



46th Annual
Queen of Hearts
 Chess Tournament Report
 February 17-18, 2018
 AUM Taylor Center * Montgomery, AL

The Montgomery Chess Club held the **Queen of Hearts** for the 46th year. We had 35 rated players and 22 not rated students to participate from 6 states.

The 2018 Queen of Hearts Premiere Champion is Matthew Puckett of Huntsville. Matthew score 4/5 points and clinched the first place honors.
 The Reserve Champion is Brian Fraiser of Phenix City. He scored 4.5/5 points.
 The Amateur Champion is Dan Williams of Dothan. Dan scored 5/5 points.

We are grateful to the **AUM** School of Science, Division of Continuing Education, Dr. Mariano Runco (Associate Professor for Economics), and Dr. Rhodes Peele (Adjunct Instructor for Mathematics) for sponsoring the Queen of Hearts chess tournament again this year. Their continuous support for the Montgomery Chess Club and our efforts to promote chess is truly appreciated.

The 2018 Queen of Hearts Winners:

Premiere (Rating 1800+):

1st: **Matthew Puckett** – Huntsville, AL - 4 points.

Reserve (Rating: U1800):

1st: **Brian Fraiser** – Phenix City, AL – 4.5 points.

Amateur (Rating U1400):

1st: **Dan Williams** – Dothan, AL – 5 points.

Novice (K-12; Not Rated):

1st: **Armaan Daryanani** – Montgomery, AL – 5 points.

SwissSys Standings. 2018 Queen of Hearts: Premiere

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	TBrk[M]	Prize
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1	1	MATTHEW V PUCKETT	2248	2242	W4	D3	D2	W5	W6	4.0	11.5	300.00/1st
2	2	DREW JUSTICE	1972	1985	W10	W5	D1	L3	W8	3.5	10.5	175.00/2nd
3	3-4	MARK LLOYD LIATTI	1915	1941	W8	D1	H---	W2	L4	3.0	12	65.00/U2000
4		OM BADHE	1860	1898	L1	W7	W10	L6	W3	3.0	11	65.00/U2000
5	5-7	SYDNEY KONG	1768	1781	W6	L2	W8	L1	L7	2.0	9	
6		ROGER JOHNSON	1922	1912	L5	D9	H---	W4	L1	2.0	7.5	
7		TIM BOND	1814	1803	D9	L4	H---	L8	W5	2.0	6	
8	8-9	SARVAGNA VELIDANDLA	1753	1745	L3	D10	L5	W7	L2	1.5	8.5	
9		CHRISTOPHER TREES	1934	1928	D7	D6	H---	U-- -	U-- -	1.5	2	
10	10	RHODES PEELE	1838	1812	L2	D8	L4	H-- -	U-- -	1.0	4.5	

SwissSys Standings. 2018 Queen of Hearts: Reserve

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	TBrk[M]	Prize
1	1	BRIAN T FRAISER	1630	1714	W12	W5	D2	W10	W6	4.5	12	225.00/1st
2	2-4	ZACHARY SNOW II	1682	1680	D15	W13	D1	D8	W10	3.5	11.5	91.67/2nd
3		MUHAMMAD AMIN	1625	1622	W16	L10	D11	W5	W8	3.5	10	91.67/2nd
4		DOUGLAS STROUT	1659	1656	D13	W15	D8	H---	W9	3.5	8.5	91.67/2nd
5	5-7	ETHAN JOSIA SMITH	1482	1525	W7	L1	W17	L3	W12	3.0	13	100.00/U1500

6		LEONARD FORD	1674	1657	D9	W11	H---	W12	L1	3.0	11	
7		DAVID HAYES	1791	1744	L5	W14	L12	W17	W13	3.0	9	
8	8-11	DAVID MOONEY	1597	1585	D14	W9	D4	D2	L3	2.5	9.5	
9		MARK CHRIS GORDON	1375	1432	D6	L8	W15	W11	L4	2.5	7.5	
10		XAVIER BRUNI	1489	1501	W17	W3	H---	L1	L2	2.5	7.5	
11		BENJAMIN KENNEDY	1331	1351	B---	L6	D3	L9	W15	2.5	7	
12	12-14	DAVID SHAW MORGAN	1350	1400	L1	W16	W7	L6	L5	2.0	10	
13		KAPIL NATHAN	1364	1386	D4	L2	D16	W14	L7	2.0	9.5	
14		THOMAS GILBREATH	1308	1313	D8	L7	H---	L13	W17	2.0	5	
15	15-16	SHIRLEY KONG	1384	1366	D2	L4	L9	W16	L11	1.5	9	
16		WEI ZHAN	1342	1298	L3	L12	D13	L15	B---	1.5	5.5	
17	17	PAUL KEVIN LAYMON	1142	1117	L10	B---	L5	L7	L14	1.0	7.5	

SwissSys Standings. 2018 Queen of Hearts: Amateur

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	TBrk[M]	Prize
1	1	DAN WILLIAMS	1370	1428	W4	W5	W2	W3	W7	5.0	10	180.00/1st
2	2	AUSTIN J ZHAN	991	1150	W7	W3	L1	W4	D5	3.5	11.5	120.00/2nd

3	3	MICHAEL BUFKIN	1176	1170	W6	L2	W8	L1	W4	3.0	12.5	100.00/3rd
4	4-6	PRESTON HELMS	1017	1004	L1	W6	W5	L2	L3	2.0	9.5	
5		MICHAEL KENNEDY	862	889	B-- -	L1	L4	D7	D2	2.0	7	50.00/U1000
6		KRISH NATHAN	674	739	L3	L4	L7	W8	B-- -	2.0	5.5	50.00/U1000
7	7-8	NITIN BADHE	1324	1226	L2	L8	W6	D5	L1	1.5	8.5	
8		RANDALL TEW	1051	1024	H-- -	W7	L3	L6	U-- -	1.5	3	

SwissSys Standings. 2018 Queen of Hearts: Novice

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot	TBrk[M]	Prize
1	1	Armaan Daryanani	unr.	1150	L11	W17	W9	W2	W3	W5	5.0	19.5	1st
2	2-4	Daniel Mosehell	unr.	1103	W19	W5	W11	L1	W6	D4	4.5	20.5	2nd
3		Rex Gann	unr.	1040	W15	W7	W10	D8	L1	W13	4.5	18.5	3rd
4		Nikshith Kandula	unr.	989	W14	L12	W21	W10	W11	D2	4.5	16	4th
5	5-7	Aditya Pippala	unr.	982	W13	L2	W22	W11	W8	L1	4.0	19	5th
6		Advaith Subramaniam	unr.	958	L10	W16	W13	W7	L2	W8	4.0	18	Gold
7		Shrey Kandula	unr.	924	W12	L3	W18	L6	W17	W10	4.0	16.5	Silver
8	8-9	Eashan Singh	unr.	842	W20	W18	W12	D3	L5	L6	3.5	17	Bronze
9		Jack Trieu	unr.	757	W21	L10	L1	D16	W18	W14	3.5	14.5	Bronze
10	10- 13	Price McLemore	unr.	885	W6	W9	L3	L4	W12	L7	3.0	16	

11		Sasha Gann	unr.	835	W1	W22	L2	L5	L4	W20	3.0	15	
12		Drew Toth	unr.	784	L7	W4	L8	W15	L10	W17	3.0	13	
13		Cooper Long	unr.	750	L5	W19	L6	W18	W15	L3	3.0	12	
14	14-16	Jarrett Friendly	unr.	582	L4	D15	L17	W21	W16	L9	2.5	11.5	
15		Jesmin Taylor	unr.	592	L3	D14	W20	L12	L13	W19	2.5	11	
16		Alicia Taylor	unr.	550	L22	L6	W19	D9	L14	W21	2.5	10.5	
17	17-18	Dhanvanth Selvam	unr.	595	L18	L1	W14	W22	L7	L12	2.0	13	
18		Sid Spear	unr.	514	W17	L8	L7	L13	L9	B---	2.0	12	
19	19-20	Ronith Ala	unr.	379	L2	L13	L16	W20	D21	L15	1.5	10	
20		Wynn Brown	unr.	350	L8	D21	L15	L19	B---	L11	1.5	8	
21	21-22	Jedein Hood	unr.	350	L9	D20	L4	L14	D19	L16	1.0	11	
22		William Nutt	unr.	529	W16	L11	L5	L17	U---	U---	1.0	7.5	

Chief Tournament Director: Caesar Lawrence

Assistant Tournament Director: Doug Strout and James Garner

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Attendance: 61 Players (52 in the Rated Sections and 9 in the Not Rated Section)

USCF Rating Report: <http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?201702183782>