

Tom Nard Memorial II

February 27, 2016

The second edition of the Tom Nard Memorial saw twenty players gather at Evangel Church in Montgomery. The tournament was directed by Doug Strout. The four-round tournament was played at a time control of 45 minutes + 10 second increment per move.

The tournament was played in three sections: Open, U1800, and U1200. Competition was close throughout, as only one player finished above 3.0/4.

Stephen Graveling and William Blackman (3.0/4) shared the top spot in the Open section, with Sijing Wu (2.5/4) taking the U2000 prize in that section. Sijing also made Expert (2000 rating) at the event.

The U1800 section ended in a three-way tie at 2.5/4 between co-champions Wendell Whitaker, Esther Graveling, and Jay-El Shepherd. Esther had been competing at Evangel at the U1200 level and had a successful debut at the U1800 level.

Atindrah Harishankar swept the U1200 section with 4.0/4. Arthur Leslie, Bryce Prater, and Randall Tew finished in a three-way tie for second at 2.0/4.

Kathryn Nard addressed the players to thank them for playing and to describe Tom's love for chess. Kathryn also designed "Tom Nard Memorial" t-shirts to commemorate the event.

Thanks to all the players for supporting the Tom Nard Memorial.