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Richard Martin Wins December Tourney

Twenty-eight people braved dense fog to attend the tournament on Decemeber 15. Richard Martin III of Trenton, Ill., won clear first with a perfect score of 4-0. Tying for second place and the class A-B prize were Kevin French of Decatur, and Terry Trippe of St. Louis, each with 3.5 points out of 4.

Three people tied for the class C-D prize: Derek Sparks of Middletown, Jeremy Griffith of Decatur, and Shimin Cao, hometown unknown. They scored 2.5 points out of four. Winning the E-prize, with two points, was Joe Boyd of Woodson. No unrateds participated in this tournament.

A few people showed up on Wednesday, December 5 to play; it seems they were taken in by *Chess Life's* erroneous announcement of the date of the tournament, and found nothing when they got there! We do not know how many, or how far they came...

Complete results can be found on page 5.

Tom Knoedler Honored

On January 16, the Springfield Chess Club held a (few days early) 50th birthday party for club president and secretary Tom Knoedler. Thirteen people attended: Tom himself, three Davids - Long, Mote, and Braunfeld - Curt, Edmund, Garald, Dr. and Mrs. Kujoth, James Sennett, Mike and his girl-friend Lynn, and former club president Leonard Ferguson. Tom was presented with, among other things, some books and a crystal chess set. He also has quite a bit of leftover cake to put away!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOM!!!

Next Tournament: February 9

Our first tournament of 2002 will be held at the Signature Inn, on Saturday, February 9. Entry fees are \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door, with \$2 discount to SCC members (either in advance or at the door.) Registration ends at 8:45, first round is at 9.

Minor Event News

New publicity officer David "Leptomán" Braunfeld is organizing several small Wednesday night events to try to get club attendance up. Among these are a series of lectures, thematic tournaments, and an all-year blitz tournament, held one week per month.

All minor events will begin at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

Current Minor Event Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>
February 13	Blitz Tournament, Part 1	\$1
February 27	Lecture Series (tent.)	Free
March 13	Blitz Tournament, Part 2	\$1
March 20	Danish Gambit Thematic	\$2
March 27	Lecture Series	Free
April 10	Monkey Butt Thematic	\$2
April 17	Blitz Tournament, Part 3	\$1

Blitz!

One week per month, we will have a round robin blitz tournament. It may be converted into a Holland or Swiss system tournament in case of high turnout. Entry fee is \$1. For the tournament, each participant scores his total playing score. Whoever finishes the year with the most points wins. Prizes for this tournament are yet to be determined, but most likely there will be a few free memberships out there.

Thematic Series Begins In March

In a thematic tournament, all games will begin with the same opening. The first such tournament, scheduled for March 20, will be a Danish Gambit thematic. Not all details are finalized yet, but time control will be between G/15 and G/30, and entry fee probably \$2.

Lecture Series To Begin Soon

Leptomán is organizing chess lectures, to be held one week per month. Of course we need people to give the lectures! If you have anything chess-related that you would like to share with the club, see Leptomán. Try to keep the lectures fairly short (under 1 hour).

David Long is (at press time) in the process of building a demonstration board, and this will be used at the meetings.

Quick Tournament Postponed

The proposed date of March 23 fell through (no site) and must be postponed until July 20, when it will be held at the Lincoln Library. SCC vice president Ed Boyd is organizing. We will have a 9-round quick tournament, G/10. More details later.

Meeting News

Occasionally we are bumped from our usual meeting site, usually to a room upstairs in the American Legion building. Starting in February, we will be bumped to that room on the first Wednesday of every month. This is expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

To get to the upstairs room, go past the bar, turn left at the popcorn machine, and go up the stairs. There may be signs posted.

Have You Renewed?

Check your mailing label! If it is typed in red, then this will be your **LAST ISSUE!** Renew today to continue receiving the *Observer!* Use the membership form on the page 7.

New in the '02 Observer

New vice president Ed Boyd is preparing some annotated games demonstrating certain openings, which will be appearing in the *Observer*. The last contribution from former vice president Garald Bumgardner appears in this issue. (Now, if we can get him to supply the answers!)

Bloomington Match On Back Burner

Bloomington club leader Dennis Bourgerie is too busy at this moment to prepare their club for the match. If the match preparation ever gets back on track, details will be in the newsletter.

Ladder Standings - January 11, 2002

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

Expired players who have not renewed by February
will be dropped from the ladder!!!

Out Of Town

The traditional New Years Day tournament in Columbia, Ill., has survived another year. Let's hope someone from the area will take over when current organizer Russell Day retires. Springfield was represented by David Long at the tournament. He scored 2 points out of 3.

The Mount Vernon-based Southern Illinois Chess League has canceled its first tournament of 2002, and may cancel more, because club leader Mark Destreich is gravely ill. We wish him a speedy recovery!

Jacksonville News

Jacksonville Championship February 2-3

The Jacksonville Area Chess Club will hold its fifth annual club championship tournament early next month. All four of the tournaments so far have been won by Dr. Kujoth.

The format of the tournament is different than in years past; the tournament is now six rounds over two days; four on Saturday, and two on Sunday. Time control has been lengthened to G/75. And, to avoid a repeat of last year's 11-round marathon, trophies will now be decided by tie-break systems instead of blitz-offs. The places themselves, however, will be shared in case of a tie.

In addition, the tournament is moving to a new site - Illinois College. The departure of Gary and Kevin Vines has meant the old site, the Jacksonville Center for Independent Living, is no longer available.

Clubs To Exchange Newsletters

JACC officer Al Darr, of Carrollton, has started a newsletter, *Zwischenzug*, for the Jacksonville club. The two clubs will be exchanging newsletters. Copies of their newsletter, which is published quarterly, will be available for inspection at SCC meetings.

The SCC also trades for the Bloomington-Normal *Twin Cities Chess Club Newsletter* and the Peoria *Chess Mate* newsletter.

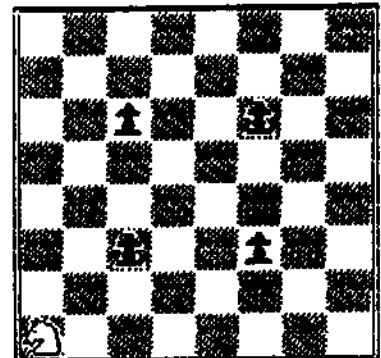
Springfield vs. Jacksonville Match No. 3

Our clubs are preparing for their third match. It was originally slated for March, but will probably not be held until May. It is the Jacksonville club's turn to host the match, and the site will again be the Jacksonville Public Library (site of our first match.) There will be a special meeting of the club right before the match.

Absurdity, Part 3

For this exercise, you will need a friend to time you (and to watch you for mistakes.) Move the knight from QR1 to QN1 (possibly via QB2, QR3) and from there to QB1, and so on to KR1. Then go up one rank (to KR2) and back to the queenside. Continue going back and forth, skipping squares occupied or attacked by the pawns, until you finish by going from QN8 to QR8. Never move the knight to a square occupied or attacked by a pawn (10 seconds penalty every time you do so.)

When you try it for the first time, 10 minutes is beginner level, 5 minutes about average, and 2 minutes master level. If you try a second time, a 25 percent improvement indicates strong potential to become a master. I got worse.



Complete Results - December 15, 2001

1st place: Richard Martin III

2 tied for 2nd place and 1st AB: Kevin French, Terry Trippe

3 tied for 1st CD: Derek Sparks, Jeremy Griffith, Shimin Cao

1st E & under: Joe Boyd

Name	rtng	rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	TOT
1 Martin, Richard 3.....	1897	W 18	W 5	W 4	W 6	4.0
2 French, Kevin.....	1840	W 15	D 8	W 12	W 9	3.5
3 Trippe, Terry.....	1741	W 16	W 14	D 9	W 8	3.5
4 Miles, Kyle.....	1735	W 20	W 10	L 1	W 14	3.0
5 Bonwell, Jonathan.....	1652	W 29	L 1	W 15	W 16	3.0
6 Kujoth, Richard.....	1900	D 11	W 21	W 7	L 1	2.5
7 Guo, Clark.....	1804	D 19	W 11	L 6	W 21	2.5
8 Bourgerie, Dennis.....	1712	W 24	D 2	W 22	L 3	2.5
9 Sparks, Derek.....	1544	W 25	W 22	D 3	L 2	2.5
10 Griffith, Jeremy.....	1446	W 17	L 4	D 21	W 18	2.5
11 Cao, Shimin.....	1410	D 6	L 7	W 19	W 20	2.5
12 Knoedler, Tom.....	1559	D 27	W 19	L 2	H---	2.0
13 Moses, Greg.....	1476	L 21	W 27	L 16	W 24	2.0
14 Weed, Duane.....	1447	W 26	L 3	W 23	L 4	2.0
15 Hoffsuemmer, Jonathan.....	1353	L 2	W 24	L 5	W 25	2.0
16 Black, David.....	1309	L 3	W 26	W 13	L 5	2.0
17 Boyd, Joe.....	1026	L 10	L 20	W 29	W 23	2.0
18 Guo, Kevin.....	1385	L 1	W 29	D 20	L 10	1.5
19 Chandran, Zubin.....	1328	D 7	L 12	L 11	W 27	1.5
20 Mc Donald, Jordan.....	1295	L 4	W 17	D 18	L 11	1.5
21 Cao, Tony.....	1153	W 13	L 6	D 10	L 7	1.5
22 Howlett, Albert.....	1760	W 23	L 9	L 8	U---	1.0
23 Tuttle, Dan.....	1311	L 22	W 25	L 14	L 17	1.0
24 Griffin, Larry.....	1200	L 8	L 15	W 27	L 13	1.0
25 Coulter, Larry.....	1155	L 9	L 23	W 26	L 15	1.0
26 Scott, Keith.....	1133	L 14	L 16	L 25	W 29	1.0
27 Berry, Douglas.....	1177	D 12	L 13	L 24	L 19	0.5
28 Healy, James.....	1744	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0
29 Griffin, Dan.....	1194	L 5	L 18	L 17	L 26	0.0

Games

White: Larry Coulter
 Black: Keith Scott
 Opening: [250] Sicilian Defense
 Springfield, Ill. December 2001

Larry Coulter, of Mt. Sterling, describes this game as his favorite from the December 15 tournament.

1. P-K4 P-QB4 2. P-Q4 PXP 3. QXP N-QB3 4. Q-Q1 N-B3 5. N-QB3 P-K3
 6. B-KN5 B-N5 7. N-B3 Q-R4 8. B-Q2 0-0 9. P-QR3 BxN 10. BxB Q-Q1
 11. B-Q3 P-Q4 12. BxN QxB 13. P-QB3 P-Q5 14. PXP NXP 15. NxN QxN
 16. P-QN4 P-KB4 17. PXP PXP 18. 0-0 P-KN3 19. R-B1 B-K3 20. B-B4 QxQ
 21. KRxQ [*] BxB 22. RxB QR-B1 23. R/1-QB1 RxR 24. RxR R-Q1
 25. P-KN3 R-Q2 26. P-KR3 K-B2 27. P-N4 K-K3 28. PXPch KxP
 29. K-N2 K-K4 30. K-B3 R-Q6ch 31. K-N4 R-Q5ch 32. RxR KxR
 33. K-N5 P-N4 34. K-R6 K-B5 35. P-B4 K-N6 36. KxRP KxRP 37. KxP KxP
 38. P-B5 K-B6 39. P-B6 and Black resigned on move 55.

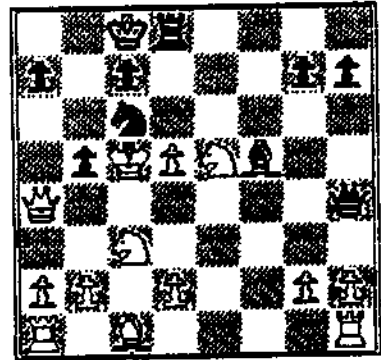
* - White could have taken the bishop with check, recapturing the queen next move a piece up.

This is another of Dave Mote's games over the computer from last winter. Dave is white: 1. P-K4 P-K4 2. P-KB4 PXP 3. N-KB3 P-Q3 4. B-QB4 N-KB3 5. P-Q3 B-N5 6. QBxP QN-Q2 7. QN-Q2 N-KR4 8. B-K3 B-K2 9. 0-0 N-K4 10. NxN BxQ 11. BXPch K-B1 12. BxN disch B-B3 13. N-B7 Q-K2 14. QRxB P-KN3 15. B-K2 KxN 16. B-N5 K-N2 17. BxBch QxB 18. RxQ KxR 19. R-KB1ch K-N2 20. P-Q4 QR-K1 21. B-Q3 P-B3 22. N-B4 P-Q4 23. N-Q6 R-K2 24. P-K5 P-QN4 25. P-QN3 P-KR4 26. P-B4 P-R3 27. PxQP PXP 28. R-QB1 P-R5 29. P-KR3 R-R4 30. B-K2 R-N4 31. B-B3 R-N6 32. R-B5 P-N4 33. RxQP R-QB2 34. N-B5ch K-N3 35. NxR PxN 36. R-QB5 R-Q2 37. B-K4ch K-N2 38. P-Q5, Black resigns.

Played in Holland, this game appeared in *Chess Life* in 1984. It has no bearing on the Springfield area but is here for its entertainment value. The Wilkes-Barre Defense [324] looks insane, but it has so far defied all attempts to refute it. In this game, however, White sacrifices his queen and marches his king across the board with impunity, though Black missed several possible wins late in the game.

1. P-K4 P-K4 2. N-KB3 N-QB3 3. B-B4 N-B3 4. N-N5 B-B4!? 5. NXP BXPch 6. KxB NXPch 7. K-K3 Q-K2 with the idea of ...Q-B4ch. 8. P-B3 N-Q5 9. KxN/K4!! If 9. NxR Q-N4ch 10. QxN/K4 P-Q4ch and wins. If instead 9. PxN PXPch 10. K-B3 P-Q4 11. BXP 0-0 with complications. It's very easy for White to throw the game away here, if he's not careful 9...Q-R5ch 10. K-K3ch Q-B5ch 11. K-Q3 P-Q4! 12. BXP B-B4ch 13. K-B4 P-N4ch 14. K-B5 Check this position out! 14...Q-R5 15. NXP 15. BxR?? Q-K2ch and wins. 15...0-0-0 16. P-B4! 16. PxN RxBch! 17. KxR R-Q1ch and wins 16...RxBch 17. PXR R-Q1 18. N-QB3 N-B3!! 19. Q-R4!!! (See diagram on next page) Just so! White cannot take the knight. Also 19. NXP fails to ...Q-QN5ch 20. KxN B-Q2ch 21. NxB Q-QB5ch and mate next move. If 19. P-Q4 then ...Q-K2ch 20. KxN Q-N5! 21. N-K4 P-QR3 followed by 22...R-Q3ch and mate next move. Finally, 19. P-QR3 Q-Q5ch 20. KXP P-QR3ch and wins. 19...Q-K2ch!

If Black takes the queen, then 20. NxN. Black's attack has evaporated, and the king sits on Qb5 and thumbs its nose at the Black queen, rook, and bishop. It is worth noting that Black's king never leaves the first rank. 20. KxP QxN



After White's 19th move

21. Q-Qb4?! White can force Black to accept the sacrifice with 21. Q-R6ch K-N1 22. QxN B-Q2. 21...N-Q5 22. K-R4 B-Q2ch 23. K-R5?! with the idea of marching to QR8! White could have forced a perp with 23. K-R3 N-B7ch 24. K-N3. 23...N-B3ch 24. K-R6?? 24. K-R4 forces the draw. 24...N-Nich 25. KxP P-B3? ...Q-Q3 wins immediately. 26. N-N5!! Puts a stop to mate threats, and makes some of his own, in the form of 27. K-N6 and 28. N-R7. 26...B-B4 27. P-Q4 R-Q2ch 28. K-R8 Perhaps K-N6! 28...Q-K2 29. PxP Better is P-Q6! 29...B-K5! 30. P-Q5 BxQP 31. QxB! RxQ 32. N-R7ch K-Q1 33. KxN?! Better is 33. B-B4!!, threatening 34. P-B7ch. If 33...N-R3 34. KR-K1 Q-N5 35. B-N5ch! RxB 36. QR-Q1ch and wins. 33...Q-Qb2ch?? ...Q-K4ch! gets the draw, unless White messes up! 34. K-R8 R-QR4 ...K-K1 threatens a mate that is difficult to escape from, though 35. B-N5 holds the fort. Now it's time for White to develop his last three pieces! 35. B-N5ch Stops the mate. Black must accept the bishop, as moving the king loses to 36. QR-K1ch. 35...RxB 36. QR-Q1ch K-K1 37. KR-K1ch K-B1 38. R-Q7 QxRP 39. R/1-K7 QxP 40. R-N7! R-QB4 41. P-B7 Q-N5 42. R-B7ch! K-K1 If ...KxR, then 43. P-B8=Q dis ch wins at once. Now this wild game ends in a pawn race! 43. P-N4 R-B7 44. P-R4! P-R4! 45. P-R5 P-R5 46. P-N5 P-R6 47. N-B6! P-R7 48. RxP, Black resigns. For there is nothing to be done about 49. R-QN8ch. If 48...QxR, then 49. P-B8=Q is checkmate.

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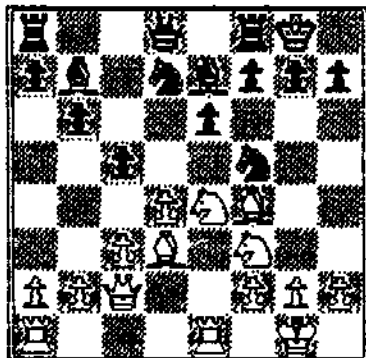
Membership roster will appear in the newsletter every spring and autumn.

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Take On Gerald's Computer 7

by Gerald Bumgardner



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

White to move.

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. *News flash!* Starting in February, on the first Wednesday of every month, we will be meeting in a room upstairs instead of our usual room on the west side of the building.

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>
January 26	Peoria, Ill.	8:45	Fred Malcome	(309) 369-4833
January 27	Quincy, Ill.	9:50	Gary Blickhan	(217) 223-8762
February 9	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
March 2	Edwardsville, Ill.	8:45	Paul Holland	(618) 288-7487
March 9-10	Peoria, Ill.	9:30	Wayne Zimmerle	(309) 686-0192

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