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Final Hampton Tourney Won By Mote, Gu

43 chess players attended the last tournament the SCC will hold at the Hampton Inn. The tournament was won by David Mote of Springfield and Keqin Gu of Edwardsville, each of whom scored a perfect 4-0. As-yet-unrated Genius Runyowa of Grinnell, Iowa, had a very strong showing by going 3-1, bumping off Dr. Kujoth before falling to Gu in the final round. He took home the unrated prize.

At around 8:30, during registration, a major crisis in the form of a broken computer keyboard threatened to ruin the tournament, but tournament directors Tom Knoedler and David Long were more than up to the task of running the tournament by hand. None of the four rounds was more than five minutes late.

Complete results from the tournament can be found on page 5.

Tournaments Going to Signature Inn

Club leader Tom Knoedler has finished the process of finding us a new site (a permanent one, we hope) to hold our tournaments. That site is the **Signature Inn**, which is on Stevenson Drive near 31st St. (Dirksen Pkwy), diagonally opposite from the Hampton Inn and right next to Exit 94 off I-55/72.

We expect playing conditions to be much better here than at the old site, the Hampton Inn. We will all be playing in one room, which will be larger than both of our old rooms combined. We will also have a skittles room, taking potential crowds out of the lobby.

June 16 was the last tournament held at the Hampton Inn, which has hosted our tournaments since 1994.

SCC Championships August 25!!

The delays in setting up the new site have forced the cancellation of the August tournament. In its place, we will hold a non-rated, members-only club championship tournament. It will be five rounds of 6/60 chess. The site is yet to be determined.

Not all the details of the tournament have been finalized. When they are, each SCC member will be sent a flyer with the news.

MATCH NEWS

Springfield Defeats Jacksonville

On Sunday, June 3, we had our long-awaited return match against the Jacksonville chess club, this one held in Springfield, at club leader Tom's place. Springfield won, 6 to 3. Springfield won five games, drew two, and lost two. For complete results of the match, see below.

Special thanks to Tom and Garald, who set up the sandwiches we ate immediately before the match. And special thanks to Randy Ryner, who showed up as a potential 10th player, for whom there was no opponent.

It is possible we might have another set of matches against them sometime over the summer.

Springfield vs. Bloomington-Normal?

The Twin Cities Chess Club, led by Dennis Bourgerie, has agreed to play the Springfield club one or more matches, if details can be ironed out. This could be the first step of re-starting the central Illinois chess leagues, which died out several years ago.

Bloomington-Normal has two chess clubs: Dennis's TCCC, plus the State Farm Chess Club. The two clubs are in the habit of playing friendly matches against each other. If we play them, we will probably face the two teams combined.

The Springfield and Bloomington-Normal clubs also agreed to exchange each other's newsletters. A copy of the most recent newsletter from their club will be available for inspection at SCC meetings.

In 1999, Ron Suarez of Pekin attempted to start the Central Illinois Chess Circuit, which was supposed to get some more activity, and some rivalries, going in the clubs of the area, but it folded before it was six months old, mainly because of lack of interest among and support from area chess players.

Results - Spfld vs. Jax, Part 2

<u>Board</u>	<u>SPRINGFIELD</u>			<u>JACKSONVILLE</u>
1	<i>Doug Van Buskirk</i>	.5	.5	<i>Richard Kujoth</i>
2	<i>Garald Bumgardner</i>	1	0	<i>Greg Moses</i>
3	<i>David Long</i>	1	0	<i>Collin Mizeur</i>
4	<i>Tom Knuedler</i>	.5	.5	<i>Bob Cockrell</i>
5	<i>Dave Sculley</i>	1	0	<i>Al Darr</i>
6	<i>Jonathan Hoffsuemmer</i>	1	0	<i>Fred Ohles</i>
7	<i>Jim Barnes</i>	0	1	<i>Joe Boyd</i>
8	<i>Mike Shores</i>	0	1	<i>Larry Coulter</i>
9	<i>David Braunfeld</i>	1	0	<i>Dave Eilering</i>
TOTAL		6	3	

White player in *italics*

LADDER NEWS

Rule Changes

At the May 23 SCC meeting, the club cleared up some gray areas and potential trouble spots in the ladder rules by voting in some changes.

The club voted 6-0 to make the rule that any challenge made after 8 p.m. may be deferred without penalty to the following week. If either of the players do not show up the following week, they lose by default.

The club voted 4-3 to modify the rule that says a player may challenge one or two rungs up, if those players are available. The new rule is that a player may only challenge ONE rung up. If that player is unavailable, he may then challenge two rungs up, and so on, until he reaches an available player. This bypass procedure may only be used after 7 p.m., giving players time to get to the meeting.

However, a problem could arise if *all* of the players above the would-be challenger are absent. In that case, the would-be challenger advances past all of them - to the top rung! This means players near the top of the ladder must keep showing up, to defend their positions. This motion was carried 4-1.

Exception! If a player is *present* but unavailable to play (he is already playing someone else, for example, or he is a club officer conducting club business) he cannot be bumped from the top in this manner. The would-be challenger must wait for that player (or another) to become available, and challenge him then, subject to the 8 p.m. deferral rule.

Club VP Gerald Bumgardner's motion to base ladder standings on gross number of wins was *defeated* 4-2, with 1 abstention.

Ladder Standings - July 11, 2001

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. DOUG VAN BUSKIRK | 8. MIKE SHORES |
| 2. DAVID LONG | 9. STEVE MC NEIL* |
| 3. GARALD BUMGARDNER | 10. BRIAN CREASEY |
| 4. TOM KNOEDLER | 11. RANDY RYNER |
| 5. JONATHAN HOFFSUEMMER | 12. DAVID BRAUNFELD |
| 6. DAVE SCULLEY | 13. JOHN DERRICK |
| 7. ED BOYD | 14. CHRIS ROBINSON* |

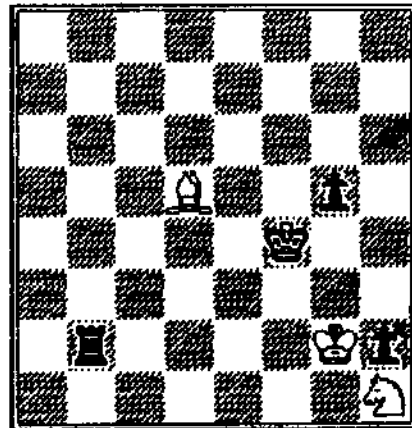
* Steve is expected to drop soon as he has left town. Chris joined ladder on July 11.

Rating Frozen?

We have been diligent about reporting results, but the USCF's ongoing computer problems have prevented the April and even the February tournament results from clearing New Windsor until early June - too late for the June rating list. They also caused the April tournament results to be rated a full week before February's results. So if your rating appears to be in suspended animation, that's why. Look for those results to show up in the August rating list.

A Game from the Match

White: Richard Kujoth
 Black: Doug Van Buskirk
 Springfield, Ill. (M2-Bd 1) June 3, 2001
 Opening: [110] Indian Defense



After Black's 59th move

1. P-Q4 N-KB3 2. P-K3 P-QB3 3. B-Q3 P-Q3
 4. N-KB3 P-K4 5. PxP PxP 6. NxP?? This trap is easy to set up and easy to fall into! Q-R4ch
 7. B-Q2 QxN Black is up a piece. 8. B-B3 Q-KN4
 9. R-N1 B-KN5 10. Q-Q2 QN-Q2 11. N-R3 0-0-0
 12. P-R3 B-B6 Black could have just taken it.
 13. N-B4 P-N4 14. N-R5 N-K4? Maybe ...N-B4 The text move returns the piece. 15. BxN QxB
 16. PxB QxNP White, though still at a slight disadvantage, has a viable game here. 17. N-N3
 - N-Q4 Threatens ...B-N5, pinning the queen. 18. K-B1 B-N5 19. Q-B1
 - Q-K4 20. P-QR4 B-B6 21. R-N1 KR-K1 22. PxP PxP 23. Q-R3 NxPch
 24. PxN QxP Threatens ...QxP, mate! 25. Q-B5ch QxQ 26. NxQ B-Q5
 27. BxNP BxR Required for Black to have winning chances. If ...BxN then RxP, and Black may have to rely on the OCB's to draw. 28. KxB R-K6
 29. B-B6 R-B6 30. B-N7ch K-B2 31. N-R6ch K-Q3 32. B-K4 K-K4 While White has sidelined his pieces (just to save them), Black is activating his king and rooks. Black is better, but there's still a lot of work to be done. 33. N-N4 R-Q7 34. N-B6ch K-B5 35. NxP Bags an outside passed pawn, but the knight couldn't be on a more useless square. R-K6
 36. B-Q3 RxKBP 37. R-KB1 RxRch 38. KxR A pair of rooks come off. White's passed QBP could be a butt-saver later on. P-R4 39. N-B6 K-N6
 40. N-K5 P-R5 Better is ...P-B3, preserving the pawn and kicking the knight away. 41. K-K1 R-R7 42. NxP RxRP 43. B-B1 R-R8 44. N-N5
 - K-N5 45. N-K4 R-R7 46. P-B4 R-QB7 47. K-Q1 R-QR7 48. P-B5 P-R6
 49. B-K2ch K-B5 50. N-B2 P-R7 51. P-B6 R-R2 Neither pawn is going anywhere - for now. The KNP has yet to be utilized. 52. K-K1 R-R8ch
 53. B-Q1 R-R3 54. K-B1 RxP 55. K-N2 R-KR3 56. N-R1 P-N4 57. B-R4
 - R-R3 58. B-N3 R-QN3 59. B-Q5 R-N7ch (See diagram.) 60. K-R3?
- After K-B1, White holds the fort. The text draws the king away from the defense, and into danger. P-N5ch 61. K-R4 R-N3 62. N-N3 R-KR3ch
63. N-R5ch K-B4? Black could have won with ...RxNch!! 64. KxN K-N6
 65. K-N5 K-R6, followed by ...P-N6 and it could! go! all! the! way!
 64. B-N2 R-QN3 65. K-N3 R-KR3 White has set up a fortress. Black cannot attack and hold the pawns at the same time. 66. K-R4 R-QN3
 67. K-N3 R-KR3 68. K-R4, drawn. By triple repetition of position.

Corrections

On page 6 of the May-June issue, two moves in the Seaton-Bumgardner game were wrong. White's 12th move should have been P-QR4, not P-KR4. White's 15th move should have been PxB, not PxN.

Results - June 16, 2001

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>RD 1</u>	<u>RD 2</u>	<u>RD 3</u>	<u>RD 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	David Mote	2283	W-22	W-35	W-15	W--5	4.0
2	Keqin Gu	1816	W-36	W--6	W-16	W--7	4.0
3	Andy Mc Gowan	1958	W-23	L-11	W-18	W-19	3.0
4	Pete Karagianis	1718	W-31	W-37	L--5	W-11	3.0
5	Vernon Smith	1561	W-42	W-27	W--4	L--1	3.0
6	Byron Pappas	1500	W-44	L--2	W-36	W-22	3.0
7	Genius Runyowa	UNR	W-21	W--9	W--8	L--2	3.0
8	Richard Kujoth	1900	W-29	D-18	L--7	W-27	2.5
9	Kevin French	1855	D-24	L--7	W-42	W-29	2.5
10	Clark Guo	1753	W-30	W-12	D-11	----	2.5
11	Ramamoorthy Shankar	1528	W-26	W--3	D-10	L--4	2.5
12	James Webb	1450	W-45	L-10	W-37	D-13	2.5
13	Bob Juranek	1202	L-14	W-45	W-35	D-12	2.5
14 (H)	Stacy Warren	1724	W-13	W-20	----	----	2.0
15	Dennis Bourgerie	1703	W-38	W-39	L--1	----	2.0
16	Gary Blickhan	1605	W-43	W-25	L--2	----	2.0
17	David Sculley	1575	L-25	W-26	W-24	----	2.0
18	Randy Ryner	1482	W-41	D--8	L--3	D-23	2.0
19	Jonathan Hoffsuemmer	1347	L-27	W-43	W-39	L--3	2.0
20	Larry Van Ryn	1345	W-32	L-14	W-25	----	2.0
21	James Hodge	1314	L--7	W-40	L-27	W-39	2.0
22	Seth Chiles	1294	L--1	W-41	W-34	L--6	2.0
23	Robert Parker	1279	L--3	W-44	D-28	D-18	2.0
24	Krishna Shankar	1204	D--9	D-30	L-17	W-38	2.0
25	Larry Griffin	1076	W-17	L-16	L-20	W-34	2.0
26	Siyao Gu	1056	L-11	L-17	W-45	W-36	2.0
27	Derek Sparks	UNR	W-19	L--5	W-21	L--8	2.0
28 (H)	Tom Knoedler	1571	HALF	HALF	D-23	----	1.5
29	Bill Wright	1452	L--8	D-42	W-30	L--9	1.5
30	Adam Kalata	1186	L-10	D-24	L-29	W-42	1.5
31	Josh Rohrscheib	1133	L--4	L-33	W-41	D-32	1.5
32	Josh Johnson	UNR	L-20	L-36	W-40	D-31	1.5
33	Tom Barnard	1756	L-37	W-31	----	----	1.0
34	John Eaton	1697	L-39	W-38	L-22	L-25	1.0
35	Dave Bononi	1502	W-40	L--1	L-13	----	1.0
36	Jerry Bennett	1196	L--2	W-32	L--6	L-26	1.0
37	Kevin Guo	1182	W-33	L--4	L-12	----	1.0
38	Larry Coulter	1108	L-15	L-34	W-44	L-24	1.0
39	Danny Griffin	1089	W-34	L-15	L-19	L-21	1.0
40	Joey Oscepinsky	1007	L-35	L-21	L-32	W-44	1.0
41	Justin Fieser	914	L-18	L-22	L-31	W-45	1.0
42	Joseph Earl	1075	L--5	D-29	L--9	L-30	0.5
43	Michael Shores	1082	L-16	L-19	----	----	0.0
44	Patrick Gu	947	L--6	L-23	L-38	L-40	0.0
45	Dylan Canavan	UNR	L-12	L-13	L-26	L-41	0.0

2 tied for 1st-2nd: David Mote, Keqin Gu.

2 tied for 1st Class A & B: Andy Mc Gowan, Pete Karagianis.

2 tied for 1st Class C & D: Vernon Smith, Byron Pappas.

2 tied for 1st Class E & under: Larry Griffin, Siyao Gu.

1st Unrated: Genius Runyowa.

Games

Here are two of USCF master Dave Mote's games from the tournament. Footnotes are in right-hand column, by Dave Mote.

White: Dave Mote
Black: Dave Bononi
Springfield, Ill. June 16, 2001
Opening: [256] Sicilian Dragon

1. P-K4 P-QB4
2. N-KB3 N-QB3
3. P-Q4 PxP
4. NxP P-KN3
5. P-QB4 B-N2
6. B-K3 P-Q3
7. N-QB3 N-B3
8. B-K2 O-O
9. O-O P-K4? [1]
10. KN-N5 N-K1
11. P-B5 N-Q5
12. NxN PxN
13. BxP N-B3
14. PxP QxP
15. P-K5 Q-B3
16. PxN BxP
17. B-B3 Q-R3
18. N-Q5 B-N4
19. Q-Q2 P-B3 [2]
20. Q-B3 B-B4
21. KR-K1 QR-Q1
22. P-KN3 B-R6
23. B-B5 R-B2
24. N-N4 Q-R4
25. B-Q5 K-N2
26. BxR KxB
27. R-K7ch K-N1
28. Q-B4ch Resigns [3]

White: Dave Mote
Black: Vernon Smith
Springfield, Ill. June 16, 2001
Opening: [333] Spanish Morphy

1. P-K4 P-K4
2. N-KB3 N-QB3
3. B-N5 P-QR3
4. B-R4 N-B3
5. O-O P-QN4
6. B-N3 B-K2
7. R-K1 O-O
8. P-QB3 P-Q4!?
9. PxP NxP
10. NxP NxN
11. RxN P-QB3
12. P-Q4 B-Q3
13. R-K1 Q-R5
14. P-N3 Q-R6
15. B-K3 B-KN5
16. Q-Q3 QR-K1
17. N-Q2 K-R1
18. BxN PxB
19. Q-B1 Q-R4
20. P-QR4 P-B4
21. P-KB4 P-N4
22. BPxP P-B5
23. BxP B-KR6
24. Q-B2 BxB
25. RxR RxR
26. QxB K-N1
27. PxP R-K7
28. PxP R-N7ch
29. K-R1 R-K7 [4]
30. P-R7 B-N7ch
31. K-N1 QxRPch
32. KxQ B-K5 dis ch
33. K-R3 B-N7ch
34. K-R4 B-B6
35. P-R8=Rch Resigns

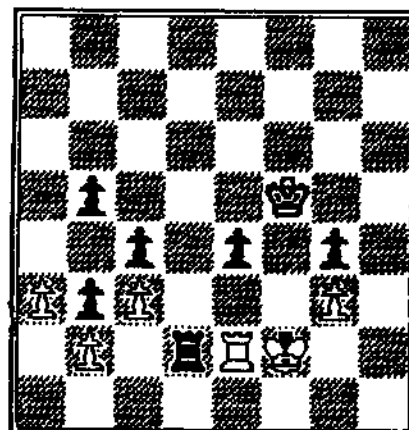
- [1] Better is...
N-KN5
10. BxN BxB
11. QxB NxN
12. Q-Q1

- [2] If...
BxQ
20. N-K7, mate!!

- [3] Following is...
K-R1
29. Q-B7
...and mate next move

- [4] A better try is...
Q-K7
...but White has...
30. Q-N8ch K-N2
31. Q-K5ch
...or...
30. Q-N8ch K-B2
31. R-KB1ch R-B7
32. RxRch QxR
33. Q-B4ch
...but not...
30. N-B1?? RxRPch!
31. NxR Q-N7 mate!

AT RIGHT: This is the position in the Al Darr-Dave Sculley game in the Spfld-Jax. match after White's 49th move. What is Black's best move? Answer on page 8.



A Visit from the ICA

During the month of June, the SCC had a visit from Bill Brock, interim editor of the *Illinois Chess Bulletin*. It seems that, at least for the present, the *ICB* has solved its chronic lateness problems (keep those fingers crossed); he brought a stack of surplus May-June *ICB* issues to distribute to club members. There are still a few left, and they are available for free upon request.

We also discussed the state of Illinois championship tournaments, such as the Illinois Open and the Illinois Class, which always go to Chicago - or suburban Chicago. Similarly, the *ICB* is too often 55 pages of Chicago news and 2 pages of downstate - if we're lucky. Bill said the ICA is as concerned about this as we are.

Ideas were floated around at this discussion, including the possibility of holding major tournaments downstate, maybe even in Springfield. Bill said that the ICA would probably be willing to support a "downstate Illinois championship", open to all but awarding the title only to chess players from zip codes 61000 through 62999, and it would be more than willing to support bids from downstate clubs (Peoria, Bloomington, even Springfield) to hold the Illinois Open.

Watch the newsletter for anything that might develop about bringing state tournaments to Springfield.

Farewells

Jonathan "F.B." Hoffsuemmer has been accepted to Washington University in St. Louis and will be departing for there in mid-August.

Steve Mc Neil has accepted a job in Chicago and, by the time you read this newsletter, he will already be there.

The SCC will miss both of these chess players, and wishes them best of luck.

Out of Town

Springfield was represented by David Long in the Bloomington tournament of May 19 and the Mt. Vernon tournament of May 20. He scored 3-for-4 in Bloomington and 2.5-for-3 in Mt. Vernon.

Randy Ryner represented Springfield at the Quincy tournament on May 20, going 2.5-for-4.

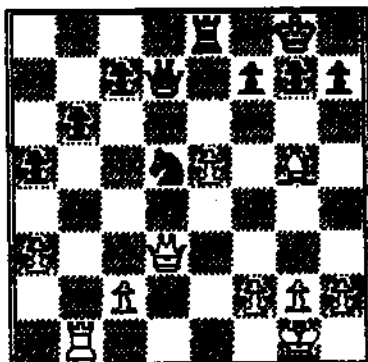
Announcements

The September-October issue of the *Observer* will contain the membership roster (which currently stands at 40 members). A member who has any objection to his address or phone number being published must let me know before press time (September 15). Any member already on the "withhold address" list will remain there unless otherwise requested.

The club still has a few magazines for sale! We have four old *ICBs*, two old copies of *Chess Life* and one nearly new *Empire Chess*. They cost 25 cents each. See David.

Take On Gerald's Computer IV

by Gerald Bumgardner



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

It is White's move.

Solution

Black's best move is 49...P-K6ch!! There follows 50. KxP RxRch
51. KxR K-K5!, creating zugzwang - the white king must retreat and let
the black king in one way or another. This was what really happened in
the game. If White declines the pawn,, for examine 50. K-K1 or K-B1,
Black can play 50...RxR, with or without check; White must play 51. KxR
and Black obtains the opposition anyways with 51...K-K5.

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Reg Ends</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
July 14	Bellville, Ill.	9:45	Cesareo Rodriguez	(618) 234-6972
July 15	Mt. Vernon, Ill.	9:15	Mark Oestreich	(618) 532-5733
July 21	Normal, Ill.	8:45	Dennis Bourgerie	(309) 454-3842
July 21	Edwardsville, Ill.	8:45	Paul Holland	(618) 288-4117
July 29	Quincy, Ill.	11:50	Gary Blickhan	(217) 223-8762
August 18	Peoria, Ill.	8:45	Fred Malconne	(309) 369-4833
August 25	Springfield, Ill. *	TBD	David Long	(217) 522-0489
October 27	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
November 3	Normal, Ill.	8:45	Dennis Bourgerie	(309) 454-3842

* - This is a non-rated Springfield Chess Club Championship. When plans
are finalized, flyers will be sent to all members. If necessary, there
will be a special meeting.