



Chess Club Observer

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Three-Way Tie in December Tournament

Sixteen chess players braved questionable weather to come and play on December 10. Of them, three scored 3 points and tied for first place along with portions of the Class A-B and C-D prizes. They were Tom Knoedler and James Healy, both of Springfield; Gary Blickhan, of Quincy. The remainder of Class A-B went to Greg Moses, of Jacksonville, while the rest of Class C-D fell to Evan Dorosheff, of Greenview. They each scored 2.5 points.

James Marshall, of Jacksonville, and Larry Coulter, of Mount Sterling, shared the Class E prize with 2 points each. William Kerns, of Franklin, and Joseph Rolens, of Jacksonville, scored 1 point each and split the unrated prize.

Complete results are on page 2.

Next Tournament March 11

The Springfield Chess Club's next tournament will be held Saturday, March 11, 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.

Have You Renewed?

If not, please do so today! If your mailing label is typed in red, then your membership has expired and this is your last newsletter! There is a membership form on page 3.

Final 2005 Blitz Standings

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Pct</u>
1	Matt Cremeens	24.0	30	80.0	8	Torski Craft	3.0	8	37.5
2	Tom Knoedler	19.0	36	52.8	9	David Braunfeld	3.0	11	27.3
3	David Long	14.5	18	80.6	10	Jake Surratt	2.0	7	28.6
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	14	Paul Zerkel	0.0	0	0.0

2005: The Year In Review

Useless Statistics

Membership: **37**. Membership at end of 2004: **46**.
 Percent change: **-20%**. Renewal rate: **59%** (2004: 75%)
 Average tournament attendance, 2005: **15** (5 regular tournaments)
 Average tournament attendance including Hopedale: **17** (6 tournaments)
 Average attendance in 2004: **21** (6 regular tournaments) Percent change: **-29%/-19%**
 Average rating at tournaments in 2005: **1528**
 Average rating at tournaments in 2004: **1479** Percent change: **+3%**

Tournament winners

February: Larry Cohen, Villa Park; 3.5-0.5
 Matt's Lock-In (March): David Long, Springfield; 10-2
 April: Suresh Kanniah, Bloomington; 4-0
 June: Pete Karagianis, Ankeny, Iowa; 4-0
 August (Hopedale): Pete Karagianis, Ankeny, Iowa; 5-0
 October: Andy Mc Gowan, Peoria; 4-0
 December: Tom Knoedler, Springfield; James Healy, Springfield; Gary Blickhan, Quincy; 3-1

Complete Results, December 10, 2005

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
H	David Long	2014	D10	W6	Half	W2	3.0
2	James Healy	1741	W13	W14	W5	LH	3.0
3	Gary Blickhan	1649	W17	D8	W9	Half	3.0
4	Tom Knoedler	1540	L14	W10	W12	W7	3.0
5	Greg Moses	1650	W15	W7	L2	D6	2.5
6	Evan Dorosheff	1279	W16	LH	W13	D5	2.5
7	Richard Kujoth	1900	W11	L5	W8	L4	2.0
8	Dennis Bourgerie	1703	W12	D3	L7	Half	2.0
9	Bruce Michel	1622	Half	Half	L3	W11	2.0
10	Brian Creasey	1596	DH	L4	W15	Half	2.0
11	James Ruth	1208	L7	W15	W14	L9	2.0
12	James Marshall	1188	L8	W17	L4	W16	2.0
13	Larry Coulter	1033	L2	W16	L6	W14	2.0
14	William Kerns	unr.	W4	L2	L11	L13	1.0
15	Peyton Russell House	780	L5	L11	L10	W17	1.0
16	Joseph Rolens	unr.	L6	L13	W17	L12	1.0
17	Lynnaun Johnson	unr.	L3	L12	L16	L15	0.0

Minor Events

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

Blitz dates: January 11, February 8, March 15 (\$2 entry fee)

November 16 Blitz (December 14 Blitz canceled)

PI#	Name	1	2	3	4	Month	Year
1	Matt Cremeens	x	W	W	W	3	24
2	Tom Knoedler	L	x	W	W	2	19
3	David Braunfeld	L	L	x	W	1	3
4	Paul Zerkel	L	L	L	x	0	0

Welcome New Members

William Kerns, of Franklin, has joined the Springfield Chess Club, and is the SCC's first new member of 2006. Welcome to the club! Membership now stands at 19 (although late renewals are still coming in.)

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Reg Ends</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Jan. 8	Quincy, Ill.	9:45	Gary Blickhan	(217) 222-0304
Jan. 28	Peoria, Ill.	8:45	Fred Malcome	(309) 367-4833
March 4-5	Peoria, Ill.	9:30	Wayne Zimmerle	(309) 686-0192
March 11	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265

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Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

USCF # (if any): _____

Annual dues are currently **\$12**. Make checks payable to Springfield Chess Club.
 Mail to: David Long,
 2021½ South 4th St.,
 Springfield 62703; or turn it in at a Wednesday night SCC regular meeting.
 Thanks for renewing!

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