



Chess Club Observer

Newsletter of the Springfield Chess Club

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Club Champion: *vacant*

<http://springfieldchessclub.110mb.com>

Evan Gresen Appointed Vice President

At the December 10 meeting, the Board voted to appoint Evan Gresen to the vacant position of club vice president.

No one challenged any of the incumbent board members this year, so all keep their seats into 2009.

SCC Plans Spring or Summer Tournament

The club has planned tentatively to organize another tournament at the carpenters' union hall, in late spring or early summer. More details will be in the next newsletter. The search continues for another free or low-cost playing site which is available several times per year.

Have You Renewed?

If your membership is expiring, signified by a mailing label typed in red, then this will be your last issue! Please renew today! Use the membership form on page 2 to renew your membership for another year, at the cost of \$8!

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.

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2008: The Year In Review

Useless Statistics

Membership: **19**. Membership at end of 2007: **22**. At end of 2006: **29**. At end of 2005: **37**.

Percent change: **-14%**. Two years: **-34%**. Renewal rate: **61%** (2007: 62%)

Tournament attendance: **18** (1 tournament)

Average attendance in 2007: **28** (3 tournaments) Percent change: **-36%**

Average rating in 2008 tournament: **1522**

Average in 2007: **1460** Percent change: **+4.2%**

Tournament Winners

September: Martin Franek, Oak Lawn, 3½-½

Club Champions

1993: David Mote 1994: David Mote 1998: Doug Van Buskirk
2001: David Mote 2003: Doug Van Buskirk 2004: Matt Cremeens
2005: Evan Dorosheff

Area Tournament Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Reg Ends</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
January 3	Bloomington	9:45	Colley Kitson	(309) 824-5701
January 10	Peoria	10:00	Fred Malcome	(309) 367-4833
February 7	Bloomington	9:45	Colley Kitson	(309) 824-5701
February 21	Champaign	9:45	Tobias Simpson	
March 7	Bloomington	9:45	Colley Kitson	(309) 824-5701
March 13-15	St. Louis, Mo.	varies	Continental Chess	(845) 496-9658
April 4	Bloomington	9:45	Colley Kitson	(309) 824-5701
April 18-19	Peoria	9:45	Fred Malcome	(309) 367-4833

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