

The NC Gambit

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North Carolina Players Do Well In 2002 World Open

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Patrick McCartney

Congratulations to Patrick McCartney for scoring 7 points in the Under 2000 Section! Other notable performances were turned in by Frankie Newton (4.5 points in the open), Daniel Tapia (6 points in Under 2200), Justin Daniel (4.5 points in the open). These results and others can be found at <http://www.worldopen.com>. Games can be seen in this issue of the *Gambit*.

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Results and Tournament Reports

Barbecue, Fried Chicken, and Plenty of Pawns to Go Around Jeff Jones

Five years ago a tournament sprung out of a man's appetite for both chess and barbecue. The Pawn Pickin' was the result.

The fourth Pawn Pickin' was held June 22, 2002 at the Carolina Barbecue in Garner, NC. Included in the tournament was a buffet lunch featuring barbecue and fried chicken. Competitors also battled for the most unique trophy in chess, the infamous "pig and chicken" trophy: a typical single column chess trophy flanked by a pig and a chicken.

Fifty-four people entered the Pawn Pickin' attempting to claimed their piece of an \$800 prize fund (upped from the advertised \$600) and six national grand prix points. The accelerated first round saw four upsets on the top eleven boards as Eugene Davenport (1644) topped Arthur Allen (2083), Matthew Wofford (1495) knocked off Brian Smith (1783), Jason Jones (1475) upended Evan Whittington (1779), and Matthew Walker (1277) torched Jeffrey Jones (1765). Walker of Bluefield, WV also knocked off two more class B players during the course of the tournament.

The second round saw the results go a little closer to expect, except for Davenport who knocked off Thomas Adams (1936) for his second straight upset. Davenport joined FM Leonid Filatov (2285), NM Craig Jones (2267), Martin Roper (1992), Ken Carberry (1930), Curtis Graham (1847), Roger Sample (1800), Jay Pourarian (1230), and Angel Pangilinan (unr.) with perfect scores through two rounds.

After round two all of the players took a break to eat lunch. At that point a drawing was held for a door prize of \$20. Michael Potts was the lucky winner

Filatov defended board one again with a round three victory over Sample. Craig Jones kept pace with a win over Graham. Davenport continued his tear by upsetting Roper. Carberry also stayed on the lead lap by squeezing by Pangilinan. Pourarian fell out of the ranks of the unblemished with a loss to Joshua Taylor (1348).

Round four saw expected results on the top boards with Filatov defeating Carberry and Craig Jones ending Davenport's run. Unrated Jeffrey Plummer became the only other player still with a chance at sharing first defeating Taylor leaving himself half of a point back.

The final round was set with the heavyweight matchup between Leonid Filatov and Craig Jones. After a spirited effort the two masters agreed to the draw. Plummer had a chance to follow the leaders into the clubhouse, but succumbed to Martin Roper in the final game.

Filatov and Jones took home \$150 each with Jones winning the infamous "pig and chicken" trophy on tie-breaks. Roper, Curtis Graham, Eugene Davenport, Matthew Wofford, and Angel Pangilinan brought up both of the u2200 and both of the u1800 prizes to go along with the 3rd place prize winning \$70 each. Matthew Walker, Joshua Taylor, Amir Hosseini (1291), and Daniel Faries (1338) split the two u1400 prizes worth \$38 each. Prateek Peres-da-Silva (1184) rounded out the prize winners taking the junior u1200 trophy.

Jeffrey Jones was the tournament director. Nita Witting helped with errands and rule inquiries during the tournament. Nathan Morris served as a house player. Klaus Pohl was unable to make the tournament but donated \$20 to help the prize fund.

Cavalier LII - Austin Saves The Day

Sunday July 28th, 2002

Eleven came out this weekend to Hillsville, VA for the Cavalier LII. Austin saved the day by bringing seven of its most competitive players. Chad Barnard(950), Chris Mabe(1851), Daniel Skoski(unr), Jonathan Munnell(1075), Norm Pruitt(1189), Scott Baldwin(1740) and Stuart Hanks(782) headed across the border for some tournament action.

Chris Mabe breezed through with a perfect score, downing Norm Pruitt, Chad Eller and Bradley Fowler. His prize was \$100 and a step closer to the title of Expert. Norm Pruitt came up clutching air as he hung his queen to lose his third game. Daniel Skoski lost two and withdrew from the tournament. Scott Baldwin and Jonathan Munnell were in a five-way tie for second with two points. Jonathan Munnell came away with \$25 by being the lead scorer under 1600. Both Chad Barnard and Stuart Hanks secured one point. Chad Barnard (950) gained his point the hard way by defeating T. Scott Brown(1500).

Winston-Salem Open II A Success!!!

Monday July 8th, 2002

This time twenty-one players showed up at P.C.'s Etc. to battle it out over the boards. That's a great turnout considering the fact that four of last month's competitors were at the World Open.

Harold Mitchell(1885) came down from West Virginia and breezed through the tournament with a perfect 4-0 in the open division. Scott Baldwin(1749) having lost only to Harold came in clear second with Laurin Keller(1441) securing third.

In the lower division it was Jonathan Munnell(1200) who came away with first place. Noah(1207) and Ben Blach(1109) tied for second through third. As always hamburgers and hotdogs were served along with beverages.

RCC Olympic Speedskate Jeff Jones

Two years ago the Raleigh Chess Club hosted a quick rated tournament that corresponded with the Summer Olympic games in which medals were awarded to the top three finishers. In late February of 2002, the club hosted a tournament to go along with the Winter Olympics.

The RCC Olympic Speedskate was a 5-round G/10 team/individual event held at the Raleigh Chess Club during the last Friday of February. 18 players joined six teams (5 randomly drawn and one family of three) in a quest for both individual and team gold. The team picked numbers which corresponded with a nation, which they represented.

Team "England" had the top two rated players in the tournament, Alan Patrick and Ivan Andjelkovic, as well as Stuart Horton, and were the prohibitive favorites going in. However team "Sweden" jumped out to the early lead with members Jeff Jones, Leo Cabana, and Gregory Duel all winning their first round games. England overtook Sweden by round three all looked to be costing holding a one point lead over team Nigeria going into the last round.

In the last round England's fortunes changed as Shawn George, a member of Nigeria's team along with siblings Ben and Nisha, upset Andjelkovic, Ben George then defeated Chirs Thomas (Germany), and Logan Allin (China), knocked off Stuart Horton. However Nisha George succumbed to Michael Curcuru (USA) meaning that if Alan Patrick could win his game with Jeffrey Jones, England would clinch the gold on tie-breaks. Jones hung a rook early, but Patrick made an equally destructive blunder yakking-both rooks for a bishop. Eventually the amterial whittled away to opposite colored bishops and team Nigeria clinched the gold medal by half a point while England was left with the silver.

The draw was important for Sweden as it pushed them into clear third and the Bronze by half a point over team Germany (Curtis Graham, Chris Thomas, and Petr Kopsa.) Graham didn't receive a team medal, but he did win the individual gold medal with four point. Shawn George also had four points and was awarded the gold medal for under 1800 instead of the overall silver. Patrick and Andjelkovic took the silver and bronze overall respectively with 3½ points. Duel won the silver in the u1800 with 3½ and Curcuru took the bronze with 3. Daniel Faries (China) won the under 1400 gold with 3 points. Chris Thomas took silver and Mike Miller (USA) took bronze with two each. Ben George and Nisha George were one and two for the junior medals and Chris Buaiz (China) got the bronze for juniors.

14 of the 18 players in the tournament walked away with at least one medal.

Orchard Lake Campground Chess Tournament 2002 Kevin Hyde

June 1, 2002

Twenty-eight players entered the 5th annual tournament in Saluda which has been held on a beautiful day every time. NM Klaus Pohl clinched 1st with a 3.5 score. A six-way tie for 2nd, best male, U1700, U1500, and U1300 went to NM Craig Jones, Joseph Jurjevich, John Dusky, Paul Calloway, Scott gru-Bell, and Kevin Hyde. The U1100 prize was split 3 ways by Edgar Garzon, Jonathan Simpson, and Jimmy Carney. The U900 prize went to Emily Collins, who also shared the best female prize with Collette and Amelia Wheelless.

Wednesday Afternoon In The Park Kevin Hyde

June 19, 2002

Fifteen players competed in 2 sections on a lovely afternoon in East Flat Rock Park. Michael Lipkin and Paul Calloway tied for first in the top section while Corey Groesser, Cody Groesser, and Bethany Hyde tied for first in the second section.

Phi Kappa Blanca CIX Jeff Jones

To say that Phi Kappa Blanca CIX was an adventure would be a huge understatement. Player arrived to the event, held on January 12th, 2002, to find that the power was out at the NCSU student center. Not only that but the student center had cancelled the reservations for the tournament. However, the staff at the student did provide us with a playing facility and the tournament did proceed.... that is when the power came back on 1 hour after the scheduled start.

After the power came back one the tournament did proceed in a fairly orderly fashion. 57 players played in the three sections.

In the Open section, Charlotte's NM Matthew Noble took clear first with a perfect three points. Matt defeated Walter Overman, Bernie Schmidt, and NM John Bidwell along the way to collect the first prize. FM Robin Cunningham of Greensboro was in clear second with 2½. Cunningham yielded only a draw from Alan Patrick and defeated Ben Stewart and Jeffrey Jones. Tied for third in the section were John Bidwell and Bernie Schmidt, both of Raleigh, and Thomas Adams of Durham.

Three players shared first in the under 1800 section. Leo Cabana of Durham ceded a first-round draw to Tobin Logan, and then T.J. Murray, and Charles Coleman for his share of first. Cabana was joined by Richard Miller of Raleigh who bested Joan Schmidt and Nisha George, and also drew Logan. Shawn George arrived for the second round and rounded out the trio by knocking off a couple of talented juniors in Chris Thomas and Adam Holmes.

As usual, the largest section was the under 1400 section with 27 players. Luiz Guzman of Raleigh and Daniel Faries of Garner were the only tw to escape this section untouched with three points each. Guzman ran a gauntlet of young players from Chapel Hill defeating Varun Puvanesaraja, Salil Saxena, and Noah Blach. Faries plowed through Ben Blach, Warren Lewis, and Jim Wesselkamper for his three points. Ben George of Raleigh and Ben Griffin of Sanford both had 2½ to share third.

Charlotte Chess Club - Smokehouses / Sunday Special Leland Fuerstman

The Charlotte Chess Club, the "premier" chess club in the south, continues to have its monthly Smokehouse tournaments. Recent results are:

Smokehouse XXIX, 28, 7-13-02, Top: 1st Harold Mouzon 3-0, 2nd NM Joseph Jurjevich 2.5-.5. Middle: =1st-3rd Paul Calloway, Kermon Lane, James McDougal 2.5-.5. Lower: =1st-2nd Lee Nevitt, Jonathan Munnell, 2.5-.5.

Smokehouse XXVIII, 26, 6-15-02, Top: 1st NM Joseph Jurjevich 3-0, 2nd SM Klaus Pohl 2.5-.5. Middle: =1st-2nd Robert C. Moore, Bobby Waddell 2.5-.5. Lower: 1st Norm Pruitt 3-0, =2nd-3rd Hassan Hashemloo, Sheila Blackwell 1.5-1.5.

Smokehouse XXVII, 26, 5-11-02, Top: =1st-2nd Gary Newsom, Patrick McCartney 2.5-.5. Middle: 1st Gennady Brazhnikov 3-0, =2nd-5th Hayes Bowling, Laurin Keller, Kirill Temlyakov, Joe Crump 2-1. Lower: 1st Lee Nevitt 3-0. 2nd Dennis Wall 2-1.

Smokehouse XXVI, 29, Top: =1st-2nd SM Klaus Pohl, NM Joseph Jurjevich 2.5-.5. Middle: =1st-2nd Gennady Brazhnikov, Danesh Dadgar 3-0. Lower: 1st Scott Hunter 3-0, =2nd-5th Paul Copeland, Winfred Gatlin, Bernard Baker, Lee Nevitt 2-1.

Additionally, the CCC gave everyone an opportunity to compete against North Carolina's number 1 rated player, GM Julio Becerra, over 5 consecutive Sundays. The results were:

Sunday Special I, 38, 6-2-02, Top: 1st GM Julio Becerra 5-0, 2nd Harold Mouzon 4-1. Middle: 1st Danesh Dadgar 4-0. Lower: 1st Joshua Mu 5-0.

More information on the Charlotte Chess Club, including the weekly Wendy's club tournaments, may be found at <http://www.charlottechess.com/>.

Accelerated Quads Kevin Hyde

July 17, 2002

No, the pairings were not accelerated in a round robin! Twelve players completed 3 full quads on another lovely afternoon in East Flat Rock. Winners of their sections were Joseph Jurjevich, Derek Stadther, and William Dowling.

Players From Our Past

Eugene Davenport

I wonder how many chess players sit and think about players they've played with in the past that are no longer with us? I had a friend like that in a gentleman by the name of James Blanning. As a kid of thirteen I started going to the UNC-W chess club, shortly after that a retired gentleman started showing up and before long started organizing events such as a weekly club ladder tournaments.

Before long the club took on a major increase in attendance and at one time had a consistent showing of around thirty people. The man that often had a patch on his eye, always in charge, would instruct us of our Thursday night parings

For a few years Blanning made the outskirts of Wilmington his home and as a kid I would occasionally visit and play a few game. He told of a young Fischer that would through horrific tantrums when he lost thrashing about cursing and embarrassing his wife to the point that she told him they could no longer take him with them because of the episodes. However he had the advantage of knowing him personally and was quick to remind me that he (Fischer) was a nut a he put it. This did not stop him from showing me his only win against Fischer in a "Fried Liver Attack"! One of the most remarkable things to me was his extremely neat scoresheets, never in my 20+ years of tournament play have I seen anything close to being that neat. Another amazing thing was that after he was in his sixties he went on an incredible rating accent that eventually put him over 1800, not bad for a person that spent almost his entire life until that point as a 1400 player.

Jim moved up the coast about five years after we met and remained around the Shallotte area until he passed. I remember our last encounter I had played rather poorly out of the opening and was feeling a bit uncomfortable when he hung a piece.

We played a few more moves and his position took a very sharp decline when he looked up at me and said Gene I'm going to resign and get back home before dark my eyes are bad. (He was suffering from blurred vision due to his diabetes.)

The next morning he was paired with Al Carlson and played one of the most incredible mateing nets I've ever seen. After the game he walked up to me and said "Gene your game was nice" (as I had just won my encounter on board one), he also said "Gene, I no longer see well enough to win tournaments anymore and the only thing that keeps me playing are games like I just played" (and folks it was a very nice finish).

I never played him again in fact the only other time I saw him was in passing on the way to the "Land Of Sky" tournament a few years later. I never saw him at that tournament even though I looked for him feverishly and about the third round saw a wall chart with him withdrawing after the first round.

Shortly after I learned of his death and the traumatic ending of my friends sharp and sudden decline to his death in April of that year.

Every now and then I'll pull his rating history up and stare into the screen thinking of an old man and a young kid who were so different but found a common bond of friendship and respect over a game of chess. Jim Blanning rest in peace you may be gone but your certainly not forgotten !!!

Games, Games, and More Games

GM L Yudasin - GM Alex Wojtkewitz

Land of the Sky 2002, Round 5

This game decided the clear winner in the Open section.

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 {last time I played 3.Bc4 or 3.c3} **cx d4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6** {Alex plays this every time and knows very good} **6. Be3 e6** {6...e5 is also played} **7. Qd2** {7.f3 is better} **b5 8. f3 Nbd7 9. g4 Nb6** {I also play this variation} **10. Qf2** {10.a4 bxa4 11.Nxa4 Nxa4 12.Rxa4 Bb7 Δ d5} **Nfd7 11. O-O-O Bb7 12. Bd3** {Kb1 Δ Nce2} **Rc8** {Δ Rxe3!?!} **13. Kb1** {13.Nce2 d5 14.Kb1 / 14.exd5} **Be7** {13...Rxc3!?! 14.bxc3 Na4 15.Bd2} **14. h4** {14.Nce2 d5 15.e5! Nc4 16.f4 Qc7 ∞} **O-O 15. g5** {15.Nce2 Na4 16.Bc1 Nde5} **Rxc3 16. bxc3 Na4 17. Ne2** {17.Bd2 Qc7 18.Ne2 d5=} **Qa5 18. Bd2** {18.Be1! d5 19.h5} **d5 19. Ka1** {19.c4? Qc7 20.cxd5 exd5 21.exd5 Bxd5 / 19...b4!} **Bd6 20. exd5 Bxd5 21. c4 Be5+ 22. Kb1 b4 23. cxd5 Nc3+** {23...Rb8! 24.Bc4 Nc3+ 25.Nc3 bxc3 26.Bb3 cxd2 27.f4 Bc3 28.Rh3!} **24. Bxc3 bxc3 25. Ka1 Nc5** {Δ Nxd3 / Nb3!?!} **26. Qe3 1-0** {annotation by GM L Yudasin}

Dakota Cronin had a 2600 performance rating in the Open section of the 2002 Land of the Sky including wins versus Levin and Tapper. Dakota narrowly missed drawing GM Yermolinsky.

Dakota Cronin (1786) - GM Yermolinky

2002 Land of the Sky Open

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Be3 e5 7. Nf3 Be7
8. h3 O-O 9. Bc4 Be6 10. Bb3 Na5 11. O-O a6 12. Qe2 b5 13. Rfd1 Qc7 14. Bg5 Nc4
15. Rab1 Nxb2 16. Nxb5 axb5 17. Rxb2 b4 18. Nh2 Nxe4 19. Qxe4 Bxg5 20. Qxb4 d5 21.
Qe1 Rad8 22. Nf3 Bf6 23. c3 Rfe8 24. Re2 e4 25. Nd4 Bc8 26. Rc2 Ba6 27. Ba4 Rf8
28. Bb5 Bxd4 29. Bxa6 Ba7 30. c4 Rfe8 31. Bb5 Re7 32. Re2 e3 33. fxe3 Bb8 34. g4
h5 35. Rxd5 Rxd5 36. cxd5 hxg4 37. hxg4 Re4 38. Qh4 f5 39. Rg2 Ba7 40. Bf1 Bxe3+
41. Kh1 Qc1 42. Qd8+ Kh7 43. Qh4+ Bh6 44. Qf2 {44.Rg1=} Rf4 0-1

Larry Tapper (2268) - Dakota Cronin (1786)

2002 Land of the Sky Open

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. d4 O-O 5. c4 c5 6. d5 d6 7. O-O e6 8. Nc3 exd5
9. cxd5 a6 10. a4 Re8 11. Nd2 Nbd7 12. a5 Qc7 13. Nc4 b5 14. axb6 Nxb6 15. Na5 Bd7
16. e4 Bb5 17. Re1 Nfd7 18. f4 Rac8 19. e5 dxe5 20. d6 Qa7 21. Bb7 exf4 22. Nxb5
axb5 23. Bxc8 Bd4+ 24. Kg2 Rxc8 25. Bxf4 Bxb2 26. Ra2 Bc3 27. Bd2 Qa8+ 28. Kh3 Na4
29. Re7 Qd5 30. Rxa4 bxa4 31. Rxd7 Bxa5 32. Qxa4 Bxd2 33. Rc7 Rd8 34. d7 Bg5 35.
Qb5 Be7 0-1

Patrick McCartney (1896) - Mike McHale (1815)

2002 Land of the Sky U2000

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. f3 d5 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. bxc3 Nh5 7. Nh3 e5
8. Nf2 dxc4 9. Qa4+ Nc6 10. dxe5 Qe7 11. e4 Qxe5 12. Qxc4 Be6 13. Qd3 Rd8
14. Qc2 O-O 15. Nd3 Qa5 16. Bd2 Bc4 17. Nb4 Ne5 18. f4 Bxf1 19. Rxf1 Nc4
20. Bc1 Nf6 21. Qe2 Qc5 22. e5 Rfe8 23. Nd3 Qa5 24. Nb4 Nxe5 25. fxe5 Rxe5
26. Be3 Rde8 27. Rf3 Ng4 28. O-O-O Qxa3+ 29. Kc2 Qa4+ 30. Kb2 Nxe3 31. Rd4 Nxc2
32. Qc2 Re2 0-1

GM Julio Becerra (2605) H Mouzon (2195)

Sunday Special I, Rd:3, 5-19-02, Charlotte, NC

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 g3 Nc6 7 Nde2 Bg7 8 Bg2 O-O 9
O-O Be6 10 h3 Rc8 11 a4 Qd7 12 Kh2 Nb4 13 Be3 a6 14 a5 d5 15 Ra4 d4 16 Nd4
Rc3 17 Rb4 Rc4 18 Ne6 Rb4 19 Nf8 Kf8 20 e5 Qd1 21 Rd1 Ne8 22 Rd8 Rb2 23 c4
h6 24 c5 g5 25 c6 1-0

GM J Becerra (2605) NM L Fuerstman (2009)

Sunday Special I, Rd:4, 5-26-02, Charlotte

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 g3 Bg7 7 Bg2 0-0 8 h3 Nc6 9 Nde2 Be6
10 0-0 Qd7 11 Kh2 Rfd 12 Nd5 Rac 13 a4 Ne5 14 Ra2 Nd5 15 ed Bf5 16 b3 Qc7 17 c4
Nd3 18 Be3 h5 19 Nd4 Nb4? 20 Nf5 Na2 21 Ng7 Nb4 22 Bd4 e5 23 de Nc6 24 ef Kh7 25
Ne6 Qe7 26 Qh5! 1-0

NM G Wells (2085) NM L Fuerstman (2009)

Wendy's XXXVI, Rd:4, 7-3-02, Charlotte, NC

1 c4 e5 2 e3 c5 3 Nc3 Nc6 4 Nf3 Nf6 5 d4 cd 6 ed ed 7 Nd4 d5 8 Qa4 Bd7 9 cd Nb4
10 Qb3 Qa5 11 Bc4 Bc5 12 Be3 0-0 13 0-0 Qc7 14 Rac Ng4 15 g3 Ne5 16 Ne4 Na2!
17 Nc5 Nc1 18 Rc1 Qc5 19 Ne6! Qa5 20 Nf8 Rf8 21 Qb7 Nc4 22 Rc4 Bh3 23 Rc1
Rd8 24 b4 Qa3 25 b5 Qd3 26 Qe7 Qd5 27 f3 Ra8 28 Qe4 Qd8 29 g4 Rb 30 Qc6 h5!

Chris Mabe (1767) - John DeMastri (1704) [B30]

Chicago Open (7), 27.05.2002

[Fritz 6 (10s)]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bd3** The Kopec variation which takes us both out of book. **3...g6 4.c3 d5 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Re1N** [6.exd5 Qxd5 7.Qe2 Nf6 8.Bc4 Qd8 9.d3 0-0 10.Re1 b6 11.Bg5 Bb7 12.Nbd2 Qd7 13.Rad1 Rae8 14.a4 h6 15.Bh4 Nh5 16.Qe3 e5 17.Ne4 Kh8 18.Nf6 Nxf6 19.Bxf6 Kh7 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 Kopec,D-Dlugy,M/Saint John op-1 1988/CBM 06/1/2-1/2 (46)] **6...Nf6** [6...Bg4 7.exd5 Qxd5 8.Be4=] **7.e5 Nd7 8.Bb5 Qc7** Can e5 get defended? [8...Qb6 9.Na3=] **9.d4+/- Qb6 10.Qe2** [10.Na3 cxd4 11.cxd4 0-0+/-] **10...e6** [10...a6 11.Ba4=] **11.Na3** [11.dxc5 Qxc5 12.Be3 Qe7+/-] **11...0-0** [11...cxd4 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.cxd4=] **12.Nc2** [12.dxc5 Qxc5 13.Be3 Qe7+/-] **12...c4** This push gains space **13.Bxc6 Qxc6 14.Ne3 f6** Prevents intrusion on g5 [14...b6 15.Ng4+/-] **15.Ng4** [15.exf6 Nxf6 16.Ne5 Qb6+/-] **15...fxe5** [15...f5 16.Nh6+ Kh8 17.Bg5+/-] **16.Nfxe5+/- Nxe5 17.dxe5** The beginning of the plan to exploit the dark squares. [17.Nxe5 Qd6+/-] **17...Rf5** [17...b6 18.Bg5=] **18.Bh6+/-** With the exchange of bishops, Black's dark squares will be forever weak. A sac of the exchange will be needed for black to ever remove White's knight from the dark squares. **18...b5** [18...Bh8 19.Qd2+/-] **19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Rad1 Bb7 21.Rd4 Rf7 22.Qe3 Kf8?** [>=22...Kh8+/- and Black has air to breath] **23.Nf6+- Ke7** [>=23...a6+-] **24.Qg5 Rh8** [24...Kf8 25.Rf4 d4 26.Nxh7+ Ke8 27.Nf6+ Kd8 28.Nd5+ Kc8 29.Rxf7 Qxd5 30.Qxg6 Kb8 31.Qg8+ Bc8+-] **25.Red1** Nxd5 was a major thought and I spent 30 minutes on it this move and the next, but in a must win situation, the way I played seems better as it maintains the pressure and allows little room for human error on white's part. [>=25.Nxd5+ seems even better 25...Kf8 26.Nf4 Rxf4 27.Rxf4+ Ke8+-] **25...Kd8?** [25...Kf8 26.Rh4+/-] **26.Ne4+** [26.Nxd5+ keeps an even firmer grip 26...Kc8 27.Qg4 Kb8+-] **26...Kc7** [26...Kd7 27.Nd6 Re7 28.b3+-] **27.Nd6 Rd7** [27...Rh8 28.Nxf7 Rxf7 29.b3+-] **28.Qf6 Rg8** [28...Rhd8 29.Qxe6 Rxd6 30.exd6+ Rxd6 31.Qe5+-] **29.Qxe6 Rgg7** [29...Rgd8 30.Rxd5 Kb8 31.f3+-] **30.Ne8+ Kb6 31.Qxc6+** When up in material, simplification tends to be the best way to go. [31.Nxg7 makes it even easier for White 31...Rxxg7 32.Qg4 Qe8+-] **31...Kxc6** [31...Bxc6 is no salvation 32.Nxg7 Rxxg7 33.f4+-] **32.Nxg7 Rxxg7 33.Rxd5 Re7 34.f4 Kb6** [34...a6 does not help much 35.Kf2+-] **35.Rd7** Black resigned after this move. **1-0**

Algie Clyburn (1528) Nathan Eerenberg (1482)

Sunday Special I, 5-5-02, Rd:1, Charlotte, NC

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 Qc2 c5 5 dc Bc5 6 h3 b6 7 Bf4 Bb7 8 e4 Nc6 9 Ne2 0-0 10 g4 d5 11 Rd Qe7 12 e5 Ne4 13 Ne4 de 14 Bg2 e3 15 f3 Qh4 16 Bg3 Qe7 17 a3 Rad 18 b4 Bd4 19 f4 Nb4! 20 ab Bg2 21 0-1

NM Frankie Newton (2219) Daniel Tapia (2036)

Wendy's XXXVII, Rd:2, 7-24-02, Charlotte, NC

1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Bf4 c5 4 c3 e6 5 e3 Nc6 6 Nbd2 Bd6 7 Bg3 0-0 8 Bd3 Qe7 9 Ne5 Be5 10 de5 Nd7 11 f4 f6 12 Nf3! (This is an improvement over NCO, which according to Tapia gives 12 exf6 and after Nxf6 says the position is =. 12 Nf3! keeps the advantage with White) 12...fe 13 fe g6 14 Qe2 Qg7 15 e4 d4 16 00! dc 17 bc Rd8 18 Qf2 Rf8 19 Qe3 b6 20 Bc4 Ne5 21 Ne5 Rf1+ 22 Rf1 Ne5 23 Be5 Qe5 24 Qf3 Qg7 25 e5 Rb8 26 Qc6 (+-) Qe7 27 Rf6 Bb7 28 Be6? (time pressure blunder) 28 Kg7 29 Qa4 Rf8 30 Rf8 Kf8 31 Qf4+ Kg7 32 Bc4 Bc8 33 h4 Be6 34 Be6 Qe6 (=) 35 g4 Qa2? (Qf7 probably leads to a perpetual check after Qg5 Qf3 h5. Now white has a forced win) 36 Qf6+ Kg8 37 e6 Qb1 38 Kf2 Qc2+ 39 Ke3 Qc1+ 40 Ke4 Qe1+ 41 Kd5 Qd1+ 42 Ke5! (On the seemingly obvious Kc6? black has Qa5+! followed by Qe8! with a possible defense) Qe2+ 43 Kd6 Qh2+ 44 Kd7 Qb8 45 Qd8+! and Black resigns. 1-0 (Notes by Newton)

Matthew Hoekstra (2336) - GM Maurice Ashley (2543)**2002 World Open**

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. g3 Bg7 5. Bg2 O-O 6. Nge2 Nbd7 7. O-O c5 8. h3 Rb8
 9. a4 b6 10. d5 a6 11. g4 b5 12. g5 Ne8 13. Ng3 Nc7 14. h4 Nb6 15. axb5 axb5 16.
 Nce2 b4 17. f4 Bg4 18. Bf3 Bxf3 19. Rxf3 Nb5 20. c3 bxc3 21. bxc3 Ra8 22. Rb1 Na3
 23. Bxa3 Rxa3 24. h5 Qc7 25. Qf1 Nc4 26. Rd1 Ra2 27. Qh3 Rb8 28. hxg6 hxg6 29. f5
 Qc8 30. Qh4 Ne5 31. Rf2 Rbb2 32. Kh2 Qa6 33. f6 exf6 34. gxf6 Bxf6 35. Qxf6 Rxe2
 36. Nxe2 Rxe2 37. Qd8+ Kg7 38. Qf6+ Kg8 39. Qd8+ Kg7 40. Qf6+ 1/2-1/2

GM Varuzhan Akobian (2570) -Frankie Newton (2214)**2002 World Open**

1. d4 e6 2. c4 f5 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 Bb4 5. Qb3 Bxc3+ 6. Qxc3 O-O 7. g3 b6 8. Bg2
 Bb7 9. O-O d6 10. b4 a5 11. b5 Qe8 12. a4 Nbd7 13. Ba3 Qh5 14. Qe3 Be4 15. Rac1 h6
 16. h3 g5 17. Nh2 f4 18. gxf4 gxf4 19. Qxf4 Bxg2 20. Kxg2 Kh8 21. Qe3 Qh4 22. f3
 Rf7 23. Ng4 Rg8 24. Qf2 Qh5 25. Qg3 Rfg7 26. Rc3 e5 27. dxe5 Nxe5 28. Bb2 Nfxg4
 29. fxg4 Rxg4 30. hxg4 Rxg4 31. Kf2 Rxg3 32. Rxg3 Kh7 33. Bxe5 Qxe5 34. e3 Qe4 35.
 Rc1 Qd3 36. Kg1 h5 37. Rf1 Qxc4 38. Rf4 Qc1+ 39. Kh2 Qc2+ 40. Kh3 Qb3 41. Kh4 Qd5
 42. Rgf3 Kg6 43. Rf6+ Kg7 44. R6f5 Qe4+ 45. Kxh5 Qe8+ 46. Kg4 Qe4+ 47. R5f4 Qe5
 48. Kh3 Qe6+ 49. Kh2 Kg6 50. Rg3+ Kh5 51. Rf8 Qe5 52. Rh8+ 1-0

NM Matt Hoekstra - NM Matt Noble**2002 NC Invitational**

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 c5 4. exd5 Qxd5 5. Ngf3 cxd4 6. Bc4 Qd6 7. O-O Nf6
 8. Nb3 Nc6 9. Nbx4 Nxd4 10. Nxd4 Bd7 11. c3 Be7 12. Qf3 Qc7 13. Bb3 O-O 14. h3 b5
 15. Bf4 Bd6 16. Bg5 Be7 17. Rfe1 Kh8 18. Rad1 Rad8 19. Bf4 Qb6 20. Be5 Bc8 21. Bc2
 Rd5 22. Qd3 g6 23. Qf3 Kg7 24. Qf4 Bb7 25. Bb3 Rd7 26. Nxe6+ fxe6 27. Rxd7 1-0

IM Jonathan Schroer - NM Frankie Newton**2002 NC Invitational**

1. Nf3 d5 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 Bf5 4. d3 h6 5. c4 c6 6. cxd5 cxd5 7. Qb3 Qb6
 8. Qxb6 axb6 9. Nc3 e6 10. Nb5 Bb4+ 11. Bd2 Bxd2+ 12. Kxd2 Ke7 13. Rhc1 Na6
 14. Rc3 Rhc8 15. Rac1 Rc5 16. Nbd4 Be4 17. Rb3 Bxf3 18. Bxf3 Nd7 19. a3 Rac8
 20. Rbc3 Ne5 21. Bg2 Rxc3 22. bxc3 Ra8 23. c4 dxc4 24. Bxb7 Ra7 25. Bg2 Rc7
 26. f4 Nd7 27. Nc6+ Kd6 28. Rxc4 e5 29. fxe5+ Nxe5 30. Rd4+ Ke6 31. Nxe5 Kxe5
 32. Rd5+ Ke6 33. Rb5 Nc5 34. Rxb6+ Ke7 35. Rc6 Rxc6 36. Bxc6 1-0

NM Matt Noble - NM John Kirby**2002 NC Invitational**

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 e6 3. e4 d5 4. e5 Nfd7 5. cxd5 Nxe5 6. d4 Ng6 7. dxe6 Bxe6
 8. d5 Bc8 9. Nf3 Be7 10. Be2 O-O 11. O-O c6 12. Be3 Bb4 13. dxc6 Qxd1
 14. Rfxd1 Nxc6 15. Nd5 Ba5 16. a3 Bd8 17. Rac1 Be6 18. Ng5 Bxd5 19. Rxd5 Bf6
 20. Rd2 Rfe8 21. Nf3 Rad8 22. Rcd1 Rxd2 23. Rxd2 Rd8 24. b4 a6 25. Rxd8+ Bxd8
 26. Nd4 Nge7 27. f4 Bb6 28. Nf5 Bxe3+ 29. Nxe3 Kf8 30. Kf2 1/2 - 1/2

NM John Kirby - IM Jonathan Schroer**2002 NC Invitational**

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 d5 3. Bg2 c6 4. O-O Bg4 5. d3 Nbd7 6. c4 e6 7. Nc3 Be7
 8. Qc2 h6 9. e4 O-O 10. h3 Bh5 11. exd5 exd5 12. Nh4 d4 13. Ne2 Bxe2
 14. Qxe2 Re8 15. f4 Bd6 16. Qf3 a5 17. g4 Bf8 18. g5 hxg5 19. fxg5 Ne5
 20. Qf5 Nh5 21. g6 fxg6 22. Nxg6 Ng3 23. Qxf8+ Rxf8 24. Rxf8+ Qxf8 25. Nxf8
 Rxf8 26. Bd2 Ne2+ 27. Kh1 Nxd3 28. Bxa5 Nxb2 29. c5 d3 30. Rb1 Nc4
 31. Bb4 d2 32. Bxd2 Nxd2 33. Rxb7 Nf3 34. Bxf3 Rxf3 35. Kg2 Ra3 36. Rc7 Nf4+ 0-1

Steve Tisinger (2069) - Eugene Davenport (1644)

Books-A-Million 1, Wilmington NC, June 20, 2002

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Qc7 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Nb3 Nf6 8.Qe2 h5 9.h3
 b5 10.a4 b4 11.a5 Bb7 12.f4 d5 13.e5 Nd7 14.Be3 Be7 15.N1d2 g5 16.fxg5 Ncxe5 17.g6
 fxg6 18.Bd4 Rg8 19.Rae1 Bd6 20.Nf3 Nxf3+ 21.Qxf3 Nf8 22.Kh1 0-0-0 23.Bb6 Qd7
 24.Bxd8 Kxd8 25.Qf7 Rg7 26.Qxd7+ Kxd7 27.Rf6 Ke7 28.Ref1 Nd7 29.Rxg6 Rxg6 30.Bxg6
 h4 31.Rf7+ Kd8 32.Rh7 Bg3 33.Nd4 e5 34.Ne6+ 1-0

North Carolina Tournament Calendar

Additional information and latest updates can be found at <http://www.ncchess.org>

Chess League forming: James MacDougall <Kast_a_nova2000@yahoo.com>, (803)894-4774 is forming a chess league which may be of interest to all North Carolina players. Matches will be held monthly with locations varying across South Carolina. Please contact him for more information.

August 13, 2002. Tuesday Evening in the Park, East Flat Rock

August 16-18, 2002. The LPO, Burlington

August 24, 2002. Smokehouse, Charlotte

August 30 - September 1, 2002. Tennessee Open, Knoxville, TN

August 31, 2002. Tennessee Open Scholastic, Knoxville, TN

September 7, 2002. Winston Salem Open IV, Winston-Salem

September 14, 2002. 3rd Annual Unrated, Charlotte

September 21, 2002. Smokehouse, Charlotte

September 21, 2002. 64 Squares WS/FCSCA, Winston-Salem

October 5, 2002. Mustang XXV Scholastic, Chapel Hill

October 5, 2002. Winston Salem Open V, Winston-Salem

October 4-6, 2002. NC Championship, Burlington

October 12, 2002. Fake Copper Blanket XI, Charlotte

October 12, 2002. Cumberland County Fall Open, Crossville, TN

October 19, 2002. Smokehouse, Charlotte

October 25-27, 2002. Southeastern Open, Rock Hill, SC

November 2, 2002. Winston Salem Open VI, Winston-Salem

November 8-10, 2002. U.S Class Championship, Cherokee

November 9, 2002. CMSCA League Tournament, Charlotte

November 15-17, 2002. Kings Island Open, Kings Island, OH

November 16, 2002. 1st Annual WS/FCSCA Fall Rated Tournament, Winston-Salem

November 23, 2002. Smokehouse, Charlotte

November 30, 2002. Mustang XXVI Scholastic, Chapel Hill

December 7, 2002. Winston Salem Open VII, Winston-Salem

December 7-8, 2002. 15th Annual Southern Scholastic, Charlotte

December 13-15, 2002. National Scholastic K-12 Grade Championship, Atlanta, GA

December 21, 2002. Smokehouse, Charlotte

January 11, 2003. Grade Championship, Charlotte

January 20, 2003. Facets Clue '03, Hendersonville

Jan 31 - Feb 2, 2003. Land of the Sky XVI, Asheville

February 8, 2003. CMSCA League Tournament, Charlotte

February 22, 2003. Mustang XXVII Scholastic, Chapel Hill

March 8, 2003. Jr Open, Charlotte

April 5, 2003. 1st Annual WS/FCSCA Spring Rated Tournament, Winston-Salem

April 12, 2003. CMSCA League Tournament, Charlotte

May 10, 2003. Quad Tournament, Charlotte

June 7, 2003. Orchard Lake Campground, Saluda

The 29TH L.P.O.: LIPKIN/PFEFFERKORN OPEN

August 16-18 or 17-18, 2002

5-SS, 35/90, SD/1 (2-day option Rd. 1 G/70).

Ramada Inn of Burlington, 2703 Ramada Road, Burlington, NC 27215. (336)-227-5541.

\$\$20,000 b/290pd.

Open: (all) \$1000-600-500-400-300-200, 2300-2399, under 2300 \$300-200 each.

Under 2200, \$1000-600-500-400-300-200, under 2100- \$200.

Under 2000, \$1000-600-500-400-300-200, under 1900- \$200.

Under 1800, \$1000-600-500-400-300-200, under 1700- \$200.

Under 1600, \$1000-600-500-400-300-200, under 1500- \$200.

Under 1400, \$1000-600-500-400-300-200, under 1200- \$200.

Unrated: Trophies to top 5.

EF: 3-day \$88, 2-day \$87 if received by Aug.13th; \$92 cash/check, \$96 Visa/MC at site.

GMs/IMs free: \$75 deducted from any prize.

Unrated: EF: 3-day \$22, 2-day \$20.

20% off additional family entries.

Juniors \$25 playing for trophy, \$59 for cash by August 13th, \$10 more ate site.

3-day: Registration ends Aug. 16 7pm., Rounds: 8, 2-7:30, 10-2:30.

2-day: Registration ends 9:15am. Rounds: 10 am. then merges with 3-day.

All: Re-entry \$45.

NCCA membership required, other states ok.

Half-point byes available any round, limit 3, requested before 1st round, no changes.

Hotel: \$59-59 by Aug. 14, mention chess, reserve early (fills fast).

Free continental breakfast bar.

Thad Rogers (478)-742-5607,

Atlanta Chess Center (404)-377-4400,

Robert Singletary (919)-875-4288.

Enter American Chess Promotions, 3055 General Lee Rd, Macon Georgia 31204.

NS. NC. W.

Grand Prix Points Available: 40

2002 NORTH CAROLINA CHAMPIONSHIP

October 4-5 or 4-6, 2002

5SS 35/90, SD/1 (2-day option, Rd. 1 G/90).

Best Western Burlington, 770 Huffman Mill Road, Burlington, North Carolina 27215. (336)-584-0151.

Unrated must enter Open or Unrated section.

7 sections: \$4200 GUARANTEED!

Open: \$350-250-200; 2100-2199- \$200, under 2100- \$200.

Class A: \$300-200; under 1900- \$100.

Class B: \$300-200; under 1700- \$100.

Class C: \$300-200; under 1500- \$100.

Class D: \$300-200; under 1300- \$100.

Class E: \$300-200; under 1100- \$100.

Unrated: Trophies to top 7.

EF: \$49 if rec'd. by October 1st; \$59 at site.

Unr.: \$20 for Unr. section.

Reentry: \$28, *not available in Open section.*

GMs and IMs free, \$50 deducted from prize.

Scholastic entry \$20 if playing for trophy only!

Class pairings possible in final round.

NCCA membership req., other states ok.

3-day: Reg. ends 10/4 7 p.m., Rds. 8, 9-2:15-7:30; 10-3:15.

2-day: Reg. ends 9:30 a.m., Rds. 10 a.m. then merges with 3-day.

N.C.C.A. annual meeting 9 a.m. 10/6. Officers will be elected.

HR: \$59-59.

Info:

L. Thad Rogers (478)-742-5607,

Atlanta Chess Center (404)-377-4400,

Robert Singletary (919)-875-4288.

Enter: American Chess Promotions, 3055 General Lee Road, Macon, Georgia 31204. NS. NC. W. GP Points: 15.

Southeastern Open

Oct. 25-27 or 26-27, 2002

GPP: 30

South Carolina

5SS, 30/90, SD/1 (2-day option, Rd 1 G/75).

Holiday Inn, 2640 N. Cherry Rd, Rock Hill.

Exit 82A off I-77, 6 minutes from Charlotte, NC.

(803) 329-1122. \$\$13,000 b/230 pd.

Open: (All) \$1200-800-500-300-200, U2300, U2200, U2100, \$200 ea.

U2000: \$800-500-300-200-150, U1900 \$200.

U1800: \$800-500-300-200-150, U1700 \$200.

U1600: \$800-500-300-200-150, U1500 \$200.

U1400: \$800-500-300-200-150, U1300, U1200, Unrated \$200 ea.

Unrated eligible for Unrated prize or trophy only. Trophies to top 5.

EF: 2 or 3-day \$80 if received by 10/21, \$95 (cash only) at site.

Trophy EF: \$25 by 10/23, \$35 at site.

GMs free: \$70 deducted from any prize.

\$15 off add'l family Ent.

All: Re-entry \$40.

1/2 pt. byes avail. Rd. 1-4.

3-day schedule: Reg. ends 10/25, 7 pm, Rds: Fri 7:30, 2-7:30, 9-2:30.

2-day schedule: Reg. ends 10/26 9am, Rds: 9:30-2-7:30, 9-2:30.

HR: \$69 mention chess, free breakfast buffet to first 10 reserved rooms.

All meals avail. at on-site sports lounge.

NC.

Info: Rob Morse (704) 309-3659, Bill Nash (803) 985-7951.

Ent: Rock Hill Chess Club,

PO Box 7225, Charlotte, NC 28241.

E-mail: Chess1der@Yahoo.Com.

U.S. Class Championship

Chess Tournament

[Harrah's Cherokee Hotel](#)

Cherokee, North Carolina

November 8-10, 2002



Six Class Sections*

6SS, G/90

Prizes: \$\$7500 b/128

Expert: \$500-300-200-150-100

Class A: \$500-300-200-150-100

Class B: \$500-300-200-150-100

Class C: \$500-300-200-150-100

Class D: \$500-300-200-150-100

U1200/unrated: \$500-300-200-150-100

Trophies to 1st in every section

Entry Fee: \$75 preregistered by Nov 1, \$85 at site.

Trophy-only Entry Fee: \$40 preregistered, \$45 at site.

Trophy-only entries count as ½ entry toward prize fund.
Players must enter class section based on October rating.

6 Rounds:

Fri 8:00 or Sat 8:30, then Sat 12:00, 3:30, 7:30, Sun 12:00, 3:30

Reentry: \$5.

Byes: Limit 2, any round; declare before round 3.

Special Open Section:

7RR, G/90

Prizes: 6 Grand Prix Points, \$\$600 b/8

Special Open: \$250-150-100 U2400 100

Entry Fee: \$75

Will play as Swiss if more than 8 entries.

7 Rounds:

Fri 8:00, Sat 8:30, 12:00, 3:30, 7:30, Sun 12:00, 3:30

No byes, reentry, or trophies in Special Open Section

Tournament will be held in beautiful new 15-story luxury hotel opened May 2002.

Casino gaming is not available in hotel. Harrah's Casino is accessible from hotel by guests 21 years and older via elevated mountain walkway over a creek.

U.S. Chess Federation membership is required and will be available at tournament.

*Classes are based on rating: Expert=2000-2199, A=1800-1999, B=1600-1799, C=1400-1599, D=1200-1399

Info and entry: [U.S. Class Championship](#), PO Box 422, Saluda NC 28773

Send name, address, and USCF ID. Checks payable to [USCF](#).

Hotels: \$45. Call 800-427-7247; ask for rooms for the U.S. Class chess tournament in Cherokee.

These rooms are not in the luxury hotel but are at other hotels in Cherokee and include coupons for players age 21 and over.

Cherokee is in beautiful western North Carolina: 35 miles from Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee; 150 miles from both Atlanta, Georgia and Charlotte, North Carolina



NC Clubs and Web Sites

Please email all club information to the NCCA and a new directory will be published with the next NC Gambit.

Austin Chess Club
8342 Austin-Traphill Rd
Elkin, NC 28621
9am 'til 1pm
Average 5 boards
Austin Cafe (336)957-4922

Directions: From exit 82 on I-77 west on NC-67. Go through 4th light & take 1st left on Spring St. At 3rd light make a right onto Austin-Traphill Rd. Continue 9 miles to Austin Cafe on the right. Call for directions if needed (336)957-4922. World famous biscuits and gravy!!!

Contact: Norm Pruitt <normpruitt@infoave.net>

Website: <http://www.interstatesign.com/austin/>

Asheville Chess Club
Wednesdays 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
North Asheville Recreation Center
Larchmont off of Merrimon Ave

Borders Chess Club
Cary, NC
Saturdays 2-6pm
Borders Books Music & Cafe
1751 Walnut Street, Cary, NC
Contact: Leo <BordersChess@hotmail.com>

Charlotte Chess Club
Charlotte, NC
Meets each Wednesday evening at 6:30 P.M. (or as early as 5:30 for some) at Wendy's Restaurant, 434 S.Independence Blvd., Charlotte, N.C. The venue guarantees plenty of tables, good lighting, great food, close parking, limited smoking!, and friendly management?! Members are welcome to participate in casual play as well as USCF rated events
Contact: Leland Fuerstman <lelandfue@yahoo.com>
Website: <http://www.charlottechess.com/>

Duke Chess
<http://www.duke.edu/web/dukechess/>

East Carolina Scholastic Chess Club
2203 East 5th St
Greenville, NC 27858
East Carolina meets at Sheppard Memorial Library every Sunday from 2-5pm, every Monday at Rose High School after school in the library, and at D.H Conley every Thursday. East Carolina is available to all K-12 students. Chess lessons are given by Nate Talbert and Richard Miller. A scholastic chess tournament is held once a month.
Contact: Nathaniel Talbert <natetgo@netzero.net>

Gaston Vindicators Chess Club
1632 Breezy Trail
Lincolnton, NC 28092
Gaston Vindicators meet Saturday mornings at Wendy's on Franklin Blvd, Gastonia, NC. Across from Taco Bell. Meeting times are from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.
Website: <http://www.geocities.com/gastonclub/>

Greater Henderson County Home School Chess
<http://a-o.com/hyde/chess.htm>

gru-Bell Chess Clubs
<http://www.spacefire.com/chess/>

Henderson County Scholastic Chess
<http://www.brinet.com/~palmer/hcsca/>

Hibriten HS Chess Club
550 East Blvd
Lenoir, NC 28645
The Chess Club at Hibriten HS meets each Thursday afternoon from 4:15 to 5:30. Players of all strengths are welcome. Rated games are usually played. Lesson material is usually provided on a weekly basis.
Contact: John Thomas <jthomas@caa.k12.nc.us>

Jacksonville USO Chess Club
9 Tallman St
Jacksonville, NC 28540
Sundays 1 - 7pm, USCF/Non-USCF Quads every Sunday with \$2 entry fee, plan to hold one tournament a month on a Saturday.
Contact: Sara Walsh <PrincessChess@uschesslive.org>

Raleigh Chess Club
<http://kiwanischess.tripod.com/>

Southern Pines Chess Club
PO Box 144
Southern Pines, NC 28388
6 P.M. Tuesdays
Shoney's Restaurant
Route 1
Southern Pines, NC
Contact: Dan Garrett <danielgarrett@earthlink.net>

Upper Neuse Chess Union
<http://upperneusechess.freewebsites.org/>

Wilmington Chess Club
<http://www.wilmingtonchess.com/>

Winston-Salem Chess Club
Winston-Salem, NC 27106
The club meets every Thursday night at Borders in Winston-Salem. Everyone, that includes children, is welcome to attend and play. We meet from appx. 7:00 p.m. to when the last chess player leaves.

WS/FC Scholastic Chess Association
133 Queensbury Rd
Winston-Salem, NC 27104
WS/FCSCA promotes scholastic chess in the schools and homes of Forsyth County. We plan to hold rated and unrated tournaments during the school year. Check our web site for the latest information.
Contact: Keith Kolischak <keith@kbrcomm.com>
Website: <http://www.kbrcomm.com/fcsca/>

IM Jonathan Shroer won the Invitational while going undefeated (winning 3 and drawing 2). This year, the field was particularly strong with all masters and above.

2002 NC Invitational Results

April 27-28, 2002

Charlotte, North Carolina

IM Jonathan Schroer	2478	4	X	½	1	½	1	1
NM Matthew Hoekstra	2343	3	½	X	½	1	½	½
NM John Kirby	2243	1½	0	½	X	½	0	½
NM Matt Noble	2226	2½	½	0	½	X	½	1
NM Frankie Newton	2216	2½	0	½	1	½	X	½
NM Neal Harris	2200	1½	0	½	½	0	½	X

North Carolina's Top 20 Based on August 2002 USCF ratings

1	2605	BECERRA, JULIO GM	11	2211	HARRIS, NEAL
2	2434	SCHROER, JONATHAN IM	12	2211	NOBLE, MATTHEW
3	2354	LEVIN, DAVID FM	13	2200	BIDWELL, JOHN
4	2337	HOEKSTRA, MATTHEW FM	14	2200	SAMSA, GREG
5	2336	FIERRO, MARTHA WGM	15	2192	MOUZON, HAROLD
6	2285	FILATOV, LEONID FM	16	2178	DANIEL, JUSTIN
7	2254	JONES, CRAIG	17	2168	VLAHOVIC, BRANISLAV
8	2249	TAPPER, LARRY	18	2158	KVIT, ALEXANDER
9	2233	KIRBY, JOHN	19	2147	DE JOSEPH, STEPHEN
10	2219	NEWTON, FRANKIE	20	2140	MOTTONEN, JAMES

North Carolina Chess Association
 c/o Neal Harris
 RR 2 Box 234
 Old Fort NC 28762