



Chess Club Observer

Newsletter of the Springfield Chess Club
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Three Tied at November Tourney

The club held its latest tournament on November 5, at the Southern View Village Hall. 32 players entered. Christopher Arzac and Seth Chiles, both of Champaign; and Gary Blickhan, of Quincy, tied for first place with 3½ points out of 4.

Jimmie Cecil and Josh Turner, both of Springfield, scored 3 points and tied for first in the class C-D division. Aaron Hong, of Champaign, won the Class E division with 2½ points, and Kyle Churchill, of Springfield, took first unrated with 1½ points.

There were seven other first-time participants; these were Jackson Earl, Derick Elliott, Jason Groze, William Lynch, Andrew Merluzzi, Everett Miller, and Koltyn Rakes.

Complete results of the tournament are on page 2.

Annual Business Meeting November 30

The Springfield Chess Club will hold its annual business meeting on Wednesday, November 30, at **6:30 p.m.** at our regular meeting at White Oaks Mall. Please attend this meeting if you can! The meeting will begin with nominations for club officers for next year. Officers' reports come next, and open discussion follows.

If necessary, elections will be held on December 7.

Welcome New Members

Shrihan Aleti, of Springfield, has joined the Springfield Chess Club. Welcome to the club! Membership now stands at 23.

Come join us! The Springfield Chess Club meets weekly on Wednesday evenings, 5-7 p.m. at the White Oaks Mall food court, on the second Monday of each month, 6-7:45 p.m. in the multipurpose room at Lincoln Library, and on the third Friday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Harvest Market in West White Oaks Plaza. Meetings are canceled on holidays when the hosting facility is closed. At other times, try the online Springfield Chess Club at <https://www.chess.com/club/springfield-chess-club-1>.

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: _____ \$12 Regular \$5 Scholastic

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

Complete Results, November 5, 2022

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Christopher Arzac	1838	W17	D8	W16	W4	3½
2	Bill Smythe	1820	W18	L11	L17	W19	2
3	Gary Blickhan	1771	W19	W10	D6	W11	3½
4	Scott Nelson	1745	W20	W13	W7	L1	3
5	Seth Chiles	1707	W21	W12	D11	W8	3½
6	Martin Franek	1700	W22	W15	D3	----	2½
7	Bruce Michel	1679	W23	W14	L4	W20	3
8	James Healy	1603	W24	D9	W25	L5	2½
9	James Larson	1540	D25	D16	L20	W28	2
10	Jimmie Cecil	1505	W26	L3	W22	W17	3
11	Brooks Sonethongkham	1499	W27	W2	D5	L3	2½
12	Timothy Barrett	1487	W28	L5	HALF	HALF	2
13	Joshua Turner	1416	W29	L4	W28	W14	3
14	Landon Wellman	1350	W30	L7	W32	L13	2
15	James Barnes	1324	W31	L6	LH	W29	2
16	John Austin	1214	W32	D9	L1	L25	1½
17	Gavin Martin	1109	L1	W26	W2	L10	2
18	Maverick Powell	1073	L2	L25	W27	W32	2
19	Brian Clodfelter	1018	L3	L28	W26	L2	1
20	Joseph Johnson	960	L4	W27	W9	L7	2
21	Benjamin Johnston	952	L5	D30	----	----	½
22	Darryl Fox	869	L6	W29	L10	L30	1
23	Kenneth Lallave	681	L7	L32	L29	----	0
24	Shrihan Aleti	678	L8	W31	W30	LZ	2
25	Aaron Hong	637	D9	W18	L8	W16	2½
26	Jackson Earl	unr.	L10	L17	L19	W27	1
27	William Lynch	unr.	L11	L20	L18	L26	0
28	Jason Groze	unr.	L12	W19	L13	L9	1
29	Derick Elliott	unr.	L13	L22	W23	L15	1
30	Kyle Churchill	unr.	L14	D21	L24	W22	1½
31	Everett Miller	unr.	L15	L24	----	----	0
32	Koltyn Rakes	unr.	L16	W23	L14	L18	1
H	Andrew Merluzzi	unr.	----	----	W15	----	1
Z	David Long	2051	----	----	----	W24	1

Obituary

Garrett Scott, longtime fixture of the Bloomington-Normal chess community, died this summer at age 78. RIP.

Have You Renewed?

Most adult memberships expire on December 31. If you have not already done so, please renew your membership as soon as possible.

LATE ADDITION: The club sends a "get well soon" to Jim Atterberry!