

## 2014 Alabama State Chess Championship

September 29, 2014 - Tuscaloosa -Tennessee's **International Master Ronald Burnett** (below right) won the first place cash prize for the Championship section with a perfect 5.0/5.0.

**Stephen W. Adams** (above left) of Birmingham took second place (4.0/5.0) and was the top Alabama competitor. Stephen has won the state scholastic championship title for the last two years. At this tournament he accomplished the rare feat finishing ahead of Alabama's top adult players for the title of 2014 Alabama State Chess Champion. This makes the third fourth state championship that Stephen has one this year; he is also the 2014 Scholastic and Quick Chess Champion, as well as the 2014 Blitz co-champion.

**Kirk Petty** of Montevallo finished third with 3.5 points. Seven players had 3.0 points and shared the class prizes: Roger Johnson, Jason Kammerdiner, Stephen Graveling, Miles Melvin, Jonathan Rasberry, Tanish Kothapalle, and Joseph Stafford.

In the under 1800 section, **Devon Puckett** (TN) finished in first place with 4.5/5.0. Four players tied for second with 4.0 points to share the title of 2014 Alabama Reserve Champions. They are **Brian McCormick(AL)**, **Nathan Hayes(GA)**, **Christopher Trees(AL)**, and **Sijing Wu(AL)**. Colin Bamford and Drew Justice split the U1600 prize. Jack Lyons and Om Badhe shared the U1400 prize while Ronit Chandra, Zachary Tong, and Joseph Jacob Hayes divided the U1200 prize.

Link to crosstables: <http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?201409288482>

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