



Chess Club Observer

Newsletter of the Springfield Chess Club

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Darshan Patel Sweeps October Tournament

The SCC's last regular tournament of the year, the Jackolantern Open, drew 26 players to the Southern View Village Hall on October 25. Darshan Patel posted a 4-0 score and won the tournament. Four players tied for second place, along with three of the class prizes, with 3-1 scores. These were Gary Blickhan, Josh Turner, Saketh Viswanadha, and Jack Friedley. Among the unrated players, Surya Viswanadha and Jake Smith scored 2-2 and won this division.

In addition, the club would like to recognize William Rowan, Thomas Saltzman, Diego Ortiz, and Leonardo Ortiz for their first tournament. Complete results are on page 2.

All Play Rated at Mini Tournament

The club's sixth "mini tournament" took place on September 20 at Lincoln Library. In a first for the Mini series, all ten participants played rated. Josh Turner won the event with a score of 3-0. Complete results are on page 2.

Annual Business Meeting December 3

The club will hold its annual business meeting on Wednesday, December 3 at **6:30 p.m.** at our regular meeting at White Oaks Mall. Please attend this meeting if you can!

AGENDA (tentative; additions before Dec. 3 are possible)

1. Nominations for club officers next year. (If necessary, elections will be held at the next meeting, on December 10.)
2. Officers' reports.
3. Questions for the membership.
 - a. Any ideas about restarting secondary (monthly) meetings, maybe at a new venue?
 - b. Club's 50th anniversary is coming soon. Ideas for celebrating it?
4. Open discussion.

Welcome New Members

Mason Yuan, of Springfield, has joined the Springfield Chess Club. Welcome to the club! Membership now stands at 30.

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.

Tournament Results

Jackolantern Open - October 25, 2025

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Bill Smythe	1800	D14	D4	W16	D8	2½
2	Gary Blickhan	1716	W15	W9	D7	HALF	3
3	Martin Franek	1700	W16	D10	L17	HALF	2
4	Matthew Hollaway	1671	L17	D1	W21	D10	2
5	James Healy	1601	W18	L12	W14	L11	2
6	Josh Turner	1589	W19	W11	L12	W25	3
7	Evan Gresen	1451	W20	W13	D2	LH	2½
8	James Larson	1378	W21	L17	W19	D1	2½
9	Shaun Stubenvoll	1347	W22	L2	L25	W15	2
10	Luke Jones	1323	W23	D3	LH	D4	2
11	Saketh Viswanadha	1315	W24	L6	W22	W5	3
12	Darshan Patel	1294	W25	W5	W6	W17	4
13	Cody Fanter	953	W26	L7	----	----	1
14	Abhinav Chander	945	D1	D15	L5	W23	2
15	Jon Ommen	849	L2	D14	W24	L9	1½
16	Brandon King-Takahashi	804	L3	W23	L1	L20	1
17	Jack Friedley	669	W4	W8	W3	L12	3
18	Sawyer Casey	607	L5	L22	L23	W21	1
19	Kirk Brackenhoff	562	L6	W26	L8	W22	2
20	Surya Viswanadha	unr.	L7	L25	W26	W16	2
21	Diego Juarez Ortiz	unr.	L8	D24	L4	L18	½
22	Mason Yuan	unr.	L9	W18	L11	L19	1
23	William Rowan	unr.	L10	L16	W18	L14	1
24	Thomas Saltsman	unr.	L11	D21	L15	L26	½
25	Jake Smith	unr.	L12	W20	W9	L6	2
26	Leonardo Juarez Ortiz	unr.	L13	L19	L20	W24	1
H	David Long	2039	----	----	W10	W7	2

Mini #6 - September 20, 2025

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Total
1	James Healy	1601	W6	W10	L2	2
2	Josh Turner	1589	W7	W3	W1	3
3	Evan Gresen	1451	W8	L2	L4	1
4	Jacob Beaird	1217	W9	D5	W3	2½
5	Jon Ommen	849	L10	D4	W9	1½
6	Taran Patel	621	L1	W7	L8	1
7	Sawyer Casey	607	L2	L6	L10	0
8	Jayden Li	603	L3	W9	W6	2
9	Kirk Brackenhoff	562	L4	L8	L5	0
10	Mason Yuan	unr.	W5	L1	W7	2

DRR #6, September 2025

Rank	Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
1	Josh Turner	1626	xx	WW	WW	WW	WW	WW	WW	12
2	Evan Gresen	1408	LL	xx	DW	WL	WW	WW	WW	8½
3	Jon Ommen	881	LL	DL	xx	DW	WW	WW	WW	8
4	Kyle Churchill	880	LL	LW	DL	xx	LW	LW	WW	5½
5	Jayden Li	686	LL	LL	LL	WL	xx	WW	WW	5
6	Mason Yuan	1220	LL	LL	LL	WL	LL	xx	WW	3
7	Kirk Brackenhoff	530	LL	LL	LL	LL	LL	LL	xx	0

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