



Chess Club Observer

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Two Perfect Scores at March Tournament

43 chess players participated in the club's latest tournament, the Thomas Barnard Memorial Open, held March 2. Of those, two players posted perfect 4-0 scores. These were Vaughn Wampole and Beren Ozer.

Three players scored 3 points each to win the Class B-C division, these were Martin Franek, Mark Boland, and Noah Leichty. In the Class D-E division, Devanshi Chowdada, Marshall Bigler, James Barnes, and Shrihan Aleti scored 2½ points to share the class prize.

Among those rated in class F or lower, Jon Ommen came in first with 2½ points, followed closely by Kyle Churchill, with 2. Geri Paray scored 2½ points as an unrated, the clear first in that division.

The club would also like to recognize Gates Ehrhart, Alex Hawthorne, Tate Watson, and Anand Seenivasan for their first tournament. Complete results are on page 2.

First Mini Tournament Goes Well

The club held a "mini tournament" on January 27 at Lincoln Library. The event was in two sections, a rated section for those seeking playing experience, and a separate unrated section as a no-cost introduction to competitive play for beginners and non-members. 14 players participated across both sections. Simeon Ommen won the rated section with 3 points, and Joseph D. Johnson won the unrated section with 4 points. Complete results are on page 2.

Jonah Cunningham and Eleazar Smith played in their first rated tournament. Additionally, three father-son combinations played in this event!

Next Regular Tournament June 29

Our next regular tournament will be held Saturday, June 29, at the Southern View Village Hall, 3410 S. 5th 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!

Next Mini Tournament May 11

Since the first mini tournament went so well, we are going to do it again! The next mini tournament will be held on Saturday, May 11, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., in the second-floor multipurpose room of Lincoln Library, 326 S. 7th St. We will play 3 games of G/30. As before, the event will be **free**; no entry fees and no prizes.

Complete Results, March 2, 2024

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Vaughn Wampole	1875	W23	W13	W7	W3	4
2	Robert Manaster	1834	W24	L12	W14	W42	3
3	Marcus Stinson	1810	W25	W15	W8	L1	3
4	Martin Franek	1700	W26	D14	W12	HALF	3
5	Beren Ozer	1674	W27	W17	W9	W6	4
6	Scott Nelson	1638	W28	W16	D42	L5	2½
7	John Slattery	1562	W29	W19	L1	D13	2½
8	James Steur	1505	W30	W18	L3	D20	2½
9	Mark Boland	1480	W31	W20	L5	W21	3
10	Philip Powers	1469	W32	L42	L21	L30	1
11	Aaron Burke	1456	HALF	D43	D23	----	1½
12	Noah Leichty	1442	W33	W2	L4	W15	3
13	Jimmie Cecil	1411	W34	L1	W25	D7	2½
14	John Leahy	1407	W35	D4	L2	W31	2½
15	Stanley Crown	1400	W36	L3	W26	L12	2
16	Devanshi Chowdada	1399	W37	L6	D27	W23	2½
17	Marshall Bigler	1396	W38	L5	D28	W27	2½
18	Simeon Ommen	1330	W39	L8	D33	D28	2
19	James Barnes	1317	W40	L7	D30	W33	2½
20	Shrihan Aleti	1289	W41	L9	W43	D8	2½
21	Trevor Stinson	1224	L42	W32	W10	L9	2
22	Michael Leardi	1192	D43	LH	----	----	½
23	Vanshika Bandaru	1182	L1	W34	D11	L16	1½
24	Aaron Hong	1132	L2	L33	W38	W35	2
25	Veer Garg	1082	L3	W36	L13	W39	2
26	Rivver Bonner	1080	L4	W35	L15	W41	2
27	Brian Clodfelter	1048	L5	W37	D16	L17	1½
28	Arjun Vyas	1038	L6	W39	D17	D18	2
29	Erick Gomez	986	L7	D38	L31	W32	1½
30	Jon Ommen	936	L8	W41	D19	W10	2½
31	Kyle Churchill	854	L9	W40	W29	L14	2
32	Owen Martin	827	L10	L21	L37	L29	0
33	Jackson Earl	684	L12	w24	D18	L19	1½
34	Noah Martin	561	L13	L23	L39	W38	1
35	Nigel Broomby	508	L14	L26	W40	L24	1
36	Shreya Aleti	462	L15	L25	L41	D40	½
37	Kirk Brackenhoff	384	L16	L27	W32	----	1
38	Gavin Warner	unr.	L17	D29	L24	L34	½
39	Gates Ehrhart	unr.	L18	L28	W34	L25	1
40	Alex Hawthorne	unr.	L19	L31	L35	D36	½
41	Tate Watson	unr.	L20	L30	W36	L26	1
42	Geri Paray	unr.	W21	W10	D6	L2	2½
43	Anand Seenivasan	unr.	D22	D11	L20	----	1
H	Andrew Merluzzi	unr.	----	W22	----	----	1

Complete Results, January 27, 2024

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Total
1	Carrick Younkin	1507	D5	W8	L3	1½
2	Casey Younkin	1307	W6	L3	W5	2
3	Simeon Ommen	1258	W7	W2	W1	3
4	Maverick Powell	1065	D8	L5	W7	1½
5	Jon Ommen	802	D1	W4	L2	1½
6	Kirk Brackenhoff	101	L2	L7	L8	0
7	Eleazar Smith	unr.	L3	W6	L4	1
8	Jonah Cunningham	unr.	D4	L1	W6	1½

Rank	Name	1	2	3	4	5	Tot.	Extra Games
1	Larry Simon	x	W	W	W	L	3	Joseph D. Johnson W
2	Isaac Thiele	L	x	W	W	L	2	Nicole Pinkerton L
3	Annie Smith	L	L	x	L	L	0	
4	Matt Vespa	L	L	W	x	L	1	Maverick Powell W
5	Joseph D. Johnson	W	W	W	W	x	4	Larry Simon L

Welcome New Members

John Spilker and Eleazar Smith, both of Springfield, and Peter Knope, of Taylorville, have joined the Springfield Chess Club. Welcome to the club! Membership now stands at 31.

Obituary

David Sculley, of Jacksonville, died late last year, aged 69. He was a regular at the Springfield chess club in the 2000s, and in the Jacksonville chess club after he moved there. RIP.

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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