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Club Champion: Doug Van Buskirk

Van Buskirk Wins Tournament

Twenty-four chess players showed up for the June 21 tournament, just enough for the SCC to a second consecutive (just barely) profitable tournament. City chess champion Doug Van Buskirk, of Springfield, scored 3.5 points out of a possible 4 to win first place.

Four tied for second place, first A-B, and first C-D. Each scoring three points, they were Derek Sparks, of Middletown; Gary Blickhan, of Quincy; Kyle Miles, of Mattoon; and Matthew Winks, of El Paso.

James Ruth, of Auburn, won two games and took first in class E, while Peter Kohler, of Lincoln, won one game and was the first unrated.

For complete results, see page 2.

Next Tournament August 21

Our next regular tournament will be held Saturday, August 21, 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.

City Chess Championship on September 18

The Springfield Chess Club will hold its club championship on Saturday, September 18, 2004, at the Lincoln Library downtown. The event is open to the public to watch, although only SCC members may play. There is no entry fee - all members can play *for free!*

The tournament will be *five rounds at 6/30*. Registration runs from 9:30 to 10:00. The first round begins at 10:15, and will be followed by a 45-minute lunch break, with the rest of the rounds beginning at 12, 1, 2, and 3, with awards at 4 p.m.

Besides club champion, we will also recognize the runner-up, first intermediate, and first beginner.

All club members should receive a flyer in August, including special playoff rules.

Free chess! Mark your calendars today!

Complete Results, June 12, 2004

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Doug Van Buskirk	2175	W--7	W-11	W-13	D--2	3.5
2	Derek Sparks	1802	D-14	W-15	W-16	D--1	3.0
3	Kyle Miles	1754	L--4	W-19	W-20	W-11	3.0
4	Gary Blickhan	1620	W--3	D-13	W-10	HALF	3.0
5	Matthew Winks	1270	D-16	W-22	W--6	HALF	3.0
6	Jonathan Bonwell	1736	D-15	W-14	L--5	W-16	2.5
7	Tom Barnard	1705	L--1	W-20	W-19	HALF	2.5
8	Martin Franek	1702	L-13	D-10	W-21	W-14	2.5
9	Dennis Bourgerie	1701	L-11	HALF	W-15	W-18	2.5
10	Dan Tuttle	1393	W-21	D--8	L--4	W-19	2.5
11	Phil Jarrette	1813	W--9	L--1	W-18	L--3	2.0
12	James Ruth	1107	L-19	L-18	W-23	W-20	2.0
13	Paul Seet	2034	W--8	D--4	L--1	----	1.5
14	Greg Moses	1645	D--2	L--6	W-17	L--8	1.5
15	Gordon Ruan	1582	D--6	L--2	L--9	W-21	1.5
16	Bradley Goral	1576	D--5	W-17	L--2	L--6	1.5
17	Daniel Ladd	1157	D-22	L-16	L-14	W-23	1.5
18	Calvin Terlizzi	1146	D--H	W-12	L-11	L--9	1.5
19	Jerry Bennett	1456	W-12	L--3	L--7	L-10	1.0
20	Craig Butler	1455	W-23	L--7	L--3	L-12	1.0
21	Peter Kohler	unr.	L-10	W-23	L--8	L-15	1.0
22	Brian Creasey	1545	D-17	L--5	----	----	0.5
23	Doug Coddling	1011	L-20	L-21	L-12	L-17	0.0
H	Tom Knoedler	1517	D-18	----	----	----	0.5

Wake up, ICA!

A number of SCC members and members of other Illinois chess clubs have complained that they are either not receiving their *Illinois Chess Bulletin*, or that their Illinois Chess Association membership renewals are not showing up on their mailing labels. A number of membership checks, some written almost a year ago, have not been cashed. Calls and e-mails have largely been ignored.

On behalf of these members, the SCC asks the ICA:
WHAT IS GOING ON UP THERE?!

Welcome New Members

Louis Blair, of Carlinville, has joined the Springfield Chess Club. Welcome to the club! Membership total is now 41.

Absurdity, Part 17

An insanely difficult one this time. From the starting position, what is the shortest game that can be played that ends in stalemate?

All moves must be legal. There are no tricks or conny catches. Solving this problem may take months or years. If you do not feel you have that much spare time, just try to figure out the number of moves.

It's probably shorter than you think! Solution on page 4.

Minor Events

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>
July 14	Blitz, Part 7	\$2
July 21	3-Round Swiss	\$3
August 11	Blitz, Part 8	\$2
August 18	3-Round Swiss	\$3
September 15	Blitz, Part 9	\$2

		<u>May 12 Blitz</u>							
<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>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>
1	Matt Cremeens	x	W	D	W	W	W	4.5	14.0
2	Evan Dorosheff	L	x	L	L	W	L	1.0	14.5
3	Leonard Ferguson	D	W	x	W	W	L	3.5	3.5
4	James Ruth	L	W	L	x	W	L	2.0	12.0
5	John Voigts	L	L	L	L	x	L	0.0	0.0
6	Tom Knoedler	L	W	W	W	W	x	4.0	18.5

		<u>June 16 Blitz</u>							
<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>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>
1	Evan Dorosheff	x	W	L	W	D	L	2.5	17.0
2	James Ruth	L	x	L	L	L	L	0.0	12.0
3	Tom Knoedler	W	W	x	L	D	L	2.5	21.0
4	Leonard Ferguson	L	W	W	x	W	L	3.0	6.5
5	Matt Cremeens	D	W	D	L	x	L	2.0	16.0
6	David Long	W	W	W	W	W	x	5.0	17.5

<u>Cumulative Blitz Standings</u>									
1	Tom Knoedler	21.0	(27)	77.8	8	John Taylor	1.5	(7)	21.4
2	David Long	17.5	(22)	79.5	9	Kyle Churchill	1.5	(7)	21.4
3	Evan Dorosheff	17.0	(32)	53.1	10	Larry Grammer	1.0	(5)	20.0
4	Matt Cremeens	16.0	(25)	64.0	11	David Braunfeld	0.5	(5)	10.0
5	James Ruth	12.0	(32)	37.5	12	Michael Shores	0.5	(5)	10.0
6	Daunte Carter	7.5	(12)	62.5	13	Cole Taylor	0.5	(7)	7.1
7	Leonard Ferguson	6.5	(10)	65.0	14	John Voigts	0.0	(10)	0.0

May 19 - 3-Round Swiss

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June 23 - 3-Round Swiss

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Rd 1</u>	<u>Rd 2</u>	<u>Rd 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	Matt Cremeens	1567	W--4	W--2	W--3	3.0
2	David Long	1953	W--3	L--1	W--4	2.0
3	Tom Knoedler	1518	L--2	W--4	L--1	2.0
4	Evan Dorosheff	1051	L--1	L--3	L--2	1.0

Absurdity Solution

The solution, discovered by Sam Loyd, is just ten moves long!

1. P-K3 P-QR4
2. Q-R5 R-R3
3. QxQRP P-R4
4. QxBP QR-KR3
5. P-KR4 P-B3
6. QxQPch K-B2
7. QxNP Q-Q6
8. QxN Q-R2
9. QxB K-N3
10. Q-K6, stalemate.

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>
July 17	Florissant, Mo.	9:30	Al Howlett	(314) 387-5127
August 21	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
September 11	Florissant, Mo.	9:30	Al Howlett	(314) 387-5127
September 18	Springfield, Ill.	10:00	David Long	(217) 522-0489