



Chess Club Observer

Newsletter of the Springfield Chess Club

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Brian Creasey Sweeps May Tournament

The Springfield Chess Club hosted a regular tournament on May 12. 28 chess players plus one houseman participated, another much-needed and welcome increase in participation!

Brian Creasey, of Springfield, ran the table and scored a perfect 4-0. He took first place. Second place went to Justin Arnold, of Murray, Ky., who scored 3½ points.

There was a three-way tie for first in Class A-B. Dennis Bourgerie, of Normal; Bruce Michel, of Stonington; and Gary Blickhan, of Quincy, each scored 3 points. Three points was also good enough to share the Class C-D prize; David Bononi, of Springfield; Michal Goliszek, of Chicago; and Cameron Heino, of Champaign, attained that score.

The Class E prize was split two ways, with James Ruth, of Springfield; and Doug Codding, of Bloomington, claiming a share with 1½ points. New SCC member William Wilson, of Decatur, scored 2 points and took the unrated prize.

Complete results of the tournament are on page 2.

SCC HAS NEW MEETING SITE

See page 2 for details

Turnout Resurgent!

For the second straight time, turnout was up in our regular tournaments, we had 28 chess players plus one houseman this time, the highest at any regular tournament since June 2003! For the second straight time, it was adequate to raise the prize fund above what was required by pre-tournament publicity. This time, we raised it from 68% to 90% of advertised! We thank everyone who participated, and hope that this is the start of a trend of more chess.

Next SCC Tournament October 20-21

The Springfield Chess Club's next tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 20-21, in Hopedale. Details are still being ironed out but it should follow the format of the 2005 Hopedale tournament.

SCC Follows Legion to New Northside Building

American Legion Post 32, site of the SCC's regular meetings, has closed its building downtown at the corner of 5th and Capitol. The club moved from the Park District to the Legion Hall in 1993. Our last meeting at the downtown building was May 30. The meeting for June 6 was canceled as the Legion prepared to open their new building. The new building opened June 11, and the first SCC meeting there was June 13.

The new building is located at **1120 Sangamon Ave., Springfield 62702**. It is across the street from the main (11th Street) entrance to the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Come out and play some chess and check out the new building!

This announcement is the main reason this newsletter is being mailed ahead of schedule. Lack of any scheduled club events during the summer is the other reason.

Club meetings will probably be canceled during the Illinois State Fair.

Results – May 12, 2007

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Brian Creasey	1604	W20	W14	W4	W6	4
2	Justin Arnold	1949	W15	W8	D10	W11	3.5
3	Dennis Bourgerie	1700	D11	W26	W12	Half	3
4	Bruce Michel	1678	FWIN	W7	L1	W10	3
5	Gary Blickhan	1674	W19	W17	L6	W14	3
6	David Bononi	1424	W25	W12	W5	L1	3
7	Cameron Heino	1470	W27	L4	W24	W13	3
8	Michal Goliszek	1484	W23	L2	W18	W17	3
9	David Long	2004	Half	Half	W21	Half	2.5
10	Nicolas Burnett	1616	W24	W13	D2	L4	2.5
11	Carl Dolson	1351	D3	W15	W19	L2	2.5
12	Leonard Ferguson	1633	W22	L6	L3	W24	2
13	Ian Chong	1389	W29	L10	W26	L7	2
14	Daunte Carter	1391	W18	L1	W23	L5	2
15	Dan Tuttle	1378	L2	L11	W27	W23	2
16	Will Kerns	1236	Forfeit	L23	W25	W21	2
17	Marc Mc Conney	1403	W28	L5	W22	L8	2
18	William Wilson	unr.	L14	W20	L8	W22	2
19	James Ruth	1124	L5	W27	L11	Half	1.5
20	Doug Coddling	971	L1	L18	W28	D27	1.5
21	Richard Kujoth	1900	Half	Half	L9	L16	1
22	Larry Coulter	1055	L12	W25	L17	L18	1
23	Henry Rappleyea	813	L8	W16	L14	L15	1
24	David Wiedman	999	L10	W28	L7	L12	1
25	Forrest Irvine	unr.	L6	L22	L16	W28	1
26	Joseph Zemgulys	1374	Half	L3	L13	----	0.5
27	Don Crutchfield	unr.	L7	L19	L15	D20	0.5
28	Billy Manning	unr.	L17	L24	L20	L25	0
29	Nicholas Scaduto	unr.	L13	----	----	----	0

Happy Retirement, Tom!

The SCC congratulates SCC president Tom Knoedler on his retirement from University of Illinois at Springfield at the end of June. Now that he finds himself with some free time, we'll have to convince him to play a whole lot more chess!

Welcome New Members

William Wilson, of Decatur, and Nicholas Scaduto, of Springfield, have joined the Springfield Chess Club. Welcome to the club! Membership now stands at 21.

Meetings

The Springfield Chess Club meets Wednesday nights, from 6:30 to 10 p.m., at the American Legion Post 32, 1120 E. Sangamon Ave., Springfield (north end of the city.).

On the second Friday of each month, we meet from 6:30 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 20-21	Hopedale, Ill.	9:45	David Long	(217) 522-0489

Membership Roster

As of June 2007. State is Illinois and area code is 217 unless otherwise specified.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Zip</u>	<u>Phone</u>
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