1374	W 13	В 23 О	W 43	W 22 2	B 39	3	\$25
35	WILLIAM BOUTWELL	1355	B 14 O	W 24 1	B 18	W 25	W 33	1	
36	DANIEL McCURDY	1297	W 15 O	B 25 O	W 44	B 39	B 41	1	
37	MICHAEL CHROMCZAK	UNR	B 16 O	W 26	B 22	W15	B 30 3.5	3.5	\$80
38	STEVE WATSON	UNR	W17 O	B 27	w[33	B 29		3	\$25
39	STEVE BROOME	1294	B 18	W 28	B 25	w <u>i</u> 3€		2	
40	MICHAEL E. NICHOLS	1224	w 19 .5	B 33	W 8 1.5	1 − −		1.5	
41	LEONARD B. ROBINSON	1221	В 20 О		B 32	B 31		2	
42	CHARLES LESSLER	1135	BYE	B 31	W 23	B 43	B]44	2	
43	DAVID E. WILLIAMS	UNR	W 21	B 29	B 34	W 42	<u></u>	2	
44	CHARLES W. GRUVER	UNR	B 22 0	₩ 30	B 36	BYE (5)	W 42	.5	
45	JOHNNY A. SIMMONS	UNR	X	B 41	B 24		X	2	
46	MARK R. NOSTRANT	1639	X	X	X	B 33	w 26	2	
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January 30-31, 1988 Director: Don Lemaster

			PRE	POST						
	PLAYER	81	RTNO	RTNG	1	2	3	4	5	TOT
1	KOLVICK, RANDY S	NC	2333	2349	W19	W12	W29	W-2	D-3	4. 5
2	TARIN, STEPHEN A	NC	2338	2339	W31	W13	W-7	L-1	W-8	4.0
3	POHL, KLAUS A	SC	2266	2280	W17	W23	D21	W-6	D-1	4.0
4	WILLIAMS, WAYNE GO	SC	2252	2245	W43	D24	W-9	D-5	W18	4.0
5	JACKSON, RICH	NC	2215	2223	W11	W15	D-8	D-4	W14	4.0
6	BLALOCK, REX E	GΑ	2183	2186	W32	W25	W22	L-3	W13	4.0
7	GRAY, DONNY	ΘA	2122	2130	W41	W10	r-s	W24	W16	4.0
8	BUSH, JR HAROLD M	SC	1966	2011	W45	W18	D-5	W21	r-s	3.5
	FRADY, GREGORY A	SC	1907	1926						3.5
10	SIMMS, JAMES A	NC	1884	1897						3.5
11	AMMONS, CHARLES	80	1655	1734	L-5	W37	M53	W25	D-9	3.5
12	JOHNSON, LARRY D	GA	1960	1950	W42	L-1	L24	M50	W31	3.0
13	VONDERLIETH, JOHN	SC	1915	1929					Ļ-6	3.0
14	BACON, W MICHAEL	ĢΑ	1913	1915				W31	L~5	3.0
15	SCHENKEL, MARIO	SC	1878	1861	W37	L-5	L31	₩45	W33	3.0
16	THURMOND, RUSSELL	SC	1822	1813	L27	W42	W34	W33	L-7	3.0
17	FOLTS, ROBERT A	SC	1791	1802						3.0
18	ANTHONY, JOHN C	SC	1716	1738						3.0
19	AUSTIN, DONALD	SC	1701	1694	L-1	W38	L20	W46	W39	3.0
20	YARBOROUGH, DAN C	SC	1417/7	1549	H	D44	W19	LIS	W30	3.0
21	FERGUSON, RANDAL G	SC	2227	2217	W26	W14	D-3	L-8	u	2.5
22	GRAHAM, CURTIS ADR	SC	1923	1900	W33	W30	L-6	LIB	D26	2.5
23	HODGES, WYMON	GA	1870	1845	W46	L-3	LII	S4W	D28	2.5
24	HOLMES, DOUGLAS R	SC	1830	1849	W50	D-4	W12	L-7	L10	2.5
25	ROBERTS, BENNIE D	NC	1816	1810	W48	L-6	W41	L11	D27	2.5
26	LEGLER, JOHN	SC	1447	1502	LZ1	W28	L13	W38	DSS	2.5
27	SAWAF, MAX	SC	0	1793	W16	L-9	L17	W41	D25	2.5
28	HOYT, LARRY A	SC	0	1696	L10	r56	W36	W43	D23	2.5
29	WILLIAMS, DAVID KN	SC	2002	2005	W34	WAØ	L-1	U	U	2.0
30	CLINGAN, MICHAEL N	SC	1719	1693						2.0
31	SHRADER, DONALD R	VA	1599/10	1669	L-5	W49	W15	L14	LIS	2.0
32	KLATTE, ROSS A	SC	1503	1464						2.0
33	BROCME, STEVE	SC	1294	1345	L22	W39	W40	L16	L15	2.0
34	PLOTCZYK, WILLIAM	SC	1286	1294	L29	W35	L16	L39	W46	2.0
35	SHUMAN, GENE	8C	1238/5	1315	L40	L34	W37	W35	L17	2.0
36	CONKLIN, LARRY W	SC	1191	1230	L-9	L17	L28	W48	W41	2.0
37	KLATTE, KEN	SC	1029	1064	L15	L11	L35	W47	W45	2.0
38	DAVIS, STEVE	SC	0	1425	L14	L19	W47	LS6	H48	2.0
39	SOMMERER, ALAN J	SC	Ø	1390	L30	L33	X	W34	L19	2.0
40	OLMSTED, FREDERICK	SC	1753	1729	W35	L29	L33	U	U	1.0
41	DILLARD, LEROY	SC	1631			W50				1.0
42	GALLOWAY, DONAL L	SC	1117	1113	L12	L16	X	L53	L32	1.0
43	BARBER, EARL CARLT	SC		1403	L-4	W4B	L14	L28	U	1.0
44		NC	1342	1354	H	D20	L10	U	U	1.0
	MILLER, JAMES R	SC		1245	L-8	W47	L30	L15	L37	1.0
	SHRADER, R PATRICK	VA	1065	1086	L23	W32	LIB	L19	L34	1.0
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16 th Snowstorm Special TD - Don Lemaster

February 20 - 21, 1988

		Round	
# Player	Rating	1 2 3 4 5	Score
1. Klaus Pohl	2351	W19 W23 W10 W2 D4	4.5
2. Edward McCau		W25 W14 W6 L1 W5	4.0
3. Patrick Hart		W26 W7 W12 L4 W11	4.0
4. Curtis Graha		W35 W20 D9 W3 D1	4.0
5. Russell Thur		W36 D9 W13 W10 L2	3.5
6. Michael Touz		W30 W24 L2 D7 W19	3.5
7. Michael Milb		W40 L3 W33 D6 W20	3.5
8. Paul Tinkler		W22 BYE W26 W12	3.5
9. Jack Berry	2106	W27 D5 D4 L12 W22	3.0
10. John Cliffor		W15 W34 L1 L5 W27	3.0
11. David Causey		L20 W16 W18 W14 L3	3.0
12. Brad Jeffers		W21 W31 L3 W8 L8	3.0
13. Irving Rosen		W33 D18 L5 D22 W24	3.0
14. John Vonderi		W16 L2 W27 L11 W26	3.0
15. David Renau	1515	L10 W39 L19 W34 W31	3.0
16. Gregory Adam		L14 L11 D38 W29 W30	2.5
17. Leonard Robi		L18 L25 D21 W39 W35	2.5
18. Douglas Holm		W17 D13 L11 W30	2.5
19. Jack Simunic		L1 W35 W15 BYE L6	2.5
20. William Pila		W11 L4 D24 W31 L7	2.5
21. John Haymond		L12 L29 D17 W38 W32	2.5
22. Krisda Sivar		BYE L8 W29 D13 L9	2.0
23. Michael Cyru		W32 L1 W25 Withdrew	
24. Charles Ammo		W38 L6 D20 BYE L13	2.0
25. John Crawfor		L2 W17 L23 W35	2.0
26. Ian Wolfe	1528	L3 W36 W34 L8 L14	2.0
27. Kyle Oody	1614	L9 W32 L14 W34 L10	2.0
28. Buddy Miller	1180	L34 L33 BYE L22 W38	2.0
29. Steve Watson	UNR.	L37 W21 L22 L16 W36	2.0
30. James Hanlor	1457	L6 W38 D17 L18 L16	1.5
31. Robert Folts	1741	W39 L12 D28 L20 L15	1.5
32. Michael Nich	ols 1224	L23 L27 W39 D33 L21	1.5
33. Gary Sheets	1579	L13 W28 L7 D32	1.5
34. James Blanni	ng 1781	W28 L10 L26 L27	1.0
35. Gale Nicolet	: 1413	L4 L19 W36 L25 L17	1.0
36. Stephen Brow	m 1184	L5 L26 L35 BYE L29	1.0
37. Don Lemaster	1680	W29	1.0
38. James McGrav	UNR.	L24 L30 D16 L21 L28	0.5
39. Robert Cross	UNR.	L31 L15 L32 L17	0.0
40. Anthony Brow	m UNR.	L7 Withdrew	0.0

January Death TD - Douglas Holmes

		Round					
<u>*</u>	Player	Rating	1 2	3	Score		
1.	Paul Tinkler	2073	W6 W3	B D2	2.5		
2.	Irving Rosenfeld	2021	W8 D5	5 D1	2.0		
3.	John Leahy	1760	W7 L1	. W 5	2.0		
4.	Mike Cyrus	1782	L5 WE	W6	2.0		
5.	Ian Wolfe	1528	W4 D2	: L3	1.5		
6.	Mike Milburn	1742	L1 W7	' L4	1.0		
7.	Charles Ammons	1524	L3 L6	WF	1.0		
8.	John Crawford	1634	L2 L4	LF	0.0		

±	Player	Rating	Round			Score
1.	Gale Nicolet	1434	W6	WЗ	W 2	3.0
2.	James Hanlon	1457	W4	W5	L1	2.0
3.	Steve Watson	UNR.	WF	L1	W4	2.0
4.	Buddy Miller	1060	L2	W6	L3	1.0
5.	Greg Adams	1376	LP	L2	W6	1.0
6.		UNR.	L1	L4	L5	0.0

A FINAL NOTE

Generally, in this space are found tournament announcements. There aren't any. As usual the summer months tend to be slow for tournaments in this state. Never fear, I expect autumn to rekindle the warrior in the hearts and minds of us all.--Ed.

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