



4th Annual
Magic City Classic
Chess Tournament Report
17 DEC 2011

Birmingham Bridge Club * Vestavia Hills, AL

Alabama, we have a new Magic City Classic champion. Roger Johnson, a Helena resident, played great chess and won with a perfect score. The Reserve section was won by James Higgins of Carrollton, GA. And, the Premier section was won by Eric Wang - a Vestavia Hills resident.

We want to say "Thanks" to the Birmingham Bridge Club (Sandy Smith – Manager and Mike DeVivo) for providing us with a good playing site and great hospitality. We truly appreciate their support of our efforts to promote chess in the metro Birmingham area.

In January, we'll start the Scholastic Chess season with the MLK Scholastic III. For more information about upcoming chess tournaments in Birmingham, email CaesarChess@yahoo.com or visit www.AlabamaChess.com - click on Calendar.

2011 Magic City Classic Winners:

Open (Rating: 1500+):

- 1st: Roger Johnson, Helena, AL – 4 points.
- 2nd: Corry Marsh, Louisville, TN – 3 points.
- 3rd: Tim Bond, Enterprise, AL – 2.5 points
- Saithanusri Avirneni, Atlanta, GA – 2.5 points
- Kenneth Jiao, Birmingham, AL – 2.5 points
- David Kwong, Birmingham, AL – 2.5 points.

Reserve (Rating: U1500):

- 1st: James Higgins, Carrollton, GA – 4 points.
- 2nd: Hunter Marsh, Louisville, TN – 3 points
- Cheng Zhou, Madison, AL – 3 points.
- U1000: Aaron Darling, Dothan, AL – 1.5 points.

Premier (Scholastic: K-12):

- 1st: Eric Wang, Vestavia Hills, AL – 5 points.
- 2nd: Jonathan Rasberry, Birmingham, AL – 3.5 points.
- 3rd: Eric He, Vestavia Hills, AL – 3 points.
- 4th: Sameer Sultan, Birmingham, AL – 2.5 points.
- 5th: David Fox, Birmingham, AL – 2 points.
- 6th: Harvey He, Vestavia Hills, AL – 2 points.

Chief Tournament Director: Caesar Lawrence

Assistant Tournament Director: Doug Strout and Mark Stribling

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Attendance: 37 Players (Open -15, Reserve – 14; Scholastic - 8)

USCF Rating Report – <http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtbIMain.php?201112171351.0>