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Shankar Wins April Tourney

On April 20, twenty-nine chess players came to town to play in the tournament. The tournament was won by 1538-rated Ramamoorthy Shankar, of Bloomington, who scored a perfect 4-0. Second place went to Surya Kopula, also of Bloomington, with 3.5 points out of 4.

Bloomington's strong showing continued with Suresh Kanniah, who with 3 points shared the A-B prize with Richard Kujoth, of Jacksonville, and Gary Blickhan, of Quincy. Also with 3 points were the winners of the C-D prize: Jeremy Griffith, of Decatur; Greg Moses, of Jacksonville; and Duane Weed, hometown unknown.

The E-prize was also split three ways, by Jerry Bennett, of Decatur; David Eilering, of Jacksonville; and Calvin Terlizzi, hometown unknown. Kevin Walton, of Springfield, won the unrated prize by default.

Complete results of the tournament are on page 3.

Next Tourney: June 8

Our next tournament will be held June 8 at the Signature Inn, with all details the same as usual. Time control is G/80, first round at 9.

Quick Chess!

Mark your calendars! SCC vice president Ed Boyd's Quick Chess Tournament is scheduled for July 20, and will be held *downtown* at the Lincoln Library. There will be 9 rounds (the number and the format may be adjusted in case of poor turnout), of G/10 chess, with the first round at 10:30. There will be an hourlong lunch break beginning at noon. The last round is scheduled for 3:30. Entry fee is \$10.

Welcome New Members

The SCC added two new members during March: Kevin Walton, of Springfield, and Philip Borders, of Chatham. Welcome to the club!

Membership now stands at 31. The renewal rate (for last year's members) was 66%.

Minor Event News

April Spill

The Monkey Butt tournament was postponed, and is currently scheduled for May, as all thematics have been pushed back a month.

The month's blitz tournament was canceled and the yearlong series will now have only 10 tournaments.

Current Minor Event Schedule

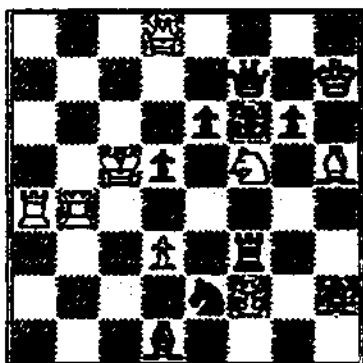
*All minor events will begin at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise specified.
For results of past events, see pages 3-4.*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>
May 15	Blitz Tournament, Part 3	\$1
May 22	Monkey Butt Thematic	\$2
May 29	Lecture Series	Free
June 12 (8 p.m.)	Blitz Tournament, Part 4	\$1
June 19	Blackmar Gambit Thematic	\$2
June 26	Lecture Series	Free
July 17	Blitz Tournament, Part 5	\$1
July 24	Ponziani Opening Thematic	\$2

Ladder Standings - May 10, 2002

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| 1. GARALD BUMGARDNER | 7. BRIAN CREASEY |
| 2. JONATHAN HOFFSUEMMER | 8. MICHAEL SHORES |
| 3. DAVID LONG | 9. DAVID BRAUNFELD |
| 4. TOM KNOEDLER | 10. BRIAN ALTMAN |
| 5. DAVID MOTE | 11. KEVIN WALTON |
| 6. ED BOYD | 12. PHILIP BORDERS |

Absurdity, Part 5



White to play and mate in 9.
Solution on page 4.

Special Meeting June 12

There will be a special meeting of the chess club on Wednesday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m., called by publicity officer David Braunfeld.

On the table are possible club events to be held over the summer, not necessarily chess-related (such as a club barbecue.) Also to be discussed are the lukewarm participation rate in the new "minor events" and the possible cancellation of some of these.

The meeting will be immediately followed by the month's blitz tournament.

Complete Results - April 20, 2002

<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	Shankar, Ramamoorthy	1538	W-25	W-17	W--3	W--7	4.0
2	Kopula, Surya	1658	W-24	W-13	D--5	W--9	3.5
3	Kujoth, Richard	1900	W-19	W--8	L--1	W-14	3.0
4	Kanniah, Suresh	1729	W-14	L--7	W-24	W-11	3.0
5	Blickhan, Gary	1614	W-15	W-26	D--2	D--6	3.0
6	Griffith, Jeremy	1489	W-16	W-22	D--9	D--5	3.0
7	Weed, Duane	1475	W-27	W--4	W-23	L--1	3.0
8	Moses, Greg	1426	W-21	L--3	W-17	W-16	3.0
9	Schmidt, Scott	1659	W-20	W-12	D--6	L--2	2.5
10	Ryner, Randy	1509	L-26	L-18	W-20	W-15	2.0
11	Guo, Kevin	1396	L-17	W-25	W-26	L--4	2.0
12	Hoffsuemmer, Jonathan	1377	W-28	L--9	L-16	W-25	2.0
13	Dhles, Fred	1300	W-29	L--2	L-15	W-27	2.0
14	Barnes, James	1231	L--4	W-27	W-22	L--3	2.0
15	Eilering, David	1151	L--5	W-28	W-13	L-10	2.0
16	Bennett, Jerry	1059	L--6	W-19	W-12	L--8	2.0
17	Terlizzi, Calvin	967	W-11	L--1	L--8	W-24	2.0
18	Long, David	1030	HALF	W-10	----	----	1.5
19	Heller, Jack	1200	L--3	L-16	W-21	D-22	1.5
20	Tuttle, Daniel	1203	L--9	D-21	L-10	W-28	1.5
21	Braunfeld, David	978	L--8	D-20	L-19	W-29	1.5
22	Nibbelin, Mark	919	FULL	L--6	L-14	D-19	1.5
23	Knoedler, Thomas	1500	HALF	HALF	L--7	----	1.0
24	Codding, Douglas	1152	L--2	W-29	L--4	L-17	1.0
25	Nibbelin, Dan	1084	L--1	L-11	W-28	L-12	1.0
26	Ruth, James	1065	W-10	L--5	L-11	----	1.0
27	Nayak, Luke	1021	L--7	L-14	W-29	L-13	1.0
28	Flach, Nic	950	L-12	L-15	L-25	L-20	0.0
29	Walton, Kevin	unr.	L-13	L-24	L-27	L-21	0.0

1st place: Ramamoorthy Shankar

2nd place: Surya Kopula

1st A & B: Suresh Kanniah, Richard Kujoth, Gary Blickhan

1st C & D: Jeremy Griffith, Duane Weed, Greg Moses

1st E & under: David Eilering, Jerry Bennett, Calvin Terlizzi

1st unrated: Kevin Walton

Results - Blitz Tournaments

April 17

TOURNAMENT CANCELED

Cumulative Standings

1	David Long	6 (7)	4	David Braunfeld	2 (7)
2	Gerald Bumgardner	5 (5)	5	Brian Creasey	1 (5)
3	Tom Knoedler	4 (7)	6	Michael Shores	0 (5)

Results - Thematic Tournaments

March 20 - Danish Gambit

Pl#	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	
1	Ed Boyd	x	L	L	L	L	W	1.0	Victories by Color: White - 7 Black - 7 Draws - 1
2	Gerald Bumgardner	W	x	W	L	L	W	3.0	
3	Tom Knoedler	W	L	x	L	L	W	2.0	
4	David Long	W	W	W	x	D	W	4.5	
5	David Mote	W	W	W	D	x	W	4.5	
6	Kevin Walton	L	L	L	L	L	x	0.0	

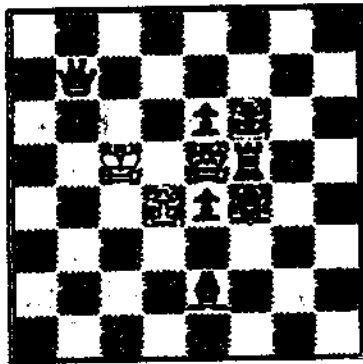
April 10 - Monkey Butt

TOURNAMENT POSTPONED
(rescheduled for May 22)

Magazines For Sale

The Springfield Chess Club has nine magazines for sale. One is an *Illinois Chess Bulletin* from 2001. The others are *Chess Life*, all of them from the 1960s (mostly 1962-63) except for one from earlier this year. They cost 25 cents each, or \$2 takes them all. See David.

Absurdity Solution



1. R-N7 QxR (the best defense)
2. BxPch KxB 3. Q-KN8ch KxN
4. Q-N4ch K-K4 5. Q-R5ch R-B4
6. P-B4ch BxP 7. QxNch BxQ
8. R-K4ch PxR 9. P-Q4, mate.

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.

Area Tournament Schedule

Date	City	Reg Ends	Contact	Phone
May 18	Normal, Ill.	8:45	Dennis Bourgenie	(309) 454-3842
June 8	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
June 29	Edwardsville, Ill.	8:45	Paul Holland	(618) 288-4117
July 20	Springfield, Ill.	10:15	David Long	(217) 522-0489