



Chess Club Observer

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Anish Suddala Sweeps Tournament

The club's latest tournament, the Mid Year Open, drew 27 chess players to the Southern View Village Hall on June 28. Anish Suddala won the tournament with a clean sweep of 4-0, just ahead of Simeon Ommen, who had 3½.

Evan Gresen won first in Class B-C with 3 points, while Shrivatsa Malladi and Anand Seenivasan split Class D-E, also with a score of 3 points. Srivibhav Reyasam, Jon Ommen, Shreya Aleti, and Shobhit Jogula split Class F and below with 1 point each.

Senthil Sivalingam scored 3 points and won first unrated. The club would like to recognize two other players for their first tournament, Darshal Patel and Wyatt Erber. Additionally, the club would like to recognize John Fernandez, Vice President of the US Chess Federation, for participating. Complete results are on page 2.

12 Attend Mini Tournament

The club's latest "mini tournament" was held on May 17 at Lincoln Library. Twelve players participated, six each in the rated and unrated divisions.

Evan Gresen and Gavin Martin shared first place in the rated division, with 2½ points each, while Nehemiah Atwell won 7 of 8 games to win the unrated division.

Complete results are on page 2.

Next Regular Tournament October 25

Our next regular tournament will be held Saturday, October 25, 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 20

The club will hold its fifth mini tournament on Saturday, September 20, 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.

Club Picnic Planned

The Springfield Chess Club is planning on holding a club picnic in August or September. Bring a guest, a dish to share, and a chess set just in case! Watch your mailbox for a postcard with the date, location, and other details.

Complete Results, June 28, 2025

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	John Fernandez	2088	W14	----	----	----	1
2	Anish Suddala	1828	W15	W17	W10	W6	4
3	Gary Blickhan	1758	L17	W19	D13	HALF	2
4	Martin Franek	1700	D18	L16	W5	HALF	2
5	Steve Goldschmidt	1515	D19	L18	L4	----	½
6	Evan Gresen	1515	W20	W23	W25	L2	3
7	Noah Leichty	1498	W21	L25	W14	L12	2
8	Jeff Smith	1447	W22	D26	W16	L18	2½
9	James Larson	1428	L23	W15	L17	W20	2
10	Jimmie Cecil	1412	W24	W27	L2	L25	2
11	Shrihan Aleti	1372	L25	W21	W23	L17	2
12	Shrivatsa Malladi	1370	L26	W20	W27	W7	3
13	Andres Maldonado	1332	L27	W22	D3	W26	2½
14	Sean Pepper	1277	L1	W24	L7	W21	2
15	James Barnes	1255	L2	L9	W19	L27	1
16	Michael Leardi	1236	HALF	W4	L8	----	1½
17	Anand Seenivasan	1217	W3	L2	W9	W11	3
18	Simeon Ommen	1205	D4	W5	W26	W8	3½
19	Maverick Powell	1037	D5	L3	L15	W23	1½
20	Srivibhav Reyasam	880	L6	L12	W22	L9	1
21	Jon Ommen	867	L7	L11	W24	L14	1
22	Shreya Aleti	575	L8	L13	L20	FWIN	1
23	Shobhit Jogula	531	W9	L6	L11	L19	1
24	Dylan Yeleti	231	L10	L14	L21	FORF	0
25	Senthil Sivalingam	unr.	W11	W7	L6	W10	3
26	Darshan Patel	unr.	W12	D8	L18	L13	1½
27	Wyatt Erber	unr.	W13	L10	L12	W15	2

Complete Results, May 17, 2025

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Total
1	Evan Gresen	1521	W4	D2	W6	2½
2	Gavin Martin	1378	W5	D1	W4	2½
3	Cody Fanter	1006	L6	W5	----	1
4	Jon Ommen	868	L1	W6	L2	1
5	Kirk Brackenhoff	591	L2	L3	----	0
6	Isaac Thiele	238	W3	L4	L1	1

Rank	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot.	GP	Pct.
1	John Spilker	xx	WL	LL	WW	WW	WL	6	10	60
2	James Kirst	LW	xx	..	WW	3	4	75
3	Nehemiah Atwell	WW	..	xx	WW	LW	WW	7	8	88
4	Brennan Mitchell	LL	LL	LL	xx	LL	LL	0	10	0
5	Diego Juarez	LL	..	WL	WW	xx	WL	4	8	50
6	Leonardo Juarez	LW	..	LL	WW	LW	xx	4	8	50

Weeknight DRR Results

DRR #5 (June 2025)

Rank	Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	Josh Turner	1585	xx	LW	WW	WW	WW	WW	9
2	Simeon Ommen	1205	WL	xx	LW	WD	WW	WW	7½
3	Eleazar Smith	956	LL	WL	xx	DW	WW	WW	6½
4	Evan Gresen	1516	LL	LD	DL	xx	WW	WW	5
5	Jon Ommen	874	LL	LL	LL	LL	xx	WW	2
6	Kirk Brackenhoff	590	LL	LL	LL	LL	LL	xx	0

Club Receives Chess Books

The club extends its thanks to Derek Sparks, who has donated a box of chess books. If you would like to read them, see David.

Club T-shirts Still Available

The club still has a few T-shirts, with our new club logo, left over. They are sizes S, M, and L. If you would like one, see David. They are \$20 each.

If you would like one in a larger size, get your requests in; we can get them for you once we have enough requests to justify a second order.

Welcome New Members

Collin Mizeur, Kesava Gattu, Arjun Patel, Kevin Imhoff, and Annie Smith have joined the Springfield Chess Club. Welcome to the club! Membership now stands at 35.

Have You Renewed?

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

Looking for more rated games? Attend the Quad City Dog Days Open in Moline on August 2 or the Bradley Summer Open in Peoria on August 23!

Come join us! The Springfield Chess Club meets weekly on Wednesday evenings, 5:30-8 p.m. at the White Oaks Mall food court. 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