



# Chess Club Observer

Newsletter of the Springfield Chess Club

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## Thomas, Hong Win Lakeside Tournament

The Springfield Chess Club held a tournament on November 14, at the Anchor Boat Club, offering tournament participants a view of Lake Springfield between rounds.

Brian Thomas, of Decatur, and Victor Hong, of Champaign, swept all opposition, and each shared first place with 3-0 scores.

There was a six-way tie for first in class A-B. Matt Cremeens, of Springfield; Kyle Miles, of Windsor; Tobias Simpson, and Robert Naiman, both of Champaign; and Justin Stafford, and Joe Alford, each scored 2 points. The same score produced a 3-way tie for first in class C-D, with Tom Knoedler and Evan Gresen, both of Springfield, and Kenton Banyai, tied.

Both players in the Class E and under division scored 1 point, so they shared that prize. They were Micah Tuhy and Brian Bourne. First unrated was Chris Morgan, also with 1 point.

Complete results of the tournament are on page 2. Look for the next tournament at the union hall in April 2010.

## Next Tournament April 24 at Union Hall

The next tournament in Springfield will be held Saturday, April 24, 2010, at Carpenters Local 16. Registration ends at 9:45. The first round is G/60 and begins at 10; rounds 2-4 are G/75 and begin at 12:30, 3:15, and 6, with a lunch break at noon. Entry fee is \$15 in advance for SCC members, \$18 at the door (\$20/\$17 for non members). Mark your calendars today!

## Have You Renewed?

If you haven't, your mailing label will be typed in red, which means your membership has expired. Use the membership form on page 3 to renew your membership for another year, at the cost of \$8! (If you are paid up through 2010 or later, disregard.)

## Club Officers Get Another Term

All club officers were renominated unopposed at the November board meeting, so all are appointed to another term in office.

# 2009: The Year In Review

## Useless Statistics

Membership: **24**. Membership at end of 2008: **19**. At end of 2007: **22**.  
Percent change: **+26%**. Two years: **+9%**. Renewal rate: **58%** (2008: 61%).  
Average tournament attendance: **26** (2 tournaments).  
Average attendance in 2008 (1 tournament): **28** Percent change: **-7%**  
Average rating in 2009 tournaments: **1484**  
Average in 2008: **1522** Percent change: **-2.5%**

## Tournament Winners

June: Yue Xu, Champaign, 4-0  
November: Brian Thomas, Decatur; Victor Hong, Champaign; 3-0

## 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

## Complete Results – November 14, 2009

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Total
1	Brian Thomas	1937	W-12	W-10	W-3	3
2	Joseph Alford	1901	W-13	W-7	L-22	2
3	Tobias Simpson	1850	W-14	W-16	L-1	2
4	Robert Naiman	1772	W-15	L-9	W-H	2
5	Jared Silsby	1738	L-16	D-8	W-11	1½
6	Kyle Miles	1717	W-17	L-22	W-9	2
7	Justin Stafford	1700	W-18	L-2	W-16	2
8	Matt Cremeens	1691	D-19	D-5	W-20	2
9	Thomas Knoedler	1528	W-20	W-4	L-6	2
10	Kenton Banyai	1511	W-21	L-1	W-19	2
11	David Sculley	1500	L-22	D-19	L-5	½
12	Evan Gresen	1475	L-1	W-17	W-21	2
13	Jeremy Milligan	1365	L-2	L-20	W-14	1
14	Nicholas Yamamoto	1290	L-3	L-21	L-13	0
15	Prabha Narayanan	1287	L-4	W-18	HALF	1½
16	Levi Gent	1274	W-5	L-3	L-7	1
17	Al Darr	1235	L-6	L-12	L-18	0
18	Josh Rohrscheib	1212	L-7	L-15	W-17	1
19	Micah Tuhy	646	D-8	D-11	L-10	1
20	Brian Bourne	401	L-9	W-13	L-8	1
21	Chris Morgan	unr.	L-10	W-14	L-12	1
22	Victor Hong	unr.	W-11	W-6	W-2	3
H	Daunte Carter	1392	HALF	HALF	L-4	1

# Welcome New Members

Ken Brudnak, Dee Baker, John Karshenas, and Rebecca Ruth, all of Springfield, have joined the Springfield Chess Club. Membership now stands at 25.

## Evening Kiwanis Organizing Kids' Tourney

The Springfield Evening Kiwanis organization will be organizing a free tournament for children in grades K-8 on Friday, March 26, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The tournament will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 515 S. Macarthur. The event will not be rated.

For further information, see Jim Larson at club. Pre-registration is required!

## 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>
January 16	Decatur	8:45	Jeremy Milligan	(217) 619-3532
January 30	Peoria	8:45	Wayne Zimmerle	(309) 686-0192
February 20	Oglesby	9:20	Ron Suarez	
March 19-21	St. Louis	DS	Continental Chess	(845) 496-9658
March 27-28	Peoria	9:45?	Wayne Zimmerle	(309) 686-0192
<b>April 24</b>	<b>Springfield</b>	9:45	David Long	(217) 726-2584

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