



Chess Club Observer

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Three Tied at October Tournament

37 chess players participated at the Springfield Chess Club's latest tournament, held October 28 at the Southern View Village Hall. Bill Smythe, Beren Ozer, and Anish Suddala all score 3½ points and tied for first place; this tie also includes first in the Class B-C division.

In second place in the Class B-C division was Carrick Younkin, with 3 points. In the Class D-E division, also with 3 points, were Landon Wellman and Aaron Hong. Among players in Class F and below, Rivver Bonner scored highest with 2½ points, followed by Da Juan Brown and Kyle Churchill, each with 2 points.

Marshall Bigler scored 2½ points and won first unrated, just ahead of Mitchell Roark, who had 2 points. The club would also like to recognize seven other first time participants: Keane Anthony, Joshua Boley, Kirk Brackenhoff, Jon Ommen, Simeon Ommen, Coleman Seggelke, and Liam Skinner.

Complete results of the tournament are on page 2.

Club Adopts New Logo

The Springfield Chess Club has adopted a new logo. It depicts the Illinois State Capitol's dome as a chess piece, against a checkered background. Our old logo has been in use, with some variations, since 1993. Thanks to Andrew Ferguson for designing the new logo.

Annual Business Meeting November 29

The club will hold its annual business meeting on Wednesday, November 29 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 6.

Welcome New Members

Kirk Brackenhoff, Jon Ommen, and Simeon Ommen, all of Springfield, have joined the Springfield Chess Club. Welcome to the club! Membership now stands at 30.

Obituary

Tom Barnard, longtime club member and president of the club in the 1980s, died in 2017. Tom was confined to a wheelchair for most of his adult life, but he did not let that stop him from keeping the chess club running, nor from playing, organizing, and directing our tournaments. This notice is very late, but better late than never. RIP.

Complete Results, October 28, 2023

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Robert Manaster	1853	W20	L10	W7	W23	3
2	Bill Smythe	1800	W21	W13	W10	D8	3½
3	Jeff Cowhick	1794	W22	L14	D20	W21	2½
4	Scott Nelson	1717	D23	W24	L14	W20	2½
5	Martin Franek	1700	L24	W12	W22	HALF	2½
6	Seth Chiles	1647	W25	L16	D21	W31	2½
7	Garald Bumgardner	1638	W26	D34	L1	----	1½
8	Anish Suddala	1627	W27	W37	W16	D2	3½
9	Beren Ozer	1600	W28	W36	DH	W14	3½
10	James Larson	1479	W29	W1	L2	L16	2
11	Jimmie Cecil	1441	W30	LH	W24	L18	2
12	Noah Leichty	1419	D31	L5	W27	W34	2½
13	Malkte Meinderttsma	1405	W32	L2	----	----	1
14	Carrick Younkin	1403	W33	W3	W4	L9	3
15	Casey Younkin	1328	L34	W26	W32	D37	2½
16	Landon Wellman	1323	W35	W6	L8	W10	3
17	Koltyn Rakes	1291	L36	L27	L31	W29	1
18	Aaron Hong	1069	L37	W29	W36	W11	3
19	Maverick Powell	1058	LH	W28	L37	W26	2
20	Brian Clodfelter	1049	L1	FWIN	D3	L4	1½
21	Joseph Johnson	983	L2	W30	D6	L3	1½
22	Da Juan Brown	930	L3	W35	L5	W28	2
23	Rivver Bonner	902	D4	W31	W34	L1	2½
24	Derick Elliot	901	W5	L4	L11	L30	1
25	Jackson Earl	784	L6	L32	L30	W35	1
26	Morgan Scheer	773	L7	L15	W29	L19	1
27	Kyle Churchill	706	L8	W17	L12	W32	2
28	William Lynch Jr.	459	L9	L19	W35	L22	1
29	Coleman Seggelke	unr.	L10	L18	L26	L17	0
30	Mitchell Roark	unr.	L11	L21	W25	W24	2
31	Keane Anthony	unr.	D12	L13	W17	L6	1½
32	Jon Ommen	unr.	L13	W25	L15	L27	1
33	Liam Skinner	unr.	L14	FORF	----	----	0
34	Simeon Ommen	unr.	W15	D7	L23	L12	1½
35	Kirk Brackenhoff	unr.	L16	L22	L28	L25	0
36	Joshua Boley	unr.	W17	L9	L18	----	1
37	Marshall Bigler	unr.	W18	L8	W19	D15	2½
H	David Long	2048	W19	W11	D9	----	2½

Come join us! The Springfield Chess Club meets weekly on Wednesday evenings, 5:30-8 p.m. at the White Oaks Mall food court, 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. Include any changes to your contact information. New members, please use the full page forms available at: www.springfieldchessclub.com/join.htm.

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