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Tony Cao Wins Tournament

The April 12 tournament drew 24 chess players to town, the highest turnout in many months. The winner of the tournament was Tony Cao, of Chesterfield, Mo., who scored a perfect 4 for 4.

There was a complicated six-way tie for second place, first A-B, and first C-D. Those involved in the tie were Jonathan Hoffsuemmer, and Randy Ryner, both of Springfield; Jeremy Volkmann, and Kevin Guo, both of Chesterfield; Derek Sparks, of Middletown; and Richard Kujoth, of Jacksonville. They each scored 3 points.

First E-player was Larry Griffin, of Morton Grove. First unrated went to Christopher Leveque, of Jacksonville. They both scored 2 points.

For complete results of the tournament, see page 4.

Kevin French Wins Quick Chess

The turnout at the March 15 St. Patrick's Day Quick Tournament was only five plus a houseman, but we had a good tournament anyways. Advertised as nine rounds, we added a tenth round to make it a double round robin. First place in the tournament went to Kevin French, of Decatur, who scored 9 out of 10. James Healy, of Springfield, won second place with 6 out of 10. Scott Steward, hometown unknown, scored 4 points and won the E prize. Finally, James Barnes, of Springfield, took the C-D prize with 2.5 points. The A-B prize and the unrated prize had no eligible recipients and were retained by the club.

Although at least one game started with the Fred (1. P-K4 P-KB4 2. Pxf K-B2), no one played the Irish Gambit. Results on page 4!

Next Tournament June 7

Our next regular tournament will be held Saturday, June 7 at the Signature Inn. 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.)

This event will be the last regular tournament before we get on the ICA Tour! See next page for details.

SCC GETS ILLINOIS CLASS!!!!!!

After some vacillation, the Illinois Chess Association (ICA) voted to accept the Springfield Chess Club's bid to host the 2003 Illinois Class Championships. The event will be held Friday through Sunday after Thanksgiving. There will be seven sections: master-expert, classes A, B, C, D, and E, and unrated. Entry fees will be \$49 by November 22, or \$69 thereafter. The prize fund is \$4000 based on 100 entrants.

The tournament will be an ICA Maxi-Tour event; ICA membership will be required of Illinois residents. (Out-of-state residents may play if they are members of their home state chess association, but only Illinoisans will be eligible for any state titles.)

We hope to see everyone there! This is the first time in a long time a major state tournament has been held outside of the Chicago area.

SCC's Tourneys To Be On ICA Tour

Starting in August, all of the SCC's regular tournaments will become the first ICA Tour events in a very long time to be held south of the I-74 corridor. This means that every player will earn ICA Tour Points (and Ex-Urban Tour Points) by playing, but all participants must be ICA members if they are Illinois residents.

If you are not an ICA member, consider joining. Current ICA dues are \$18 a year. Members receive the bimonthly *Illinois Chess Bulletin*. See Tom or David for membership forms.

Mike Shores Appointed VP

At the board meeting on April 2, James Ruth stepped down as vice president, and the board of directors voted to appoint Mike Shores to that position, with the intent of having five separate men in the offices, to avoid 2-2 tie votes. James retains his other office of publicity director.

Welcome New Members

Bill Barritt, Matthew Cremeens, and Daunte Carter, all of Springfield, have joined the Springfield Chess Club. Welcome to the club! The membership total is now 42.

Absurdity, Part II

Q: How do you keep a chessplayer busy?

For the answer, see the bottom of page 4.

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

Prices are negotiable.

James Ruth (217) 525-0965

Minor Event News

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>
May 14	Blitz Tournament, Part 4	\$2
May 21	From's Gambit Thematic	\$3
June 11	Blitz Tournament, Part 5	\$2
June 18	Dunst Opening Thematic	\$3
July 16	Blitz Tournament, Part 6	\$2
July 23	Alekhine Defense Thematic	\$3

March 12 Blitz

<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>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>
1	Michael Shores	x	W	W	L	L	L	L	L	W	L	3.0	5.5
2	Michael Grounds	L	x	W	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	2.0	2.0
3	Barney Bruzetti	L	L	x	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	1.0	1.0
4	Tom Knoedler	W	W	W	x	W	W	W	W	W	W	9.0	17.0
5	David Braunfeld	W	W	W	L	x	W	W	W	W	L	7.0	7.0
6	Cole Taylor	W	W	W	L	L	x	W	W	W	W	7.0	8.0
7	James Ruth	W	W	W	L	L	L	x	W	W	L	5.0	11.0
8	Kyle Churchill	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	x	W	L	2.0	4.0
9	John Taylor	L	W	W	L	L	L	L	L	x	L	2.0	2.5
10	David Long	W	W	W	L	W	L	W	W	W	x	7.0	11.0

April Blitz

C A N C E L E D

Cumulative Blitz Standings

1 Tom Knoedler	17.0 (18)	94.4	7 Kyle Churchill	4.0 (14)	28.8
2 David Long	11.0 (13)	84.6	8 John Taylor	2.5 (14)	17.9
3 James Ruth	11.0 (18)	61.1	9 Michael Grounds	2.0 (9)	22.2
4 Cole Taylor	8.0 (14)	57.2	10 Gaylon Richards Sr.	1.0 (4)	25.0
5 David Braunfeld	7.0 (9)	77.8	11 Barney Bruzetti	1.0 (9)	11.1
6 Michael Shores	5.5 (14)	39.3	12 Gaylon Richards Jr.	0.0 (4)	0.0

March 26 - Gruenfeld Defense Thematic

<u>Pl#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Victories</u>
1	Tom Knoedler	x	W	W	L	2.0	<u>by Color:</u>
2	Cole Taylor	L	x	W	L	1.0	White - 2
3	Kyle Churchill	L	L	x	L	0.0	Black - 4
4	David Long	W	W	W	x	3.0	Draws - 0

April 23 - Albin Counter Gambit Thematic

<u>Pl#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Victories</u>
1	James Ruth	x	W	W	W	L	3.0	<u>by Color:</u>
2	David Braunfeld	L	x	W	W	L	2.0	White - 5
3	Kyle Churchill	L	L	x	L	L	0.0	Black - 5
4	Cole Taylor	L	L	W	x	L	1.0	Draws - 0
5	Tom Knoedler	W	W	W	W	x	4.0	

Complete Results, April 12, 2003

1st place: Tony Cao

2nd place-1st AB-1st CD: Jonathan Hoffsuemmer, Randy Ryner,
Jeremy Volkmann, Derek Sparks, Richard Kujoth

1st E: Larry Griffin 1st unrated: Christopher Leveque

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Tony Cao	1550	W-24	W-13	W--3	W--2	4.0
2	Richard Kujoth	1956	W-21	W--7	W--5	L--1	3.0
3	Derek Sparks	1790	W-22	W-11	L--1	W--4	3.0
4	Randy Ryner	1569	W-14	W-12	W-16	L--3	3.0
5	Jonathan Hoffsuemmer	1543	W-15	W-18	L--2	W-16	3.0
6	Jeremy Volkmann	1540	L-18	W-24	W-21	W-11	3.0
7	Kevin Guo	1531	W-25	L--2	W-22	W--9	3.0
8	Tom Knoedler	1500	HALF	HALF	HALF	W-18	2.5
9	Robert Parker	1680	L-13	W-20	W-12	L--7	2.0
10	David Bononi	1400	L-16	W-15	D-18	HALF	2.0
11	Jerry Bennett	1393	W-23	L--3	W-13	L--6	2.0
12	Raymond Boske	1380	W-17	L--4	L--9	W-19	2.0
13	James Barnes	1247	W--9	L--1	L-11	W-23	2.0
14	Brian Creasey	1236	L--4	L-17	W-20	W-21	2.0
15	Dan Griffin	1206	L--5	L-10	W-25	W-22	2.0
16	Larry Griffin	1079	W-10	W-19	L--4	L--5	2.0
17	Christopher Leveque	unr.	L-12	W-14	L-19	W-25	2.0
18	Larry Coulter	1181	W--6	L--5	D-10	L--8	1.5
19	Jared Silsby	unr.	D-20	L-16	W-17	L-12	1.5
20	James Kelly	1343	D-19	L--9	L-14	HALF	1.0
21	Fred Ohles	1319	L--2	W-25	L--6	L-14	1.0
22	Jack Heller	1249	L--3	W-23	L--7	L-15	1.0
23	Richard Karpes	1005	L-11	L-22	W-24	L-13	1.0
24	James Alverson	1229	L--1	L--6	L--3	----	0.0
25	James Ruth	1099	L--7	L-21	L-15	L-17	0.0

Results, Quick Chess, March 15, 2003

1st place: Kevin French

2nd place: James Healy

1st CD: James Barnes

1st E&under: Scott Steward

Seed	Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	Kevin French	1950	---	W W	L W	W W	W W	W W	9.0
2 (H)	David Long	1879	L L	---	W W	D W	W W	W W	7.5
3	James Healy	1726	W L	L L	---	W W	W W	D D	6.0
4	James Barnes	1247	L L	D L	L L	---	L W	L W	2.5
5	James Ruth	1202	L L	L L	L L	W L	---	L L	1.0
6	Scott Steward	1193	L L	L L	D D	W L	W W	---	4.0

CORRECTION: The results page from the last newsletter should have said February 15, 2003, not 2002.

ABSURDITY ANSWER: (See bottom of page 5)

SCC Co-Hosts Kiddie Tournament

The SCC teamed up with the Springfield Evening Kiwanis Club and Trinity Lutheran Church to organize a (non-rated) scholastic chess tournament at the church's parish hall on April 11. The tournament directors were Tom Knoedler and Jim Larson.

These are the winners of the tournament (name of school follows:)

6th-8th grade division:

- 1st place: Andy Ralph (Blessed Sacrament)
- 2nd place: Evan Dorosheff (Grant MS)
- 3rd place: Carrick Younkin (Christ the King)

3rd-5th grade division:

- 1st place: Aaron Midden (St. Aloysius)
- 2nd place: Andrew Jones (Christ the King)
- 3rd place: James Moore (Blessed Sacrament)

Kindergarten-2nd grade division:

- 1st place: Travis Vogel (St. Agnes)
- 2nd place: Anthony Nestler (Blessed Sacrament)
- 3rd place: Darius English (Cathedral)

Ladder Standings - May 7, 2003

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

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. *Sometimes* 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 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>
May 17	Normal, Ill.	8:45	Dennis Bourgerie	(309) 454-3842
June 7	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
June 14 (?)*	Peoria, Ill.	8:45	Fred Malcome	(309) 367-4833
June 21	Urbana, Ill.	8:45	Chris Merli	(217) 384-5530
July 12	Springfield, Ill.	10:15	David Long	(217) 522-0489

* - date not certain

ABSURDITY ANSWER: (See bottom of page 4)