



Chess Club Observer

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Tournaments Canceled

Both the Hopedale tournament in September and the regular tournament in October have been canceled. The Hopedale tournament was canceled because of excessive delays from the Hopedale officials, making it impossible to submit a TLA; the regular tournament was canceled because of scheduling conflicts.

Next Regular Tournament December 9

The Springfield Chess Club's next tournament will be held Saturday, December 9, 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.

Welcome Back Tom!

Club president Tom Knoedler, out of circulation since January, is back on his own again and has returned to the club. Welcome back! Everyone come on down and play him some chess!

SCC Announces Tentative 2007 Schedule

On September 6, the SCC drew up its tentative plans for the year ahead. We plan on holding four rated tournaments plus a non-rated city championship. The selected dates are: **March 24, May 12, and December 8** for regular tournaments. A two-day tournament in Hopedale, which will be called the Fourth Annual Dave Mote Memorial, is tentatively scheduled for **October 20-21**. The city championship is currently slated for **April 28**.

Mark your calendars today (if you have them already), but please remember that none of these dates are set in stone!

Also at the board meeting, we kicked around, not for the first time, some thoughts about growing the club, and trying to draw more people to tournaments. At this time, we plan on dropping the ICA requirement for the May tournament only to test reaction and to try to attract central and southern Illinois players who are less likely to be ICA members. If the ICA changes its rules (I have seen this idea floated) to make membership optional for Tour events, it would solve the problem for us!

Club Attendance Rebounds Slightly

In the past few Wednesdays, attendance at regular meetings has been up somewhat, with two consecutive weeks of six people coming to play. Good news at last from the turnout front!

It should be easier and more pleasant to play for the foreseeable future, because the restaurant that was occupying the first floor of the American Legion building has apparently moved or gone out of business. **The SCC once again has use of the first floor** except on nights when some other group or meeting takes up all the space there.

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>
October 28	Peoria, Ill.	8:45	Wayne Zimmerle	(309) 686-0192
December 9	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 787-1048

Membership Form – Dues Reduced!

It's almost time to renew your SCC membership! Memberships expire at the end of the year. Mail in the form below, or bring it to chess club. Thanks for renewing!

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

USCF ID (if any): _____

Check to withhold address from publication in newsletter.

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Annual dues are currently **\$8**.

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