

Chess At The Park Report

(12-11-21 Greenville, SC – Matthew Leys, Gene Nix)

Thanks to all who made today's event at Hampton Park Christian School such a great event, esp. our favorite local tournament director, Ernest Nix, and the HPCS coordinator, Michelle Schley, accompanied by her great team of volunteers.

We had a total of 60 participants from as far north as Virginia, and as far south as Charleston. There were some nail-biting finishes, the occasional facepalm after a blunder, but it all finished out with plenty of ear-to-ear smiles as medallions and trophies were distributed to the worthy winners! See below for the top six placings in each section.

K-12/Open

1. Callum Leys 3.5 pts
2. Aiden Costanzo 3.0 pts
3. Shamyn Stanley 3.0 pts
4. Bradon Schley 3.0 pts
5. Alex Fyock 3.0 pts
6. Henry Zgonc 3.0 pts

K-8/U1000

1. Ritika Sanghani 3.5 pts
2. Manuel Hoffmann 3.0 pts
3. Charlotte Leys 3.0 pts
4. Aaryav Saha 2.0 pts
5. Coleman Worrall 2.0 pts
6. Spencer Burke 2.0 pts
7. Eliana Schley, 2.0 pts

K-6/U800

1. Tanay Sanghani 4.0 pts
2. Arvin Gummeneni 3.0 pts
3. Clara Hubbell 3.0 pts
4. Austyn Lynch 2.0 pts
5. Aadya Gowdra 2.0 pts
6. Colton Henderson 2.0 pts
7. Adalyn Schley, 2.0 pts

K-3/U600

1. Raahithya Shaiva 4.0 pts
2. Micah Poston 3.0 pts
3. Titus Heindl 3.0 pts
4. Elijah Heindl 3.0 pts

5. Charlie Jordan 2.0 pts
6. Ashlyn Costanzo 2.0 pts

Beginners, Non-Rated

1. Aiden Clark 4.0 pts
2. Kevin Dou 3.0 pts
3. Joy Dodd 3.0 pts
4. Richard Silas 2.5 pts
5. Nathaniel Blakely 2.5 pts
6. Ann Zgonc 2.0 pts
7. Jason Rodreguez, 2.0pts
8. Quincy Mitchell, 2.0 pts
9. Sullivan Carr, 2.0 pts

From Gene: Big huge thanks go to Michelle Schley and to Matthew Leys for organizing and publicizing this wonderful event, and to USCF certified Tournament Directors Matthew Leys, Will Brown, Vic Iorga for leading and/or assisting in the various sections, and to Ms. Vidya Samachi for her work as score-keeper! Chess Dads Rick Hubbell and Tim Zgonc helped to keep order among the younger players, and Matthew Schley was in charge of video recording. Volunteers with Hampton Park Christian School's Honor Society set up the playing hall operated the concessions stand. Tessa Bonnema with the Honor Society wiped down sets and clocks between rounds. And thank you especially to the Hampton Park Christian School administration for the use of their wonderful venue!