



Chess Club Observer

Newsletter of the Springfield Chess Club

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The Newsletter Is Resurrected

Dave Bononi is stepping down as treasurer at the end of this year, and David Long is taking his place. Long is also reinstating a club newsletter, which will be published bi-monthly beginning next year. This bulletin is to inform all Springfield area chessplayers of the club's recent changes.

A bulletin or two and the first newsletter of 2001 will be sent to everyone I have addresses for. Starting in the spring of '01, only members will receive the newsletter.

Membership Drive Under Way

The Springfield Chess Club will once again be charging modest annual dues. One year's membership will cost \$12 per person. Benefits of membership are regular newsletters beginning in 2001, and a \$2 discount for entry at all Springfield Chess Club tournaments. Thus, a member who enters all six of our tournaments will get his \$12 back!

SPECIAL OFFER: So that our membership drive might get off to a good start, join before the year is out and pay only \$10! This pays a member through December 2001 and entitles the member to the \$2 discount at the upcoming December 9, 2000 tournament.

All memberships will expire on December 31, 2001. From then on, dues will come up annually. A member who joins the club in the middle of the year will pay only for those months that lie ahead (join in February and pay \$11; March, \$10, etc.)

Members and non-members are welcome at chess club meetings, but all non-members are encouraged to join and enjoy the benefits of membership.

There is a membership form at the end of the newsletter.

Contribute to the newsletter!

Springfield chess players, this is YOUR newsletter! Game scores, letters of opinion, reports on tournaments, etc. are all welcome. Mail them to me at the address above.

Cost of ads to be determined.

Local Tournament

The next tournament is scheduled for Saturday, December 9. It will be held at the Hampton Inn, corner of 31st St (Dirksen Pkwy) and Stevenson Drive. Registration is from 7:30 to 8:30. Rounds are 9, 12, 3, 6. Entry fees: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, \$10 youth/scholastic. Discount of \$2 for members of the SCC. (See membership drive above.)

Meetings

The SCC meets Wednesday nights, 6 to 10 p.m., at the American Legion Post 32, between 5th and 6th Streets, half a block south of Capitol Ave.

SPECIAL NOTE: On December 6, the meeting will be held upstairs, not at our usual room on the west side of the building.

On the second Friday of every month, we meet from 6 to 10 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, near the corner of Route 4 and Wabash Ave.

Area Tournament Schedule

December 2. First Saturday of Even Months, St. Louis, Mo.

December 9. **SPRINGFIELD HOLIDAY OPEN.** (See above.)

January 1. New Year's Chess Tournament, Columbia, Ill.

January 13. Peoria Tornado, Peoria, Ill.

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Membership Form

NAME: _____

Annual Dues: \$12
Join before 12/31/00
and pay only \$10

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

Make checks payable to
Springfield Chess Club

PHONE: (_____) _____

Mail to:
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USCF ID# (if any): _____