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Martin, Miles Win October 27

The October tournament, the first to be held at our new site, the Signature Inn; drew 29 players, and was won by two tied 4-0 scores: Richard Martin III of Trenton, Ill., and Kyle Miles of Windsor.

Tying for the A-B prize, with 3 points, were William Meyer, hometown unknown, and Kevin French of Decatur.

Three players tied for the C-D prize, also with 3 points. They were Derek Sparks of Middletown, James Hodge, hometown unknown, and Jeremy Griffith of Decatur.

Sharing the E prize were Larry Coulter of Mt. Sterling, and William Cheng of Ballwin, Mo. They each scored 1.5 points.

Finally, the unrated prize was split by Josh Hendricks of Decatur and Andrew Barfield of Mt. Sterling. They scored 2 points.

Many people commented that the new site, all in one room, is better than the old site. It certainly beats the crowded rooms and narrow hallways of the Hampton. We hope to see everybody at the next tournament in December. Beware, though, that we will not have the extra skittles room in December; the extra space is just too expensive.

Complete results of the tournament are on page 3.

Tournament on December 15

Mark your calendars! The SCC's last tournament of this year will be held at the Signature Inn on *December 15*, not the 5th as reported in the latest *Chess Life*. The magazine also messed up by putting down the old entry fees; remember, they are going up starting in December, to cover increasing costs. New entry fees are as follows:

Advance entry fee:	\$17 (or \$15 for SCC members.)
At the door:	\$20 (or \$18 for SCC members.)

Time to Renew!

All SCC memberships will expire on December 31. Be sure to renew before the year is out! Annual dues are \$12. Mail in the membership form from page 5 or renew at a Wednesday night meeting.

Results - October 27, 2001

Name	rtng	rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	TOT
1 Martin, Richard III.....	1890	W 28	W 8	W 4	W 3	4.0
2 Miles, Kyle.....	1724	W 15	W 20	W 7	W 9	4.0
3 French, Kevin.....	1840	W 14	W 6	W 5	L 1	3.0
4 Meyer, William.....	1637	W 16	W 11	L 1	W 14	3.0
5 Sparks, Derek.....	1544	W 25	W 9	L 3	W 11	3.0
6 Hodge, James.....	1424	W 23	L 3	W 26	W 17	3.0
7 Griffith, Jeremy.....	1420	W 30	W 19	L 2	W 18	3.0
8 Smith, Vernon.....	1598	W 24	L 1	D 13	W 21	2.5
9 Kujoth, Richard.....	1900	W 13	L 5	W 21	L 2	2.0
10 Knoedler, Tom.....	1559	H---	H---	H---	D 15	2.0
11 Wright, Bill.....	1409	W 17	L 4	W 23	L 5	2.0
12 Tuttle, Daniel.....	1346	D 27	D 21	L 17	X---	2.0
13 Kelly, James.....	1335	L 9	W 27	D 8	H---	2.0
14 Bracamontes, John.....	1250	L 3	W 25	W 20	L 4	2.0
15 Ohles, Frederik.....	1208	L 2	W 30	D 19	D 10	2.0
16 Boyd, Joe.....	1208	L 4	L 23	W 25	W 24	2.0
17 Barfield, Andrew.....	unr.	L 11	W 24	W 12	L 6	2.0
18 Hendricks, Josh.....	unr.	L 21	W 22	W 27	L 7	2.0
19 Blickhan, Gary.....	1635	W 22	L 7	D 15	U---	1.5
20 Bononi, David.....	1460	W 26	L 2	L 14	H---	1.5
21 Cao, Shimin.....	1400	W 18	D 12	L 9	L 8	1.5
22 Coulter, Larry.....	1170	L 19	L 18	W 30	D 23	1.5
23 Cheng, William.....	881	L 6	W 16	L 11	D 22	1.5
24 Cao, Tony.....	1142	L 8	L 17	W 28	L 16	1.0
25 Bennett, Jerry.....	1132	L 5	L 14	L 16	W 30	1.0
26 Earl, Joseph.....	1093	L 20	W 28	L 6	F---	1.0
27 Neal, Brian.....	unr.	D 12	L 13	L 18	D 28	1.0
28 Darr, George Allen.....	1297	L 1	L 26	L 24	D 27	0.5
29 Boyd, Clarence E.....	1247	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0
30 Allen, Ben.....	unr.	L 7	L 15	L 22	L 25	0.0

1st-2nd

Richard Martin III
Kyle Miles

1st A&B

Kevin French
William Meyer

1st C&D

Derek Sparks
James Hodge
Jeremy Griffith

1st E&under

Larry Coulter
William Cheng

1st Unrated

Andrew Barfield
Josh Hendricks

Ladder Standings - November 9, 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 | |

Out of Town

Springfield chess player David Long went 3-0 at Mt. Vernon on September 16. He also attended the Quick Chess tournament in Bloomington on September 22, scoring 12.5 out of 14 and taking first place. Also participating was Dave Braunfeld who scored half a point.

Absurdity Solution

White plays 1. B/R6-KB5ch!, being relayed by the knight on KN8. The black king cannot go to KR3 as the White king, relayed by the other knight, attacks this square. The king's relay square K4 is also covered. It can either move 1...K-N2 or make the relay move 1...K-KB1. In either case, White can mate with 2. P-Q8=Knight!!! The now-knighted rook on K6 now attacks both squares, and exposes the bishop to attack Black's K1, where he might try to go if he is on KB1. Since knights cannot capture or be captured, 2...KxN/N1 is not allowed.

Notes

Sep. 11, 2001, the day the World Trade Center towers were destroyed, is the six-year anniversary of the beginning of the first game of the Kasparov-Anand world championship match - which was held on the observation deck of the World Trade Center.

Games

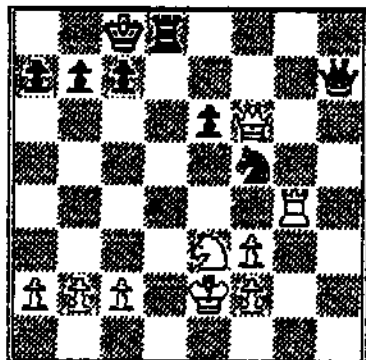
The following are two of local master Dave Mote's games over the computer from last winter. Dave is white in both games:

Game 1: 1. P-K4 P-K4 2. P-KB4 PxP 3. N-KB3 N-KB3 4. P-K5 N-R4 5. B-K2 P-KN4 6. P-Q4 P-N5 7. Q-Q PxN 8. KBxP N-N2 9. BxBP B-K2 10. B-R6 N-B4 11. B-Q5 NxB 12. Q-R5 R-B1 13. QxN P-QB3 14. BxKBPch RxB 15. Q-R5 Q-N3 16. QxRch K-Q1 17. Q-NBch K-B2 18. N-B3 QxQPch 19. K-R1 P-N4 20. QxP B-N5 21. P-K6 N-R3 22. QR-Q1 Q-B4 23. PxP, Black resigns.

Game 2: 1. P-K4 P-K4 2. P-KB4 P-Q4 3. KPxP QxP 4. N-QB3 Q-R4 5. PxP QxKPch 6. B-K2 B-Q3 7. N-B3 Q-QR4 8. P-Q4 N-KB3 9. Q-Q Q-Q 10. B-KN5 B-K2 11. Q-Q2 B-KN5 12. N-K5 BxB 13. QxB Q-N5 14. QR-Q1 QxNP 15. R-Q3 Q-R6 16. BxN BxB 17. RxB PxR 18. Q-N4ch K-R1 19. R-N3 Q-BBch 20. N-Q1 Q-N4 21. NxPch K-N2 22. NxQ, Black resigns.

Take On Gerald's Computer 6

by Gerald Bumgardner



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

Black to move, what continuation?
Also, what was white's last move,
and from what square?

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>
November 18	Mt. Vernon, Ill.	9:15	Mark Oestreich	(618) 532-5733
December 2	Quincy, Ill.	10:50	Gary Blickhan	(217) 223-8762
December 15	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
January 26	Peoria, Ill.	8:45	Fred Malcome	(309) 369-4833

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Membership Form

Annual Dues: \$12

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Make checks payable to
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CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

Mail to:
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David Long, Treasurer
2021 1/2 S. 4th St.
Springfield, Ill. 62703

PHONE: (_____) _____

USCF ID# (if any): _____

Check if a new membership

Check if a renewal

Membership roster will appear in the newsletter every spring and autumn.

Check here to withhold address from publication.

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