



39<sup>th</sup> Queen of Hearts  
Chess Tournament Report  
February 19-20, 2011  
AUM Taylor Center \* Montgomery, AL

The Montgomery Chess Club sponsored the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Queen of Hearts (QoH). This year, the tournament featured 61 rated players – representing 6 states. In the Not Rated Scholastic sections, 17 beginner chess students participated.

The 2011 Queen of Hearts Open champion is Wayne Christensen of Simpsonville, SC. He scored 4.5/5 points and clinched the first place honors. The Reserve section winner is Dr. James Westberry of Montgomery, AL. James also scored 4.5 points.

We are grateful that Dr. Karen Stine (Dean, School of Sciences) and the AUM Division of Continuing Education co-sponsored the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Queen of Hearts again this year. Their continuous support for the Montgomery Chess Club has allowed us to make the QoH the second biggest chess tournament in Alabama.

The 2011 Queen of Hearts Final Standings:

Open (Rating 1500+ & UNR):

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Wayne Christensen (SC) – 4.5 points.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: James Richardson, Montgomery, AL – 4 points  
James Linholm, Birmingham, AL – 4 points.
- U2000: Mark Liatti, Auburn, AL – 3.5 points  
Stephen Adams, Birmingham, AL – 3.5 points.
- U1800: Benjamin Levine, Memphis, TN – 3 points  
Adam Shaw, Grovetown, GA – 3 points  
Jerome Flowers, Ashland, AL – 3 points,  
Steven Cullifer, Jr, Tallahassee, FL – 3 points.

Reserve (Rating: U1499):

- 1<sup>st</sup>: James Westberry, Montgomery, AL – 4.5 points.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Prashant Sharma, Foley, AL – 4 points  
Don Halimunanda, Mobile, AL – 4 points  
Alex Szasz, Pelham, AL – 4 points.

Premier (Rating U1200; K-12):

- 1<sup>st</sup>: John Lawrence, Birmingham, AL – 4 points.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Logan Mercer, Birmingham, AL – 3.5 points.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Jaemin Ashley, Montgomery, AL – 2.5 points.
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Wyatt Farace, Montgomery, AL – 0 points.

Novice (Not Rated; K-8):

- 1<sup>st</sup>: David Kim, Forest Avenue CC - Montgomery, AL – 5 points.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: James Patterson, Evangel CC - Montgomery, AL – 4 points.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: James Shi, Magic City Chess U - Birmingham, AL – 3.5 points.
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Jacob Messina, Forest Avenue CC - Montgomery, AL – 3.5 points.

5<sup>th</sup>: Juna Kim, Forest Avenue CC - Montgomery, AL – 3 points.  
6<sup>th</sup>: Martha Yin, Forest Avenue CC - Montgomery, AL – 3 points.

Chief Tournament Director: Caesar Lawrence

Assistant Tournament Director: Doug Strout

Sponsor: Montgomery Chess Club and AUM Division of Continuing Education

Attendance: 78 Players (61 in Rated Sections and 17 in Not Rated Section)

USCF Rating Report:

<http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?201102206061.0>