



Chess Club Observer

Newsletter of the Springfield Chess Club

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Six-Way Tie to End the Decade

The Springfield Chess Club ended the decade with a tournament attended by 23 chess players on December 28. There was a six-way tie for first place, also including the Class A-B and C-D divisions. Evan Gresen, Garald Bumgardner, and Thomas Knoedler, all of Springfield; Greg Whitlock, of Champaign, Joshua Fazekas, of Monticello; and Mohit Bayyrapu, of Bloomington, all scored 3 points to win the tournament.

Pradeeksha Bhaskar; Colton Cogswell, of Bloomington; and Kaylee Zheng and Joyce Zheng, both of Savoy, won the Class E division with 2 points. Leonard Blackburn, of Champaign, was first unrated player with 1 point. Jathin Bande won the upset prize, a brass chess set donated by Tom Bunting. Complete results are on page 2.

Welcome New Members

Jason Ellis and Wesley Ellis, both of Springfield, and K. G. Martin, of Hillsboro, have joined the Springfield Chess Club. Welcome to the club! Membership now stands at 19.

The club wishes good luck to longtime club member and former treasurer David Bononi, who has moved to Florida, and to Tom Bunting, who has moved to Indiana. We will miss you!

Have You Renewed?

If your membership has expired (check your mailing label), this will be your last issue! Please renew today using the stub below.

Come join us! The Springfield Chess Club meets weekly on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-9 p.m. at the White Oaks Mall food court. We also meet on the second and fourth Friday of each month, 6-9 p.m. at the café section inside Barnes and Noble, and on the second Monday of each month, 6-8 p.m. in the multipurpose room at Lincoln Library. Meetings are canceled on holidays when the hosting facility is closed.

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 →

Complete Results, December 28, 2019

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Bill Smythe	1805	W13	W6	L9	D5	2½
2	Greg Whitlock	1743	W14	L9	W10	W8	3
3	Joshua Fazekas	1741	W15	W8	LH	W11	3
4	Evan Gresen	1643	W16	L11	W15	W7	3
5	Garald Bumgardner	1635	W17	D10	W11	D1	3
6	Mohit Bayyrapu	1597	W18	L1	W16	W14	3
7	Evan Dorosheff	1561	W19	LH	W17	L4	2
8	Jimmie Cecil	1519	W20	L3	W18	L2	2
9	Thomas Knoedler	1500	W21	W2	W1	LH	3
10	Himani Musku	1409	W22	D5	L2	W12	2½
11	James Barnes	1283	W23	W4	L5	L3	2
12	Nicholas Decker	1263	LH	L19	W21	L10	1
13	Maurya Chandra	1244	L1	L18	W22	W23	2
14	Kaylee Zheng	1041	L2	W21	W19	L6	2
15	Aditya Thakur	1039	L3	W20	L4	L18	1
16	Joyce Zheng	926	L4	W23	L6	W19	2
17	Colton Cogswell	864	L5	W22	L7	W21	2
18	Pradeeks Bhaskar	766	L6	W13	L8	W15	2
19	Jathin Bande	552	L7	W12	L14	L16	1
20	Gene Tanta	525	L8	L15	L23	W22	1
21	Tristan Tanta	503	L9	L14	L12	L17	0
22	Shrihan Aleti	485	L10	L17	L13	L20	0
23	Leonard Blackburn	unr.	L11	L16	W20	L13	1
H	David Long	2082	W12	W7	W3	W9	4

Board Members Renominated

The SCC's five board members were renominated without opposition to another term, and were elected by acclamation at the meeting on December 4.

2019: The Year in Review

Membership: **19**. Membership at end of 2018: **21**. Percent change: **-10%**. Renewal rate: **62%**

Average tournament attendance: **26** (2 tournaments). 2018: **27** Percent change: **-4%**

Tournament Winners

July: Josh Fazekas (3½-½)

December: Six tied (3-1)