



4th Annual
 Birmingham Classic
 Chess Tournament Report
 July 9, 2011

WaterMark Place Mall * Bessemer, AL

The 4th Annual Birmingham Classic was held at a new site – WaterMark Place Mall. Scott Varagona defended his title and enhances his illustrious chess career. We had 45 players from four (4) states to participate this year.

We want to say “Thanks” to Mr. Charles Smith (MCCU) for assisting us, to host the Birmingham Classic at WaterMark Place. The players had a great time playing chess, meeting and greeting friends.

On July 30th, we will be playing chess at the 2nd Annual **Huntsville Classic** tournament. The host site will be the University of Alabama – Huntsville (University Center). For more information about tournaments, classes and/or camps – search your local newspapers for chess. Also, you can send an email to Caesar Lawrence at CaesarChess@yahoo.com.

The 2011 Birmingham Classic Top Winners:

Open (Rated) Champion: Scott Varagona, Hoover – 3.5 points

Reserve (Rated) Champion: Thomas Gilbreath, Tuscaloosa – 3.5 points

Rook (K-12; Rated) Champion: Samson Sands, Magic City Chess U – 4.5 points

Knight (K-6; Rated) Champion: Logan Mercer, Advent Chess Club – 5 points

Novice (K-8; Not Rated) Champion: Neil Furman, Caesar Chess – 5 points

The 2011 Birmingham Classic – Open Final Standings:

USCF ID	PAIR	NAME	PRE	POST	ST	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
12744446	1	VARAGONA, SCOTT	2158	2162	AL	W--7	W--4	W--2	D--6	3.5
12857774	2	STEVENSON, WILL T	2151	2148	AL	W--8	W--3	L--1	W--11	3.0
10388139	3	JOHNSON, ROGER D	1900	1906	AL	W--9	L--2	W--5	U--0	2.0
11264999	4	STORY, JEFF S	1777	1787	AL	W--10	L--1	D--11	W--5	2.5
12547212	5	CARRIDO, JOHNNY B	1743	1736	CA	D--11	W--6	L--3	L--4	1.5
12188340	6	THOMAS, MATTHEW	1691	1717	AL	W--12	L--5	W--7	D--1	2.5
12229040	7	ALFORD, PAT R	1665	1646	AL	L--1	W--10	L--6	L--9	1.0
12586686	8	STORY, ORVILLE	1662	1669	AL	L--2	L--11	W--9	W--12	2.0
13592632	9	STROUT, DOUGLAS	1626	1635	AL	L--3	W--12	L--8	W--7	2.0
11378501	10	BOLDEN, JOHN L	1600	1560	AL	L--4	L--7	L--12	U--0	0.0
12606349	11	KIRBY, KEN	1630	1667	AL	D--5	W--8	D--4	L--2	2.0
12651661	12	BLANKENSHIP, JERRY	1542P	1525P	AL	L--6	L--9	W--10	L--8	1.0

The 2011 Birmingham Classic – Reserve Final Standings:

USCF ID	PAIR	NAME	PRE	POST	ST	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
12403662	1	KING, JAMES J	1478	1459	AL	L--7	W--13	W--8	D--6	2.5
13943832	2	MAJUMDAR, PROKKAW	1382	1313	LA	L--8	L--10	W--13	L--4	1.0
12646644	3	ROBINSON, KEITH O	1337	1359	GA	W--9	L--6	W--12	W--5	3.0
13997321	4	SHI, JOSEPH M	1320	1327	AL	W--10	L--8	D--9	W--2	2.5
14023818	5	JIAO, KENNETH	1370	1350	AL	W--11	W--7	L--6	L--3	2.0
12621562	6	GILBREATH, THOMAS	1301	1396	AL	W--12	W--3	W--5	D--1	3.5
12526224	7	RIEVES, ROBERT M	1268	1280	AL	W--1	L--5	D--10	U--0	1.5
14101430	8	SHIPMAN, NA'TAN	1256	1322	AL	W--2	W--4	L--1	F--0	2.0
13897062	9	ZHOU, CHENG	1194	1198	AL	L--3	W--11	D--4	X--0	2.5
14565084	10	CARROLL, ANTHONY	1084	1198	AL	L--4	W--2	D--7	W--11	2.5

14400032	11	GADHIA, DHRUVAL	977	949	AL	L---5	L---9	B---0	L--10	1.0
14477561	12	MCPAHAN, BRANDON	706	736	AL	L---6	B---0	L---3	W--13	2.0
12875250	13	STUTTS, ROSE MARIE	658	632	AL	B---0	L---1	L---2	L--12	1.0

The 2011 Birmingham Classic – Rook (K-12) Final Standings:

USCF ID	PAIR	NAME	PRE	POST	ST	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
14547360	1	SANDS, SAMSON	1223	1190	AL	W---4	W---4	W---3	W---3	L---2	D---2	4.5
14611126	2	THOMAS, ADAM	930P	922P	AL	D---3	L---3	L---4	W---4	W---1	D---1	3.0
14678910	3	RASBERRY, JONATHAN	892P	923P	AL	D---2	W---2	L---1	L---1	W---4	W---4	3.5
14678973	4	WADE, NATHANIEL G	447P	457P	AL	L---1	L---1	W---2	L---2	L---3	L---3	1.0

The 2011 Birmingham Classic – Knight (K-6) Final Standings:

USCF ID	PAIR	NAME	PRE	POST	ST	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
13948871	1	MERCER, LOGAN	1217	1240	AL	W---6	W---4	W---2	W---3	W---7	5.0
13614880	2	LAWRENCE, JOHN	1032	1037	AL	W---7	W---3	L---1	W---8	W--10	4.0
14558348	3	YANG, SIMON	823	822	AL	W---8	L---2	W---6	L---1	W---9	3.0
13948886	4	MARKERT, JACK	772	785	AL	W--10	L---1	W---9	W---7	W---5	4.0
14468484	5	WANG, YIHE "VINCENT"	466P	318P	AL	L---9	L---8	L--10	L---6	L---4	0.0
14534577	6	MURGULET, IOANA	442P	448P	AL	L---1	W--10	L---3	W---5	L---8	2.0
14661726	7	SCHOWALTER, JONATHAN	421P	505P	LA	L---2	W---9	W---8	L---4	L---1	2.0
14608405	8	WATKINS, JAMES W	331P	523P	AL	L---3	W---5	W---7	L---2	W---6	3.0
14659548	9	MARKERT, HOOPER	182P	269P	AL	W---5	L---7	L---4	W--10	L---3	2.0
14262603	10	BRIDGES, ANDRINA	269	252	TN	L---4	L---6	W---5	L---9	L---2	1.0

The 2011 Birmingham Classic – Novice (K-8) Final Standings:

PAIR	NAME	ST	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
1	NEIL FURMAN	AL	W---2	W---4	W---3	W---5	W---6	5.0
2	JALEN CHAPMAN	AL	L---1	L---6	L---4	D---3	W---5	1.5
3	A J SANDS	AL	W---6	D---5	L---1	D---2	D---4	2.5
4	DALTON FINDLEY	AL	W---5	L---1	W---2	W---6	D---3	3.5
5	BROOKS LOVOY	AL	L---4	D---3	L---6	L---1	L---2	0.5
6	JORDAN CHAPMAN	AL	L---3	W---2	W---5	L---4	L---1	2.0

Chief Tournament Director: **Caesar Lawrence**

Assistant Tournament Directors: **Doug Strout and Marie Stutts**

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Attendance: 45 Players

USCF Rating Report: <http://main.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?201107095121.0>