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Club Champion: David Mote

David Mote Wins Quick Tournament

SCC vice president Ed Boyd's "Buck-A-Minute" tournament was held July 20 downtown, and it was won by SCC champion David Mote, of Springfield, who scored 8.5 points out of 9. Second place went to Hui Lam Teh, of Champaign, who scored 7 points in his first American tournament.

First in the A-B section was James Healy, hometown unknown, with 4.5 points. First in the C-D section, by default, was former SCC president Jim Larson, of Springfield, in his first rated competition in a few years. He scored 1 point. In the E division, James Ruth, of Springfield, scored 3 points and took the prize, again by default. Ian Wanda, of Glen Carbon, scored 3.5 points and took first unrated.

The tournament was originally going to be a Swiss, but was converted into a round robin because of low turnout (9 plus a houseman.)

For complete results, see page 8.

Dr. Kujoth Sweeps August Tourney

Twenty-eight chess players descended on the Signature Inn for the tournament on August 24. First place in the tournament was won by Richard Kujoth, of Jacksonville, who scored a perfect 4-0, his first such score in quite awhile. He toppled the top seed in the last round.

Involved in a complicated five-way tie for second place, 1st A-B, and 1st C-D, were Dennis Bourgerie, of Normal; Richard Martin III, of Trenton, Ill.; Leonid Bondar, of Des Plaines; Tony Cao, and Kevin Guo, both of Chesterfield, Mo. They all scored 3 points.

Artur Skachkov, hometown unknown, scored 2 points and won the 1st E and under prize. Finally, Troy Krimmiger, of Glen Carbon, took the unrated prize with 1 point.

For complete results, see page 6.

Next Tournament: October 26

Our next regular tournament will be held Saturday, October 26 (note new date) 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.)

More Quick Chess!

SCC member James Ruth is organizing the year's second quick chess tournament, which will be held Saturday, November 16, at Jerome United Methodist Church, at the corner of Reed and Leonard Streets in Jerome, two blocks north of Wabash Ave. (Due north of Ace Hardware.)

The tournament format will be rather unusual, it is a "quad of quads", with regular quads played four times consecutively, for a final total of twelve rounds. After each quad (after rounds 3, 6, and 9), the quad sections will be rearranged, based on cumulative score (instead of by rating) and the next quad will use these sections.

Entry fee for SCC members is \$10 (\$12 for non-members.) The games will be USCF Quick rated. Registration ends at 9:45 a.m. Rounds will be at 10, 10:30, 11, 12:30, 1, 1:30, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, and 4:30, with an hour-long lunch break beginning at 11:30 a.m.

'02 Club Championship: Maybe

There is a possibility that the December tournament will also be the SCC championship for this year. If that comes about, then the highest-scoring SCC member at the tournament will be the '02 champion, although the tournament will remain open to all. If not, then there will be no championship this year.

In either case, starting next year, the August tournament will be the club championship, using the set-up described above; restoring the August tournament to its "flagship" status, as in the late '90s.

Note: The name of the current club champion will henceforth appear at the top of page 1 in all issues.

Tentative '03 Schedule

At the board meeting of September 4, a schedule for next year's tournaments was laid out. All are extremely tentative at this point. More firm schedules will be announced when they become available.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Name</u>
February 15	Regular	St. Valentine's Day Massacre Open
March 15	Quick	St. Patrick's Day Quick
April 26	Regular	Springfield April Showers Open
June 7	Regular	Springfield Summer Open
July 12	Quick	Bastille Day Quick
August 23	Regular/Champ.	SCC Championship Open
September 20	Quick	Autumn Equinox Quick
October 11	Regular	David Braunfeld's Birthday Open
December 13	Regular	Springfield Holiday Open

Welcome New Members

John Taylor, and his son Cole, both of Springfield, have joined the Springfield Chess Club. Also joining recently is Josh Rohrscheib, who recently moved to Springfield from Champaign. Welcome to the club, everyone! Membership now stands at 38.

Back Issues!

Want back issues of the SCC newsletters? Back issues of the Chess Club *Observer* may be had for \$1 apiece (most of this will go to copying costs, the rest to the club treasury.) Back issues of its predecessor, the much smaller Chess Club *News*, cost 50 cents. There are 13 issues of the Chess Club *News* available, from 1993-94. All issues of the *Observer*, which started in 2000, are available, there are a total of 12 so far published (not including this one.) See David.

Officer Nominations In November

At the first meeting of the SCC during the month of November, which will be November 6, the club will hold nominations for officers. Be there to get your nominations in!

Ladder Standings - September 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 and James Ruth went to the Peoria tournament on August 17. David scored 2 points; James scored 1 point.

Absurdity, Part 7

A creation of grandmaster Pal Benko. From the starting position, play the shortest possible games ending with checkmate delivered by (A) a promoted rook, (B) a promoted bishop, and (C) a promoted knight.

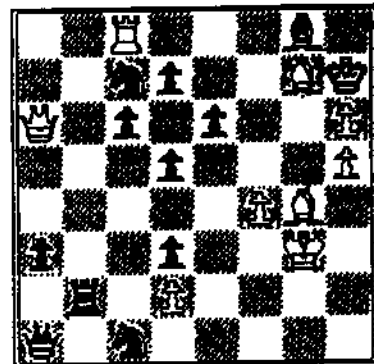
Hints: It takes five moves for a pawn to cross the board. One of the three puzzles can be solved a half-move faster than the other two. This one also has more than one possible solution.

Solutions on page 8.

Oops!

The diagram from Absurdity 6 (the Newtonian mate problem) was incorrect; the white rook should have been on QBB, not QNB. In the bad position, Black has the defensive resource 1...RxR! in variation A (no Columbus Effect), and there is no mate. Thanks to David Braunfeld and James Ruth for pointing this out.

(Corrected diagram at right)



Minor Event News

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>
September 11	Blitz Tournament, Part 7	\$1
September 18	Alekhine-Chatard Gambit Thematic	\$2
October 16	Blitz Tournament, Part 8	\$1
October 23	Evans Gambit Thematic	\$2
November 13	Blitz Tournament, Part 9	\$1

From the Board Meeting

The prizes of the year-long blitz tournament have been announced; they will consist of free SCC memberships. Four will be awarded: first and second place, first under 1700, and first under 1300.

Both the blitz tournaments and the thematic tournaments will be continued next year. More details next newsletter.

Results - Blitz Tournaments

		<u>July 17</u>								<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>
<u>Pl#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>		
1	James Ruth	x	L	L	L	W	L	W	n	2.0	2.0
2	David Long	W	x	W	W	W	W	W	n	6.0	21.5
3	David Braunfeld	W	L	x	L	W	L	L	n	2.0	6.0
4	Tom Knoedler	W	L	W	x	W	L	W	W	4.0*	14.5
5	Cole Taylor	L	L	L	L	x	L	L	n	0.0	0.0
6	Garald Bumgardner	W	L	W	W	W	x	W	n	5.0	13.0
7	Ed Boyd	L	L	W	L	W	L	x	W	2.0*	2.0
8	Michael Shores	n	n	n	L	n	n	L	x	DNC*	0.0

		<u>August 14</u>						<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>
<u>Pl#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>		
1	James Ruth	x	L	L	L	L	L	0.0	2.0
2	David Braunfeld	W	x	L	D	L	L	1.5	7.5
3	David Long	W	W	x	W	W	W	5.0	26.5
4	Tom Knoedler	W	D	L	x	L	L	1.5	16.0
5	Garald Bumgardner	W	W	L	W	x	L	3.0	16.0
6	Josh Rohrscheib	W	W	L	W	W	x	4.0	4.0

<u>Cumulative Blitz Standings</u>									
1	David Long	26.5	(28)	94.6	6	Josh Rohrscheib	4.0	(5)	80.0
2	Garald Bumgardner	16.0	(21)	76.2	7	Brian Creasey	4.0	(15)	26.7
3	Tom Knoedler	16.0	(28)	57.1	8	James Ruth	2.0	(11)	18.2
4	David Braunfeld	7.5	(28)	26.8	9	Ed Boyd	2.0	(11)	18.2
5	Jonathan Hoffsuemmer	6.0	(10)	60.0	10	Cole Taylor	0	(6)	0.0

* Michael Shores' games from July 17 do not count because he withdrew from the tournament before half of the games had been played.

Results - Thematic Tournaments

July 24 - Ponziani Opening

Pl#	Name	1 2 3 4	Total	Victories by Color
1	James Ruth	x L L W	1.0	White - 4
2	David Long	W x L W	2.0	Black - 2
3	Gerald Bumgardner	W W x W	3.0	
4	David Braunfeld	L L L x	0.0	

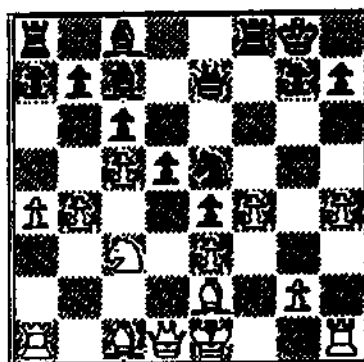
August 21 - King's Bishop's Gambit

Pl#	Name	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Total	Victories by Color:
1	David Long	x W + W W W W W	8.0	White: 15
2	James Ruth	L x W W L D L L L	2.5	Black: 14
3	John Taylor	- L x L L L L - -	0.0	Draws: 1
4	Cole Taylor	L L W x W L - - -	2.0	Does not count
5	Josh Rohrscheib	L W W L x W L L L	3.0	forfeits. They
6	David Braunfeld	L D W W L x L L L	2.5	are shown as
7	Jonathan Hoffsummer	L W W + W W x W W	7.0	+ and -
8	Tom Knoedler	L W + + W W L x L	5.0	
9	Gerald Bumgardner	L W + + W W L W x	6.0	

Games

This is one of Dr. Kujoth's games from the August tournament. He has black, and he tries to rip the game wide open early, with a piece sacrifice. The continuation is not so flashy but still interesting.

White: Kevin French (1836)
 Black: Richard Kujoth (1900)
 Local tournament, August 24, 2002, round 3
 Opening: [143] Stonewall Dutch



After Black's 14th move

1. P-Q4 P-Q4 2. P-QB4 P-K3 3. N-QB3 P-QB3 4. P-K3 P-KB4 5. N-KB3 N-KB3 6. B-K2 B-Q3 7. P-B5?! Takes pressure off black's center. ...B-B2 8. P-QN4 QN-Q2 9. N-KN5 White should be thinking about castling here ...Q-K2 10. P-KB4 Q-Q 11. P-QR4 N-K5 12. KNxN BPxN 13. P-R4 P-K4 14. QPxP NxKP!? (See diagram.) Black sacrifices first a pawn, and now a full piece, to attack the still-uncastled king. If white accepts the knight, Black has a strong attack, though it's not clear what he can accomplish after 15. PxN BxP 16. K-Q2 R-B7. Another possibility is 16. B-N2. Black can chip away at the pawns with moves like ...P-Q5 and ...P-QR4 (to undermine the QBP) White, however, declines to take the knight. 15. B-N2 N-Q6ch 16. BxN PxB 17. QxP BxP 18. NxP Fighting, but it may be too little, too late. ...B-N6ch 19. White resigns. After the king moves, 19...PxN 20. QxQPch B-K3, black is up a piece and still can attack the king.

Complete Results, Regular Tourney, 8/24/02

1st place: Richard Kujoth
 1st E & under: Artur Skachkov
 1st unrated: Troy Krimmiger

2nd-1st AB-1st CD: Tony Cao,
 Leonid Bondar, Richard Martin,
 Kevin Guo, Dennis Bourgerie

Name	rtng	rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	TOT
1 Kujoth, Richard.....	1900	W 13	W 12	W 18	W 2	4.0
2 Bondar, Leonid.....	2016	W 4	W 11	W 3	L 1	3.0
3 Martin, Richard.....	1971	W 8	W 7	L 2	W 12	3.0
4 Bourgerie, Dennis.....	1749	L 2	W 14	W 17	W 11	3.0
5 Cao, Tony.....	1426	W 28	D 20	W 10	D 6	3.0
6 Guo, Kevin.....	1373	D 9	W 26	W 19	D 5	3.0
7 Guo, Clark.....	1776	W 23	L 3	W 15	D 8	2.5
8 Leyeson, Mikhail.....	1637	L 3	W 15	W 22	D 7	2.5
9 Hodge, James.....	1455	D 6	L 18	W 27	W 19	2.5
10 Bennett, Jerry.....	1267	D 19	W 27	L 5	W 13	2.5
11 Jarrette, Phil.....	1811	W 21	L 2	W 20	L 4	2.0
12 Miles, Kyle.....	1764	W 14	L 1	W 16	L 3	2.0
13 Smith, Vernon.....	1631	L 1	W 16	W 23	L 10	2.0
14 Bononi, David.....	1433	L 12	L 4	W 24	W 22	2.0
15 Barfield, Andrew.....	1268	W 17	L 8	L 7	W 25	2.0
16 Tuttle, Dan.....	1226	W 24	L 13	L 12	W 23	2.0
17 Skachkov, Artur.....	1126	L 15	W 25	L 4	W 27	2.0
18 French, Kevin.....	1836	D 20	W 9	L 1	U---	1.5
19 Walters, Cameron.....	961	D 10	W 28	L 6	L 9	1.5
20 Blickhan, Gary.....	1617	D 18	D 5	L 11	U---	1.0
21 Griffith, Jeremy.....	1516	L 11	W 22	U---	U---	1.0
22 Creasey, Brian.....	1194	W 25	L 21	L 8	L 14	1.0
23 Coulter, Larry.....	1130	L 7	W 24	L 13	L 16	1.0
24 Hartke, Jared.....	652	L 16	L 23	L 14	W 28	1.0
25 Krimmiger, Troy.....	unr.	L 22	L 17	W 28	L 15	1.0
26 Hendricks, Josh.....	1212	D 27	L 6	U---	U---	0.5
27 Wanda, Ian.....	unr.	D 26	L 10	L 9	L 17	0.5
28 Eilering, David.....	1165	L 5	L 19	L 25	L 24	0.0

SCC Membership Roster

(redacted)

State is Illinois and area code is 217 unless otherwise noted.
Membership total: 38

Complete Results - Quick Tourney, 7/20/02

1st place: David Mote 1st A&B: James Healy 1st E: James Ruth
 2nd place: Hui Lam Teh 1st C&D: Jim Larson 1st unrated: Ian Wanda

Pl#	Name	Quick Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
1	David Mote	2071	x	W	D	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8.5
2	Richard Kujoth	1900*	L	x	L	D	L	W	W	L	D	L	3.0
3 (H)	David Long	1847	D	W	x	W	D	W	W	W	D	W	7.5
4	James Healy	1735*	L	D	L	x	W	L	W	W	L	W	4.5
5	Tom Knoedler	1722	L	W	D	L	x	W	W	D	L	L	4.0
6	Jim Larson	1537*	L	L	L	W	L	x	L	L	L	L	1.0
7	James Ruth	1116*	L	L	L	L	L	W	x	W	L	W	3.0
8	Brian Creasey	unr.	L	W	L	L	D	W	L	x	L	D	3.0
9	Hui Lam Teh	unr.	L	D	D	W	W	W	W	W	x	W	7.0
10	Ian Wanda	unr.	L	W	L	L	W	W	L	D	L	x	3.5

* - No quick rating available; used regular rating instead.

Absurdity Solution

Rook:		Bishop:		Knight:	
1.	P-KR4 P-QB3	1.	P-QB4 P-Q4	1.	P-Q3 P-K4
2.	P-R5 Q-B2	2.	Q-N3 PxP	2.	K-Q2 P-K5
3.	P-R6 K-Q1	3.	K-Q1 P-B6	3.	K-B3 PxP
4.	PxP P-KR3	4.	K-B2 PxQP	4.	P-QN3 PxKP
5.	PxB=R mate	5.	Q-QB3 P-QB=B mate	5.	K-N2 PxQ=N mate

There is more than one solution for the rook.

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
Sep. 14	Quincy, Ill.	8:50	Gary Blickhan	(217) 223-8762
Sep. 21-22	Oglesby, Ill.	9:30	Ron Suarez	(309) 241-2120
Oct. 12	Peoria, Ill.	8:45	Fred Malcome	(309) 369-4833
Oct. 26	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
Nov. 9	Normal, Ill.	8:45	Dennis Bourgerie	(309) 454-3842
Nov. 16	Springfield, Ill.	9:45	David Long	(217) 522-0489