



Chess Club Observer

Newsletter of the Springfield Chess Club

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Kujoth, Trippe Win Dec. 9 Tourney

Richard Kujoth of Jacksonville and Terry Trippe of St. Louis drew in the last round of the December 9 tournament to share first prize with 3 1/2 points each. The tournament drew 24 players, despite 7 no-shows.

More details will be coming in the January-February issue, including at least one annotated game from the tournament.

Welcome New Members

At the December 9 tournament, six people signed up from outside Sangamon County. One of them, [redacted] from [redacted], almost two hundred [redacted] The SCC [redacted] members and hopes to continue expanding through the [redacted] press time, membership stood at 13.

Newsletter Is Resurrected

[redacted] is stepping down as treasurer at the end of this year, [redacted] is taking his place. Long is also reinstating a club [redacted] which will be published bi-monthly beginning next year. This [redacted] second bulletin, to inform those central Illinoisians who participate in Springfield tournaments of our changes.

This bulletin 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.

Tournament News

The next Springfield tournament will be held February 17, 2001, at the Hampton Inn, corner 31st St (Dirksen Pkwy) and Stevenson Drive. Registration is from [redacted] to 8:30. Rounds are 9, 12, 3, 6. Entry fee \$12 in advance [redacted] the door, \$10 youth/scholastic. Discount [redacted] for members of the SCC. (See membership drive above.) There are [redacted] details in the January-February issue.

Bumgardner Elected VP

At the December 6 meeting of the SCC, Garald Bumgardner of Petersburg was elected temporary vice president by a 3-0 vote. There were two abstentions.

The vice president's position had been vacant.

Membership Drive Continuing

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.

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.

Exhibition Match Proposed

Joseph Tibbs of Eldorado, Ill. has put forth the idea of having an exhibition match between his college chess club and the Springfield chess club next year, possibly to be held on neutral ground between the two cities.

What kind of interest exists in the Springfield chess club for attending such a match? Comments, ideas, etc. are necessary.

Another possibility: how much interest do SCC members have in playing exhibition matches - or rated matches - against the other clubs of central Illinois? These include Peoria, Bloomington-Normal, Collinsville-Edwardsville, La Salle-Peru-Ottawa, Jacksonville, and Decatur.

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.

Coming soon

If everything goes as planned, there will be a regular column, either on openings or endgames, in the newsletter beginning in the March-April issue.

Another possible feature depends on area players. Players are invited to select a game they played against each other, and each side analyzes and annotates the game INDEPENDENTLY - and send them in. That way, the newsletter can contain both players' notes, side by side, to show what each player was thinking at the same time in the game.

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.

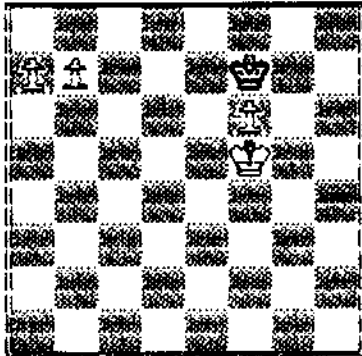
On the second Friday of every month, we meet from 6 to 10 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, near the corner of Route 4 and Wabash Ave.

Area Tournament Schedule

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

January 13. Peoria Tornado, Peoria, Ill.

February 17. SPRINGFIELD WINTER TOURNAMENT. Springfield, Ill.



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 ...K-N1 2. K-N6 and 3. P-N8=Q
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Membership Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____

USCF ID# (if any): _____

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