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## Dave Mote Wins Quad of Quads

James Ruth's "Quad of Quads" tournament on November 13 drew 12 players to the Jerome United Methodist Church. The tournament was won by reigning SCC champion Dave Mote, of Springfield, who won his first 11 games before falling to Jonathan Bonwell in the final round. Bonwell, of Normal, finished with a score of 8 points, winning the H-B prize.

Jack Hellen, of Mattoon, won the C-D prize with 7 points. Also with 7 points was Jeff Smith, of Normal, who won the E prize.

Winners of the individual quads were also recognized. Dave Mote won 6 out of 11 for 12 times. Jeff Smith won outright twice. Tom Inceble, of Springfield, and Jonathan Bonwell each tied twice. Colley Wilson, of Girard; Jim Larson and James Ruth, both of Springfield; and Jack Hellen, of Mattoon, won outright once. Scott Cherry, of Marion; Larry Coulter, of Mt. Sterling; and Cole Taylor, of Springfield, each tied once.

Individual quad winners who did not finish in the regular prizes received quad prizes, which were donated by Dave Mote. Thanks! Dave's complete results of the tournament can be found on page 5.

## Dr. Kujoth Wins Regular Tournament

The December tournament drew 20 players into town, through the dense early morning fog. The tournament was won by Richard Kujoth, of Jacksonville, who scored 3.5 points out of 4. There was a three-way tie for second place, the H-B prize, and the C-D prize. Those tied were David Mote, of Springfield; Derek Sparks, of Middletown; and Jerry Bennett, of Decatur.

The E prize was won by Russell Flynn. He scored 2 points. Two tied for the unrated prize with one point each; they were Cecil Rhymer and Alfred Kern, no hometowns available for any of these chess players.

For complete results of the tournament, see page 5.

## Have You Renewed?

If not, please do so today! Check your mailing label; if it is typed in red, then this is your last issue! There is a membership form on page 5.

## February 15: Same Site, Different Room

Our next tournament will be held Saturday, December 14 at the Signature Inn. **The tournament will be in the Governor's Room, NOT the PCC Room as before.** The Governor's Room is all the way in the back. Otherwise, all details are 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.)

## Welcome New Members

Jack Heller, of Mattoon; and Kyle Churchill, of Springfield, joined the club in November and December, bringing the 2002 membership total to 42. James Healy, and Jason Klopp, of Springfield, also joined and are the first new members of 2003. Welcome to the club!

## Congratulations...

to SCC member Michael Shores, who retired in November after 27 years working for the state of Illinois. We wish him a long, happy, and chess-filled retirement!

## Ladder Standings - January 8, 2003

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

Expired players who have not renewed by Feb. 1 will be dropped!

## Absurdity, Part 3

Construct a legal position using only the two kings, and the two white rooks, on an otherwise empty board, in which White can deliver mate in one in four different ways.

It's really cheap, folks! For a moderately obvious hint, see the bottom of page 5. Solution on page 9!

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Wanted: Used chess books on the  
Center Counter Defense or the Pirc Defense.

Prices are negotiable.

James Ruth (217) 525-0965

# 2002: The Year In Review

## Useless Statistics:

Memberships: 40. Membership at end of 2001: 40.  
Percent change: +7% (annual rate: 8%)  
Average tournament attendance, 2001: 11 (6 regular tournaments)  
Average attendance, 2001: 39 (5 regular tournaments), pct change: +31%  
Average rating at tournaments, 2002: 14.5  
Average rating, 2001: 14.5, pct. change: +0%

Attendance at club meetings declined through the early part of 2002, but rebounded in the summer.

## Tournament winners:

February: David Mote, Springfield, 4-0  
April: Ramamoorthy Shankar, Bloomington, 4-0  
June: Hector Hernandez, Chicago; Shantanu Banerjee, Springfield, Mo.; 3.5-0.5  
July Quick: David Mote, Springfield, 5.5-0.5  
August: Richard Kujoth, Jacksonville, 4-0  
October: Paul Mechem, Mascoutan, 4-0  
November Quick: David Mote, Springfield, 4-0  
December: Richard Kujoth, Jacksonville, 5.5-0.5

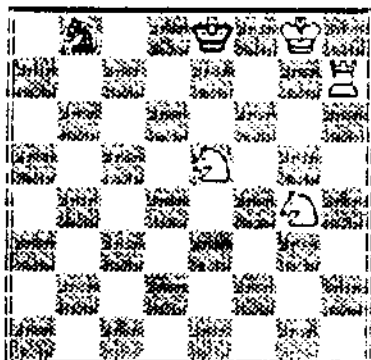
## Club Champions

1993 - David Mote  
1994 - David Mote  
1998 - Doug Van Buren  
2001 - David Mote

# Election Results

In the annual SCC elections December 4, only seven people showed up to vote! (Tsk, tsk.) James Ruth defeated incumbent Ed Boyd for vice president 4 votes to 3, and Garaid Pomgardner won the office of secretary from Tom Knoedler, 6 votes to 1.

The new officers were sworn in January 8.



WHITE TO PLAY AND MATE IN THREE  
by Alfred de Musset, 1849

1. R-Q7 NXR (else 2. N-KB6 mate)  
2. N-QB6! N-B3ch 3. NKN mate.  
and white still plays N-KB6 mate.  
Any other black move on move 2.

SOLUTION:

# 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>
January 18	Blitz Tournament, Part 1	\$2
January 22	Staunton Gambit Thematic	\$3
February 12	Blitz Tournament, Part 2	\$2
February 19	Balogh Defense Thematic	\$3
March 12	Blitz Tournament, Part 3	\$2
March 19	Braunfeld Defense Thematic	\$3

## 2002 Blitz Tournament

The 2002 year-long blitz tournament went into the books on December 11, when the tenth and final tournament was played. Finishing with 39 points was David Long. He took first place. Second place went to Tom Knoedler, with 25.5 points. Eight points was enough for first intermediate, and that prize went to James Ruth. Finally, first beginner went to David Braunfeld, with 11 points.

The 2003 blitz tournament starts in January (note the entry fee will now be \$2) and the cumulative standings start from scratch.

		<u>November 13</u>				<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>
<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	1	2	3	4		
1	James Ruth	x	W	L	L	1.0	5.0
2	David Long	L	x	W	W	2.0	20.5
3	Cole Taylor	W	L	x	L	1.0	1.0
4	Tom Knoedler	W	L	W	x	2.0	20.0

		<u>December 11</u>							<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>
<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
1	David Braunfeld	x	W	L	W	W	L	W	4.0	11.5
2	James Ruth	L	x	L	W	W	L	W	3.0	8.0
3	Tom Knoedler	W	W	x	W	W	D	W	5.5	25.5
4	Lyle Churchill	L	L	L	x	L	L	D	0.5	0.5
5	Cole Taylor	L	L	L	W	x	L	W	3.0	3.0
6	David Long	W	W	D	W	W	x	W	5.5	39.0
7	Josh Craig	L	L	L	D	L	L	x	0.5	0.5

<u>Cumulative Blitz Standings</u>									
1	David Long	39.0	(42)	92.9	6	Jonathan Hoffsuemmer	6.0	(10)	60.0
2	Tom Knoedler	25.5	(40)	63.8	7	Josh Rohrscheib	4.0	(5)	80.0
3	Gerald Bumgardner	16.0	(21)	76.2	8	Brian Creasey	4.0	(15)	26.7
4	David Braunfeld	11.5	(39)	29.5	9	Cole Taylor	3.0	(15)	20.0
5	James Ruth	8.0	(25)	32.0	10	Ed Boyd	2.0	(11)	18.2

2 tied with half a point, 1 with 0 points

## Results - Thematic Tournaments

### November 20 - Evans Gambit

Plc	Name	W-L-D	Total	Victories
1	James Roth	8-2-2	6.0	Black = 5
2	Gerald Burgardner	6-4-2	4.0	White = 2
3	Tom Knodler	W-L-D	4.0	Black = 2
4	David Long	W-W-L	3.5	Draws = 1

### December 18 - Budapest Gambit

Plc	Name	W-L-D	Total	Victories
1	John Taylor	7-2-2	6.0	By Defeat
2	Cole Taylor	W-L-D	4.0	White = 3
3	David Braunfeld	R-W-L	3.0	Black = 0
4	David Long	W-L-L	2.0	Draws = 0

## Complete Results, December 14, 2002

1st place: Richard Kujath

2nd place-1st tie: David Mote, Derek Sparks, Jenny Bennett

1st tie: Russell Flynn 1st unplaced: Alfred Kenn, Cecil Rhymer

Plc	Name	W-L-D	W-L-D	W-L-D	W-L-D	Total	
1	Richard Kujath	13-0-0	W-4	W-5	W-7	1-12	6.0
2	David Mote	12-0-1	W-10	L-1	W-10	D-1	5.0
3	Derek Sparks	11-0-1	W-11	D-1	W-10	D-1	5.0
4	Jenny Bennett	11-0-1	W-11	W-1	W-10	D-1	5.0
5	Richard Marshall	10-1-1	W-11	L-1	L-14	W-11	4.5
6	Terry Srippe	10-1-1	W-11	L-1	L-18	W-14	4.0
7	Bennit Bourgeois	10-1-1	W-11	W-10	L-1	D-1	4.5
8	Raymond Pynen	10-1-1	W-20	W-1	L-1	D-1	4.5
9	Pratt Peddington	10-1-1	W-10	L-1	L-11	W-15	4.0
10	Jim Larson	10-1-1	L-19	W-10	W-13	L-14	4.0
11	Dan Tuttle	10-1-1	L-1	W-20	W-7	L-15	4.0
12	Jack Heller	10-1-1	L-1	L-10	W-21	W-17	4.0
13	Russell Flynn	10-1-1	L-14	W-17	L-10	W-10	4.0
14	Gary Blickman	10-1-1	W-11	D-1	L-1	---	3.5
15	Tom Knodler	10-1-1	HALF	HALF	HALF	L-1	3.5
16	Raymond Boske	10-1-1	L-1	D-21	L-17	W-19	3.5
17	Andrew Barfield	10-1-1	L-1	L-19	W-16	L-10	3.0
18	James Roth	10-1-1	L-1	L-4	W-20	L-10	3.0
19	Cecil Rhymer	unn.	W-10	L-7	L-4	L-16	3.0
20	Alfred Kenn	unn.	L-1	L-11	L-15	W-20	3.0
21	Larry Coulter	11-1-1	L-1	L-16	L-10	L-20	0.5

**ABSURDITY HINT:** There is only *one* way of constructing the position. Reflections and rotations *will not work!*

# Complete Results, November 16, 2002

1st place: David Mote  
1st D-D: Jack Heller

1st A-B: Jonathan Bonwell  
1st E: Jeff Smith

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3	Rd. 4	Rd. 5	Rd. 6	Rd. 7	Rd. 8	Rd. 9	Rd. 10	Final	Rating	Total
1	David Mote	2083	W-3	W-4	W-2	W-5	W-5	W-5	W-5	W-2	W-3	W-2	W-10	L-3	11.0*
2	Tom Knoedler	1703	W-4	D-3	L-1	W-10	W-10	D-3	L-3	L-1	W-5	L-1	W-3	L-13	7.0*
3	Jonathan Bonwell	1637	L-1	L-2	W-4	W-10	W-10	D-3	W-2	W-5	L-1	W-5	L-2	W-1	8.0
4	Jim Larson	1451	L-2	L-1	L-3	W-11	L-8	W-7	W-10	W-5	D-5	W-7	W-5	L-8	6.5
5	Colley Kitson	1386	W-7	W-5	W-5	W-5	W-6	L-1	L-1	L-3	L-2	L-3	---	---	5.0*
6	Jack Heller	1327	W-6	W-7	L-5	L-1	L-5	L-5	L-7	W-11	W-10	W-10	W-11	W-12	7.0
7	James Ruth	1274	L-3	L-6	L-8	D-6	W-11	L-4	W-6	W-10	W-11	L-4	L-8	L-5	4.5
8	Jeff Smith	1167	L-3	L-8	W-7	D-7	W-4	W-11	W-3	L-4	L-2	L-9	W-7	W-4	7.0
9	Larry Coulter	1175	W-11	W-10	L-10	L-5	L-1	W-6	L-6	W-12	D-4	D-5	L-4	W-7	6.0
10	Dole Taylor	unr.	L-12	W-11	W-9	L-2	L-2	L-10	W-11	L-7	L-5	L-6	L-10	W-11	4.0
11	John Taylor	unr.	L-9	L-10	L-12	L-4	L-7	L-6	L-10	L-6	L-7	L-12	L-6	L-10	0.0
12	Scott Cherry	unr.	W-10	L-9	W-11	L-2	L-3	W-10	L-4	L-9	W-6	W-11	W-10	L-6	6.0
13	David Long	1278	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	L-1	W-2	1.0*

\* - After Colley Kitson's withdrawal, David Long filled out the even number and played two games. Dave Mote's 11th and Tom Knoedler's 12th games are considered forfeit wins for scoring purposes (hence Tom's score of 7, not 6), but ordinary games vs. Long for rating purposes.

## Individual Quad Results

### Top Quad

Morning	Midday	Afternoon	Late
Mote 3	Mote 3	Mote 3	Mote 2
Bonwell 1½	Kitson 2	Bonwell 2	Bonwell 2
Knoedler 1½	Coulter 1	Knoedler 1	Knoedler 2
Larson 0	Heller 0	Kitson 0	Kitson 0

### Middle Quad

Kitson 3	Bonwell 2½	Larson 2½	Smith 2½
Heller 2	Knoedler 2½	Coulter 1½	Larson 2
Smith 1	Cherry 1	Smith 1	Coulter 1½
Ruth 0	C. Taylor 0	Cherry 1	Ruth 0

### Bottom Quad

Coulter 2	Smith 2½	Ruth 3	Heller 3
Cherry 2	Larson 2	Heller 2	Cherry 2
C. Taylor 2	Ruth 1½	C. Taylor 1	C. Taylor 1
J. Taylor 0	J. Taylor 0	J. Taylor 0	J. Taylor 0

## 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 1953-64. All issues of the *Observer*, which started in 2000, are available, there are a total of 15 so far published (not including this one.) See David.

## Mates from the Edge of Darkness.

By Big Tuna

First let us introduce the players who played this month's featured game. Playing the white pieces is the two time world champion Alexander Alekhine (AlYekIn) (1892-1946). Alexander the Great was World Champion from 1927 to 1935. In 1935 he attempted to defend his title while drunk. He narrowly lost the title to Max Euwe. Mr. Euwe being the kind gentleman that he was graciously gave Alekhine a rematch in 1937 after Alekhine had sobered up and was seriously seriously spanked. Alexander Alekhine was the prototype for the Modern Grandmaster taking opening preparation to an all-new level. He simply worked harder than his peers. He played all openings and was one of the greatest tactical geniuses to ever play the game.

Now in all fairness to Max Euwe, he was a very good grandmaster and he provided noble service to the chess world. The quality of the games from his matches with Alekhine I have felt were always underrated. I plan on featuring a nice win by Max Euwe over Miguel Najdorf in a future article.

Playing the black pieces is Geza Maroczy( MaRotSee or MaRockSee) from Hungary(1870-1951). He was a very strong positional player and one of the greatest endgame players of all time.

This game was played at Bled in 1931. Many of Big Tuna's favorite games through out history have been played in Bled. Maybe Big Tuna should move there in hopes of some chess greatness rubbing off on to his game.

Alekhine v. Maroczy - 1931 Bled

1. d4 d5
2. Nf3 Nf6
3. c4 e6
4. Bg5 Nbd7
5. e3 h6
6. Bh4 Be7
7. Nc3 O-O

8. Rc1 c6
9. Bd3 a6

The first 8 moves are typical QGD moves. The purpose of 9... a6 is to support ...b5 gaining space on the queen side and attacking white's bishop after the moves ...dxc4 ,and Bxc4. After this black will usually follow up when ever the time is right with ... c5 increasing the pressure on white's center. This is all standard QG theory.

10. O-O dxc4
11. Bxc4 c5

The thematic pawn break in the Queen's Gambit. White now has to decide on whether or not to accept an Isolated Queen's Pawn (IQP).

12. a4! Qa5!

A pair of really strong moves. Alekhine's 12.a4! prevents black's planned expansionary move ...b5 and prepares for the imminent IQP position. Safer would be 12.Qe2 or 12.Bd3. 12. ...Qa5! Is a real active defense move. Black is playing a nice balance between defensive and active counter attacking moves.

13. Qe2 cxd4
14. exd4 ...

White has chosen to enter into an IQP position which is the most aggressive choice and the one most typical of Alekhine's style. Alekhine dismissed 14.Nxd4 with 14. ... Ne5 15.Bb3 Ng6 16.Bg3 e5, Black is fine.

The IQP position is one of the most important and finely balanced positions in chess. The d4 pawn gives white extra space and guards the c5 and e5 squares. The d4 pawn also makes it very difficult for black to free him self with e6-e5. (Remember the bad bishop sitting at home on c8?) White's freer position and more active pieces can be put to use creating pressure against black's king-side. White hopes to eventually launch a direct attack against Black's king with his more active pieces. On the other hand if black survives the middle game, white's pawn weaknesses will become a greater factor as the game progresses. Black will usually hope to make his move during the late middle game.

14. ... Nb6
15. Bd3! ...

When white chose to enter into a IQP position he also chose the course of victory by checkmate. White must not waste time worrying about the defense of the weak a4 pawn. The pawn on a4 is already dead if Marcozy chooses to grab it with 15... Nxa4. Alekhine points out white's initiative is very strong after 15... Nxa4 16.Ne5. Instead Maroczy continues to play good levelheaded defensive moves.

15. ... Bd7
16. Ne5 Rfd8!

The Big Tuna applauds this move. After 16.Ne5 we are now in better position to understand the tactical repercussions of pawn grabbing the a4 pawn. If 16... Bxa4 then the spanking begins with 17.Ng6!. Then 17... Rfe8 18.Nxe7+ Rxe7 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Ne4 white has a real strong attack. If black should fish out and play the capture 17... fxe6 he will lose to 18.Qe6+ Rf7 19. Nxa4 Nxa4 20. Bxg6 Rf8 21. Rc8!. After this black loses in all variations. Big Tuna was going to give you the most reasonable of these lines but, Why, what would be the point? Big Tuna would rather discuss the time that he was a Cub Scout and used to read the chess column in Boys Life magazine written by Bobby Fischer. Bobby was a happier man back then and he used to teach us chess every month. One of the things he taught us was 'When in doubt take the material!' In analysis of this game we find some serious consequences from taking the material. These consequences may or may not always be apparent to the amateur player. Another issue is, How do we learn to eliminate doubt in our positional and tactical assessments? This is a difficult thing to develop as a chess player. The ability to make thorough and accurate assessments of the board is the quest for chess mastery itself. Big Tuna still struggles with issues of doubting his assessments in mid game, while trying to weigh all the imbalances of a critical position. It is a question of mastering ones emotional and spiritual demons as much as it is a question of ones knowledge

and mastery of the mechanics of chess. More you win hopefully the more confidence you will have in your ideas and analysis.

Maroczy's move gets the exclamation because it is a good defensive move that prepares ...Be8 and targets the d4 pawn which is a lot more important than the a4 pawn. If white's d pawn falls then white will lose control over all central squares.

17. f4!?

Big Al had come to play this day! Alekhine actually questions this move in his book My Best Games of Chess 1908-1937. He suggests the simple 17.Qf3. After 17.f4 white gives up the d pawn and allows black counter play on the queen's file. The question is, Does white's attacking chances provide adequate compensation for black newly gained counter play? After the game, Alekhine had his doubts.

17. ... Be8  
18. Ng4 Rxd4  
19. Bxf6 Bxf6  
20. Nxf6+ gxf6  
21. Ne4 Rad8?

I would have probably made the same mistake. Black is going for the counter play on the queen's file that we have discussed. However as Alekhine pointed out this move gives up the f pawn without a fight. Alekhine tells us that after 21... f5! 22.Nf6 Kf8, white has no immediate way to punch through black's king-side. According to analysis by John Nunn the position appears to hold for black after 21... f5!

Now after the text move black is still in the game. Maroczy may actually have been able to win this game against anybody other than the Alekhine. Alekhine's finish of the game is pure genius.

22. Nxf6+ Kf8  
23. Nh7+!

Knights on the rim are dim, yeah right!, not if they force the enemy's king to the center of the board where he can be checkmated. John Nunn pointed out that it could have been possible that Maroczy underestimated this idea because knight moves on the edge are hard to visualize. I think part of that is because

it has become inherent in our nature to distrust moves that places a knight on the rim. Attacks that come from the side of the board are often very hard to see coming. This was the primary lesson that I had in mind when I chose this game for this month's article. However, this game is full of many lessons.

23. ... Ke7  
24. f5 Rb6  
25. b4!

A great move. This move either deflects the black queen from defending the e4 square or blocks the black queen's path to more active squares.

25. Qh5 is not good because after 25. ... Qd2 black develops counter play.

25. ... Qxb4  
26. Qe5  
Threatens 27.Qf6+ Kd7 28. Nf8#

26. ... Nd7  
27. Qh8+ Rxd3??  
Maroczy breaks under the pressure of Alekhine and fishes out. Vukovic pointed out 27... Rc6! was a feasible defense. After 27. ... Rc6! 28. Rxc6 bxc6 29.fxe6 fxe6 30.Nf6 Bf7 31.Nxd7 Rxd7 32.Bg6 Qc5+ 33.Kh1 Qf2 34.Qa1 Qxf1+ 35.Qxf1 Bxg6 GM John Nunn concludes that "White has some advantages, whether it is enough for a win is quite another matter."

28. f6+ Resigns  
28. ... Kd8 allows 29.Qxe8+ Kxe8 30.Rc8# while 28. ... Nxf6 leads to 29.Qxf6+ Kd7 30.Nf8#

Points to remember from this game are:

1) **Pay very close attention to edge of the board moves.** Alekhine won this game with moves that were on or near the edge of the board. (23.Nh7, 25.b4, 27.Qh8) It is often very hard to see the attacks that come from the edge of the board for some reason. Big Tuna doesn't know exactly why, that is just the way it is. The chess master who taught Big Tuna how to play

unleashed this lesson one afternoon by spanking me in two games in a row with big queen moves from the side. I was pretty bummed out from the spanking but my teacher told me that the great Hungarian-American GM Pal Benko once commented that he was also a sucker for sideways moves. Don't let your guard down against attacks from the sides of the board or you will be spanked.

2) **Pawns are very powerful defenders.**

21... f5 would have kept the extra material and this extra pawn could have been used to barricade against Alekhine's attack.

3) **An objective assessment of who is better in a position may not mean squat.**

The main thing to remember here is that black was objectively better out of the opening. White accepted certain pawn weaknesses in exchange for the opportunity to put pressure on black's king position. It has been found that black had adequate resources to hold the position Maroczy would have probably won given his endgame skill if he could have only found the proper defensive moves. But, finding the correct defense is always easier in post mortem than in the heat of battle. This is why Big Tuna is unbeaten on the white side of the Blackmar Diemer Gambit in Tournament play. Is the BDG sound? Objectively, probably not. But defense is always easier in postmortem than during the heat of battle, especially when your clock is low on time and you have to pee really badly.

4) **Alexander Alekhine was very good at chess.**

"Alekhine's attacks came suddenly like a destructive thunderstorm that erupted from a clear sky" - Garry Kasparov

Check and mate!

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## You heard it here first!

The USCF might sell its building and move soon! According to *Empire Chess*, the USCF has received an offer for their building. The offer looks very attractive as their sea of red ink deepens around them. The Board has been authorized to sell and move, but it is up to the Board where to move or not to move. If they do move, the most likely destination is Miami, Fla., home of the chess museum and hall of fame.

## Absurdity Solution

Put the white king on e1, the black king on a1, and the white rooks on c8 and h1. The four mates in one are K-Q2, K-K2, K-B2, and 0-0.

## Meetings

The SCC meets wednesday, nights, 8 to 10 p.m., at the American Legion Post 68, between 5th and 6th Streets, half a block south of Capitol Ave., downtown. On the first Wednesday of each month, and sometimes other Wednesdays, we meet in a room upstairs (not our usual room.)

On the second Friday of each month, we meet from 8 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>
Jan 11	Peoria, Ill.	8:45	Fred Malcome	(309) 367-4833
Feb. 15	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
March 1-2	Peoria, Ill.	8:45	Fred Malcome	(309) 367-4833
March 8	Salem, Ill.	9:30	Paul Holland	(618) 288-7487
March 15	Springfield, Ill.	9:30	David Long	(217) 522-0489

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## Membership Form

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Springfield, Ill. 62703

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