



# Chess Club Observer

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## February 17: A Near-Record Turnout

The February tournament, which drew a near capacity crowd of 59 players, not counting a no-show, was won by four people tied with 3.5 points: Richard Kujoth of Jacksonville, Ramamoorthy Shankar of Normal, Richard Martin III of Trenton, Ill., and Terry Trippe of St. Louis.

Complete results of the tournament, including an 11-way tie in two of the lower groups, can be found on page 6.

The turnout came close to the all-time record of 62.

## Upcoming Tournament

Mark your calendars! The SCC's next tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2001. It will be held at the Hampton Inn, corner of 31st St (Dirksen Pkwy) and Stevenson Drive.

This will be either the last or next-to-last tournament held at the Hampton! See page 2 for details.

Registration: 7:30-8:30. Rounds: 9, 12, 3, 6.

Entry fees: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door (\$13 for SCC members), \$10 youth/scholastic.

## Tie Match

On Saturday, March 17, a team of eight players from Springfield made the 30-mile trip to the Jacksonville public library, for our club's first team match in years. The match ended in a 4-4 tie. For complete results, see page 5.

There were many hard-fought games, some of which will appear in the May-June issue of the *Observer*. Everyone who participated in the match is invited to analyze and annotate their games for publication.

A return match, this one to be held in Springfield, has been proposed, but at press time, no plans have been made. April or May seems the most likely time for the second match.

The library is the site of the Jacksonville club's regular Thursday night meetings.

## **New Tournament Site Sought**

It is no secret that our welcome at the Hampton Inn has been steadily eroding for the past several months. The management has increased the rent by almost forty percent and made several petty, though not entirely unreasonable, requests of the chess club.

Although the club believes it is not responsible for all of the incidents that the management blames us for, such as children running wild in a part of the hotel the chess club never goes near, our large turnout in February did cause excessive noise and trash, and did fill the lobby to capacity between rounds. The management has now requested that we find new quarters soon.

We are booked for the Hampton for the next two tournaments, April and June. A search is now under way for a larger site (we were crammed in like sardines in February) where chess players will have more room to "spread out" and not be a nuisance. Some strong possibilities include the Signature Inn, located directly across Stevenson Drive from the Hampton; and Lincoln Land Community College. The first tournament at the new site should be the one in August, though we may relocate the June tournament if we find a new site soon enough. MORE LATER.

In the meantime, the SCC reminds chess players not to roam the hallways, and to leave the breakfast bar alone. The management has stated that the goodies are reserved for "paying guests" as opposed to non-paying chess players.

## **Membership: 34 and Still Counting!**

Our membership drive continues to draw more people to the club. Average attendance at the weekly meetings has nearly doubled over the past few months!

Several former members who had fallen away from the club during the past few years' disorganization, such as David Sculley and Andy Skaar, have returned. Andy Skaar returned to the club for the tournament after over a year's absence; the club celebrated by feeding him to the top-ranked player in the first round!

## **Kujoth Wins Jacksonville Championship**

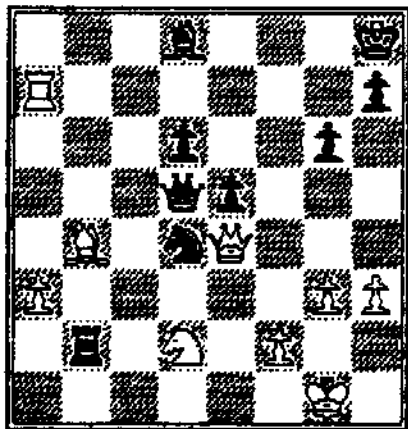
Held on February 3 in downtown Jacksonville, the 4th Annual Jacksonville Area Chess Club Championship drew 18 people and was won by Richard Kujoth, who scored a perfect 5-0. Dave Eilering won second place. Complete results from the tournament can be found on page 5.

The tournament, which lasted five rounds, ended with several people deadlocked in two of the sections. In one section, *everyone* was tied! Enter the blitz round-robin, but one of the sections ended the blitz-off with all contenders still tied! Another round-robin, which made rounds 9 through 11, resolved the tie.

Four Jacksonville-area players are also members of the SCC.

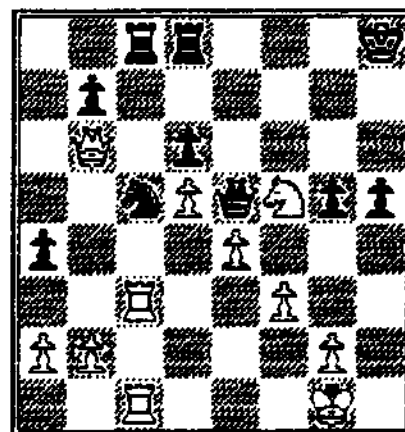
# Take On Gerald's Computer II

by Gerald Bumgardner



Black to move and win  
in the position shown above.

White to move and win  
in the position shown at right.



My computer is playing itself.  
Try to figure out the next few  
moves in each position.

## Special Thanks

...to those businesses and other organizations that posted SCC flyers in their windows during the membership drive this winter. They include: Lincoln Library, National City Bank, Jewel-Osco, State of Illinois, Prairie Archives, Recycled Records, Lincoln Land Community College, University of Illinois at Springfield, US 66 Newsstand, Book Rack, Doctors Hospital, Food Fantasies, Heartland Peace Center, Target, Meijer, Eagle Country Market, and Book Emporium.

## Going to the Chicago Open?

Dave Sculley is looking for someone to go there with him and share the expenses. The tournament will be held Memorial Day weekend.

## Out Of Town

Springfieldians David Long and Ed Boyd went to Edwardsville, Ill., on March 3, where each drew the first game, lost the second, and won the third, for matching scores of 1.5-for-3. David's 1.5 was good enough to win the class A prize...by default.

# Games

In two tournaments - Springfield and Edwardsville - three Springfieldians played 2005-rated Kevin Johnson, who had been out of action for awhile. The Springfieldians got two and a half out of three.

White: Tom Knoedler  
Black: Kevin Johnson  
Springfield, Ill. Feb. 17, 2001  
Opening: [269] Closed Sicilian

1.	P-K4	P-QB4
2.	N-QB3	N-QB3
3.	P-Q3	P-KN3
4.	P-KN3	B-N2
5.	KN-K2	P-K3
6.	B-N2	KN-K2
7.	Q-Q	Q-Q
8.	P-B4	P-Q4
9.	P-K5	P-QR3
10.	P-Q4	PxP
11.	KNxP	NxN
12.	QxN	N-B4
13.	Q-N4	P-Q5
14.	N-K4	Q-B2
15.	Q-B5	QxQ
16.	NxQ	R-N1
17.	B-Q2	R-Q1
18.	QR-Q1	B-B1
19.	N-K4	P-QN4??
20.	N-B6ch	K-N2
21.	B-R5	B-K2
22.	BxR	BxB
23.	R-Q3	BxN
24.	PxBch	KxP
25.	B-K4	B-N2
26.	BxN	KxB
27.	RxP	B-Q4
28.	P-QR3	R-QB1
29.	R-B2	P-KR4
30.	P-R3	R-B4
31.	P-B3	R-B2
32.	R-K1	R-B1
33.	R-K5ch	K-B3
34.	P-KN4	PxP
35.	PxP	P-N4
36.	RxNP	K-K2
37.	K-B2	R-B1
38.	R/4xB	PxR
39.	RxP	R-KR1
40.	R-Q2	R-R6
41.	K-N2	R-K6
42.	K-B2	R-R6
43.	R-K2ch	K-Q3
44.	P-B5	P-R4
45.	P-N5	R-R4
46.	K-B3	RxP

47.	K-B4	R-N8
48.	R-Q2ch	K-B4
49.	K-K5	P-N5
50.	BPxPch	PxP
51.	PxPch	KxP
52.	R-KB2	R-N2
53.	K-B6	R-R2
54.	R-N2	K-N6
55.	R-N7	R-R3ch
56.	KxP	KxP
57.	P-B6	R-R8
58.	K-N8	Resigns

White: Kevin Johnson  
Black: Ed Boyd  
Springfield, Ill. Feb. 17, 2001  
Opening: [133] Benoni Defense

1.	P-Q4	N-KB3
2.	P-QB4	P-B4
3.	P-Q5	P-K3
4.	N-KB3	PxP
5.	PxP	P-Q3
6.	N-B3	P-KN3
7.	N-Q2	B-N2
8.	N-B4	Q-Q
9.	B-B4	N-K1
10.	N-N5	P-QR3
11.	N/5xP	NxN
12.	BxN	R-K1
13.	BxP	P-QN4
14.	N-N6	N-Q2
15.	NxN	Q-R4ch
16.	P-QN4	B-B6ch
17.	Q-Q2	BxQch
18.	KxB	Q-Q1
19.	N-N6	R-R2
20.	NxB	Q-N4ch
21.	P-K3	QxQPch
22.	B-Q3	R-Q2
23.	N-Q6	RxN
24.	BxR	QxB
25.	QR-QN1	R-Q1
26.	R-N3	Q-Q4
27.	P-B3	Q-N4
28.	P-N4	Q-R5
29.	K-K2	Q-R6
30.	K-B2	R-K1
31.	B-K4	RxB
32.	PxR	QxNP
33.	KR-QN1	Drawn

White: David Long  
Black: Kevin Johnson  
Edwardsville, Ill. March 3, 2001  
Opening: [269] Closed Sicilian

1.	P-K4	P-QB4
2.	N-QB3	N-QB3
3.	P-B4	P-KN3
4.	N-B3	B-N2
5.	P-Q3	P-K3
6.	P-KN3	KN-K2
7.	B-N2	Q-Q
8.	Q-Q	P-Q4
9.	N-K2	PxP
10.	PxP	Q-N3
11.	P-B3	R-Q1
12.	Q-N3	Q-R3
13.	Q-B2	P-N3
14.	B-K3	Q-Q6
15.	QxQ	RxQ
16.	K-B2	B-QR3
17.	KR-Q1	P-B5??
18.	N/2-Q4	P-K4
19.	NxN	NxN
20.	B-KB1	R/6-Q1
21.	PxP	NxP
22.	NxN	BxN
23.	B-Q4	R-K1
24.	BxB	RxB
25.	R-Q4	P-QN4
26.	P-QR4	B-N2
27.	PxP	RxNP
28.	P-QN4	R-K4
29.	RxP	RxP
30.	RxR	BxR
31.	B-N2	BxB
32.	KxB	R-QB1
33.	R-R3	R-B2
34.	K-B3	P-B4
35.	K-K3	K-B2
36.	K-Q4	K-K3
37.	R-R6ch	K-Q2
38.	P-B4	K-B1
39.	P-B5	K-N2
40.	P-N5	R-Q2ch
41.	K-K5	R-Q7
42.	R-KB6	R-K7ch
43.	K-Q5	R-Q7ch
44.	K-K6	R-K7ch
45.	K-Q7	R-Q7ch
46.	R-Q6	R-QN7
47.	R-B6ch	Resigns

## Results - Jacksonville Championship

Rank	Name	Rating	rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	Total
1	Richard Kujoth	1900	W-10	W--7	W--6	W--3	W--5	5
2	Dave Eilering	1126	W-16	W-10	L--4	W--7	W--6	4
3	Colin Mizeur	1383	W-12	W--9	W--5	L--1	D--4	3.5
4	Fred Dhles	1293	W-14	L--5	W--2	W-10	D--3	3.5
5	Greg Moses	1456	W-11	W--4	L--3	W--8	L--1	3
6	Bob Cockrell	1360	W-13	W--8	L--1	W--9	L--2	3
7	Al Darr	1213	W-17	L--1	W-11	L--2	W-13	3
8	Joe Boyd	1212	W-18	L--6	W-12	L--5	W-11	3
9	Gary Vines	1141	W-15	L--3	W-16	L--6	W-12	3
10	Larry Coulter	1108	L--1	L--2	W-14	L--4	W-17	2
11	Coy Summers	1041	L--5	W-18	L--7	W-14	L--8	2
12	Kevin Vines	817	L--3	W-17	L--8	W-16	L--9	2
13	Kyle Mayberry	743	L--6	L-16	W-18	W-15	L--7	2
14	Justin Vignone	658	L--4	W-15	L-10	L-11	FULL	2
15	Michael Poff	unr	L--9	L-14	W-17	L-13	W-18	2
16	Brad Reese	unr	L--2	W-13	L--9	L-12	HALF	1.5
17	Richard Williamson	unr	L--7	L-12	L-15	W-18	L-10	1
18	Al Richey	unr	L--8	L-11	L-13	L-17	L-15	0

		rd 6	rd 7	rd 8	t	rd 9	rd10	rd11	t
7	Al Darr		W--9	L--8	1		W--9	W--8	2
8	Joe Boyd	L--9		W--7	1	L--9		L--7	0
9	Gary Vines	W--8	L--7		1	W--8	L--7		1
11	Coy Summers	L-14	W-12	L-13	1				
12	Kevin Vines	L-13	L-11	L-14	0				
13	Kyle Mayberry	W-12	D-14	W-11	2.5	L-14			0
14	Justin Vignone	W-11	D-13	W-12	2.5	W-13			1

1st place: Richard Kujoth  
 2nd place: Dave Eilering  
 Under 1250: Al Darr

Under 1100: Justin Vignone  
 Unrated: Michael Poff  
 Player of the Year: Bob Cockrell

## Results - Springfield vs. Jacksonville

Board	SPRINGFIELD			JACKSONVILLE
1	<i>David Long</i>	1	0	Richard Kujoth
2	Gerald Bumgardner	1	0	<i>Stephen Seaton</i>
3	<i>Tom Knoedler</i>	.5	.5	Greg Moses
4	Chris Robinson	.5	.5	<i>Collin Mizeur</i>
5	<i>Tony Tucker</i>	0	1	Bob Cockrell
6	Jim Barnes	0	1	<i>Al Darr</i>
7	<i>Mike Shores</i>	0	1	Gary Vines
8	Steve Mc Neil	1	0	<i>Dave Eilering</i>
TOTAL		4	4	White player in italics

# Results - February 17, 2001

Name	rtng	rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	TOT	
1 Kujoth, Richard.....	1900	W 25	W 27	W 8	D 2	3.5	<u>4 tied for 1st, 2nd, 1st A&amp;B, and 1st C&amp;D:</u>
2 Trippe, Terry.....	1799	W 58	W 24	W 30	D 1	3.5	
3 Martin, Richard 3.....	1694	W 10	W 11	W 15	D 5	3.5	
4 Shankar, Ramamoorthy.....	1480	W 41	W 12	D 5	W 19	3.5	
5 Merli, Christopher.....	2119	W 47	W 9	D 4	D 3	3.0	Richard Kujoth Terry Trippe
6 Pappas, Byron.....	1504	W 26	D 19	W 42	D 7	3.0	Richard Martin III
7 Moses, Greg.....	1456	D 56	W 13	W 31	D 6	3.0	Ramamoorthy Shankar
8 Dueker, John.....	1383	W 29	W 28	L 1	W 30	3.0	
9 Cummings, Michael.....	1334	W 17	L 5	W 52	W 33	3.0	<u>2nd place A&amp;B:</u>
10 Leahy, John.....	1325	L 3	W 55	W 51	W 32	3.0	Tom Barnard
11 Young, Matthew.....	1229	W 21	L 3	W 44	W 35	3.0	
12 Kanniah, Suresh.....	1223	W 23	L 4	W 55	W 21	3.0	
13 Bennett, Jerry.....	1196	W 59	L 7	W 37	W 24	3.0	
14 Mounce, Andy.....	1104	W 36	D 20	D 18	W 25	3.0	<u>11 tied for 2nd C&amp;D, 1st E-, and 2nd E-:</u>
15 Boudouris, Bradley W.....	979	W 46	W 58	L 3	W 27	3.0	Byron Pappas
16 Griffin, Danny.....	458	L 43	W 48	W 26	W 28	3.0	Greg Moses
17 Barnard, Tom.....	1756	L 9	H---	W 56	W 42	2.5	John Dueker
18 Martin, Richard 2.....	1436	L 19	W 32	D 14	W 46	2.5	Michael Cummings
19 Reddy, Shreevardhan.....	1233	W 18	D 6	W 39	L 4	2.5	John Leahy
20 Knoedler, Thomas.....	1614	L 31	D 14	W 40	H---	2.0	Matthew Young
21 Baker, James.....	1399	L 11	W 33	W 34	L 12	2.0	Suresh Kanniah
22 Cockrell, Bob.....	1395	L 28	W 43	L 32	W 51	2.0	Jerry Bennett
23 Tuttle, Daniel.....	1386	L 12	W 34	L 33	W 52	2.0	Andy Mounce
24 Schmidt, Scott.....	1369	W 40	L 2	W 43	L 13	2.0	Bradley Boudouris
25 Hoffsuemmer, Jonathan.....	1347	L 1	W 45	W 50	L 14	2.0	Danny Griffin
26 Brown, Tony.....	1313	L 6	W 37	L 16	W 53	2.0	
27 Reichart, Todd.....	1294	X---	L 1	W 36	L 15	2.0	
28 Barnes, James.....	1228	W 22	L 8	W 45	L 16	2.0	
29 Darr, Al.....	1213	L 8	W 41	D 46	D 39	2.0	
30 Jurisch, James.....	1141	W 60	W 56	L 2	L 8	2.0	<u>4 tied for 1st Unr and 2nd Unr:</u>
31 Boyd, Ed.....	1140	W 20	D 40	L 7	H---	2.0	Chris Sobkowiak
32 Coulter, Larry.....	1108	W 52	L 18	W 22	L 10	2.0	David Conwell
33 Mc Neil, Steven.....	1008	W 44	L 21	W 23	L 9	2.0	Daniel Dechert
34 Achelophl, Jon.....	1006	W 54	L 23	L 21	W 55	2.0	Larry Griffin
35 Shankar, Krishna.....	710	L 42	W 54	W 47	L 11	2.0	
36 Sobkowiak, Chris.....	unr.	L 14	W 49	L 27	W 47	2.0	
37 Conwell, David.....	unr.	W 49	L 26	L 13	W 50	2.0	
38 Dechert, Daniel.....	unr.	L 50	L 52	W 59	W 49	2.0	
39 Griffin, Larry.....	unr.	W 51	D 42	L 19	D 29	2.0	
40 Johnson, Kevin.....	2005	L 24	D 31	L 20	W 56	1.5	
41 Kaplan, David.....	1306	L 4	L 29	W 60	D 44	1.5	
42 Vines, Gary.....	1141	W 35	D 39	L 6	L 17	1.5	
43 Willis, Dan.....	1033	W 16	L 22	L 24	D 45	1.5	
44 Kalata, Adam.....	unr.	L 33	W 59	L 11	D 41	1.5	
45 Richardson, Chris.....	unr.	W 48	L 25	L 28	D 43	1.5	
46 Todt, Marshall.....	unr.	L 15	W 60	D 29	L 18	1.5	
47 Skaar, Andrew.....	1376	L 5	W 50	L 35	L 36	1.0	
48 Oscepinski, Joey.....	1007	L 45	L 16	L 53	W 59	1.0	
49 House, Peyton.....	948	L 37	L 36	W 54	L 38	1.0	
50 Fieser, Justin.....	914	W 38	L 47	L 25	L 37	1.0	
51 Galazyuk, Anton.....	883	L 39	W 53	L 10	L 22	1.0	
52 Fleming, Mike.....	619	L 32	W 38	L 9	L 23	1.0	
53 Witczak, Kerry.....	unr.	L 55	L 51	W 48	L 26	1.0	
54 Frey, Matt.....	unr.	L 34	L 35	L 49	W 60	1.0	
55 Menon, Ramadas.....	unr.	W 53	L 10	L 12	L 34	1.0	
56 Huston, Kevin.....	1249	D 7	L 30	L 17	L 40	0.5	
57 Ailes, Tim.....	1465	F---	U---	U---	U---	0.0	
58 Hodge, James.....	1344	L 2	L 15	U---	U---	0.0	
59 Vines, Kevin.....	817	L 13	L 44	L 38	L 48	0.0	
60 Wirtz, Robert.....	806	L 30	L 46	L 41	L 54	0.0	

# Membership Roster

State is **Illinois** unless otherwise specified. Area code is 217 unless otherwise specified.

Membership: 34      Last update: March 17, 2001

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## 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., downtown.

On the second Friday of each 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

April 6-7. Greater Peoria Open. Peoria, Ill.

April 21. SPRINGFIELD SPRINGTIME TOURNAMENT. Springfield, Ill.

May 5. St. Louis Open. St. Louis, Mo.