



Chess Club Observer

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Ham, Wellman Win Jackolantern Open

The club's latest tournament, the Jackolantern Open, drew 35 chess players. Grant Ham and Landon Wellman each scored 3½ points and tied for first place. James Healy, Jimmie Cecil, and Noah Leichty scored 3 points each and tied for first in the Class B-C division.

Kavin Sivagnanam and Gian P. Espiritu, the latter of whom was playing in his first tournament, also scored 3 points and won the Class D-E and Unrated divisions, respectively. In class F and below, five players tied with 2 points. These were Robert Hildreth, Lilian Carpenter-Kranz, Ethan Sena, Evan Zhang, and Shrihan Ayyalusamy.

The club would also like to recognize Hayden Stephens, Vishal Midha, Jayden Li, Venuprasath Gopu, Emen Essien, and Robert Price for their first tournament. Complete results are on page 2.

Third Mini Tournament Completed

The club held another "mini tournament" on September 21 at Lincoln Library. Turnout reached 18 across both sections, an increase from the first two such events. Matt Cremeens won the rated section with 3 points, with Jacob Beard coming in second with 2½. Christian Secrist won the unrated section with 6 points. Complete results are on page 3.

Annual Business Meeting December 4

The club will hold its annual business meeting on Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. at our regular meeting at White Oaks Mall. Please attend this meeting if you can!

AGENDA (additions before Dec. 4 are possible)

1. Nominations for club officers next year. (If necessary, elections will be held at the next meeting, on December 11.)
2. Officers' reports.
3. Questions for the membership.
 - a. Monthly meetings at Harvest Market very poorly attended. Do we want to keep trying, change the day and/or venue, or discontinue secondary meetings entirely?
 - b. Is there enough interest for another batch of SCC T-shirts? What about sweatshirts or other items?
4. Open discussion.

Have You Renewed?

Most regular (adult) memberships expire December 31. Check your mailing label. If your membership is expiring, please renew today! Scholastic memberships will not expire until June.

Complete Results, October 26, 2024

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Martin Franek	1700	W19	D10	D14	HALF	2½
2	Grant Ham	1616	W20	W11	D8	W31	3½
3	James Healy	1600	W21	L12	W18	W13	3
4	Schuyler Reynolds	1569	W22	D14	L15	W10	2½
5	Noah Leichty	1560	W23	W16	L31	W14	3
6	Earl Eikerenkoetter	1500	D24	L33	L26	----	½
7	Jimmie Cecil	1447	W25	L31	W19	W16	3
8	Landon Wellman	1404	W26	W17	D2	W33	3½
9	Herbert Ferguson	1400	W27	LH	W20	----	2
10	Shrihan Aleti	1400	W29	D1	W33	L4	1½
11	Kavin Sivagranam	1307	W28	L2	W21	W17	3
12	Andrew Barfield	1282	W30	W3	----	----	2
13	James Barnes	1278	L31	W26	W23	L3	2
14	Vanshika Bandaru	1199	W32	D4	D1	L5	2
15	Saketh Viswanadha	1148	D33	W24	W4	LH	2½
16	Anand Seenivasan	1139	W34	L5	W22	L7	2
17	Robert Hildreth	957	W35	L8	W25	L11	2
18	Lilian C. Kranz	922	LH	W27	L3	W24	2
19	Kyle Churchill	896	L1	W29	L7	L23	1
20	Ethan Sena	888	L2	W28	L9	W30	2
21	Alyssa Nakasone	883	L3	W30	L11	D29	1½
22	Praakruthi Mahesh	857	L4	W35	L16	D25	1½
23	Evan Zhang	804	L5	W32	L13	W19	2
24	Daniel Alzate Jr.	757	D6	L15	W27	L18	1½
25	Shivansh Midha	711	L7	W34	L17	D22	1½
26	Shrihan Ayyalusamy	670	L8	L13	W6	W28	2
27	Diya Goyal	578	L9	L18	L24	L32	0
28	Shreya Aleti	414	L11	L20	D32	L26	½
29	Hayden Stephens	unr.	L10	L19	W34	D21	1½
30	Vishal Midha	unr.	L12	L21	W35	L20	1
31	Gian P. Espiritu	unr.	W13	W7	W5	L2	3
32	Jayden Li	unr.	L14	L23	D28	W27	1½
33	Venuprasath Gopu	unr.	D15	W6	W10	L8	2½
34	Emen Essien	unr.	L16	L25	L29	DBLF	0
35	Robert Price	unr.	L17	L22	L30	DBLF	0
H	David Long	2049	W18	W9	----	W15	3

Want a Springfield Chess Club T-shirt?

We still have a few left in sizes Small, Medium, and Large (everything larger than that has already been sold, sorry!) T-shirts are \$20 each, see a club officer to get one!

Q: Where do SCC members live?

A: All over!

62704 (Springfield West/Southwest) 30%

62711 (Springfield Far West) 16%

62702 (Springfield North) 8%

62703 (Springfield South/East) 8%

62629 (Chatham) 8%

62712 (Springfield Far Southeast) 6%

Elsewhere 24%

Complete Results, September 21, 2024

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Ext.	Total
1	Matt Cremeens	1704	W8	W4	W2		3
2	James Healy	1600	W10	W5	L1		2
3	Michael Leardi	1265	W11	D9	----		1½
4	Veer Garg	1071	W12	L1	W8		2
5	Jonah Cunningham	806	W13	L2	W10		2
6	Eleazar Smith	429	W14	W7	L9		2
7	Isaac Thiele	210	L9	L6	----	W13	1
8	Syed Hashmi	unr.	L1	W12	L4		1
9	Jacob Beaird	unr.	W7	D3	W6		2½
10	Aarya Patel	unr.	L2	L13	L5		0
11	Arjun Patel	unr.	L3	L14	FORF		0
12	Damond Boatwright	unr.	L4	L8	FWIN		1
13	Aarush Veluru	unr.	L5	W10	L14	L7	1
14	Taran Patel	unr.	L6	W11	W13		2

Rank	Name	1	2	3	4	Tot.
1	Vaughn Prince	x	WW	LL	LL	2
2	Annie Smith	LL	x	LL	LL	0
3	Jayden Li	WW	WW	x	LL	4
4	Christian Secrist	WW	WW	WW	x	6

Welcome New Members

Jayden Li, of Springfield, and Evan Zhang, of Columbia, Mo., have joined the Springfield Chess Club. Welcome to the club! Membership now stands at 30.

Next "Mini Tournament" tentatively scheduled for February 22, 2025
 Next regular tournament probably March 2025, date to be determined
 More details next issue!

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