



# Chess Club Observer

Newsletter of the Springfield Chess Club

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## SCC Seeks New Tournament Site

After a 6-year run at the Signature Inn, the SCC will be seeking new quarters for its chess tournaments beginning next year. The Signature Inn has been reliable, spacious, quiet, and well-lit, but those benefits came at a high price, at the expense of the tournament's prize funds.

Management has informed us that the rental on that room will go even higher at the turn of the year, placing it out of our reach if we do not wish to jeopardize our newfound turnout with yet more prize fund cuts. So, we are currently seeking a new place to hold our tournaments. The December 8 tournament will be our last at the Signature Inn.

If we can find a place that's cheaper, we may even be able to raise the prize fund or, failing that, lower the number of people required for a 100% payout! We have postponed drawing up next year's tournament schedule until we have a place to hold them.

## It's Almost Time to Renew!

It's late in the year, and SCC memberships expire on December 31! Use the membership form below to renew your membership for another year, at the cost of \$8!

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City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Springfield Chess Club  
David Long, Treasurer  
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Springfield, Ill. 62703

## Next SCC Tournament December 8

The Springfield Chess Club's next tournament will be held Saturday, December 8, at the Signature Inn. Registration runs from 8 to 8:45, and rounds are at 9, 12, 3, and 6. Time limit is G/80. Mark your calendars today! This is our fourth annual memorial tournament to longtime Springfield master and three-time club champion David Mote, and it will also be the last tournament held at the Signature Inn.

## SCC Completes Move to North Side

The Springfield Chess Club has moved with the Legion Hall to its new building on Sangamon Ave. The new building is somewhat smaller than the old, but (usually) less noisy, since the TV's at the bar are usually quieter than the one that sat out in the tables and chairs area of the old building. So far, the chess club has been meeting at tables in the corner near the door, so we should be easy to find. Come and see for yourself!

## Hopedale Tournament Canceled

For the second year in a row, circumstances have forced us to cancel the October tournament in Hopedale. The name (David Mote Memorial) has been reassigned to the December tournament. We will attempt to re-create the Hopedale tournament next year.

## 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

<b>Date</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Reg Ends</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Phone</b>
November 3	Jacksonville, Ill.	8:45	Jim Marshall	?
<b>December 8</b>	<b>Springfield, Ill.</b>	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 787-1048