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Naff Wins Quick Chess

Bill Naff, of Peoria, won the March 20 quick chess tournament, although it may be blamed in part by a foul-up from the library. Bill Naff, of Peoria, won all four games to win first place overall. James Ruth, of Auburn, scored 2.5 points for second place.

First place in class A-B, by default, was James Healy, of Springfield. He scored 2 points. James Barnes, also of Springfield, scored 1 point and won first class C-D. Evan Dorosheff, of Springfield, won 2 games and took first place in E and under.

The Lincoln Library West Branch, where the tournament was booked, canceled use of its downstairs meeting room because of budget cuts, and failed to notify the chess club. They sent us to the downtown library, which had enough spare room for us to hold the tournament.

For complete results, see page 6.

Sparks Wins April Tournament

Turnout at the club's April regular tournament was up. Twenty-four players participated, enough for the SCC to have its first (just barely) profitable tournament in many months.

Derek Sparks, of Middletown, scored 3.5 points out of 4 and won first place outright. James Healy, of Springfield, and Craig Butler, of St. Louis, scored three points. They tied for second place and half of the class prizes A-B and C-D, because only two prizes may be divided between two players.

The other half of the A-B prize was split between Jonathan Bonwell and Dennis Bourgerie, both of Normal, and Gary Blickhan, of Quincy. They were next in line with 2.5 points. That was also the score achieved by David Bononi, of Springfield, and Dan Tuttle and Bill Wright, both of St. Louis. They split the other half of the C-D prize.

Ray Bennett, of Cahokia, and Evan Dorosheff, of Springfield, shared the E-and-under prize. They scored 2 points each. Carlos Escobar, of Lincoln, also scored 2 points and took the first unrated prize.

For complete results, see page 6.

Inside: Most Wednesday night club meetings downstairs again! See page 2.

Next Tournament June 12

Our next regular tournament will be held Saturday, June 12, 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.

Club Meetings Downstairs Again!

SCC board member Mike Shores, also a member of the American Legion, convinced the Legion Hall to again let us use the downstairs area where we used to meet most Wednesdays. Look for us down there most weeks! (Sometimes the Legion will still have events of some sort there, and club will still most likely be upstairs on such nights.)

Minutes of the Special Meeting

On March 24, the SCC held a special meeting to decide what to do about the club's current financial crisis. The special meeting opened with a board meeting to discuss tournaments. All officers were present except Gerald Bumgardner, who was attending classes.

Motion to excuse him passed 4-0.

All 2004 Tournaments Will Be Played

A motion was made to keep all regular tournaments for the rest of the year on the schedule, and take up the matter again in September, when it is time to set next year's schedule. Motion passed 3-1.

An experimental 6/60 tournament was proposed for later in the year, and if it is successful, it could be a model for some of the SCC's tournaments for 2005. The club is considering changing the format for some of its tournaments, so as not to have the same thing over and over again (also, the desirability of finishing earlier than 8 or 9 p.m. was noted.) Motion to table the plan until July passed 4-0.

Survey Results

After the board meeting, the results from the surveys were presented. Not enough surveys were returned to make any assessments with any accuracy, but a few things did stand out in the results.

The most common answer to "How would you adjust the format (of the tournaments)?" was *finish earlier*.

The most common answer to "What (else) should happen at the meetings?" was *lectures/lessons*. If we can find someone to give the lectures, it shall be done.

By far, the most common answer to "How would you boost club revenues?" was *membership drive*. When the SCC makes another batch of membership posters, please consider posting one or more at your place of employment, school, church, whatever. More members means more funds, and just as important, more chess!

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Minor Events

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

Date	Event	Entry Fee
May 12	Blitz, Part 5	\$2
May 19	3-Round Swiss (6/15)	\$3
June 16	Blitz, Part 6	\$2
June 23	3-Round Swiss (6/15)	\$3
July 14	Blitz, Part 7	\$2

			March 10 Blitz							
Pl#	Name		1	2	3	4	5	6	Month	Year
1	Evan Dorosheff		x	W	L	D	D	L	2.0	10.5
2	James Ruth		L	x	L	L	W	L	1.0	8.0
3	Tom Knoedler		W	W	x	W	W	D	4.5	11.5
4	Matt Cremeens		D	W	L	x	W	D	3.0	6.0
5	Michael Shores		D	L	L	L	x	L	0.5	0.5
6	David Long		W	W	D	D	W	x	4.0	9.0

			April 14 Blitz							
Pl#	Name		1	2	3	4	5	6	Month	Year
1	Evan Dorosheff		x	L	W	L	W	W	3.0	13.5
2	Matt Cremeens		W	x	W	L	W	D	3.5	9.5
3	James Ruth		L	L	x	W	W	L	2.0	10.0
4	Tom Knoedler		W	W	L	x	W	L	3.0	14.5
5	John Voigts		L	L	L	L	x	L	0.0	0.0
6	David Long		L	D	W	W	W	x	3.5	12.5

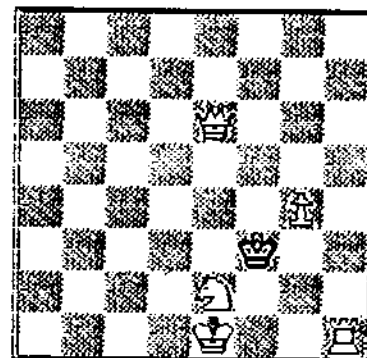
Cumulative Blitz Standings										
1	Tom Knoedler	14.5	(17)	85.3	8	Kyle Churchill	1.5	(7)	21.4	
2	Evan Dorosheff	13.5	(22)	61.4	9	Larry Grammer	1.0	(5)	20.0	
3	David Long	12.5	(17)	73.5	10	David Braunfeld	0.5	(5)	10.0	
4	James Ruth	10.0	(22)	45.5	11	Michael Shores	0.5	(5)	10.0	
5	Matt Cremeens	9.5	(15)	63.3	12	Cole Taylor	0.5	(7)	7.1	
6	Daunte Carter	7.5	(12)	62.5	13	John Voigts	0.0	(5)	0.0	
7	John Taylor	1.5	(7)	21.4						

3-round Swiss results on next page.

Absurdity, Part 16

White to play and mate in one.
K. Soltsein, *Fairy Chess Review*, 1957

The solution is *not* 0-0, because that move is illegal in this position! If you can figure out why, you are halfway to solving the problem. There is a hint at the bottom of page 5. Solution is on page 8!



March 17 - 3-Round Swiss

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Total
1	Matt Cremeens	1565	W--4	D--2	W--3	2.5
2	Tom Knoedler	1517	W--8	D--1	W--5	2.5
3	James Ruth	1107	W--7	W--5	L--1	2.0
4	Evan Dorosheff	935	L--1	W--8	W--7	2.0
5	James Sennett	1301	W--6	L--3	L--2	1.0
6	John Taylor	274	L--5	L--7	W--8	1.0
7	Kyle Churchill	unr.	L--3	W--6	L--4	1.0
8	Cole Taylor	649	L--2	L--4	L--6	0.0

April 21 - 3-Round Swiss

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Total
1	Tom Knoedler	1517	W--5	W--3	W--4	3.0
2	James Ruth	1107	W--6	L--4	W--5	2.0
3	Evan Dorosheff	935	W--4	L--1	W--6	2.0
4	Matt Cremeens	1565	L--3	W--2	L--1	1.0
5	Mark Maisenbacher	unr.	L--1	W--6	L--2	1.0
6	John Voigts	unr.	L--2	L--5	L--3	0.0

Special Meeting minutes continued from page 2

Voting Results

The meeting was opened up to the entire membership. A motion was made to advertise the club on public access TV. **Passed 4-1**

A motion was made to advertise the club and its tournaments on community calendars. **Passed 5-0**

A motion was made to hold a simultaneous exhibition open to the public as a way to get some exposure for the club. **Passed 4-1**

A motion was made to organize a new membership drive, and involve as many people as possible in hanging posters and recruiting new members. **Passed 6-0**

A motion was made to try to cut a deal with the University of Illinois at Champaign chess club to get more people into both club's tournaments. **FAILED 1-4**

A motion was made to hold some sort of fund raiser, such as a bake sale, to boost the club treasury. **Passed 5-1**

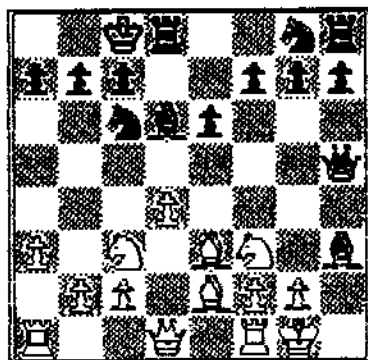


Diagram 1
 After Black's 10th move

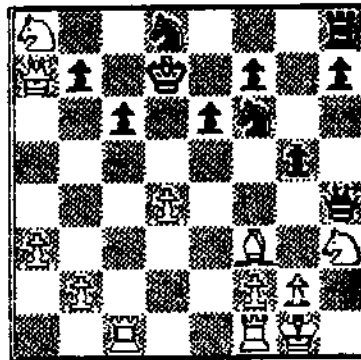


Diagram 2
 After Black's 27th move

To Trap a Trapper

by Leonard Ferguson

"First, to avoid a trap, one must identify a trap." This quote is from Victor Herbert's great sci-fi novel series "Dune". In this game, Evan Dorosheff, playing White, sidesteps nooses, walks around pitfalls, and constantly harasses Jim Davis's queen, to play his best game yet.

Analyzed by Leonard Ferguson, with assistance from Chessmaster 9000.

<p>White: Evan Dorosheff (648) Black: Jim Davis (1695) Springfield, Ill. - December 13, 2003 - Round 4 Opening: [280] Center Counter Game, by transposition</p>

1. P-K4 N-QB3 2. N-KB3 2. P-Q4 is normal here, playing the Nimzovich Defense. ...P-Q4 ...P-Q3 was recommended. 3. PxP QxP 4. N-B3 Q-QR4 Evan keeps developing pieces while Black's queen starts running.
5. P-Q4 B-N5 6. B-K2 0-0-0 7. B-K3 P-K3 8. P-QR3 A nice quiet move, preventing ...B-N5. ...B-Q3 9. P-R3 Q-KR4 10. 0-0 BxKRP?!
See diagram 1, previous page. The first trap. Evan does not take the bait. 11. N-KN5! I love this move for White. It does just about everything, and Black is ready to drop a piece. ...Q-N3 12. NxB B-B4!
The second trap. Again, Evan does not take the bait. 13. B-R5 Q-B3? ...Q-B4 is much better. Evan now launches a nasty skewer. 14. B-N5! Q-B4 15. B-R8 P-KN4, trapping the queen, would be even better. ...BxQP 16. B-N4 Q-QB4 17. N-R4 Q-QN4 18. P-QB3! How natural this move is for white. A single move for an attack and to defend a piece. ...NxB 19. PxB N-KB3 20. B-K2 B-B3 looks better, as it cuts through the board nicely. ...Q-B3 21. R-B1 Q-Q4 22. Q-B2?! Evan looks for the cheap and quick kill here, but it is easily covered by Black. I like 22. R-B5 to get the black queen off the fifth rank. ...P-B3 23. Q-QB5 Q-K5 24. B-B3 Q-R5 25. QxRP P-KN4! A good move for black, but too little, too late. 26. N-N6ch K-B2 27. N-R8ch K-Q2 Evan starts to push the king into the open with a series of checks. *See diagram 2, previous page.* 28. N-N6ch? BxPch! is the killer move that Evan misses. It opens black up totally. ...K-K1 29. B-K2 P-N5! Black's final attack. 30. N-B4 P-N6 31. Pxp Qxp 32. R-KB3 Q-N4 33. R-B5 Q-N2 34. Q-N8 R-N1 35. Q-K5 P-R4 36. R-KB2 P-R5 37. N-R3 Q-N3 38. Q-N5? Evan misses QxN!!, after which black would think twice about the cheap check on QN8. ...Q-N8ch 39. Q-B1 Q-N3 40. R-KN5! QxR Black's final act of defiance. 41. NxQ, Black resigns.

Thanks

...to SCC member **Jerry Bennett**, of Decatur, whose generous \$200 donation to the chess club has kept the club going the past two months, and makes it possible to hold the remaining tournaments of 2004.

ABSURDITY HINT: If you cannot find a mate in one, brush up on some of the most basic rules of chess, far more basic than the rules involving castling. Then look at the diagram again.

Complete Results, March 20 Quick

<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	Bill Naff	2077	W--5	W--3	W--2	W--4	4.0
2	James Ruth	1182	HALF	W--5	L--1	W--3	2.5
3	James Healy	1687	W--4	L--1	W--6	L--2	2.0
4	Evan Dorosheff	935*	L--3	W--6	W--5	L--1	2.0
5	James Barnes	1262	L--1	L--2	L--4	W--6	1.0
6	Wayland Harris	1237	L--H	L--4	L--3	L--5	0.0
H	David Long	1867	W--6	----	----	----	1.0

* - No quick rating, used regular rating

Complete Results, April 17, 2004

<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	Derek Sparks	1802	D--6	W-10	W--8	W--2	3.5
2	James Healy	1723	W--3	W-17	W--9	L--1	3.0
3	Craig Butler	1455	L--2	W-12	W-21	W-14	3.0
4	Jonathan Bonwell	1736	D-10	D--6	W-12	HALF	2.5
5	Dennis Bourgerie	1701	D--2	W--H	D-17	HALF	2.5
6	Gary Blickhan	1620	D--1	D--4	W-19	HALF	2.5
7	David Bononi	1401	L-15	W-21	W-13	HALF	2.5
8	Bill Wright	1400	W-20	W-14	L--1	D--9	2.5
9	Dan Tuttle	1393	W-13	W-11	L--2	D--8	2.5
10	Matt Cremeens	1565	D--4	L--1	D--H	W-21	2.0
11	Jerry Bennett	1506	L-17	L--9	W-16	W-19	2.0
12	Ray Bennett	1199	W-23	L--3	L--4	W-20	2.0
13	Evan Dorosheff	935	L--9	W-23	L--7	W-18	2.0
14	Carlos Escobar	unr.	W-19	L--8	W-18	L--3	2.0
15	Tom Barnard	1705	W--7	W-22	----	----	2.0
16	James Ruth	1107	HALF	L-18	L-11	W-23	1.5
17	Kevin Guo	1726	W-11	L--2	D--5	----	1.5
18	James Sennett	1301	L-21	W-16	L-14	L-13	1.0
19	Daniel Ladd	1157	L-14	W-20	L--6	L-11	1.0
20	Michael Shores	1047	L--8	L-19	W-23	L-12	1.0
21	Peter Kohler	unr.	W-18	L--7	L--3	L-10	1.0
22	Richard Kujoth	1909	D--5	L-15	----	----	0.5
23	Michael Moore	unr.	L-12	L-13	L-20	L-16	0.0
H	Tom Knoedler	1517	HALF	L--5	D-10	----	1.0

Membership Roster

State is Illinois and area code is 217 unless otherwise specified.

Membership: 40 Last update: May 6, 2004

<u>RCI</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City-State-Zip</u>	<u>Phone</u>
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For Sale

Table & 5 chairs \$175

Antique Willet gateleg dropleaf table and leaves. All solid maple. Needs refinishing.

Small desk \$20

3 drawers, wooden, Formica top.
Great for art.

White wicker vanity \$50

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Ideal for teen-age girl.

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Couch \$95

With hide-a-bed. Neutral colors.

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Absurdity Solution

Castling is illegal because the white king and rook have both moved; in fact, neither of them is on its home square! Did you notice that there is a *dark* square in the lower-right corner of the diagram? White must not be moving up or down the board, but rather left to right! Thus the solution is 1. P-K8=N, checkmate.

White could not be moving right to left, because then the Black king would already be in check.

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 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 22	Quincy, Ill.	10:50	Gary Blickhan	(217) 223-8762
May 22	Florissant, Mo.	9:30	Al Howlett	(314) 387-5127
June 5	Collinsville, Ill.	8:45	Vernon Smith	(618) 656-6856
June 12	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
June 26	Peoria, Ill.	8:45	Fred Malcome	(309) 367-4833
June 26	Collinsville, Ill.	11:30	Ken Fee	(816) 407-7017
July 17	Florissant, Mo.	9:30	Al Howlett	(314) 387-5127