



Chess Club Observer

Newsletter of the Springfield Chess Club

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April Tournament Postponed

A tournament that had been tentatively scheduled for April has been postponed because of circumstances beyond our control. We hope to reschedule for June. Stay tuned.

Internet Additions

For the convenience of our chess players, the SCC has added a printable tournament entry form to its internet site. We will, naturally, continue to take entries in the ways we have been doing. See our site at www.springfieldchessclub.com for all the latest additions.

Club Officers Get Another Term

The SCC held nominations for club offices at its November 7 meeting. All sitting officers were re-nominated unopposed. Because no offices were contested, the Board passed a motion to elect the nominees by acclamation.

Welcome New Members

David Shane, of Macomb, has joined the Springfield Chess Club. Welcome to the club! Membership now stands at 16.

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!

2012: The Year In Review

Useless Statistics

Membership: **16**. Membership at end of 2011: **26**. At end of 2010: **33**.
Percent change: **-38%**. Two years: **-52%**. Renewal rate: **56%** (2011: 64%).
Average tournament attendance: **13** (2 tournaments).
Average attendance in 2011 (4 tournaments): **16** Percent change: **-19%**
Average rating in 2012 tournaments: **1483**
Average in 2011: **1482** Percent change: **+0.1%**

Tournament Winners

May: Anshul Adve (4-0)
October: Matt Cremeens, Evan Gresen (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

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 26	Peoria	8:45	Wayne Zimmerle	(309) 686-0192

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

USCF ID (if any): _____

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