



# Chess Club Observer

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## Next Regular Tournament March 2

Our next regular tournament will be held Saturday, March 2, at the Southern View Village Hall, 3410 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Registration ends at 9:45; round times are 10, 1, 3:30, and 6, with a lunch break after round 1. Entry fee is \$17 in advance, \$20 on site, with a \$2 discount to SCC members. Prize fund is \$400 based on 30 paid entries. Mark your calendars today!

## Free Mini Tournament January 27

By club members' request, we will hold a mini tournament on Saturday, January 27, at Lincoln Library, 326 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St. between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. We will use the multipurpose room on the second floor. The library opens at 10 and play begins at 10:30 a.m. A minimum of 3 games of G/30 are guaranteed. Additional games of G/10 or G/15 may be offered if time permits. The event will be **free**; no entry fees and no prizes.

## Annual Business Meeting Summary

- **Club officers re-elected:** All five club officers were re-elected for another year.
- **Mini tournaments proposed:** Several club members expressed interest in holding more rated tournaments and matches, perhaps on a smaller scale, during the year. This will offer the club's members more opportunities for experience in rated games, and fill in the gaps between our regular tournaments. Ongoing weeknight events (as in 2019) or short Saturday events were discussed, and the first of the latter has been scheduled (see above).

**Welcome New Members!** Justin Luetzow, of Tovey; Charles Hulett, of Springfield; and A. J. Heavner, of Greenview have joined the Springfield Chess Club. Welcome to the club! Membership now stands at 31.

**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.

**Looking for more rated games?** Attend the Bradley Winter Open in Peoria on February 3!