



43rd Annual Queen of Hearts Chess Tournament Report February 7-8, 2015 AUM Taylor Center * Montgomery, AL

The Montgomery Chess Club sponsored the 43rd Annual Queen of Hearts. We had 51 rated players and 23 not rated players in attendance from 4 states.

The 2015 Queen of Hearts Open Champion is Scott Varagona of Calera, AL. He scored 4.5/5 points and clinched the first place honors – for the 7th time. The Reserve Champion is Yusuf Ziyad of Five Points, AL. Yusuf scored 4/5 points and won the trophy on Tie Breaks.

We are grateful the AUM School of Sciences and the Division of Continuing Education sponsored the Queen of Hearts tournament again this year. Their continuous support for the Montgomery Chess Club and Caesar Chess is truly appreciated.

The 2015 Queen of Hearts – Section Winners:

Open:

1st: Scott Varagona – Calera, AL - 4.5 points.

Reserve (Rating: U1600):

1st: Yusuf Ziyad - Five Points, AL – 4 points.

Om Badhe – Madison, AL – 4 points.

Premier (Rating U1200; K-12):

1st: Alex Self - Dadeville, AL – 5 points.

Novice (Not Rated; K-12):

1st: Chris Wang, Montgomery, AL – 5.5 points.

SwissSys Standings. QUEEN OF HEARTS: QoH-OPEN

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Post	St	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	TBrk[M]	Prize
1	Scott Varagona	12744446	2264	2282	AL	W23	W16	W2	D5	W6	4.5	12.5	Champion
2	Chao Zhang	15152752	2296	2297	AL	W13	W3	L1	W8	W7	4.0	14.5	
3	Gordon Randall	12862113	2045	2083	AL	W20	L2	W9	W12	W5	4.0	12	
4	Alexander C Young	12796482	1963	1971	FL	L9	W14	W20	D10	W16	3.5	9.5	
5	Rex E Blalock	11089739	2139	2140	AL	W12	W8	H---	D1	L3	3.0	14	
6	Brent H Inman	11337546	2129	2127	AL	W15	W10	H---	D7	L1	3.0	12.5	
7	Logan Wu	14635610	1956	1971	TN	D17	W19	W11	D6	L2	3.0	11.5	
8	Terrence Edinburgh	12499847	1955	1964	AL	W24	L5	W18	L2	W10	3.0	11.5	
9	Rhodes Peele	10206294	1771	1832	AL	W4	D11	L3	D14	D13	2.5	8.5	1 st U1800
10	Jonathan Raspberry	14678910	1903	1902	AL	W22	L6	W17	D4	L8	2.5	8	
11	Ronnie Nettles	10240107	2079	2049	AL	W14	D9	L7	L13	W18	2.5	7.5	
12	Arden Markin	14216687	1875	1885	AL	L5	W24	W16	L3	D15	2.5	7.5	

13	Kirk D Petty	10459681	1900	1901	AL	L2	L20	W24	W11	D9	2.5	6.5	
14	Tanish Kothapalle	14804220	1858	1857	TN	L11	L4	W22	D9	W20	2.5	6.5	
15	Tim Bond	10239974	1877	1864	AL	L6	D22	D21	W19	D12	2.5	5.5	
16	Roger D Johnson	10388139	1977	1957	AL	W21	L1	L12	W17	L4	2.0	9.5	
17	Christopher Trees	14938771	1747	1754	AL	D7	D18	L10	L16	W21	2.0	8	
18	Douglas Strout	13592632	1682	1692	AL	H---	D17	L8	W22	L11	2.0	5.5	
19	Muhammad Amin	13303960	1533	1546	FL	B---	L7	L23	L15	W24	2.0	5.5	
20	Sijing Wu	14879327	1808	1800	AL	L3	W13	L4	D21	L14	1.5	10	
21	Drew Justice	14561797	1805	1785	GA	L16	D23	D15	D20	L17	1.5	8	
22	Saumil Bansal	14284850	1672	1649	TN	L10	D15	L14	L18	B---	1.5	7	
23	Christopher Turnbow	12262700	1886	1883	MS	L1	D21	W19	U---	U---	1.5	3	
24	Rochelle Wu	14901590	1684	1640	AL	L8	L12	L13	B---	L19	1.0	6.5	

SwissSys Standings. QUEEN OF HEARTS: QoH-RESERVE

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Post	St	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	TBrk[M]	Prize
1	Yusuf A Ziyad	12520635	1488	1534	AL	W11	D5	W6	D2	W3	4.0	13.5	Co-Champion
2	Om Badhe	14958492	1444	1499	AL	W13	W9	D3	D1	W7	4.0	12.5	Co-Champion
3	Koral Wynn	12627803	1503	1512	AL	W12	W10	D2	W5	L1	3.5	13.5	
4	David Xu Luo	14940812	1560	1538	AL	D6	W7	L5	W10	W12	3.5	11	
5	Wendell Whitaker	13729200	1382	1422	AL	W8	D1	W4	L3	D6	3.0	14	
6	Dan Williams	13709281	1325	1384	AL	D4	W16	L1	W9	D5	3.0	13	
7	James Betancourt	15304992	891	1024	AL	B---	L4	W11	W12	L2	3.0	11.5	1 st U1200
8	Rhonnell Singleton	15651240	unr.	1058		L5	L11	W14	W16	W13	3.0	8	
9	Maria Armanda Blalock	14792451	1552	1504	AL	W15	L2	H---	L6	W11	2.5	6	
10	Robert Buchanan	12708796	1399	1377	AL	W14	L3	H---	L4	W15	2.5	5.5	
11	Zachary Pan Tong	15110413	1002	1032	GA	L1	W8	L7	W15	L9	2.0	9	
12	Randall Delano Tew	12808659	1063	1055	AL	L3	W14	W13	L7	L4	2.0	9	
13	Timothy Pa Staley	12625534	917	941	FL	L2	W15	L12	W14	L8	2.0	7	
14	Henry A Leslie Jr	15030706	915	864	AL	L10	L12	L8	L13	W16	1.0	7	
15	Hudson Markin	14903444	1066	1001	AL	L9	L13	W16	L11	L10	1.0	7	
16	Margen Gadd	15059537	594	573	AL	H---	L6	L15	L8	L14	0.5	5	

SwissSys Standings. QUEEN OF HEARTS: QoH-PREMIER

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Post	St	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	TBrk[M]	Prize
1	Alexander Self	14744098	1091	1163	AL	W7	W11	W3	D2	W6	4.5	12	1st
2	Cesar Juarez Jr	15119990	1027	1066	AL	W9	W5	W4	D1	L3	3.5	13.5	2nd
3	Mohak Agarwalla	14966946	1158	1151	AL	W10	W4	L1	D6	W2	3.5	13.5	3rd
4	Atindrah Harishankar	15081971	1012	1001	AL	W8	L3	L2	W7	W9	3.0	11.5	Gold
5	Dominic Self	14768665	598	691	AL	W6	L2	L7	B---	W11	3.0	9	Gold
6	Anirudh Harishankar	15081965	854	856	AL	L5	W9	W8	D3	L1	2.5	8	Silver
7	Difei Zhu	15401942	788	806	AL	L1	W10	W5	L4	D8	2.5	7.5	Silver
8	Skyler L Robinson	15374014	678	680	AL	L4	B---	L6	W11	D7	2.5	5.5	Bronze
9	Lillian Wu	15492381	727	722	TN	L2	L6	B---	W10	L4	2.0	7	
10	Miles Haughery	15341130	815	752	AL	L3	L7	W11	L9	B---	2.0	4.5	
11	Raghavan Madabushi	15400603	555	497	AL	B---	L1	L10	L8	L5	1.0	6	

SwissSys Standings. QUEEN OF HEARTS: QoH-NOVICE

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Post	St	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot	TBrk[M]	Prize
1	Christopher Wang	15267506	unr.	1150	AL	W13	W18	D8	W7	W5	W2	5.5	18.5	1st
2	Ian Kim		unr.	1150	AL	W6	W4	W11	W5	W8	L1	5.0	21.5	2nd
3	Jasmin Castillo		unr.	1111	AL	W9	W20	L5	W6	W12	W7	5.0	18	3rd
4	Alex Maynard		unr.	1042	AL	D7	L2	W21	W10	W17	W8	4.5	17.5	Gold
5	Jonathan Song		unr.	1068	AL	W21	W10	W3	L2	L1	W12	4.0	22	Gold
6	Pulak Agarwalla		unr.	936	AL	L2	W19	W15	L3	W13	W11	4.0	17.5	Gold
7	Richard Chen		unr.	937	AL	D4	W21	W17	L1	W9	L3	3.5	20.5	Silver
8	Reena Chen		unr.	946	AL	W17	W15	D1	W11	L2	L4	3.5	20	Silver
9	Zoe Markin		unr.	843	AL	L3	W13	D10	W15	L7	W14	3.5	17	Bronze
10	James Zhu		unr.	805	AL	W14	L5	D9	L4	W19	W17	3.5	16.5	Bronze
11	Dakota Gorum		unr.	763	AL	W23	W12	L2	L8	W18	L6	3.0	12.5	
12	Joshua Ledlow		unr.	715	AL	W22	L11	W18	W14	L3	L5	3.0	12	
13	Eric Keith		unr.	675	AL	L1	L9	B---	W16	L6	W18	3.0	11.5	
14	John Andrews		unr.	557	AL	L10	W23	W20	L12	D15	L9	2.5	12	
15	Derrick Thomas		unr.	568	AL	B---	L8	L6	L9	D14	W20	2.5	11	
16	Tiye Ziyad		unr.	377	AL	L18	L17	W19	L13	D20	B---	2.5	7	
17	Aliyah Walker		unr.	610	AL	L8	W16	L7	W20	L4	L10	2.0	14	
18	Christopher Cain		unr.	512	AL	W16	L1	L12	W21	L11	L13	2.0	11	

19	Sydnee Williams		unr.	350	AL	L20	L6	L16	B---	L10	W21	2.0	7.5	
20	Matthew Lee		unr.	358	GA	W19	L3	L14	L17	D16	L15	1.5	10	
21	Jailyn Riley		unr.	350	AL	L5	L7	L4	L18	B---	L19	1.0	11	
22	Miles McCollum		unr.	350	AL	L12	B---	U---	U---	U---	U---	1.0	0	
23	Adrieana Hornbuckle		unr.	350	AL	L11	L14	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0	2.5	

Chief Tournament Director: Caesar Lawrence

Assistant Tournament Director: Doug Strout

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Attendance: 74 Players (51 in the Rated Sections and 23 in the Not Rated Section)

USCF Rating Report: <http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?201502087722>