



Chess Club Observer

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Next Tournament June 27

The club will be organizing another tournament at the carpenters' union hall on June 27. Mark your calendars today! The hall is at 211 W. Lawrence Ave., on the southwest edge of downtown. The Sixth Annual David Mote Memorial Open will have four rounds. The first game is G/60, all others are G/75. Registration ends at 9:45; rounds are at 10, 12:30, 3:15, and 6, with a lunch break between rounds 1 and 2. Entry fee is \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door, \$2 less for SCC members. The total prize fund will be \$400 based on 30 entrants. The breakdown is: 140-80, 1600-1999 60, 1200-1599 50, Under 1200 40, Unrated 30. To enter, see David.

SCC Launches Internet Discussion Forums

The latest addition to the SCC's internet page is a set of discussion forums. These will give the SCC members another means of communication, whether it is for discussing club meetings, planning special events, organizing carpools to tournaments, or idle chit-chat. All club members are encouraged to go to <http://springfieldchessclub.110mb.com/forums> and register a handle, and jump in!

SCC Starts Membership Drive

The SCC is starting a new project to boost declining membership and turnout, in the form of a membership drive. Our last such drive, in 2001, almost tripled membership over the short term. There are two specials in effect at the moment.

Special for new or rejoining members: Those who join before June 26 will have their membership extended through 2010 (saving approximately \$5, given the pro-rating of dues to coincide with calendar years) and will also receive a doubling of the SCC membership discount (to \$4) in the tournament June 27, if they should choose to play.

Special for existing members: We need your help to grow the club! Get the word out however you can, pass out our flyers. Refer 4 new or renewing members and get free entry to any SCC-organized USCF-rated tournament. (USCF dues requirements still apply.) This does not expire on June 26, and can be done more than once - refer 8 members and get free entry in two tournaments, etc. Be sure your recruits mention you on their membership form so you can get proper credit.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE (continued)

The membership drive is starting with mailing copies of the flyer and membership forms to current members with this newsletter, so that they may take advantage of the special for existing members. In the coming weeks, we will be sending the flyers and forms to USCF members in the Springfield metro area, and to expired SCC members. More copies of the flyers or membership forms are available upon request – see David.

Let's see if we can grow the club as well as we did in 2001!

Welcome New Members

Charles Hershey, of Springfield, has joined the SCC. Welcome to the club! Membership now stands at 11.

Membership Roster

As of April 21.

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
May 2	Bloomington	9:45	Colley Kitson	(309) 824-5701
June 27	Springfield	9:45	David Long	(217) 726-2584

DON'T FORGET! The US Open chess tournament will be in Indianapolis in August!