



# Chess Club Observer

Newsletter of the Springfield Chess Club

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## Next Tournament March 14

Our next tournament, the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual David Mote Memorial Open, will be held Saturday, March 14, at Douglas United Methodist Church. The church is located at 501 S. Douglas Ave. on Springfield's near-west side. On and off street parking is available. We will have four rounds, with games at 10, 12:30, 2:45, and 5. Time limit is G/60.

Last year, this tournament drew a very impressive 40 players!

## Kiwanis Kids Tourney April 17

The Springfield Evening Kiwanis Club will hold its annual scholastic tournament for kids in grades K through 8 on Friday evening, April 17, 2015. The event will have three rounds and it will be at Trinity Lutheran School, 515 S. Mac Arthur Blvd. Standard tournament regulations apply, but USCF membership is *not* required. The event will not be rated.

As of press time, registration for this tournament is not yet open. Check back closer to time. See Jim Larson with any questions.

## Club Officers Get Another Term

The SCC held nominations for club offices at its November 5 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!

# 2014: The Year In Review

## Useless Statistics

Membership: **15**. Membership at end of 2013: **15**. Percent change: **0%**. Renewal rate: **60%**  
Average tournament attendance: **27** (2 tournaments).  
Average attendance in 2013 (1 tournament): **15** Percent change: **+80%**  
Average rating in 2014 tournaments: **1493**  
Average in 2013: **1623** Percent change: **-8.0%**

## Tournament Winners

March: Pete Karagianis, Tian Lu Peng (4-0)  
October: Pete Karagianis, Tian Lu Peng (4½-½)

## 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>
March 14	Springfield	9:45	David Long	(217) 726-2584

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

USCF ID (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

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