

Tom Nard Memorial IV

The Tom Nard Memorial IV chess tournament was held on February 24, 2018, at Evangel Church in Montgomery. 35 players competed in three sections, and the tournament was directed by Doug Strout.

This was the fourth iteration of a tournament to honor Tom Nard, a good friend and, in his heyday, one of Montgomery's best at the chessboard.

Four rounds of competition at a time control of Game/45 with 10-second increment resulted in very competitive chess, with NO players in ANY section finishing with a perfect 4.0/4.

Thanks to all the players for supporting the event, and congratulations to the winners:

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Champions: (3.0 points) Scott Varagona, Stephen Graveling, Jeff Tobin and Aaron DeCord

U1800

Champions: (3.5 points) Joel Friedman and Esther Graveling

U1500 winner: (3.0 points) Jack Lyons

U1200

Champions: (3.5 points) Joseph Graveling and Raghavan Madabushi

U1000 winners: (2.0 points) Asher Hagler, Willie Hosford, and Larisa Friedman

(Yeah, the Gravelings and the Friedmans had a really nice day.)

Evangel Chess Club has been awarded the bid to host the 2018 Alabama Dual-Rated State Chess Championship. That championship will be held on July 21 at Evangel Church.