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*Don't miss the 27th Annual Snowstorm Tournament
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The President's Page

By Michael Spohn

SCCA President

Greetings,

Most folks use the New Year as a time for resolutions. I want to use it to share with you what has happened and is happening to improve chess in our state.

Henry, Pat, Bill and I have put a lot of energy in laying a strong foundation for scholastic and regular chess.

Without the proper foundation nothing will last. Several years ago the Myrtle Beach area enjoyed a surge in chess activities. Unfortunately, it was due to one person. When he dropped from the scene, there was no one to take his place. As a result, we no longer have any activity in that area. We almost lost the SC

Open for the same reason. So, it is with this in mind that I want to share with you what has happened and what help we need to fill the gaps.

One of the biggest complaints, and it is a valid one, is we do not have

enough tournaments. Well, here is what we have done. The following clubs and individuals are

responsible for providing our state with about one tournament every other month for regular and scholastic competition:

Upper State:

Wayne Williams and the **Greenville Chess Club;**

1. They sponsor several rated club events each year.

2. They found a wonder-

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"We desperately need someone to chair a subcommittee for scholastic chess in the upstate and in the Myrtle Beach area."

The View from “C” Level

By Pete Danker

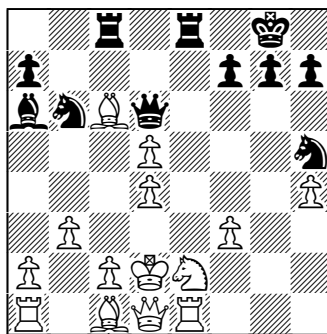
It is always fun and instructive to play through someone else’s analysis in hopes of finding a refutation. In my July column, I gave the following position as a win for Black with the continuation 1....

Rxc6 2. dxc6 Bxe2 3. Rxe2 Qxd4+ 4. Ke1 Qg1+ 5. Kd2 Rd8+ 6. Kc3 Qc5+ 7. Kb2 Na4+. In the last issue of *Palmetto Chess*, the editor published some analysis from Bill Wall suggesting that instead of **3. Rxe2**, White should play **3.Qxe2**.

He then concludes that after **3.Qxe2 Rxe2+ 4. Kxe2 Qxd4 5. Kf1 h6**, there is no Brilliancy Prize for Black and that a struggle remained.

While Mr. Wall may be right about the Brilliancy Prize, I still favor Black’s position after 3. Qxe2, even against such a formidable opponent as an expert, especially considering the many weak pawns in White’s position. Now, after 4. Kxe2 or Rxe2, it is clear that the ensuing endgame will involve White’s Bishop-Rook-Rook against Black’s Queen-Knight-Knight. Quite a precarious situation, and even more so after Black gets in h6 or f6 to relieve the back rank threats. (I share Mr. Wall’s amusement with the continuation **4. Rxe2 Qxd4 5. Rb1 g6?? 6. Re8+ Kg7 7. Bb2**).

For what it’s worth, I defeated ChessMaster 5500 with the Black pieces after 3. Qxe2. “The View From



Starting position. Black to move.

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“C” Level” is written with one purpose in mind: to demonstrate the importance of total board analysis by lower and mid-rated players. Our problem lies in the difficulty we have in seeing the strength of 1.... Rxc6!! in the first place. Even many strong computer programs give 1... Qh6+ as the first move. I selected the position in question for its complexity and pure chess beauty. It is based on a position I borrowed from last year’s chess calendar, rather than from a game I experienced first-hand.

Finally, it is understood that expert chess players are considerably stronger than “C” players *on the whole*. But, when given the right opportunity, a “C” player *can, and will*, defeat an expert. It has happened in the past and will surely happen again.

By the way, CONGRATULATIONS Dr. Ardaman for your state championship victory. Here’s looking forward to seeing you around for a long time.

Quotable

“Winning is never accidental.”

“Winners and losers aren’t born, they are products of how they think.”

“Don’t let what you don’t have keep you from using what you do have.”

“Even when you become number one, you will still need to stay focused on the fundamentals.”

Lou Holtz, *Winning Every Day: The Game Plan For Success*

Chess Matters

By Pete Danker

Club: n. a group of people associated for a common purpose or mutual advantage, usually in an organization that meets regularly; to unite for a common purpose.

A chess club is a group of people getting together to play chess, and while it is not a prerequisite to playing well or often, it certainly provides warm bodies to play against. Moreover, it provides cohesion and continuity within our chess community.

The purpose of this article is to encourage others to form clubs or join one already in existence. This article will address several problems encountered when a chess club is forming. Some of these problems along with suggested solutions are listed below.

Problem 1: We have no leader.

Solution: How about you?

Problem 2: We have nowhere to meet.

Solution: Chess clubs throughout the nation, and, I'm sure, the world, meet in a wide range of places: malls, bookstores, supermarkets, just about anywhere that allows woodpushers to congregate. With a little effort, a little room can be found. Besides, unless your membership rivals the Manhattan Chess Club, all you need is a few tables and chairs. Talk to the Student Activity Director at the local technical school. These schools are open later in the evening and add a scholastic atmosphere to your location.

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Problem 3: There aren't but two or three of us who play chess.

Solution: The definition of "club" doesn't specify a minimum number of members.

Problem 4: I don't like the way they run the local club, and I don't like any of the other members.

Solution: Start your own club, and challenge your cross-town rivals to a tournament. Call the news media and get them involved. Chill out.

Problem 5: The members don't always show up, and visitors often never come back.

Solution: People come and go --- you can't help that. You, as club leader, can only offer the opportunity to play the game and a venue in which to play it. New people will join over time. Be sure to personally greet visitors and newcomers when they arrive to make them feel welcome. Announce their addition to the club in your newsletter.

As you can see, conducting a successful club, especially a small club, is hard work, but it is impossible if it is fractured. Remember, cohesion is a key element --- commitment is another. If you would like to try and need assistance, the Rock Hill Chess Club will help in any way we can.

Now, when everyone is a club member, we can address the issue of the "Palmetto Cup" that is discussed elsewhere in this issue.

"How you play the game is for college boys. When you're playing for money, winning is the only thing that matters."

Leo Durocher, famed baseball manager

Williams Had to Have It: My Most Humiliating Loss

By Henry J. White



“If a man knows he’s played bad ball and won’t admit it, he shouldn’t be out there.” Leo Durocher

In the Fall 1996 issue of *Palmetto Chess*, I proudly annotated my brilliant win against an 1800 player in the 1983 LPO. I proclaimed it my first significant win. For this issue, I had planned to annotate my first win against a master. However, a devastating loss against Wayne Williams in the first round of last year’s state championships changed my plans. As long as I continue to play like I played against Wayne, I have no right to chronicle my past successes.

“Make one or two pawn moves in the opening, not more. Besides losing time, more pawn moves inevitably create weaknesses.”

Reuben Fine

I’m not proud of the game that follows. In fact, I desperately want to use my vast powers of editorial discretion to hide this game from public view. If the game were not such a good example of the bad things that happen as a result of too many pawn moves in the opening and leaving one’s king in the center, I would follow my baser instincts and keep it from you. The elementary school chess team I coach laughed at my play when they analyzed the game during a recent session on the evils of making too many pawn moves. The kids had a good time seeing me go down in flames.

Fine says you should make no more than two opening pawn moves. Watch what happens when one makes

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nine.

White,H (1848) – Williams,W (2111) [E72]

SC Championships (1), 10/3/1998

1. d4 ♖f6 2. c4 g6 3. ♖c3 ♕g7 4. e4 d6 5. g3 I got this opening system from Fine's *The Ideas Behind the Chess Openings*. The idea is to develop the king's bishop on the a8-h1 diagonal where it can support the center and defend the king. The system allows White to attack on either wing. **5. ... 0-0 6. ♕g2 c5** Black plays a line that Fine does not address in his book. Fine focuses on Black playing e5. Fritz 5, however, favors the c5 system used in this game. Psychologically I was already uncomfortable because of the many games I had lost against Fritz in this c5 line. **7. d5 e6 8. ♖ge2 exd5 9. exd5 ♖bd7** The major disadvantage of placing the king's bishop on g2 is that my pawn at c4 is weak. Additionally, Black gets good play in the e-file. Here, I knew I needed to castle, but could not bring myself to do it. I thought I had time to keep the knight from perching on e5. **10. f4 ♜e8 11. h3?** Yes, another pawn move. Castling was imperative. Once again I was determined to take squares away from Black. By moving the f-pawn, I had created a weakness on e3 and I wanted to keep his knight from reaching e3 via g4. But now king safety was far more important than all the other ghosts I was seeing. **11. ... ♖b6 12. b3** Yes, another pawn move. I did not properly analyze the crippling effect of the pinned knight on e2. Had I done so, I would have castled and simply given up the pawn on c4. **12. ... ♖fxd5** I now recognize the gravity of the situation. At first I thought I had hung a whole piece and was getting ready to resign, when I saw that I was

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SNOW-STORMing

By Patrick Hart

Back in the "golden age" of South Carolina chess, during the Fischer era, there were many players who regularly traveled to all the major tournaments in and around the state. There were many instances of carpooling and room sharing to keep expenses low. I saw a few of these chess players more often than some of my own relatives each year!

Those coming to Charleston tournaments in the 90's have noticed that we keep bouncing from playing site to playing site. Each had its own drawback (size, cost or location), so we kept searching for the ideal situation. The Hampton Inn, the location for this year's Snowstorm, is almost perfect

both for players and the organizers. This is a recently opened resort hotel (right across the marsh to the beach) which is easily accessible from anywhere just off

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a major roadway (US-17). There are several places to eat within walking distance, not counting dozens of restaurants within six miles heading towards Charleston. The playing area is very good, and the hotel is located in a fast developing area with new subdivisions, a shopping mall and other assorted businesses nearby and under construction.

You can get rooms with two beds, which invites splitting the rate with a friend. If you cannot afford two nights there, stay at one of the inexpensive alternate motels on Friday night (and Saturday if necessary). I have a map that can be sent via fax, e-mail, or seen on

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Snowstorm Entry Fee Contest

The editor will pay the Snowstorm entry fee (a \$35 value) for the first SCCA member who answers the following puzzle. Responses must be mailed or e-mailed to the editor at the address on the back cover. Here goes. . .

"U2" has a concert that starts in 17 minutes and they must all cross a bridge to get there. All four men begin on the same side of the bridge. You must help them across to the other side. It is night. There is one flashlight. A maximum of two people can cross at one time. Any party who crosses, either 1 or 2 people, must have the flashlight with them. The flashlight must be walked back and forth, it cannot be thrown, etc. Each band member walks at a different speed. A pair must walk together at the rate of the slower man's pace:

- * Bono: - 1 minute to cross
- * Edge: - 2 minutes to cross
- * Adam: - 5 minutes to cross
- * Larry: - 10 minutes to cross

For example: if Bono and Larry walk across first, 10 minutes have elapsed when they get to the other side of the bridge. If Larry then returns with the flashlight, a total of 20 minutes have passed and you have failed the mission.

Note 1: There is no trick behind this. It is the simple movement of resources in the appropriate order. There are two known answers to this problem. This is based on a question Microsoft allegedly gives to all prospective employees.

Note 2: Microsoft expects you to answer this question in under 5 minutes! It took your editor several days.

SCCA Business Meeting Minutes

By Bill Willard, SCCA Secretary

October 3, 1998

1. Michael Spohn called the meeting to order. Twenty-eight members were present.
2. All e-mail addresses should be sent to Pat Hart at **path@awod.com** if you've not done so. We are updating the membership information this year.
3. John McCrary presented the delegate's report.
 - a) Next year there will be a new election system for the policy board. At the state level, election will be by mail balloting through the USCF.
 - b) Keep your USCF memberships up to date. Lapsed memberships are creating a weakness in USCF funding.
 - c) The USCF Chess Trust program was discussed. For a \$125 donation, patrons will be given a booklet printed through the Hall of Fame entitled *The History of U. S. Chess*. The booklets are signed by two Grandmasters. Contact John for more information.
 - d) The Chess Hall of Fame will be moved to Miami thanks to a generous donation from the sponsor, Excalibur.
 - e) Time was taken to answer specific questions.
4. The S. C. Open in Rock Hill consisted of 62 players. An excellent turnout led to an overall great tournament. Thanks to the Rock Hill group for a job well done.
5. The Treasurer's report had income for 1998 at \$6,592.07, with \$5,158.17 of expenditures, leaving a balance of \$3,569.55 in our state treasury.
6. The scholastic report was positive. Those working in this area were praised for a growing program.

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7. Henry White reported our SCCA website at members.aol.com/sccaissa for all players to check out. Henry has done a tremendous bit of work in this area.
8. A motion was made for officers for the 1998-1999 year. Those nominated were:
 President - Michael Spohn
 Vice President - Henry White
 Secretary - Bill Willard
 Treasurer - Pat Hart
 Delegate - John McCrary
 Alternate - Bill Corbett
 2nd Alternate - Bill Patillo
 The motion was seconded. No nominations came from the floor and the above slate of officers and representatives were voted in.
9. New business: Discussion began on an on-going problem with our state newsletter. Henry White continually does not have matches to report in *Palmetto Chess*. After brief discussion, a motion followed:
 For all tournaments utilizing SCCA financial assistance, the TD is required to send a tournament cross-table and available copies of matches to the State Secretary for accounting purposes.
 The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 12 - 2.
10. A motion from Pat Hart was introduced.
 All SCCA officers and the editor of *Palmetto Chess* will receive 1-year free membership in the state association.
 The motion was seconded and carried.
11. Michael Spohn introduced the following motion re-

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South Carolina's Top 100 Chess Players

As of December 1, 1998

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| 01. Miles F. Ardaman 2461 | 37. Robert C. Jefferson 1815 |
| 02. Randal G. Ferguson 2266 | 38. James W. Fant 1813 |
| 03. Philip Laren 2265 | 39. J. Fred Wilson 1812 |
| 04. Klaus A. Pohl 2249 | 40. Terence G. Burdett 1811 |
| 05. Ed Babinski 2158 | 41. Patrick Harley 1810 |
| 06. Paul E. Tinkler 2104 | 42. James W. Collins 1800 |
| 07. Wayne Williams 2100 | 43. Ralph E. Carter 1797 |
| 08. M. Lee Hyder 2023 | 44. Darrel F. Bourne 1783 |
| 09. Patrick D. Hart 2015 | 45. William Anonie 1774/05 |
| 10. Gary B. Hardin 2003 | 46. Steven C. Usher 1763 |
| 11. Kevin L. Schmuggerow 2000 | 47. Timothy E. Hurley 1757 |
| 12. James R. Addison 1982 | 48. Joseph P. Patterson 1752 |
| 13. Spencer R. Mathews 1980 | 49. Doug Cail 1750 |
| 14. Douglas R. Holmes 1973 | 50. Robert D. Chest 1747 |
| 15. Dennis L. Fish 1965 | 51. David Garvey 1747 |
| 16. Roger D. Johnson 1964 | 52. Adrian C. Polit 1737 |
| 17. Guy M. Dalbenzio 1960/07 | 53. William O. Smith 1715 |
| 18. E. Lindsay Blanks 1957 | 54. Norman L. Neel 1705 |
| 19. Gregory A. Frady 1950 | 55. Russell Thurmond 1704 |
| 20. Brenton L. Bovay 1943 | 56. Bill Floyd 1696 |
| 21. Keith Vernon Eubanks 1923 | 57. Donald R. Wall 1695/04 |
| 22. Irving S. Rosenfeld 1920 | 58. Bernhard Lee Lindner 1690 |
| 23. David Knox Williams 1915 | 59. William K. Rose 1689 |
| 24. Harry Lee Abrams 1896 | 60. M. Norman Hammerlord 1687 |
| 25. Kyle J. Oody 1896 | 61. Shaklayen Shaheed 1683 |
| 26. John E. Dusky 1884 | 62. Albert M. Cantrell 1678 |
| 27. Winston D. Reed 1871 | 63. Jon S. Leisner 1677 |
| 28. John R. Vonderlieth 1867 | 64. Mario Santos Mercado 1671 |
| 29. Timothy M. Trogdon 1862 | 65. Sergei Linnik 1667 |
| 30. Khay G. Yeoh 1856/05 | 66. Jim Williams 1667 |
| 31. Justin Daniel 1851 | 67. Daniel R. Sheaf 1660 |
| 32. Christopher H. Johnson 1851 | 68. Michael Landau 1658 |
| 33. Claude W. Corbett 1839 | 69. Terry W. Chester 1654/04 |
| 34. Henry J. White 1839 | 70. Shawn P. Woods 1652 |
| 35. Joseph J. Kucan 1825 | 71. Billy R. Walters 1650 |
| 36. Al S. Casanova 1823/13 | 72. Joseph S. Corbett 1643 |

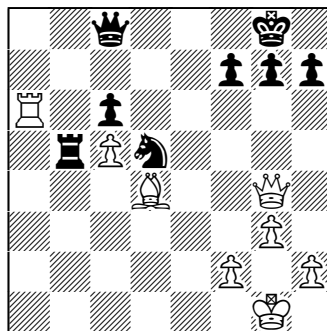
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| 73. Ervin M. Jones 1643 | 87. Larry L. Lafond 1595 |
| 74. William A. Bowie 1633 | 88. Michael Will 1590 |
| 75. Hugh C. Howey 1631/10 | 89. Michael Lafer 1579 |
| 76. Joseph W. Sachs 1630 | 90. Clyde J. Smith 1579 |
| 77. Clark Barthel 1628 | 91. Albert D. Errazo 1572 |
| 78. William T. Wells 1622 | 92. Moses Williams 1566 |
| 79. W. Coburn Gardner 1602 | 93. Steven S. Parsons 1557 |
| 80. Charles F. Ammons 1600 | 94. Brian V. Thurmond 1556 |
| 81. James C. Hyatt 1600 | 95. Casey Phipps 1555/05 |
| 82. Ian C. Wolfe 1600 | 96. Donald A. Wilson 1553 |
| 83. William B. King 1598 | 97. Donald Austin 1546 |
| 84. Frederick Olmsted 1598 | 98. Carl Weyermann 1546 |
| 85. Joseph Soney 1598/05 | 99. Amod Bodas 1545/04 |
| 86. George K. Williams 1598 | 100. Frank Abbott 1536 |

Study Hall

By Pete Danker

Englebert v. Hofman, Schluesingen, 1961, is a classic example of resigning too early. Black is on the move. Faced with the prospect of either losing his queen, or the game with Qxg7++, Black re-

signed this position. Was this necessary? Stop here and see if you can find a saving move for Black. Give up? Okay, watch closely. It is not difficult to see that 1...Rb1+ may start this thing off, and, of course, 2. Kg2. But now what? Remember, in situations like this, it is important



Black to move

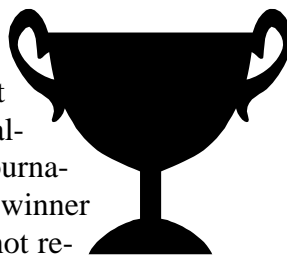
to continue checking, this time with 2...Nf4+! Now, if 3. Qxf4, the Rook at a6 gets bagged, since the b1 rook holds b8, and if 3. gxf4, then Qxg4 WITH CHECK, and White can go find a skittles game. Finally, if 3. Kf3, then 3...Ne6, covering g7 and attacking the Bishop at d4.

The Palmetto Cup

By Pete Danker

For a while now, some of our club leaders have been discussing the creation of a team tournament in which the winner would be awarded a trophy called the “Palmetto Cup”. Only South Carolina teams or clubs could compete for the Cup. After the inaugural tournament, the team holding the Cup would defend it yearly in that team’s home town. Naturally, several problems arose immediately regarding the logistics of such a tournament, some of which are pointed out below.

At first, it was suggested that this would be a “floating trophy”. That is, any interested club would challenge the holding club to a team tournament, in the holder’s town, and the winner would claim the trophy, but that is not realistic for several reasons. So many reasons, in fact, that it is not necessary to enumerate them here. You can probably imagine them for yourself. But, if you know me, as many of you do, you know that I do not give up easily, so I have another idea:



Since it is much easier and more realistic to plan and conduct tournaments in advance, it should become an annual event, scheduled around the same time of year, and held at the trophy holder’s venue. Here are some more ideas;

- ❖ Team entry fees will be assessed so as to offset the cost of renting the playing site, with perhaps some reasonable extra amount added to the fee to assist the SCCA. Whether there should be any monies

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awarded to the winning team(s) is still a question. After all, didn't we come for the trophy? Do you think it is realistic to believe that our players will be willing to travel and play if there is very little or no prize money involved?

- ❖ Team players must be residents of that particular area, and members of that particular club. This will prevent temporary "drafting" of stronger players for the sole purpose of claiming the trophy. Requiring current residency in either that county or one adjoining may alleviate this issue.
- ❖ The original purchase price of the trophy should be around \$200. (I said it was major, didn't I?) This amount may be offset by the first tournament, or each interested club that wishes to participate may submit an amount of money from its coffers. The more clubs that are interested, the less each club would have to contribute. This money is intended to be separate from any tournament entry fees. As a suggestion, a club may charge an annual club fee. (The RHCC dues are \$10 per year. Each individual club must assess its dues according to its needs.)
- ❖ A minimum of five players on each team would be required. If one team fields five players, and another team has eight players available, how will that work? I need some input on this. Anybody got an idea? We certainly want everyone to get a chance, but we don't want to leave anyone out who wants to play for his or her club. It is imperative that we avoid hurt feelings by shunning a weaker player and fielding only our strongest.
- ❖ The host club will be responsible for arranging the

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LOCAL CHESS CLUBS

AIKEN

Contact: M. Lee Hyder
(hyder@groupz.net)
33 Longwood Drive
Aiken, SC 29801
(803) 648-8924

ANDERSON

The Blue Ridge Chess Club.
Contact: Bill Willard
(bwillard@carol.net)
(864) 882-7841 after 6:00 PM

CHARLESTON

The Charleston Chess Club
meets every Wednesday from
7:00 PM until closing in the
McDonald's restaurant at
1201 Sam Rittenberg Boule-
vard (Highway 7) and Orange
Grove Road. (I-26 Exit #216).

Contact: Patrick Hart
(path@awod.com)
1558 Periwinkle Drive
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464
(843) 849-0177

COLUMBIA

The City of Columbia Chess
Club meets at Lorick Park,
1751 Lorick Avenue (off
North Main) each Thursday
evening from 7:00 PM.

Contact: Earl Thompson
(803) 691-9339

Some chess players have been
meeting informally at the
Barnes & Noble Bookstore on
Harbison Boulevard, across
from the Columbiana Centre
Mall. The gatherings usually
occur on Saturday and Sun-
day afternoon.

278-A Harbison Blvd
Columbia, SC 29212
(803) 749-9009

GREENVILLE

The Greenville Chess Club
meets at the Bobby Pearce
Center, 820 Townes Street
Extension, each Thursday
evening from 7:30 PM.

Contact: Wayne Williams
402 Berea Forest Circle
Greenville, SC 29611
(864) 246-6363

GREER

The BMW Chess Club meets
in the Employee Club of the
BMW Manufacturing Corpo-
ration at 1400 Highway 101
South.

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HARTSVILLE

The Hartsville Chess Club meets in Room 201 of the Center Theater, 212 N. 5th St. each Thursday evening from 7:30 PM.

Contact: Clyde Smith
 clyde_smith@scgssm.coker.edu
 (843) 332-4081 (h)
 (843) 383-3937 (w)

MURRELLS INLET

The Murrells Inlet Chess Club meets at 341 Rum Gully Circle each Tuesday from 7:00 PM.

Contact: Ray Lewis
 (843) 651-8924

NORTH AUGUSTA

The North Augusta Chess Club meets in the Riverview Park recreation center basement each Wednesday evening from 7:00 PM.

Contact: M. Lee Hyder
 (hyder@groupz.net)
 33 Longwood Drive
 Aiken, SC 29801
 (803) 648-8924

ROCK HILL

The Rock Hill Chess Club meets in the student center at York Technical College on

Tuesday evening from 6:00 PM.

Contact: Pete Danker
 (803) 548-0955

SPARTANBURG

The Spartanburg Chess Club meets in Mimi's Uptown Deli, 180 East Main Street, each Tuesday evening from 7:30 PM.

Contact: David Williams
 (864) 573-9861; Spencer Matthews (864) 582-2551; club phone (864) 585-8332

SUMTER

The Sumter County Chess Club meets at the Kroger next to Walmart each Monday evening from 7:00.

Contact: Michael Spohn

WOODRUFF

The Woodruff Chess Club meets in the First Citizens Bank, corner of Pine Street & Main Street, each Tuesday evening from 7:00 PM.

Contact: Lloyd Angell
 (864) 476-7860

From the Editor's Desk

Snowstorm History

Would you play in a chess tournament during the middle of a seven foot snowstorm? Unless you're a member of the Alaska Chess Association, I doubt your hand went up. On February 10-11, 1973, sixteen hardy South Carolina chess players did just that while playing in the South Carolina Junior Championship in Charleston. They played while one of the worse snowstorms in South Carolina history raged around them. To commemorate the snowstorm and the event, the Charleston Chess Club has held an open tournament every February since the great snowstorm. The tournament was dubbed the "Annual Snowstorm Special" and has been held continuously for 27 years. Mark your calendar for February 27-28 and make it to this year's snowstorm. This will be the last Snowstorm Special in a year beginning with 19, so make a personal commitment to be there just like those junior chess players did 27 years ago. Win the contest on page 11 and I'll even pay your entry fee. I'll see you there, come rain, sleet, and yes, even snow.

Old Newsletter Scanning Project

Who was the first President of the South Carolina Chess Association? Our well informed members know it was Professor William H. Morton of Spartanburg. Dr. Morton was elected President on July 26, 1926, at an organizational meeting held in Columbia at the YMCA. Following the meeting, Dr. Morton went on to win our first state championship. Eight players competed for our first state crown.

How do I know all this? Last year Lee Hyder sent me his collection of SCCA newsletters dating back to Sep-

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tember 1959. These old newsletters trace the rich history and traditions of our association.

While surfing the internet, I came across the FBI's famous people files. This site contains documents from the FBI's files on famous people like Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra. What caught my eye was that the documents were in Adobe's portable document format (PDF). A pdf file is really a digital photograph of the original, so what you see is a

photocopy of the original. The pdf format also allows the text of the document to be searched. It's the text search capability that makes

Who was the first President of the SCCA?

pdf a really useful tool for archiving documents. In short, pdf gives you the image benefits of microfiche and the key word benefits of a modern computer database.

As a result of my visit to the FBI site, I decided to scan all of our old issues using pdf. To date, I've scanned over 51 issues totaling over 712 MB, yes that's 712 million bytes, and I'm not even half way there yet. When the project is completed, the files will be placed on CDs and sold to our membership to raise funds for the association.

Many Thanks

I am very appreciative of the many fine contributions Pete Danker has made to this newsletter. Every piece he contributes makes my job that much easier. As usual, I have been blessed with fine materials from our President Michael Spohn, Pat Hart, and Bill Willard. Finally, I must thank Brent Bovay who continues to be one of the few players in the state's top 20 who takes the time to send in annotated games.

TOURNAMENT NEWS

1998 Fall Scholastic

By Michael Spohn

I want to thank Earl Thompson and George Williams for hosting the SC Fall Scholastic at Lorrick Park. I believe we have found a good home for this annual event. The facilities were great. It is the first time that I have heard nothing but compliments about a site for a scholastic tournament. Here are the results of the Fall Scholastic.

Teams:

- 1st: Saluda HS, 12.0 points
- 2nd: Sumter HS, 9.0 points (won on tie breaks)
- 3rd: Spartanburg HS, 9.0 points
- 4th: Governor's SSM, 5.5 points

Thirty-one players participated from nine schools (elementary, middle and high). The individual winners were:

High School:

- 1st: Justin Daniel, 4 points, James Bennet HS,
- 2nd: Jesse Inman, 4 points, Spartanburg HS,
- 3rd: James MacDougall, 3 points, Lexington HS,

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A Chess Test

By Pete Danker

OK, so you, me, and millions of others call ourselves chess players. But are we, really? I mean, do we all play, or do some of us just go through the motions? To find out if you are really, really an aficionado of the game, I have devised this simple test to be taken at your leisure in the privacy of your home. The results, while not conclusive, will indicate whether or not you have a realistic future in chess. The correct responses may be found at the end of the test. No peeking or copying from your neighbor. Here goes;

1. You and another chess player are shipwrecked and stranded on a deserted island. The *very first* thing you do is:

- A. Build a shelter to protect yourselves from the elements.
- B. Seek a dependable source of food and fresh water.
- C. Gather material for burning to attract rescue vehicles.
- D. Make a chess set out of driftwood, sea shells, sea critters, . . . *something*.

2. You are cognizant of the need for physical, as well as mental exercise, but chess takes up all your time. Which of the following exercises would you prefer?

- A. The “Time-Scramble Ladder-Climb” (Place the clock atop a twelve-foot stepladder sitting next to the board).
- B. The “Can-I-Have-That-Back-Please-Please-Workout” (Simple . . . one hundred push-ups equal

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one take-back option).

C. The “All-Or-Nothing Full-Body Workout”(A 1 1 draws will be decided by a game of “Twister”).

D. The “50-Move Weight Training Workout” (Requires that each piece be weighted to, oh, say, 55 pounds).

3. Your opponent is someone who’s initials are “G.K.”, and you are down a Rook, two Bishops, four pawns, and your Queen is hanging after nine moves. Your reaction would be to:

A. Resign, mumbling something about the Communist intrusion into American chess.

B. Play on, in hopes of him resigning after seeing a forced mate-in-forty-nine for you.

C. Claim that his second was giving you the “evil eye”.

D. Complain about the “bad lighting”.

4. You are in the final game and you *really* need this point, but you have to make eight moves in the next 40 seconds. What to do?

A. Play as well and quickly as you can, and hope for the best.

B. Initiate a forced exchange sequence which will consume six or seven moves.

C. Offer a draw.

D. Pretend to be fondling a captured piece behind the clock, and slowly, *very slowly*, wind your time back.

5. You go home one day, and someone has replaced your first and only chess trophy on the mantel with your sister’s Nobel Peace Prize. Your response would be:

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- A. Insist that just as many people own Peace Prizes as chess trophies . . . at least, in this house.
- B. Simply replace her's with yours, and hope nobody notices.
- C. Claim that she was always the favorite, anyway.
- D. Move.

6. You are in the final game where the money is on the line, when, suddenly, your opponent faints and falls out of his chair. You would:

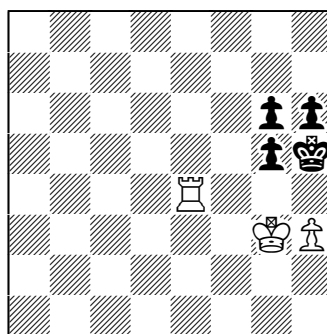
- A. After his time runs out, call 911.
- B. After his time runs out, administer CPR.
- C. After his time runs out, summon the T.D.
- D. Any of the above, so long as his time has run out.

7. How do you account for the absence of Russian-born players rated under 1400?

- A. Daycare doesn't let out until after the second round.
- B. There's not enough money in lower sections to keep them in Pampers.
- C. Most of them can't hold their heads up, yet.
- D. That darned two-o'clock feeding.

8. It is your move, as White, and this is the position: You need the *whole* point. What do you do?

- A. Play h4, and chase the King until he is mated.
- B. Play Re5 too fast and kick yourself.
- C. Offer a draw, and go get a drink.



White to move.

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D. Play Rh4+, and be done with it.

Answers:

1. Clearly, the correct response is “D”. If you missed this one, there is really no need to continue, because you are, obviously, not serious about our game. Besides, where else could we get the chance to say, “Prawn to King-four?
2. This is a “gimme”, in that, any one is good, as long as it doesn’t interfere with your game. Personally, I like “B”, since I would get more exercise.
3. The answer, here, is “B”. If you gotta whine, might as well be original!
4. “D”. Sure, it’s illegal, but, I said you *really* needed the point, didn’t I?
5. “D” again. You can try the others, but you’ll probably wind up moving, anyway, whether you want to or not.
6. The only good answer is “D”. Cold? Heartless? Unfeeling? Well, suppose he had a forced mate in two. Now, what would you want to do?
7. Your guess is as good as mine.
8. “A” will work, but that is not best. You’re on your own, here.

Scoring:

All 8 right; Congratulations! You are clearly a player after my own heart. Now, go get a life!

5-7 right; You may still be OK, but try to hone down the rough edges. Are you sure you understood all the questions?

3-4 right; I hear that Parcheesi is a lot of fun.

1-2 right: Fergit it, Jethro! Leave Chess as a Sunday afternoon parlor game, and try to always play indoors.

South Carolina Games

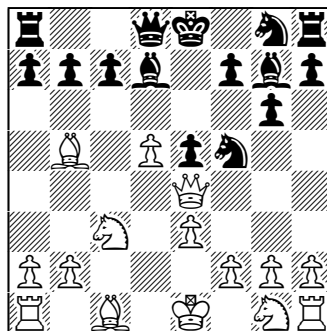
(106) Bovay,B – Williams,W [D07]

1998 Greenville Chess Club Championship

Annotated by Brent Bovay

1. d4 d5 2. c4 ♖c6 3. ♖c3 e5 4. cxd5 ♖xd4 5. e3 ♖f5 6. ♗b5+ ♗d7 7. ♜c2 g6 8. ♜e4!? ♗g7

(diagram) Wayne said Qe4 was a mistake that allows him to develop. I thought since my move would provoke Bg7, he was weakening the a3-f8 diagonal. Maybe I was wrong. 9. ♖f3 ♖d6 10. ♗xd7+ ♜xd7 11. ♜b4 f5? HORRIBLE, just begging my knight to hop into e6. 12. ♖g5! 0-0-0!?

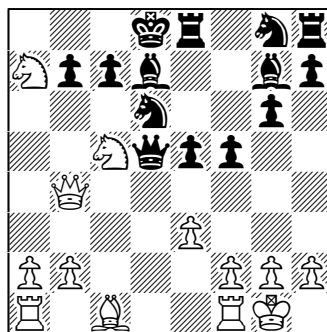


Bovay v. Williams after 8...♗g7

Not good, but what does Black play here? 13. ♖e6 ♜e8 14. ♖c5 ♜f7 Black totally missed Nc5, now I can coordinate an attack against the king. 15. ♖b5 ♜xd5 If 15...Nxb5, then after 16. Qxb5 b6 (what else?) 17. Qa6+, Black is getting in trouble.

16. ♖xa7+ ♜d8 If 16...Kb8, then 17 Nd7_ Kxa7 18. Qa4+ and mate in one.

17. 0-0? (diagram) Here I had the KO punch 17. e4. I saw it and the fact that I have Bg5+ to follow clearing d1 for rook. I thought I had to castle first so my



Bovay v. Williams after 17. 0-0?

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rook on d1 would be covered by the other rook after the check. I forgot that my king was guarding d1. So, I castled first which allowed Black to stop it with 17...e4. Here is a sample line of what could have been. 17. e4 fxe4 (17...Nxe4 18. Nxb7+) 18. Bg5+ any move 19. Rd1 and it's curtains. Black's 17...e4 saves him. If he had played something other than e4, for example, 17...Nf6, I had a KILLER line 18. e4 Nfxe4 19. Bg5+ Nxe5 20. Rd1 Qf7 21. Rxd6+ cxd6 22. Nxb7+ and Black must play 22...Qxb7 and sac the queen, or he gets mated on d6. Too bad I missed the opportunity to play 17. or 18.

e4. 17. ... e4 18. ♔d2

♘h6 19. ♖ad1 ♜e7 20.

♙c3 ♙xc3 21. ♜xc3

Maybe bxc3 was better.

21. ... ♜xa2 22. ♘xb7

♘xb7 23. ♜xc7+ ♜f6

24. ♜xb7 ♖e7 25. ♜b6+

♜f7 26. ♘b5 ♘g4 27.

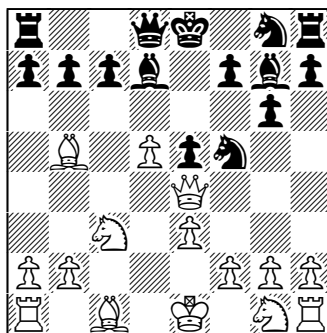
♘d6+ ♜g7 28. ♜d4+

♘e5 29. f4 exf3 30. gxf3

♜a7 31. ♜xa7 ♖xa7

Here I had two minutes to

get to move 40, Black had three minutes. I was flustered about missing 17. e4. I looked at the clock then my score sheet, and I thought we were still on move 22. I panicked and offered a draw. When I realized that I only had eight moves to make and was up a pawn, I felt sick that I let this one slip away. 1/2-1/2.



Bovay v. Williams after 31...♖xa7

(97) Shealy,C – Joyner,M [C00]

Fall Scholastic (1), 11/14/1998

1. e4 e6 2. ♘f3 ♘f6 3. ♘c3 d5 4. e5 ♘g4 5. ♜e2
♙d7 6. d4 a6 7. ♙d2 ♙e7 8. 0-0-0 0-0 9. g3 c5 10.

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♙h3 h5 11. ♚e3 ♜c6 12. dxc5 ♚xc5 13. ♚xc5 b6 14. ♚xf8 ♜xf8 15. ♚xg4 hxg4 16. ♜d4 ♜b4 17. h3 f5 18. exf6 gxf6 19. hxg4 ♜e8 20. g5 fxg5 21. ♜h5 ♜g7 22. ♜h2 e5 23. ♜e6 ♜xe6 24. ♜dh1 ♜f8 25. ♜h8+ ♜g8 26. ♜h7 ♜e7 27. ♜xg8+ ♜xg8 28. ♜xe7 ♜c6 29. ♜xd7 ♜b8 30. ♜b7 ♜c6 31. ♜hh7 ♜d8 32. ♜a7 ♜e6 33. ♜hb7 e4 34. ♜b8+ ♜f8 35. ♜xd5 ♜h8 36. ♜xf8# 1-0.

(98) Warren,C – Daniel,J [B10]

Fall Scholastic, 11/14/1998

1. e4 c6 2. ♜f3 g6 3. ♚c4 d5 4. exd5 cxd5 5. ♚b5+ ♚d7 6. ♚xd7+ ♜xd7 7. 0-0 ♜c6 8. ♜e1 ♚g7 9. d3 ♜f6 10. d4 0-0 11. ♜c3 e6 12. ♜e5 ♜c7 13. ♜b5 ♜b6 14. ♜d3 ♜b4 15. ♜e2 ♜xc2 16. ♜xc2 ♜xb5 17. ♜e2 ♜xe2 18. ♜xe2 ♜ac8 19. ♚g5 ♜e4 20. f3 ♜xg5 21. h4 f6 22. ♜d7 ♜fd8 23. ♜xf6+ ♚xf6 24. hxg5 ♚xg5 25. ♜xe6 ♜e8 26. ♜xe8+ ♜xe8 The remainder of the score sheet is unreadable. 0-1.

(99) Daniel,J – Miller,J [A12]

Fall Scholastic (3), 11/14/1998

1. ♜f3 d5 2. c4 c6 3. b3 ♚f5 4. e3 ♜d7 5. ♜c3 ♜gf6 6. d4 ♜c7 7. cxd5 cxd5 8. ♜b5 ♜b8 9. ♚d2 a6 10. ♜c3 e6 11. ♚e2 ♚d6 12. h3 h6 13. 0-0 0-0 14. ♜c1 ♜e8 15. ♜a1 e5 16. dxe5 ♜xe5 17. ♜d4 ♚d7 18. ♚f3 ♜g6 19. ♜xd5 ♜xd5 20. ♚xd5 ♜e5 21. ♜f3 ♜e7 22. ♚xb7 ♜e5 23. ♜d5 ♚e6 24. ♚xa8 ♚xd5 25. ♚xd5 ♚c5 26. ♚c3 ♚xd4 27. ♚xd4 ♜b5 28. ♚e4 ♜c7 29. ♜ac1 ♜xc1 30. ♜xc1 ♜d7 31. ♜c8+ 1-0.

(100) Mathus,S – Miller,J [C62]

Fall Scholastic (1), 11/14/1998

1. e4 e5 2. ♜f3 ♜c6 3. ♚b5 d6 4. b3 ♜f6 5. ♜e2 ♚d7 6. c4 ♚e7 7. ♚a3 0-0 8. ♜c3 ♚g4 9. h3 ♜d4 10. ♜d3 ♚xf3 11. gxf3 ♜h5 12. ♜d5 ♚h4 13. ♚b4 c6 14.

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♙a4 cxd5 15. exd5 ♘f4 16. ♖f5 ♘xf5 17. ♖g1 ♘xh3
18. c5 ♙xf2+ 19. ♖e2 ♙xg1 20. cxd6 ♘xd6 21.
♙xd6 ♖xd6 22. ♖e1 ♘f4+ 23. ♖f1 ♖b6 24. ♖d1
♖f2# 0-1.

(101) Mott – Zhang [B29]

Fall Scholastic (1), 11/14/1998

1. e4 c5 2. ♘f3 ♘f6 3. e5 ♘d5 4. ♙c4 e6 5. 0-0 ♘c6
6. ♖e1 ♙e7 7. c3 0-0 8. d4 cxd4 9. cxd4 ♙b4 10.
♙d2 ♖a5 11. ♖e2 ♖b8 12. a3 b5 13. ♙a2 ♙xd2 14.
♘bxd2 b4 15. ♖c2 bxa3 16. ♙b1 axb2 17. ♖xh7#
1-0.

(102) Miller,J – Mott,T [D00]

Fall Scholastic Columbia, South Carolina (2),
11/14/1998

1. d4 g6 2. ♘f3 ♘f6 3. ♘c3 d5 4. ♙g5 a6 5. h3 ♙g7
6. e3 0-0 7. ♙d3 h6 8. ♙xf6 exf6 9. ♖d2 f5 10. 0-0-
0 ♙e6 11. ♖de1 ♖e8 12. ♘h2 b5 13. ♘e2 ♘d7 14. g4
♖f6 15. f3 fxg4 16. hxg4 ♖ac8 17. ♖hf1 ♖h4 18.
♖h1 ♖h3 19. f4 ♙xg4 20. ♘xg4 ♖xg4 21. ♖eg1 ♖e6
22. ♖g3 c5 23. f5 ♖f6 24. fxg6 fxg6 25. ♖xg6 ♖f3
26. c3 c4 27. ♙c2 ♖f7 28. ♖gg1 ♖xe3 29. ♖f1 ♖xe2
30. ♖xf3+ ♖g8 31. ♖xe2 ♘f6 32. ♖e6+ ♖f8 33.
♖xc8+ ♖f7 34. ♖c7+ ♖f8 35. ♖xh6 ♙xh6+ 36. ♖d1
♙g7 37. ♙g6 ♖g8 38. ♖c8+ ♘e8 39. ♖xe8+ 1-0.

(103) Adkins,S – Shealy,C [D02]

Fall Scholastic, 11/14/1998

1. d4 d5 2. ♘f3 ♘c6 3. ♙f4 ♘f6 4. h3 e6 5. e3 ♙e7
6. ♙d3 0-0 7. c3 ♙d6 8. ♙xd6 ♖xd6 9. ♘bd2 e5 10.
e4 dxe4 11. ♘xe4 ♘xe4 12. ♙xe4 ♙d7 13. ♙xc6
♙xc6 14. ♘xe5 ♙xg2 15. ♖g1 ♙xh3 16. ♖f3 ♖e6
17. 0-0-0 f6 18. ♖g3 ♙f5 19. ♖dg1 g6 20. ♘g4 c6
21. ♘h6+ ♖g7 22. ♘xf5+ ♖f7 23. ♘h6+ ♖e7 24.
♖e3 ♖xe3+ 25. ♖xe3+ ♖d6 26. ♖ge1 ♖d5 27. ♖e7

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b5 28. ♖b7 ♜fd8 29. ♜ee7 a5 30. ♜g4 ♜d6 31. ♜e3# 1-0.

(104) Bly,E – King,H [C50]

Fall Scholastic, 11/14/1998

1. e4 e5 2. ♜f3 d6 3. d4 ♜c6 4. ♜c4 ♜h6 5. ♜g5 ♜a5 6. ♜xf7+ ♜e7 7. ♜f3 ♜g4 8. ♜c3 ♜xf7 9. ♜xf7 ♜xf7 10. ♜xa5 b6 11. ♜d5+ ♜e7 12. ♜g5+ ♜d7 13. ♜xd8 ♜xd8 14. ♜b5+ c6 15. ♜a6 exd4 16. ♜b7+ ♜e8 17. ♜xc6+ ♜d7 18. c3 d3 19. 0-0 ♜e7 20. h3 ♜e2 21. ♜e1 ♜f8 22. e5 dxe5 23. ♜e4 ♜c5 24. ♜xe5+ ♜e7 25. ♜b8+ ♜d7 26. ♜xf8 ♜xf2+ 27. ♜xf2 h5 28. ♜d4+ ♜e8 29. ♜d2 g5 30. ♜h8+ ♜d7 31. ♜d4+ ♜e8 32. ♜a4+ ♜f7 33. ♜f1+ ♜e6 34. ♜c6+ ♜e5 35. ♜c4# 1-0.

(105) Inman,J – McDougall,J [C24]

Fall Scholastic, 11/14/1998

1. e4 e5 2. ♜f3 ♜c6 3. ♜c4 ♜f6 4. d3 d5 5. exd5 ♜xd5 6. 0-0 ♜d6 7. ♜xd5 ♜e7 8. ♜b3 0-0 9. ♜g5 ♜h8 10. ♜xe7 ♜xe7 11. ♜c3 ♜e6 12. ♜xe6 ♜xe6 13. ♜e1 f5 14. ♜xe5 ♜xe5 15. d4 ♜ad8 16. ♜xe5 ♜b6 17. ♜d5 c6 18. ♜xd8 ♜xd8 19. ♜f3 g6 20. b3 ♜g7

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ful site for tournaments and will be doing more tournaments in the future.

3. Wayne works with scholastic groups in the area and serves on our Scholastic Committee.

Pete Danker and the Rock Hill Chess Club;

1. They help organize the SC Open for the SCCA each year.

2. They also sponsor several rated club events each year.

3. Pete is a frequent contributor to *Palmetto Chess*.

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Bill Willard;

1. He is working on the details for the Upper State Scholastic Championships in February.
2. He sponsors a scholastic team at Seneca High School.
3. Serves as our state secretary.

John Derrick;

1. Sponsors a team at Spartanburg HS.
2. Plans to host a scholastic tournament in the future.
3. Serves on our Scholastic Committee.

Dean Rosner;

1. Sponsors a team at Saluda HS.
2. Serves on our Scholastic Committee.
3. Intends to host a tournament this year.

Midlands:

Earl Thompson, George Williams and the Lorrick Park Chess Club;

1. They work with scholastic players in Columbia.
2. They help organize and host the SC Fall Scholastic in Columbia.
3. They host a Simul with Charles Walter each year.
4. They are looking to sponsor more chess tournaments this year.
5. Both serve on our Scholastic Committee.

Clyde Smith and the Hartsville Chess Club;

1. They sponsor a scholastic tournament each fall.
2. They sponsor a regular tournament each Jan.
3. They sponsor the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics Chess Team.
4. Dr. Smith works with all the major scholastic tournaments in the state each year and chairs the Scho-

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lastic Committee.

John McCrary;

1. Secures the site and directs the SC Championships.
2. Directs the tournaments in Charleston each year.
3. Assists at the two main scholastic tournaments.
4. Serves as our state delegate.

Mike Spohn and the Sumter County Chess Club;

1. Serves as SCCA President.
2. Sponsors scholastic team at Sumter High School.
3. Hosts the Gamecock Fall Classic, Mid-State Scholastic Championships, SC Scholastic Quick Chess Championships, Gamecock Spring Classic and the Sumter High School Championships.
4. Directs all scholastic tournaments, Gamecock Spring Classic and SC Open.

Luther Barnett;

1. Helps sponsor the Sumter HS Chess Team.
2. Assists at all scholastic tournaments.

Harold Ehnhuus

1. Sponsors the Scott's Branch HS Chess Team.
2. Serves on the Scholastic Committee.
3. Hosts a scholastic tournament each year.
4. Hosts the Lower State Scholastic Championships this year.

Henry White;

1. Serves as Editor of *Palmetto Chess*.
2. Serves as our vice president.
3. Sponsors a team at EE Taylor Elementary.
4. Maintains SCCA website.

Lower State:

Pat Hart and Charleston Chess Club

1. Serves as Treasurer.

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2. Sponsors and organizes the SnowStorm and Charleston Classic, as well as several club events each year.

Doug Florian;

1. Serves as scholastic sub-committee chairman for the lower state.

2. Organizes a fall tournament and the Lower State Scholastic Championships each year.

Even with all this, we have many other roles to fill. We desperately need someone to chair a subcommittee for scholastic chess in the upstate and in the Myrtle Beach area. We have a solid program for scholastic and regular chess in the midlands. The lower state is starting to take off. However, we have almost nothing in the Myrtle Beach area. The upstate has a number of club tournaments, but few larger tournaments and no regular scholastic events. Thanks to strong and growing chess clubs we have solid regular tournaments about every other month. But wouldn't it be nice to have one every month. What I need is for more of our members to become directors and direct at least one tournament each year. Then we would have the additional tournaments we all crave. See the tournament calendar on page 40 for what we have at present.

The Greenville Chess Club sponsors several tournaments that are not listed on page 40, but as you can see, we still have a lot. There is something at least every other month. Note, however, that we only have seven directors for these tournaments. We need more. Give me a call and let's see what we can do for each other. Wouldn't it be nice if each region of the state had a nice tournament every three to six months? The midlands does; however, the upper state and the grand strand are

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"only" going to loose the exchange. **13. cxd5 Qxc3+**
14. Qd2 Qxa1 15. Kxa1 I was thoroughly disgusted with my play and considered tendering my resignation. But like President Clinton, I just couldn't bring myself around to doing the right thing. I saw some slight hope of getting some play on the dark squares. The problem was that my king was still in the center of the board and my opponent smelled blood. **15. ... Qf5 16. Qc3 Qd7 17. g4** Yes, yet another pawn move. And like all the others, it too is swiftly punished. **17. ... Kh4+** It is Black who exploits my weak dark squares. **18. Qf1 Qd3** I certainly should have tipped my king over here. The remainder of my game is uglier than the opening. **19. Qe1 Qxe2+ 20.**

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the Charleston Chess Club's web site at: **<http://www.awod.com/gallery/probono/chas-chess/>**.

Also, I have many e-mail addresses of SC-NC-GA players. If you are looking to carpool or share a room, let me know and I can at least let it be known who is looking and perhaps hook you up with someone. I can be reached at **path@awod.com**.

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garding the state championships:

The SC State Championships will be open to anyone regardless of residency, but the SC State Champion must be a state resident.

This motion was seconded and carried.

12. Michael Spohn introduced another motion regarding our own John McCrary.

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The SC Chess Association endorses and supports John McCrary in his bid for Policy Board at the USCF.

The motion was seconded and passed. Good Luck, John!

13. A final motion was presented.

Officers may adjust the time schedule to better facilitate a tournament schedule.

This motion was seconded and passed.

14. The State Meeting concluded, and play resumed.

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tournament site and directing the tournament, with assistance as needed from our State Officers. The host-club leader will be responsible for arranging a state-level director to be present.

- ❖ Naturally, any club that loses or damages the trophy, while it is in their possession, would be liable for its replacement.

An alternate idea: When we hold our annual State Championship, it may be feasible to present this trophy to a winning club, based on total accumulated points scored by that club's membership, so long as that club has registered as such. Pairings between same-club members can be avoided using WinTD, and this method would carry with it some provisos;

1. Any player representing a club would be required to have a current club ID card in his possession.

2. Total accumulated "club points" would count toward winning the Trophy. In other words, if the RHCC is represented by 9 members, and other clubs can field

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only 3-5 each, the likelihood of the RHCC winning the trophy would be almost certain. If this system doesn't encourage club participation and recruiting, nothing will!

As you can see, there are still some bugs to work out and several questions to be answered, but I believe the theme can work. As I said, I need some input as far as some of the details go, such as team entry fees and the like. Please consider this idea. The Rock Hill Chess Club is willing to host the first one. However, I am not sure how to start, but I am eager to try and so is our membership. It will encourage more club participation within the state, and encourage more people to become club leaders, thereby strengthening the entire base of chess activity in South Carolina.

If and when I receive the ideas and input of others, then I will formulate this project in its entirety and submit the whole thing to our magazine for announcement.

Thanks, Pete Danker
President, Rock Hill Chess Club

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4th: Chad Warren, 3 points, Sumter HS

5th place: Justin Miller, 3 points, Saluda HS

Justin Daniel defeated Jesse Inman in a G10 tie breaker match. The other positions were decided by the tie breaks in the USCF rulebook.

I look forward to seeing you at the January Open in Hartsville or at any of the regional championships.

1998 State Championships

October 3-4, 1998

TD Robert J. McCrary

Championship Section	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Total
01. Miles Ardaman	2450	W4	W5	W2	W3	W7	5.0
02. Randal Ferguson	2256	W10	W16	L1	W7	W5	4.0
03. Klaus Pohl	2248	D11	W8	W7	L1	W12	3.5
04. Gary Hardin	1996	L1	D17	D15	W16	W8	3.0
05. Keith Eubanks	1883	W17	L1	W6	W13	L2	3.0
06. Justin Daniel	1815	D8	W11	L5	W9	U	2.5
07. Wayne Williams	2111	W15	W12	L3	L2	L1	2.0
08. Doug Holmes	2003	D6	L3	W16	D12	L4	2.0
09. Gregory Frady	2000	L12	D15	W10	L6	D17	2.0
10. Brent Bovay	1955	L2	D13	L9	W17	D11	2.0
11. Erik Walker	1865	D3	L6	L13	W15	D10	2.0
12. Patrick Harley	1783	W9	L7	H	D8	L3	2.0
13. Michael Bellows	2008	L16	D10	W11	L5	U	1.5
14. Curtis Graham	1966	U	U	W17	U	U	1.0
15. Henry White	1848	L7	D9	D4	L11	U	1.0
16. Claude Corbett	1834	W13	L2	L8	L4	U	1.0
17. Timothy Hurley	1766	L5	D4	L14	L10	D9	1.0

Amateur Section	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Total
01. James Collins	1788	W10	W18	W2	D7	W5	4.5
02. William Bowie	1613	W12	W13	L1	W14	W7	4.0
03. Tim Rankin	1405	W5	D11	L7	W10	W9	3.5
04. John Brown	1367	D6	D9	D10	W16	W14	3.5
05. George Williams	1589	L3	W17	W18	W11	L1	3.0
06. Donald Hofer	1230	D4	D8	W12	L9	W13	3.0
07. William Nash	1204	W19	D14	W3	D1	L2	3.0
08. Daniel Sheaf	1692	L14	D6	L16	B	W12	2.5
09. Clubber Hyatt	1600	L18	D4	W13	W6	L3	2.5
10. Clyde Baker	1499	L1	W16	D4	L3	W18	2.5
11. Frederick Olmsted	1618	W17	D3	D14	L5	U	2.0
12. Jerry Rothstein	1426	L2	W19	L6	W18	L8	2.0
13. William Pilaud	1400	W16	L2	L9	W17	L6	2.0
14. Brian Hastings	1479	W8	D7	D11	L2	L4	2.0
15. Curtis Graham	1973	U	U	U	U	W16	1.0

State Championships continued

Player	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Total
16. John Rogers	1557	L13	L10	W8	L4	L15	1.0
17. Pete Danker	1516	L11	L5	B	L13	U	1.0
18. John G. Rogers	1473	W9	L1	L5	L12	L10	1.0
19. Randall Altman	1506	L7	L12	U	U	U	0.0

Reserve Section	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Total
01. Justin Pickett	1162	W12	W5	W25	W26	W27	5.0
02. James Johnson	1371	W17	W15	W4	L3	W11	4.0
03. Doug Florian	1347	W18	W7	W13	W2	L4	4.0
04. Billy Pattillo	1342	W27	W11	L2	W9	W3	4.0
05. Anthony Lau	989	W26	L1	W12	W25	W28	4.0
06. Chris Jones	1373	L7	D9	W27	W13	W15	3.5
07. Chuck Cameron	1269	W6	L3	W10	W17	D9	3.5
08. James MacDougall	1135	D10	W27	L9	W14	W16	3.5
09. R. Gundala	1417	W16	W22	W8	L4	D7	3.5
10. Ralph Sandifer	1330	D8	D6	L7	W19	W20	3.0
11. Michael Spohn	1231	W14	L4	W22	W16	L2	3.0
12. Laverne Williams	531	L1	W26	L5	W28	W25	3.0
13. Ed Evans	Unr.	W25	W23	L3	L6	W17	3.0
14. David Biggs	1357	L1	W20	D15	L8	W21	2.5
15. John Gass	1274	W21	L2	D14	W22	L6	2.5
16. William Nixon	1302	L9	W24	W19	L11	L8	2.0
17. Glen Suares	1274	L2	W21	W23	L7	L13	2.0
18. Jeffrey Mahaffay	1201	L3	L19	L21	W27	W24	2.0
19. James Lord	1167	U	W18	L16	L10	W22	2.0
20. Ronnie Farmer	1107	L22	L14	W24	W23	L10	2.0
21. Phillip Jamiol	1077	L15	L17	W18	H	L14	1.5
22. Bruce Shull	1325	W20	L9	L11	L15	L19	1.5
23. Jackson Kammerer	1316	W24	L13	L17	L20	U	1.0
24. Natalie Wilmot	990	L23	L16	L20	B	L18	1.0
25. Daniel Willard	625	L13	B	L1	L5	L12	1.0
26. James Barr	Unr.	L5	L12	B	L1	U	1.0
27. Bill Willard	1152	L4	L8	L6	L18	L1	0.0
28. Alaric Bruce	Unr.	U	U	U	L12	L5	0.0

SCCA Tournament Calendar

January 16	January Classic	Hartsville
February 13	Lower State Scholastic	Summerville
February 20	Mid-State Scholastic	Sumter
February ??	Upper State Scholastic	Seneca
February 27	Snowstorm Special	Charleston
March 6	Scholastic Championships	Columbia
April 17	Scholastic Quick Chess	Sumter
	Gamecock Spring Classic	Sumter
May	Sumter County Championships	Sumter
June	SC Open Championships	Rock Hill
July	Muzak Madness	Charleston
August	Charleston Classic	Charleston
September	Summerton Classic	Summerton
October	SC Closed Championships	Columbia
November	Fall Scholastic	Columbia
December	Gamecock Fall Classic	Sumter
December	Rock Hill ?????	Rock Hill

GSSM January Classic

January 16

5SS, G30, at Coker College.

Contact: Clyde Smith 1856 Hunter Hill Court, Hartsville,
SC 29550 (843) 332-4081 Home, (843) 383-3937 Work

Lower State Scholastic Championships

February 13

5SS, G30, EF: \$5. Tournament to be held at Scott's Branch High School. Registration: 8-9 am. Rounds: 9:30-10:45-1-2:15-3:30. Trophies will be awarded for 1st-3rd High School, 1st-2nd Middle School, 1st-2nd Elementary School,

and 1st-2nd High School Teams.

Contact: Michael Spohn 6855 Peach Orchard Road Dalzell,
SC 29040 (803) 469-9386 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM.

Mid-State Scholastic Championships

February 20

5SS, G30, EF: \$5. Tournament to be held at Sumter High School. Registration: 8-9 am. Rounds: 9:30-10:45-1-2:15-3:30. Trophies will be awarded for 1st-3rd High School, 1st-2nd Middle School, 1st-2nd Elementary School, and 1st-2nd High School Teams.

Contact: Michael Spohn 6855 Peach Orchard Road Dalzell,
SC 29040 (803) 469-9386 from 6:00 - 9:00

South Carolina Scholastic Quick Chess Championships

April 17

6SS, G10, EF: \$5. All of this will happen before noon.

Contact: Michael Spohn 6855 Peach Orchard Road Dalzell,
SC 29040 (803) 469-9386 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM.

5th Annual Gamecock Spring Classic

April 17

4SS, G60 tournament will be held in the evening.

Contact: Michael Spohn 6855 Peach Orchard Road Dalzell,
SC 29040 (803) 469-9386 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM.

South Carolina Scholastic Championships

March 6

6SS, G30, EF: \$5. Airport High School, West Columbia. 3 sections: High School: open to grades 9-12. Trophies: 1st, 2nd, 3rd teams, High School Champion. Middle School: 1st team, Middle School Champion. Elementary School: Elementary Champion. Trophies will also be given out for Champions grades 1-12. EF: \$5, if received by 3/3 at site \$7. Registration: 8-9. Rounds: 9:15-10:15-11:15-1-2:15-3:30. Advance Entry: SCCA, 6855 Peach Orchard Rd. Dalzell, SC 29040. (803) 469-9386. Michael Spohn

Simultaneous Exhibition

By Dr. Miles F. Ardaman

1998 South Carolina Chess Champion

Senior USCF Chess Master

Date:

Thursday, January 21, 1999

Presented by:

The Greenville Chess Club

Site:

The Pavilion / 400 Scottswood Road / Taylors, SC 29687

Time:

6:45 PM (but pre-registrants must be on site by 6:30)

Cost per Board:

Regular : \$12

Scholastic: \$10

Use of Proceeds:

Greenville County Sheriff's D.A.R.E. Program

To Reserve Board:

1. Notify the Greenville Chess Club (GCC) at (864) 246-6363, or e-mail Wayne Williams at wwilliams@nationalelectrical.com. Reservations are not complete until payment has been received by the GCC. **Reserved boards will be held only until 6:30 PM.**

2. Make check payable to GCC and mail to:

Greenville Chess Club

402 Berea Forest Circle

Greenville, SC 29617-1534

3. Be present January 21st no later than 6:30 PM

For directions and more information contact:

The PAVILION -- (864) 322-7529

Greenville County Recreation District -- (864) 288-6470

Wayne G. Williams (home) -- (864) 246-6363

27TH ANNUAL SNOWSTORM SPECIAL FEBRUARY 27 - 28

Entry Fee

\$35 by 2/24/99; \$40 at site; Scholastic (K - 12) \$20.

USCF membership required.

Prizes (\$1,170 based on 50 full entries)

1st = \$200 2nd = \$150 A = \$120 - \$60 B = \$120 - \$60 C = \$120 -

\$60 U1400 = \$120 - \$60 U1100 = \$100

50% of prizes guaranteed.

Prize fund increased if more than 50 full entries.

USCF membership (only) to Top Scholastic entry.

UNRated based on performance rating after Round 4.

Time Control

GAME 100 (Round 1 only), 35/90; SD/60 (Rounds 2 - 5).

Rounds

10 - 2 - 7; 9:30 - 2:30.

Enter

Charleston Chess Club c/o **Patrick Hart**, 1558 Periwinkle Drive,

Mount Pleasant, SC 29464-9146

(843) 849-0177 (after 1:00 PM).

Registration

9:00 - 9:50 AM.

Site

Hampton Inn & Suites, 1104 Isle of Palms Connector, Mount

Pleasant, SC 29464 (843) 856-3900

Reservations

The room rate is \$79.00 (1-2 occupants) and a choice of one king or two queen size beds. You can call their Central Reservations office at 1-800-HAMPTON and request a room from the 2/26-2/27 group block (Group Code CCC). These rooms will be held until January 29.

Directions

Myrtle Beach: Follow US-17S towards Charleston and turn left onto the Isle of Palms Connector (Highway 517).

Savannah: Follow US-17N into Charleston, upon crossing the Cooper River Bridge, continue on US-17N for 5 miles and turn right onto the Isle of Palms Connector (Highway 517).

Columbia: Follow I-26 towards Charleston, take Mount Pleasant exit (#212-C) onto I-526 for 15 miles, turn onto US-17N, go one mile and turn right onto the Isle of Palms Connector (Highway 517).

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