



Chess Club Observer

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Gary Blickhan Wins November Tourney

Turnout was off at our November 5 tournament at the union hall, but on the plus side, we were able to finish early, and we still had fun. Gary Blickhan, of Quincy, scored 3½ points out of a possible 4 and won the tournament. Ron Suarez, of Peoria, took second place with 3 points.

There were no other Class A-B players. First place in Class C-D went to Brandon Williams, of Quincy, with 2½ points. First in Class E and below went to Farrell Hill, of Belleville, by default. There were no unrated players.

For complete results, see page 2.

Club's Internet Site Moved, Expanded

In late October, just before our last tournament, we made the discovery that our internet host, 110mb.com, was having technical difficulties that has made it impossible to edit any part of our site except the forum, which still appeared to work normally. (If you noticed the site was not being updated, this is why.) Several weeks passed and the issue was not fixed or even addressed by the 110mb staff. Accordingly, the SCC has for the first time registered its own domain and moved its internet site there. We are now located at www.springfieldchessclub.com

Much of the material has simply been copied from the old site, but there have been some changes and new additions. Here is a summary of changes:

- We have a new forum with a newer version of the forum software. Please register there to participate. If you used the old forums, you will need to re-register, as registrations there do not carry over. The old forums are still visible and usable for the time being.
- The club now has an emailing list, where we can send reminders for special events such as upcoming tournaments. If you would like to join, send a message with your request to the club's new dedicated email address, scc (at) springfieldchessclub (dot) com
- Addition of a downloadable, printable membership form.
- Some tweaks to and cleaning-up of existing pages and links.

Please feel free to look around at the new site and send feedback. Remember to update your bookmarks. The old site at springfieldchessclub.110mb.com is still up for now, but it is still "frozen in time" because of the host's computer problems, and it will be most likely phased out in the near future.

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!

2011: The Year In Review

Useless Statistics

Membership: **26**. Membership at end of 2010: **33**. At end of 2009: **24**.
Percent change: **-21%**. Two years: **+8%**. Renewal rate: **64%** (2010: 95%*).

Average tournament attendance: **16**** (4 tournaments).

Average attendance in 2010 (3 tournaments): **16** Percent change: **0%**

Average rating in 2010 tournaments: **1482**

Average in 2010: **1542** Percent change: **-3.9%**

* renewal rate is distorted by the 2009 membership drive special.

** Ignoring a quick-chess tourney, 20 (-5%)

Tournament Winners

February: Matt Cremeens, Springfield; Pete Karagianis, Bloomington;
Rodney Vaughn, Missouri 3½-½

July: Chase Walbert, Bloomington; Kyle Mayhugh, Hannibal, Mo. 4-0

September (Quick): Jonathan Bonwell, Minier, 11-4

November: Gary Blickhan, Quincy, 3½-½

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

Complete Results, November 5, 2011

Rk	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Gary Blickhan	1704	W4	D3	W2	W6	3½
2	Ron Suarez	1659	W5	W6	L1	W7	3
3	Brandon Williams	1551	W7	D1	W5	LK	2½
4	Thomas Knoedler	1500	L1	W7	D6	L5	1½
5	Paul Peterson	1402	L2	LK	L3	W4	1
6	Ray Bennett	1300	WH	L2	D4	L1	1½
7	Farrell Hill	959	L3	L4	LK	L2	0
H	Leonard Ferguson	1592	L6	----	----	----	0
K	David Long	2025	HALF	W5	W7	W3	3½

Club Officers Get Another Term

The SCC held nominations for club offices at its November 2 meeting. All sitting officers were re-nominated unopposed, and Gerald Bumgardner was nominated to the vacant post of publicity director. Because no offices were contested, the Board passed a motion to elect the nominees by acclamation.

Next Tournament May 19 at New Site

Our next tournament will be held on Saturday, May 19, at the First Congregational Church, 2100 S. Bates Ave. This is located in Leland Grove on Springfield's southwest side. The tournament will take place in a room downstairs. Enter on the inside corner of the building that faces west – this is to the right of the front door.

More details will be available in the next issue.

Welcome New Members

Philip Tinsley, of Athens, has joined the Springfield Chess Club. Welcome to the club! Membership now stands at 27.

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 28	Peoria	8:45	Wayne Zimmerle	(309) 686-0192
February 11	Decatur	8:45	Scott Nelson	(847) 602-5742
March 17-18	Peoria	9:45?	Wayne Zimmerle	(309) 686-0192
May 19	Springfield	9:45	David Long	(217) 726-2584

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

USCF ID (if any): _____

Email (optional): _____

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