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Club Champion: Matt Cremeens

Suresh Kanniah Wins April Tourney

Fourteen chess players plus two housemen participated in the April 16 tournament. This tournament restored the usual 6/80 time limit. Suresh Kanniah, of Bloomington, swept the tournament with a perfect score of 4-0, and took first place overall.

There was a three-way tie for second, which included the A-B prize and the unrated prize. Dennis Bourgerie, of Normal; Bruce Michel, of Stonington; and Richard Kujoth, of Jacksonville, each scored 3 points.

David Bononi, of Springfield, won the C-D prize with 2.5 points, while the E-and-under prize was shared between Peyton Russell House, of Edwardsville; and David Wiedman, of Effingham. They each scored 1 point.

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

Next Tournament June 11

Our next regular tournament will be held Saturday, June 11, at the Signature Inn. The event will be a regular 6/80 event. Registration ends at 8:45. Rounds are at 9, 12, 3, and 6. Entry fee \$15 in advance or \$15 at the door, \$2 more for non-SCC members.

Regional Tournament Pulled Forward!

The SCC's regional tournament, the "First Annual Land of Lincoln Open", has been pulled forward to the second weekend of August. The tournament will be held at the community center in Hopedale, Ill., hometown of Matt Cremeens. Hopedale is located between Lincoln and Morton along I-155. Directions to the site are simple: From I-155, take exit 19, go east 2 miles, and drive to the bottom of the water tower.

The regular tournament scheduled for August 27 has been *canceled* as the U.S. Class in St. Louis will be held that weekend.

Thanks

...to James Barnes and Dennis Bourgerie, both of whom have donated to the club during the first four months of 2005.

Matt's Second Chess Lock-in!

On the evening of March 16, Matt Cremeens hosted a second "chess lock-in" at his house, which included lots of food (a little too much, even!), a rated double round robin quick tournament, an hour of bughouse, and above all good friends.

Six players participated in the tournament, the results of which are on page 3. Robert stopped in later, after the tournament had ended.

Minor Events

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

BLITZ DATES: May 11, June 15, July 13 (\$2 entry fee)

3-ROUND SWISS DATES: May 18, June 22, July 20 (\$3 entry fee)

		<u>March 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>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>
1	James Ruth	x	D	D	L	L	L	L	L	1.0	1.0
2	Jared Silsby	D	x	W	L	W	L	W	L	3.5	3.5
3	Jake Surratt	D	L	x	D	L	W	L	L	2.0	2.0
4	Matt Cremeens	W	W	D	x	W	W	W	L	5.5	11.0
5	Evan Dorosheff	W	L	W	L	x	W	W	L	4.0	9.0
6	Robert Soucie	W	W	L	L	L	x	L	L	2.0	2.0
7	Tom Knoedler	W	L	W	L	L	W	x	D	3.5	9.0
8	David Long	W	W	W	W	W	D	x		6.5	6.5

		<u>April 13 Blitz</u>					
<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	Matt Cremeens	x	W	W	W	3.0	14.0
2	James Ruth	L	x	L	W	1.0	2.0
3	Tom Knoedler	L	W	x	L	1.0	10.0
4	David Long	L	L	W	x	1.0	7.5

<u>Cumulative Blitz Standings</u>							
1	Matt Cremeens	14.0	(18)	77.8	6	Jared Silsby	3.5 (7) 50.0
2	Tom Knoedler	10.0	(18)	55.6	7	Jake Surratt	2.0 (7) 28.6
3	Evan Dorosheff	9.0	(15)	60.0	8	James Ruth	2.0 (10) 20.0
4	David Long	7.5	(10)	75.0	9	Robert Soucie	2.0 (12) 16.7
5	Leonard Ferguson	4.0	(8)	50.0	10	Jay Hawks	1.0 (5) 20.0

March 23 - 3-Round Swiss

C A N C E L E D

April 20 - 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	Tom Knoedler	1591	W--4	W--2	W--3	3.0
2	Matt Cremeens	1589	W--3	L--1	D--4	1.5
3(H)	David Long	1985	L--2	W--4	L--1	1.0
4	Evan Dorosheff	1187	L--1	L--3	D--2	0.5

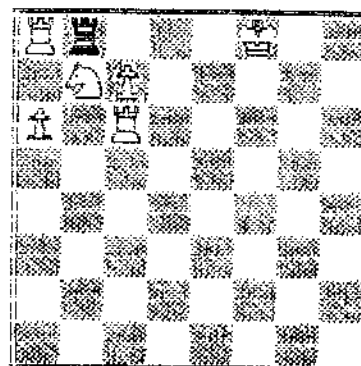
Absurdity, Part 22

A chess logic puzzle of moderate difficulty.

The Black king is *invisible*.
It is *White's* move.
What is White's best move?

It's somewhat harder without the hint which is located at the bottom of this page.

Solution on page 4!



Welcome New Members

Bruce Michel, of Stonington, has joined the Springfield Chess Club. Welcome to the club! Membership now stands at 33.

Complete Results, April 16, 2004

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Suresh Kanniah	1600	W-12	W-6	W-2	W-7	4.0
2	Richard Kujoth	1900	W-8	W-10	L-1	W-9	3.0
3	Dennis Bourgenie	1700	W-9	D-7	W-5	HALF	3.0
4	Bruce Michel	unn.	L-5	W-13	W-2	W-6	3.0
5	David Bononi	1417	W-4	D-11	L-3	W-11	2.5
6	Gary Blickhan	1697	FWIN	L-1	D-7	HALF	2.0
7	John Renze	1605	W-11	D-3	D-6	L-1	2.0
8	Laszlo Naszodi	1400	L-2	W-12	W-10	L-4	2.0
9	Raymond Boske	1370	L-3	W-11	W-12	L-2	2.0
10	Greg Moses	1680	W-13	L-2	L-8	L-11	1.0
11	David Wiedman	934	L-7	L-9	W-13	L-5	1.0
12	Peyton Russell House	705	L-1	L-8	L-9	W-13	1.0
13	Richard Karpes	1014	L-10	L-4	L-11	L-12	0.0
14	Robert Soucie	1272	FORF	----	----	----	0.0
H	Tom Knoedler	1591	----	D-5	----	W-10	1.5
Z	Leonard Ferguson	1648	----	----	L-4	----	0.0

Results, Matt's Second Chess Lock-In

Pl#	Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	David Long	1875	x x	W L	W W	L W	W W	2FW	8.0
2	Gerald Bumgardner	1878	L W	x x	D W	W W	W L	L W	6.5
3	Tom Knoedler	1694	L L	D L	x x	L L	W W	W W	4.5
4	Matt Cremeens	1606	W L	L L	W W	x x	L W	W W	6.0
5	Evan Dorosheff	1429	L L	L W	L L	W L	x x	W W	4.0
6	Don Dorosheff	1364	2FL	W L	L L	L L	L L	x x	1.0

ABSURDITY HINT: Black's last move could not possibly have been with his rook, otherwise White would have started Black's last move in check, an impossibility. So Black's last move was with his (invisible) king.

SCC Needs Help for Regional Tournament!

The Springfield Chess Club will shortly be forming committees for the August 13-14 regional tournament. We are going to need help in the form of food and other supplies, folding tables and chairs (and possibly sun umbrellas) for outside, etc. If you can help out, see Tom or David!

Absurdity Solution

It's White's move, so Black cannot be in check. So, Black's king is not on Q1. The only possible last moves by Black were *King captures something on QB1* or *King (on QB1) to Q2 (checking White.)* So, Black's king must be on either QB1 or Q2.

White's best move is the same in either case: **1 PxR=N, 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

<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Reg Ends</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
May 14	Bloomington, Ill	9:30	Dennis Bourgerie	(309) 454-3842
May 21	Quincy, Ill.	9:50	Gary Blickhan	(217) 222-0304
June 11	Springfield, Ill	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
June 25	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!