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As of this issue, most areas of South Carolina have at least one person who can be found on the USA Today SportsCenter bulletin board system (BBS). All you need is a computer equipped with a modem and you can stay in contact with either the SCCA. a USCF affiliate, or an individual person. The SCCA will even pay the initial registration fee for any affiliate or person representing the affiliate. To receive the membership/info packet, dial 1-800-826-9688.

Using this BBS as a maildrop is the main idea here so chess related info can more cheaply and quickly get around to those who would want to know. Of course, you can play chess as well as send info for Palmetto Chess. The following people are online and if you are and we don't know, please let us know so we can add you to the list.

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We celebrate postal chess in this issue. Next issue will deal with computers in chess. Everyone is encouraged to submit articles, and also your best games with computers or with other players!

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An invitation to Correspondence Chess

Tired of the same old mail? Does the thought of going to the mailbox for a double handfull of bills, ads, and solicitations depress you? Even despite the four times a year that Palmetto Chess shows up? Perhaps it is time to bring a little excitement into this corner of your life: take up chess by correspondence!

How's that, you say? How boring! A chess game with a move every week, or two, or three? Games that take years? Yecch!

Yes--and no. Yes, the games are slow; but soon you find they are never slow enough. The cards keep coming, the clock keeps ticking, and suddenly you are in time pressure. It's time to take the kids to baseball practice, but you just can't decide on the best defence, and you wind up sitting in your car with a pocket set. Late at night you analyze as far as you can--including moves you wouldn't dare consider over the board--and much later than anyone ought to be up you sigh, pull out a postcard, and begin to write.

And the next time anyone says, "Correspondence chess--isn't that awfully slow?" you give them a look that would curdle milk.

Correspondence chess is, in fact, not for everyone, and it may not be for you. But for thousands of people whose work or residence make over-the-board chess difficult, it's the best way to play chess. It suits farmers, housewives, business people who work weekends, and chessplayers in little desert towns in the West or on the barren coasts of iceland. It

is a truly amateur form of the game, and as such it rarely attracts those masters who are household names in the chess world: but it boasts its own elite, a corps of top players mostly unknown to the rest of the chess world. Their games compare well with any to be found in the feature pages of Chess Life. And if you ever sit down to play someone who confides that this is his first over-the-board tournament in years, and all he has done lately is play a little by correspondence, it is time for respect, if not fear. You are likely to have an opponent who knows some parts of ECO up. down, and sideways, and for whom complexity is a way of life.

Correspondence chess is a strangely private form of competition. There can be no spectators, and except for the monthly Chess Life column, the results come out only in the newsletters of rather small CC clubs. The rest of the chess world pays it little attention. On the other hand, the world of correspondence play has an interest of its own: through the mail you meet people from all over the country. even all over the world. I have been delighted to have CC opponents turn up in over-the-board tournaments quite unexpectedly, and in other places as well: the night clerk of a Delaware motel I staved in once turned out to be a noted CC player who knew me through mutual friends. (What a job for a CC player!)

In this issue we'll explore that usually private world of correspondence chess, with contributions from our South Carolina champions. And we'll invite your participation in our own SCCA Postal Championship.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

POHL SWEEPS SNOWSTORM OPEN

Klaus Pohl scored a perfect 5-0 to win the 44-player Snowstorm Open event in Charleston on February 24 and 25. Pohl, the highest-rated player in the state and in the event, played up to his usual high standard in capturing the tournament championship. Four experts scored 4-1 and tied for second: Pat Hart, Paul Tinkler, Ed McCauley, and Jeffry Walsh. None of these played each other! McCauley came from behind after being upset early by Lawrence Hughes; Walsh also had to make up ground after a half-point bye. A Class C player, played strongly to join five others at 3 1/2 points.

Henry Cabaniss directed the event, which was the 18th in the Charleston series.

CAUSEY A STATE POSTAL CHAMP

David Causey of Charleston won the four-player second round to become 1986 South Carolina Postal Chess Champion. Causey scored 4-2, finishing just ahead of Wayne Williams and Lee Hyder; each scored 3.5-2.5. Causey's mastery of Williams was the key to the event; he won both games from the Greenville master. Jack Berry finished fourth.

Several games from this event are elsewhere in this issue, including three with extensive annotations by the winner. He notes that his wins with Black were crucial to the final outcome. He also comments that "I have found postal chess to be every bit as demanding as over-the-board chess but in a different way. In postal chess, we can set a difficult position aside until we can subject it to careful analysis. In OTB chess, you must be mentally and physically ready to analyze while the clock is steadily ticking."

PRIDGEN A WINNER AT MYRTLE BEACH

Young Alexander Pridgen scored 4 1/2 of 5 to win a five round Swiss at St. Andrews Elementary School at Myrtle Beach. No fewer than twenty-four players participated in this, their first rated tournament, under the direction of Gary Sheets.

The popularity of chess at the Catholic elementary school has boomed under the direction of Lee Palmer, the director of religious education. She started with two chessboards in the back of her classroom, and in no time at all there were many. Sheets assisted Ms. Palmer in organizing a club at the school, and eventually with the tournament on December 2.

(MYRTLE BEACH SCHOLASTIC CHESS, Continued)

The local newspaper, the Sun News, featured the club in their School Section shortly before the December tournament. Journalist Gary Long noted that the club members have begun participating in the adult Grand Strand Chess Club on a regular monthly basis. He quotes Palmer, "The first time we went up there the kids just had a great time, and really listened to what they were telling them. I remember watching two of our kids playing a game with an older gentlemen, and they were just hanging on every word he said. It was great to see that."

Sixth grader Angie Calemine was quoted as saying "I enjoy the competition, and it's even fun to teach other people how to play. I taught my family how to play, and now I play at home with them."

No doubt we will hear more from this enthusiastic group!

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BUSH WON IN SPARTANBURG

In a tournament not reported to us in time for the last two issues, Harold Bush won a ten-player, three round Swiss last June. Bush scored 3-0, shead of Spencer Mathews and three others at 2-1. Bush also directed the event.

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DAWKINS AND CLARK WIN SALUDA SCHOLASTIC

The up-and-coming Saluda High School club played a three round Swiss February 24. Brian Dawkins and Dwight Clark tied for first in the eight man field with two wins and a draw each. Don Lemaster directed.

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CHESS RESUMES IN AUGUSTA

Across the river in Augusta, Georgia, two Swiss tournaments have been held this year. Master Stephen Tarin scored 4 1/2 of 5 to win the first from a field of 30 on January 27-28. Several South Carolinians played in the event. A second tournament in early March drew a slightly smaller field; we do not have results. Donny Gray of Augusta is the organizer and director.

****** Alas, Hurricane Hugo wiped out the January tournament at the Landmark Resort in Myrtle Beach. Gary Sheets promises a great event next year!

THE SCHOLASTIC MAJORS

by Doug Holmes

Just as golf has Augusta and the US Open, we in SC have two major scholastic chees tournaments. True, we only started two years ago, but we are already building a tradition. This is a tradition that we hope will one day help SC catch up in chees. Two years ago, the SC scholastic chees championship drew a total of 18 players from around the state. Last year we increased to 73 and this year we had 92. In fact, this year's scholastic championship may have been the second biggest tournament of any kind ever held in SC, second only to the National Open held here in the late seventies. Our two major tournaments are the Tri-County Championship(TCC), held in late January for the Charleston tricounty area, and the Scholastic State Championship(SSC), held in early March.

Due to this writer's efforts and the subsequent increase in the number of scholastic players in the tri-county Charleston area, Charleston was selected to be the site of the SSC for the last two years. Obviously, increasing participation at the SSC from 19 to 92 in two years is very promising. However, as many of you know, I still had my doubts about the future of scholastic chess in SC. My doubts were rooted in the percentage of non-Charleston participants in last year's SSC. While the total increased from 19 to 73, only about six or seven were non-Charleston. Maybe I was expecting too much from my fellow South Carolinians. We often take a little while to catch up with modern progress. Sometimes I think we should be the Show-Me state. Show me you can make it work and then maybe I will get involved.

Well, I am proud to announce that I made it work and now more people are getting involved. In fact, out of this year's 92 at the SSC, 40 to 45 were non-Charleston. Read the President's Page to find out the breakdown of the participants. Many of you would like to know if these kids will ever amount to be good chess players and/or play in adult tournaments. I must say that I sometimes wonder the same thing. However, it is hard to see progress when you are so involved in it every day. It is like noticing that your kid has grown a foot. When did that happen? It is hard to notice when you see him every day and all his friends are growing just as fast. I realized how much progress my students have made when I saw them crush most of the non-Charleston participants. Some of my students have played in more than 10 tournaments. They have learned a great deal from just playing. At their age, that is the best way to learn. As much as they play, the cannot help but to improve. As far as playing in adult tournaments, some of them already have. We had 5 scholastics in the last Snowstorm. Two of them, high school students, accored 4.5 out of 10. Moreover, there are several students that could have done better. Bryce Harrison of Stratford High School is already much better than most of the readers of the magazine and he is only a high school sophomore!

To be brief, I have simply listed below the top finishers in this year's two majors. I am sorry that I do not have any games, but it is tough to manage 92 kids and get them to turn in their legible scoresheets. Next issue look for a brief interview of all the top players and teachers. But for now here are a few interesting facts about this year's tournaments. Bryce Harrison is obviously the dominant player in the state. Nathan Thomas from Goose Creek is enjoying the creation of a B section for lower rated players, but he will only enjoy that for so long if he keeps winning 4-0. Kurt Sattelmeyer, last year's state middle school champ while only a fifth grader, is no longer feared by everyone. He is still a very good player, but they have finally found a way to beat him. Fortunately for Kurt, the two guys that beat him, Angelo and Ballard, will be in high school next year.

We need about 200 Mr. Carvers. Mr. Carver is the sponsor of College Park Middle School, this year's top team at the SSC. The four players that tied fo: 3rd with 4-1 scores are all College Park students. Moreover, so is the top unrated. MOW!! Stratford is obviously the dominant high school team with Bryce and Kim Turok. Unfortunately for all other schools. College Park feeds into Stratford. Non-Charleston participants faired fairly well in the high school sections considering their lack of experience. Except for Nathan Thomas, they took every trophy in the B section. In the A section, the Governors School took a couple of trophies. They were actually only a couple of wins in the last round from beating Stratford. Finally, I would like to thank John Crawford for being the most consistent help around. He is always there when everyone else has something else to do.

90 TRI-COUNTY:

	MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGH SC "A"	HIGH SC "B"
1st Place-	Jonathan Angelo Bryce Harrison	Nathan Thomas
	Daryl Dowty Kim Turok	Peter Chung
	Lanny Ballard Drew Maness(U1400)	
Top Unrated-	Soumya Dasgupta Andrew France	Tom Atkinson
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MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGH SC "A" HIGH SC 1st Place- Lanny Ballard Bryce Harrison 2nd Place- Jonathan Angelo Drew Maness	"B" Nathan Thomas Michael Bowen Brad Whitten
- Michael Peterson Dennis William	16
- Trey Moten Kevin Tamayo	
 Kenny Miller Damon Blango 	
Top Unrated- Lorenzo Binns Brian Kelly	Lee Walker
- Matt Harris Meena Hiremath	
- Matt Martin Roy Vandergrift	
Top School- College Park Stratford	

A Brief Mistery of Correspondence Chess

Chess by correspondence became possible as soon as a notation for chess games was worked out, i. e., very early, and there are stories of games being played by messenger between towns. But for the game to really take hold, a good mail service was needed, and that required at least the railroad. That made possible play over continents; the longrange aircraft made possible play over all the world. (There are still limits to this, though; see next column.) Although correspondence chess was being played in 19th century Europe (as in the celebrated London-Edinburgh match that christened the "Scotch" game). widespread correspondence play is very much a creation of this century. The earliest surviving U. S. group, the CCLA, was formed in 1897. The British Correspondence Chess Federation was formed a few years later, in 1906. The International Fernschachbund, the predecessor of the International Correspondence Chess Association, was formed in 1928. It was essentially a European club, for practical reasons. until air mail replaced the slow mail boats between the continents. international correspondence chess association, ICCF, was conceived of before the second World War, but was not realized until 1946; and the first World Correspondence Chess Championship began in 1947. It was won, remarkably, by an Australian, C. J. S. Purdy, a strong master who welcomed the competition that did not exist for him (Continued Next Page)

A New Appreciation of U. S. Mail!

Yes, fifteen cents is too much for a postcard that cost a penny as recently as 1951, and the proposed twenty cents will be much worse. And five days is too long for mail to reach Aiken from Charleston, though two days is more normal. But friends, if you want to appreciate how well off we really are, try playing international correspondence chess.

To Europe -- well, it's easy. Add a few days for the transoceanic trip: a current game of mine with a Swedish player has a turnaround time of about two weeks. (Why this long? Who knows? SAS flies from the US to Stockholm daily.) then consider Israel. it's an advanced, high-tech country with good air connections. But postcards from Jerusalem take three weeks minimum to get here. Algeria takes nearly as long. And mail from the Soviet bloc is terribly slow: perhaps someone has to read it all. On our own side of the globe my wife recently received airmail from Bolivia that was six weeks in transit. And Canadian mail is much slower than ours, even when the system isn't on strike.

So rejoice. On a comparative basis we have a great environment for correspondence play!

A Brief History, Continued in his own country.

For many years, through the 1930's to the 1960's, there were only two substantial U. S. CC groups: The CCLA, and Chess Review, which came to the USCF when they bought the magazine from I. A. Horowitz's estate. But like other forms of chess, correspondence chess supports a variety of opinions and preferences, and in recent years other organizations have been formed to supply the desired variety. We give a partial list and description elsewhere in this issue.

For many years U. S. participation in international correspondence chess (the ICCF) was handled through a tournament

secretary who took entries, but had no connection with any U. S. organization. During the 1970's it was proposed to seed the U. S. CC champion into ICCF events, and this raised the question of who was he, anyway?

Each CC group held (and holds) its own championship. After considerable effort, in an unprecedented display of amity, an umbrella organization was created to organize an official U. S. postal championship, played (very nearly) under ICCF rules. The tenth of these biennial tournaments is about to begin. Entries are restricted by rating to the equivalent of 2100.

Currently ICCF and the USCC Championship are being organized by Max Zavanelli of Park Ridge, Illinois. Max has done truly yeoman service in pulling together both the championships, and U. S. teams for international match

play. I am grateful to him for some of the information on the ICCF elsewhere in this issue, and for the article by Mr. Campbell.

We have been playing South Carolina Correspondence Championships for some years now. These events are official USCF correspondence play, and are rated as USCF postal games.

Aphorisms:

For the postal player, life is literally an uninterrupted chess game.

Postal chess is the only escape from the kibitzeri

There should be moves, that are so sharp or so sad, that it is better that they are made in writing.

-- Dr. Eduard Dyckhoff

The source of the observations above was one of the great enthusiasts of correspondence chess, and both a pioneer and a leading practicioner in the field. Dr. Dyckhoff (the title comes from a J. D. degree) was born in Augsberg, Germany, in 1880, and was for many years a judge. As a young man he earned the master title over the board from the German Federation, but then he virtually retired from chess in favor of him profession. In 1929 he returned to the correspondence game with vengeance, winning the European championship three years running. He continued to play and do well, finishing second in 1936 only to Milan Vidmar, an over-the-board grandmaster who also successfully followed a professional career.

When Dr. Dyckhoff died in 1949, his friends organized an international memorial tournament that was one of the first great events of its kind, involving nearly 2000 players from all over the world. The book of this event not only contains some of the brilliant games of this event, but some of the games the honoree played in his early years. Can you imagine the great tactician Paul Keres playing postal chess? He did as a youth; perhaps that is what made him a great tactician. We reprint below a portion of one of his games, as well as some other interesting historical postal games.

Dyckhoff, Black

Keres, White

26 — De4l 27 fxg6 \(\frac{1}{2}\)xg6 28 \(\frac{1}{2}\)fig 1 \(\frac{1}{2}\)g 1 \(

Yes, that was Paul Keres, who started his long and distinguished chess career as a wildly tactical young correspondence player. For an example, here is a game he played as Black in 1931:

A. Karu vs. Paul Keres. Albin Counter-Gambit

1 P-Q4 P-Q4 2 P-QB4 P-K4 3 N-QB3 KPxP 4 QxP N-QB3 5 QxQP B-K3 6 Q-QN5 P-QR3 7 Q-R4 B-QN5 8 B-Q2 BxP 9 P-QR3 P-QN41 10 Q-B2 N-Q5 11 Q-K4+ B-K2 12 N-B3? P-QB4 13 R-B1 N-KB3 14 Q-N1 Q-Q3 15 NxN PxN 16 N-K4 NxN 17 QxN O-OI 18 B-B4 (if 18 B-N4 Q-R3I) Q-Q1 19 R-Q1 B-B3 20 Q-B3 R-K1 21 P-QN3 P-Q6I 22 P-K4 Bk-B6+ 23 B-Q2 Q-Q5 24 BxB QxB+ 25 R-Q2 RxP+ White resigns.

The first American to win the World Postal Championship was Hans Berliner, who has since become the master of computer chess programs. Berliner was a senior master over the board, and good enough to take a high place in the U.S. championships. The game that follows is against a formidable opponent, the Soviet master Yakov Estrin. decisive in giving Berliner the title, and it also is a truly remarkable example of the kind of prior preparation that is possible in postal chess. Berliner knew that Estrin played the Guioco Piano, and prepared a line of the Two Knights' Defense well into the twenties of moves. remarkable creation, and one that is not thoroughly analyzed to this day. Is the attack sound? (Continued, page 15)

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The Queen's Pawn Counter Gambit

An unusual opening, a sharp game; and we are fortunate to have extensive annotations by Mickey Bush, the winner.

Spencer Mathews vs. Mickey Bush Simultaneous, 1/23/90 QP Counter Gambit

1 e4	e 5
2 Nf3	d5 (a)
3 exd5 (b)	e4
4 Nd4 (c)	Nf6 (d)
5 Nc3 (e)	Bb4
6 Bb5+	c6 (f)
7 Ba4	0-0
80-0	b5 (g)
9 Bb3	Qb6 (h)
10 Nc6	Nxc6
11 bxc6	qxc6 (i)
12 a4 (i)	e3 (k)
13 axb5	exf2+
14 Rxt2	Qd6 (I)
15 Rxf6 (m)	Qxf6
16 Nd5	Qd4+
17 Kh1	Bd6 (n)
18 Ra4	Qe5`´
19 Rh4	Re8 (o)
20 Ne3	Bb7 `´
21 d4 (p)	Q16
22 Qh5	Rxe3 (q)
Resigns	(7/

- a. Departing from my ususal Petrov. The QP Counter-Gambit strives for active play, featuring Black's bishops. A side-benefit for me are the similarities between this opening and the Petrov.
- b. 3. Nxe5 is the other way to "punish" Black--declining one of the pawns by Nc3 or d3 leads to equality or even a slight plus for Black.

- (Ed. Note: In keeping with our emphasis on correspondence play in this issue, it is worth citing another line of the QP Counter-Gambit that was played by the Trinidadian M. G. Sturm in the 1950's: 1 e4 e5 2 N/3 d5 3 exd5 Bd6. Sturm played it twice in the Dyckhoff Memorial Correspondence Tournament, losing both games quickly; it doesn't seem good enough for correspondence play at the highest level. Both games are cited on the next page.
- c. 4. Qe2 may be the most common move by White, while 4. Ne5 and 4 Ng1 are other possibilities.
- d. 4--Qxd5 is the only logical alternative.
 l prefer the Petrov-like Nf6, attacking and defending simultaneously.
- e. 5 Bb5+ is usual, forcing Black to interpose the B or N. White's move allows Black to play his KB to a good post and to prepare an altractive gambit.
- f. Willing to part with another P. Now if 7 dxc6 O-O 8 cxb7 8xb7 Black gets a lot of pressure upon White's K-side; and the d4 N is faced with having to move to passive or exposed squares. If White declines to play 8 cxb7, Black still has a promising game.
- g. To be considered here is 8--c5 with the idea of a6 and b5. My line seeks to eliminate the active d4 N while opening the a8-h1 diagonal.
- h. To exchange the active N.
- i. With the idea of playing Bb7 and then e3.
- j. Trying to hinder Black's plans.
- k. I felt compelled to play this now. If 11—Bb7 at once, the 12 axb5 would force the Q off the diagonal. I believe the move played better allows Black to keep the initiative.

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- I. With the strong threat of Ng4.
- m. Probably best. If h3 I can just play Bc5.
- Limiting the scope of the White N, and eyeing h2. Black's bishops now take over.
- o. Staying one step ahead of White's intended counter-play. Mate is threatened by 20--Qe1+.
- p. I believe 20 Qh5 to be stronger, not allowing Black time for the combination he subsequently plays.
- q. Devastating. Both 23 Bxe3 Qf1+ 24 Bg1 Qxg2 ++, and 23 Qxh7+ kf8 24 Qh8+ Ke7 fail, so White resigns. The Bishops dominate the board!

B. Koch vs. M. G. Sturm
Dyckhoff Memorial, 1954

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 d5 3 exd5 Bd6 4 Nc3 Nf6 5
Ne5 Nbd7 7 Bg51 Nxe5 8 dxe5 Bxe5 9
Nxe4 Qe7 10 Bd3 Bd7 11 O-O O-O-O 12
c4 h6 13 Bxf6 gxf6 14 Qc2 f5 15 Nd2
Bxh2+ 16 Kxh2 Qh4+ 17 Kg1 Rhg8 18
Bxf5 Rxg2+ 19 Kxg2 Rg8+ 20 Kf3 Qh5+
21 Ke3 Lxf5 22 Se4 Re8 23 f3 Qg5+ 24
Kd3 Qg3 25 Kd2 Qf4+ 26 Kc3 a5 27
Rae1 Resigns.

M. C. Salm vs. M. G. Sturm
Dyckhoff Memorial, 1954

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 d5 3 exd5 Bd6 4 d4 e4 5
Ne5 Ne7 6 Nc3 f6 7 Bb5+ c6 8 dxc6
bxc6 9 Nxc6 Nbxc6 10 d5 Bb4 11 Bd2
Qa5 12 dxc6+ O-O (if Bxc3 13 Qh5+ etc.)
13 Qe2 Nf5 14 Qxe4 Nd6 15 Qd5+ Be6 (if
Kh8 16 Be2) 16 Qxe6+ Kh8 17 Be2 Rfe8
18 Qg4 Rxe2+ 19 Kxe2 Qa6+ 20 Kd1
Nc4 21 b3 Nxb2+ 22 Kc1 Ba3 23 Kb1
Qxc6 24 Qf3 Nc4 25 Rd1 Resigns.

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BIII Corbett checks in with a correspondence game just finished that he especially enjoyed, and contributes notes and comments:

Claude W. Corbett, III. vs. Gerard J VanDeene

This gem of a game occurred in a finals section of the 1985 Golden Knights postal tournament. We began play on April 6, 1989, and completed play on February 21, 1990. As Mr. Van Deene lives in Oregon, I believe we completed play in a fairly short period of time. So without further ado, let the fun begin.

1 e4 c5 2 c3 I enjoy playing this line as it tends to considerably trim Black's responses. 2--Nf6 3 e5 Nd5 4 d4 cxd4 5 Qxd4 e6 6 Nf3 Nc6 7 Qe4 d6 8 Nbd2 Qc7 This move took me completely out of the book. Usual here is Bd7 or dxe5. 9 exd6 Bxd6 10 Nc4 Be7 11 Bd3 f5? surely must be classified as a mistake since it leaves Black with a backward e 11--Nf6 would have pawn. accomplished more bv adding protection to the king side, preserving a better pawn formation, preparing castling, and opening the d file for the rook and gueen. 12 Qe2 Bf6 13 O-O O-O 14 Re1 Nf4 15 Bxf4 Qxf4 16 Nce5 Nxe5 17 Nxe5 Rd8 18 Rad1 Bxe5 19 g3 / still was not ready to exchange queens. Thoughts of taking advantage of the backward pawn kept crossing my mind. 19--Qa4 20 Qxe5 Rd5 If Qxa2? Then Bc4l wins the exchange. 21 Qe2 b5 22 b3 Qa5 23Bxb51 With this daring sacrifice. White places a noose around Black's neck and begins to tighten. The

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remainder of the game practically plays itself. 23--Rxb5 24 b4 Qa6 25 Rd8+ Kf7 26 Qh5+ Ke7 (if 26--Kf6 27 Rf8+ Ke7 28 Qf7+ Kd6 29 Rd8+ Kc6 30 Rxe6+ Bxe6 31 Qxe6+ Kb7 or Kc7 32 Qe7+ Kb6 or Kc6 33 Rd6 mate; or if 26--g6 27 Qxh7+ Kf6 28 Rf8+ Kg5 29 Qh4 mate.) 27 Re8+ Kd6 28 Qf7 Qxa2 29 Rd8+ Kc6 30 Rxc8+ One good sacrifice deserves another! 30--Rxc8 31 Rxe6+ Qxe6 32 Qxe6+ and Black resigns. Black must lose a rook. if 32--Kc7 33 Qc4 or if 32--Kb7 33 Qd7.

All in all, a very satisfying game! An Amazing Game

S. C. Chess Co-Champion Wayne Williams has won a remarkable honor in postal play in the APCT organization. His game with Wayne L. Rohricht has won first prize in that organization's game of the year competition for 1989. It will be published in the APCT News Bulletin for March-April with Arthur Bisguier's notes. We hope to be able to reprint this in our summer edition; for the meanwhile, here is the game without notes for your enjoyment. Note especially the complex play between moves 19 and 33, with each player finding amazing resources! Wayne Williams was White in this game.

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 a3 Bxc3+ 6 bxc3 Ne7 7 N/3 Bd7 8 dxc5 Ba4 9 Be3 Nd7 10 bd3 Qc7 11 Rb1 Nc6 12 O-

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O-O-O 13 Re1 Rde8 14 Qe2 f6 15 exf6
gxf6 16 c4 Ne7 17 Rb4 Bc6 18 Nd4 e5 19
cxd5 exd4 20 d6 Bxg2 21 dxc7 Rhg8 22
Bf4 Bf3+ 23 Bg3 Bxe2 24 Rxe2 Nc6 25
Rxe8+ Rxe8 26 Bd6 Nxb4 27 axb4 Rg8+
28 Kf1 Rg5 29 f4 Rh5 30 Kg2 a5 31 Be2

d3 32 Bxh5 dxc2 33 c6 c1=Q 34 cxd7+ Kxd7 35 Bg4+ Kxd6 36 c8=Q Qxc8 37 Bxc8 a4 38 f5 Ke5 39 Kf3 Kd4 40 Ke2 b5 41 Kd2 Kc4 42 Kc2 Kxb4 43 Kb2 Kc5 44 Bd7 Kb4 45 Be8 Kc4 46 Ka3 Kc5 47 Kb2 Kc4 48 Bd7 Kb4 49 Be6 Kc5 50 Kc3 h6 51 Bf7 a3 52 Bb3 b4+ 53 Kd3 Kc6 54 Kd4 Kd6 55 Bd5 Kc7 56 Kc5 Kd7 57 Be6+ Resigns

My Kingdom for a Flat Board! By Bill Floyd

An article in Chess Life recounting a strange equipment problem in a tournament brought back to me an experience that occurred in a 1981 tournament.

In the last round my opponent (who had White) insisted that he be allowed to use his set and board as he was the lower rated player. The TD, ignoring the rulebook, which gives Black choice of equipment, granted his request over my strong objections. His board, an old cheap plastic one with no cloth backing, had been folded in his back pocket and would not even lie flat enough that we could set up the pieces; I would have rather played on a board chalked on the floor! Also, it was very filthy.

It was a warm July day, and the TD was resourceful. He took the board outside and laid it on the roof of his car for about ten minutes until it was reasonably flat. We then wiped off enough of the dirt to see the squares, and this game followed:

1 e4 e5 2 Qh5 Nc6 3 Bc4 g6 4 Qf3 Nf6 5 Nh3 Nd4 6 Qc3 Nxe4 7 d3 Nxc3 8 bxc3 Nxc2+ and White resigned. (Continued)

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A Flat Board (Continued)

Thirty minutes of pre-game fuss over a game that lasted less than five minutes! I didn't use one minute. Honest, folks, this really happened!

Causey's One Loss

The only Causey loss in the 1986 Postal Championship finals was this exciting contest. Causey sacrificed the exchange for a lot of counterplay that did not quite prevail.

<u>Lee Hyder vs. David Causey: Sicilian</u> Defense

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 e6 5 Nc3 a6 6 g3 d6 7 Bg2 Bd7 8 O-O Be7 9 a4 Nf6 10 Nxc6 Bxc6 11 Be3 O-O 12 a5 Nd7 13 14 f5 14 Re1 Qc7 15 Bd4 Nc5 16 Qe2 Rae8 17 exf5 Bxg2 18 Qxg2 Rxf5 19 b4 Bf6 20 Bxf6 gxf6 21 g4 Rxf4 22 Nd5 exd5 23 Rxe8+ Kf7 24 Re2 Ne4 25 Rf1 Rxf1+ 26 Qxf1 Qc4 27 Kh1 Qxb4 28 Qf5 Qxa5 29 Qxh7+ Kf8 30 Qxb7 Qc3 31 Kg2 Qc4 32 Qb8+ Kf7 33 Qa7+ Kg6 34 Qe3 Qc8 35 Kg1 Qc4 36 Qd3 Qc5+ 37 Kg2 Qc8 38 h3 Qc3 39 Qxc3 Nxc3 41 Rd2 Resigns.

We have been able to get two of Paul Tinkler's games from the 1989 SC Championships, and present them here for your pleasure. The first is the game that decided first place: Wayne Williams could finish clear first if he won, and Tinkler could have tied for first had he won; neither happened.

Paul Tinkler vs. Wayne Williams: 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 b3 g6 3 Bb2 Bg7 4 e4 O-O 5 e5 Nd5 6 Nc3 Nxc3 7 Bxc3 c5 8 d4 d6 9 dxc5 Qc7 10 Bc4 dxe5 11 Ng5 Qxc5 12 Q13 e6 13 O-O Qe7 14 Qg3 Nc6 15 Nf3 f6 16 a3 Rd8 17 Qh4 Bd7 18 Rfe1 Be8 19 Bb4 Nxb4 20 axb4 Bf8 21 Rad1 Rxd1 22 Rxd1 Bf7 23 c3 Rd8 24 Rxd8 Qxd8 25 h3 Qd1+ 26 Kh2 Qd6 27 g3 g5 28 Qe4 Qc6 29 Qe3 Qb6 30 Qxb6 axb6 31 Kg2 Bd6 32 Nd2 f5 33 Nf3 h6 34 Bb5 Kf8 35 Bd7 Ke7 36 Bc8 Be8 37 Bxb7 Kd8 38 Nd2 b5 39 Bf3 e4 40 Be2 Bc6 41 Kh2 f4 42 Nf1 f3 43 Bd1 Be5 44 c4 Bc3 45 Bc2 Bxb4 46 Ne3 Bc5 47 Kg1 Bxe3 48 fxe3 bxc4 49 bxc4 Kc7 50 c5 Kb7 51 Bb3 Ka6 52 Bxe6 Kb5 53 h4 Kxc5 54 hxq5 hxq5 55 Kf2 Kb4 56 Bc8 Kc3 57 Be6 Kd2 58 Bc8 Drawn

Black can make no progress; White just moves his bishop forever. This is an excellent example of why in bishop endings the pawns should not be on the same color squares as the bishop.

Paul points out in this game with Lindsay Blanks (who played the black pieces) that he was able to utilize a pin on the f pawn twice during the brief game.

1 d4 Nf6 2 Bg5 d5 3 Bxf6 gxf6 4 e3 Bf5 5 Bd3 Bg6 6 Nf3 Nd7 7 c4 dxc4 8 Bxc4 Bg7 9 O-O O-O 10 Nc3 Re8 11 Nh4 e5 12 Nxg6 hxg6 13 Qb3 Rf8 14 Rfd1 c6 15 dxe5 fxe5 16 Qxb7 Nc5 17 Qxc6 Rc8 18 Qxg6 Qh419 Bd5 Rcd8 20 Qg3 Qb4 21 Rd2 Na4 22 e4 Rc8 23 a3 Qa5 24 b4 Qa6 25 Nxa4 Qxa4 26 Rad1 a5 27 Bb3 Qc6 28 bxa5 Qxe429 a6 Qa8 30 Rd6 e4 31 Rg6 Black resigns.

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(Correspondence Chess, Continued)
<u>Estrin-Berliner, Fifth World Championship</u>
<u>Finals, 1966-1968.</u>

1 e4 e5 2 වf3 වc6 3 මුc4 වf6 4 වල5 d5 5 exd5 b5 6 2f1 2d4 7 c3 2xd5 8 2e4 2h4 9 2g3 2g4 10 f3 e4l 11 cxd4 \(\text{\$d6} \) 12 \(\text{\$x} \text{\$b5} \text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$}}} \text{\$\text{\$d8}} \) 13 O-O exf3 14 \$\mathbb{\pi}xf3 \$\mathbb{\pi}b8 15 \$\overline{\rm e}2 \$\overline{\rm x}f3 16 £xf3 🛱xd4± 17 🖺h1 £xg3 18 hxg3 🖺 b6 19 d3 £1e3 20 £xe3 🛱 xe3 21 £1g4 h5 22 \h3 g5 23 \h2 g4 24 \h2 c4 🛱 xg3 25 වxb6 gxh3 26 🛱 f3 hxg2± 27 🛱 × g2 🛱 × g2+ 28 🛱 × g2 cxb6| 29 료 대한 교육 30 로마 유대 1 로마 로마 크로 32 a6 Ec4 39 Ef7 Exb4 40 Eb7 Eg4+ 41 resigns.

We close our games with another correspondence game from Berliner's world championship campaign. In this one he was White against Hybl of Czechoslovakia who finished in a tie for second place.

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cxd5 Nxd5 5 e4 Nxc3 6 bxc3 Bg7 7 Bc4 O-O 8 h4!? c5 9 Ne2 cxd4 10 cxd4 Nc6 11 Be3 Na5 12 Bd3 Nc6 13 e5 (?: Berliner) Qa5+ 14 Kf1 Rd8 15 h5 Be6 16 hxg6 hxg6 17 Rh4 Rd7 18 Qb1 Nxe5 19 dxe5 Rad8! 20 Nd4! Qxe5 21 Qc2 Rxd4 22 Rxd4 23 Bxd4 Qxd4 24 Rd1 Qh4

At this point Hybl offerred a draw, and Berliner happily accepted after analyzing 25 Kg1 Bd4l 26 Bxg6 Bd5l 27 Be4l Qx/2+28 Qx/2 Bx/2+29 Kx/2 Bxe4 30 Re1 15 31 g4l and White should draw, but no more.

What a fine example of the complexities of correspondence play at a very high level! The moves unplayed can be as complex as those played.



Bush, Continued

Bb5 29 Rc1 Rxc1+ 30 Bxc1 Qc8 31 Be3 Be8 32 14 Rf6 33 Qe2 Ng6 34 Rxd5 Bf7 35 Re5 Bc4?l 36 Rc5 Qxc5 37 Ba2 Kh7 Drawn on Bush's proposal.

BUSH WINS IN SPARTANBURG

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Mickey Bush captured the 1989 Spartanburg Chess Club Championship In a tournament held during October and November. This was his second consecutive title.

Also receiving trophies were Mark McKinnon Spartanburg (Continued) for best under 1800; Ronnie Rutledge, best under 1600; and Ricky Evans for best under 1400 or unrated. There were eight participants in the tournament.

1987 South Carolina Postal Championships

Mickey Bush, our 1987 Postal Champion, has sent us the complete set of his games from the finals of this event. We offer them here for our readers. As you can see, he made the impressive score of seven of eight without loss of a game. We give the complete results of this event elsewhere in this issue.

Corbet t- Bush

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 d4 Nxe4 4 Bd3 d5 5 Nxe5 Bd6 6 O-O O-O 7 c4 Bxe5 8 dxe5 Nc6 9 f4 Bf5 10 Qe1 Nd6 11 Bxf5 Nxf5 12 cxd5 Qxd5 13 Nc3 Qc5+ 14 Kh1 Rad8 15 Rf2 Nb4 16 Ne4 Qc6 17 Resions

Bush - Corbett

1 Nf3 d5 2 g3 Nf6 3 Bg2 e6 4 O-O Be7 5 d3 O-O 6 Nbd2 b6 7 e4 dxe4 8 Ng5 Bb7 9 Nde4 Nxe4 10 Nxe4 Qc8 11 Qh5 Nd7 12 Bg5 Bxg5 13 Nxg5 Nf6 14 Bxb7 Qxb7 15 Qf3 Qc8 16 Qc6 Rd8 17 f4 Nd5 18 Rae1 Rd6 19 Qc4 c5 20 f5 exf5 21 Re5 b5 22 Qb3 Qc6 23 Rfxf5 f6 24 Rexd5 c5 25 Rxd6 Qxd6 26 Qxb5 Resigns

Bush - Causey

1 Nf3 c5 2 g3 Nc6 3 d3 g6 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 e4 d6 6 O-O e5 7 c3 Nge7 8 Nbd2 O-O 9 a4 Rb8 10 Nc4 h6 11 Be3 Be6 12 Qd2 Kh7 13 Nh4 a6 14 f4 exf4 14 gxf4 Ng8 16 Bf2 Nge7 17 f5 Bxc4 18 dxc4 Ne5 19 Rad1 b6 20 Bg3 Nc8 21 Bxe5 Bxe5 22 Nf3 Bg7 23 e5 Qd7 24 Nh4 Rg8 25 e6 Qxa4 26 exf7 Rf8 27 fxg6+ Kh8 28 Rf5 Resigns.

Bush - Vonderlieth

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e5 3 dxe5 Ng4 4 Nf3 Bc5 5 e3 Nc6 6 Nc3 Ngxe5 7 a3 a5 8 Nxe5 Nxe5 9 Be2 O-O 10 b3 d6 11 Bb2 Re8 12 O-O Re6 13 Ne4 Qh4 14 Nxc5 Rh6 15 Bxe5 dxe5 16 f3 Qxh2+ 17 Kf2 Qh4+ 18 Kg1 Qh2+ 19 Kf2 Qh4+ Drawn.

Vonderlieth - Bush

1 N/3 N/6 2 d3 d5 3 g3 g6 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 O-O O-O 6 Nbd2 Nc6 7 e4 e5 8 c3 a5 9 exd5 Nxd5 10 a4 h6 11 Nc4 Re8 12 Re1 Bt5 13 Nh4 Be6 14 Ne3 Nt4 15 gxf4 Qxh4 16 Bxc6 bxc6 17 Ng2 Qh3 18 fxe5 Bg4 19 Nf4 Qh4 20 t3 Bxf3 21 Qd2 g5 22 Qf2 Qg4+ 23 Ng2 Bxe5 24 Bd2 Rab8 25 Re3 Qxg2+ 26 Qxb2 Bxg2 27 Qxg2 Rxb2 28 Rd1 Kf8 29 Kh1 Bd6 White resigns.

Bush - Wayne Williams

1 d4 d5 2 c4 dxc4 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3 c5 5 d5 e6 6 e4 a6 7 d6 Nc6 8 e5 Nd7 9 Bf4 b5 10 a4 Rb8 11 h4 g6 12 axb5 axb5 13 b3 Bg7 14 bxc4 b4 15 Ne4 Qb6 16 h5 O-O 17 hxg6 fxg6 18 Bh6 Ndxe5 19 Nfg5 Rb7 20 Bxg7 Rxg7 21 Ra8 Qd8 22 Nxe6 residns.

Wavne Williams - Bush

1 e4 e5 2 Bc4 Ni6 3 d4 exd4 4 Ni3 Nxe4 5 Qxd4 Ni6 6 Bg5 Nc6 7 Qh4 d5 8 Bb5 a6 9 Bxc6+ bxc6 10 Nc3 Be7 11 O-O-O Bd7 12 Ne5 Ng4 13 Bxe7 Qxe7 14 Qxe7 Kxe7 15 Nd3 Rhe8 16 h3 Ni6 17 Ne5 Ki8 18 Rhe1 Re7 19 Na4 Rae8 20 14 Nh5 21 Nc5 Bc8 22 Ri1 Ng3 23 Ri3 Ne2+ 24 Kd2 Nxi4 25 Nxc6 Re2+ 26 Kc3 Nxg2 27 Nb4 Ne1 28 Rg3 a5 29 Nbd3 Nxc2 30 Rdg1 Bf5 White resigns

Finally, the last game to finish, which clinched the title for Bush:

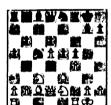
Causey - Bush

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 c5 5 Nge2 cxd4 6 exd4 d5 7 a3 Bxc3+ 8 Nxc3 dxc4 9 Bxc4 Nc6 10 Be3 O-O 11 O-O b6 12 Qd3 Bb7 13 Rad1 Qd7 14 Bg5 Nd5 15 Nxd5 exd5 16 Ba2 Qg4 17 Be3 Ne7 18 13 Qd7 19 Bb1 f5 20 Rfe1 Rac8 21 Bf2 Ng6 22 Qd2 Ba6 23 h4 Ne7 24 Qg5 Rf7 25 Re5 h6 26 Qh5 Qe8 27 Rde1 Qf8 28 Be3 (Continued, p. 15) 1986 S.C.C.A. Postal Prelims White - Harold M. Bush Black - David Y. Causey King's Indian Defense (Saemisch Variation)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. f3 O-O 6. Be3 e5 7. d5 c6 8. Bd3 (Other possibilities here are 8. Qd2 or Nge2.) 8...cad5 9. cad5 Ne8 (Playing for immediate kingside attack as White's 8. Bd3 indicates kingside castling.) 10. Qd2 f5 11. exf5 gxf5 12. Nge2 Nd7 (White could have delayed the pown exchange and played 11. Nge2. If 11...f4, 12. Bf2 followed by 13. Qd2 and 14. O-O-O with good play on either flank.) 13. O-O Nc5 (Geller recommends 13...Kh8 with play all on the kingside. With 13...Nc5, Black tries to play on both flanks, inhibiting White's play on the queenside and then attacking on the kingside.) 14. Bc2 a5 15. f4 b61 (Fig. 1)

Fig. 1 Causey

Bush



(This is the ECO improvement on the game Portisch-Donner, Wijk aan Zee 1975 where Donner played 15...exf4 16. Nxf4 Be5 17. Rael Qf6 18. Nh3 b6 19. Bg5 Qg6 20. Bf41 and Portisch won soon thereafter. The idea here is to bolster the knight at c5 and not let the White knight get to f4 without letting Black's bishop recapture on e5 without losing a tempo as in the Portisch-Donner game.)

16. Rf3?! (The rook appears misplaced on the 3rd rank as it will be harassed by Black's minor pieces.) 16....Ra7 17. Rg3 Kh8 18. Rh3 Nf6 19. fxe5 dxe5 20. Bg5 Qe8 21. Ng3 f4 22. Nf5 Nfe4! 23. Nxe4 Nxe4 24. Bxe4 Bxe5 25. Bxf5 Exf5 26. Qc2 e4 27. Bh6 f3! 28. Rad!?! (Fig. 2) (White plays a plausible rook move, but due to Black's threats, he should have challenged with 28. gxf3, though Black can continue with 28....Qg6+ 29. Qg2 Qxg2+ 30. Kxg2 Rxf3! 31. Be3 Bxb2 32. Rb1 Rg7+ 33. Rxg3 Rxe3 34. Rxb2 Rgxg3+ 35. hxg3 Rd3 36. Rxb6 Rxd5 37. Re6 Rd2+ retaining a one pawn advantage in the rook ending, it is probably drawn.) 28....fxg2! 29. Bxg7+ (What else? If 29. Qxg2, then Bxh6 30. Rxh6 Rg7 winning the queen. If 29. Kxg2, Qg6+ wins the bishop on h6.) 29....Rxg7 30. Rg3 Rxg3 31. hxxg3 Ch5! 32. Qc3+ Kq8 33. Qc8+ Kg7 34. Qc3+ Kq6 35. Qc6+ Kg5 White resigned (After 36. Qc1+ Kg4, it's White's king that's mated.)(Fig. 3)

Fig. 2 Causey

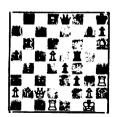


Fig. 3 Causey

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Position after 28. Rad1?!

Final Position

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1986 S.C.C.A. Postal Finals White - Jack J. Berry

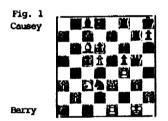
Black - David Y. Causey

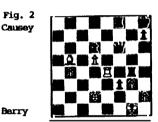
King's Indian Defense (Saemisch Variation)

1. d4 NF6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. f3 0-0 6. Be3 e5 7. d5 c6 8. Bd3 cd5 9. cd5 Ne8 10. Cd2 f5 11. exf5 gdf5 12. Nge2 Nd7 13. C-0 Nc5 14. Bc2 a5 15. f4 b6 (The same position is reached as in the 1986 Prelims vs. Bush!)

16. Rac1 Kh8 17. a3 a4! (Black must resist White's queenside expansion even at the cost of a pawn. For White to win the pawn, he must trade his strong black-squared bishop for Black's knight.) 18. Bxc5 bxc5 19. fxe5 (This helps Black post his bishop actively, but in trade, White has f4 for his knight.)

19...Bxe5 20. Bxa4 Nf6 21. Bc6 Ra7 22. Nf4 Rg7 23. Rce1 Ng4 24. g3 Qg5 25. Qd3 Bxf4 26. Rxf4 Ne5 27. Qe3 Nd3! (Fig. 1) (This wins the Exchange, but the position still requires accurate play by Black in order to force a win. Black cannot simply exchange pieces and have a won ending due to White's potential outside passed pawn on the queenside. In order to counter White's queenside threats, Black must keep pressure on White's kingside.) 28 Ref1 Nxf4 29. Qxf4 Qxf6 30. Nxf5 Rg6 31. b4 cxd4 32. axd4 Ba6 33. Ref Bxb5 34. Bxb5 Rg4 35. Qd2 f4 36. Re4 f31 White resigned. (Fig. 2) (If 37. Rxg4, then f2+1)





Position after 27...Nd3!

Final Position

1986 S.C.C.A Postal Finals White - Wayne G. Williams

Black - David Y. Causey

Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e6 5. Nb5 d6 6. c4 Nf6 7. N5c3 Be7 8. Be2 O-O 9. O-O b6 10. f4 Bb7 11. Bf3 Rc8 12. Be3 Qc7 13. Nd2 Rfd8 14. Qe2 Bf8 15. Kh1 q6 16. Rxd1 Bq7 17. Ndb1 Qb8 (Black has setup a hedgehog position, with the intention of using waiting tactics to see how White will proceed.) 18. q4 Nd7 19. Bq2 a6 20. Qd2 Nc5 21. b3 Qa8 22. Rde1 Nb4 23. a3 Nbd31? (Black enters into dangerous waters, where he'll be lucky to escape with a draw, much more, a win!) 24. Re2 b5! (The only chance to create counterplay is to open the diagonals into White's position.) 25. b4 Nxe4 26. Qxd3 bxc4 27. Qc2 Nxc3 28. Nxc3 d5 29. Na4 d4 30. Nb6 Qb8 31. Nxc8 Qxc8 32. Bxb7? (Fig. 3) (This inaccuracy renews Black's winning chances. Better is 32. Bxd4 and Black would be fighting for a draw with his passed pawn and Bishop for the Exchange.)

Fig. 3



Causey

Williams

32. Bxb7?

32. ...Qxb7+ 33. Kg1 d3 34. Qxc4 dxs2 35. Qxe2 Qe4! (This strong centralization of the queen immediately puts White on the defensive even though material is equal.) 36. Kf2 Bd4 37, Qf3
(If 37. Bxd4 Qxf4+1) Qc2+ 38, Kg1 Bxe3+
39. Qxe3 Rd3 40, Qb6 Rd2 41, Qb7! (Fig. 4)
(If 41. Qb8+ Kg7 42. Qe5+ f6! White's move sets a diabolical trap, which over the board would have been easy to fall for!) 41....Qc41 (If 41....Rxh2 42. f511 Not only is White threatening 43. Qb8+ and 44. Oxh2, but the opening of the f-file would be devastating for Black!) 42. Rf2 Rd5! (Cutting off the diagonal of White's queen in order to attack the squares around the king.) 43, g5 Qc1+ 44, Kg2 Qxa3 45, h3 Qd3 46. Rf3 Qe2+ 47. Kg3? (White misses a better defense - 47. Rf2 Qe4+ 48. Kh2! Now White is in serious trouble!) 47....Qel+ 48. Rf2 (If 48. Kg4 f5+!! 49. gxf6 h5 mate.) 48....Q1+ 49. Kf3 Rd3+! White resigned. (If 50. Ke4 Qhl+1) (Fig. 5)

Fig. 4



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Position after 41. Qb71

Final Position

Fig. 5

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Well, as Bush is the education president, I guess you could affix the same name to your SCCA president. Obviously, my biggest concern is scholastic chess. In the last issue, I made a plea for some help in the area of scholastic chess. Now, I can report on the progress made in such a short time.

This year's scholastic state championship(SSC), reported in more detail elsewhere in this issue, revealed what the rest of the state has been doing about scholastic chess. I say the rest of the state, because we here in Charleston have been making a big push for the second consecutive year. Let's get right to number comparisons. Two years ago, the SSC was held in Columbia and a total of 19 students participated. Last year, the SSC was held in Charleston, and an impressive total of 73 students played. That was encouraging, but about 65 of those were from Charleston. This year, again held in Charleston, we had a whopping 92 students. Possibly the second largest tournament of any kind ever held in SC. What was very encouraging was that only 52 of the 92 were from Charleston. That was quite an increase of out of town participation.

Now let's hand out some acknowledgements. The major non-Charleston participant was the Governor's School in Hartsville. For those of you that do not know, it is a magnet school that draws all the best high school students from around the state. The kids live in dorms at Coker College. Out of the 40 non-Charleston players, they had 14. Much credit must go to Brian Thurmond, a senior at the GS. He has provided the leadership and has found adults willing to help him. The next major participant was St. Andrews Catholic School in Myrtle Beach. They had 11 kids, all of whom played in the middle school section(K-B). Gary Sheets deserves most of the credit for this school. This school seems to get more parental support than any other school in the state. This will promise them the best future. Most of the kids, if not all of them, were car pooled down here by a group of about 5 parents. We need more support like this in Charleston. Next was Saluda with 7 high school students. Again, the help here is being provided by Dean Roesner, a teacher at Saluda. Dean has a small program but he has stuck with it. He started before I did and has waited around for the rest of us to provide his players with some competition.

Persistance like this is certainly to be applauded. Lastly, David Haskins from Shaw Air Force Base surprised us and brought 6 students whose parents are stationed at the base. The students go to many different schools, but apparently they all play chess on the AFB. They had 3 play in each section. I do not know much about their program, but any group of kids that can find an adult sponsor as nice as Mr. Haskins will have a good future.

Finally, I would like to give the rest of you some incentive for next year. Each year, the SCCA receives money from the USCF. It (Continued next page)

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comes to about \$1 per member in the state. Last year we received about \$216. At the annual business meeting we decided this money should be spent on scholastic chess. The officers decided that the best way to do this was to reward each of the programs a percentage of the money. So, the non-Charleston participants ended up getting almost all their entry fees for the tournament back. Naturally, Charleston got around half the money.

One last dig. I hear that scholastic players most times have better attitudes than some brain dead Can-Am participants. Boys will be boys!

1987 SCCA POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 1987 S. C. Postal Championship started out with only four players. As the tournament was started, two others expressed an interest and the initial mailing stated a second section may be added. It was and we had eight players shortly thereafter. With a majority of the games finished, and since no one else can catch Mickey Bush, he is hereby declared the 1987 South Carolina Postal Champion. My congratulations to one of our most active players.

RESULTS TO DATE:

Players	Ratin	g l	1	ı	2	1	3	1	4	1	5	1	Score
1. David Causey	1 2285	ı	X *	XI1	*1/2	2 10	*1/	21	*	1	0	*!	2. 0
2. Claude Corbet	-	-					-	•				-	2.0
3. Harold Bush J	r. 12055	i	1 *:	L/21	1 *	11)	(*	X I I	/2*	11	1 *	1	7. 0
4. John Vonderli		51	*	ı		11/2	2* 0	1	x *	x I	*	1	0.5
5. Wayne William	s 1951												

(See Mickey Bush's article on this event elsewhere in this issue.)

Postal Chess Organizations in the U. S. A.

by J. Franklin Campbell, Marietta, Ga.

In the U. S. A. our over-the-board chess activities are coordinated by one central organization, the USCF (United States Chess Federation). However, our domestic correspondence chess activities are not centralized and fall under the guidance of a number of organizations. Each of these runs a variety of correspondence chess events. publishes a magazine, and maintains and publishes a list of Elo-type ratings of its members. Many players are members of more than one of these groups.

In order to represent the United States postal chess players fairly in the international correspondence chess community, these five organizations have created the USPCF (United States Postal Chess Federation), which represents members of all five domestic groups. Each of the five organizations has one member representing it in the USPCF. The chairman is Mr. Maurice Carter. Operating under the direction of the USPCF is the ICCF-U. S. office. Max Zavanelli is the ICCF-U. S. Secretary. and is responsible for all ICCF activity by U. S. players. Any member of one of the five USPCF organizations may play in ICCF events.

USCF (United States Chess Federation)
This is the primary chess organization for over-the-board players in the U. S. A., and was established in 1939. Their magazine Chess Life is published monthly but largely ignores correspondence chess. The exception to

this is the very interesting monthly column "The Check is in the Mail", written by Alex Dunne. There are approximately 51,000 members, of which only a small percentage participate in the postal chess program. (Still, the USCF may be the largest postal organization in number of active players--Ed.) USCF, 186 Rt. 9W, New Windsor, NY 12550-9919.

CCLA (Correspondence Chess League of America)

The CCLA was established in 1897 and is the oldest of the U. S. postal chess organizations. They have approximately 1000 members. CCLA publishes *The Chess Correspondent* (ten issues a year). The CCLA offers a wide variety of postal tournaments. CCLA, P. O. Box 416, Warrenville, IL 60555.

APCT (American Postal Chess Tournaments)

This postal chess organization was established in 1967 and is run by the well-known chess organizer Helen Warren. They have approximately 1200 members and publish APCT News Bulletin six times a year. The APCT offers a variety of postal tournaments (nine different events) and also administers ELECTRO-POSTAL events through the USA Today Sports Center computer network. APCT, P. O. Box 305, Western Springs, IL 60558.

TCC (The Chess Connection)

This recently organized (1986) correspondence chess group was set up by Richard Weiss to provide postal players with an opportunity to play for big prize funds. TCC is a USCF affiliate and at least some of their events are rated by the USCF. TCC is open to international

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membership and currently has over 1300 members. They have been publishing the bi-monthly magazine *The Chess Connection* since January, 1989. The Chess Connection, P. O. Box 37186, Cleveland, OH 44137-0186.

NOST (Knights of the Square Table)

This organization was formed in 1960 with the idea that creating friendships is more important than scoring chess wins. Les Roselle operates this organization of approximately 300 members. In addition to standard correspondence chess they are interested in games such as Go, Shogi, and chess variant. The club publishes the bimonthly magazine NOST-ALGIA. NOST, 111 Amber St., Buffalo, NY 14220.

ICCF-U. S. (U. S. Office of the ICCF)

This organization has no magazine or individual membership fees. participation by U. S. players in ICCF events is through this office. News and tournament results are published occasionally by the five USPCF organizations in their magazines; TCC magazine publishes them on a regular ICCF-U. S. Secretary Max Zavanelli also sends frequent news releases to chess journalists giving the latest news and results. The ICCF-U. S. office also conducts the USCCC (U. S. Correspondence Chess Championship) every two years for higher rated players. The ICCF-U. S. organizes ICCF team matches between the USA and other countries, and conducts other special events, such as the Al Horowitz Memorial Open, and the First U. S. (Invitational) International Title Tournament.

ICCF-U. S. operates the APTB (Anglo-

Pacific Tournament Bureau), which organizes ICCF tournaments and team matches with players from the U. S., Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Singapore, and Hong Kong. Max Zavanelli, ICCS-U. S. Secretary, 729 So. Prospect, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

THE TOP 25 SOUTH CAROLINA PLAYERS (1989 RATINGS)

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By Mickey Bush (Thanks to the Spartanburg Chess Club Newsletter)

1. Klaus Pohl 2357 2. Wayne Williams 2279 Randall Ferguson 2260 4. Lennart Bjorkson 2138 Edward McCauley 2120 2116 6. Jeffrey Smeltzer 7. Joseph Zeimetz 2116 8. James Addison 2108 9. Harold Bush 2101 10. Dennis Fish 2100 11. Pat Hart 2097 12. Claude Corbett 2086 13. Lee Hyder 2068 2045 Spencer Mathews 15. Mike Peschke 2042 16. Paul Tinkler 2035 17. Emie Shown 2001 18. Irving Rosenfeld 2000 19. Doug Holmes 1998 David K. Williams 1989 Rogelio Zaragoza 1989 22. Harry Lee Abrams 1976 23. Spencer Hurd 1925 24. John Vonderlieth 1924 25. David Carr 1916

			Round	
#	Player	Rating	1 2 3 4 5	Score
1.	Klaus Pohl	2335	W26 W10 W12 W3 W2	5. 0
2.	Patrick Hart	2097	W28 W13 W9 W7 L1	4. 0
3.	Paul Tinkler	2071	W37 W16 W20 L1 W12	4. 0
4.	Edward McCauley	2120	W36 L20 W29 W13 W6	4. 0
5.	Jeffry Walsh	2010	W38 W17 BYE D6 W15	4. 0
6.	David Causey	1910	W27 W18 W8 D5 L4	3. 5
7.	Irving Rosenfeld	1997	W25 W14 W15 L2 D10	3. 5
8.	Douglas Holmes	2052	W22 W21 L6 W14 D9	3. 5
9.	Norman Neel	1840	W35 W29 L2 W18 D8	3. 5
10.	Kyle Oody	1733	W30 L1 W36 W26 D7	3. 5
11.	P. A. Gambrel	1554/7	W41 L12 D35 W23 W21	3. 5
12.		1899	W19 W11 L1 W17 L3	3. 0
13.	David Woodbury	1713	W32 L2 W28 L4 W27	3.0
14.		1674	W24 L7 W19 L8 W26	3. 0
15.		UNR.	W43 W42 L7 W20 L5	3. 0
16.	Henry White	1697	W31 L3 D22 D27 W24	3. 0
17.		1592/4	W40 L5 W31 L12 W28	3. 0
18.		1483/6	W33 L6 W40 L9 W30	3. 0
19.	,	1248/16	L12 W41 L14 W40 W29	3. 0
20.	Lawrence Hughes	1729	W34 W4 L3 L15 BYE	2. 5
21.	James Hughey	1694	W39 L8 D27 W35 L11	2. 5
22.		1285	L8 W39 D16 L24 W31	2. 5
23.	Russell Neer	1227	L42 D43 W25 L11 W36	2. 5
24.	Norman Jenness	UNR.	L14 D25 W37 W22 L16	2. 5
25.	Brian Kuhl	1264/8	L7 D24 L23 W37 W35	2. 5
26.	Jerry Wayne Burton	1395	L1 W30 W42 L10 L14	2. 0
27.	Anthony Brown	1257	L6 W33 D21 D16 L13	2. 0
28.	Michael Nichols	1,349/13	L2 W32 L13 W39 L17	2. 0
29.	Dennis Williams	1477/10	W44 L9 L4 W32 L19	2. 0
30.	Theo Schudel	1086/11	L10 L26 W41 W33 L18	2. 0
31.	Kenneth Fickling	UNR.	L16 W37 L17 W36 L22	2.0
32.	Gary Coleman	UNR.	L13 L28 W44 L29 W40	2. 0
33.	William Maze	UNR.	L18 L27 W34 L30 W38	2.0
34.	Stephen Brisben	UNR.	L20 L36 L33 W44 W39	2. 0
35.	Buddy Miller	1239	L9 W44 D11 L21 L25	1.5
36.	Vardhan Vasuki	1356	L4 W34 L10 L31 L23	1. 0
37.	Anil Yallapragada	1313	L3 L31 L24 L25 BYE	1.0
38.	Anu Yallapragada	1275	L5 L40 L39 W41 L33	1.0
39.	Richard Green	UNR.	L21 L22 W38 L28 L34	1.0
40.	James Martin	UNR.	L16 W38 L18 L19 L32	1.0
41.	Robert Martin	UNR.	L11 L19 L30 L38 W44	1.0
42.	Michael Milburn	1740	W23 L15 L26 Withdrew	1.0
43.	John Crawford	1678	L15 D23 Withdrew	0. 5
44.	Stephen Truluck	UNR.	L29 L35 L32 L34 L41	0. 0

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1D		PLAYER	ST	RTNG	RTNG	1	2	3	4	5	TOT
12534798	1	PRIDGEN, ALEXANDER	SC	9	1400	WSS	W-7	D-4	W-9	W-9	4.5
12535182	2	HIMMELSBACH, JASON	SC	0	1336	W-5	H-B	L-9	W-4	W-7	4. 0
12534500	3	RINI, JONATHAN A	SC	0	1176	L-7	MSS	D15	WIB	W14	3.5
12534542	4	STITCHER, CHARLES	SC	0	1329						3. 5
12535340	5	MEEKS, RAYMOND SCO	SC	0	1184						3. 0
12536272	6	HERNANDEZ, MICHAEL	SC	0	1112	L-4	M28	L17	W22	W17	3.0
12534543	7	VAN MARTER, SHANNO	SC	0	1240						3.0
12534732	8		SC	0	1185	W24	L-5	D12	W21	D-5	3.0
12534541	9	KOPNICKY, STEPHANI	SC	0	1256	W23	W15	W-2	L-1	L-1	3. 0
12534544	10	KOESTERER, RICHARD	SC	0	1137	L12	W21	L-7	W24	W19	3.0
12536621	11	KELCEY, BRADLEY	SC	0	1220	U	W19	W14	L-5	W21	3. 0
12534675	12	RIVERA, BRIAN P D	SC	1000/1	1164	W10	L-4	D-8	W13	U	2.5
1253662 0	13	JADEJA, KIRAN	SC	0	1151	U	D24	W16	LIZ	WIB	2.5
12534539	14	KALBERER, BETH A	SC	8	1072	M20	D16	L11	W17	L-3	2.5
12534534	15	CHENG, ANDREW Y K	SC	0	1064	W17	L-9	D-3	L-7	W28	2.5
12535630	16	GREENE, ERIN	SC	9	1052	W18	D14	L13	W20	L-4	2.5
12536174	17	HALASZ, DANIEL J	SC	•	952	L15	W23	W-6	L14	L-6	2.0
12534532	18	CALEMINE, ANGELA C	SC	0	908	L16	D-5	W24	L-3	L13	1.5
12536619	19	BANNAN, DEBORAH	SC	0	790	D21	L11	L-5	B	L10	1.5
12536273	20	Sussman, vicki	SC	0	776	L14	L-6	W22	L16	L15	1.0
12534458	21	WEIBLE, KENNEDY H	SC	8	832	D19	LIO	D23	L-8	L11	1.0
12534535		CRAPB, CHRISTOPHER	SC	0	872	L-1	L-3	L20	L-6	W24	1.0
12536022		SOMMERS, ELRIC A R	SC	0	760	L-9	L17	D21	U	U	. 5
12534533	24	CARDINALE, JANICE	SC	•	732	L-8	D13	L18	L18	L22	. 5

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I D	PLAYER	ST RTNG	RTNG 1	2 3	TOT
10212537	1 BUSH, JR HAROLD M	SC 2083	2100 W-7	W-6 W-2	3.0
10212626	2 MATHEWS, JR SPENCI	E SC 2048	2037 W-8	W-4 L-1	2.0
12513931	3 MC KINNON, MARK	SC 1604	1592 L-5	W10 W-6	2.0
12439398	4 DILLARD, LERGY	SC 1579	1583 W10	L-2 W-5	2.0
12498678	5 GORAN, FRANK	SC 1276	1321 W-3	W-8 L-4	2.0
11464190	6 KLATTÉ, ROSS A	SC 1569	1555 W-9	L-1 L-3	1.0
10212774	7 RUTLEDGE, RONALD (₩ SC 1450	1435 L-1	W-9 L-8	1.0
12467038	8 BISHOP, JOEY D	SC 1410	1405 L-2	L-5 H-7	1.0
12491838	9 KLATTE, KEN	SC 1089	1097 L-6	L-7 W10	1.0
12498677	10 PFISTERHAMMER, ALI	F SC 1041	1025 L-4	L-3 L-9	. 0

POSTAL PLAYERS!!

IF YOU WANT TO PLAY IN THE 1990 SCCA POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIP, CONTACT PAT HART AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! IF WE GET ENOUGH INTEREST, IT WILL BEGIN THIS SUMMER.

NEXT ISSUE: Please send all kinds of material on computers: Games, their use in communications, writing, data bases, etc. Thanks to my postal friends for their contributions to this issue!

KASPAROV AS REVOLUTIONARY

It's worth a trip to the library to find the March 29 issue of the Wall Street Journal, and read the interview with Gary Kasparov. In it Kasparov calls for democracy, a change of government, and free choice for the republics. The Journal gives this top billing on their editorial page.

1989 SPARTANBURG CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP CROSS-TABLES

	Round:	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1.	Harold M. Bush, Jr.	W6	w3	D2	W4	W5	4 1/2
2.	Spencer Mathews	W5	W 7	D1	D3	W4	4
З.	David Williams	Bye	L1	W7	D2	W6	3 1/2
4.	Mark McKinnon	L7	W8	W 5	L1	L2	2
5.	Ronald Ruthedge	L2	W6	L4	W8	L1	2
6.	Frank Goran	Li	L.5	W8	LF7	L3	1
7.	Ricky Dale Evans	W4	L2	L3	WF6	W8	3
8.	Jose Case	Bye	L4	L6	L5	L7	1

1986 SC POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

	Opponent:	Ca.	Wi.	Hу.	Be	. Total
1.	David Causey	××	1,1	1/2,0	1,1	/2 4-2
2.	Wayne Williams	0,0	xx	1,1/2	1.1	3.5-2.5
3.	Lee Hyder	1,1/2	1/2.0	xx	1.1	/2 3.5-2.5
4.	Jack Berry	1/2,0	0,0	1/2.0		1-5
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1.	Dambian Data A	Rounds	1	2	3	Total
	Dawkins, Brian A.		W6	W4	D2	2.5
2.	Clark, Dwight		W 7	W3	D1	2.5
3.	Viggins, Eli H.		W 5	L2	W 6	2
4.	Blackmon, Dale		W8	L1	¥7	2
5.	Stancel, Mike		L3	L.7	W8	ī
6.	Smith, Robert L.		Li	W8	L3	ī
7.	Vandegrift, Roy		Ĩ.4	W5	L4	1
8.	Brown, Alex		L4	L6	Ļ5	0

COMING EVENTS

1990 South Carolina Open, Columbia, April 28-29.
5-SS, 45/2, SD/30, Tremont Motor Inn, 111 Knox Abbott Dr., Cayce (across the Blossom St. Bridge from Columbia). EF \$22, \$18 Jrs., if received by 4/26; \$27,\$23 Jrs., at site. \$\$ (705 based on 50): 165-115-75, A,B,C,D,E each 60, Unr. 50, trophies to 1st, 2nd, A, B, C, D/E. Unr. Register 8-9:15 am: Rds. 9:30, 2. 7; 10, 3. SCCA Membership required. Entries to Don Lemaster; (803) 755-2761. Special hotel rate \$32. NS, NC, W

PCC Clock Special # 1. Columbia (Cayce), June 2. 3-SS, 40/90. Tremont, 8-person sections. EF \$8 by 6/1. \$10 at site. SCCA Reqd. Clock or optional \$ to each 1st. Reg 8:30-9:20, rds. 9:30, 1:45, 6. Entries to Lemaster. NS. NC. W

1990 Midlands Open, Columbia (Cayce), July 7-8
5-SS, 40/90, Tremont. EF \$15 if received by 7/6, \$20 at site, \$5
Jrs., SCCA Reqd. \$\$ 405 b/36: 100, 75, B, C, D each 50; E. Unr.
each 40. Jrs. eligible for memberships or trophy only. More \$\$
per entries. Reg. 8:30-9:45 am. Rds. 10-2:30-7, 10-2:30. HR:
\$32. Entries to Lemoster; NS, NC, W.

Other South Carolina events:

Georgia events:

April 28-29 Clemson University Open (Grand Prix), Clemson*
May 26-27 Death Valley Open (Grand Prix), Clemson*
June 9-10 Southeastern Rapid Chess Championship, Clemson*
June 16-17 Lake Hartwell Open, Clemson*
July 15 Rapid Chess I, Clemson*
July 20-22 Keoweekey Resort Open, Clemson*
August 11 Tiger Rapid Chess I, Clemson*
Sept. 8 1990 Warmup \$1, Columbia
Sept. 22 1990 Warmup \$2, Columbia
Oct. 5-7 1990 S. C. Closed, Columbia

*We have received dates only for the busy planned schedule of Clemson events; but further information can be obtained from Chess Life, or from Stephen Davis at (803) 656-2655.

April 21-22: Peach State Open, Atlanta
May 19-20: Georgia State Championship, Atlanta
July 14-15: Georgia Class Championship, Atlanta
August 25-26: Georgia Open, Atlanta
October 5-7: American Class Championship, Atlanta
November 10-11: Atlanta Open
December 8-9: American Chess Promotions Classic, Atlanta
All these events are held at the Radisson Inn and Conference
Center, under the direction of Thad Rogers, (912) 742-5607.
The Augusta Chess Club has been sponsoring tournaments under the
direction of Donny Gray, (404) 868-0018. We do not have a schedule of their planned events.
The date-for the August Charleston Classic has not been fixed at press time.

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