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## David Mote Sweeps February Tourney

The tournament on February 9 was attended by 37 chess players, another above average crowd. Reigning SCC Champion David Mote, of Springfield, won the tournament with a perfect score of 4-0. Second place, with 3.5 points, was Dennis Bourgerie, of Normal.

Kevin French, of Decatur, Derek Sparks, of Middletown, and Martin Franek, hometown unknown, all tied for the A-B prize with 3 points. Also with 3 points was Scott Schmidt, of Bloomington, who won the C-D prize.

There was a 6-way tie for the class E-and-under prize. 2 points were scored by Andrew Barfield and Larry Coulter, both of Mt. Sterling; by John Broderick, hometown unknown; David Eilering, of Jacksonville; Michael Beard, of Hillsboro; and Jerry Bennett, of Decatur.

Finally, Scott Schertz, hometown unknown, scored 1 point and won the unrated prize by default.

Complete results from the tournament are on page 5.

## Dr. K Five-Peats

Jacksonville held its fifth annual club championship tournament at a new site - Illinois College - on February 2-3. This was the first time the tournament had six rounds. Richard Kujoth of Jacksonville won the tournament with a final score of 5.5 points out of 6. Second place went to Collin Mizeur of Springfield, who scored 4.5 points.

First place for those rated 1300 and under went to Fred Ohles, of Jacksonville. He scored four points. Winning the 1100 and under category was Joe Boyd, of Woodson, also with four points. Joe Boyd also collected this year's Sportsman of the Year trophy. Kyson Mathieu, of Jacksonville, with 1.5 points, won the unrated trophy.

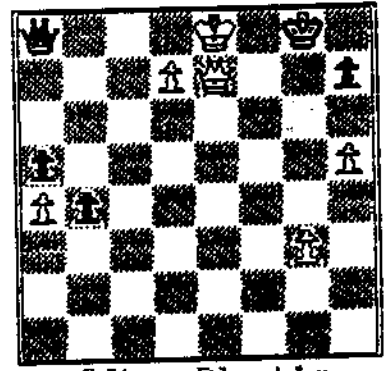
Complete results can be found on page 4.

## Next Tournament: April 20

Our next tournament will once again be held at the Signature Inn, on Saturday, April 20. No tax pressure! 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.

# Underpromotion

White: Richard Kujoth (1900)  
 Black: Kyle Miles (1777)  
 Springfield, Ill. February 9, 2002  
 Opening: [111] Gruenfeld Defense

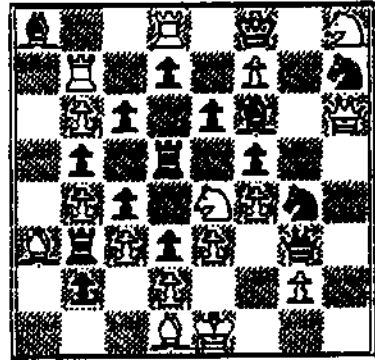


After Black's 52nd move

(Notes by Dr. K.) 1. P-QB4 N-KB3 2. N-KB3 P-KN3  
 3. P-KN3 B-N2 4. B-N2 O-O 5. O-O P-Q4 6. PxP  
 NxP 7. P-Q4 N-Q2 8. P-K4 N/4-B3 9. N-B3 P-B4  
 10. P-Q5 P-QR3 11. P-QR4 White now owns the  
 center, and has prevented black from expanding on  
 the queenside. 11...N-K1 12. B-K3 P-N3 13. Q-Q2  
 P-B4?! Seriously weakening the KP and the K3 square.  
 14. PxP RxP 15. N-KN5 N/2-B3 16. B-R3 RxN Any other move will lose  
 the exchange. This will too, but there's more of a fight for black here.  
 17. BxB R-K4 If 17. BxR? BxB and Black has come out ahead. 18. B-K6ch  
 K-R1 19. B-B4 N-K5 20. Q-B2 (20. NxN? RxN holds the fort. Now the  
 rook must go.) 20...NxN 21. BxR BxU 22. PxN N-Q3 23. P-KB4 B-N2  
 24. P-R4 P-QN4 25. P-B5 PxBP 26. BxP NxB 27. RxN P-N5 28. R-R5  
 Q-KN1 29. R-N5 Q-KB1 30. R-KB1 Q-K1 31. PxP PxP 32. Q-N3 B-B3  
 33. R/5-B5 P-QR4 34. K-R2 R-B1 35. P-Q6 R-B6 36. Q-K6 Q-N3  
 37. R/1-B3? 37. R-N5! will win the queen or forces mate shortly.  
 37...RxR 38. RxR Q-B7ch 39. K-R3 Q-B3 40. RxB PxR 41. QxPch K-N1  
 42. P-R5? Winning immediately is 42. Q-Q8ch and 43. Q-B7ch, forcing a  
 trade of queens. 42...Q-R8ch 43. K-N4 Q-K5ch 44. K-N5 Q-K6ch  
 45. K-B5 White must be careful not to trade queens before his king is  
 in position to support his QP's advance, because he will not be able to  
 catch black's QNP. 45...Q-KB6ch 46. K-K6 Q-K5ch 47. K-Q7 Q-N2ch  
 48. K-K8 Q-B1ch 49. K-K7 Q-N2ch 50. K-K8? Here, 50. P-Q7 wins. If  
 50...Q-K5ch, then 51. Q-K6ch, a cross-check, forces the queen trade.  
 50...Q-K5ch 51. Q-K7 Q-B3ch 52. P-Q7 Q-R1ch 53. P-Q8=Q?? Q-B3ch,  
 drawn! Black has a neverending supply of checks at QR1, QB3, and K5.  
 But: White could have won with 53. P-Q8=N!!! Q-B6 (no checks available)  
 54. Q-N5ch K-R1 55. N-B7ch QxNch (forced) 56. KxQ and 57. Q-N7 mate.

## Absurdity, Part 4

Berkelian chess is named for an 18th century philosopher who had a theory that objects exist only because they are perceived to exist. In this bizarre variant, any piece that is neither attacked nor guarded is removed from the board. In this position, composed by L. C. Rodo in 1993, every man is attacked or guarded - for now. Your job is to find the one move (white or black, you figure it out) that will set in motion a chain reaction of vanishing pieces - including the kings - until the board is completely empty. Solution on page 6.



# Minor Event News

## Thematic Tournaments!

All games in a thematic tournament begin with the same opening. Our first such tournament will feature the Danish Gambit. Opening moves are 1. P-K4 P-K4 2. P-Q4 PxP 3. P-QB3 PxP 4. B-QB4 PxP. This opening was a favorite of medieval noblemen who played "living chess" using prisoners dressed in costumes as the pieces. When a piece was captured - as happens a lot in this opening - the prisoner representing that piece was beheaded on the spot.

In April, the club will hold a Monkey Butt Opening thematic. This opening begins 1. P-K4 P-KN3 2. B-B4 B-N2 3. Q-B3. In the 1970s, British club experts analyzed the opening. A local master, upon seeing White's move, commented, "If that works, then I'm a monkey's bum!" The move is actually better than it looks - so the name stuck.

These tournaments will NOT be rated. Entry fee is \$2.

## Current Minor Event Schedule

*All minor events will begin at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise specified.  
For results of past events, see page 5.*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>
March 20	Danish Gambit Thematic	\$2
March 27	Lecture Series	Free
April 10	Monkey Butt Thematic	\$2
April 17	Blitz Tournament, Part 3	\$1
April 24	Lecture Series	Free
May 15	Blitz Tournament, Part 4	\$1
May 22	Blackmar Gambit Thematic	\$2
May 29	Lecture Series	Free

## Ladder Standings - March 13, 2002

1. GARALD BUMGARDNER	6. BRIAN CREASEY
2. JONATHAN HOFFSUEMMER	7. MIKE SHORES
3. DAVID LONG	8. DAVID BRAUNFELD
4. TOM KNOEDLER	9. DAVID MOTE
5. ED BOYD	10. BRIAN ALTMAN

## Obituary

Mark Destreich, club leader of the Mount Vernon-based Southern Illinois Chess League, died in February after a battle with cancer. He will be greatly missed by chess players all over southern Illinois.

He had a tournament scheduled for March 17; and the Metro East chess club will be the substitute sponsor. It will quite possibly be the last tournament to be held in the Mount Vernon area.

## Results - Jacksonville Championship

Rank	Rtrng	Name	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Total
1	1900	Richard Kujoth	W-11	W--2	W--8	W--3	W--4	D--6	5.5
2	1420	Collin Mizeur	W-18	L--1	D--4	W--5	W--9	W--3	4.5
3	1510	Bob Cockrell	W-12	W--9	W-14	L--1	W--6	L--2	4.0
4	1300	Fred Ohles	D--7	W-17	D--2	W-13	L--1	W-10	4.0
5	1026	Joe Boyd	L--8	W-11	W--9	L--2	W-15	W-12	4.0
6	1150	Andrew Barfield	L-16	W--7	W-18	W-14	L--3	D-1	3.5
7	669	Brad Reese	D--4	L--6	W-17	L--9	W-19	W-13	3.5
8	1455	Steve Seaton	W--5	W-16	L--1	W-10	----	----	3.0
9	1275	Al Darr	W-15	L--3	L--5	W--7	L--2	W-17	3.0
10	1121	Larry Coulter	W-19	L-14	W-15	L--8	W-11	L--4	3.0
11	1089	David Eilering	L--1	L--5	W-19	W-18	L-10	FULL	3.0
12	1085	Coy Summers	L--3	L-18	FULL	W-15	D-13	L--5	2.5
13	1084	Brian Neal	L-14	W-19	W-16	L--4	D-12	L--7	2.5
14	1480	Greg Moses	W-13	W-10	L--3	L--6	----	----	2.0
15	658	Justin Vignone	L--9	FULL	L-10	L-12	L--5	W-19	2.0
16	UNR	Berrid Estabrook	W--6	L--8	L-13	W-17	----	----	2.0
17	UNR	Kyson Mathieu	HALF	L--4	L--7	L-16	FULL	L--9	1.5
18	743	Kyle Mayberry	L--2	W-12	L--6	L-11	----	----	1.0
19	UNR	Al Richey	L-10	L-13	L-11	FULL	L--7	L-15	1.0

1st place: Richard Kujoth  
 2nd place: Collin Mizeur  
 1st 1300 & under: Fred Ohles

1st 1100 & under: Joe Boyd  
 1st unrated: Kyson Mathieu  
 Sportsman of the Year: Joe Boyd

## Results - Blitz Tournaments

### February 13

Pl#	Name	1	2	3	4	Total	
1	Tom Knoedler	x	L	W	n	1.0	* Michael Shores's games and results do not count since he played less than half of the possible rounds.
2	David Long	W	x	W	W	2.0*	
3	David Braunfeld	L	L	x	n	0.0	
4	Michael Shores	n	L	n	x	0.0*	

### March 13

Pl#	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Year	#Gms	% Avg
1	Tom Knoedler	x	W	L	W	W	L	3.0	4.0	7	57.1
2	David Braunfeld	L	x	L	W	W	L	2.0	2.0	7	28.6
3	David Long	W	W	x	W	W	L	4.0	6.0	7	85.7
4	Brian Creasey	L	L	L	x	W	L	1.0	1.0	5	20.0
5	Michael Shores	L	L	L	L	x	L	0.0	0.0	5	0.0
6	Garald Bumgardner	W	W	W	W	W	x	5.0	5.0	5	100.0

## On The Table

The SCC has tentative plans to hold another club championship tournament at the library sometime in September. More details later. Last year's championship was won by David Mote.

# Complete Results - February 9, 2002

1st place: David Mote  
 2nd place: Dennis Bourgerie  
 1st A & B: Kevin French, Martin Franek, Derek Sparks  
 1st C & D: Scott Schmidt  
 1st unrated: Scott Schertz  
 1st E & under: Andrew Barfield, Larry Coulter, Michael Beard,  
 Jerry Bennett, David Eilering, John Broderick

Name	rtng	rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	TOT
1 Mote, David.....	2285	W 4	W 8	W 3	W 7	4.0
2 Bourgerie, Dennis.....	1720	W 12	H---	W 9	W 14	3.5
3 French, Kevin.....	1860	W 11	X---	L 1	W 17	3.0
4 Franek, Martin.....	1700	L 1	W 21	W 19	W 16	3.0
5 Sparks, Derek.....	1669	W 15	L 7	W 21	W 22	3.0
6 Schmidt, Scott.....	1508	L 7	W 23	W 30	W 15	3.0
7 Miles, Kyle.....	1777	W 6	W 5	D 14	L 1	2.5
8 Healy, James.....	1744	W 16	L 1	W 18	D 12	2.5
9 Trippe, Terry.....	1739	W 17	D 14	L 2	W 26	2.5
10 Alton, Matthew.....	1687	L 14	W 19	W 20	D 13	2.5
11 Wolz, Dave.....	1601	L 3	W 22	W 24	H---	2.5
12 Kelly, James.....	1403	L 2	W 33	W 34	D 8	2.5
13 Hoffsuemmer, Jonathan.....	1353	L 29	W 32	W 33	D 10	2.5
14 Kujoth, Richard.....	1900	W 10	D 9	D 7	L 2	2.0
15 Jarrette, Phil.....	1868	L 5	W 18	W 26	L 6	2.0
16 Griffith, Jeremy.....	1446	L 8	W 24	W 31	L 4	2.0
17 Moses, Greg.....	1429	L 9	W 34	W 23	L 3	2.0
18 Barnes, James.....	1219	W 31	L 15	L 8	W 28	2.0
19 Barfield, Andrew.....	1150	W 32	L 10	L 4	W 30	2.0
20 Coulter, Larry.....	1121	L 34	W 37	L 10	W 33	2.0
21 Broderick, John.....	1119	W 28	L 4	L 5	W 31	2.0
22 Eilering, David.....	1089	W 37	L 11	W 25	L 5	2.0
23 Bennett, Jerry.....	1048	W 35	L 6	L 17	W 32	2.0
24 Beard, Michael.....	1027	W 36	L 16	L 11	W 34	2.0
25 Knoedler, Tom.....	1537	H---	D 26	L 22	H---	1.5
26 Boudoris, Brad.....	1299	W 30	D 25	L 15	L 9	1.5
27 Boyd, Joe.....	1143	L 33	D 28	L 32	W 36	1.5
28 Todt, Marshall.....	849	L 21	D 27	W 37	L 18	1.5
29 Thompson, Mark.....	1707	W 13	F---	U---	U---	1.0
30 Braunfeld, David.....	1023	L 26	W 35	L 6	L 19	1.0
31 Wiedman, David.....	1004	L 18	W 36	L 16	L 21	1.0
32 Frey, Matt.....	861	L 19	L 13	W 27	L 23	1.0
33 Meinhardt, Edmund.....	858	W 27	L 12	L 13	L 20	1.0
34 Rogier, Aaron.....	850	W 20	L 17	L 12	L 24	1.0
35 Vignone, Justin.....	658	L 23	L 30	L 36	W 37	1.0
36 Schertz, Scott.....	unr.	L 24	L 31	W 35	L 27	1.0
37 Glockner, Steve.....	681	L 22	L 20	L 28	L 35	0.0

## 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 first Wednesday of every month, and once in a while other Wednesdays, we meet 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.

# Membership Roster

Membership: 29      Last update: March 13, 2002  
State is Illinois and area code is 217 unless otherwise specified.

(redacted)

## Absurdity Solution

Play ...P-Q3 for Black. Then remove the pieces from the squares in this order (some transpositions are possible): c6, e6, d5, b5, f5, e4, c4, d3, g3, g2, e1, d2, d1, b3, g4, h6, a3, e3, f4, b2, h7, f6, c3, d8, h8, b4, a8, d6, f8, b7, b6, f7.

## Area Tournament Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Reg Ends</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
March 17	Quincy, Ill.	10:50	Gary Blickhan	(217) 223-8762
March 17	Salem, Ill.	9:15	Paul Holland	(618) 288-7487
March 23	St. Louis, Mo.	10:00	David Cole	(636) 386-2487
April 6	Oglesby, Ill.	9:00	Ron Suarez	(309) 241-2120
April 20	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
April 27	Peoria, Ill.	8:45	Fred Malcome	(309) 367-4833
May 4	Quincy, Ill.	8:50	Gary Blickhan	(217) 223-8762
May 4-5	St. Louis, Mo.	9:15	Bill Wright	(314) 822-5334
May 18	Normal, Ill.	8:45	Dennis Bourgerie	(309) 454-3842