



Chess Club Observer

Newsletter of the Springfield Chess Club

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President: Leonard Ferguson
Vice President: Tom Knoedler
Secretary: Garald Bumgardner

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Next Tournament March 18 at Church

Our next tournament will be held Saturday, March 18 at Douglas United Methodist Church in Springfield. Registration ends at 9:45; the four rounds will be played at 10, 12:45, 3, and 5:15, with a lunch break at 12. Time limit is G/60. Entry fee is \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door, with a \$2 discount for club members. Prize fund is \$400 based on a turnout of 30.

New Board Seated

Nominations for the club's Board of Directors elections were held on November 30. Leonard Ferguson and Tom Knoedler were nominated for president and vice president, respectively, switching their positions on the Board. Garald Bumgardner was nominated for secretary. The remaining two incumbent officers were also renominated.

Since no offices were contested, the Board voted to elect them by acclamation.

2016: The Year In Review

Useless Statistics

Membership: **21**. Membership at end of 2015: **20**. Percent change: **+5%**. Renewal rate: **70%**

Average tournament attendance: **26** (1 tournament).

Average attendance in 2015 (2 tournaments): **11** Percent change: **+136%**

Average rating in 2016 tournaments: **1374**

Average in 2015: **1498** Percent change: **-8.3%**

Tournament Winners

October: Jeff Cowhick, Tian Lu Peng, Luke Ye (3½-½)

Come join us! The Springfield Chess Club meets weekly on Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., at the White Oaks Mall food court. We also meet on the second and fourth Friday of each month, at the café section of Barnes and Noble. Both locations are near the corner of Route 4 and Wabash Ave.

SCC memberships expire on December 31 (regular) or June 30 (scholastic). If your membership is expiring (check your mailing label), please renew today! To renew, return this stub and a check payable to Springfield Chess Club to: Springfield Chess Club, c/o David Long, 401 S. Illinois St., Springfield, Ill. 62704.

New members, please use the full page forms available at: www.springfieldchessclub.com/join.htm.

Name: _____ \$8 Regular \$5 Scholastic

Write any changes to your contact information below. If no changes since last year, check here →