



Chess Club Observer

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Alvin He Sweeps Mid Year Open

42 chess players participated in the club's latest tournament, the Mid Year Open, held June 29. Alvin He swept the tournament with a perfect 4-0 score and won first place, just ahead of Jacob Rasmussen, who scored 3½ points and won second place.

Five players tied with 3 points each to share first in the Class B-C division, these were Jimmie Cecil, Mahendra Lavanur, Landon Wellman, Caleb Calhoun, and Andrew Elliot. 3 points also split first in the Class D-E division. Joseph Johnson, Shrihan Aleti, and Rohan Rao attained this score. Anand Seenivasan also scored 3 points and was the top scorer in class F and below, while Vincent Zata, Ross Roy, and Austin Keck won first unrated with 2 points.

In addition to the above, the club would also like to recognize Deepesh Dhankhar, Suvan Panthi, and Venkat Chander for their first tournament. Complete results are on page 2.

Second Mini Tournament Completed

The club held another "mini tournament" on May 11 at Lincoln Library. The event offered a section for rated games, and a separate unrated section for beginners and non-members. 13 players participated across both sections. Simeon Ommen won the rated section with 3 points, and Luke Aikin won the unrated section with 6 points. Complete results are on page 3.

Next Regular Tournament October 26

Our next regular tournament will be held Saturday, October 26, 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 September 21

The club will do another mini tournament on Saturday, September 21, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., in the second-floor multipurpose room of Lincoln Library, 326 S. 7th St. We will play at least 3 games of G/30. As before, the event will be **free**; no entry fees and no prizes.

Welcome New Members

Karissa Alexander, Logan Alexander, Luke Alexander, and Tara Curtis, all of Springfield and Wes Sapp, of Bluffs, have joined the Springfield Chess Club. Welcome to the club! Membership now stands at 36.

Complete Results, June 29, 2024

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Alvin He	1888	W21	W12	W6	W4	4
2	Robert Manaster	1819	W22	W11	L9	D23	2½
3	Mahendra Lavanur	1774	W24	W14	D10	D9	3
4	Andrew Elliot	1719	W25	W13	W18	L1	3
5	Martin Franek	1700	W26	D16	D19	HALF	2½
6	Caleb Calhoun	1501	W27	W17	L1	W19	3
7	James Larson	1486	W28	L18	L23	W29	2
8	Gavin Martin	1445	W29	D19	L16	----	1½
9	Jacob Rasmussen	1436	W30	W20	W2	D3	3½
10	Jimmie Cecil	1422	W31	W36	D3	D16	3
11	John Leahy	1420	W32	L2	L24	W30	2
12	Shrinidhin Senthilkumar	1410	W33	L1	W25	W17	3
13	Landon Wellman	1405	W34	L4	W26	W20	3
14	Philip Powers	1393	W35	L3	W27	L21	2
15	Brad Baldridge	1330	L36	D23	W40	L24	1½
16	Shrihan Aleti	1321	W37	D5	W8	D10	3
17	James Barnes	1298	W38	L6	W28	L12	2
18	Michael Leardi	1257	W39	W7	L4	----	2
19	Austin Blevins	1154	W40	D8	D5	L6	2
20	Shrijit Senthilkumar	1154	W41	L9	W30	L13	2
21	Joseph Johnson	1064	L1	W33	W36	W14	3
22	Maverick Powell	1038	L2	W32	LH	W34	2
23	Rohan Rao	1033	WH	D15	W7	D2	3
24	Anand Seenivasan	975	L3	W35	W11	W15	3
25	Hovin He	953	L4	W34	L12	W32	2
26	Da Juan Brown	943	L5	W37	L13	W33	2
27	Vikhyat Chatrathi	896	L6	W38	L14	L36	1
28	Ty Dooley	871	L7	W39	L17	L35	1
29	Abhinav Chander	853	L8	D40	W31	L7	1½
30	Rahul Vudaru	793	L9	W41	L20	L11	1
31	Oliver Damarin	621	L10	LH	L29	L40	0
32	Kirk Brackenhoff	480	L11	L22	L37	L25	0
33	Shreya Aleti	432	L12	L21	L38	L26	0
34	Syllis Catton	252	L13	L25	W39	L22	1
35	Akshay Ayyapusetty	107	L14	L24	W41	W28	2
36	Vincent Zata	unr.	W15	L10	L21	W27	2
37	Ross Roy	unr.	L16	L26	W32	W41	2
38	Austin Keck	unr.	L17	L27	W33	W39	2
39	Suvan Panthi	unr.	L18	L28	L34	L38	0
40	Venkat Chander	unr.	L19	D29	L15	W31	1½
41	Deepesh Dhankhar	unr.	L21	L30	L35	L37	0
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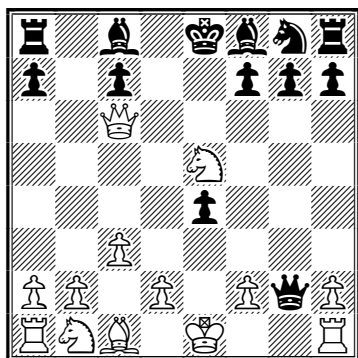
Have You Renewed?

Most scholastic memberships expire on June 30. Scholastic members, check your mailing label. If your membership is expiring, please renew today!

Complete Results, May 11, 2024

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Total
1	Simeon Ommen	1259	W4	W2	W3	3
2	Jon Ommen	995	W5	L1	W6	2
3	Morgan Scheer	767	W6	W4	L1	2
4	Kirk Brackenhoff	475	L1	L3	W5	1
5	Isaac Thiele	101	L2	W6	L4	1
6	Eleazar Smith	unr.	L3	L5	L2	0

Rank	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Tot.	Extra Games
1	Charles Hulett	x	L	L	W	.	.	W	2	Eleazar Smith W
2	Arjun Jagtap	W	x	L	W	W	W	.	4	Charles Hulett L
3	Luke Aikin	W	W	x	W	W	W	W	6	
4	Will Sanchez	L	L	L	x	W	.	W	2	Eleazar Smith W
5	Syen Hashmi	.	L	L	L	x	W	.	1	Aarush Veluru L
6	Deepesh Dhankhar	.	L	L	.	L	x	W	1	
7	Aarush Veluru	L	.	L	L	.	L	x	0	



King Hunt

A crazy game from a 2023 event! **1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-QB3 P-Q4 4 B-N5 PxP 5 NxP Q-N4 6 Q-R4 QxNP 7 BxNch PxB 8 QxBPch (diagram) K-K2?** 8...K-Q1 was better, after which white might try 9 K-Q1!? Even though black can take the rook with check, white will get the rook back soon. This still somewhat favors black. Play continued: **9 QxPch K-B3?** Black could play 9...K-K3 10 QxBPch K-Q3 and fight on with advantage to white, but the move played leads to forced mate. **10 QxBPch KxN** If 10...K-N4, then 11 P-KR4ch K-R3 12 P-Q4 dis ch and mate soon. **11 P-Q4ch K-Q3** 11...PxP e.p. loses to 12 B-B4ch K-K5 13 N-Q2, mate. **12 B-B4ch K-B3 13 P-Q5ch K-N4** 13...K-N3 allows 14 Q-B7ch, 15 Q-B6ch, and 16 B-B7 mate. **14 Q-K8ch K-B5** No way out! 14...K-B4 15 Q-B6 mate, 14...K-R3 Q-B6ch, or 14...K-R4 B-B7ch. **15 Q-B6ch K-Q6 16 Q-N5ch K-B7 17 Q-K2, mate.**

Looking for more rated games? Attend the Quad City Summer Open in Moline on August 3 or the Bradley Summer Open in Peoria on August 24!

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.

Name: _____ \$12 Regular \$5 Scholastic