

CHATTANOOGA EVENT BIG SUCCESS

By Phillip Gardner & Jerry willman

The Providence Life Open held May 19-20 in Chattanooga attracted 58 players from Tennessee and neighboring states including 17 new players. (The last tourney that was USCF rated to take place in Chattanooga was 18 years ago when 40 players took part in the Southern Open.)

The event ended in a triple tie with $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ points between Branko Vujakovic of Georgia, James Sweets of Chattanooga and Tom Farr of Nashville. The winner on tiebreaks was Vujakovic. The following players scored 4-1 in this order after tiebreaking: 4th Richard Searles (Cleveland, TN), 5th Thomas Fate (Georgia), 6th Juan Aristorenas (Chattanooga), Vernon Vix (Nashville) and Jerry willman of Chattanooga.

The event can be considered a great success. The direction was capably handled by Phillip Gardner, assisted by Jerry willman and Richard Searles. The prize winners were as follows: (All received trophies)

Vujakovic - Open Champion
Sweets - Provident Life Open Champion
Farr - Class A-B Champion
Aristorenas - Chattanooga Chess Club Champion
Rickman - Class C-D-E Champion
Veach - Unrated Champion
D. S. Smith - Junior Champion (Also a \$30 camera)

The top three also divided the \$190 cash prize fund.

Chattanooga plans to expand on their tournament activity and schedule two tournaments next year. For the cross table and games see other pages in TCN.

MOMIC CAPTURES MUSIC CITY

By Peter Lahde

The Music City Summer tournament held June 16-17 in Nashville with 38 players in attendance made up in quality what it lacked in quantity. A master and two experts were the favorites to win the event. Not unexpectedly, Master Milan Momic of Muscle Shoals, Ala. took top honors by winning four and drawing only with Robert Coveyou of Oak Ridge. Coveyou and Kenny Thomas shared second place with scores of 4-1.

The event was directed by Vernon Vix. For the crosstable and games from this tourney see other pages in this issue.

MEMPHIS CHAMPIONSHIP ENDS IN TRIPLE TIE

By John Hurt

A triple tie resulted in the 1973 Memphis Championship between John hurt, Kenny Thomas and Eddie Middleton. This came about as hurt defeated Thomas, Middleton beat Hurt, and Thomas bested Middleton. All three won all their other games against the other opponents in this eight player round robin. A crosstable is given on another page in this issue.

1973 KNOXVILLE OPEN: TOURNAMENT OF UPSETS

By Richard word

Robert Coveyou, who tied for first at the 1972 Knoxville Open and saw the trophy and title go to Emanuel Tsitsekliis got his revenge at this years Knoxville Open when he defeated Tsitsekliis in the final round to take clear first with a $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ score. He received the championship trophy, \$75 and in all probability, regained his former expert rating. Mack Garner played his best chess of recent months in drawing both Tsitsekliis and Coveyou to take the runner-up trophy and \$50 with a 4-1 score. Emanuel Tsitsekliis won the third place trophy and divided \$35 with Guy Kooi. Both scored $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. Richard Word won the Class B trophy and split the \$30 prize money with Richard Searles, Rick White, and David Ellis. All four scored 3-2. Mark Wagner won the Class C trophy and \$25 with a $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ score. John Fruehwirth won the Class D&E trophy with a $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ score and Eric Von-Halle took the Novice trophy with 1-4.

There were an unusual number of upsets in this tournaments. A list of these would have to include: Kohn-Worley, Kohn-White, Steinberg-Ellis, Steinberg-Searles, Chernoff-White, Fruehwirth-Bell, Pigg-Ellis & Martin-Bell. (From the Tennessee