



# Chess Club Observer

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Club Champion: Doug Van Buskirk

## Doug Van Buskirk Is City Chess Champion!

The August 23 tournament doubled as the Springfield Chess Club championship tournament. The total attendance matched the date - 23.

Doug Van Buskirk, of Springfield, won the tournament with a perfect score of 4-0. Doug now has the title of club champion.

Four people tied for second overall, first A-B, and first C-D. They are Bill Naff, of Peoria; Brian Creasey, of Springfield; Richard Kujoth, of Jacksonville; and Kevin Guo, of Chesterfield, Mo. They each scored 3 points. By virtue of being club members, Brian Creasey and Richard Kujoth share the title of runner-up for the club championship.

Chris Leveque, of Jacksonville, scored 2 points and took the class E and under prize. No unrateds participated.

For complete results, including a short history of the club championship, see page 5.

## Leptoman Birthday Tourney October 11

Our next regular tournament will be held Saturday, October 11, at the Signature Inn. Besides playing chess, we will also be celebrating David "Leptoman" Braunfeld's birthday! All tournament details are the same as usual: registration ends at 8:45, first round at 9, entry fee \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door, \$2 more for non-SCC members.

## Illinois Class Approaches

We need volunteers to help out at the tournament. Mostly we just need a few "gofers" but some guards would also be useful. See Tom or David if you are interested in volunteering. Volunteers will still be eligible to play in the tournament (assuming they meet all other eligibility requirements).

**Correction:** The May-June newsletter, announcing the tournament for the first time, incorrectly numbered the sections. There will be six sections. Unrateds may play in any section but may not win more than \$50 except in the top section.

# September 10: Special Meeting

## Tentative 2004 Schedule

At the September 10 board meeting, a 2004 schedule was drafted. It features six regular tournaments, a stand-alone club championship, and one quick tournament. Dates are as follows (subject to change):

February 21	April 17	June 12
August 21	October 9	December 11

Quick tournament: March 20

Club championship: September 18

## Blitz Continues, Thematics Changed

Turnout at monthly blitz tournaments has increased from an average of 5.4 in 2002 to 8.7 this year, and average revenue at each blitz tournament has increased from \$5.40 to \$17.43. For this reason, the club voted 9-0 to continue blitz tournaments without change next year.

Thematics, however, have been stagnant (5.4 in 2002, 5.9 in 2003), with only a modest increase in revenue (\$5.38 in 2002 to \$8.63 in 2003). The club voted 7-0 to continue the thematics six months out of next year, interspersed with a new proposal initiated by SCC board member Gerald Bumgardner.

Gerald's proposal involves starting the games from some position in a master game, lengthening the time control to 15 minutes, and playing in the form of a three-round Swiss instead of a round robin, which hurries the games a little too much. Perhaps we could also analyze the actual master game on our demo board, before (or after) the tournament had started (or finished).

The motion which passed was to continue the thematics "as is" during the even months of 2004 and try Gerald's tournaments in the odd months. We will see how club response goes.

## Ladder Discontinued

The club ladder was discontinued at the special meeting, by a vote of 8-0, for lack of interest. The last ladder game played was on March 26, and the last game before that was last November.

## Meetings Upstairs Until Further Notice

The American Legion has restarted its restaurant in the evenings, which means that chess club will now be meeting in room 207 (upstairs) every week. A few members have proposed moving the club to another meeting site because the room is so small (and loud!) If anything develops, it will be in the newsletter. In the meantime, club members are asked to keep the noise level down as much as possible. (We do not need, or want, museum-like hush but neither do we want a cacophony.)

# 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>
September 17	English Opening Thematic	\$3
October 15	Blitz Tournament, Part 8	\$2
October 22	Caro Kann Defense Thematic	\$3
November 12	Blitz Tournament, Part 9	\$2
November 19	Alapin Opening Thematic	\$3

## July 16 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>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>
1	James Ruth	x	L	L	W	L	L	W	W	3.0	24.0
2	Daunte Carter	W	x	L	W	L	W	W	D	4.5	17.5
3	Matt Cremeens	W	W	x	W	L	W	W	W	6.0	17.0
4	David Braunfeld	L	L	L	x	L	W	W	W	3.0	10.0
5	Tom Knoedler	W	W	W	W	x	W	W	W	7.0	35.5
6	Cole Taylor	W	L	L	L	L	x	W	W	3.0	14.0
7	John Taylor	L	L	L	L	L	L	x	W	1.0	4.5
8	Kyle Churchill	L	D	L	L	L	L	L	x	0.5	5.5

## August 13 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>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>
1	David Braunfeld	x	W	L	L	D	W	W	W	L	L	L	L	4.5	14.5
2	Michael Shores	L	x	L	L	L	W	L	W	L	L	L	L	2.5	8.0
3	James Ruth	W	W	x	L	W	W	D	W	L	W	W	W	8.5	32.5
4	Matt Cremeens	W	W	W	x	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	10.0	27.0
5	Evan Dorosheff	D	W	L	W	x	W	W	W	L	L	L	W	6.5	11.5
6	John Taylor	L	L	L	L	L	x	L	L	L	L	L	L	0.0	4.5
7	Cole Taylor	L	W	D	L	L	W	x	W	L	L	L	L	3.5	17.5
8	Kyle Churchill	L	L	L	L	L	W	L	x	L	L	L	L	1.0	6.5
9	Daunte Carter	W	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	x	W	W	L	9.0	26.5
10	Tom Knoedler	W	W	L	L	W	W	W	W	L	x	W	W	8.0	43.5
11	Gerald Bumgardner	W	D	L	L	W	W	W	W	L	L	x	W	6.5	17.0
12	David Long	W	W	L	L	L	W	W	W	W	L	L	x	6.0	32.0

## Cumulative Blitz Standings

1	Tom Knoedler	43.5	(54)	80.6	9	Evan Dorosheff	11.5	(22)	52.3
2	James Ruth	32.5	(54)	60.2	10	Josh Rohrscheib	11.0	(18)	61.1
3	David Long	32.0	(42)	76.2	11	Michael Shores	8.0	(25)	32.0
4	Matt Cremeens	27.0	(36)	75.0	12	Kyle Churchill	6.5	(50)	13.0
5	Daunte Carter	26.5	(36)	73.6	13	John Taylor	4.5	(43)	10.5
6	Cole Taylor	17.5	(50)	35.0	14	Barney Bruzetti	3.0	(20)	15.0
7	Gerald Bumgardner	17.0	(22)	77.3	15	Michael Grounds	2.0	(9)	22.2
8	David Braunfeld	14.5	(27)	53.7	16	Gaylon Richards Sr.	1.0	(4)	25.0

## Obituary

The SCC offers its condolences to David Bononi, who lost his son Timothy, on September 4.

### July 23 - Alekhine Defense Thematic

Pl#	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Victories by Color:
1	James Ruth	x	D	L	W	L	W	L	L	2.5	White: 16
2	Evan Dorosheff	D	x	L	L	L	L	L	L	0.5	Black: 11
3	Daunte Carter	W	W	x	L	L	W	L	L	3.0	Draws: 1
4	Matt Cremeens	L	W	W	x	L	W	W	W	5.0	
5	Tom Knoedler	W	W	W	W	x	W	W	L	6.0	
6	David Levesque	L	W	L	L	L	x	L	L	1.0	
7	Jonathan Hoffsuemmer	W	W	W	L	L	W	x	L	4.0	
8	David Long	W	W	W	L	W	W	W	x	6.0	

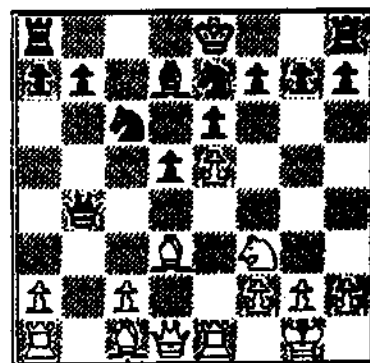
### August 20 - Orangutan Opening Thematic

Pl#	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Victories by Color:
1	Cole Taylor	x	W	L	L	W	L	L	-	2.0	White: 12
2	Kyle Churchill	L	x	L	L	L	L	L	-	0.0	Black: 9
3	James Ruth	W	W	x	L	L	W	L	-	3.0	
4	Gerald Bumgardner	W	W	W	x	W	W	W	W	6.0*	
5	Evan Dorosheff	L	W	W	L	x	L	L	-	2.0	
6	Tom Knoedler	W	W	L	L	W	x	W	-	4.0	
7	David Braunfeld	W	W	W	L	W	L	x	-	4.0	
8	Michael Shores*	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	x	---	

\* Michael Shores's game does not count because he withdrew before half of the games were completed.

## Games

White: Doug Van Buskirk (2122)  
 Black: Dennis Bourgerie (1703)  
 Springfield, Ill., August 23, 2003  
 Opening: [272] Advance French



1. P-K4 P-K3
2. P-Q4 P-Q4
3. P-K5 P-QB4
4. N-KB3 Q-N3
5. B-Q3 N-QB3
6. Pxp Bxp
7. Q-Q N-K2
8. N-B3 Q-B2
9. N-QR4 B-N3
10. NxB QxN
11. R-K1 B-Q2
12. P-QN4 QxP

White sacrifices a pawn to start making things happen. See diagram. 13. P-QR4 N-R4

14. B-R3 Q-N3
15. R-N1 Q-B2
16. N-N5 N-N3

17. B-Q6 Q-Q1
18. Q-R5 Bxp
19. R-N4 Q-Q2

20. NxB PxB 21. BxNch K-Q1 22. Q-R4ch K-B1 The king is trapped in the center! 23. RxB N-B5 24. RxNch PxR 25. QxBPch K-Q1 26. R-Q1

27. B-B7ch K-K1
28. RxQ KxR
29. Q-B5 KR-K1
30. Q-Q6ch K-B1

31. B-R5 P-N3 32. Q-B6ch K-N1 33. B-N4 R-Q1 White doesn't need to take the rook. The black king has no escape. 34. B-Q6ch RxB 35. PxR P-R4 36. Q-B7, checkmate.

After Black's 12th move

## September Quick Canceled

September 20's quick chess tournament has been canceled. Next year will feature only one quick tournament.

# Welcome New Members

David Levesque, and Nancy Ganguli, both of Springfield, have joined the Springfield Chess Club. Welcome to the club!

Long-lost Doug Van Buskirk, of Springfield, has also rejoined. He kicked off his return to organized chess with consecutive 4-0 tournaments in Urbana and Peoria in June.

Membership total is now 46.

## Complete Results, August 23, 2003

1st place: Doug Van Buskirk

2nd, 1st A-B, 1st C-D: Richard Kujoth, Bill Naff, Kevin Guo, Brian Creasey

1st E&under: Chris Leveque

<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	<i>Doug Van Buskirk</i>	2122	W--5	W-10	W--6	W--3	4.0
2	Bill Naff	2011	HALF	W-13	D--9	W-10	3.0
3	<i>Richard Kujoth</i>	1942	W-14	W-12	W-11	L--1	3.0
4	Kevin Guo	1579	W-17	L--6	W-20	W--9	3.0
5	<i>Brian Creasey</i>	1461	L--1	W-22	W-12	W-11	3.0
6	Dennis Bourgerie	1703	W-19	W--4	L--1	D--7	2.5
7	<i>Tom Knoedler</i>	1509	HALF	HALF	W-21	D--6	2.5
8	Greg Moses	1505	W-15	L-11	D-17	W-16	2.5
9	Phil Anderson	1805	HALF	W-16	D--2	L--4	2.0
10	Jonathan Borwell	1691	W-20	L--1	W-13	L--2	2.0
11	Martin Wilber	1689	W-18	W--8	L--3	L--5	2.0
12	<i>Randy Ryner</i>	1519	W-21	L--3	L--5	W-17	2.0
13	Eric Wildman	1479	W-23	L--2	L-10	W-21	2.0
14	Bruce Burkett	1336	L--3	L-21	W-18	W-20	2.0
15	Chris Leveque	1179	L--8	W-23	L-16	W-19	2.0
16	<i>David Bononi</i>	1500	D-22	L--9	W-15	L--8	1.5
17	Matt Wilber	1229	L--4	W-18	D--8	L-12	1.5
18	<i>Larry Coulter</i>	1479	L-11	L-17	L-14	W-23	1.0
19	Fred Ohles	1298	L--6	L-20	W-23	L-15	1.0
20	Wayne Clark	1292	L-10	W-19	L--4	L-14	1.0
21	Dan Tuttle	1221	L-12	W-14	L--7	L-13	1.0
22	<i>James Ruth</i>	1086	D-16	L--5	---	---	0.5
23	<i>Evan Dorosheff</i>	598	L-13	L-15	L-19	L-18	0.0

Club members in italics

## Club Champions

1993-1994: David Mote

1994-1998: David Mote

1998-1999: Doug Van Buskirk

1999-2001: (vacant)

2001-2003: David Mote

2003- : Doug Van Buskirk

Does anyone know about the club championship before 1993? If so, please see David to add old tournament records to club archives.

# Membership Roster

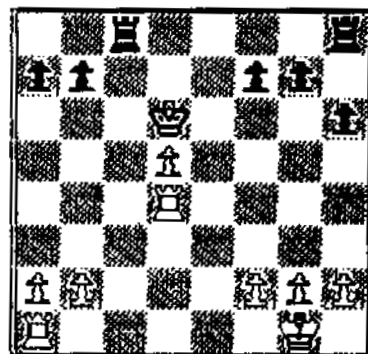
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## More Games

White: David Bononi (1500)  
 Black: James Ruth (1086)  
 Springfield, Ill. August 23, 2003  
 Opening: [195] Austrian Defense



After Black's 20th move

1. P-Q4 P-Q4 2. P-QB4 P-QB4 The Austrian Defense to the Queen's Gambit, a somewhat offbeat line. 3. N-QB3 N-KB3 4. B-N5 P-K3 5. N-B3 P-KR3 6. B-R4 N-B3 7. BPxP KPxP 8. P-K4 B-K2 9. BxN BxB 10. KPxP NxP 11. NxN BxN 12. B-N5ch B-Q2 13. Q-K2ch Q-K2 14. QxQch KxQ 15. BxB KxB Pieces are coming off the board fast. 16. 0-0 K-Q3 17. N-N5ch K-Q2 18. NxB PxN 19. KR-Q1 QR-QB1 20. RxP K-Q3 Down to a rook ending, with white up one pawn. See diagram. 21. P-QN4 P-QN3 22. P-KR3 P-QN4 23. P-QR4 P-R3 24. P-B4 R-R1 25. PxP PxP 26. RxR RxR 27. K-B2 R-R7ch 28. K-B3 P-B4, drawn.

## 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. Every week until further notice, we will be meeting in room 207, upstairs (not the room we have usually used.)

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>
September 13	Collinsville, Ill.	8:45	Paul Holland	(618) 288-4117
September 27	Florissant, Mo.	9:30	Al Howlett	(314) 653-1370
September 27	Bettendorf, Iowa	9:30	Matt Nemmers	(309) 786-2520
October 4	Normal, Ill.	8:45	Dennis Bourgerie	(309) 454-3842
October 4	St. Louis, Mo.	10:00	David Cole	(636) 386-2487
October 11	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
October 11	St. Louis, Mo.	9:45	Tony Rich	(314) 359-1209
October 12	Burlington, Iowa	9:45	Robert Reynolds	(319) 758-0282
November 1	Peoria, Ill.	8:45	Fred Malcome	(309) 367-4833
November 15	Collinsville, Ill.	8:45	Paul Holland	(618) 288-4117
November 22	(Rural) Normal, Ill.	9:45	Dennis Bourgerie	(309) 454-3842
Nov. 28-30	Springfield, Ill.	4 p.m. 11/28	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265