



Chess Club Observer

Newsletter of the Springfield Chess Club

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Next Tournament March 29

Our next tournament will be held Saturday, March 29, at Douglas United Methodist Church in Springfield. The church is located at 501 S. Douglas on Springfield's near-west side. We will have four rounds, with games at 10, 12:30, 2:45, and 5. Time limit is G/60.

Big Tourney Tentatively Slated for October

The SCC is planning on holding a major, two-day chess tournament in memory of club member Frederick Ekstrom. At press time we are in the process of reserving a site. Look for more details in the next issue.

Club Officers Get Another Term

The SCC held nominations for club offices at its November 6 meeting. All sitting officers were re-nominated unopposed. Because no offices were contested, the Board passed a motion to elect the nominees by acclamation.

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!

2013: The Year In Review

Useless Statistics

Membership: **15**. Membership at end of 2012: **16**. Percent change: **-6%**. Renewal rate: **88%**
Average tournament attendance: **15** (1 tournament).
Average attendance in 2012 (2 tournaments): **13** Percent change: **+15%**
Average rating in 2013 tournaments: **1623**
Average in 2012: **1483** Percent change: **+9.4%**

Tournament Winners

September: Kyle Miles (4-0)

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>
March 29	Springfield	9:45	David Long	(217) 726-2584
April 26-27	Peoria	?	?	?

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

USCF ID (if any): _____

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