



Chess Club Observer

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Doug Van Buskirk Sweeps April 24 Tourney

The club's first tournament of 2010 took place on Saturday, April 24, at the Carpenters Local 16 union hall. It was a perfect day to stay indoors, and 30 chess players came to play. Turnout remains encouraging, and it was high enough once again to increase the prize fund and add additional prizes.

First place went to Doug Van Buskirk, of Springfield. Doug went 4-0. There was a tie for second place and the top class A-B; Gary Blickhan, of Quincy, and Anshul Adve, of Champaign, took these positions with 3½ points. Second place in class A-B was split four ways among Tobias Simpson, and Robby Hecht, both of Champaign; Jared Silsby, of Jacksonville, and Andy Mc Gowan, of Peoria. Each had 3 points.

Evan Gresen, of Springfield, scored 3 points and won the class C-D section outright. Second place in that section was also split four ways. With 2 points, Alice Hu, and Blair Hu, both of Champaign; Al Darr, of Carrollton; and Greg Moses, of Jacksonville, shared this prize.

In the class E-under division, 1 point was enough to win. Farrell Hill, of Belleville, attained this score. Meanwhile, Lukas Pichler, of Champaign, got 2 points and took the first unrated prize.

A big thank you to everyone who came to play! Complete results are on page 2.

Free Quick Tourney May 22 at Library

The next tournament in Springfield will be held Saturday, May 22, 2010, at Lincoln Library, downtown on the corner of 7th and Capitol. There will be 15 rounds, in a format to be determined. Registration ends at 10:50. The first 6 rounds will be held every 20 minutes starting at 11 a.m., followed by a 40-minute lunch break at 1 p.m. The next 9 rounds will run every 20 minutes starting at 1:40 p.m. Results will be announced at 4:40, when the last games are done.

There is no entry fee, but normal USCF membership requirements apply. There are no cash prizes.

Welcome New Members

Jim Baker, of Springfield, has rejoined the Springfield Chess Club. Membership now stands at 27.

Complete Results – April 24, 2010

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Doug Van Buskirk	2159	W16	W8	W6	W7	4
2	Andy Mc Gowan	1919	W17	D9	W8	D3	3
3	Kyle Miles	1874	W18	L11	----	----	1
4	Scott Nelson	1861	W19	W13	L7	L9	2
5	Tobias Simpson	1848	W20	W12	L11	W14	3
6	Robby Hecht	1693	W21	W15	L1	W29	3
7	Jared Silsby	1654	W22	W14	W4	L1	3
8	Wayne Zimmerle	1649	W23	L1	L2	W17	2
9	Gary Blickhan	1643	W24	D2	W10	W4	3½
10	Sean Baker	1625	L25	W23	L9	W21	2
11	Anshul Adve	1622	W26	W3	W5	D2	3½
12	Josh Rohrscheib	1622	W27	L5	D17	W25	2½
13	George Ruan	1617	W28	L4	W18	L15	2
14	Greg Moses	1575	W29	L7	W21	L5	2
15	Evan Gresen	1482	W30	L6	W20	W13	3
16	Carl Dolson	1479	L1	W25	L29	D23	1½
17	Elizabeth Oliver	1407	L2	W24	D12	L8	1½
18	Blair Hu	1398	L3	W26	L13	W24	2
19	James Baker	1380	L4	D28	L25	W27	1½
20	Alice Hu	1368	L5	W27	L15	W26	2
21	Ray Bennett	1367	L6	W30	L14	L10	1
22	Jeremy Milligan	1348	L7	L29	----	----	0
23	Vikram Adve	1318	L8	L10	W28	D16	1½
24	Ed Boyd	1247	L9	L17	W27	L18	1
25	Al Darr	1201	W10	L16	W19	L12	2
26	Farrell Hill	1032	L11	L18	W30	L20	1
27	Elaine Davis	648	L12	L20	L24	L19	0
28	Gregory Thompson	unr.	L13	D19	L23	W30	1½
29	Lukas Pichler	unr.	L14	W22	W16	L6	2
30	Tyree Redpath	unr.	L15	L21	L26	L28	0

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

Date	City	Reg Ends	Contact	Phone
May 22	Springfield	9:45	David Long	(217) 726-2584
June 19	Decatur	8:45	DCC	(217) 619-3532