



# Chess Club Observer

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## Hernandez, Cao Split First Place

Thirty chess players attended the tournament on June 8. First place in the tournament was shared by Hector Hernandez, of Chicago, and Shimin Cao, of Chesterfield, Mo., each of whom scored 3.5 points. Taking the A-B prize was Richard Kujoth, of Jacksonville, with 3 points.

The C-D prize was split three ways, by John Dueker, of Lockport; Jonathan Hoffsuemmer, of Springfield; and Michael Chu, hometown unknown. They each scored 3 points. Andrew Barfield, of Mt. Sterling, took the E prize with 2.5 points. Finally, in his first tournament, Brian Creasey, of Springfield, scored 2 points and took home the unrated prize.

Complete results from the tournament are on page 4.

## Next Tourney: August 24

Our next regular tournament will be held Saturday, August 24, at the Signature Inn, all details the same as usual. Time control is G/80, first round at 9. Entry fees for SCC members: \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door (\$2 more for non-members.)

## Quick Chess!

It's almost time!! SCC vice president Ed Boyd's "Buck-A-Minute" Quick Chess Tournament is on Saturday, July 20, at the North Carnegie Room inside Lincoln Library, downtown. Registration ends at 10:15, there will be 9 rounds (split by an hourlong lunch break), time control G/10, entry fee \$10. This will be the first Quick Chess event held in the Springfield area in several years. Be there!

## Membership, Attendance Up

Membership has increased to 35, with the addition of two new members, Spencer Harris and James Ruth, both of Springfield. We have also got a few (very) late renewals. Average attendance at club meetings is also up slightly, after several months of decline. Keep it up!

# Minor Event News

## Lectures Removed From Schedule

It was decided at the special meeting of June 12 that, because of lack of interest, the lecture series would be removed from the organized minor event schedule. The lecture series is not being entirely canceled; it will still be available if anyone has a lecture to give. See Leptoman to schedule a lecture, if possible for the last Wednesday of any month.

Also at the meeting, the plan to hold a summer non-chess event of some sort, such as a club barbecue, failed.

## Current Minor Event Schedule

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>
July 17	Blitz Tournament, Part 5	\$1
July 24	Ponziani Opening Thematic	\$2
August 14	Blitz Tournament, Part 6	\$1
August 21	King's Bishop's Gambit Thematic	\$2
September 11	Blitz Tournament, Part 7	\$1
September 18	Alekhine-Chatard Gambit Thematic	\$2

## Results - Blitz Tournaments

<u>Pl#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>May 15</u>						<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>		
1	Tom Knoedler	x	W	W	L	W	W	4.0	8.0
2	Ed Boyd	L	x	L	L	L	L	0.0	0.0
3	Jonathan Hoffsuemmer	L	W	x	L	L	W	2.0	2.0
4	David Long	W	W	W	x	W	W	5.0	11.0
5	David Braunfeld	L	W	W	L	x	L	2.0	4.0
6	Brian Creasey	L	W	L	L	W	x	2.0	3.0

<u>Pl#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>June 12</u>						<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>		
1	David Braunfeld	x	L	L	L	L	L	0.0	4.0
2	David Long	W	x	W	W	W	D	4.5	15.5
3	Gerald Bungardner	W	L	x	L	W	W	3.0	8.0
4	Jonathan Hoffsuemmer	W	L	W	x	W	W	4.0	6.0
5	Brian Creasey	W	L	L	L	x	L	1.0	4.0
6	Tom Knoedler	W	D	L	L	W	x	2.5	10.5

### Cumulative Standings

1	David Long	15.5	(17)	91.2	5	Brian Creasey	4.0	(15)	26.7
2	Tom Knoedler	10.5	(17)	61.8	6	David Braunfeld	4.0	(17)	23.5
3	Gerald Bungardner	8.0	(10)	80.0	7	Michael Shores	0	(5)	0.0
4	Jonathan Hoffsuemmer	6.0	(10)	60.0	8	Ed Boyd	0	(5)	0.0

## Results - Thematic Tournaments

		<u>May 22 - Monkey But!</u>						
<u>Pl#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Total</u>	
1	David Braunfeld	x	L	L	L	L	0.0	Victories
2	Brian Creasey	W	x	L	L	L	1.5	<u>by Color:</u>
3	David Long	W	W	x	W	L	3.0	White - 3
4	Tom Knoedler	W	W	L	x	L	2.0	Black - 2
5	Jonathan Hoffsuemmer	W	D	W	W	x	3.5	Draws - 1

		<u>June 19 - Blackmar Gambit</u>						
<u>Pl#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Total</u>	
1	James Ruth	x	W	L	L	L	1.0	Victories
2	David Braunfeld	L	x	L	D	L	1.0	<u>by Color:</u>
3	David Long	W	W	x	L	L	2.0	White - 3
4	Gerald Bumgardner	W	L	W	x	D	2.5	Black - 6
5	Jonathan Hoffsuemmer	W	W	W	D	x	3.5	Draws - 1

## Ladder Standings - July 11, 2002

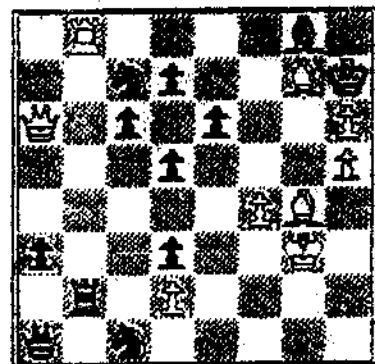
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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. JONATHAN HOFFSUEMMER | 8. JAMES RUTH      |
| 2. GARALD BUMGARDNER    | 9. DAVID BRAUNFELD |
| 3. DAVID LONG           | 10. MICHAEL SHORES |
| 4. TOM KNOEDLER         | 11. BRIAN ALTMAN   |
| 5. DAVID MOTE           | 12. KEVIN WALTON   |
| 6. ED BOYD              | 13. PHILIP BORDERS |
| 7. BRIAN CREASEY        |                    |

## Out Of Town

Springfieldians David Long, Jonathan Hoffsuemmer, and James Ruth went to the Peoria tournament on June 29, where David scored 3.5 points, Jonathan scored 2 points, and James scored 1 point.

## Absurdity, Part 5 : Newtonian Chess

In Newtonian chess, when any piece (except a knight) moves and stops where the *next* square on the line in which it was moving (even if the piece cannot legally go there) is occupied, it transfers its momentum to the piece on said square, which then moves in the same direction until it hits an obstruction (another piece), when it stops on the last vacant square before the obstruction. Examples: Playing a pawn from e2 to e4 knocks backward anything on e5; if the pawn later takes on d5, whatever is on e6 will start moving northwest. Normally the edge of the board will also stop a moving piece, but when the Columbus Rule is in effect, such a piece just falls off the edge of the world.



Newtonian chess  
 Mate in 2  
 (A) without (B) with  
 the Columbus Effect.  
 Solution on page 6

# Complete Results - June 8, 2002

1st-2nd place: Hector Hernandez, Shimin Cao      1st A & B: Richard Kujoth  
 1st C & D: John Dueker, Jonathan Hoffsuemmer, Michael Chu  
 1st E & under: Andrew Barfield      1st unrated: Brian Creasey

Name	rtng	rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	TOT
1 Hernandez, Hector.....	1900	W 10	W 8	W 4	D 5	3.5
2 Cao, Shimin.....	1524	W 26	W 14	W 11	H---	3.5
3 Kujoth, Richard.....	1900	W 24	D 5	D 9	W 14	3.0
4 Dueker, John.....	1447	W 18	W 22	L 1	W 15	3.0
5 Hoffsuemmer, Jonathan.....	1420	W 27	D 3	W 20	D 1	3.0
6 Chu, Michael.....	1355	L 7	W 15	W 25	W 13	3.0
7 Long, David.....	1838	W 6	H---	H---	H---	2.5
8 Ryner, Randy.....	1485	W 16	L 1	D 10	W 21	2.5
9 Cao, Tony.....	1270	W 19	D 12	D 3	H---	2.5
10 Barfield, Andrew.....	1187	L 1	W 18	D 8	W 23	2.5
11 Plagemann, Todd.....	1935	W 23	W 13	L 2	U---	2.0
12 Knodler, Thomas.....	1500	W 30	D 9	H---	H---	2.0
13 Hodge, James.....	1467	W 17	L 11	W 16	L 6	2.0
14 Guo, Kevin.....	1370	W 28	L 2	W 24	L 3	2.0
15 Comerford, Sean.....	1356	W 29	L 6	W 17	L 4	2.0
16 Coulter, Larry.....	1113	L 8	X---	L 13	W 24	2.0
17 Boyd, Joseph.....	1064	L 13	W 23	L 15	W 25	2.0
18 Braunfeld, David.....	1026	L 4	L 10	W 29	W 26	2.0
19 Creasey, Brian.....	unr.	L 9	W 26	L 21	W 28	2.0
20 Bourgerie, Dennis.....	1742	W 25	H---	L 5	U---	1.5
21 Bennett, Jerry.....	1174	L 22	D 28	W 19	L 8	1.5
22 French, Kevin.....	1873	W 21	L 4	U---	U---	1.0
23 Bracamontes, John.....	1268	L 11	L 17	W 28	L 10	1.0
24 Eilering, David.....	1187	L 3	W 27	L 14	L 16	1.0
25 Griffin, Larry.....	1140	L 20	W 29	L 6	L 17	1.0
26 Ruth, James.....	1116	L 2	L 19	W 27	L 18	1.0
27 Griffin, Danny.....	964	L 5	L 24	L 26	W 29	1.0
28 Walters, Cameron.....	unr.	L 14	D 21	L 23	L 19	0.5
29 Hartke, Jared.....	unr.	L 15	L 25	L 18	L 27	0.0
30 Del Angel, Manuel.....	unr.	L 12	F---	U---	U---	0.0

## Books & Magazines For Sale

David Braunfeld has donated a few chess books to the club. These are up for sale, to raise funds for the club. The books are \$1 each.

The club also 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.

## Games

This game put Jonathan Hoffsummer onto the top rung of the SCC ladder. He is black against Gerald Eumgardner. 1. P-Q4 N-KB3 2. P-QB4 P-K4 3. P-Q5 The Budapest Gambit Declined. ...B-N5ch 4. B-Q2 BxBch Normally, Black plays ...Q-K2, with the idea of 5. BxB QxBch 6. Q-Q2 QxQch 7. NxQ with equality. 5. NxB P-Q3 6. P-K4 P-B4 7. B-K2 Q-N3 8. Q-B2 P-QR4!? 9. KN-B3 N-R3 10. P-QR3 B-N5 11. O-O P-KR3 Both sides appear to be waiting for the other side to do something. The computer gives White a slim edge here. 12. QR-K1 BxN 13. BxB P-N4?! Black ought to get castled, one way or the other. White has the chance to disrupt the Black king with Q-R4ch, but decides not to do so. Black, meanwhile, is setting up a kingside attack. 14. P-KN3 P-R4 15. B-N2 P-R5 16. P-B3 PxP 17. PxB O-O-O White's chance for a significant advantage has evaporated. 18. R-K3 R-R3 19. R-N3 Q-B2 20. P-B4?! Computer prefers to attack the queenside rather than move pawns. ...NpxP 21. PxB N-Q2 (Perhaps ...R-N1) 22. PxB NxB 23. N-B3 P-B3 24. NxB BpxN White should now bring his pieces over to defend the king. He starts to do so. 25. R-KN3 QR-R1 26. R-B5 Q-R2 27. Q-K2 Even now, white should be ok if he plays good "D". ...R-R8ch 28. BxR?? The king had to try to escape with K-B2. After ...Q-R7 it gets away with K-B3. The text hangs the queen after ...QxBch 29. K-B2 R-R7ch 30. Resigns.

A game from the tournament. James Ruth has white against David Braunfeld. 1. P-K4 P-QB3 2. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. P-K5 B-B4 4. P-KR3 P-K3 5. N-KB3 N-Q2 6. P-KN4 B-K5 7. B-N2 P-QB4 8. P-B3 Q-N3 9. QN-Q2 PxB 10. PxB B-N5 11. O-O BxN/Q7 12. NxB? BxB 13. KxB QxQP Munch a yummy pawn. 14. P-B4 N-K2 15. Q-K2 O-O 16. N-B3 Q-K5?! Not a good idea. After the queen trade, the pawn, now on K5, will be difficult to defend. However, White declined to trade, playing 17. Q-B2 Q-QB5 18. B-K3 N-QN3 19. P-QN3 Q-N4 20. N-R4 QR-B1 21. P-B5 Q-B3 22. K-N1 PxB 23. PxB N-Q2 24. B-Q4 P-B3 25. P-K6 A protected passed pawn, however it is too little too late. ...N-K4 26. Q-N3 Q-B2 27. QR-K1 N/4-B3 28. Q-N4? NxB White can still put up some resistance after 29. QxN Q-N6ch, but not after 29. R-K3?? Q-N3 30. K-R1 N/2-B4 31. NxB NxB 32. RxN Throws away more material. Retreating the attacked rook is best, although 32. QxN?! QxR 33. QxQP, hoping for a blunder, might be worth trying by this point ...QxR 33. R-B3 Q-K5 34. Q-N2 R-B8ch 35. Resigns.

This game, which should demonstrate "The early bird may get the worm, but the early queen gets the bird," is included for entertainment. The perpetrators shall remain anonymous. Count the moves made by the black queen. 1. P-K4 P-Q4 2. PxB QxP 3. N-QB3 Q-Q1 4. P-Q4 Q-Q2 5. N-B3 Q-K3ch 6. B-K2 Q-N5 7. O-O Q-N3 8. B-KB4 P-QB3 9. N-K5 Q-B3 10. Q-Q2 Q-B4 11. B-Q3 Q-K3 Its second trip to this square. 12. KR-K1 P-QB4 13. P-Q5 Q-QN3 14. P-QN3 Q-Q1 Its third trip to this square! 15. N-N5 P-B3 16. N-B4 It is now Black's 16th move, and he moves a piece other than his queen ...B-Q2?? - allowing mate in one. 17. N/5-Q6, mate. Black's queen made 11 out of 16 moves, only to end up on her home square.

There's hope for us all. Less than two years after this shambles, the player of the Black pieces shared a state title.

## Absurdity Solution

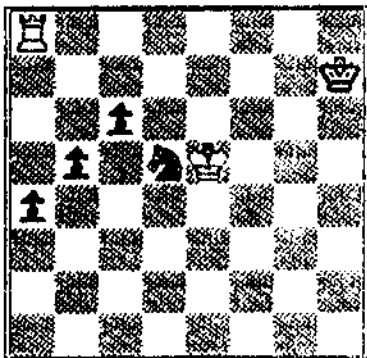
[A] Without the Columbus Effect: Play 1. K-B2 with the threat of 2. K-B3, which forces the KRP all the way to KB8, where White promotes it to a knight - mate! The only way to prevent this is ...B-B2, which allows the obvious 2. R-R8 mate.

[B] With the Columbus Effect: The same theme as above does not work, because the pawn would simply fall off the edge of the board. White must now play 1. K-N2 with the idea of 2. K-N3, pushing the bishop to KN6 and giving mate. If Black moves his bishop, the rook mates as before. And if Black tries to restrict the King with ...HP-K7, White plays 2. QxDP mate!

The move 1. K-N2 does not work without the Columbus Effect, however, because Black has the resource 1...D-N0!, protecting the queen's pawn and pushing the Black knight to KR0, where it prevents the winning king move. With the Columbus Effect, this defense does not work since the knight falls off the edge of the world, allowing 2. K-N3!

## Take On Gerald's Computer 8

by Gerald Bumgardner



My computer is playing itself.  
Try to figure out the final result  
of this position.

Black 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. 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

<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Reg Ends</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
July 20	Springfield, Ill.	10:15	David Long	(217) 522-0489
July 20	Quincy, Ill.	8:50	Gary Blickhan	(217) 223-8762
July 20	St. Louis, Mo.	9:45	Tom Korthbaugh	(314) 863-7606
August 17	Peoria, Ill.	8:45	Fred Malcome	(309) 369-4833
August 24	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
Sep. 21-22	Oglesby, Ill.	9:30	Ron Suarez	(309) 241-2120