



# Chess Club Observer

Newsletter of the Springfield Chess Club

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## SCC celebrates National Chess Day

13 chess players celebrated National Chess Day with the SCC at Douglas United Methodist Church on October 14. Bernard Parham, of Lafayette, Ind., scored a perfect 4-0 sweep to take first place, while second place (along with portions of the class prizes) went to Evan Gresen and Thomas Knoedler, both of Springfield. They each scored 3 points.

The remainder of the Class A-B prize went to Sadkrith Malladi, of Bloomington, while the rest of the Class C-D prize devolved to Jimmie Cecil and John Leahy, both of Springfield, and Spencer Vincent, of Normal. All of the above scored 2 points. Jared Dong and Girish Villa, both of Springfield, won the Class E and unrated prizes respectively, each with 1 point.

Somewhat unusually, every game in this tournament was decisive; there were no draws! Complete results are on page 2.

## Annual Meeting and Nominations Nov. 29

The SCC will hold its annual business meeting at on Wednesday, November 29, during our regular meeting at White Oaks Mall. The special meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., please attend if you can! On the agenda for this meeting:

- **Nominations for Board of Directors for 2018.** Under the current club bylaws, both the nominator and the nominee must be present at the meeting and cannot be the same person. If no one is nominated for a particular office, the incumbent is automatically renominated (even if he is not present). If any offices are contested, the election will be held Wednesday, December 6, at our regular meeting.
- **Chess at the Library?** If anyone is interested in holding extra club meetings or tournaments at Lincoln Library, be sure to attend! We have invited Will O'Hearn, director of the library, to speak to the club on this possibility.
- **Proposed bylaw change.** Over the last several years (including this year), the normal date for this meeting has been postponed several times; the club should now vote on whether to make the first Wednesday after Thanksgiving the official date for the annual meeting, and elections (if needed) the following week.
- **Discussion of ongoing club business,** including the scholastic program, upcoming tournaments, club finances, membership, etc.
- **Open discussion.**

## Complete Results, October 14, 2017

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Tian Lu Peng	2099	W7	W4	LH	L2	2
2	Bernard Parham	2040	W8	W6	W10	W1	4
3	Garald Bumgardner	1773	L10	W11	L6	----	1
4	Sadkrith Malladi	1669	W11	L1	W8	L6	2
5	Evan Gresen	1606	W12	LH	W9	W10	3
6	Thomas Knoedler	1576	W13	L2	W3	W4	3
7	Spencer Vincent	1525	L1	L10	W12	W11	2
8	Jimmie Cecil	1509	L2	W12	L4	W9	2
9	Michael Eikmeier	1305	LH	W13	L5	L8	1
10	John Leahy	1293	W3	W7	L2	L5	2
11	Jared Dong	971	L4	L3	W13	L7	1
12	Jathin Bande	234	L5	L8	L7	L13	0
13	Girish Villa	unr.	L6	L9	L11	W12	1
H	David Long	2035	W9	W5	W1	----	3

## Obituary

Josette Donnelly, president of the SCC in the 1980s, died in Florida in September. Post your memories on the club forum's Memorial page!

## Next Tournament March 3

Our next tournament will be held Saturday, March 3, 2018, at Douglas United Methodist Church. More details next issue.

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**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.

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SCC memberships expire on 7 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](http://www.springfieldchessclub.com/join.htm).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  \$8 Regular  \$5 Scholastic

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