



Birmingham Challenge

Chess Tournament Report

September 24, 2016

Asbury UMC * Birmingham, AL 35242

The **2016 Birmingham Challenge** was held at Asbury UMC. We had 56 players from three (3) states to participate in the tournament.

The **2016 Birmingham Challenge** top winners:

Premiere (1600+) Champion

Stephen Graveling, Odenville, AL – 3.5 points

Reserve (U1600) Champion

Christian Friedman, Piedmont, AL – 4 points

Rook (K-12) Champion

Joseph Graveling, Odenville, AL – 4 points

Chris Wang, Montgomery, AL – 4 points

Novice (K-12; Not Rated) Champion

SreeKrishna Chintareddy, Hoover, AL – 5 points

Abigail Graveling, Odenville, AL – 5 points

SwissSys Standings. BIRMINGHAM CHALLENGE: PREMIERE

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot	Prize
1	1	STEPHEN GRAVELING	2077	2109	W14	W8	D5	W6	3.5	125.00/1st
2	2-4	TEJAS VINA THORAT	2108	2111	L8	W14	W7	W5	3.0	60
3		ROCHELLE WU	1946	1968	W11	W13	L6	W8	3.0	60
4		PRESTON LEE	1945	1952	L13	W18	W17	W9	3.0	60
5	5-7	SIJING WU	2086	2087	W9	W17	D1	L2	2.5	
6		JONATHAN RASBERRY	2124	2114	D12	W15	W3	L1	2.5	
7		ROGER DEA JOHNSON	1946	1949	D18	W12	L2	W13	2.5	
8	8-11	SPENCER LEE	1884	1899	W2	L1	W13	L3	2.0	
9		DREW JUSTICE	1859	1866	L5	W16	W10	L4	2.0	
10		TIM BOND	1902	1887	L15	W11	L9	W12	2.0	
11		JAY MITCHELL	1752	1763	L3	L10	W16	W18	2.0	50.00
12	12	KIRK D PETTY	1900	1887	D6	L7	W15	L10	1.5	
13	13-17	OM BADHE	1740	1741	W4	L3	L8	L7	1.0	
14		VIGNESH SEKAR	1784	1789	L1	L2	W18	U---	1.0	
15		JAYASHREE SEKAR	1649	1675	W10	L6	L12	U---	1.0	

16		MOHAK AGARWALLA	1723	1689	L17	L9	L11	B---	1.0	
17		CHRISTOPHER TREES	1911	1897	W16	L5	L4	U---	1.0	
18	18	DOUGLAS STROUT	1766	1735	D7	L4	L14	L11	0.5	

SwissSys Standings. BIRMINGHAM CHALLENGE: RESERVE

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot	Prize
1	1	CHRISTIAN FRIEDMAN	1558	1650	W12	W4	W8	W2	4.0	110.00/1st
2	2-3	AARON DECORD	1518	1551	W17	W3	W5	L1	3.0	50.00
3		DAN WILLIAMS	1385	1423	W13	L2	W16	W8	3.0	50.00
4	4-7	ZACHARY SNOW II	1414	1433	W10	L1	D6	W12	2.5	
5		JAY-E SHEPHERD II	1533	1526	W7	D6	L2	W14	2.5	
6		ESTHER GRAVELING	1496	1481	X18	D5	D4	D7	2.5	
7		NITIN BADHE	1140	1252	L5	W15	W9	D6	2.5	75.00
8	8-11	SARVAGNA VELIDANDLA	1513	1490	W16	W9	L1	L3	2.0	
9		ETHAN JOSIA SMITH	1411	1372	W11	L8	L7	W13	2.0	
10		RAHUL BODDUPALLI	1020	1101	L4	W17	L12	W16	2.0	
11		JOSHUA SHEPHERD	1020	1022	L9	L16	B---	W17	2.0	
12	12-15	DIFEI ZHU	1339	1324	L1	D14	W10	L4	1.5	
13		BENJAMIN KENNEDY	991	1002	L3	B---	D14	L9	1.5	25.00
14		WENDELL WHITAKER	1381	1330	D15	D12	D13	L5	1.5	
15		BM Bertin Margarito	unr.	943	D14	L7	L17	B---	1.5	25.00
16	16-17	KRISHIN YERABOLU	1111	1092	L8	W11	L3	L10	1.0	
17		RALPH STRAWN	1112	1065	L2	L10	W15	L11	1.0	
18	18	EDWARD A PANICO	1061	1061	F6	U---	U---	U---	0.0	

SwissSys Standings. BIRMINGHAM CHALLENGE: ROOK

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	Prize
1	1-2	JOSEPH GRAVELING	935	978	W8	L9	W6	W10	W5	4.0	1st
2		CHRISTOPHER WANG	862	866	L9	W13	W7	W11	W10	4.0	2nd
3	3-4	HAYDEN KY HARDING	999	1000	W7	L10	W9	W5	D4	3.5	3rd
4		RAGHAVAN MADABUSHI	923	928	W12	L5	W13	W9	D3	3.5	Gold
5	5-6	KAPIL NATHAN	1104	1067	W6	W4	W10	L3	L1	3.0	Silver
6		DANIEL KINGS	710	733	L5	W12	L1	W13	W11	3.0	Bronze

7	7-8	MICHAEL KENNEDY	623	625	L3	D8	L2	W12	B---	2.5	
8		ADAM KINGS	608	602	L1	D7	L11	B---	W9	2.5	
9	9-12	RAJ PATEL	562	676	W2	W1	L3	L4	L8	2.0	
10		NIKHITA CHINTAREDDY	843	835	W11	W3	L5	L1	L2	2.0	
11		LUKE ALEXA STROLE	543	544	L10	B---	W8	L2	L6	2.0	
12		JALENA SHEPHERD	585	542	L4	L6	B---	L7	W13	2.0	
13	13	JAMES GARY ZHU	310	286	B---	L2	L4	L6	L12	1.0	

SwissSys Standings. BIRMINGHAM CHALLENGE: NOVICE

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot	Prize
1	1-2	SreeKrishna Chintareddy	unr.	1050	W6	W4	W3	W5	L2	W7	5.0	1st
2		ABIGAIL GRAVELING	unr.	1043	W8	L3	W6	W7	W1	W4	5.0	2nd
3	3	Gage Montgomery	unr.	916	W5	W2	L1	W6	L4	W8	4.0	3rd
4	4-5	Krish Nathan	unr.	763	W7	L1	L5	W8	W3	L2	3.0	Gold
5		Cody Curl	unr.	712	L3	W8	W4	L1	L7	W6	3.0	Silver
6	6	Jeffery Green	unr.	626	L1	W7	L2	L3	W8	L5	2.0	Silver
7	7-8	Luke Emiliano	unr.	441	L4	L6	L8	L2	W5	L1	1.0	Bronze
8		William Zou	unr.	441	L2	L5	W7	L4	L6	L3	1.0	Bronze

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Attendance: 56 Players (48 in Rated sections and 8 in Not Rated section)

USCF Rating Report: <http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?201609245682>