



Chess Club Observer

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SCC Wins Team Tournament!

On June 7, Al Darr and the Jacksonville Chess Club hosted a Western Illinois team chess tournament at Illinois College in Jacksonville. There were three teams, of four players each. Al himself also played as an odd man out, except in the last round when he was counted on a team to make up for a withdrawn player.

First place went to our very own Springfield Chess Club team, composed of David Long, Matt Cremeens, David Bononi, and James Ruth, all of Springfield, who scored a combined 8 points out of a possible 12.

The second place team was a combined Franklin-Illinois College team, comprised of Greg Moses, Will Kerns, James Marshall, and Tom Dineen. They scored 6 points.

The Jacksonville team took third place, with 4½ points. Team members were Jake Surratt, Jared Silsby, Levi Gent, and Gary Blickhan. Although he is from Quincy, Gary completed the Jacksonville team since the other Quincy players canceled. Al Darr took Gary's spot on the team for the last round, after he withdrew.

Organizers called the tournament a success, and hope for more participation by more teams if and when they hold another such tournament next year. Complete results on page 2!

Next SCC Tournament September 20

The SCC has confirmed use of the Carpenters' Union Local 16 meeting hall for a chess tournament on Saturday, September 20. The union hall is located at 211 West Lawrence, on the edge of downtown. Locals should have no trouble finding the place, but it may be confusing to people coming in from out of town. Maps and directions are available on the SCC's internet page at <http://springfieldchessclub.110mb.com/carpenters.htm>

There will be four rounds. Time limit for the first round will be G/60, and for the rest of the games, G/75. Registration ends at 9:45, and games are scheduled for 10, 12:30, 3:15, and 6. Changes to the schedule since our last tournament include a later starting time and a built-in lunch break. Entry fee remains \$17 at the door, \$20 in advance, \$2 less for SCC members.

Because the site is free of charge, we can pay a higher prize fund than we could at the Signature Inn. Prize fund is \$400 based on 30 entrants (instead of the old 300/40). First place prize is \$140, second \$80. Class prizes are 60 for A-B, 50 for C-D, 40 for E and below, and 30 for unrated.

Wednesday Meetings Suspended

Because of ongoing Wednesday events at the Legion Hall, long-term poor turnout at meetings, and other reasons, the SCC board has voted to temporarily suspend Wednesday meetings until further notice. To keep the club going more than once per month, the board also voted to hold Barnes and Noble meetings on the fourth Friday of each month, in addition to the current second Friday, until further notice.

As always, SCC members will be notified of any special called meetings that may take place, as well as any further changes to the club's meeting schedule.

Results - June 7, 2008

Rank	Name	Rating	Team	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Total
1	David Long	2000	SCC	W11	W3	W9	3
2	Matt Cremeens	1698	SCC	W5	W4	L3	2
3	Greg Moses	1586	FIC	W6	L1	W2	2
4	William Kerns	1552	FIC	W13	L2	W10	2
5	Al Darr	1263	Ind./JAX	L2	W13	W8	2
6	James Ruth	1128	SCC	L3	FULL	W13	2
7	Jared Silsby	1106	JAX	FULL	D10	D11	2
8	Tom Dineen	1117	FIC	D9	W12	L5	1½
9	Jake Surratt	1513	JAX	D8	D11	L1	1
10	David Bononi	1472	SCC	D12	D7	L4	1
11	James Marshall	1446	FIC	L1	D9	D7	1
12	Gary Blickhan	1677	JAX	D10	L8	----	½
13	Levi Gent	unr.	JAX	L4	L5	L6	0

Meetings

The Springfield Chess Club meets twice a month, on the second and fourth Friday of each month, 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

Date	City	Reg Ends	Contact	Phone
September 20	Springfield	9:45	David Long	(217) 522-0489
September 27	Peoria	8:45	Wayne Zimmerle	(309) 686-0192
October 4	Bloomington	9:45	Dennis Bourgerie	(309) 454-3842