

13th Annual Klaus Pohl Memorial SC Senior Open 2021

After-Action Summary



SCCA Pres. David Grimaud awards 1st Place to Dr Matros

The 13th Annual Klaus Pohl Memorial South Carolina Senior Open tournament is won and done, and IM Dr. Alexander Matros has repeated as our Senior Champion! Seems like only a few days since he also claimed the SC state championship. Congratulations Dr. Matros!

Twenty-four grumpy old men and one gracious lady turned out at Homewood Suites hotel near the I-85 & Woodruff Road intersection, and settled the matter of who will be South Carolina's Senior Champion.

After IM Matros, Roger Johnson and Wayne Christensen of Greenville, and Michael Sheaf of Ohio, each scored 3-1 to take the top prizes. Kevin Hyde (NC) won the under-1600 prize at 2-2, while Michael Matson, Daniel Pollock, and Leroy Dillard shared the second Under-1600 prize with 1.5. Michael Matson hoisted the U1600 SC Champion's trophy on tiebreaks – congratulations!



*Michael Matson
U1600 Winner (TB)*

A generous anonymous donor contributed funds for upset prizes. Roger Johnson stepped up to take both of these with victories over NM Peter Bereolos (TN) and NC Chess Association Vice President & Expert John Timmel. Well played, Roger!

We remembered Senior Life Master Klaus A. Pohl with a moment of silence at the outset, and a table display provided highlights of his many accomplishments in his long and distinguished career. Proceeds from the sales of some of his books went to benefit the South Carolina Chess Association and the Greenville Chess Club. We raffled some more of these as door prizes. Many thanks are due to Mrs. Ursula Pohl for providing these materials.



*LM Klaus Pohl
(4/1/1937 - 1/9/2021)*

Frank Redway displayed his artwork in the form of magnificent laminated bookmarks incorporating chess-themed postage stamps from around the world. He gifted one of these to each player in attendance. The extras I have will be prizes in an upcoming Scholastic tournament! Many thanks, Frank!

Thanks to the staff of the Homewood Suites for their prompt and proactive support of the playing site! Business Manager Sandra Solomon and Engineer Matt Kennedy came through with extra tables and services on short notice – we can't do without you!

Thank you and welcome to Will Brown for taking up the lead Tournament Director role! With one or three or five more players, I would have competed. Next year, then.

Finally, thanks as ever to SCCA President David Grimaud for his supportive presence, and for his sponsorship via the good offices of Precision Tune Auto Care!

The rating report is online here: <http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?202111072412-12407332>