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David Mote is SCC Champion!

The 2001 Springfield Chess Club Championship Tournament, held September 1, drew 9 players plus one no-show. It was won by David Mote, of Springfield, who scored 3.5 out of 4. He won a post-tourney blitz-off with Richard Kujoth, of Jacksonville, who took second place overall, also with 3.5 out of 4. Mote and Kujoth had drawn in round 3.

Winning the under 1700 trophy was Tom Knoedler, of Springfield, with 2 points. Brian Altman, also of Springfield, won the under 1300 trophy, also with two points. This was his first tournament!

This tournament, held at Lincoln Library, was the first city championship in several years. The library, however, has been host to a few of our "minor" tournaments in years past, most recently a Quick Chess tournament in 1997(?) There may be more QC tournaments next year, but this is in the early planning stages.

Complete results from the tournament are on page 3.

Special thanks...

...to David "Leptoman" Braunfeld, for his extensive research on trophies and potential tournament sites, and for his idea for sliding time controls, which enabled us to hold four rounds *and* have an hour-long lunch break.

...to Al Darr, who came up from Carrollton to direct the tourney.

Help Us Kick Off New Site in October!

On October 27, the SCC will have its first tournament at the new site, the Signature Inn, diagonally across the corner from the old site, the Hampton. The format of the tournament will remain the same, but the discount entry fee for juniors is eliminated.

Entry fees: \$15 at door (\$13 for SCC members), \$12 in advance.
Registration ends at 8:45. Rounds: 9, 12, 3, & 6. Time control: G/80.

We hope to see a large crowd to begin our tournaments at the new place right! (And, yes, to offset higher rent costs.)

Book Sale Continues

SCC VP Garald Bumgardner has made another donation of chess books and magazines to the club. Many of these have already been sold! A complete list of available books and magazines (including a few left over from last winter) is available upon request. Thanks Garald!

Reminder! The SCC still has some surplus copies of the May-June *Illinois Chess Bulletin*. These are being distributed FREE - just come to club and ask for one.

Tentative Tournament Schedule 2002

The following dates are our likely tournament dates for next year. Be advised they still need to pass the clearinghouses and will not be even semi-official until later this year. More in the next newsletter.

February 9, April 13, June 8, August 24, October 19, December 14

Entry Fees To Rise

Rising costs of tournaments, most notably hotel room rent and TLAs (Tournament Life Announcements), require us to raise the entry fees of our tournaments. This new scale takes effect in December:

In advance - \$17 (or \$15 for SCC members.)

At the door - \$20 (or \$18 for SCC members.)

Match News

As of September 9, no SCC matches have been scheduled, although several match proposals remain on the table, including a possible match against the Bloomington-Normal chess clubs. We also might play another two matches (one away, one home) against the Jacksonville club. Some of the Jacksonville people have proposed having a central Illinois-wide match, with the Springfield, Jacksonville, Peoria, and Bloomington-Normal clubs meeting on neutral ground and slugging it out.

Last winter's match proposal from the Eldorado, Ill., college has not been followed up and is considered dead.

Ladder Standings - September 5, 2001

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

* Jonathan remains on the ladder despite being in St. Louis for college. David Mote joined ladder August 8, 2001. Randy Ryner withdrew from ladder August 15, 2001.

Results - SCC Championship Tournament

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	David Mote	2285	W--6	W--4	D--2	W--5	3.5
2	Richard Kujoth	1900	W--8	W--5	D--1	W--3	3.5
3	Gerald Bumgardner	1874	W--9	W--6	D--4	L--2	2.5
4	David Long	1802	W--7	L--1	D--3	W--8	2.5
5	Tom Knoedler	1559	FWIN	L--2	W--9	L--1	2.0
6	Jim Barnes	1219	L--1	L--3	W--7	FULL	2.0
7	Brian Altman	UNR	L--4	W--8	L--6	W--9	2.0
8	Larry Coulter	1154	L--2	L--7	FULL	L--4	1.0
9	David Braunfeld	1023	L--3	FULL	L--5	L--7	1.0
10	Chris Robinson	UNR	FORF	----	----	----	0.0

1st place: David Mote

U1700: Tom Knoedler

Blitz-Off

2nd place: Richard Kujoth

U1300: Brian Altman

Mote 1, Kujoth 0

More Newsletter Exchanges

In addition to the Twin Cities (Bloomington-Normal) Chess Club, the SCC now trades newsletters with the Greater Peoria Chess Federation. Both Bloomington's irregular and Peoria's quarterly newsletters are available for inspection at SCC meetings.

The SCC also now sends copies of the *Observer* to three officers of the Illinois Chess Association. This - we hope - will mean more coverage of Springfield and other downstate chess in the *Illinois Chess Bulletin*.

Blitz Tournaments

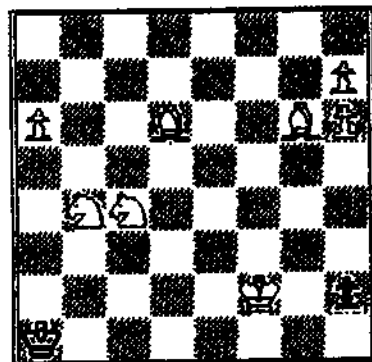
Another proposal by David Braunfeld would have the SCC hold occasional non-rated blitz tournaments or possibly bughouse tournaments at some Wednesday night meetings, with a low entry fee (\$1 or maybe \$2), with half the proceeds returned as prizes and half going to the club treasury. If we do have bughouse tournaments, teams will most likely be chosen randomly. Watch the newsletter for details.

Absurdity, Part I

We Three Kings of Connecticut Are

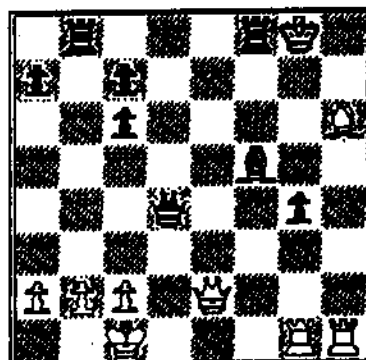
The position at right reportedly occurred in a kiddie tournament in Connecticut, in 1994. Black is busted; only by making a knight (giving check) can he stave off mate another move. With considerable chess expertise but extremely limited knowledge of certain technicalities (i.e. The Rulebook), how did black manage to last another three moves?

Answer on page 6.



A Game From the Tournament

In this third round game, David Mote and Richard Kujoth (who eventually finished first and second) battled to a draw after a wild game. Notes by David Mote.



White: David Mote
 Black: Richard Kujoth
 SCC Championship, round 3
 September 1, 2001
 Opening: [372] King's Knight's Gambit

1. P-K4 P-K4 2. P-KB4 PxP 3. N-KB3 P-KR3 4. P-Q4 P-KN4 5. B-B4
 (More promising is 5. P-KR4 B-N2 6. PxP PxP 7. RxR BxR 8. P-KN3!
 P-N5 [8...PxP 9. BxP B-B3 10. BxB NxB 11. P-K5] 9. N-R2! PxP
 10. QxP K-B1 [else 11. QxN] 11. QxNP) 5...P-Q4 6. BxQP (6. PxP
 N-KB3 7. N-QB3 B-N5 8. Q-K2ch is OK for white; 8...K-Q2? threatening
 ...R-K1 loses to 9. N-K5ch!) 6...N-KB3 7. N-B3 NxB 8. NxN B-N2
 9. P-KN3 (9. 0-0 P-QB3 10. N-QB3 B-N5 11. N-K2 is equal) 9...PxP
 10. PxP 0-0 11. B-K3 (The idea behind white's ninth move was to
 sacrifice here with 11. NxNP PxN 12. Q-R5, but 12...R-K1! 13. N-B3
 BxP and it is white, a piece down, whose king is exposed.) 11...Q-Q3
 12. B-B2 P-KB4 13. N-B3 PxP 14. N-K5! (14. NxKP? Q-K3! 15. Q-Q3
 B-B4 16. KN-Q2 R-K1, and the knight goes.) 14...P-K6! (14...BxN
 15. PxP QxP 16. Q-Q5ch! QxQ 17. NxQ N-R3 18. RxP makes white's
 task easier.) 15. BxP N-B3 16. NxN! QxNPch 17. K-Q2 (White is a
 pawn down, but now he can activate his pieces.) 17...PxN 18. Q-K2
 Q-Q3 19. QR-KN1 P-N5 20. N-K4 Q-N3 (20...Q-N5ch 21. K-B1 BxP
 22. P-B3 BxBch 23. QxB Q-B5 24. QxKRP and white wins; 24...B-B4
 25. Q-R8ch K-B2 26. N-N5ch K-K2 [26...K-N3 27. Q-R6, checkmate!]
 27. R-K1ch K-Q3 28. Q-K5ch K-Q2 29. Q-K7ch) 21. N-N3! R-N1
 22. K-B1 B-K3 23. N-R5 B-B4 24. NxB QxN 25. BxP QxP (diagram)
 26. BxR (26. P-B3! with two possible lines, both better for white.
 One: 26...Q-K5 27. QxQ BxQ 28. RxPch. Two: 26...QxPch 27. PxQ
 R-N8ch 28. K-Q2 R-N7ch 29. K-K1. Other black moves on move 26
 simply leave white up the exchange.) 26...QxPch 27. K-Q1 R-Q1ch
 28. K-K1 Q-B8ch 29. K-B2 Q-B5ch 30. K-K1 (30. K-N2?? B-K5ch and
 black wins) 30...Q-QB8ch 31. K-B2 Q-B5ch 32. K-K1 Q-QB8ch, drawn.
 By triple repetition of position.

Out of Town

Springfield chess players Jonathan Hoffsuemmer and David Long participated in the tournament at Belleville on July 14. Jonathan went 1.5-for-3; David went 2.5-for-3. David also played in Bloomington on July 21, going 2.5-for-4; and in Peoria on August 18, where he went 3-for-4. He was joined there by Randy Ryner, who also scored 3 out of 4.

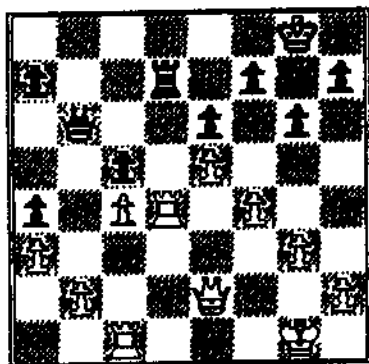
Membership Roster

State is Illinois and area code is 217 unless otherwise specified.
Membership: 42. Last update: September 5, 2001.

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Take On Gerald's Computer 5

by Gerald Bumgardner



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

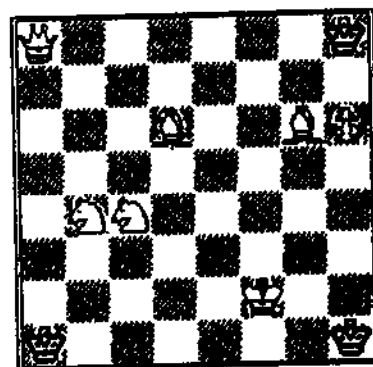
White just played 26. Exd4.
How does black continue?

Absurdity Solution

Black, not knowing the illegality of his move, played 1...P-RB=King!! Now, if white checkmates either king (with one of the bishops or by promoting the pawn), he stalemates the other! White proves himself to be just as slick with 2. P-RB=Black King!!!

It's black's move now, and he can move the third king. So... 2...K-N1 3. P-QR7 K-R1 4. P-RB=Q, triple mate!

All three black kings are checkmated! Since white would have won anyways, the TD decided that the moves were "too cute" to make the players retract.



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>
September 15	Oglesby, Ill.	9:00	Ron Suarez	(309) 241-2120
September 16	Mt. Vernon, Ill.	9:15	Mark Oestreich	(618) 532-5733
September 22	Bloomington, Ill.	11:45	Colley Kitson	(309) 766-9493
September 29	Bloomington, Ill.	8:45	Dennis Bourgerie	(309) 454-3842
October 6	St. Louis, Mo.	9:45	David Cole	(636) 386-2487
October 20	Peoria, Ill.	8:45	Fred Malcome	(309) 369-4833
October 27	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
November 3	Normal, Ill.	8:45	Dennis Bourgerie	(309) 454-3842