



Birmingham Challenge

Chess Tournament Report

March 17th, 2012
 Birmingham Bridge Club * Vestavia Hills, AL

The Birmingham Challenge was held at the Birmingham Duplicate Bridge Club (BDBC). We had 39 players to participate in the tournament. That is a 56% attendance increase over last year's tournament. Many "Thanks" to the players, their parents and coaches!

Thanks to the BDBC for supporting our efforts to promote chess in metro Birmingham. The young, up and coming players were represented very well. The Reserve section winners are scholastic players. I heard some players say "these kids can play".

The 2012 Birmingham Challenge Top Winners:

Open Section:

- 1st: A. J. Goldsby – Pensacola, FL – 4 points.
- 2nd: Matthew Thomas – Huntsville, AL – 3 points.

Reserve Section:

- 1st: Cheng Zhou – Madison, AL – 3 points.
- Kamron Jafari – Memphis, TN - 3 points.

Premier (K-12) Section:

- 1st: Neil Furman – Pelham, AL – 4 points.
- 2nd: Eric Wang – Vestavia Hills, AL – 3.5 points.

Novice (K-8, Not Rated) Section:

- 1st: Sijing Wu – Hoover, AL – 6 points.
- 2nd: Isaac Barnett – Maylene, AL – 5 points.

Final Standings: BIRMINGHAM CHALLENGE: OPEN

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
<u>1</u> FL	<u>AJ GOLDSBY</u> 10755751 / R: 2238 ->2243	4.0	W 8	W 5	W 2	W 4
<u>2</u> AL	<u>MATTHEW EUGENE THOMAS</u> 12188340 / R: 1762 ->1810	3.0	W 10	W 4	L 1	W 7
<u>3</u> AL	<u>VARUN SAI YERRAMSETTI</u> 13789435 / R: 1475 ->1561	2.5	W 6	D 9	L 4	W 10
<u>4</u> AL	<u>ROGER D JOHNSON</u> 10388139 / R: 1957 ->1945	2.0	W 7	L 2	W 3	L 1
<u>5</u> CA	<u>JOHNNY B CARRIDO</u> 12547212 / R: 1753 ->1746	2.0	W 12	L 1	D 9	D 8
<u>6</u> FL	<u>JOHN KIRK LANING</u> 13732287 / R: 1700 ->1679	2.0	L 3	W 11	D 8	D 9

Final Standings: BIRMINGHAM CHALLENGE: PREMIER

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	NEIL EDWARD FURMAN AL 14767436 / R: 106P4 -> 661P9 Q: 101P4 -> 637P9	4.0	D 7 W	9 D	5 W	4 W	6
2	ERIC R WANG AL 13489667 / R: 1114 ->1083 Q: 1073 ->1043	3.5	L 8 B	D	6 W	3 W	4
3	HARVEY WEI HE AL 14761793 / R: 903P23-> 917 Q: 877 -> 887	3.0	W 5 W	8 L	4 L	2 W	9
4	JAMES HONGJIE SHI AL 14610893 / R: Unrated-> 897P4 Q: Unrated-> 868P4	3.0	B W	6 W	3 L	1 L	2
5	SAMSON MITCHELL SANDS AL 14547360 / R: 1156 ->1076 Q: 1071 -> 994	2.5	L 3 W	7 D	1 L	9 W	8
6	ADAM A THOMAS AL 14611126 / R: 992 -> 949 Q: 963 -> 918	2.5	W 9 L	4 D	2 W	7 L	1
7	ERIC SIYUAN HE AL 14761807 / R: 996P24-> 940 Q: 953 -> 895	2.5	D 1 L	5 W	8 L	6 B	
8	SAMEER NASER SULTAN AL 14635631 / R: 686 -> 720 Q: 670 -> 695	2.0	W 2 L	3 L	7 B	L	5
9	VINAY SAI RAJ YERRAMSETTI AL 14773775 / R: Unrated-> 696P4 Q: Unrated-> 656P4	2.0	L 6 L	1 B	W	5 L	3

Final Standings: BIRMINGHAM CHALLENGE: NOVICE

#	Name	Rtnng	Post	St	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot	Prize
1	Sijing Wu	unr.	1150	AL	W8	W3	W2	W4	W5	W6	6.0	1st
2	Isaac Barnett	unr.	1150	AL	W7	W4	L1	W3	W6	W5	5.0	2nd
3	Christopher Cheng	unr.	930	AL	W6	L1	W5	L2	W7	W8	4.0	3rd
4	Bryan Zhao	unr.	930	AL	W5	L2	W6	L1	W8	W7	4.0	Gold
5	Rochelle Wu	unr.	614	AL	L4	W8	L3	W7	L1	L2	2.0	Silver
6	Tyler Graydon	unr.	614	AL	L3	W7	L4	W8	L2	L1	2.0	Silver
7	Bryanna Brown	unr.	413	AL	L2	L6	W8	L5	L3	L4	1.0	Bronze

8	Sophia Sultan	unr.	350	AL	L1	L5	L7	L6	L4	L3	0.0	Bronze
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Attendance: 39 Players (31 in Rated sections & 8 in Novice section)

USCF Rating Report:

<http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?201203178382.0>