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Josito Dondon Goes 4-0 At Tournament

Twenty-six chess players came to town on December 11, and one walked away with a 4-0 score. That was Josito Dondon, of Bloomington. Second place went to Tom Knoedler, of Springfield, who got 3.3 points.

There was a three-way tie for first class A-B. Daniel Mc Nally, of Niles; Peter Stroyan, of Bloomington; and Kyle Miles, of Mattoon, each scored 3 points. Also with 3 points were Matt Creemeens, of Springfield; and John Kenze, hometown unavailable. They shared the first C-D prize.

Todd Scarlett, of St. Charles, Ill., also got 3 points, and took first place in class E and under. New SCC member Steven Schwartz, age 6, was the first (and only!) rated player in the tournament.

For complete results, see page 4.

Experimental G/60 February 19

Our next regular tournament will be held Saturday, February 19, at the Signature Inn. The event will be an *Experimental G/60 tournament*: registration ends at 9:15. Rounds are at 9:30, 10, 11:30, and 5. Entry fee \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door, \$2 more for non-SCC members.

Matt's "Chess Lock-In"!

In a "first" for the SCC, Matt Creemeens hosted a "chess lock-in" at his house on November 19. Six of us showed up for good food, good friends, and good chess. We had a blast!

Part of the evening was spent on a double-round-robin, rated quick chess tournament. David Long, of Springfield, scored 9 points out of 10 and took first place. Tom Knoedler, also of Springfield, was second with 6.5 points. Complete results are on page 5.

Have You Renewed?

If not, please do so today! *Check your mailing label.* If it is typed in red, then this is your last newsletter! There is a membership form on page 6.

2004: The Year In Review

Useless Statistics:

Membership: 46. Membership at end of 2003: 44.
Percent change: +5% Renewal rate: 75% (2003, 76%)
Average tournament attendance, 2004: 21 (6 regular tournaments)
Average attendance, 2003: 20 (6 regular tournaments), pct change: +5%
Average rating at tournaments, 2004: 1475
Average rating, 2003: 1566, percent change: -6%

Tournament winners:

February: James Healy, Springfield; Greg Moses, Jacksonville; 3.5-0.5
March Quick: Bill Naff, Peoria, 4-0
April: Derek Sparks, Middletown, 3.5-0.5
June: Doug Van Buskirk, Springfield, 3.5-0.5
August: Bill Naff, Peoria; Mike Leali, Peoria; 3.5-0.5
October: Andy Mc Gowan, Peoria; 4-0
Matt's Chess Lock-In: David Long, Springfield, 5-1
December: Josite Dondon, Bloomington, 4-0

Club Champions

1993 - David Mote
1994 - David Mote
1998 - Doug Van Buskirk
2001 - David Mote
2003 - Doug Van Buskirk
2004 - Matt Dremeens

New Officers Elected

Club officers were nominated on November 10. Since all were unopposed, they were elected by default.

Incumbents remaining in office were president Tom Knoedler, treasurer David Long, and publicity director Matt Dremeens. Leonard Ferguson takes over as vice president, and Robert Soucie is the new secretary. New officers took office on January 5.

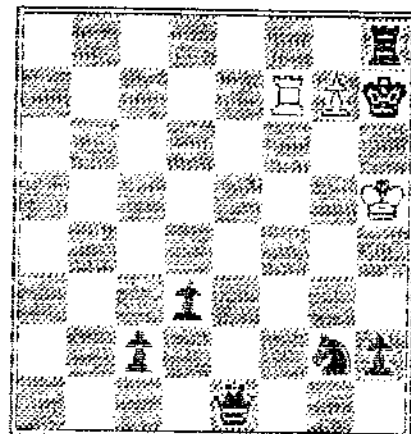
Absurdity, Part 20

Remember last Absurdity, about finding loopholes in rules? This is the same idea!

As is obvious, by making any legal move, White is finished. So, how about illegal moves?

White to play (cheat) and win.

A very obvious hint is at the bottom of page 3.
Solution on page 5.



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>
January 12	2003 Blitz, Part 1	\$2
January 19	3-Round Swiss	\$3
February 9	Blitz, Part 2	\$2
February 16	3-Round Swiss	\$3
March 16	Blitz, Part 3	\$2

November 10 Blitz

<u>Pla</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	Robert Soucie	x	L	W	D	W	L	2.5	20.0
2	Matt Cremeens	W	x	W	D	W	L	3.5	27.0
3	Leonard Ferguson	L	L	x	L	W	L	1.0	8.0
4	Tom Knoedler	D	D	W	x	W	L	3.0	25.5
5	Mark Maisenbacher	L	L	L	x	L		0.0	0.5
6	David Long	W	W	W	W	W	x	5.0	27.5

December 15 Blitz

<u>Pla</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	Robert Soucie	x	W	L	L	L	L	1.0	7.0
2	Gerald Bumgardner	L	x	L	D	L	L	0.5	0.5
3	Matt Cremeens	W	W	x	W	D	W	4.5	31.5
4	Tom Knoedler	W	D	L	x	D	L	2.5	31.0
5	Evan Dorosheff	W	W	D	D	x	L	3.0	25.5
6	David Long	W	W	L	D	W	x	3.5	31.0

Cumulative Blitz Standings - FINALS FOR 2004

1	Matt Cremeens	31.5	(46)	68.5	9	John Taylor	1.5	(7)	21.4
2	David Long	31.0	(37)	83.8	10	Kyle Churchill	1.5	(7)	21.4
3	Tom Knoedler	31.0	(42)	73.8	11	Larry Graumer	1.0	(5)	20.0
4	Evan Dorosheff	25.5	(48)	53.1	12	David Braunfeld	0.5	(5)	10.0
5	James Rutt	12.0	(32)	37.5	13	Michael Shores	0.5	(5)	10.0
6	Leonard Ferguson	8.0	(18)	44.4	14	Gerald Bumgardner	0.5	(5)	10.0
7	Daunte Carter	7.5	(12)	62.5	15	Cole Taylor	0.5	(7)	7.1
8	Robert Soucie	7.0	(15)	46.7	16	Mark Maisenbacher	0.5	(13)	3.8

November 17 & December 22 - 3-Round Swiss

Both canceled (inadequate turnout!)

Welcome New Members

Steven Schwartz, of Springfield has joined the Springfield Chess Club. Welcome to the club! The membership total reached 46 at the end of last year.

ABSURDITY HINT: Treason.

Complete Results, December 11, 2004

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3	Rd. 4	Total
1	Josito Dondon	2026	W-13	W--4	W-11	W--5	4.0
2	Tom Knoedler	1800	W-24	W--3	W-10	D--7	3.5
3	Kyle Miles	1772	W-15	L--2	W-14	W-12	3.0
4	Daniel Mc Nally	1680	W-20	L--1	W-15	W-13	3.0
5	Peter Stroyan	1610	W-22	W-17	W-16	L--1	3.0
6	Matt Cremeens	1585	L--8	W-19	W-21	W-11	3.0
7	John Renze	1571	W-23	D-10	W-17	D--2	3.0
8	Todd Scarlett	944	W--6	L-12	W-19	W-18	3.0
9	Aderemi Adekola	1630	L-21	W--8	W-13	D-17	2.5
10	Dennis Bourgenie	1710	W-18	D--7	L--2	HALF	2.0
11	Martin Franek	1700	W-19	W-21	L--1	L--6	2.0
12	William Meyer	1614	W--H	L-15	W-18	L--3	2.0
13	Seth Chiles	1420	L--1	W-22	W-12	L--4	2.0
14	Dan Tuttle	1375	L-16	W-20	L--3	W-21	2.0
15	Robert Soucie	1260	L--3	W-24	L--4	W-20	2.0
16	Derek Sparks	1674	W-14	W-12	L--5	----	2.0
17	Chrystian Vieyra	1800*	WIN	L--5	L--7	D-12	1.5
18	Larry Coulter	1235	L-10	W-23	L-12	L--8	1.0
19	Daniel Ladd	1226	L-11	L--6	L--8	W-22	1.0
20	Evan Dorosheff	1208	L--4	L-14	W-23	L-15	1.0
21	Jack Heller	1199	W-12	L-11	L--6	L-14	1.0
22	Aaron Le Bow	1072	L--5	L-13	W-24	L-15	1.0
23	Doug Coddling	938	L--7	L-18	L-20	W-24	1.0
24	Steven Schwartz	unr.	L--2	L-15	L-22	L-23	0.0
25	George Stone	1286	FURF	----	----	----	0.0
H	James Ruth	1146	L-12	----	----	----	0.0

* Mexican rating

Complete Results, Matt's Chess Lock-in

Fl#	Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	David Long	1868	x x	W L	W W	W W	W W	W W	9.0
2	Tom Knoedler	1699	L W	x x	W W	L W	D W	L W	6.5
3	Leonard Ferguson	1672	L L	L L	x x	L L	L L	W L	1.0
4	Matt Cremeens	1570	L L	W L	W W	x x	W L	W W	6.0
5	Evan Dorosheff	1176	L L	D L	W W	L W	x x	W W	5.5
6	Don Dorosheff	unr.	L L	W L	L W	L L	L L	x x	2.0

USCF Update

The latest news from the USCF is that it is probably moving to Crossville, Tennessee, sometime in the early months of 2005. More news, if any, in the next newsletter.

Absurdity Solution

White plays 1. P-N3=Black knight, checkmate! Before it was specifically banned by the rules, people did occasionally promote to pieces of the opposite color, usually facetiously, or rarely, to obtain a stalemate. In the old days, under the rules it was possible to leave a pawn on the eighth rank unpromoted (a "dummy pawn"), another last-ditch tactic to force a stalemate. There was a rule stating that a pawn could only promote to a previously captured piece, and if none had been captured, it remained a pawn until one was captured (a "latent pawn".) The loopholes were not closed until the 1930s.

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>
January 21-23	St. Louis, Mo.	7 p.m.	Continental Chess	(845) 496-9638
January 29	Peoria, Ill.	8:45	Fred Malcome	(309) 367-4833
January 29	Florissant, Mo.	9:40	Al Howlett	(314) 387-5127
January 29(?)	Belleveille, Ill.	??	Roger Schmidt	??
January 30	Quincy, Ill.	9:50	Gary Bhickhan	(217) 223-5762
February 19	Springfield, Ill.	9:15	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
February 26-27	Peoria, Ill.	9:30	Wayne Zimmerle	(309) 686-0192
March 19	Salem, Ill.	9:15	Carl Purcell	(618) 548-4993

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Membership Form

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