



Chess Club Observer

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Yue Xu Sweeps June Tourney

On June 27, the Springfield Chess Club drew 30 chess players to the carpenters' union meeting hall to play in the Sixth Annual David Mote Memorial tournament, the second-highest turnout at any SCC-organized tournament since the Illinois Class Championships in 2003. For the second time in a row, there were enough players in some rating classes to add extra prizes for those sections.

Yue Xu, of Champaign, won the tournament with a perfect score of 4-0. James Healy, of Springfield, and Tobias Simpson, of Champaign, tied for second place overall and first in class A-B, each with a score of 3½ out of 4. Second place in class A-B went to Jeffrey Davis, of Mahomet, and Justin Stafford, hometown unknown. They scored 3 points.

Thomas Knoedler and David Bononi, both of Springfield, scored 2½ points, and shared first and second in class C-D. Levi Gent, of Jacksonville, also scored 2½ points, and won the Class E-under prize. Finally, Nicholas Yamamoto, hometown unknown, won the unrated prize with 1 point.

Thanks to everyone who participated, and special thanks to the sizeable Champaign-area contingent. Complete results of the tournament are on page 2!

Welcome New Members

Nicholas Scaduto and Sina Tabibi, both of Springfield; Jim Larson, of Southern View; Lakshmiprabha Narayanan, and Peter Knope, both of Taylorville; Frederick Ekstrom, of Carlinville; David Sculley, of Jacksonville; and Thomas Barnard, of Carrollton; have joined or rejoined the SCC. The membership drive seems to have worked! Welcome to the club! Membership now stands at 20.

Wednesday Meetings Are Back!

After a lapse of over a year, the SCC is able to restart its Wednesday night meetings. Our new meeting location is the White Oaks Mall food court. Besides the obvious benefit of more activity and chess play, the location may get us some exposure and help us grow the club. Please help the club show its appreciation for use of the space by shopping at White Oaks.

Complete Results, June 27

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Jason Juett	1932	D16	W2	W7	L9	2½
2	Guy Hoffman	1900	L17	L1	W16	D7	1½
3	Ali Huseen	1856	L18	W16	D15	W27	2½
4	Jeffrey Davis	1832	W19	L11	W20	W13	3
5	Tobias Simpson	1828	W20	W14	W10	D6	3½
6	James Healy	1703	W21	W13	W11	D5	3½
7	Brian Villarreal	1682	W22	D15	L1	D2	2
8	Jordan Beck	1656	W23	L17	W22	D15	2½
9	Yue Xu	1650	W24	W18	W17	W1	4
10	Gary Blickhan	1647	W25	W27	L5	HALF	2½
11	Justin Stafford	1630	W26	W4	L6	W17	3
12	Thomas Knoedler	1563	L27	W25	W24	D28	2½
13	Kenton Banyai	1522	W28	L6	W30	L4	2
14	Benjamin Hutter	1517	W29	L5	L27	L20	1
15	David Bononi	1505	W30	D7	D3	D8	2½
16	David Sculley	1500	D1	L3	L2	----	½
17	Carl Dolson	1498	W2	W8	L9	L11	2
18	Anshul Adve	1463	W3	L9	L28	W30	2
19	Sandra Pahl	1460	L4	L24	W25	W22	2
20	Evan Gresen	1453	L5	W26	L4	W14	2
21	Jared Silsby	1440	L6	L28	W26	W29	2
22	Robert Parker	1406	L7	W29	L8	L19	2
23	Aaron Burke	1371	L8	L30	D29	----	½
24	James Ruth	1130	L9	W19	L12	HALF	1½
25	Alice Hu	1127	L10	L12	L19	D26	½
26	Joe Mc Gee	1092	L11	L20	L21	D25	½
27	Blair Hu	1024	W12	L10	W14	L3	2
28	Levi Gent	888	L13	W21	W18	D12	2½
29	Nicholas Scaduto	unr.	L14	L22	D23	L21	½
30	Nicholas Yamamoto	unr.	L15	W23	L13	L18	1

Next Tournament Tentatively Scheduled

At the time of this writing, the Springfield Chess Club has tentatively scheduled its next tournament for a Saturday, November 14, at the **Anchor Boat Club**, 407 East Lake Shore Drive. The date is still subject to change at this time. More information will be in the next newsletter.

This is a new site for the SCC, and it comes on the condition that no outside drinks may be brought in, all drinks must be bought at the club. (That's how they make their money.) Outside food is OK. If there is enough interest, the SCC may offer lunch.

Feedback about the new site is always appreciated. If the tournament is a success, then the SCC will be able to use both the union hall and the boat club in future, bringing it closer to its goal of returning to the days when we had 3 or more tournaments per year.

Look for the next tournament at the union hall in early 2010.

Obituary

Former SCC member Michael Mc Ilhany died on Sunday, May 17. He was 60.

Membership Roster

As of July 12, 2009.

Area code is 217 unless otherwise specified.

Expiration date is December 31 of the year specified.

Meetings

The Springfield Chess Club meets weekly on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the White Oaks Mall food court, and also 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. Both locations are near the corner of Route 4 and Wabash Ave.

***Don't Forget!** The US Open chess tournament will be held in Indianapolis in August!*

Area Tournament Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Reg Ends</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
August 22	Peoria	9:45	Wayne Zimmerle	(309) 686-0192