



MLK CLASSIC

Chess Tournament Report
January 16, 2017
 Frazer United Methodist Church
 Montgomery, AL 36117



The 8th Annual **MLK Classic** was held at Frazer UMC.
 We had fifty two (52) players to participate.
 NM Scott Varagona won the tournament – again.

The 2017 MLK Classic top winners:

Premiere (1800+; Rated) Champion

Scott Varagona - Calera, AL – 3.5 points

Reserve (U1800; Rated) Champion

Aaron DeCord – Tuscaloosa, AL – 3.5 points

Amateur (U1300; Rated) Champion

Joseph Graveling – Odenville, AL – 4 points

Novice (K-12; Not Rated) Champion

Andy Lim (Forest Avenue Magnet), Montgomery, AL – 6 points

SwissSys Standings. MLK CLASSIC: MLK_Premiere

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot	TBrk [M]	Prize
1	1	SCOTT VARAGONA	2277	2283	D5	W8	W4	W2	3.5	7.5	\$200.00/1st
2	2-3	STEPHEN GRAVELING	2116	2145	W7	W6	W3	L1	3.0	8.5	62.50
3		ROCHELLE WU	2094	2116	W9	W10	L2	W6	3.0	7	62.50
4	4	SIJING WU	2104	2110	H---	W5	L1	W8	2.5	6.5	
5	5-7	JONATHAN RASBERRY	2034	2038	D1	L4	W7	D9	2.0	4.5	
6		TEJAS VINA THORAT	2090	2081	W12	L2	W11	L3	2.0	4	
7		GEORGE RUSYNIAK	1977	1978	L2	W12	L5	W11	2.0	3	100.00 Class A
8	8-10	OM BADHE	1787	1792	B---	L1	D10	L4	1.5	4.5	
9		TERRENCE EDINBURGH	1900	1898	L3	L11	W12	D5	1.5	3.5	
10		JOSEPH JURJEVICH	2112	2098	W11	L3	D8	U---	1.5	2	
11	11	KIRK D PETTY	1927	1913	L10	W9	L6	L7	1.0	5.5	
12	12	TIM BOND	1883	1852	L6	L7	L9	U---	0.0	3.5	

SwissSys Standings. MLK CLASSIC: MLK_Reserve

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot	TBrk [M]	Prize
1	1	AARON DECORD	1611	1693	W4	W6	W13	D2	3.5	8.5	\$160.00/1st
2	2-5	MARIANO RUNCO	1687	1698	W15	W8	D3	D1	3.0	8.5	40.00
3		SARVAGNA VELIDANDLA	1623	1659	W18	W14	D2	D7	3.0	6.5	40.00
4		DAN WILLIAMS	1411	1504	L1	W17	W14	W10	3.0	6.5	40.00
5		DIFEI ZHU	1329	1473	D9	W15	D10	W13	3.0	5.5	100.00 Class D
6	6-7	ESTHER GRAVELING	1485	1553	W7	L1	D8	W14	2.5	8	
7		DOUGLAS STROUT	1739	1721	L6	W9	W16	D3	2.5	7.5	
8	8-12	JAMES XIANG YANG	1511	1514	W11	L2	D6	D9	2.0	4.5	
9		WILLIAM VAN NESS	1501	1502	D5	L7	W12	D8	2.0	4.5	
10		MUHAMMAD AMIN	1500	1491	W17	D13	D5	L4	2.0	4.5	
11		ALEXANDER JO SELF	1370	1380	L8	L16	W15	W18	2.0	2	
12		WENDELL WHITAKER	1300	1331	L14	W18	L9	W17	2.0	1.5	
13	13	CHRISTIAN FRIEDMAN	1631	1591	W16	D10	L1	L5	1.5	6.5	
14	14-16	JEROME FLOWERS	1492	1455	W12	L3	L4	L6	1.0	7.5	
15		PAUL KEVIN LAYMON	1423	1373	L2	L5	L11	B---	1.0	5	
16		PATRICK T DOWD	1419	1420	L13	W11	L7	U---	1.0	3.5	
17	17-18	PAUL S CHIPMAN	1319	1276	L10	L4	D18	L12	0.5	4.5	
18		JERRY SMITH	1414	1350	L3	L12	D17	L11	0.5	4.5	

SwissSys Standings. MLK CLASSIC: MLK_Amateur

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot	TBrk [M]	Prize
1	1	JOSEPH GRAVELING	983	1144	W11	W5	W4	W2	4.0	7	\$140.00/1st
2	2-3	RANDALL D TEW	1052	1093	W9	W6	W3	L1	3.0	9	55.00
3		EDWARD A PANICO	1061	1068	W10	W12	L2	W5	3.0	5.5	55.00
4	4	CHRISTOPHER WANG	933	938	D7	W9	L1	W6	2.5	8	100.00/U1000
5	5-8	TAYLOR A KENT	1073	1035	B---	L1	W8	L3	2.0	5	
6		ERIC WILLIAM NEAL	861	871	W8	L2	W10	L4	2.0	4.5	
7		Hanson Jacobs	unr.	672	D4	L10	W12	D9	2.0	2.5	
8		Edwin Tolbert	unr.	800	L6	W11	L5	W10	2.0	2.5	

9	9	ALEXANDER NEAL	714	707	L2	L4	W11	D7	1.5	5.5	
10	10-12	DOMINIC TALM SELF	819	776	L3	W7	L6	L8	1.0	6	
11		EDDIE YANG	549	530	L1	L8	L9	W12	1.0	4	
12		EMILY ANNE-C SELF	300	277	B---	L3	L7	L11	1.0	3	

SwissSys Standings. MLK CLASSIC: MLK_Novice

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot	TBrk [M]	Prize
1	1	Andy Lim	unr.	1150	W9	W3	W2	W4	W6	W5	6.0	18.5	1st
2	2-4	Rex Gann	unr.	963	W5	W7	L1	L3	W4	W6	4.0	19	2nd
3		Patrick Dowd Jr	unr.	952	W6	L1	L4	W2	W8	W7	4.0	17.5	3rd
4		Sasha Gann	unr.	953	W8	W6	W3	L1	L2	W10	4.0	17.5	Gold
5	5	Arav Halade	unr.	667	L2	W8	L6	W7	W10	L1	3.0	9	Gold
6	6-9	Alex Bae	unr.	682	L3	L4	W5	W8	L1	L2	2.0	16.5	Silver
7		Tanner Thornton	unr.	478	W10	L2	L9	L5	B---	L3	2.0	11	Silver
8		Asher Hagler	unr.	436	L4	L5	W10	L6	L3	B---	2.0	9.5	Bronze
9		Logan Whaley	unr.	897	L1	W10	W7	U---	U---	U---	2.0	2	
10	10	Apollo Avezzano	unr.	350	L7	L9	L8	B---	L5	L4	1.0	9.5	Bronze

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Attendance: 52 Players (42 in Rated sections and 10 in Not Rated section)

USCF Rating Report: <http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtbIMain.php?201701142122>