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## The Railroad Retires

### Kramnik Takes Early Lead

Vladimir Kramnik and Peter Leko finally faced of this week to begin their Classical World Chess Championship match which was originally slated under different sponsorship to be a semi-final in the Grand Unification of chess. The other match which was to be sponsored by FIDE never happened because Ponomarev balked at the match conditions which he felt unfairly favored Kasparov.

Kramnik will defend his title at Centro Dannemann in Brissago, Switzerland. The match will consist of 14 games from September 25 until October 18, 2004. Kramnik won the title from Gary Kasparov in 2000. Hungarian GM Peter Leko qualified as a challenger at the Dortmund Candidates in 2002.

Oversight of the match will be conducted by GM Joel Lautier who is the President of the ACP. The match is sponsored by Dannemann Brasil. Kramnik won game 1 and the next 3 have been draws. Gamescores can be found on page 5.

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### Pre-Season Ratings in Effect

The Pre-Season Ratings for the LIICL have been published in this issue and will be the basis for board order. Top rated from last season is Mike Pappaceno who sported a lofty provisional 2105/12. If Mike does not return on another team (as the LIRR will not be back) then George Berg of NGC will be the standard bearer with a 2096 rating.

Other LIICL Experts who are expected to be participating this season are Len Chipkin (2040) of EDO and Tim Cranston (2003) of Photon Research.

### Pour is Speed Champion

LIICL Alumni, Darius Pour, won the LIICL Speed Championship at last season's capstone Awards Evening. He tied with LIRR's Nick Panico III with 8 points out of a possible 10 but won the title on superior tie-breaks. Danny Panico of the LIRR was third with 7-1/2.

An LIRR teammate also took the under 1800 title as Willie Johnson was alone at 6-1/2. Ed Rusch of Alumni D captured Under 1600 honors on tie-breaks over a group who scored 5 points.

### Invoices Will be Mailed

This season, you will be invoiced for your dues through the mail. The dues are \$120 per team. Dues are payable prior to the start of Round 4 which is November 3.

### LIICL Starts with 9 Teams

The LIICL will start its 2004-2005 season with 9 teams. All have returned from last year except for the champion LIRR team. With the withdrawal of the Railroad, the LIICL will play a 12 round regular season with each team having 2 byes. This is the identical format to that which was played in the 2002-2003 season.

The LIICL Regular Season Schedule, which appears on page 8, consists of a 9 team round-robin with three additional position rounds. Each position round will feature 3 matches with the other 3 teams having a bye. As the number of points and matches for each team will be unbalanced, all rankings will be a points per round basis.

This will apply to Individual as well as team standings. The Pre-Season LIICL ratings, which determine team classification and Individual Class can be found on page 2. These ratings will also be used to determine board order.

The playoff structure remains the same with the top 7 teams getting a first round bye.

### 2004-2005 LIICL Officers

The following members have been Elected as LIICL Officer for the 2004-2005 season:

President - George Alikakos

Rules Director - Tony Sommese

Treasurer - John Kingsley

## 2004-2005 LIICL Pre-Season Ratings

Rating	Name	03-04 Team
2105 /12	Mike Pappaceno	LIR
2096	George Berg	NGC
2050	Nick Panico III	LIR
2040	Len Chipkin	EDO
2003	Tim Cranston	PHO
1991	Dave Leone	LSF
1980	Clay Wilkie	NGC
1965	Robert Rizzo	NGC
1963	Julian Hodos	ALE
1947	Steve Romero	EDO
1928	Robert Wisbauer	PHO
1924	Danny Panico	LIR
1911	Willie Johnson	LIR
1903	Bonfante Charles	LSF
1894	Mahoney Kevin	NGC
1864	Dennis Hom	PHO
1854	Kolman Turiy	IND
1849	James Dwulit	PHO
1826	George Alikakos	EDO
1808	Steve Solomon	ADE
1767	KT Marley	NGC
1757	Anthony Sommese	PHO
1727	Paul Montenero	CCC
1718	Robert Standing	LSF
1700	Suresh Muttreja	ADE
1692	Ed Ulfers	ALD
1683 /14	Nick Panico Sr.	LIR
1678	Danny Wu	NGC
1671	Richard Viale	CCC
1664	Matt Insogna	ADE
1663	Jim Kolczynski	LSF
1650	Charles Spreckle	EDO
1633	Willmott P	LSF
1625	Ed Rusch	ALD
1621	Tom Ogen	ADE
1617	Cecchini Richard	EDO
1609	John Shattuck	ALD
1590	Adrian Celaru	ALE
1585	Lichioveri D	EDO
1558	John Kingsley	ALC
1506	Mel Goldman	ALC
1494	Zack Solomon	ADE
1483	Carrie Goldstein	ALE
1478 /5	Davis J	PHO
1474	Paul Proffman	CCC
1458	Ed Hartten	ALD
1457 /12	Justin Greenwald	LSF
1432	Paul Ragonnet	CCC
1425	Robert Mastandre	ALC
1425	Andy Warnock	CCC
1412 /4	Zunino H	PHO
1350 /5	Anthony Nunziata	IND
1302	Al Loshin	ALC
1292	Watnick M	IND
1238	Sy Bilkis	ALE
1162	Al Ragonnet	CCC
1154	Tony Cretaro	CCC
UNR /2	George Egert	IND
UNR /1	Keith Wisbauer	PHO
UNR /2	Reape D	ALC
UNR /3	Paul R. Montenero	CCC
UNR /1	Frank Frohreich	IND

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## LIICL 2004 Blitz Championship

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Team	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total	TB1	TB2
1	D Pour	1903	1984	IND	\$13	\$14	\$5	W2	W4	8.0	31.5	27.0
2	N III Panico	2171	2161	LIR	W15	\$12	\$6	W1	\$10	8.0	30.0	23.0
3	D Panico	2073	2054	LIR	\$30	W6	D10	\$14	\$9	7.5	24.0	21.5
4	D Leone	1981	1965	LSF	\$16	W9	W8	\$15	W1	7.0	28.0	22.0
5	W Johnson	1772	1858	LIR	#11	\$17	L1	W20	\$21	6.5	27.5	19.5
6	K Turiy	1885	1891	IND	\$23	W3	L2	W13	\$20	6.0	29.0	18.0
7	G Berg	1853	1817	NGC	W22	W27	W13	\$23	W11	6.0	21.0	17.0
8	R Rizzo	1809	1833	NGC	\$28	B---	W4	B---	B---	6.0	9.0	17.0
9	R Viale	1813	1854	CCC	\$25	W4	#21	W10	L3	5.5	28.5	20.5
10	C Bonfante	1835	1879	LSF	\$29	W21	#3	W9	L2	5.5	27.5	20.5
11	L Chipkin	2016	1938	EDO	D5	\$19	W20	W21	W7	5.5	26.0	16.5
12	S Romero	1989	1917	EDO	#20	L2	W22	W16	\$26	5.5	23.0	14.5
13	E Rusch	1573	1656	ALD	L1	\$25	W7	W6	W14	5.0	29.0	14.0
14	J Kolczynski	1824	1793	LSF	\$24	L1	\$27	L3	W13	5.0	27.0	17.0
15	K T Marley	1733	1727	NGC	W2	W22	\$28	L4	W19	5.0	25.5	16.0
16	John DiMaio	1648	1679	IND	L4	L20	\$24	W12	\$22	5.0	25.0	10.0
17	G Alikakos	1806	1723	EDO	\$26	L5	W23	W22	W18	5.0	21.0	16.0
18	R Standing	1607	1621	LSF	L21	W24	W19	\$28	W17	5.0	20.0	12.0
19	Dan Sussman	1500	1569	IND	B---	L11	W18	\$27	W15	5.0	18.0	12.0
20	M Insogna	1666	1724	ADK	D12	\$16	W11	W5	L6	4.5	28.5	15.5
21	N Cohen	1932	1867	IND	\$18	W10	D9	W11	L5	4.5	28.0	17.5
22	A Somnese	1558	1618	PHO	W7	W15	W12	W17	L16	4.0	26.5	14.0
23	J Kingsley	1572	1588	ALC	L6	\$26	W17	L7	W25	4.0	22.5	12.0
24	C Spreckles	1532	1536	EDO	L14	W18	L16	W29	\$28	4.0	19.0	8.0
25	C Goldstein	1519	1515	ALE	L9	L13	\$29	W26	W23	4.0	18.0	9.0
26	J Greenwald	1457	1430	LSF	L17	L23	F---	W25	L12	3.0	18.5	7.0
27	P Montenero	1638	1587	CCC	B---	W7	L14	L19	W29	3.0	17.5	9.0
28	M Goldman	1494	1458	ALC	L8	\$29	L15	L18	L24	2.0	20.5	8.0
29	E Hartten	1542	1469	ALD	L10	L28	L25	W24	W27	2.0	18.0	3.0
30	Ray Parenti	1718	1711	IND	L3	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0	7.5	0.0

Key: \$ = 2.0, # = 1.5, W = 1.0, D = 0.5, L = 0.0, F = 2.0 (unplayed), B = 1.0 (unplayed), U = 0.0 (unplayed)

## Games from Dannemann Match

Leko,P -Kramnik,V [C42]  
Dannemann World Championship  
Brissago, Switzerland  
Game 1  
25.09.2004

1.e4e5 2.Nf3Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3Nxe4 5.d4 d5  
6.Bd3Nc6 7.0-0Be7 8.c4Nb4 9.Be2 0-0 10.Nc3  
Bf5 11.a3Nxc3 12.bxc3Nc6 13.Re1 Re8 14.cxd5  
Qxd5 15.Bf4Rac8 16.h3Be4 17.Be3Na5 18.c4  
Nxc4 19.Bxc4Qxc4 20.Nd2Qd5 21.Nxe4Qxe4  
22.Bg5Qxe1+ 23.Qxe1Bxg5 24.Qa5Bf6 25.Qxa7  
c5 26.Qxb7Bxd4 27.Ra2c4 28.Re2Red8 29.a4  
c3 30.Qe4Bb6 31.Qc2g6 32.Qb3Rd6 33.Rc2  
Ba5 34.g4Rd2 35.Kg2Rcd8 36.Rxc3Bxc3  
37.Qxc3R2d5 38.Qc6Ra5 39.Kg3Rda8 40.h4  
R5a6 41.Qc1Ra5 42.Qh6Rxa4 43.h5R4a5  
44.Qf4g5 45.Qf6h6 46.f3R5a6 47.Qc3Ra4  
48.Qc6R8a6 49.Qe8+Kg7 50.Qb5R4a5 51.Qb4  
Rd5 52.Qb3Rad6 53.Qc4Rd3 54.Kf2Ra3  
55.Qc5Ra2+ 56.Kg3Rf6 57.Qb4Raa6 58.Kg2  
Rf4 59.Qb2+Raf6 60.Qe5Rxf3 61.Qa1Rf1  
62.Qc3R1f2+ 63.Kg3R2f3+ 64.Qxf3Rxf3+  
65.Kxf3Kf60-1

Kramnik,V -Leko,P [C88]  
Dannemann World Championship  
Brissago, Switzerland  
Game 2  
27.09.2004

1.e4e5 2.Nf3Nc6 3.Bb5a6 4.Ba4Nf6 5.0-0Be7  
6.Re1b5 7.Bb30-0 8.h3Bb7 9.d3Re8 10.Nc3  
Bb4 11.Ng5Rf8 12.a3Bxc3 13.bxc3Na5 14.Ba2  
c5 15.f4exf4 16.e5Nd5 17.Bxd5Qxg5 18.Bxb7  
½-½

Leko,P -Kramnik,V [42]  
Dannemann World Championship  
Brissago, Switzerland  
Game 3  
29.09.2004

1.e4e5 2.Nf3Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3Nxe4 5.d4 d5  
6.Bd3Nc6 7.0-0Be7 8.c4Nb4 9.Be2 0-0 10.Nc3  
Bf5 11.a3Nxc3 12.bxc3Nc6 13.Re1 Re8 14.cxd5  
Qxd5 15.Bf4Rac8 16.c4Qe4 17.Be3Qc2 18.d5  
Na5 19.Nd4Qxd1 20.Rexd1 Bd7 21.Bd2Bf6  
22.Bxa5Bxd4 23.Rxd4Rxe2 ½-½

Kramnik,V (2770)-Leko,P (2741) [C88]  
Dannemann World Championship  
Brissago, Switzerland  
Game 4  
30.09.2004

1.e4e5 2.Nf3Nc6 3.Bb5a6 4.Ba4Nf6 5.0-0Be7  
6.Re1b5 7.Bb30-0 8.h3Bb7 9.d3d6 10.a3Nd7  
11.Nc3Nd4 12.Ba2Nxf3+ 13.Qxf3Bg5 14.Bxg5  
Qxg5 15.Nd5c6 16.Ne3g6 17.Rad1Rad8 18.c3  
c5 19.Bd5Bc8 20.b4Nb6 21.c4Nxd5 22.Nxd5  
Be6 23.bxc5 dxc5 24.Rb1Rb8 25.cxb5Bxd5  
26.exd5axb5 27.d6b4 28.a4Rfd8 29.Qd5Qf6  
30.Qxc5Qxd6 31.Qxd6Rxd6 32.Rxe5b3 33.Rb5  
Ra8 34.R1xb3Rxa4 35.Rb6Rd7 36.Rf6Ra1+  
37.Kh2Rd1 38.Rf3h5 39.h4Rd2 40.g3Kg7  
41.Kg2Rd1 42.Re3Kh7 43.Kf3Rd2 ½-½

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Sadly we recently learned of the death of IM Mike Valvo. The following is a USCF press release :

### INTERNATIONAL CHESS MASTER MICHAEL J. VALVO PASSES

(New Windsor)

International Chess Master Michael J. Valvo of Chanhassen, Minnesota passed away on September 18, 2004 at age 62. IM Valvo was also a frequent arbiter of computer chess events. He was the arbiter of the 1996 ACM Chess Challenge match between Garry Kasparov and IBM's Deep Blue computer. Valvo brought unique experience to this event, having served as commentator for a number of the ACM Computer Chess Tournaments in the 1980's and 1990's. Valvo was also one of the chess commentators for the IBM Deep Blue match held in Manhattan May 1997.

IM Valvo co-authored the book on the legendary 1990 Karparov-Karpov match and was the technical editor of the book, Bobby Fischer Teaches Chess. Valvo was also an expert blindfold chess player and in the early years of computer chess was known for taking on the entire field blindfolded. Within the chess arena, he is probably best known for his 2-0 record in postal chess style matches against Deep Blue's predecessor, Deep Thought.

IM Valvo was also a longtime member of the United States Chess Federation. He achieved an over-the-board rating over 2400 and correspondence chess rating 2367.

Michael is survived by his significant other, Lila Raymond; brother Phillip; sisters, Marie and Rosalie Valvo. Memorial service was held Wednesday at the Eckankar Temple in Chanhassen. Michael was cremated.

Whether you knew Michael through his National accomplishments or through his International achievements the chess world has lost a well-respected, well-accomplished chess master. Those of you who would like to submit a few words, you can email them to Joan DuBois who will post them on our website in the "In Passing" area, in the next few days.

## Minutes of LIICL Executive Board Meeting

August 21, 2004

Alumni C/Treasurer - John Kingsley  
EDO/President - George Alikakos  
PRA/Rules Director - Tony Sommese  
Ademco/KSF - Tom Ogen  
LSF - Bob Standing  
CCC - Paul Montenero  
NGC - George Berg  
Alumni D - Absent  
Alumni E - Red Bilkis  
LIRR - Absent  
Others - Justin Greenwald, Bob Rizzo

Meeting called to order at 12:18 PM

1. LIRR is not returning per Danny Panico
2. Nine team schedule. Make most questionable team the first round bye (Alumni D). Adjust to a 8 team or 10 team schedule when all entrants are known.

Team Numbers (selected by picking teams from a hat)

1. CCC
2. LSF
3. Ademco/KSF
4. EDO
5. Alumni E
6. NGC
7. PRA
8. Alumni C
9. Alumni D

Round 1 Pairings (Rd 2 in 9 or 10 team xtable, Rd 7 in 7 or 8 team xtable)

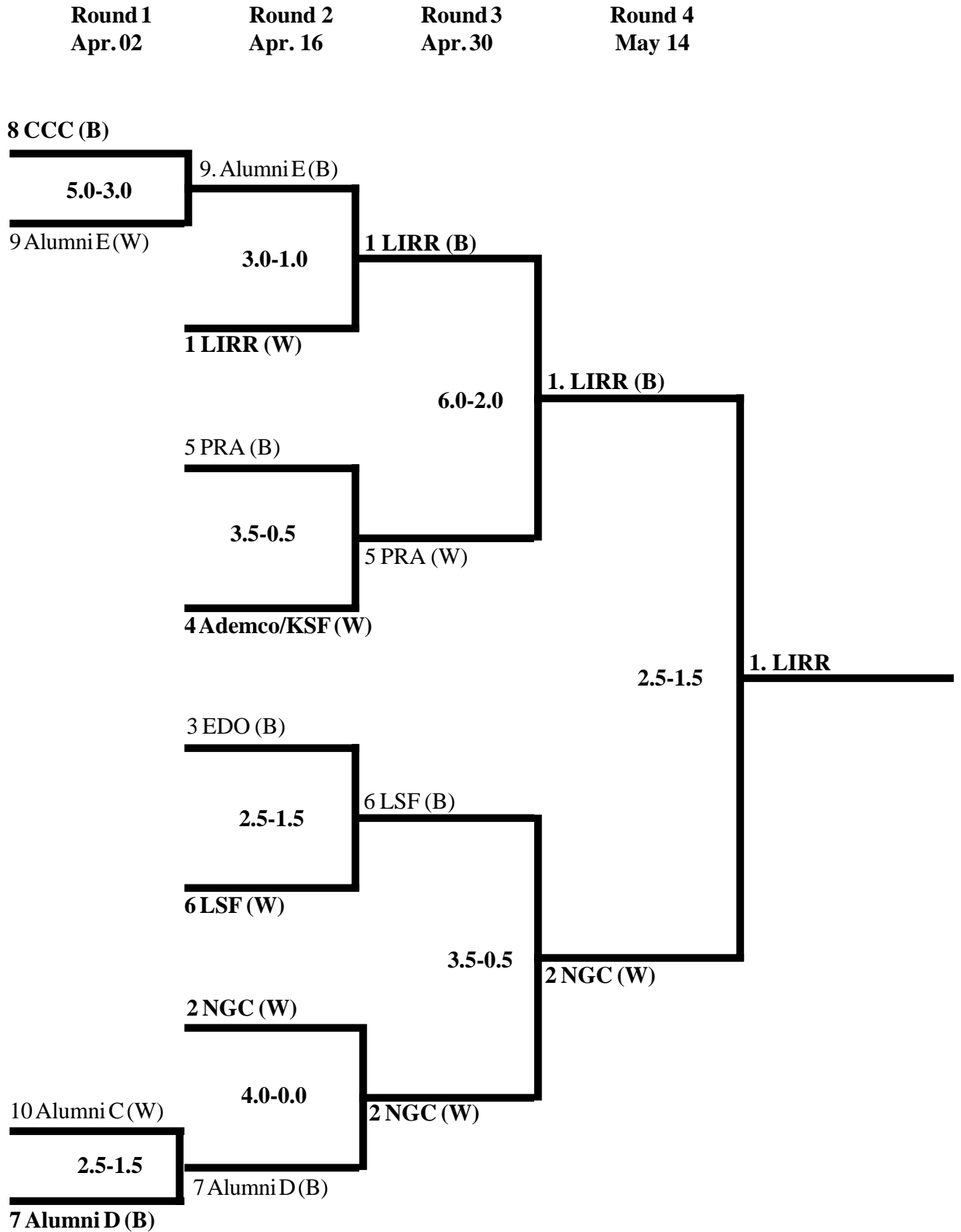
CCC - Alumni C  
LSF - PRA  
Ademco/KSF - NGC  
EDO - Alumni E

Contact Ed Rusch and Adrian Celaru as to their intentions.

3. All dates are accepted - 9/17, 10/1, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17
4. Insurance issue is still uncertain.
5. Bob Rizzo to inquire about closing account or getting signature card for authorization changes from BFCU.
6. Keep dues at \$120/yr.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:01 PM.

**2003-2004 LIICL Playoff Results**



## 2004-2005 LIICL Regular Season Schedule, Rev. A 9/29/04

*Starting time for the regular season is 6:50 PM. Time control is game/90.*

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Date	01-Oct	22-Oct	05-Nov	19-Nov	03-Dec	1-Dec	17-Dec	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Location	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
1Clear-Cut	8 W	2 W	6 W S	5 B C	BYE	4 W	3 B	9 B	TBD D	BYE	7 B D	TBD S
2LSF	7 W C	1 B	5 W	4 B D	TBD D	3 W	BYE	8 B	TBD	9 W S	6 B	BYE
3Adem/KSF	6 W	9 B D	4 W	BYE	TBD	2 B S	1 W C	7 B	BYE	8 W	5 B	TBD D
4EDO	5 W	8 B S	3 B	2 W	BYE	1 B	9 W D	6 B C	TBD S	7 W	BYE	TBD
5Alumni E	4 B S	7 B C	2 B D	1 W	TBD S	9 B	8 W	BYE	TBD	6 W	3 W	BYE
6NorthGrum	3 B	BYE	1 B	9 W	BYE	8 B	7 W S	4 W D	TBD C	5 B C	2 W	TBD
7Photon	2 B	5 W	9 B C	8 W S	TBD	BYE	6 B	3 W	BYE	4 B D	1 W	TBD
8Alumni C	1 B D	4 W	BYE	7 B	TBD	6 W C	5 B	2 W	BYE	3 B	9 W S	TBD C
9Alumni D	BYE	3 W	7 W	6 B	TBD C	5 W D	4 B	1 W S	TBD	2 B	8 B C	BYE

Explanation: Rounds 5, 9 & 12 are position rounds. Opponents will be determined based upon "Points per Round" for the six teams without byes. Pairings based upon LIICL Points per Round are: First vs. Second, Third vs. Fourth & Fifth vs. Sixth

*Starting time for the playoffs is 6:50 PM. Time control is game/90.*

Playoffs: Round 1: (TDB) TDB      Quarters: (TBD) TBD      Semis: (TBD) TBD      Finals: (TBD) TDB      Individual Final: (TBD) TDB

Events: Charity Blitz: (TBD) TBD      GM Simul: (TBD) TBD      Awards Evening: (TBD) TBD

Key:                      D = Director                      UMC= United Methodist Church                      W= White on Board 1  
                                  S = Secondary Director                      CCH= The Congregational Church of Huntington                      B= Black on Board 1  
                                  C = Coffee Duty                      LIB= Huntington Library                      TBD= To Be Determined