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Special Edition

ILLINOIS CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Turnout Low, Enthusiasm High!

Although turnout for the Illinois Class Championships, held Thanksgiving weekend in Springfield, was only 40, everyone who was there enjoyed the tournament! The C and D sections were combined, creating five sections for chess players of all skill levels to slug it out with each other. The Illinois Chess Association generously donated some additional "booby prizes", in the form of chess books and small travel-sized chess sets. ICA also donated a complete Novag chess computer set, which was awarded to the junior with the highest relative performance at the tournament.

For reports on each individual section, see inside!

Next Regular Tournament December 13

Our next regular tournament will be held Saturday, December 13, at the Signature Inn. All tournament details are the same as usual: registration ends at 8:45, the first round begins at 9, entry fee \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door, \$2 more for non-SCC members.

Time To Renew!

All SCC memberships expire on December 31. Please renew yours today! Annual dues are \$12, and they bring you the bimonthly newsletter plus a \$2 discount on all regular rated SCC tournaments. There is a membership form on page 6.

(A few members are already paid through 2004. These are indicated by a red "04" on their mailing label.)

Class MX

City Champ Is State Class Champ!

Nine players, including two who played up and one very brave unrated player, participated in the topmost Master-Expert section. Of those, city champion Doug Van Buskirk scored 3 wins, 1 draw, and 1 half-point bye to secure 4 points and the state class title in this division.

Sharing second and third in this division were Loal William Davis, of Ballwin, Mo., and Deepyaman Datta, of Lawrence, Kan., each of whom scored 3 points. The booby prize in this section went to Daunte Carter, of Springfield, playing as an unrated in his second tournament.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Rd 2</u>	<u>Rd 4</u>	<u>Rd 1</u>	<u>Rd 3</u>	<u>Rd 7</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 Doug Van Buskirk	2144	W--9	W--4	W--7	HALF	D--2	4.0
2 Loal William Davis	2240	D--7	D--3	W--4	D--6	D--1	3.0
3 Deepyaman Datta	2038	HALF	D--2	D--5	D--4	W--6	3.0
4 James Ellis	2200	W--5	L--1	L--2	D--3	W--8	2.5
5 Larry Cohen	2001	L--4	W--8	D--3	L--H	W--7	2.5
6 Christopher Nienart	1929	D--A	D--7	W--8	D--2	L--3	2.5
7 Bill Naff	2007	D--2	D--6	L--1	W--8	L--5	2.0
8 Daunte Carter	unr.	L--H	L--5	L--6	L--7	L--4	0.0
9 Richard Kujoth	1935	L--1	----	----	----	----	0.0
H David Long	1953	W--8	----	----	W--5	----	----
A Vincent Hart	1959	D--6	----	----	----	----	----

Class A

Two Take First On Technicality

The Class A division had six players. Turnout was small enough that by the last round, no pairings could be made without a rematch somewhere. To solve this problem, and a similar problem in class B, two cross-section pairings with B were made. Anjali Datta, of Lawrence, Kan., scored 3.5 points. Howard Cohen, of Rosemont, scored 3 points in play but was considered to have 4 points, because the last game was considered a full-point bye for scoring purposes. Awarding first place to either would be unfair to the other, so both received that title.

Third place went to Gerald Bumgardner, of Springfield, who scored 3 points. Eric Heiser, of Wauconda, won the booby prize.

By virtue of having an estimated relative performance of +361, Anjali Datta also won the chess computer donated by ICA.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Rd 1</u>	<u>Rd 2</u>	<u>Rd 3</u>	<u>Rd 4</u>	<u>Rd 5</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 Anjali Datta	1665	HALF	L--4	W--6	W--5	W--3	3.5
2 Howard Cohen	1865	W--6	L--3	W--5	W--4	L--B	3.0
3 Gerald Bumgardner	1874	D--5	W--2	W--4	D--6	L--1	3.0
4 Vincent Hart	1959	D--X	W--1	L--3	L--2	W--5	2.5
5 Jordan Mc Donald	1821	D--3	W--6	L--2	L--1	L--4	1.5
6 Eric Heiser	1649	L--2	L--5	L--1	D--3	D--7	1.0
B Mark Engelen	1740	----	----	----	----	W--2	----
Z Kyle Miles	1718	----	----	----	----	D--6	----

Class B

Bonwell Kicks Butt

Seven participated in the Class B division. Two ended up in cross-section games with class A in the final round. At the end, with three wins and two draws, Jonathan Bonwell, of Normal, scored 4 points and won the section. Three points was enough to tie for 2nd-3rd, and those players tying were James Healy, of Springfield, and Mario Bartocci, of Westmont. Leonard Ferguson, of Springfield, won the booby prize.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Rd 1</u>	<u>Rd 2</u>	<u>Rd 3</u>	<u>Rd 4</u>	<u>Rd 5</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 Jonathan Bonwell	1687	W--7	W--6	D--3	D--5	W--2	4.0
2 Mario Bartocci	1680	L--6	W--H	W--7	W--3	L--1	3.0
3 James Healy	1679	W--4	D--5	D--1	L--0	W--7	3.0
4 Kyle Miles	1718	L--3	L--7	W--H	W--6	D--2	2.5
5 Dennis Bourgerie	1700	HALF	D--3	W--6	D--1	----	2.5
6 Mark Engelen	1740	W--2	L--1	L--5	L--4	W--A	2.0
7 Leonard Ferguson	1647	L--1	W--4	L--2	HALF	L--3	1.5
H Tom Knoedler	1509	----	L--2	L--4	----	----	----
A Howard Cohen	1865	----	----	----	----	L--6	----
Z Eric Heiser	1643	----	----	----	----	D--4	----

Classes C and D

Almost Empty Sections Combined

Turnout in the lower-middle classes of C and D were so poor that the sections had to be merged! Although the five participants of class C and the three of class D played in a single section, separate prizes were maintained for both sections.

In the C section, Brian Creasey, of Springfield, one of the runner-ups for this year's club championship, scored 4.5 points out of 5 and easily won first place in this section. Jerry Bennett, of Decatur, scored 3 points and took second, while David Bononi, of Springfield, took third place with a score of 2.5.

In the D section, Dan Griffin, of Morton Grove, won first place by scoring 3 points. Brian O'Brien, of Island Lake, was next with 1 point.

The booby prize in the class C section went to Craig Butler, of St. Louis. There were not enough participants in class D to award a booby prize in that section!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Rd 2</u>	<u>Rd 4</u>	<u>Rd 1</u>	<u>Rd 3</u>	<u>Rd 7</u>	<u>Total</u>
C1 Brian Creasey	1461	D--D6	W--C5	W--C4	W--C2	W--D7	4.5
C2 Jerry Bennett	1500	D--H	W--D3	D--D6	L--C1	W--C5	3.0
D3 Dan Griffin	1295	W--C5	L--C2	W--C8	W--D6	L--C4	3.0
C4 David Bononi	1400	D--D7	W--C8	L--C1	L--C5	W--D3	2.5
C5 Craig Butler	1454	L--D3	L--C1	W--D7	W--C4	L--C2	2.0
D6 Samuel Parks	1390	D--C1	W--D7	D--C2	L--D3	----	2.0
D7 Brian O'Brien	1062	D--C4	L--D6	L--C5	D--H	L--C1	1.0
C8 Paul Fambro	1474	HALF	L--C4	L--D3	----	----	0.5
H Tom Knoedler	1509	D--C2	----	----	D--D7	----	----

Class E and under Jack Heller Wins Section

Eight was the total participation in this lowest section. With four wins and one loss, Jack Heller, of Mattoon, scored 4 points and won first place. Second place went to James Ruth, of Auburn, with 3.5 points. Larry Griffin, of Morton Grove, scored 3 points and won third place. The booby prize went to Andrew Davis, of Ballwin, Mo.

Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1 Jack Heller	1170	W--5	L--2	W--6	W--7	W--3	4.0
2 James Ruth	1075	W--3	W--1	D--7	L--3	W--4	3.5
3 Larry Griffin	1123	D--7	D--6	W--5	W--2	L--1	3.0
4 Arthur Placek	1091	HALF	L--7	W--8	W--5	L--2	2.5
5 James Alverson	1068	L--1	W--8	L--3	L--4	W--6	2.0
6 Philip Placek	1051	HALF	D--3	L--1	W--8	L--5	2.0
7 Evan Dorosheff	598	D--3	W--4	D--2	L--1	FORF	2.0
8 Andrew Davis	534	L--2	L--5	L--4	L--6	FWIN	1.0

Special Thanks to...

- ...the ICA board members, for voting to accept our bid, and to same for showing up at the tournament! All five were present.
- ...James Ruth, who acted as a tournament aide throughout the event.
- ...everyone from downstate or out of state who showed up, proving that downstate chess players will play in a state tournament if they have the opportunity to do so.
- ...everyone from the Chicago area who came down and played, showing that there are some Chicago chess players who support the ICA as a statewide organization.
- ...Dennis Bourgerie and Tom Knoedler, whose donations somewhat reduced the tournament's budget shortfall.

Illinois Class Statistics

Participants' homes:	Metro Chicago	30%
	Downstate Illinois	50%
	Illinois total	80%
	Missouri	13%
	Kansas	5%
	Alabama	2%
	Out of state total	20%
Participants who are members of the SCC:		38%
Live in downstate Illinois AND member of the SCC:		75%
Participants who played up:		13%
Games that were	won by White	40%
	won by Black	36%
	Decisive total	76%
	Drawn	24%

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>
December 10	Blitz Tournament, Part 10	\$2
December 17	Alapin Opening Thematic	\$3

November 12 Blitz

<u>Pl#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>
1	Daunte Carter	x	L	W	L	1.0	30.5
2	Matt Cremeens	W	x	L	W	2.0	29.0
3	Tom Knoedler	L	W	x	D	1.5	47.0
4	Evan Dorosheff	W	L	D	x	1.5	13.0

Cumulative Blitz Standings

1	Tom Knoedler	47.0	(60)	78.3	10	Josh Rohrscheib	11.0	(18)	61.1
2	James Ruth	32.5	(54)	60.2	11	Michael Shores	8.0	(25)	32.0
3	David Long	32.0	(42)	76.2	12	Kyle Churchill	6.5	(50)	13.0
4	Daunte Carter	30.5	(42)	72.6	13	John Taylor	4.5	(43)	10.5
5	Matt Cremeens	29.0	(39)	74.4	14	Barney Bruzetti	3.0	(20)	15.0
6	Cole Taylor	17.5	(50)	35.0	15	Michael Grounds	2.0	(9)	22.2
7	Gerald Burgardner	17.0	(22)	77.3	16	Leonard Ferguson	1.0	(3)	33.3
8	David Braunfeld	14.5	(27)	53.7	17	Gaylon Richards Sr.	1.0	(4)	25.0
9	Evan Dorosheff	13.0	(28)	46.4	18	Gaylon Richards Jr.	0.0	(4)	0.0

November 26 - Caro Kann Defense Thematic

<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>Total</u>	<u>Victories</u>
1	Kyle Churchill	x	L	W	L	W	L	2.0	<u>by Color:</u>
2	James Ruth	W	x	W	W	W	L	4.0	White: 6
3	John Taylor	L	L	x	L	L	L	0.0	Black: 8
4	Cole Taylor	W	L	W	x	L	L	2.0	Draws: 1
5	Evan Dorosheff	L	L	W	W	x	D	2.5	
6	Daunte Carter	W	W	W	W	D	x	4.5	

Gerald Burgardner's proposed "master game thematics" will start in January. Watch the newsletter for details.

SCC's Friday Meetings Now Every Week

The SCC's Friday meetings, held the second Friday of every week at Barnes & Noble, corner of Route 4 and Wabash Ave., have been expanded to every week (except Black Friday and the day after Christmas) through the rest of 2003. A plan is under way to get the changes made permanent. More news will follow if this goes through.

We hope to see everyone there! The B&N Cafe should provide a more spacious, smoke-free alternative to the Wednesday meetings at the Legion Hall.

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 Friday nights, we meet from 6 to 10 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, near the corner of Route 4 and Wabash Ave. (The old second-Friday schedule has been changed to every Friday through December 19, 2003, pending further action by the SCC's Board of Directors.)

Area Tournament Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Reg Ends</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
December 13	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
January 1	Columbia, Ill.	10:15	Russell Day	(618) 281-5283
January 3	Normal, Ill.	8:45	Dennis Bourgerie	(309) 454-3842
Jan. 23/24-25	Chesterfield, Mo.	*	Continental Chess	(845) 496-9658

* 3-day schedule: registration ends Friday 7 p.m.

2-day schedule: registration ends Saturday 10 a.m.

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