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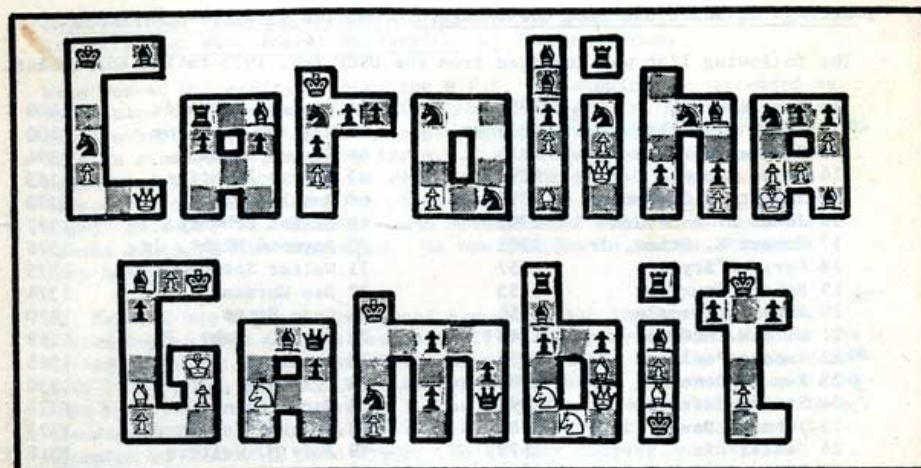
Grandmaster Lubomir Kavalek will be at Wake Forest University on March 21st to play a simultaneous chess exhibition. If received (postmarked) by March 18th, the entry fee is \$7.50 to play (players sixteen years and under \$5.00). Entry fees at the door will be \$10.00 and \$7.00 respectively. The exhibition will be played in the main lounge of the Reynolda Hall on the campus. Play begins at 7:00 p.m. Anyone who wishes to participate in this event should send in their entry fee immediately as Mr. Kavalek will be unable to accommodate more than eighty boards. Checks should be made payable to the Wake Forest Chess Union and sent to Stephen Herman, Box 9325 Reynolda Station, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27317. No smoking.

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3 Greg Samsa	2029
4 Lee Taylor	2025
5 Terry Newman	1964
6 Bernard Schmidt	1951
7 Ron Simpson	1901
8 Jim Watson	1870
9 John Daugman	1867
10 Roger Rajagopal	1865

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I-Ratings of North Carolina Chessplayers compiled by Stephen Herman

The following list was compiled from the USCF Feb. 1975 rating supplement.

11 Alan Kussack	1857	64 Raymond Richards	1408
12 Frank Montakhab	1847	65 William W. Stine	1400
13 Sam Lee Perkins	1814	66 Steven Bowman	1394
14 Allen Cooley	1798	67 Robert E. Stine	1383
15 Robert D. Goodyear	1795	68 Ronald Gray	1378
16 James H. Asheburn	1792	69 Elliot Schwartz	1377
17 Robert E. Stine, Jr.	1781	70 Raymond Hight, Jr.	1376
18 David O'Bryant	1757	71 Walter Spence	1375
19 Robert Spurrier	1753	72 Dee Worden	1374
20 Roger L. Sample	1751	73 Gene Pitts	1370
21 Mike W. McCann	1746	74 Earl L. Raby, Jr.	1369
22 Rhodes Peele	1738	75 Dennis R. Davidson	1365
23 Rex A. Demers	1705	76 Kyle West, Jr.	1330
24 Stephen Herman	1691	77 Gary Pennell	1324
25 John T. Davis	1683	78 Richard Schuford	1323
26 Daniel Liu	1679	79 Judy M. Walters	1310
27 Raymond C. Freeman	1668	80 David Vaughn	1308
28 John Linder	1644	81 Robert Blackwelder	1299
29 Ricky L. Bailey	1641	82 John D. Moore, Jr.	1297
30 Joseph Zachary	1635	83 Mike Williams	1286
31 Donald Ross Hull	1632	84 George Umberger	1284
32 Arthur Menius III	1623	85 Guy Tanzer	1283
33 Mark Tullis	1619	86 Dewey H. Keller	1281
34 Gregory L. Greer	1601	87 Robbie Robinson	1280
35 Robert Fentress	1595	88 Robbie King	1272
36 George C. Harwell	1595	89 Dave McMahon	1255
37 Alan H. Lipkin	1588	90 James S. Anderson	1249
38 Prescott Lerch	1584	91 George Curtis Spence	1245
39 Charles E. Siewert	1578	92 Stephen E. Slechta	1237
40 John Crosland	1569	93 Tim Huffman	1226
41 Ernest Lightbourne	1541	94 William B. Couch	1220
42 Andy Fix	1535	95 Tim Champion	1219
43 Jimmie W. Blackmon	1534	96 Mark Pace	1215
44 William Archer	1520	97 Jeff Melton	1213
45 Peter Morrison	1513	98 David Tucker	1212
46 Ladson Bright	1505	99 John B. Fowler	1204
47 Darris Williamson	1490	100 David Rorie	1201
48 Michael W. Bolch	1478	101 Dwayne D. Lutz	1198
49 James H. Willis	1471	102 T. C. Caines	1187
50 Thomas G. Schrade	1467	103 Asoke Mitra	1186
51 William T. Burns	1466	104 Terry Dalton	1185
52 Robert Carl Moore	1465	105 Billy Blackwelder	1184
53 Richard A. Cheshire	1464	106 Cliff T. Schli	1172
54 Jefferson A. Brewton	1458	107 Jeri G. Taylor	1169
55 A. Wilder Wadford	1451	108 R. Mayo Hefner	1145
56 John Smithwick	1449	109 Ronald M. Smith	1117
57 Mark V. Butler	1435	110 John Kallenborn III	1093
58 Robert W. Cline	1432	111 Jerry Hampton	1073
59 Eric N. Nilsen	1430	112 Earl Walker	1060
60 Clyde I. Davis	1428	113 James K. Britton	1016
61 Edward Rudzik, Jr.	1428	114 Robert B. Norby	1002
62 Mark R. Cornwell	1426	115 C. R. Reddy	934
63 Peter Bost	1410	116 Paul McKee	844

II-International Grandmaster Lubomir Kavalek to give Simultaneous Exhibition at Wake Forest University by Stephen Herman

Wake Forest University through the W.F.U. Chess Union has extended an invitation to Grandmaster Lubomir "Lubosh" Kavalek to hold a simultaneous exhibition, and he has accepted for March 21st. Undoubtedly, this is a unique opportunity for N.C.C.A. members to become personally acquainted with a world class grandmaster who is not only one of the finest representatives of the chess world over the board, but "off the board" as well. Mr. Kavalek is an accomplished world traveller who speaks fluently four languages. He now resides in Reston, Virginia with his wife.

Mr. Kavalek has enjoyed phenomenal success since immigrating to the United States from Czechoslovakia in 1970. He played 1st board for the United States in the latest Olympiad, contributing heavily to the team's fine third place finish. He tied for first in the 1972 U.S. Championship with Reshevsky and Byrne. In the playoffs he was eliminated, thus missing qualifying for the Interzonals by 1/2 point. He was Co-U.S. Champion in 1973 with John Grefe. He did not compete in the 1974 Championship. Currently Mr. Kavalek is rated approximately sixth in the world and 1st outside the U.S.S.R. with an F.I.D.E. rating of over 2625.

The exhibition will be held in the main lounge of Reynolda Hall and will begin at 7:00 P.M. All participants will receive a certificate, and anyone who defeats or draws Mr. Kavalek will receive a plaque recognizing the achievement and signed by Mr. Kavalek. As there is a board limit of eighty, entries should be sent immediately and directed to Stephen Herman, the president of the W.F.U. Chess Union. (See announcement pg. 16 this issue.) The entry fee is \$7.50 except for those age sixteen and under in which case it is \$5.00 if postmarked by March 18th. At the door \$10.00 and \$7.00 respectively will be charged. Checks should be made payable to the W.F.U. Chess Union. Spectator seats will be available; however, no smoking will be allowed in the playing room.

III-Demers on the Openings by Rex Demers

QUESTION: What is white's best plan of attack in the following variation of the Caro-Kann?

1. e4 c6
2. d4 d5
3. ed cd
4. c4 Nf6
5. Nc3 g6

ANSWER: 6.Qb3! The alternative

6.Nf3 is worse: 6.Nf3 Bg7

(a) 7.c5? Nc6 8.Bb5 0-0 9.0-0

Bg4! 10.Be3 Ne4 11.Be2 Nc5 12.dc5

Bf3 13.Bf3 d4? Bogatyrschuk-Low-

enfisch 1935.

(b) 7.Qb3 dc! 8.Bc4 0-0 9.Ne5

e6 10.Be3 Nc6 11.Nc6 bc 12.0-0

Qc7 13.h3 Nd5 14.Ra1 Rb8 15.Qc2
Ne3 16.fe c5! ♗ Pogatsch-Szabo.
6. ... Bg7
Not 6...dc 7.Bc4 e6 8.Nf3±
7. cd 0-0



In the diagramed position white's alternatives are:

- (a) 8.Bf4 (e) 8.Bc4
(b) 8.Nf3 (f) 8.Bg5
(c) 8.g3 (g) 8.Nge2
(d) 8.Be2

In this line white does better to develop his bishop at e2 or g2 as the d pawn cannot be held.

(a) 8.Bf4 Nbd7 9.d6 ed 10.Bd6 Re8+ "and white's king is in danger." Ken Smith.

(b) 8.Nf3 Nd7 9.Bg5 Nb6
(b1) 10.Bf6 Bf6 11.Be2 a5 12.a4 Bg4 13.0-0 Rc8 14.Rfd1 Bf3 15.Bf3= Jansa-Pachman 1961.
(b2) 10.Bc4 Bf5 11.Rd1 Ne4! 12.0-0 Nc3 13.bc Rc8 14.Bb5 h6 15.Bh4 g5 16.Bg3 Qd5+ Tal-Bronstein 1961.

(c) 8.g3. This move became popular after Petrosian-Spassky 1966. Now black has two tries, (c1) 8...Nbd7 and (c2) 8...e6!

(c1) 8...Nbd7 9.Bg2 Nb6 10.Nge2 Bf4 11.0-0 Bd3 12.d6 ed 13.Bb7 Rb8 14.Bf3 Qc8 15.Nd5 Qc4 16.Ndf4 Be4 17.Qc4 Nc4 18.Be4 Ne4 19.b3+ Franklin-Golemb 1964.

(c2) 8...e6! 9.de (9.Bg2 Nd5 10.Nge2 Nc6 11.0-0 Nb6 12.Rd1 Qe7+ Gipsus-Selesivein 1961 Riga.) 9...Nc6!? 10.ef+ Kh8 11.Nge2 Qe7 12.Be3 Ng4 13.Kd2 Be6 14.d5 Bf7 15.Bh3 Nge5 16.Rad1 (Gheorghin-Iohannessen 17th Olympiad 1966) Na5 e.g. 17.Qa4 b5 18.Qb5 Rb8+ or 17.Qc2 Nec4 18.Kc1 Ne3 19.fe Nc4 and black has excellent attacking chances.

(d) 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.Bf3 Nb6 10.Bg5 and now black can try (d1) 10...Bg4 or (d2) 10...a5!

(d1) 10...Bg4 11.Bf6 Bf3 12.Nf3 ef (12...Bf6 13.0-0 Rc8 14.Rfel Qc7 15.Ne5 a6 16.Rad1 Rfd8 17.Rcl with the idea of 18.g3!+- Euwe-Hoek 1942 match) 13.0-0 Qd7 14.Rfel Rad8 15. h3+
(d2) 10...a5! 11.a4 Bf5 12.Rd1 Qd6 with the idea of 13...Qb4=.

(e) 8.Bc4 Nbd7 9.Nge2 Nb6 10.0-0 Nc4 11.Qc4 b6 12.Nf4 Bb7 13.Be3 Rc8 14.a4 a6 15.Racl g5! 16.Ne2 Nd5 17.Bg5 Nc3

18.Nc3 b5 19.Qb4 Re8+ 0-1 in 30 Klu-ger-Szabadi 1951.

(f) 8.Bg5 Qa5 9.Bf7 ef 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Kb1 Nb6 12.Bd3 Bg4 13.Rcl Bh6 14.Rc2 Rad1= Basyvku-Bronstein 1968.

(g) 8.Nge2 and now black has (g1) 8...e6? and (g2) 8...Re8!

(g1) 8...e6 9.de Be6 10.Qb7 is to white's taste.

(g2) 8...Re8! and white has (g2i) 9 Bg5 and (g2ii) 9.g3.

(g2i) 9.Bg5 e6 10.de Be6 11.Qb7 Nbd7 12.0-0 Qa5 13.Qb5 Qb5

14.Nb5 Ba2 and black has sufficient compensation for the pawn. *Schahmatny Bulletin*.

(g2ii) 9. g3 e6! 10.de Be6 11.Qb7 Nbd7 12.Bg2 Rb8 leaving white three choices: g2ii(1) 13.Qf3, g2ii(2) 13.Qa6, and g2ii(3) 13. Qa7.

g2ii(1) 13.Qf3 Bg4 14.Qf4 Qa5 15.f3 Nd5 16.Qd2 Ne3 17.Kf2 Nc4+

g2ii(2) 13.Qa6 Nb6 14.b3 Nfd5 15. 0-0 Nc3 16.Nc3 Qd4 (Also good is

16...Bd4 17.Bd2 Bf5 with dangerous initiative for black.) 17.Bf4! (17.Bb2 Qd2 18.Rab1 Bc3 19.Rfd1 Qc2 20.Rcl Qb2 21.Rb2 Bb2+) Qc3 18.Bb8 Rb8 19.Qa7 Be5 20. Rac1 Qb4 with advantage for black.

g2ii(3) 13.Qa7 Bc4 14.Bf3 Nd5 15.Nd5 Re2+ 16.Be2 Bd5 with the idea of Ra8 or Bh1.

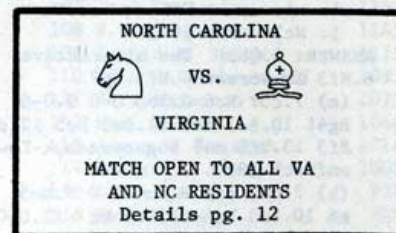
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Rex Demers

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Please specify the variation or sub-variation you would like information on.



IV-GAME OF THE MONTH by Ken Collins

The use of separate sections in chess tournaments has encouraged more contact between the higher rated players. This is essential if the Carolinas hope to produce a good base of experts and a few masters. Invitational and round robin tournaments for experts and "A" players would also be beneficial. The recent Groundhog tournament had only nine entries in the Open section and thus the top players were able to play each other. The following last-round game, between two of the leaders, helped to determine first place.

Ken Collins Jeff Smeltzer

1. e4 e5
2. Nf3 Nc6
3. Bb5 a6
4. Ba4 Nf6
5. 0-0 N:e4

The open variation, favored by Tarrasch. Black accepts a weakened pawn structure for good piece play.

6. d4

Trying to open the e file. Rel immediately is not effective:

6. Rel Nc5 7.N:e5 Be7 8.Nc3 0-0=

6. ... b5

Black must not allow the pin, e.g.

6...d5? 7.N:e5 Bd7 8.N:f7! K:f7

9.Qh5+ g6 10.Q:d5+ Kg7 11.Q:e4 wins.

7. Bb3 d5

8. de

8.N:e5 N:e5 9.de Bb7 or c6 offer white no advantage.

8. ... Be6

9. Qe2

Howell's move, popularized by Keres in the 1948 world championship.

White will attack on the d and c files, using the pin of black's d pawn to pry open the position. The older move, c3, is also good, but it gives black more choice of counterplay, including the double edged Bc5.

9. ... Be7

Now 9...Bc5 10.Be3 is ineffective.

10. Rd1 Nc5

Probably best. If 10...0-0; then 11.c4.

11. Be3

Now 11.c4?! d4! and the d pawn will be a bone in white's throat.

11. ... 0-0

12. c4 bc

12...N:b3 13.ab Nb4 14.Nc3 c6 15.Ne4 and though black has stabilized his

Q side, white is now threatening a powerful K side attack. Black's next five moves are recommended by theory to simplify and ease the pressure.

13. B:c4 Na5



14. B:d5

A well known tactic that uses the pin on the d file and the exposed position of black's knights to regain the piece. Also possible is 14.B:c5 B:c5 15.B:a6, but then black's two bishops give him good counterchances.

14. ... B:d5

15. Nc3

This is stronger than 15.b4 B:f3! 16.Q:f3 Nd7! 17.ba N:e5! with a good game for black.

15. ... B:f3

16. Q:f3 Qe8

If 16...Qb8 17.b4! Q:b4 18.Nd5 and white has the edge.

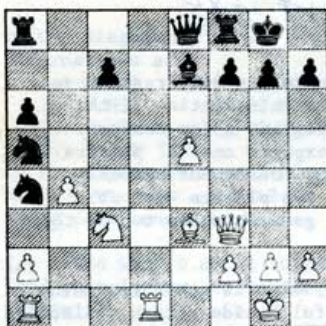
17. b4 Na4?!

[See diagram next page]

A risky move. After 17...Nd7 18.ba N:e5 19.Qf5, the game is about even.

18. Nd5!

Clearly 18.N:a4 Q:a4 19.ba Q:a5, offers white no advantage. The



Position after 17...Na4?!

text begins a very complicated maneuver by white to use black's awkward pieces to regain his material with advantage. The calculations were very difficult and both sides used their positional feel for the position to guide their moves.

18. ... Nc4
19. N:c7 N:e5?!

This is too optimistic. 19...Qc8 20.N:a8 Q:a8 21.Qf4 gives black two pieces for his R and two pawns. White thought he would have the better chances and apparently black agreed.

20. Qd5
20.Qf5 does not allow the fork, but after 20...Qc8 21.Q:e5 Bf6 22.Qa5 B:a1 23.R:a1 Rb8; black may keep his piece.

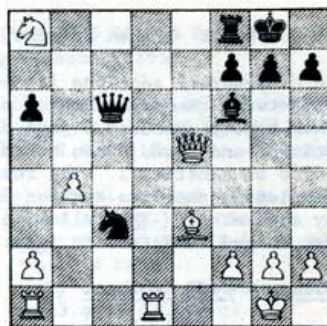
20. ... Qc6
21. N:a8 Nc3
21...Bf6 first may have been stronger. Then 22. Q:c6 N:c6 23.Nc7 B:a1 24.R:a1 N:b5 gives black good chances.

22. Q:e5 Bf6
[See diagram next column]

23. Rd6!
A strong counter stroke which insures white's advantage. After 23.Qc5 Q:a8 white cannot hold the exchange and the open position gives black some counterchances.

23. ... Ne7+
Clearly 23...B:e5 24.R:c6 R:a8 25.Rel loses and 23...B:e5 24.R:c6 Ne2+ 25.Kf1 B:a1 26.R:a6 leaves black hopelessly placed.

24. Kf1 Q:g2+



Position after 22...Bf6.

Unfortunately 24...Qc4 25.Nb6! and black has no effective discovered check. The text sequence is relatively better.

25. K:g2 B:e5
26. R:a6

The point: white has connected passed pawns, which should insure the win.

26. ... B:a1
27. b5

Nb6 and Ra8 first were a bit safer, but white's passed pawns and time pressure were the main issues now.

27. ... f5!?

Black's only chance is to attack the king. He threatens 28...f4 29.Bd2 f3+ 30.Kh3 (Kf1?!, Rd8) Be5 with some counterchances.

28. Kf3 Nd4+
28...Ng1+ was more annoying. Then Kf1 would be necessary.

29. B:d4 B:d4
30. Nc7

Gaining precious time by Ne6

30. ... Rc8
31. Rc6

31.Ra8 R:a8 32.N:a8 Kf7 33.b6 Be7! and the powerful bishop makes things difficult. Now black's rook is vulnerable.

31. ... Rb8
Kf7 a4 and the K cannot approach the Q side.

32. a4 Be5
Black cannot stop the pawns.

33. a5 B:c7
34. R:c7 R:b5

35. a6 Resigns

35...Ra5 36.a7 h6 37.Rc8+ etc. or

35...Rb8 36.a7 Ra8 37.Rb7 etc.
This sharp, well-played game is a good indication of how far and wide-spread chess theory has developed since W.W.II.

[Readers may submit candidate games for Ken's next article to the following address:
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V-The continuing story of...PAWN POWER by Dr. Al



This time we find ourselves at the N.C. Closed during the Labor Day weekend of 1974. The competition for Class "C" prizes was very tough and one of the players had accused our hero (whom we shall call "Robert") of cheating! Robert's opponent felt that Robert was discussing the game in progress with other players. Although the accusation was unfounded, the opponent was able to find a witness who swore he had overheard Robert collaborating (the witness was mistaken, as was later found). This accusation caused tournament director Arthur Menius to issue an official warning to Robert to the effect that if another similar complaint was issued, he would be forced to throw him out of the tournament. Well, the game continued and Robert lost! He was so upset that he challenged his opponent to another game for a \$5.00 bet. As Robert's opponent was lower rated, I suggested that Robert was being just a little unfair and that perhaps he should relax for the next round. His opponent had apologized for his accusation and was willing to play for a dollar. But Robert wouldn't hear of it, and insisted that they should play for \$5.00 adding that his opponent was perhaps a little afraid and that his game was worthless anyway. Reluctantly his opponent agreed to play and immediately won the game! Robert, who was \$5.00 poorer, a point down, and totally shattered, was not immediately available for comment.

The next round we find Robert with a good position playing an individual who seemed very concerned that only one hour and five minutes were left on his clock. The guy was moving extremely fast and finally dropped a piece. Robert, taking the piece, asked why he was moving so fast. It turned out that the opponent thought he only had five minutes left to the first time control! Robert insisted that he return the piece and replay the part of the game that his opponent rushed through, but his opponent refused, stating that it was his own fault and that they should continue. So they played on. Robert was quite upset that he should win in this manner, and apparently neglected the game. When I looked at the game sometime later, Robert was hopelessly lost! He ended up losing!

Interestingly enough, these were Robert's only losses. Robert currently holds the record for losing trophies on tie-breaks, losing large prizes by last-round blunders, and for being hassled by his opponents! However, this time he managed to win Class "C"! A happy ending for a player who persevered when others may have withdrawn in disgust. Well done Robert! (Next time Tie-Break will get you!)

VI-RAM I Open Jan. 18, 1975 report by A. C. Menius

The first RAM of the new year attracted a promising turnout of 68 players to the Carolina Union in Chapel Hill on January 18th. The

unexpectedly fine turnout left the UNC Chess Club with seven trophies for nine sections. Therefore, cash equivalents were awarded in sections one and two. Interested participants were allowed to express their opinion concerning the peculiar practice of "pairing up", at the RAMs. Seven supported limited "pairing up", three were for unlimited "pairing up", and one player was completely against the practice. Players at the three remaining RAMs this semester will also have the opportunity to make their feelings about this issue known. The tournament was directed by A.C. Menius. Section winners were:

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| I. Greg Samsa 2-1 \$4 | IV. Bill Archer 3-0 |
| Bernie Schmidt 2-1 \$4 | V. Robert Garner 2 1/2-1/2 |
| Jim Osborne 2-1 \$4 | VI. Carl Holliday 3-0 |
| II. Dan Liu 2 1/2-1/2 \$6 | VII. Bill O'Brian 3-0 |
| Chris O'Connell 2 1/2-1/2 \$6 | VIII. John Fowler 3-0 |
| III. Rodney Hook 3-0 | IX. Fred Church 3-0 |

VII-The Smokers Only Jan. 25, 1975

Hickory's "Smokers Only" played on January 25th, attracted 29 players. Through the haze emerged section winners (I) Mike McCann and Steve Buntin, \$20 each; (II) Paul Whippo, \$40; and (III) Dennis Pennell and Dennis Davidson, \$30 each.

VIII-Vance County Chess Club Sponsors Simultaneous Exhibition Jan. 25, 1975 report by R. R. Hight, Jr.

On Saturday, January 25th, the Vance County Chess Club presented a simultaneous exhibition for the general public in the Henderson Mall. During a seven hour period from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Darris Williamson, one of the club's top players, played 67 games (sometimes as many as seven at once) and finished the day with only six losses. Relieving Williamson occasionally for breaks was another club member, Doug Spence, who completed eleven games and lost none, bringing the day's total to 78 games, including 69 wins, 3 draws, and 6 losses. The six winning challengers will receive free entry to the 3rd Annual Vance Championship to be held on February 15th.

The exhibition was received with much interest and will be continued as a regular feature of the club's activities. The event was originally designed for the purpose of publicizing the Club and upcoming County championship. It is hoped that the club's membership will increase as a result. It might be of interest to note that just two years ago, there were no USCF members in Vance County and no USCF affiliates. Now, Vance County is the home of more than 50 USCF members (most are junior members), three USCF affiliates, and one certified intermediate tournament director.

The Vance County Chess Club is sponsored by the Henderson-Vance County Recreation and Parks Department and meets each Thursday night from 7 to 10 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall of Henderson. Its officers are John Smithwick, President; Walter Spence, Vice-President; Darris Williamson, Secretary-Treasurer; and R. R. Hight, Jr., Club Advisor.

IX-The WFU I Open Feb. 1, 1975 report by Stephen Herman

The WFU I was held in the Reynolda Hall Coffee House at Wake Forest University on February 1st. Section winners were: Section I, Lee Taylor, 3-0; Section II, Clyde Davis, 3-0; Section III, Scott Brown (VA) 2 1/2-1/2; and Section IV, C. Phillip Johnson, 3-0.

X-The 1975 GROUNDHOG Feb. 8-9, 1975 by Alan Lipkin

The 1975 Groundhog was host to 58 players this year. This fine traditional tournament was made possible through the efforts of Robert Moore who made arrangements through the Charlotte YMCA for the Southern Chess Administration to host the tournament. Bob received a plaque engraved, "TO BOB MOORE, THE MAN BEHIND THE 1975 GROUNDHOG."

Ken Collins took first place in the Open Section although he sustained a crushing defeat of his Sicilian Dragon administered by Terry Newman in round two. In the final round on Sunday Newman drew Grady Brown at about 10:00 p.m. while the T.D. was reading Patsy Newman's fortune with the Tarot cards. Terry Newman and Lee Taylor tied for second. Ken Collins and Lee Taylor have won prize money at every S.C.A. tourney they've entered so far!

The Amatuer Section was won by Mike McCann who overcame Garth Miller in the last round. Garth shared second prize money with John Thompson and Billy Belk.

The Booster Section prize money was shared by Jesse Hubbard and B.R. Chamberlain who was unrated at the time.

The SCA continued its tradition of excellent southern tournaments. Directing was Dr. Al Lipkin who was assisted very ably by Robert Fentress. The prize fund was increased nearly 40% this year. The SCA hopes to raise the prizes again in 1976. See you then!

XI-The RAM II Open Feb. 15, 1975 report by A.C. Menius

The RAM II Open played in Chapel Hill attracted 56 players who competed in seven sections. The tournament was directed by Arthur Menius with special thanks going to Tom Schrade and Harry Osen for helping with registration. Section winners were: (I) Mike Siler, (II) Wm. Darrell Strutton, (III) Francisco X. Montez, (IV) Carl Holliday, (V) Daniel Barlow, (VI) Gil Porter, (VII) Fred G. Church.

XII-Too Many Tournaments? an editorial by Al Lipkin

The number of chess tournaments in our state is becoming very large, and there has been a steep decline in attendance. A glance at our tournament calendar should be convincing. Organizers have called in to clear prospective tournament dates with the clearing house, only to be told that the calendar was filled for several months in advance.

This situation would be a chess player's dream except that the calendar is crammed with a phenomenon known as the "monthly tournament." It can be easily calculated that if four active clubs have a monthly tourney, they will clear a date for their tourney on perhaps the first, second, third, and last weekend of each month. This will leave one weekend every other month open for all the rest of the clubs in the state, a situation certainly not in the best interest of chess in North Carolina.

Unfortunately, this state-of-affairs is fast becoming a reality; and the most ironic aspect is that our fine, active N.C. clubs are greatly helping chess on the local level. Nevertheless, something must be done; and so, realizing that finding problems is easy but finding solutions is not, I am going to make the first suggestion.

Why not hold "monthly" tournaments every five or (better yet) six weeks? If this were done, then our hypothetical "four active clubs" could have their tournies and still leave three or four weekends open for new and/or non-tourney oriented clubs to have their occasional tourney. This would also encourage the players of the state to travel elsewhere to compete with different players of new areas. The active clubs would hardly miss the absence of one tourney every third or fourth month and could even schedule team matches during a weekend that may not involve a scheduled tournament.

Needless to say, the NCCA will not limit or interfere with any tournament in the state. Nor will the clearing house refuse to clear a tournament that does not conflict with another. This is just a suggestion that might improve the tournament situation in North Carolina.

[Anyone having comments concerning this editorial or suggestions about the problem discussed should write directly to Dr. Lipkin, and send a copy of the letter to Chuck Howard, President, NCCA, and also to me. Ed.]

XIII-North Carolina Tournament Calendar

Attention Organizers!

- (1) Be sure to clear your tournament with the NCCA Tournament Clearing Service. This service is designed to help tournament organizers avoid date conflicts. Call direct 919-924-2688 between 7 and 9 p.m.
- (2) Send your announcements directly to the following address: Lee Taylor, Editor, Carolina Gambit, Box 396, Carrboro, N.C. 27510. The Gambit is published every two months. This means that all NCCA members receive prompt notification of tournaments announced herein. The next issue of the Gambit will be mailed to members on May 20th. Send announcements for this upcoming issue by April 20th.
- (3) The NCCA provides tournament supplies free of charge for any USCF event requiring NCCA membership. Write Dr. Al Lipkin, address page 1.

March 21, FRIDAY KAVALEK SIMULTANEOUS in Winston-Salem, N.C.
Reynolda Hall Main Lounge, Wake Forest Univ. Campus. EF: \$10 at the door, \$7 age 16 and under; \$7.50 and \$5 respectively if postmarked

by 3/18/75. Exhibition begins 7 p.m. No smoking. See page 16 also.

March 22 RAM III Chapel Hill, N.C.

3-SS (8-man sections by rating), 40/90. UNC Student Union. EF: \$3
NCCA Membership required. Trophy 1st in each section. Reg. 9-10 a.m.
Rds. 10:30, 2:30, 6:30. ENT: A.C. Menius, 2523 Granville Towers S.,
Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514. Limited smoking.

March 29 MIMOSA I Morganton, N.C.

3-SS, 8-man sections of similar strength, 40/90, Collett St. Recreation Center, Morganton. EF: \$5. \$\$28 in top section, \$20 + Trophy in others.
Reg.: 9-9:30 a.m., Rds. 10-1:30-5:30. ENT: Jim Willis, 103 School St.,
Marion, N.C. 28752, Tel. (704) 652-7782. Note: Prizes are incorrect in
Chess Life and Review.

April 5-6 ANNUAL DURHAM OPEN Durham, N.C.

5-SS, 50/2, Social Sciences Bldg., West Campus, Duke Univ., Durham. In
3 sections (prizes based on 50 entries total): OPEN, EF: \$13, Jr. \$12.
\$\$ 85-50-30. AMATEUR, open to under 1800. EF: \$11, Jr. \$10. \$\$ 55-30-20.
NOVICE: open to under 1400. EF: \$9, Jr. \$8. \$\$ 40-25-15. ALL, all EF \$1
less if by 3/29. More prizes per entries. Reg. 8:30-9:30 a.m., Rds.
10-2:30-7, 10:30-3. ENT: Duke Univ. CC, Box 4687 Duke Station, Durham,
N.C. 27706. Limited smoking.

April 12 SPRING CHESS OPEN Statesville, N.C.

3-SS, 40/100, Trophy to winner in each 8-man section. EF: \$3. Reg. 9:00-
9:30; 1st round 10:00, others as announced. NCCA membership required
(other states O.K.). ENT: Chuck Howard, P.O. Box 1353, Mooresville, N.C.
28115.

April 12-13 N.C. HIGH SCHOOL INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS Lenoir

Place: Mulberry Recreation Center, Lenoir, N.C., 5-SS, 40/90, EF: \$4,
USCF and NCCA membership required. Prizes: Trophies to top five scorers,
individual trophies to top team, trophies for schools to top three
teams. Also books to top three team's school libraries. Reg. 9-10 a.m.
on 4/12. Rounds to be announced. Hotel rates \$18 per room per night.
Each room sleeps up to five. Reservations and entry fees: Stephen A.
Minton, Rt. 1 Box A-205, Hudson, N.C.

April 12 N.C. INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP Chapel Hill, N.C.

3-SS, 50/2, Carolina Union, Chapel Hill. Open to four-man teams (1 or 2
alternates if desired) of Graduate and/or undergraduate students at the
same N.C. College or University. EF: \$16 per team. Advance Entry Only
Entry must be received by 4/7/75. NCCA membership req. Rds. 9:15-2:00-
7:00. 1st team-30% of all EF's, 2nd team-20%. Top scorer 1st-4th
boards 10% each. Entries: A.C. Menius; 2523 Granville Towers South,
Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514.

April 19 RAM IV Chapel Hill, N.C.

Details same as March 22, 1975 RAM III, see above.

April 26 WFU III in Winston-Salem, N.C.

4-SS [Note change], 45/80-20/30, Renolda Hall Coffee Shop, Wake Forest
University Campus, EF: \$5. In 2 sections: OPEN SECTION and UNDER 1600
SECTION. \$\$ each section 1st \$55, 2nd \$20 (based on 40 entries total).
Reg. 8-9:30, Rds. 10-1-4-7. NCCA membership required. Entries to WFU CC,
Box 9325 Reynolda Station, W.F.U., Winston-Salem, NC 27317. Lmted. smoking.

May 3 MIMOSA II Morganton N.C.
Details same as March 29, 1975 MIMOSA I, see page 11.

May 10 SPRING CHESS OPEN Statesville, N.C.
Details same as April 12 SPRING CHESS OPEN, see page 11.

May 17 SECOND RAGWEED OPEN Winston-Salem, N.C.
3-SS, 40/100, Miller Park Community Center, 400 Miller Park Circle, Winston-Salem, NC. To be held in 8-man sections. EF: \$5. \$\$: \$30 to winner of each section. Trophies will be available in lieu of cash. NCCA membership required (other states O.K.). REG: 8:30-9:30. RDS: 10-2:30-7:30. Smoking: opponents choice. ENT: Southern Chess Administration, Box 11614, Winston-Salem, NC 27106.

May 31 - June 1 FIRST NC vs. VA OPEN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP Danville, Va.
5 Round Team, 40/100, YMCA, 750 Main St., Danville, Va. EF (if recieved by 5/20): \$15 (EF \$5 more at the door). \$1000 in individual cash prizes guaranteed (based on 100 entrees). All EF to be returned to players as prizes. \$5: 1st; 200. 2nd; 150. Class A; 100, 50. Class B; 100, 50. Class D/E; 100, 50. Unr; 50. Certificate to each player of the winning state. N.C. players shall be paired with Va. players, unless impossible. State with the most total points shall be declared the winner. NCCA or VCF membership is required. REG: 8-9:30. RDS: 10-2:30-7, 10-3. Smoking: Opponents Choice. ENT: Southern Chess Administration, Box 11614, Winston-Salem, NC 27106. This event is sanctioned by the NCCA and VCF. Note: Class C Prizes also \$100, \$50.

IX-North Carolina Chess-Games by NCCA Members

This game provides a good example of how to refute an aggressive, yet unsound opening. Notes by the winner.
Samsa (2029) Taylor (2025)

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| 1. Nf3 | d5 |
| 2. g3 | Nc6 |
| 3. d4 | |

Prevents e5. Also possible was Bg2 transposing into an Indian system with a move in hand.

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| 3. ... | Bg4 |
| 4. Bg2 | Qd7 |
| 5. O-O | f6 |

Black is going to castle Q side, set up a dominating center with e5, and then attack on the K side with h5, h4, g5, Nh6, Bd6, etc. The trouble with this idea is that it temporarily ignores development. My reasoning followed these general lines: (a) White will be in trouble if he allows black to consolidate; (b) the square d5 is a natural target, as white can attack it with P, N, B, and Q while black lacks the natural defensive move c6; (c) after 6.c4, if black replies dc, then the

fianchettoed KB gets powerful play on the long diagonal; (d) on 6.c4 e6 7.cd ed, black would lose the option of playing e5, establishing a strong center. Also, the critical square d5 could not be protected by a pawn unless black moves his well posted N. (e) Black should not be able to keep the pawn after 6.dc because of white's lead in development.

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| 6. c4(!) | e6 |
| If 6...dc 7.Qa4 and if (a) Bf3 8.Bf3 Nd4 9.Qd7 Kd7 10.Rd1 and if (b) O-O-O 8.Nc3! regaining the pawn with the better game, as Bf3 9.Bf3 Nd4 fails to 10.Qa7 Nf3. 11.ef with a winning attack (Qc6 12.Qa8 and if c6 12.Be3). | |
| 7. cd | ed |
| 8. Nc3 | Nge7 |
| 9. b4!! | |

I affix 2 exclamation marks as the move is strong both positionally and psychologically. The sac must be accepted as white threatens b5, dislodging the N. Black can no longer

castle on the Q side, and the game is opened before he can consolidate. Also, white gives notice that he is not intimidated by black's aggressive tactics, and is willing to sacrifice to retain the initiative. The only way to refute an unsound opening is to vigorously pursue your positional advantages (in this case superior development), even if that means sacrificing material. (An impartial annotator would probably be satisfied with awarding, at most, one exclamation mark.)

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| 9. ... | Nb4 |
| 10. Rb1 | Nec6 |
| 11. a3 | Bf5 |
| If Na6 12.Rb7 threatening Nd5. After 12...Be6 13.Qa4 white has a winning game, as he threatens Bf4 and e4 (if Ncb8, then 14.Qd7 Nd7 15.Nb5 wins). | |
| 12. Rb4 | Nb4 |
| Black may try Bb4 13.ab Nb4 14.Qb3 a5 15.Ba3 with play similar to the game, although white's game is still preferable. For example, if 15...O-O 16.e4! Bd6 17.Ba3 de (if Rfd1 18.Bb4 ab 19.ed bc 20.de Qe7 21.Qb7 ⁺ or 19...Bf7 20.Qb4 ⁺ with the idea of Nd2, e4, c5 etc.) 18.d5 ef 19.de ⁺ . | |
| 13. ab | Bb4 |
| 14. Nd5 | |

If Qd5, then 15.Qa4 regaining the piece. This had to be foreseen before playing 9.b4.

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| 14. ... | Ba5 |
| 15. Nh4 | Be6 |
| 16. Ne3 | |

At first glance, black's position appears to be excellent. Material is even, and he has 3 connected passed pawns on the Q side. Upon closer examination however, we see that white's bishops are very powerful, restraining the pawns' advance. Also, white controls the center, threatens the breakthrough d5, and can attack on either wing. As far as any attack is concerned, white is two pieces ahead, as the rooks will be useless as defensive pieces. In short, white has much the better game.

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| 16. ... | g5? |
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- After this weakening move black is definitely lost.

17. d5 (!)
Possibly black overlooked this paradoxical reply, as exchanging queens apparently destroys white's attacking chances. However, after gh 18.de Qd1 19.Rd1 hg 20.hg (threatening Ba3 and Nf5 followed by queening the KP) Ke7 21.Bb7 Rab8 22.Ba3 Ke6 23.Bd5 Ke5 24.f4 mate and on 20...Rb8 21.Ba3 wins.

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| 17. ... | Bf7 |
| 18. Nhf5 | Bb6 |
| 19. Bb2 | h5 |
| 20. Bf6 | Rg8 |
| 21. Qa1(!) | |

An excellent attacking move, threatening 22.Ng7 Kf8 23.Qa3 and 22.Qe5 followed by 23.Bg7.

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| 21. ... | Rg6 |
| 22. Qe5+ | Kf8 |
| 23. Bg7+ | Kg8 |
| 24. Ne7+ | Qe7 |
| If Kh7 25.Be4! Re8 26.Ng6 Re5 27.Ne5 and 28.Nd7 + -. | |
| 25. Qe7 | Re8 |
| 26. Qa3 | Kg7 |
| 27. Qc3 | Kg8 |
| 28. Nc4(!) | |

The most exact, removing the B on b6, preventing possible combinations [i.e. cheapos. Ed.] on f2, and allowing the queen to enter black's position.

28. ... Re2
In time pressure, black misses 28... Resigns. The game concluded 29.Nb6 Rb6 30.Qc7 h4 31.Qd8 Re8 32.Qg5 Rg6 33.Qh4 Kg7 34.Qd4 Kh7 35.Be4 (1-0).

Playing for Brigham Young University, NCCA member Bob Goodyear defeats an expert at Decemher's Pan-American Intercollegiate in Louisville, KY. Notes by the winner.

Goodyear(1627) Kornher(2082)

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| 1. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2. P-QB4 | N-QB3 |
| 3. N-KB3 | B-N5 |
| 4. P-K3 | P-K3 |
| 5. B-K2 | N-B3 |
| 6. O-O | B-K2 |
| 7. B-B3 | O-O |
| 8. PxP | PxP |
| 9. N-Q2 | P-QR3 |
| 10. P-QR4 | R-K1 |
| 11. R-B1 | N-K5 |
| 12. NxN | PxN |

13. N-K1 BxB
14. QxB Q-Q4
15. Q-B4 Q-KR4
16. P-KN3

To stop any messy complications with 16...B-Q3. Also gives the knight a place to go.

16. ... QR-Q1
17. N-N2 B-Q3

This move stops 18.N-B4.

18. Q-N3 N-K2
19. B-N4!

Much better than 19.QxNP? Q-K7

20.B-B3 (or QR-Q1) R-QN1 21.Q-R7.

This also eliminates white's bad bishop for black's good bishop.

19. ... N-Q4?!

Doubtful. Best was 19...BxB 20.QxB.

This move leads to trouble for black.

20. BxB RxB
21. R-B5 P-QN3?

If there is a best here, it would be 21...P-QB3 22.QxNP Q-N3, but white still gets the best of it.

22. N-B4 NxN
23. RxQ NxR
24. Q-B4 R-K2
25. QxRP P-R3
26. R-B1 K-R2
27. Q-B4 N-B3
28. P-QN4 N-Q4
29. P-R5 PxP
30. PxP R/2-K3?

The last straw; the rest needs no comment. 31.P-R6 RxP 32.QxN P-QB3 33.Q-Q7 R-B3 34.R-B5 P-N3 35.Q-K7 K-N2 36.QxKP R-R7 37.Q-K5 R-R3 38.R-B2 P-N4 39.P-K4 K-N3 40.P-B4 P-N5 41.P-B5ch K-N2 42. K-B2 R-R6 43.K-K2 R-R3 44.Q-B4 P-R4 45.Q-N5ch R-N3 46.PxR PxP 47.P-K5 Resigns.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CHESS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - NAME - The name of this organization shall be the North Carolina Chess Association, abbreviated NCCA.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE - The NCCA is an organization of chess players and those interested in chess who reside in North Carolina, and non-residents declared to be members by the Secretary-Treasurer. The purpose of the NCCA is to encourage and foster the playing of chess in North Carolina through tournament and match competition, assistance in local organization, publication of a periodical, and all other feasible means.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

A. Any person is eligible to become a member of the NCCA upon application. There shall be no bar to mem-

bership for reasons other than immoral character or abuse of membership privileges.

B. There shall be two classes of membership:

- (1) Patron - anyone who contributes ten dollars or more to the NCCA in a single calendar year; he shall be entitled to all the privileges of the regular member.
- (2) Regular - anyone who pays dues of three dollars per calendar year; he shall have the privilege of entering NCCA-sponsored tournaments (except as Article VI, Section A, item 1 excludes non-residents) without further payment of dues, of receiving all NCCA publications, and of participating and voting in meetings of the organization.

ARTICLE IV - GOVERNMENT

A. The government of the NCCA shall be vested in three officers: a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. Their duties shall be those usual to their offices and any additional duties prescribed herein.

B. The length of term for officers shall be two years, extending from their election at the annual business meeting of the organization. If an office should become vacant and be filled by appointment by the President within one year of election, the appointment must be submitted to the annual business meeting for ratification; any vacancy existing at the time of this meeting must be filled by election.

C. Any member of the NCCA eligible to vote is eligible to serve as an officer elected or appointed.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

A. A business meeting of the NCCA shall be held in connection with the annual Closed Tournament. The time, place, and agenda of the meeting shall be announced in that issue of the NCCA periodical immediately preceding the tournament.

B. A special meeting of the organization may be called by the President, provided that every member is notified by mail at least thirty days in advance of the stated time for the meeting.

C. A quorum for NCCA meetings shall consist of fifteen members.

D. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the organization in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI - TOURNAMENTS AND MATCHES

A. The NCCA shall sponsor at least three tournaments each year: A Closed Tournament, an Open Tournament, and an Invitational Tournament.

(1) The Closed Tournament shall be limited to residents of North Carolina; temporary residence, such as that at an educational institution or military base, will qualify a player in this category. The winner of the Tournament shall be declared North Carolina Chess Champion. If two players should tie for first place, they shall be declared co-champions, but the player whose tie-break points are lower may, within three months, challenge the other to a match, the details of which must be satisfactory to both.

(2) The Open Tournament shall be open to players without restriction as to residence. This Tournament may be sponsored jointly with one or more other organizations.

(3) The Invitational Tournament shall consist of six players in a round robin during a single weekend. The Tournament Director shall issue invitations in order to the winner of the last Invitational Tournament; the top three finishers in the last Closed Tournament; and the top three North Carolinians in each Open Tournament sponsored wholly or jointly by the NCCA within the past year, provided that these players attained at least sixth place. If six players have not been secured, the Director may then invite any current North Carolina club champion or the champion of any state bordering North Carolina. Not more than three players in the Invitational Tournament shall represent any single club.

B. In keeping with the purpose of the NCCA, the officers of the organization shall be alert and responsive to opportunities and desires for additional tournaments, such as speed tournaments, team tournaments, and junior tournaments; interstate and inter-club matches; chess exhibitions; and chess instruction.

C. The officers are authorized to determine the dates, locations, schedules, entry fees, prizes, and special conditions of all tournaments and matches sponsored by the NCCA. The Vice-President is empowered to make all preliminary arrangements necessary for tournaments, matches, and exhibitions; and to appoint tournament directors and NCCA team captains subject to approval by the President.

ARTICLE VII - TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AND TEAM CAPTAIN

A. In conducting an NCCA tournament, the Tournament Director shall have full charge. He shall be governed by the Laws of Chess of the Federation Internationale des Echecs (FIDE) and of the United States Chess Federation (USCF), except as amended by him and announced to the players in advance of play. In all disputes his decision shall be unilateral and binding provided it is upheld by a majority of the Tournament Committee.

B. The Tournament Director shall have the power to disqualify from the tournament any player, or expel from the playing site any non-player, who violates tournament rules and regulations; interferes in any way with the normal conduct of games in which he is not a contestant; uses the tournament for purposes other than chess, such as solicitation of business; or refuses to abide by the decisions of the Tournament Director.

C. The Director shall appoint an Adjudication Committee and a Tournament Committee and explain their duties before play begins. He shall recognize that:

- (1) The rate of play for all NCCA tournaments except speed tournaments shall be fifty moves in two hours per player.
- (2) No tie-break system shall be used to determine final ranking of players in NCCA tournaments, although tie-break points may be used by the Tournament Director himself and may be listed with the published results.

D. The Captain of a team representing the NCCA shall be responsible for assigning players to the various boards, conferring with appropriate officials regarding conditions of play, keeping himself and his teammates informed of the general progress of play, and giving his teammates any advice or direction not inconsistent with the rules and regulations governing the event in which they are participating.

ARTICLE VIII - PUBLICATION

A. The NCCA shall publish a periodical bulletin containing announcements and results of chess events and meetings of the organization, news items, articles, editorial matter, games, and other material on chess. The publication shall be named The Carolina Gambit, and it shall be issued at least three times a year.

B. The President shall appoint a member or members of the NCCA to serve as Editor and Publisher. All editorial matter must be submitted to the President for his approval before publication. The Editor or Publisher must keep a record of expenditures and submit this to the Secretary-Treasurer for reimbursement.

ARTICLE IX - USCF AFFILIATION

A. The NCCA shall be a franchised affiliate of the United States Chess Federation.

B. USCF membership shall be required of each entrant in a tournament match, or exhibition sponsored or co-sponsored by the NCCA.

C. The President of the NCCA shall automatically become a USCF Director for North Carolina. If he is or becomes a USCF Director by virtue of holding an office in the national organization, the Vice-President of the NCCA shall become a USCF Director for North Carolina; the Secretary-Treasurer shall be next in such succession. The President is empowered to appoint any other USCF Directors to which North Carolina is entitled.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT - This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Patron and Regular members present at any annual meeting held in accordance with the provisions of Article V.

AMENDMENTS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA CHESS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

[This is a composite of amendments to the constitution passed at both the 1972 and 1973 business meetings. Some of the amendments made in 1972 were either nullified or altered by new USCF and NCCA policy in 1973.]

(1) NCCA membership dues are to remain at \$3 per year, with no 6-month memberships. Extended memberships at discount are approved as follows:
2-year memberships at \$5.50
3-year memberships at \$8.00
Life memberships at \$60.00

Elected officers and the editors of The Carolina Gambit will receive free membership for their term of office.

(2) Chess clubs in North Carolina may become affiliates of the NCCA by requiring NCCA membership at rated tournaments (this does not mean that every tournament, rated or unrated, has to carry that requirement.) When a club does require NCCA membership, the association will provide all possible help including mailing lists, use of the state USCF charter, free wall charts, pairing cards, and score sheets, plus announcements and results in The Carolina Gambit.

(3) According to present USCF policy, there can be no discounts on USCF membership. However, those joining the USCF through the NCCA at a rated tournament will get a discount on entry fees, as follows: 21 years of age or over before next birthday, \$2 discount; Under 21 by next birthday, \$1 discount. This will apply to both new and renewing USCF members.

(4) Duties of the NCCA Secretary-Treasurer--He or she shall be 21 years of age or older. The treasurer shall collect and be custodian of all monies of the NCCA. He shall pay out said funds upon order of the President. He shall keep an accurate itemized account of receipts and expenditures of the NCCA and report when requested by the President, as well as at the annual business meeting. He shall promptly prepare and mail membership cards. He shall file a record of the member's names, addresses, and expiration dates, sending a copy of the members to the editor of The Carolina Gambit, with a duplicate to the President. Both the President and the Treasurer have legal power to write checks, but the President will not write any checks other than in an emergency.

(5) The NCCA may co-sponsor a tournament on a 50-50 basis with any chess club upon approval of all officers.

(6) The North Carolina Closed Championship will be held annually on Labor Day weekend near the geographical center of North Carolina.

(7) North Carolina Chess Association events will honor out-of-state membership for non-state residents except for the North Carolina Closed Championship, which requires state residency.

(8) The President has the power to appoint or discharge the editor of The Carolina Gambit with the approval of either the Vice-President or the Secretary-Treasurer (preferably both, giving consent).

(9) The NCCA endorses the Continental Chess Association rule concerning players who withdraw from a tournament without notifying the tournament director in advance of the pairings for the next round. In those tournaments requiring NCCA membership, there shall be a \$5 fine for withdrawing without notice. The player who withdrew will be required to pay the fine before entering any other NCCA sanctioned tournament.