



Chess Club Observer

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March Tournament Breaks Even!

Nineteen chess players came to town on March 11 for a tournament that had been moved out of February because of large losses in the past. Expenses were lower than expected, and there was just enough turnout for the club to just break even, the first time it has done so in over a year. Thanks, everyone, for showing up and playing!

James Healy, of Springfield, and James Marshall, hometown unavailable, score 3½ points out of 4, and shared first and second place. Greg Moses, of Jacksonville, won Class A-B with 2 points. John Suits, hometown unavailable, scored 3 points and claimed the C-D prize.

Larry Coulter, of Mount Sterling, and Will Kerns, of Franklin, drew each other in the final round, to give themselves each 1½ points and half of the Class E prize. Finally, unrated Brian Thomas scored an impressive 3 points, toppling two Class C and one Class A players before falling to Marshall in the final round. He earned an upper Class A rating in his first tournament, and won the unrated prize.

Complete results are on page 2.

Next Tournament May 13

The Springfield Chess Club's next tournament will be held Saturday, May 13, 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.

Big tournaments coming

There's a lot of regional and national chess coming up this spring and summer! Besides the local events in Springfield, Peoria, and Normal, there is the St. Louis Open, a regional tournament in late April; the US G/60 championship in Joliet in May, followed by the G/30 and G/15 championships at the same place in June; and our own second annual Hopedale tournament in August. Further north, Chicago is hosting both the Chicago Open in May and the **U.S. Open** in mid-August. There will be no shortage of chess to play in Illinois this year!

Complete Results, March 11, 2006

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	James Marshall	2076	W10	D5	W13	W3	3.5
2	James Healy	1748	D13	W19	W5	W7	3.5
3	Brian Thomas	unr.	W16	W4	W6	L1	3.0
4	John Suits	1543	W14	L3	W9	W8	3.0
5	Kevin Cao	1542	W11	D1	L2	W12	2.5
6	Richard Kujoth	1900	W9	W8	L3	----	2.0
7	Greg Moses	1636	L8	W17	W10	L2	2.0
8	Jeremy Milligan	1202	W7	L6	W16	L4	2.0
9	Dan Tuttle	1317	L6	W20	L4	W19	2.0
10	Aaron Le Bow	1337	L1	W11	L7	W13	2.0
11	William Kerns	1039	L5	L10	W20	D14	1.5
12	Paul Hanke	1447	D19	L13	W17	L5	1.5
13	William Tong	1242	D2	W12	L1	L10	1.5
14	Larry Coulter	1089	L4	D16	D19	D11	1.5
15	Joshua Holdaas	1615	W17	----	----	----	1.0
16	Laszlo Naszodi	1496	L3	D14	L8	Half	1.0
17	James Ruth	1189	L15	L7	L12	W20	1.0
18	David Long (Houseman)	2011	W20	----	----	----	1.0
19	Scott Beatty	unr.	D12	L2	D14	L9	1.0
20	Peyton Russell House	779	L18	L9	L11	L17	0.0

Minor Events

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

Blitz dates: March 15, April 12, May 17 (\$2 entry fee)

January 11 Blitz (February canceled)

Pl#	Name	1	2	3	4	Month	Year
1	Robert Soucie	x	L	W	L	1	1
2	Matt Cremeens	W	x	W	L	2	2
3	Torski Craft	L	L	x	L	0	0
4	David Long	W	W	W	x	3	3

Welcome New Members

Peyton Russell House, of Edwardsville, has joined the club. Daunte Carter has returned to Springfield and rejoined the club after an absence of several years in Chicago. Welcome (back) to the club! Membership now stands at 24.

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.

Membership Roster

Last update March 10, 2006. State is Illinois and area code is 217 unless otherwise specified.

* Withheld by request

Area Tournament Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Reg Ends</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
April 1	Normal, Ill.	9:30	Dennis Bourgerie	(309) 454-3842
April 22	Peoria, Ill.	8:45	Fred Malcome	(309) 367-4833
April 29-30	St. Louis, Mo.	9:30	Mo. Chess Assn	(314) 822-5334
May 13	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
May 20-21	Joliet, Ill.	??	Dennis Doyle	??