



# Chess Club Observer

Newsletter of the Springfield Chess Club

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## Next Tournament November 14 by Lake

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.

This tournament will be only **3 rounds**. Registration ends at 10:15. Time limit is G/80. We should be finished by 7 p.m.

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. The SCC plans to offer lunch for a nominal fee.

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.

## It's Almost Time to Renew!

It's late in the year, and SCC memberships expire on December 31! Use the membership form on page 2 to renew your membership for another year, at the cost of \$8! (If you are paid up through 2010 or later, disregard.)

## Decatur Chess Club Revived, Plans Tourney

Our neighbors to the east in the Soy City have revived their chess club after a long period of inactivity. The Decatur Chess Club now meets Tuesday nights at Doherty's Pub and Pins on East William Street in downtown Decatur. Food is available, and the meetings are a lot of fun!

Decatur will be getting back into the tournament circuit with their first tournament in many years on January 16, 2010. The tournament will be held at the Scoville Banquet Facility on Decatur's west side. Jeremy Milligan is organizing.

**Decatur Also Proposes Team Match:** Besides revitalizing their chess club, the Decatur chess board has proposed holding an east-central Illinois team tournament or match. Besides Decatur, clubs from Springfield, Champaign, Bloomington, Peoria, and possibly elsewhere may be invited if it works out. Stay tuned for more details!

# Welcome New Members

William Wilson, of Decatur, has rejoined the Springfield Chess Club. Membership now stands at 21.

## New Publicity Director

On September 26, David “Leptoman” Braunfeld stepped down as publicity director, and was replaced by James Ruth by action of the Board.

**Remember that nominations for next year’s officers** will be accepted at the meeting on November 4, and any necessary elections will be held on December 2!

## 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.

## Area Tournament Schedule

| <u>Date</u> | <u>City</u> | <u>Reg Ends</u> | <u>Contact</u>  | <u>Phone</u>   |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| November 14 | Springfield | 10:15           | David Long      | (217) 726-2584 |
| January 16  | Decatur     | 8:45            | Jeremy Milligan | (217) 619-3532 |

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