



Chess Club Observer

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Club to Offer Rated Games on Weeknights

In February, the SCC will begin the "Springfield weeKnight DRR Tournament", a rated double-round robin tournament played over the course of two months at our weeknight club meetings. This will offer Springfield players more rated game action than our current 1-2 tournaments per year, while also acting as a fund raiser for the club. If this tournament is a success, it may be repeated this spring or summer.

Here is the list of guidelines for the tournament:

- Time limit is G/30, with a 5-second delay if you are using a delay clock. Entry fee is \$5. Each player gets two games, one with each color, against every other player.
- Entries will be accepted at the regular meetings on February 6, 8, or 13. Mailed entries are also ok (do not use Forms 4 or 5!) Play begins on Monday, February 11.
- This is a USCF-rated tournament. All USCF tournament and membership regulations apply, including touch-move and scorekeeping. All participants must be USCF members through at least March 2019.
- Games may be played in any order, at any club meeting. Those participants who are sensitive to noise may want to give preference to the meetings at the library.
- Be sure to report your results promptly! All games must be completed by the end of the club meeting on Wednesday, March 27.

2018: The Year in Review

Membership: **21**. Membership at end of 2017: **18**. Percent change: **+17%**. Renewal rate: **83%**
Average tournament attendance: **27** (2 tournaments). 2017: **17** Percent change: **+59%**

Tournament Winners

March: Daniel Garrett (4-0)
October: Greg Whitlock (4-0)

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

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