



Chess Club Observer

Newsletter of the Springfield Chess Club

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Jared Silsby Wins August Tourney

The SCC tried a new playing site for a tournament on August 28, the Mechanicsburg Masonic Lodge, located about 15 miles east of Springfield. 12 chess players came to the quiet town to play. The tournament was 3 rounds, but with a slightly longer time limit than normal for SCC tournaments.

Jared Silsby, of Jacksonville, scored 2½ points out of 3, and was the first place winner. There was a three-way tie for second place and both the class A-B and C-D prizes. With 2 points each, Thomas Knoedler and Evan Gresen, both of Springfield, and Gary Blickhan, of Quincy, shared this prize. First place in class E and below was James Ruth, of Springfield, with 1½ points. Zhijin Hu, of Champaign, did not win any games in his first tournament but still was first unrated player by default. Complete results are on page 2!

Next Tournament February 5 at Union Hall

The SCC's next tournament will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2011, at Carpenters Local 16, 211 W. Lawrence Ave.

There will be 4 rounds, at 10, 12:30, 3:15, and 6, with a lunch break at noon. Entry fee and prize structure remain as normal: \$17 in advance, \$20 at site, \$2 less for SCC members, with a prize fund of \$400 based on 30 entrants. Time limit is G/60 for the first game and G/75 for the remainder of the games.

It's Almost Election Time!

The SCC's Board of Directors elections are coming up! Nominations will be held at our regular meeting on Wednesday, November 3. According to our bylaws, both the nominator and the nominee must be present at the meeting and cannot be the same person. If no one is nominated for a particular office, the incumbent is automatically renominated (even if he is not present.) If any offices are contested, the election will be held Wednesday, December 1, at our regular meeting.

Ode to Pawn

by James Ruth

A pawn is oft overlooked
and at time be mistook
A footman the bidding of
others pledging king and
queen, not to colors
Destined mediocrity, 'til
eighth rank proclaimed
Your king is doomed,
checkmate proclaimed!

New Publicity Director

James Ruth has stepped down as publicity director. His girl-friend Rebecca was appointed to the seat for the remainder of his term by action of the Board of Directors.

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.

Time to Renew!

Most SCC memberships will expire on December 31. (Check your mailing label to see if yours is among them.) If your membership is expiring, use the enclosed membership form to renew soon! Annual membership dues remain at \$8.

Complete Results – August 28, 2010

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Total
1	Richard Kujoth	1900	W7	L4	---	1
2	Gary Blickhan	1713	D8	D5	W9	2
3	Jared Silsby	1697	W9	W6	D5	2½
4	Matt Cremeens	1694	W10	W1	---	2
5	Evan Gresen	1643	W11	D2	D3	2
6	Bruce Michel	1625	W12	L3	HALF	1½
7	Thomas Knoedler	1552	L1	W8	W12	2
8	Blair Hu	1384	D2	L7	D10	1
9	Alice Hu	1353	L3	D10	L2	½
10	Al Darr	1302	L4	D9	D8	1
11	James Ruth	1191	L5	W12	HALF	1½
12	Zhijin Hu	unr.	L6	L11	L7	0

Area Tournament Schedule

Date	City	Reg Ends	Contact	Phone
January 30	Peoria	8:45	Wayne Zimmerle	(309) 686-0192
February 5	Springfield	9:45	David Long	(217) 726-2584