



# Chess Club Observer

Newsletter of the Springfield Chess Club

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## Next Tournament February 5 at Union Hall

Mark your calendars today! The next tournament in Springfield will be held Saturday, February 5, 2011, at Carpenters Local 16. The union hall is at 211 W. Lawrence Ave., on the edge of downtown Springfield. 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 or \$18 at the door for SCC members (\$20/\$17 for non members).

## Have You Renewed?

If not, please do so today! Your expiration date is on your mailing label. If your membership has expired, please use the membership form on page 2 to renew your membership for another year, at the cost of \$8!

## SCC Has New Tournament Director

Please congratulate Evan Gresen on joining the ranks of tournament directors at his first directed tourney in February!

## Welcome New Members

Orif Olimjonou, of Springfield, has joined the Springfield Chess Club. Membership now stands at 33.

## 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.

# 2010: The Year In Review

## Useless Statistics

Membership: **33**. Membership at end of 2009: **24**. At end of 2008: **19**.  
Percent change: **+38%**. Two years: **+74%**. Renewal rate: **95%\*** (2009: 58%).  
Average tournament attendance: **16\*\*** (3 tournaments).  
Average attendance in 2009 (2 tournaments): **26** Percent change: **-38%**  
Average rating in 2010 tournaments: **1542**  
Average in 2009: **1484** Percent change: **+3.9%**

\* renewal rate is distorted by last year's membership drive specials.  
\*\* Ignoring a quick-chess tourney, 21 (-19%)

## Tournament Winners

April: Doug Van Buskirk, Springfield, 4-0  
May (Quick): Doug Van Buskirk, Springfield, 14-1  
August: Jared Silsby, Jacksonville, 2½-½

## 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

# Area Tournament Schedule

| <u>Date</u>       | <u>City</u>        | <u>Reg Ends</u> | <u>Contact</u>  | <u>Phone</u>   |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| January 15        | Decatur            | 8:45            | Jeremy Milligan | (217) 619-3532 |
| January 29        | Peoria             | 8:45            | Wayne Zimmerle  | (309) 686-0192 |
| <b>February 5</b> | <b>Springfield</b> | 9:45            | David Long      | (217) 726-2584 |
| March 26-27       | Peoria             | 9:45            | Wayne Zimmerle  | (309) 686-0192 |

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