



Chess Club Observer

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Big Tournament October 4-5!

Our next tournament, the Frederick Ekstrom Memorial Open, is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 4-5, at the State House Inn, corner of 2nd and Adams, in downtown Springfield. The tournament will feature five rounds and a \$1700 prize fund. Top three prizes are \$500, \$300, and \$200; with seven class prizes of \$100 each. *There are 56 seats and 4 overflow seats available, so be sure to reserve yours early!* Further information about the tournament can be found at: www.springfieldchessclub.com/ekstrom.htm and on the tournament flyer, a copy of which is on the back of this page.

This will be the club's first two-day tournament since the 2005 Land of Lincoln Open in Hopedale, and has the largest prize fund the club has offered since the 2003 Illinois Class Championships.

The club sends its thanks to Frederick's daughters, Maggie and Marsha, whose donation made this tournament possible. Maggie and Marsha will speak at the tournament, at the beginning of round 2.

Welcome New Members

Jimmie Cecil, of Girard, and Siddam and Shashidhar Bangalu, both of Springfield, have joined the Springfield Chess Club. Membership now stands at 13.

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>
August 16	Peoria	8:45	Murrel Rhodes	(309) 682-0675
October 4-5	Springfield	10:15	David Long	(217) 726-2584