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## W. H. "Bill" Dodgen Killed in Accident

Bill Dodgen, a former President of the SCCA and the outstanding chess organizer in South Carolina during the late 1960's and 1970's, was killed in a traffic accident in Augusta, Georgia, this past December. A resident of North Augusta, Bill had been inactive in chess for the past decade, but his prior accomplishments are unequaled in this state and perhaps the whole southeast.

Bill was born in Aiken County fifty-one years ago, and began playing chess as a student. He settled in North Augusta at a time when the only chess activity in the Augusta area was the small club at the North Augusta recreation center. His enthusiasm for the game soon led him to undertake building up the club program and membership. Bill was blessed with a pleasant, outgoing personality, a gift of gab, and a refusal to let any adversity deter him, and these talents in combination with a love of chess proved irresistible. (They were important to him professionally, too; Bill worked most of his life as a radio announcer and advertising salesman.) Most important, he thought big, and acted accordingly. As the North Augusta club blossomed, he became involved

first with the SCCA and then with the USCF. Bill rarely traveled out of the Augusta area, but he was a master of the telephone call, and soon established a relationship with USCF Executive Director Ed Edmondson. As a result of this contact Bill put together a visit and exhibition by former World Champion Tigran Petrosian that was a great success; from this came the memorable Korchnoi-Mecking Candidates' Match which represents the high point of chess in our area to this day.

It is impossible to overstate Bill's contributions to the Augusta match. He made all the arrangements for the hotel and amenities, solicited funding, dealt with the multitude of problems that inevitably arose, and generally held things together. He even found a way of getting the Korchnois out from under the eyes of their KGB watchdog for a little while. (He had caught the KGB man in the process of padding his expense account, and subtly let him know that he knew.) Bill was in his element as an organizer and facilitator, and there were few better.

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## Four Tie for 1990 State Championship

In the most hotly contested South Carolina Championship in history, no fewer than four players finished in a tie for the 1990 title. The four included two former champions, Charles Walter and Dennis Fish, and two newcomers to the title: Mark Brodie and Jimmy Hill. Each finished with four points in the 21-player Championship Section.

At the beginning of the last round, the tournament seemed to be Charles Walter's to win: he enjoyed an advantage of at least half a point over all other competitors except Hill, his last round opponent. Jimmy was rated over four hundred points lower than Walter, but he rose to the occasion and forced a draw. This gave Fish and Brodie a chance to catch up with wins over Paul Tinkler and Klaus Pohl, respectively. John Vonderlieth also won his last round game to finish by himself in fifth with three and a half points.

In the Amateur Section, with nine competitors, Bijan Khalegi scored 4 1/2 to take clear first. Keith Eubanks with 4, losing only to Khalegi, took second place.

The twelve player Reserve Section, like the Championship Section, saw a multiple-player tie. Brian Thurmond, John Roberts, and Kevin McGrath each scored 4 of 5 to finish equal first.

As for the last several years, the tournament was held at the Tremont Motor Inn under the calm, competent direction of Don Lemaster.

*In other events around the state:*

### *Elsewhere:*

William Kelleher was the winner of an eight player Swiss played in August in Spartanburg. Kelleher, a Senior Master with a rating of 2418, was in town in connection with the U. S. Ladies' Championship being held in that city. He scored a perfect 3-0 for his win. Behind him at 2-0 were two class C players: Mark McKinnon and Ronald Rutledge. Harold Bush directed.

The October Surprise Tournament in Charleston consisted of two four-player quads. The top quad was won by Lindsay Blanks with a perfect 3-0 score; the second one, very hotly contested, was won by George Melton with only a 2-1 score. Pat Hart directed.

Cross-tables of these two events are given elsewhere in this issue, as are the cross-tables of the State Championship sections. 3

## Dodgen, Continued

Bill stepped in as President of the SCCA at a time when leadership was needed, and organized one of the biggest and strongest S. C. Championships. As President he attempted the difficult feat of bringing South Carolina and neighboring state federations closer together, with some success.

In the late 1970's Bill found a new calling in Christian missionary work to prisons, and this replaced chess as his major interest outside work and family. Hundreds have benefited from his devotion to this cause.

Throughout his career Bill enjoyed the constant support of his wife Mary Ellen. We extend her our great sympathy. She, like Bill, has been a great and constant friend to the chessplayers of South Carolina.



## Cross-Tables from State Tournaments

### October Surprise, Charleston, Oct. 20, 1990 (Pat Hart TD)

#	Player	Rating	Round				Score
			1	2	3	4	
1	Patrick Hart	2101	X	1	1	0	2-1
2	Irving Rosenfeld	1988	0	X	1	0	1-2
3	John Vonderleith	1920	0	0	X	0	0-3
4	Lindsay Blanks	1885	1	1	1	X	3-0
1	George Melton	1824	X	0	1	1	2-1
2	David Woodbury	1643	1	X	1/2	0	1.5-1.5
3	Alvin Veronee	1630	0	1/2	X	1	1.5-1.5
4	Roman Marks	1454	0	1	0	X	1-2

### Converse Cyclone, Spartanburg, 8/25/90: Mickey Bush, TD

#	Player	Rating	Rounds			Score
			1	2	3	
1	William Kelleher	2418	W7	W2	W4	3-0
2	Mark McKinnon	1566	W8	L1	W5	2-1
3	Ronald Rutledge	1456	L4	W6	W7	2-1
4	Harold Bush, Jr.	2059	W3	D5	L1	1.5-1.5
5	Leroy Dillard	1615	W6	D4	L2	1.5-1.5
6	Frank Goran	1278	L5	L3	W8	1-2
7	Ross Klatte	1553	L1	D8	L3	0.5-2.5
8	Ken Klatte	1137	L2	D7	L6	0.5-2.5

## GAMES

One of the startling results from the tournament was Steven Shaw's defeat of Klaus Pohl. Dr. Shaw has been kind enough to offer his notes to the game.

### Pohl vs. Shaw, Sicilian Defense

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bc4 e6 7 O-O

7 Bb3 is customary to avoid an eventual d5.

7 --Be7 8 f4 b5 9 Bb3 O-O 10 f5! e5 (forced)

11 N4e2 Bb7 12 Ng3 N8d7 13 Bg5 Nc5! 14 Bxf6 Bxf6 15 Bd5 Qb6 16 Bxb7?

Loses a pawn, and gives White a bad pawn formation in the endgame. Kh1 is better.

16 --Nxe5+ 17 Kh1 Nxc3

(Nxg3 is also interesting.)

18 bxc3 Qxb7 19 Nh5 Qe7 20 Qg4 Kh8

If now 21 Nxg7? Rg8 and White loses.

21 Rael Rac8?

Too anxious. First Qd8 would be better, to prevent the next White move.

22 Nf4 Rc4 23 Qd1 Qd8 24 Nd5 White posts his knight strongly.

24 --e4?

Loses a pawn. Bg5 would be better.

25 Rf4 Rfe8 26 Qh5 Kg8 27 Qg4

Be5 28 f6 g6 29 Rfxe4 Rxe4 30

Qxe4 Re6 31 Qf3 Kh8 32 g4 h6 33 h4

The pawn storm looks good but leaves the king exposed.

33 --Qa8 34 Kg2 Qc6

The alternative 34--Rxf6 35 Nxf6 Qxf3 36 Kxf3 Bxf6 37 Kg3 Bxc3 leads to an interesting endgame.

35 Re3 Kh7 36 a3 Qc4 37 Kh3 a5

38 g5 h5 39 Qe4??

39 Ne7 would have been better, but Black can continue with 39--b4.

39 --Qf1+ 40 Qg2 Qf4 mate!

Neither player was in time trouble, but blunders come when players become exhausted, and both players were worn out!

Pohl also figured in a crucial last round game, which gave Mark Brodie his chance at the Championship. Brodie has contributed notes to this contest:

### Brodie vs. Pohl, King's Indian Defense

Klaus and I both had 3 points, and needed a win for any chance at the money or title. I have opened 1 d4 only rarely in my career, but I was afraid that Klaus was just too well versed in the 7 Qg4 French Winawer as he plays it with White, and he is known to be a virtuoso on the Black side. Since I play the King's Indian as Black, and I have seen him play it several times, I felt we would probably wind up in something with which I was familiar.

The gambit initiated with 6--c5 has been hotly contested at the grandmaster level for the last 5 years at least. I have seen a few games, but it's not one of my specialties. Therefore I was reluctant to accept immediately, but finally I couldn't resist.

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 f3 O-O 6 Be3 c5 7 Nge2 Nc6 8 dxc5 dxc5 9 Qxd8 Rxd8 10 Bxc5 Nd7 11 Be3

Or 11 Ba3!?

11--Nde5 12 Nf4 b6

ECO gives 12--Nb4 13 Rb1 Nc2 14 Kf2

Nc3 15 Ke3 Nc6 =

13 Rcl Ba6 14 h3 e6 15 h4

15 a3 g5 16 Nh5 Nd3 17 Bxd3 Rxd3 18

Ng7 Re3 19 Kd2 Rxc3 20 Kxc3 Kg7

with complications.

15--Nb4 16 Kf2 Rd7

16--Nbd3 17 Nxd3 Nxd3 18 Bxd3 Rxd3

19 Nb5 with advantage.

17 Be2 Rad8 18 Rhd1

18 Kg3!?: or 18 a3? Nbd3 19 Nxd3

Nxd3 20 Bxd3 Rxd3 with advantage to Black.

18--Rxd1 19 Rxd1 Rxd1 20 Nxd1

20 Bd1? Nc4!

20--Nxa2 21 Bd2?

Much better is 21 c5! (or 21 Nd3) Bxe2

22 Nxe2 bxc5 23 Bxc5 with advantage;

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## Games, Continued

or 21 c5 b5 22 Nd3, also with advantage. White maneuvers poorly, and soon has to struggle very hard for a draw.

21--Nc6 22 Bd3 Nc4 23 Bh1 Bf8 24 Ne2 Ne5 25 Nb2 Nbc6 26 Nd3 Nxd3 27 Bxd3 Bc5+ 28 Be3 Ne5 29 Bc2 Be7 30 g3 Kf8 31 Nd4 Ke8 32 Ke2 Kd7 33 Bg1 Bc5 34 Be3 Kd6 35 Bh1 Nc6 36 Kd3 Nb4 37 Kd2 e5 38 Ne2 Nc6 39 Bxc5 Kxc5 40 Kc3 Bc8 41 Nc1 Nb4 42 Nd3+ Nxd3 43 Bxd3 a5 44 Bf1 h5 45 f4 f6 46 fxe5 fxe5 47 Bd3 Bg4 48 Bf1 Bf3 49 Bd3 Bg2 50 Bc2 Bf1 51 Bd1 Bg2 52 Bc2 Bf3 53 Bd3 Bd1 54 Bf1 Bg4 55 Bd3 Bd7 56 Bb1 Be6 57 Bd3 Bd7 58 Bb1 b5 59 cxb5 Bxb5 60 Bc2 Be2 61 Bb1 Bd1 62 Bd3!

I saw that he might sacrifice at b3, and concluded that Black loses: After

62--Bxb3 63 Kxb3 Kd4 64 Be2:

A. 64--a4! 65 Kxa4 Ke3 66 Kb4 Kf3 76 Kc4 Kg3 68 Kd5 Kf4 69 Bd1 g5 70 hxg5 h4 71 Be2 h3 72 Bf1 h2 73 Bg2 Kg3 74 Bh1 Kf2 75 g6 Kg1 76 g7 Kh1 77 g8(Q) wins;

B. In this line 68--Kh4 69 Ke5 Kg3 70 Kf6 h4 71 e5 h3 72 e6 h2 73 Be4 winning;

C. in line B 69--g5 70 Kf6 g4 71 e5 g3 72 Be4 Kh3 73 e6 g2 74 Bxg2 Kxg2 75 e7 h4 76 e8(Q) h3 77 Qe2+ winning; and then there was the game as played: 64--Ke3 65 Kd4 Kf3 66 Kf3 66 Kd5 Kxg3 67 Kxe5 Kxh4 68 Kf6 g5 69 e5 g4 70 e6 g3 71 71 Be4 Kh3 72 e7 g2 73 Bxg2 Kxg2 74 e8(Q) h4 75 Qe2+ Kg3 76 Qe5+ Kg2 77 Qg5+ Resigns

The last round game that settled fifth place was interesting:

John Vonderlieth vs. Paul Tinkler, Fianchetto Defense

1 c4 b6 2 Nc3 Bb7 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 g3 d5 5 cxd5 Nxd5 6 Bg2 g6 7 Qa4+ Qd7 8 Qb3 Bg7 9 Ng5 c6 10 e4 f6 11 Bh3 Qd6 12 Ne6 Bh6 13 exd5 Qe5+ 14 Ne2 Na6 15 d4 Qh5 16

Bxh6 Qxh3 17 Nef4 Qxh6 18 Qa4 Kf7 19 dxc6 Be8 20 Qc4 Ke8 21 Qd5 Bxe6 22 Nxe6 Rc8 23 Qd7+ Kf7 24 e7 Nxc7 25 Nxc7 Rhd8 26 Qe6+ Kf8 27 Qc4 b5 28 Ne6+ Kg8 29 Qb3 Rc1+ 30 Ke2 Qh5+ 31 f3 Resigns.

Doug Holmes sends us his game vs. Charles Walter, an example of a missed opportunity. Doug points out that Nd2 on move 28 or for several moves thereafter would have won a piece.

Doug Holmes vs. Charles Walter, King's Indian Defense

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Nf3 O-O 6 Be2 e5 7 d5 c5 8 Bg5 h6 9 Bh4 Na6 10 Nd2 Nc7 11 O-O Qd7 12 a3 Nh7 13 Rc1 f5 14 exf5 gxf5 15 f4 b6 16 h4 exf4 17 Rxf4 Be5 18 Rf1 Qg7 19 Qc2 Bd7 20 Bd3 Rae8 21 Nd1 Qg6 22 Nf3 Bf4 23 Rb1 Rf7 24 Kh1 Qh5 25 g4 fxg4 26 Bg6 Bf5 27 Bxh5 Bxc2 28 Rb2

(28 Bxf7+ Kxf7 29 Nd2 Bxb1 30 Rxf4+ Kg7 31 Nxb1)

28--Bxd1 29 Bxf7+

(29 Nd2 Bf3+ 30 Nxf3 gxf3 31 Bxf7+ Kxf7 32 Rxf3)

29--Kxf7 30 Rxd1

(30 Nd2 Bf3+ 31 Nxf3 gxf3 32 Rxf3)

30--gxf3 31 bxc5 Na6 32 cxb6 (32 c6)

32--axh6 33 Bf2 Nc5 34 Bxc5 bxc5 35 Rh7+ Kg6 36 Rg1+ Ng5 37 Rb2 (37 h4 Re2) Kh5 38 Rf1 Ra8 39 Rh3 Ra4 40 Rce Be5 41 Rc2 Rxa3 42 h4 Kxh4 43 Re1 Bg3 44 Rf1 h5 45 Rg1 Re3 46 Rf1 Re2 47 Rxe2 fxe2 48 Rf4+ Bxf4 49 Kg2 Bg3 50 Resigns

From the Columbia Warmup tournament came this interesting game, contributed by Mark Brodie with his extensive notes.

Brodie vs. Lindsay Blanks, French Defense:

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bh4 4 e5 (Continued next page)

## Games, Continued: Brodie-Blanks

4--c5 5 a3 Bxc3 6 bxc3 Ne7 7 Qg4 Qc7 8 Qxg7 Rg8 9 Qxh7 cxd4 10 Ne2 dxc3 11 f4 Nbc6 12 Qd3 Bd7 13 Nxc3 a6 14 Ne2

John Watson has called this move "utterly negative, but I wholeheartedly disagree. It forced 13--a6, so now the queen is not exposed to Black's d4 as in the 13 Qxc3 line. 14. Ne2 takes the N off an exposed square, and covers both d4 and c3. Now if Black plays Nf5, White has h3 and g4. 14--Nf5

This move was under a cloud after the game Karpov-Nogueiras (Informant 45/344) 15 Rb1 Nce7?!; but 15--Na5 is unclear. Another try is 14--Rc8 15 Rb1 Na7! (15--Nf5?! lost in Chandler-Timman, Informant 45/343) 16 Qb3 Bb5 17 Nd4 Bxf1 18 Kxf1 Nac6 19 Nxc6 Qxc6 20 Rb2, with compensation for material: 21 Qd3? Rxc2 22 Kxc2 d4 23 Kg1 Ke7 and won: Arnason-Timman.

But: Short-Nogueiras went 14--Rc8 15 Bd2 Nf5 (15--Na7 doesn't work the same now) 16 h3 with advantage; Nogueiras claims 16--Ne5 wins, but simply 17 fxe5 Qxe5 18 Bc3 or a8 c3 looks fine for White. I think 14--Rc8 15 Bd2 Na5 16 Nd4 Nec6 is unclear.

In addition to 14--Rc8, 14--O-O-O was discussed extensively in *Inside Chess*. (Vol #1, #20, and Vol. 2, #6) The only game I know is one I played in Philadelphia last year.

15 h3 Na5 16 g4 Ne7?

Here 16--Bb5! is necessary as played by Short against Timman. After Ne7? it's White all the way.

17 Nd4 O-O-O 18 Rb1

I am trying to play Q-b3-b6, but it is thwarted by a timely --b5. Perhaps 18 a4 first is better, answering 18--Nec6 with 19 Be3.

18--Nc4 19 Qb3!?

I was distracted by a phone call here. Simply 19 Bg2 looks better.

19--Nc6 20 Nxc6 Bxc6 21 Rh2 h5 22 g5 Qa7 23 Qg3 d4 24 Bg2!?

24 Bd3 looks much more solid than this move, and if 24--Qc5 25 h4 Nxa3 26 Ra1

is fine. In the game Black might play 24--d3!? and if 25 Bxc6? dxc2 26 Ra1 Rd1+ 27 Ke2 Qd4! (if 27--Rgd8 28 Rh1) 28 Qf2 with great complications; or 25 cxd3 Qg1+ 26 Ke2 Rxd3 27 Kd3 Rd8 28 Ke2, also with complications.

24--Bd5?! 25 Bxd5 Rxd5 26 Qd3 Qc7 27 h4 Rgd8?! 28 h5 Qa5+?! 29 Rb4 Ne3 30 h6

30 g6 would probably win a correspondence game!

30--Nf5 31 Bd2 Qc7 32 a4 Rc5 33 axb5 axb5 34 h7?!

Perhaps this doesn't throw away the win, but it should be rejected on general principles. The advance should be saved until it is crushing, else the pawn becomes a liability. After the game I found 34 Rb5! Rxb5 (34--Rxc2 is analyzed below) 35 Qxb5 Qxc2 (or 35--Ne3 36 Bxc3 dxc3 37 Qa6 threatening c4) 36 Qa6 Kb8 (or 36--Kd7 37 Qb7 Ke8 38 h7 winning) 37 Qb6 Kc8 38 Qxd8+! Kxd8 39 Ba5+ winning.

If 34--Rxc2 35 Ba5 Rc1+ 26 Kd2 Qc6 37 Rb6 Qc4 38 Qxc4 Rxc4 39 Rb8+ Kxb8 40 Bad8 wins.

34--Rh8 35 Rxb5

Should White settle for 35 Kd1 or Rb2 with a slight edge? Now Black should play 35--Rxb5 36 Qxb5 Qxc2 37 Qe2, with a slight White advantage.

35--Rxc2 36 Qa3?

36 Rb1 holds an advantage. However, 36 Ba5? loses to Rxh2 37 Bxc7 Rh1+ 38 Kd2 R8xh7.

36--Qc6! 37 Kd1??

37 Qd3 is mandatory, and White is still better.

37--Rxd2+ 38 Rxd2 Ne3+ 39 Ke1 Qxb5 40 Qc1+ Qc4?!

With seconds left to make time control, Black missed 40--Kd7 41 Rxd4+ Nd5 with advantage. Now an exciting ending ensues. Since I had about 20 minutes left to add to my 30 for sudden death, and my opponent had nothing left to add to his 30, I figured my chances were excellent. Furthermore, Black will have trouble in any case, but should be able to draw by playing his K to e7 when White plays Rf6. (Continued next page.)

## Games, Continued Brodie-Blanks

41 Qxc4 Nxc4 42 Rc2 Kd7 43 Rdc4 Rxh7 44 Rxd4+ Ke7 45 Ra4 Kf8? 46 Kf2 Rh3 47 Re4 Kg7 48 Re3 Rh1 49 Kg2 Rb1 50 Kf3 Rh5 51 Re1 Kg6 52 Kg4 Rb2 53 Rh1 Rb4 54 Rh6+ Kg7 55 Rf6 Rb1 56 Kf3 Rg1 57 Ke4 Rd1 58 g6 fxg6 59 Rxe6

Now the Black king cannot reach the queening file. 51--Kf8 might have held the draw.

59--Kf7 60 Rf6+ Kg7 61 Rd6 Re1+ 62 Kd5 Rd1+ 63 Ke6 Rb1 64 Ke7 Rh4 65 Rf6 Rb7+ 66 Kd8 Rh8+ 67 Kc7 Rb4 68 Kd6 Rb6+ 69 Ke7 Rb7+ 70 Kd8 Rh8+ 71 Kc7 Rb4 72 f5! gxf5 73 Rxf5

Now, according to *Basic Chess Endings*, "In general, if the white P is on the fifth rank or further, White always wins if the Black K is cut off."

73--Rb5 74 Kd6 Ra5 75 Rf4 Ra1 76 e6 Rd1+ 77 Ke7 Ra1 78 Rg4+ Kh6 79 Kf6 Rf1+ 80 Ke7 Ra1 81 Ke8 Ra8+ 82 Kf7 Ra1 83 e7 Rf1+ 84 Ke6 Re1+ 85 Kf6 Rf1+ 86 Ke5 Kh5 87 Re4 Resigns.

Our Clemson correspondent, Allen Cooley, has sent us the following, which he titles:

### Brilliant Combinations in a Single Game

When a new move or idea appears, the two players may confront the situation with different feelings, but both may be excited by a sense of risk. The inventor of this hitherto unknown scheme of play may either be pleased in anticipation of the surprise effect of the creation (whether for psychological advantage or for the creative satisfaction it affords) or, although uncertain of how it will work in practice, unable to resist the temptation of trying it. However, your opponent who must cope with the new move may either be happy for the opportunity of an unusually challenging fight, or confused;

by the difficulty of his task when there is limited time for reflection.

In the following game I played an old move (or variation) seldom seen in tournament practice. My opponent, Alan Patrick, did not hesitate to accept a dynamic pawn offer. However, he was later quite jolted when he realized that the ensuing tactical play led to a beautiful queen sacrifice, which decided the game.

PKB-Raleigh, 11/11/89: Patrick-Cooley, Slav Defense.

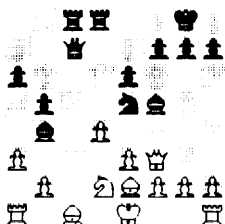
1 c4 c6! Extraordinary, for White is now committed to either the Caro Can't (with 2 e4 d5), or must settle for the Slav which I had prepared. 2 Nc3 d5 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nf3 Bf5?! This is the subtle move leading to the complex position that later ensnares my opponent. 4--e6 or 4--dxc4 are standard. 5 cxd5 cxd5 6 Qb3 Other moves equalize. 6--Qb6 The alternative 6--b6 is bad: 7 e4! dxe4 8 Ne5 e6 9 Bb5+ Nfd7 10 g4! Bg6 11 h4 with advantage; or 7--Bxe4 8 Bb5+ Nfd7 (or Nbd7 9 Nxe4 dxe4 10 Ne5 e6 11 Bg5) 9 Ne5 Nxe4 dxe4 10 Qd5 winning. 7 Nxd5 Nxd5 8 Qxd5 e6 White has succeeded in obtaining a pawn plus, but at the expense of costly tempi. Patrick went into a huddle here, and played the anticipated reply. 9 Qc4 The alternative 9 Qb3 gives a slight advantage: 9--Qxb3 10 axb3 Bc2 11 Bd2 Bxb3 12 e4 f6 13 Bc3; or 11 Nd2 Bb4 12 Ra4! 9--Bb4+ 10 Nd2 Nc6+! Much better than Bxd2, which develops White. 11 e3 O-O 12 Qh5?! In an attempt to swap queens, White loses more time. 12--Qc7! 13 a3 I had analyzed 13 Be2 a6 14 Qa4 b5 15 Qb3 a5!! 16 Bxb5 (or 16 O-O Ne5!! 17 Qd1--or 17 Bxb5 Bc7--Bc2 18 Qe1 Nd3) 16--Na7, and White is crushed. 13--a6 14 Qa4 b5 15 Qd1?! Much better is 15 Qb3, but after 15--a5 many storms can be created: A. 16 Be2 a4 17 Qa2 Qa5!! and White can't play 18 axb4 because 18--Nxb4 19 Qa3 Nxc2+ snares the lady. B. 16 axb4 Nxb4 17 e4! (17 Be2 Nc2+) Nc2+ 18 Kd1 Nxa1 19 Qc3! Qb7 20 exf5 Rfc8 with complications.



## Games, Continued

### Patrick-Coolley

15--Rac8! Absolutely brilliant. 16 Qf3?! Of course 16 Be2 Nxd4!! would be very sparkling. After White accepts the sacrifice with 16 axb4 Nxb4 he is torn up: 17 e4 Nc2+ 18 Ke2 Nxa1 19 exf5 Qxc1, etc. Notice that White has now moved the queen seven times in sixteen moves while Black has developed harmoniously. 16--Rfd8!! A grandmaster move. If now 17 axb4 Nxb4 White would have to resign. 17 Be2 Ne5!!



The decisive blow. I was so engrossed in this unbelievable position that I told all the bemused onlookers, "This is real!" If now 18 Qg3, Black delivers some fascinating punches: 18--Nd3+ (18--Qxc8+ is very complicated but probably good also) 19 Bxd3 Bd6! (the point) 20 Qf3 Bxd3 (20--Qxc8+ is also very good here) 21 Qd1 (The only way to stop mate, since 21 Nb3 fails to Qc2 22 Qd1 b4--or 22 Nc5 Bxc5 23 dxc5 Rxc5--and White is slowly getting smashed. 18 dxe5 Qxc1+ 19 Rxc1 Rxc1+ 20 Bd1 Bxd2+ 21 Ke2 Rb1 (Conclusive) 22 e4 Bg6 23 g4! The best try in an already lost position: if now 22--Rxd4 24 Be2! White squeaks out by the hair on his chin. 23--Rxb2 24 h4 Rd4+ 25 Rh3 Bxe4 26 Qh3 Rbe 27 Rh3 Bd5 28 Rh2 Bc4+ 29 Kf3 Bc1 30 Rc2 Rxd1 31 a4 Rd3+ 32 Kg2 Bf4 33 Kgl h6! 34 Resigns.

• Back to the state championship. This tournament also gave us another example

of the famous bishop sacrifice at h7:

### Joseph Corbett vs. Bill Pilaud, French Defense

1 d4 d5 2 Nc3 e6 3 e4 Nc6 4 Be3 4 e5 or 4 Nf3 are better.  
4--Nf6 5 e5 Ne4 6 Nxe4 dxe4 7 c3 Be7 8 f3 exf3 9 Nxf3 O-O?  
Castling directly into danger. Black's game is difficult at best, but now White has a target:  
10 Bd3 Re8 11 O-O Bf8 12 Bxh7+ The axe falls.  
12--Kxh7 13 Ng5+ Kg8 14 Qh5 Qxg5 15 Qxg5 and wins.

Jimmy Hill was not the only player to achieve a draw against a player much higher rated than himself. Mark Brodie was rated 416 points higher than Henry White, but he never got started in this game, and might have lost:

### Henry White vs. Mark Brodie King's Indian Defense

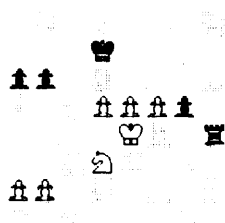
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 f3 O-O 6 Be3 e5 7 d4 Nh5 8 Qd2 Qh4+ 9 Qf2 Qe7 10 O-O-O f5 11 Qd2 Nd7 12 Bd3 Nc5 13 Nge2 a5 14 Ng3 Nxp3 15 hxg3 fxe4 16 Nxe4 Nxe4 17 Bxe4 Bf5 18 Bxf5 gxf5 19 Rh5 Rf7 20 Rdh1 Bh8 21 Bh6 Qd7 22 Rg5+ Bg7 23 R1h5 b6 24 Bxg7 Rxg7 25 Rxg7 Kxg7 26 Qg5+ Kh8 27 Qf5 Qxf5 28 Rxf5 Kg7 29 Kd2 Kg6 30 g4 d4 31 Kc3 Re8 32 Kd3 Rb8 33 h3 h5 34 g3 hxc4 35 Kxc4 axb3 36 axb3 Ra8 37 Kb5 Ra2 38 Ke6 Rc2+ 39 Kd7 Rc5 40 Kd6 Rh5 41 Rf6+ Drawn.

White had winning chances after (for example) 41--Kg5 42 Rf7: after the wholesale slaughter of pawns, the one at d5 can be a killer.

Brodie's other draw, against Dave Williams, was also of interest, if only for the final position, as shown on the next page:

## Games, Continued

Position in Brodie-Williams after 49--Rh4+ (Draw agreed):



Fortunately for Black, there doesn't seem to be any good way for White to escape the checks!

The most disturbing game of the tournament came from the Amateur Section. White wastes time (?) with the pawn moves a3 and h3, while Black develops harmoniously, and after 11 or 12 moves--Black is dead lost. The blame has to be given to 8--Be6, but who would have known it?

**Euhanks vs. Haymond, Petrov Defense**

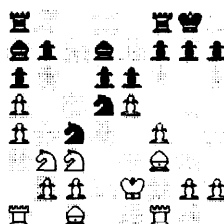
1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 d4 Nxe4 4 Bd3 d5 5 dxe5 Be7 6 h3 Nc6 7 a3 O-O 8 c4 Be6 9 O-O f5 10 exf6 Nxf6 11 Ng5! Bf7 12 exd5 Nxd5 12--Qxd5 is no better; White can still play Bxh7+.  
13 Bxh7+ Kh8 14 Nxf7+ Rxf7 15 Bg6 Kg8 16 Bxf7+ Kxf7 17 Qf3+ Bf6 18 Rd1 and won quickly.

Another upset occurred in Round 2, when Vonderleith overcame a 360 point differential to defeat Randall Ferguson.

**Randall Ferguson vs. John Vonderleith, Sicilian Defense:**

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Be2 Be7 7 O-O O-O 8 Be3 a6 9 a4 Nc6 10 f4 Qc7 11 Bf3 Na5 12 Qe2 Nc4

13 Bc1 Qc5 14 Qf2 Bd8 15 Nb3 Qxf2+ 16 Kxf2 Bh6+ 17 Ke2 Bd7 18 a5 Ba7 19 e5 Nd5!



Offering a pawn sacrifice that proves to be no sacrifice at all.

20 Nxd5 exd5 21 Bxd5 Bh5! 22 Ke1 dxe5 23 fxe5 Nxe5 24 Rf4 Rad8 25 Bxb7 Rfe8 26 Re4 f5 Forcing the win of material.  
27 Re2 Bxe2 28 Kxe2 Ng4+ 29 Kf3 Nxe2+ 30 Kg3 Bh8+ 31 Kh3 Ng4 32 Bg5 Rd6 33 Rf1 Ne3 34 Rf3 Rd1 35 Bf4 Rh1+ 36 Kg3 Nf1+ 37 Kf2 Ba7+ 38 Be3 Nxe3 39 Nd2 Nf1+ 40 Re3 Bxe3+ 41 Kf3 Nxd2+ 42 Resigns.

It was a good tournament for John Vonderleith, and had it not been for the clock in this game it might have been even better.

**Vonderleith vs. Jimmy Hill, Reti Opening**

1 Nf3 d5 2 g3 Nf6 3 Bg2 Bg4 4 d3 h6 5 c4 e6 6 Qh3 Qc8 7 Ne5 c6 8 h3 Bf5 9 Nd2 Nbd7 10 Nxd7 Qxd7 11 e4 dxe4 12 dxe4 Bg6 13 e5 Nh7 14 Ne4 Be7 15 Be3 Bxe4 16 Bxe4 Nf8 17 Rd1 Qc7 18 O-O Nd7 19 f4 Nc5 20 Qc2 Nxe4 21 Qxe4 O-O 22 f5 exf5 23 Qxf5 Rad8 24 Rxd8 Qxd8 25 Qg4 Qd3 26 Bxh6 Bc5+ 27 Kg2 Qc2+ 28 Kh1 Qh7 29 Bc1 Rd8 30 h4 Qd3 31 Qf4 Qd7 32 Kg2 Qe6 33 h3 h5 34 exh5 cxb5 35 Be3 Bxe3 36 Qxe3 a6 37 Qf4 Rd5 38 Re1 f6 Black has, with much labor, equalized; but White overstepped the time limit!  
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## BOOK REVIEWS (By the Editor)

***The Complete Chess Addict* by Mike Fox and Richard James  
Faber & Faber, Boston, 1987: Paperbound, \$11.95**

Everyone who enjoys chess will enjoy this book! It is purely for amusement, with little or no redeeming instructional value. Chapters include: The Famous (chessplayers notable for their achievements in other areas), The Greatest (best players, 60 best games, notable accomplishments), The Frightful (blunders of all kinds), The Unacceptable (poor losers, and the like), The Awesome (records), The Bizarre, The Unorthodox (chess variants), Desert Island Chess (puzzles and problems), and "The End" (computer chess). All are good reading, and there is a selection of photos too. It's a British book, so sometimes the references to TV personalities, snooker players, etc., are obscure; but the authors have done a good job of getting U. S. content too. Old-timers in this area will be interested in the account of Norman Whitaker, an IM and noted confidence man, who lived in Georgia in his old age and played in several South Carolina tournaments.

Stop studying for a little while. Buy this book and relax!

***Pawn Power in Chess* by Hans Kmoch  
Dover reprint, New York, 1990; \$6.95**

Dover has reprinted Kmoch's classic work on pawn play. It's a good instructional book, that the beginner might well study after reading Nimzovich's *My System*. The terminology that Kmoch uses for the different pawn structures has not caught on, but his approaches to the various positions are timeless. The book is strongly recommended for anyone rated below 1600, and at the price it should appeal to everyone.

## 1990 SCCA Business Meeting (an Unofficial Report)

The 1990 SCCA annual business meeting was held between the fourth and fifth rounds of the State Championship. At President Holmes' request, Vice President John McCrary acted as the presiding officer during the meeting.

President Holmes reported on the scholastic chess program. There had been numerous tournaments in the Charleston area, and it was decided to hold the State Scholastic tournament again in Charleston next year. On Holmes' motion, it was voted to use the USCF funds received annually by the state to fund the scholastic program in the coming year.

A discussion of *Palmetto Chess* resulted in no recommendations for change.

By a vote of the membership, the Constitution was amended to remove the requirement to hold a biennial State Postal Championship if a call for entries did not attract at least five players.

Following discussion of the various arrangements of sections in the State Championship Tournament, it was voted to give the officers discretion to plan the 1991 event.

At the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, incumbent officers were reelected by acclamation.

# Cross-Tables of the 1990 South Carolina Championships

## Championship Section

PLAYER	ST	PRE		POST							TOT
		RTNG	RTNG	1	2	3	4	5			
1 WALTER, CHARLES E	SC	2418	2410	W-8	W-7	W11	D-3	D-4	4.0		
2 BRODIE, MARK D	SC	2166	2178	D21	D10	W13	W-8	W-6	4.0		
3 FISH, DENNIS L	SC	2082	2119	W12	W13	D-5	D-1	W-9	4.0		
4 HILL, JAMES E	SC	1976	2022	H--	W21	W10	W-5	D-1	4.0		
5 VONDERLIETH, JOHN	SC	1882	1942	W-9	W19	D-3	L-4	W10	3.5		
6 POHL, KLAUS A	SC	2301	2301	L13	W12	W-7	W11	L-2	3.0		
7 CORBETT, III CLAUD	SC	2052	2066	W17	L-1	L-6	W20	W16	3.0		
8 ABRAMS, HARRY LEE	SC	2017	2056	L-1	W18	W19	L-2	W15	3.0		
9 TINKLER, PAUL E	SC	2116	2080	L-5	W14	D15	W17	L-3	2.5		
10 WHITE, J HENRY	SC	1741	1789	W20	D-2	L-4	W12	L-5	2.5		
11 HOLMES, DOUGLAS R	SC	2034	2039	W16	W15	L-1	L-6	U--	2.0		
12 BLANKS, LINDSAY E	SC	1976	1950	L-3	L-6	B--	L10	W21	2.0		
13 SHAW, STEVEN J	SC	1968	1980	W-6	L-3	L-2	D18	D14	2.0		
14 OSUMI, ANDRE N	SC	1952	1959	L19	L-9	D18	W21	D13	2.0		
15 FOLTS, ROBERT A	SC	1849	1864	W18	L11	D-9	D16	L-8	2.0		
16 OODY, KYLE J	SC	1801	1799	L11	B--	D20	D15	L-7	2.0		
17 FLOYD, BILL	SC	1744	1781	L-7	D20	W21	L-9	D18	2.0		
18 BUSH, JR HAROLD M	SC	2047	2020	L15	L-8	D14	D13	D17	1.5		
19 FERGUSON, RANDAL G	SC	2259	2222	W14	L-5	L-8	U--	U--	1.0		
20 ZARAGOZA, ROGELIO	SC	1994	1937	L10	D17	D16	L-7	U--	1.0		
21 WILLIAMS, DAVID KN	SC	1952	1922	D-2	L-4	L17	L14	L12	.5		

## Amateur Section

PLAYER	ST	PRE	POST					TOT	
		RTNG	1	2	3	4	5		
1 KHALEGI, BIJAN	SC	1979	1979	W-7	W-3	W-2	D-5	W-6	4.5
2 EUBANKS, KEITH VER	SC	1719	1755	W-8	W-4	L-1	W-6	W-5	4.0
3 TICHENOR, CLARENCE	SC	1441	1485	B--	L-1	W-9	W-7	D-8	3.5
4 CORBETT, JOSEPH S	SC	1682	1663	W-9	L-2	L-6	W-8	B--	3.0
5 OLMSTED, FREDERICK	SC	1639	1655	D-6	W-9	W-8	D-1	L-2	3.0
6 HAYMOND, JOHN W	SC	1526	1562	D-5	W-7	W-4	L-2	L-1	2.5
7 CRAWFORD, JOHN N	SC	1586	1578	L-1	L-6	B--	L-3	W-9	2.0
8 PILAUD, WILLIAM	SC	1518	1518	L-2	B--	L-5	L-4	D-3	1.5
9 LAWRENCE, PHILIP L	SC	1520	1468	L-4	L-5	L-3	B--	L-7	1.0

## The Editor's Page

Happy new year to everyone! The new year came just after the completion of the Korchnoi-Karpov match. (It ended shortly before midnight on New Year's Eve.) I was able to follow it on the Linc computer network, which was a real pleasure. Following the match was the most value I have found in that network since joining it. There is no doubt that match play is the most exciting form of chess, and it is a shame it isn't practiced more at a local level. Some of our state clubs might well try arranging matches among top players; I'd like to hear about any such activities.

Charlestonians may be interested to know that Ernest Schlich, formerly of that city, was elected president of the New Hampshire Chess Association this past fall. Ernie was, I believe, instrumental in starting the series of "Snowstorm" tournaments in the early 1970's.

I regret not mentioning in the last issue the accomplishment of Bryce Harrison, who was the only South Carolinian to make it onto one of the USCF's Top 50 lists in 1990. Harrison was #35 in the under 16 category. Congratulations!

As you have seen, some annotated games were contributed to this issue by players around the state. Send more! This is your publication, and we want your games, as well as articles, news, ideas, letters. The beauty of a state publication is that it is accessible to the membership. As announced in our last issue, we solicit book reviews for our next issue; I have put in a couple in this issue to get things started.

I wasn't able for this issue to make the arrangements to run photographs, but as you can see the typography has been improved on most of the pages. This is the result of using a high-resolution printer which has become available to me. I also hope to get some new software by the next issue to improve the variety of layout. Photos will come, one of these days.



### Cross-Tables from the Reserve Section of the S. C. Championships:

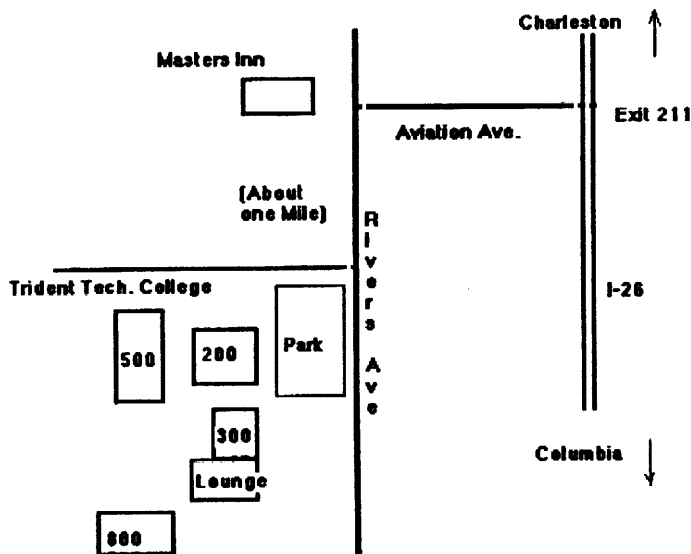
			PRE		POST						
	PLAYER	ST	RTNG		RTNG	1	2	3	4	5	TOT
1	THURMOND, BRIAN V	SC	1423		1463	W11	W-3	D-4	W-6	H--	4.0
2	ROBERTS, JOHN G	SC	1422		1465	L-9	W-7	W-5	W-4	W-6	4.0
3	MC GRATH, KEVIN H	GA	1319/15		1345	B--	L-1	W12	W-8	W-9	4.0
4	ROGERS, JOHN	SC	1404		1441	W10	W-5	D-1	L-2	W-8	3.5
5	MC KAY, WILLIAM R	SC	1549/3		1472	W-8	L-4	L-2	W-7	W11	3.0
6	ROBINSON, JAMES D	SC	0		1473	W-7	W-9	W10	L-1	L-2	3.0
7	RAY, F. PERRY	SC	1373		1345	L-6	L-2	W11	L-5	W12	2.0
8	NICHOLS, MICHAEL E	SC	1349		1334	L-5	W11	W-9	L-3	L-4	2.0
9	MILLER, BUDDY A	SC	1273		1266	W-2	L-6	L-8	X--	L-3	2.0
10	FOSSA, CARL	GA	1474		1440	L-4	W12	L-6	F--	U--	1.0
11	SCHUDEL, THEO J	SC	1178		1152	L-1	L-8	L-7	W12	L-5	1.0
12	WILLIAMS, DAVID R	SC	708		704	H--	L10	L-3	L11	L-7	.5

## TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Jan 19: Spartanburg January Quads.** 3-SS, G/60, at Spartanburg Arts Center, 385 S. Spring St., Spartanburg. EF \$7, Trophy to each section winner. Reg. 9:15-10 am, Rds. 10:15, 12:45-3:15. One Swiss section possible for lowest rated group. Ties broken by blitz game. Entries: David Williams, 102 Elderberry Dr., Spartanburg, SC 29302. NS, NC, W.

**Jan 19: Spartanburg January Scholastics.** 4-SS, G/40, at Spartanburg Arts Center, 385 S. Spring St., Spartanburg. Open to under age 20. EF \$5. Trophy to top player in grades K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12. Reg. 9:15-10 am, Rds. 10:15-12-1:45-3:30. 1/2 point bye available for Rd. 1. Entries as above, NS, NC, W.

**Feb 23-24: 19th Snowstorm Special.** 5-SS, 40/100, SD/60, at Trident Technical College (Building 200), 7000 Rivers Ave., North Charleston. (See sketch for directions) EF: \$15 by 2/20/91, \$20 at site; scholastic players (Grades K-12) EF \$5. Prizes (Guaranteed) 1st \$100, 2nd \$70, B, C, under 1400 each \$50, UNR based on performance rating after Rd. 4. USCF membership to top scholastic. Rounds 10, 2, 7, 10, 2:30. Entries to Charleston Chess Club, P. O. Box 634, Sullivan's Island SC 29482-0634, telephone (803) 883-3783. Registration at site 9:00 to 9:50 am. Motel: Masters Inn (803) 744-3530: \$26.50 - \$0.50.





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