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NEWS-IN-BRIEF

1983 N.C. Championship site determined

The 1983 North Carolina Championship will be held at the beautiful Sheraton Hotel in Charlotte September 3-5 (Labor Day weekend). Leland Fuerstman, organizer for the tournament, is basically sticking by the same format used in the 1981 North Carolina Championship. 128 players participated in the 1981 North Carolina Championship, which was most likely the best championship in the 31 year history of the tournament. The Charlotte Observer will again sponsor the tournament, and some of the attractions include a beefed-up prize fund, very low hotel rates (\$45 per quad), a speed chess tournament, and a Grandmaster simul. Le-

land Fuerstman and Robert Singletary will again direct. Please mark your calendars--anyone who attended in 1981 knows what a tremendous tournament this was, and 1983 plans to be equally as great.

Fuerstman places second in Regional V.P. race

Leland L. Fuerstman of Charlotte placed second in the Region IV Vice-President race held last fall. Vote tabulations recently released in the policy board newsletter indicate that as a write-in candidate Leland placed a close second. This is an excellent showing for entering the race at such a late date.

Non-profit status to come soon

The North Carolina Chess Association will become a non-profit organization within a month, according to High Point lawyer Perry Keziah. Non-profit status allows the Gambit to be sent virtually free and allows contributions to be tax-deductible. The NCCA paid for the legal fees with profits from the 1981 NCCA Benefit Auction.

Grand Prix race heating up

The North Carolina Grand Prix is a year-long tournament sponsored by the North Carolina Chess Association. Points are awarded according to the table published in the last issue of the Gambit for tournaments announced both in the Carolina Gambit and Chess Life and which require NCCA membership. The overall winner and the junior winner will each receive \$50 plus entries into the 1983 North Carolina Championship. The present leaders are listed below:

1. Michael Parks	12.5	4. Dan Liu	10.0
2. Maurice Dana	12.0	4. Alan Patrick	10.0
2. Ken Baxter	12.0	4. John Risk	10.0
4. Bernie Schmidt	10.0	4. Jackie Ryan	10.0
4. Earl Lee Raby	10.0		

THE NC SCHOLASTICS: A TOURNAMENT WITH TRADITION

By Robert Singletary and Larry Matthews

History of the NC Scholastics

The North Carolina Scholastic Championship has enjoyed excellent competition and participation as nearly 600 students and 100 teams have competed in its ten years of existence. The original concept was proposed by Mark Tullis in the Fall of 1972; and the Scholastics have been carried on through the hard work and perseverance of Ray Hight, Joe Stegall, and Larry Matthews. Below we detail the ten years of the North Carolina Scholastics.

The first North Carolina High School Chess Tournament was held in

April 1973 at Hickory High School. The tournament directors for this first tournament were Ray and Larry Hight. With 50 students competing for team and individual prizes, the awards went to the following schools and individuals: 1st team--Chapel Hill High School, 2nd team--Winston-Salem Reynolds High School, 1st junior high--Kerr Lake, 1st individual--Greg Samsa, 2nd individual--Mark Hutcheson and Eric Dolstrom, 1st junior high school individual--Scott Tullis.

For 1974, the championship was moved to R. J. Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem. Tournament directors for this tournament were Ray Hight and William Haven. No exact number of students is available, but best estimates are in the 40's. Winners in this April 13-14 tournament are as follows: 1st team--Alexander Central High School, 2nd team--Reynolds High School, 1st junior high school--Jamestown High School, 1st individual--Rex Demers, 2nd--Eric Nielson, 3rd--Marty Knapp.

On April 12-13, 1975, the third scholastic championship was held in Lenoir at Hudson High School. Tournament director Harry Osen monitored the play of 46 players and seven teams. Alexander Central became the first school to win two state titles. Following Alexander Central were: 2nd team--J. H. Rose High School, 3rd team--Scotland-Laurinburg High School. Three individuals tied for top honors this year with Mike McCann, Allen Cooley, and Jan Ludwinski leading the way. Vance High School had finished second until they were disqualified for using a player from another school.

In April of 1976, the scholastic chess tournament moved to Cary as East Cary Junior High hosted the tournament. Directing the largest tournament thus far with ten teams and 61 students was Arthur Menius. After two days of fierce competition, J. H. Rose from Greenville finished first. Following Rose was Vance County High School and McDowell County High School. For the first time ever, a junior high scored more team points than one of the winning high schools as East Cary Junior High School won 1st junior high with 12 points. Top individuals were Allen Cooley of Reynolds (the first individual to repeat as top prize winner), John Smithwick of Vance, and Pickard Wilson of Broughton. Top junior high school player was Robert Kaplan of East Cary Junior High School.

The tournament was held in Henderson in 1977 as Ray Hight and Vance Senior were hosts. Ray was the director for eight teams and 54 students. Competition for top team was the closest ever. Three teams tied with 13½ points, but the following order was determined by tie breaks: 1st team--McDowell County High School, 2nd team--Reynolds High School, 3rd team--Sanderson High School, 1st junior high school--Kerr Lake, 2nd junior high school--East Cary. Top individual prize went to Bob Dunn of Sanderson followed by James Hardy of McDowell and Brooks Pierce of Rocky Mount. Newton (Tres) Prince of Fuquay-Varina was the top junior high school player.

In April of 1978, the scholastics returned to the Raleigh area as Enloe Senior High School was the host. Because of a massive publicity campaign for this tournament, tournament director Thomas Galloway worked with nine schools and a record 63 students. Broughton High School led the way by scoring 14 points. Following Broughton was Fuquay-Varina and Hillside with 11 each. Fuquay-Varina was second in the state on tie breaks. Top junior high school was again Kerr Lake Junior High School. Placing second in the junior high division was East Union under the guidance of Joe Stegall. Top individual for this tournament was Brooks Pierce of Rocky Mount. Following Brooks was Bob Kaplan of Cary Senior and Chris Kremer of Chapel Hill. Barry Latta of East Union was top

junior high individual followed by Alan Patrick of East Cary.

1979 saw the tournament return to Enloe Senior High School in Raleigh. Again there was an excellent field as Thomas Galloway again directed for 16 teams and 55 players. Broughton High School was the class of the field as they garnered a record 15 points. Placing second was Fuquay-Varina High School with 12 points and Chapel Hill High School also with 12 points. East Union clipped Kerr Lake by 11 to 10 for their first junior high/middle school championship. Leading the individual field was Nathan Hunt from Broughton, Arnold Tharrington of Hillside, and Bennie Roberts from Warsaw. Top junior high was David Cheng of East Cary followed by 1978 winner Barry Latta of East Union.

In 1980, the tournament traveled to Marshville and was held at East Union Middle School. Joe Stegall organized the tournament and was assistant tournament director while Tom Galloway directed his third consecutive scholastics as a record 71 players and 15 teams participated. Broughton was again the class of the field as they scored 16 points, breaking the record they set in 1979. Placing second was Chapel Hill with 14½ points while Fuquay-Varina finished third with 13 points. In the junior high school division, Kerr Lake won their fourth title, scoring 12½ points to East Union's 10 points. Under the leadership of Ray Hight as club sponsor, Kerr Lake is tied with Broughton in winning the most titles. Brian Gurley of Broughton and Arnold Tharrington of Hillside tied for first while Jerry Sheppard of Richmond placed third. Top junior high was Barry Latta while Clay Wells of East Union placed second.

The tournament returned to Enloe in April 1981 for the third time as a record 88 players representing 18 teams participated. Louis Cobb directed while Tom Galloway, Robert Singletary, and Ken Johnson assisted. Broughton won an unprecedented fourth consecutive title, amassing 19½ points in the new six round format--a new record based on percentage. (Al Boyers, Brian Gurley, and Robert Singletary each participated on three championship teams for Broughton.) Broughton outdistanced second place Enloe by a full three points while Olympic placed third with 16. In the junior high/middle school division, East Union edged out Kerr Lake for the first-place trophy. Leading the individual field was Matthew Noble of Enloe, Jerry Alvis of Broughton, and Paul Celmer of Grimsley. In the junior high division, Stephane Simpson placed first while Heath Davis placed second on tie breaks.

In April 1982 scholastic chess in North Carolina enjoyed its finest hour as 111 players representing 26 teams participated in the tenth annual scholastics. The tournament was held for the fourth time at Enloe under host Larry Matthews while Robert Singletary directed and Louis Cobb and Ken Johnson assisted. The North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics snapped Broughton's four-year winning streak as they defeated Enloe on tie breaks. Each school had 19 points while Forest Hills placed third with 16 points. In the junior high division, Carroll set a record, scoring 16½ points to East Union A's 16 and Kerr Lake's 14½. Top individual was Mark Seawell of Garner while Robin Cunningham of NCSM placed second and Allen Edwards of Forest Hills placed third. Top 9th grade/below was Jill Wright of Enloe followed by David McKay of West Millbrook.

Scholastic Preview 1983

The eleventh annual North Carolina Scholastics will be held April 10-12 at Carroll Junior High School in Raleigh and will be directed by

Robert Singletary. The 1983 edition should be the most exciting ever as well over 150 players representing 25 teams are expected.

At this point, there are several players that have a chance to win the individual title. Favorites include Robin Cunningham (2045), a senior at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics who finished second last year; Mark Seawell (1949), a junior at Garner who won the title last year with a 6-0 mark; Matthew Noble (1849), a senior at Enloe who won the title in 1981; Rajesh Maingi (1819), a senior at Enloe; and John Kirby (1854) of Charlotte who has jumped 400 points in the last year and is one of the hottest players in the state. Of course, one must expect the unexpected: Brian Gurley won the tournament in 1980 with a 1371 rating, and Matthew Noble won in 1981 with a 1588 rating.

The team competition also should be quite interesting. In the high school division, Enloe and the School of Science and Math are the prohibitive favorites while Forest Hills will be a force to be reckoned with. The junior high race will be most interesting, though, as Carroll, East Union, Kerr Lake, and Hudson will all be battling it out. Arguments could be made for any of these four teams to win it.

The 1983 Scholastics, like all the previous ones, will have tense moments and excellent competition before the champions are crowned on that final Sunday afternoon.

Present Scholastic Activity

In preparation for the Scholastics in April, several teams have already had matches while others are scheduling matches between now and the Scholastics.

One of the more interesting matches pitted the North Carolina School of Math and Science against Enloe. NCCSM, led by captain Robin Cunningham, has recruited nearly a dozen new members in preparation for the Scholastics. Yet, in this match back in mid-February, Enloe defeated the School of Math and Science 11½-7½.

In junior high/middle school activity, one of the more interesting tournaments occurred March 12 as the Wake County elementary and junior high schools participated in the Wake County Scholastics. As this is being written before the event, we cannot give details. However, Esco Yancey, organizer of the tournament, believes that over 100 students will participate. Robert Singletary will direct. In other matches, Hudson Middle School defeated Randleman 14½ to 3½ in December. Jeff Walker, Jim Eller, I-Win Huang, and Lisa Chappell led Hudson while Jeff Hayes led Randleman. Hudson has also attended the last two Rams with excellent results; and in an intramural tournament (Hudson Hornet II) which completed last month, Joe Helton finished first (12.5-.5), Jim Eller placed second (11-2), and Lisa Chappell and I-Win Huang tied for third (8-5). Hudson, under advisor John Thomas, has brought about two dozen members into the NCCA and USCF in the past year. Hudson will be playing N.W. Ashe on March 10.

FROM THE EYES OF A FISH

By Robert Singletary

I would have to say that the state of the state chess association is doing quite well, thank you, as recent activity has been the best since

I can remember.

First of all, as you can see in the Upcoming Tournaments section, there are several new directors and I would like to recognize them. Allen Cooley has now become a director in Winston-Salem, Jeff Melton has become a director in Durham, and Louis Cobb of Raleigh has become active again after a six-month hiatus. In addition, Donald Miller of Morehead City just recently attained his accredited director status. As you can also see, there are many, many tournaments to choose from, and I would encourage you to attend them, whether you want to play or just spectate. Please give these directors your encouragement--directing is definitely not the easiest job in the world.

Next of all, interest in the scholastics is picking up as can be seen in the scholastic preview article. However, interest is also picking up in chess on the whole as I had over seventy players at the last two Rams.

Finally, this year's championship looks to be excellent as Leland Fuerstman has put together an excellent package as can be seen on the front page.

Consequently, I am very happy, but your support is still needed to help keep this activity flourishing. On April 9 and 10 I would encourage you to make the trip down to Lancaster for the Carolinas Open (if you are not already involved in the Scholastics!). Marion Mahaffey has done an excellent job organizing the tournament and your support is definitely needed. Finally, we still need tournament directors to turn in their reports (within a week after completion of the tournament) and for members to submit games for the games section. Are you wondering why there are no games this issue? I think the answer is pretty obvious (unfortunately).

Again, please help keep this recent activity flourishing. Your officers can really do very little--it has to be your effort and support that keeps the NCCA going. I must admit, though, I do appreciate your recent support.

Well, take care and very best wishes.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

All North Carolina tournaments requiring NCCA membership and tournaments in reciprocating states receive free announcement in the Gambit. To avoid conflicts, all organizers are asked to clear prospective tournament dates with the clearinghouse manager, Branson Sheets, at P.O. Box 147, Willow Springs, NC 27592.

March 19

Raleigh

Dragon XII--3-SS, TL 60/2, NCSU Student Center, Raleigh, NC 27650.
EF: \$6.00 (state membership req.), \$(21 b/8): first each section.
Reg.: 9:00-9:50 a.m., Rds.: 10-2-6. Ent: Louis E. Cobb, L-22 E. S. King Village, Raleigh, NC 27607. NS.

March 26

Chapel Hill

Ram XIII--3-SS, TL 40/90, Carolina Union, UNC-Chapel Hill (Hwy. 54 Business), Chapel Hill, NC 27514. EF: \$5.00 if received by 3/22, \$6.00

at site (state membership req.), \$\$ (24 b/8): first each section. Reg: 9:00-9:45 a.m., Rds: 10-2-6. Ent: Robert N. Singletary, 3712 Dade St., Raleigh, NC 27612.

April 2

Morehead City

6th Annual Morehead City Open--4-SS, TL 40/80, Webb Library and Civic Center, 107 S. 9th St., Morehead City, NC 28557. EF: \$8.00, if received by 3/30, \$10.00 at site (state membership req.). \$\$ (120 b/16): 80-40 & trophy to 1st each 16-man section. Reg: 8:30-9:15; Rds: 10-1-4-7. Ent: Donald V. Miller II, 206 N. 6th St., Morehead City, NC 28557. NS. NC.

April 8-10

Raleigh

11th North Carolina Scholastic Championship--6-SS, TL 40/90. 30/60, 30/G, Carroll Junior High School, 4520 Six Forks Rd. (one mile north of U.S. 1-64-70-50), Raleigh, NC 27609. Open to full-time students grades K-12. EF: \$6.00, USEF: \$22.00, jr. \$14.00, part. jr. \$9.00, if received by 4/4; all \$2.00 more at site. NCCA required. Cash prizes to be determined at site; trophies to top three teams, top two teams 9th grade and below; trophies to top three individuals, top two 9th grade and below. Reg: 6:00-7:15, Rds: 8:00, 10:00-2:30-7:00, 9:00-1:30. Ent: Robert N. Singletary, 3712 Dade St., Raleigh, NC 27612. (919) 933-6044 week-days, (919) 782-3809 weekends. NS. NC.

April 9-10

Lancaster, SC

Carolinas Open--5-SS, TL 40/90, Starr Hall, University of South Carolina at Lancaster (SC Hwy. 9 West), Lancaster, SC 29720. In three sections. Open: EF: \$20 if received by 4/5, \$25 at site; 33% to first, 17% to second, 11% to third, 11% to first Cat. I, 8% to second Cat. I. Amateur (under 1800): EF: \$15 if received by 4/5, \$20 at site; 33% to first, 17% to second, 11% to third, 11% to first Cat. III, 8% to second Cat. III. Reserve (under 1400): EF: \$10 if received by 4/5, \$15 at site. 33% to first, 17% to second, 11% to third, 11% to first Cat. V/VI, UR, 8% to second Cat. V/VI/UR. Reg: 8:00-9:30 a.m., Rds: 10-2-6, 10-3. Ent: Marion E. Mahaffey, 1207 Memorial Park Rd., Lancaster, SC 29720. LS.

April 9

Durham

Duke I (?)--3-SS, TL 40/90, Bryan Center, Duke Univ. campus, Durham, NC. EF: \$5.00 (state membership req.), \$\$ (25 b/8): first each section. Reg: 9:00-9:45; Rds: 10-2-6. Ent: Jeff Melton, 311 S. LaSalle 38B, Durham, NC 27705. NS.

