



Chess Club Observer

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Club Champion: Evan Dorosheff

Andy Mc Gowan Wins One For Late Colleague

The Second Annual David Mote Memorial tournament drew just eight players, the second-lowest number ever for the SCC, to town on October 15. David's longtime friend and colleague, Andy Mc Gowan, of Peoria, went 4-0 and won the tournament. Greg Moses, of Jacksonville, went 3-1 and took second place.

The first A-B prize was shared by Gary Blickhan, of Quincy, and Bruce Michel, of Stonington. Each had two points. Dan Tuttle, of St. Louis, won the Class C-D prize with 1½ points, and James Ruth, of Buffalo (Ill.) scored 2 points and won Class E.

Complete results are on page 4.

Evan Dorosheff Wins City Championship

Six chess players attended the 2005 Springfield city chess championship, held on November 5 at Lincoln Library. Evan Dorosheff, of Greenview, swept the tournament with a perfect score of 3-0, including an upset wins over Tom Knoedler. Tom and defending champion Matt Cremeens finished tied for second with 2-1 scores.

Jesse Herring scored 1 point and captured the title of first intermediate player, and new SCC member Jacob Dinardo won first beginner, also with a score of 1 point.

Complete results are on page 4.

Next Tournament December 10

The Springfield Chess Club's next tournament will be held Saturday, December 10, at the Signature Inn. Registration ends at 8:45, and the four rounds are at 9, 12, 3, and 6. Time limit is G/80. Entry fee is \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door, \$2 discount for club members.

Time To Renew!

It's late in the year, and time again to renew SCC membership for most members. Renewal dues are \$12 through the end of next year. Please renew today! There is a membership form enclosed. (If there is no form enclosed, then your dues are already good through 2006.)

Minor Events

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

Blitz dates: November 16, December 14, January 11 (\$2 entry fee)

3-Round Swiss dates: November 23, December 21 (\$3 entry fee)

September 14 Blitz

Pl#	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Month	Year
1	Matt Cremeens	x	W	W	W	W	L	4	21
2	David Braunfeld	L	x	W	L	L	L	1	1
3	Leonard Ferguson	L	L	x	L	L	L	0	5
4	Tom Knoedler	L	W	W	x	W	L	3	15
5	Torski Craft	L	W	W	L	x	L	2	2
6	David Long	W	W	W	W	W	x	5	12.5

October 12 Blitz

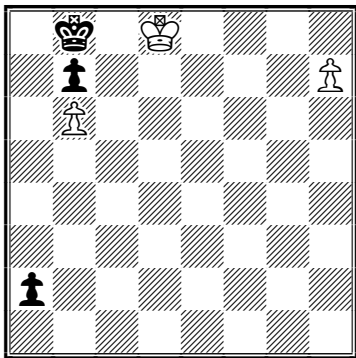
Pl#	Name	1	2	3	4	Month	Year
1	David Braunfeld	x	W	L	L	1	2
2	Torski Craft	L	x	L	W	1	3
3	Tom Knoedler	W	W	x	L	2	17
4	David Long	W	L	W	x	2	14.5

Cumulative Blitz Standings

Rank	Name	Score	Pos	Pct	Rank	Name	Score	Pos	Pct
1	Matt Cremeens	21.0	27	77.8	8	Torski Craft	3.0	8	37.5
2	Tom Knoedler	17.0	33	51.5	9	Jake Surratt	2.0	7	28.6
3	David Long	14.5	18	80.6	10	David Braunfeld	2.0	8	25.0
4	Evan Dorosheff	13.0	22	59.1	11	Robert Soucie	2.0	12	16.7
5	Leonard Ferguson	5.0	16	31.3	12	James Ruth	2.0	14	14.3
6	Joe Rottman	4.0	4	100.0	13	Jay Hawks	1.0	5	20.0
7	Jared Silsby	3.5	7	50.0					

September 21 3-Round Swiss CANCELED

Absurdity, Part 25



A deceptively simple chess problem, composed by David Joseph in 1922.

White to play and win.

Watch out for stalemates!
Solution on page 4.

2006 Officers Nominated, Elected

On November 16, the SCC held nominations for next year's club officers. Tom Knoedler and David Long, currently president and treasurer respectively, were renominated to their positions. Matt Cremeens, currently publicity director, was nominated to the post of secretary, replacing Robert Soucie, while David Braunfeld was nominated to be the new publicity director.

No nominations were received for the office of vice president, so incumbent Leonard Ferguson was automatically renominated.

Since there was no office which received more than one nomination, a motion passed 5-0 to elect all nominees by default. The election which would have been held in December is hereby canceled.

Games

This one is from the City Championship tournament.

White: Tom Knoedler (1594)
Black: Matt Cremeens (1625)
Opening: [242] Caro Kann Defense
Springfield, Ill. – November 5, 2005

1. P-K4 P-QB3 2. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. PxP PxP 4. P-QB4
N-KB3 5. PxP NxP 6. N-QB3 NxN 7. PxN P-K3
8. N-B3 N-Q2 9. B-QN5 B-Q3 10. P-B4 0-0
11. 0-0 P-QN3 12. B-N5 Q-B2 13. B-KR4 B-N2
14. B-N3 BxB 15. RPxB P-QR3 16. BxN BxN
17. QxB QxB 18. KR-Q1 QR-B1 19. QR-B1 KR-Q1 20. P-B5 PxP 21. PxP Q-B2
22. RxRch RxR 23. P-B6 P-N3 24. Q-K2 P-QR4 25. Q-N5 R-N1 26. Q-QB5 R-QB1
27. R-B4 R-Q1 28. R-QR4 R-Q4 29. Q-B3 Q-N3 30. R-QB4 R-Q8ch 31. K-R2 QxKBP
32. Q-B2 Q-N8ch 33. K-R3 Q-R8ch 34. K-N4 Q-R4ch 35. Q-B4ch P-K4ch 36. K-K3
Q-R8 37. P-B7 Q-N8ch 38. K-B3 R-KB8 39. K-K4 P-B4ch 40. KxKP R-K8ch 41. K-B6
Q-N3ch 42. R-B6 Q-Q5ch 43. K-N5 P-R3ch 44. KxRP R-KR8ch 45. KxP Q-KN5ch
46. K-B6 R-R3ch 47. K-K7 Q-N4ch 48. K-Q7 Q-N2ch 49. K-B8 Q-B1ch 50. K-N7 Q-N5ch
51. K-R8 Q-B1ch 52. P-B8=Q RxR 53. QxQch KxQ 54. QxR, Black resigns.

This one is from the October tournament.

White: Tom Knoedler (1594)
Black: James Ruth (1122)
Opening: [311] Giuoco Piano
Springfield, Ill. – October 15, 2005

1. P-K4 P-K4 2. N-KB3 N-QB3 3. B-B4 N-B3
4. P-Q3 P-KR3 5. 0-0 B-B4 6. P-B3 P-Q3
7. P-QN4 B-N3 8. P-QR4 P-R3 9. P-R3 B-Q2
10. Q-N3 0-0 11. B-R3 Q-B1 12. K-R2 P-N4
13. R-R2 P-N5 14. N-N1 K-N2 15. P-B4 BxNch
16. RxB PxBP 17. N-Q2 P-N6ch 18. K-R1 BxP 19. N-B3 B-N5 20. Q-Q1 N-K4 21. B-B1
NxN 22. PxN BxPch, White resigns. Checkmate is inevitable.

Welcome New Members

Torski Craft, of Springfield; Paul Zerkel, of Pleasant Plains; and Jacob Dinardo, of Rochester, Ill., have joined the Springfield Chess Club. Welcome to the club! Membership now stands at 37.

Complete Results, October 15, 2005

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Andy Mc Gowan	1920	W8	W5	W2	W7	4.0
2	Greg Moses	1636	W6	W4	L1	W9	3.0
3 (H)	David Long	2005	Half	Half	Half	D5	2.0
4	Gary Blickhan	1682	D7	L2	W6	Half	2.0
5	Bruce Michel	1631	W9	L1	D7	D3	2.0
6	James Ruth	1122	L2	W9	L4	W8	2.0
7	Dan Tuttle	1311	D4	D8	D5	L1	1.5
8	Tom Knoedler	1594	L1	D7	D9	L6	1.0
9	Larry Coulter	1032	L5	L6	D8	L2	0.5

Complete Results, City Championship

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Evan Dorosheff	1276	W5	W6	W3		3.0
2	Matt Cremeens	1625	W6	L3	W5		2.0
3	Tom Knoedler	1594	W4	W2	L1		2.0
4	Jacob Dinardo	unr.	L3	L5	W6		1.0
5	Jesse Herring	unr.	L1	W4	L2		1.0
6	James Ruth	1122	L2	L1	L4		0.0

Absurdity Solution

1. P-R8=Q P-R8=Q Don't take the queen, it's stalemate! 2. Q-N8 Q-R7 3. Q-K8 Q-R5 4. Q-K5ch K-R1 5. Q-R8! Threatens a discovered checkmate, and now 5...Q-R8 allows 6. QxQ with *check*.

Meetings

The SCC meets Wednesday nights, from 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. in the café section of Barnes & Noble, near the corner of Route 4 and Wabash Ave.

Area Tournament Schedule

Date	City	Reg Ends	Contact	Phone
Dec. 10	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
Jan. 2	Columbia, Ill.	10:00	Russell Day	?

Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

USCF # (if any): _____

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