



# Chess Club Observer

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## Larry Cohen Wins February Tourney

Eighteen chess players participated in the February 19 tournament, which was also an experimental G/60 event. Larry Cohen, of Villa Park, scored 3.5 points out of 4, and took first place overall.

There was a four-way tie for second, which included the A-B prize and C-D prize. The four, each with 3 points, were Richard Kujoth, of Jacksonville; Tom Knoedler and Brian Creasey, both of Springfield; and Calvin Terlizzi, of Salem.

Evan Dorosheff, of Springfield, scored 1.5 points and captured the first E prize. No unrateds participated.

Since the kindest way of describing overall reaction to the faster time limit might be "tepid", and since at least two semi-regular players (that we know about) did not come because they thought the time limit was too fast, we do not plan on making G/60 tournaments a regular part of the club's schedule. April and June are both back to the normal G/80, with a possible experiment of another kind in August.

Complete results of this tournament can be found on page 3.

## Next Tournament April 16

Our next regular tournament will be held Saturday, April 16, at the Signature Inn. The event will be a regular G/80 event. Registration ends at 6:45. Rounds are at 9, 12, 3, and 6. Entry fee \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door, \$2 more for non-SCC members.

## USCF Update

The USCF is currently in the process of moving from its old offices in New Windsor, N.Y., to a new headquarters in Crossville, Tenn. The USCF has reported their first year in the black in seven years, thanks in part to the sale of their New Windsor buildings.

The move will be the USCF's fourth since they left their New York City office in the 1970s.

# Minor Events

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

BLITZ DATES: March 16, April 13, May 11 (\$2 entry fee)

3-ROUND SWISS DATES: March 23, April 20, May 18 (\$3 entry fee)

## January 12 Blitz

Pl#	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Month	Year
1	Leonard Ferguson	x	L	L	W	W	W	3.0	3.0
2	Evan Dorosheff	W	x	W	L	W	W	4.0	4.0
3	Tom Knoedler	W	L	x	L	W	W	3.0	3.0
4	Matt Cremeens	L	W	W	x	W	W	4.0	4.0
5	Jay Hawks	L	L	L	L	x	W	1.0	1.0
6	Robert Soucie	L	L	L	L	L	x	0.0	0.0

## February 9 Blitz

Pl#	Name	1	2	3	4	Month	Year
1	Matt Cremeens	x	W	D	L	1.5	5.5
2	Evan Dorosheff	L	x	L	W	1.0	5.0
3	Tom Knoedler	D	W	x	W	2.5	5.5
4	Leonard Ferguson	W	L	L	x	1.0	4.0

## Cumulative Blitz Standings

1	Matt Cremeens	5.5	(8)	68.8	4	Leonard Ferguson	4.0	(8)	50.0
2	Tom Knoedler	5.5	(8)	68.8	5	Jay Hawks	1.0	(5)	20.0
3	Evan Dorosheff	5.0	(8)	62.5	6	Robert Soucie	0.0	(5)	0.0

## January 19 - 3-Round Swiss

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Total
1	Tom Knoedler	1500	W--5	W--4	W--3	3.0
2(H)	David Long	1375	W--4	D--3	W--5	2.5
3	Matt Cremeens	1585	W--6	D--2	L--1	1.5
4	Evan Dorosheff	1208	L--2	L--1	W--6	1.0
5	Don Dorosheff	unn.	L--1	W--6	L--2	1.0
6	David Braunfeld	1049	L--3	L--5	L--4	0.0

## February 16 - 3-Round Swiss

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Total
1	Tom Knoedler	1591	W--4	W--5	D--2	2.5
2	Matt Cremeens	1588	W--3	D--6	D--1	2.0
3(H)	David Long	1370	L--2	D--4	W--6	1.5
4	Evan Dorosheff	1186	L--1	D--3	W--5	1.5
5	Leonard Ferguson	1648	W--6	L--1	L--4	1.0
6	Robert Soucie	1272	L--5	D--2	L--3	0.5

## Absurdity, Part 21

Two not-too-difficult chess problems in one!

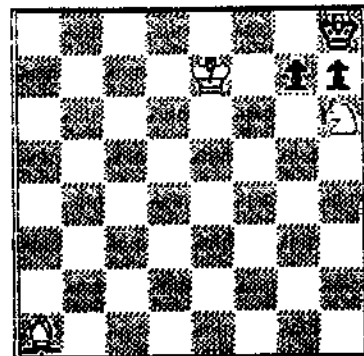
**White to play and mate in 3.**

Then turn the page 180 degrees (i.e. the pawns are moving in the other direction.)

Then solve:

**White to play and mate in 3.**

Solutions on page 4!



# Glossary of Chess Titles

by Kevin Bachler

## **INTERNATIONAL GRANDMASTER:**

Leaps tall buildings in a single bound.  
Is more powerful than a locomotive.  
Is faster than a speeding bullet.  
Walks on water.  
Gives policy to God.

## **INTERNATIONAL MASTER:**

Leaps medium-sized buildings in a single bound.  
Is more powerful than a switch engine.  
Is just as fast as a speeding bullet.  
Walks on water when the waves are less than 3 feet high.  
Talks with God.

## **SENIOR MASTER:**

Leaps small buildings in a single bound.  
Can hold a locomotive in place for awhile.  
Can keep up with a speeding bullet if given a two-second start.  
Walks on water if the sea is calm.  
Occasionally talks to God.

## **MASTER:**

Leaps small buildings with a running start.  
Loses a tug-of-war with a locomotive.  
Can barely outrun a speeding BB.  
Walks on water if given time and a small pond.  
Talks with God if a special request is approved.

## **EXPERT:**

Leaps small buildings with a running start and a strong tailwind.  
Is more powerful than a hand car.  
Just a hair slower than a speeding BB.  
Walks on water in an indoor pool.  
Performs menial tasks for God.

## **CLASS A:**

Barely clears a quonset hut.  
Is run over by locomotives.  
Can fire speeding bullets.  
Swims well.  
Gets cut down by God.

## **CLASS B:**

Clears a quonset hut with help from a trampoline.  
Recognizes a locomotive two out of three times.  
Can often handle a gun without inflicting self injury.  
Dog paddles.  
Talks to animals.

## **CLASS C:**

Leaves high marks on the wall trying to leap buildings.  
Wins a tug-of-war with a Lionel train.  
Can outrun a cork from a pop gun.  
Is able to step over a mud puddle.  
Talks to walls.

## **CLASS D:**

Runs into buildings.  
Loses a tug-of-war with a Lionel train.  
Can dodge rubber bands.  
Can handle a dinghy with some difficulty.  
Recognizes walls.

## **CLASS E:**

Trips over the doorstep trying to enter a building.  
Wins a tug-of-war with an H.O. train.  
Is not issued ammunition.  
Can stay afloat with a life jacket.  
Talks to walls, and gets replies.

## **CLASS F:**

Unable to ring a doorbell.  
Unable to handle an H.O. train.  
Able hit the broad side of a barn with a water pistol.  
Plays in mud puddles.  
Mumbles to himself.

## **UNRATED:**

Gets lost trying to find a building.  
Says, "Look at the Choo-Choo."  
Wets himself with a water pistol.  
Plays in mud puddles.  
Able to say, "Wah-Wah"

## **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:**

Lifts buildings and walks under them.  
Kicks locomotives off the tracks.  
Catches speeding bullets in his teeth and eats them.  
Freezes water with a single glance.  
He is God.

# Complete Results, February 19, 2004

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Larry Cohen	2020	W--4	D--6	W-12	W--2	3.5
2	Richard Kujoth	1900	W-13	W--9	W--7	L--1	3.0
3	Tom Knoedler	1591	D-12	W--5	D--6	W--3	3.0
4	Brian Creasey	1514	L--1	W-14	W--8	W--7	3.0
5	Calvin Terlizzi	1204	W--8	L--3	W--9	W-12	3.0
6	Gordon Ruan	1686	W-14	D--1	D--3	HALF	2.5
7	Kyle Miles	1765	W-11	W-10	L--2	L--4	2.0
8	Rodney Fett	1607	L--5	W-11	L--4	W-13	2.0
9	John Renze	1605	W-16	L--2	L--5	W-14	2.0
10	Matt Creemeens	1588	W--H	L--7	W-13	L-10	2.0
11	Robert Soucie	1272	L--7	L--8	W--H	W-16	2.0
12	Evan Donosheff	1186	D--3	FWIN	L--1	L--5	1.5
13	Ray Bennett	1326	L--2	W-16	L-10	L--8	1.0
14	Jack Heller	1225	L--6	L--4	W-16	L--9	1.0
15	Vince Berry	2223	HALF	FORF	----	----	0.5
16	Larry Couiter	1193	L--9	L-13	L-14	L-11	0.0
H	James Ruth	1142	L-10	L--2	L-11	----	0.0
Z	Leonard Ferguson	1648	----	W--H	----	----	1.0

## Absurdity Solution

First puzzle (black pawns moving down the page): 1. B-B6! PxB  
2. K-B8 P-B4 3. N-B7, checkmate.

Second puzzle (black pawns moving up the page): 1. K-B3 P-N8=Q  
2. N-B2ch QxNch 3. KxQ, checkmate. Black may also try 1...P-N8=Nch  
2. K-B2 dis ch N-B6 3. BxN, checkmate.

## 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

Date	City	Reg Ends	Contact	Phone
March 19	Salem, Ill.	9:15	Carl Purcell	(618) 548-4993
March 26	Florissant, Mo.	9:15	Al Howlett	(314) 387-5127
April 16	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
April 30	Peoria, Ill.	8:45	Fred Malcome	(309) 367-4833

### ALERT!

The **US CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS** will be held in Chesterfield, Mo. (near St. Louis) on the last weekend of August. Mark your calendars!