

January 2017

The January Kings & Queens tournament was a lot of fun, thanks to the hard work of Retinna Bell and the other VCS volunteers.

Top Team was the OSH K-12 players. This was the first time that a K-12 team took home the Traveling Pawn.

Andrew Lamoureux also broke new ground with our digital display board, uploading games to Chess24.com . SCSC became the first scholastic organization in the Country to broadcast games live for all the world to see. Thanks also to Matt Cobb for recording all of the game results.

The next league tournament will be February 25 at Temple Israel.

Yours in chess,

Chris Bortzner



February 2017

The February Queen of Hearts tournament at Temple Israel was a big success!

Instead of a flood of new players, this month we saw the return of several strong players from the past. It may have been our strongest tournament ever!

We also allowed everyone the opportunity to have their game broadcast, picking a board at random each round. Next month we should be able to double that number with our second digital board, thanks to Andrew Lamoureux's expertise.

Thanks to Bobby Saraka, a SCSC alumni who worked as an assistant TD. Thanks also to Matt Cobb for manning the scoring table all day and taking the awards photos.

Freedom 7 was the Top Team and taking home the Traveling Pawn this month.



Our next tournament will also be back at Temple Israel on March 25.

Yours in chess,

Chris Bortzner

March 2017



The March tournament at Temple Israel was a big success, with 88 students competing in five sections.

Congratulations to everyone who participated. The Section winners were; Vincent Stone (SM), Surina Venkat (SE), George Rhoton (K6), John Nipar (K3), and Maleyna Ward (K1).

The Top Team was Indialantic, which took home the Traveling Pawn.

In addition to the great support from the Temple, Andrew Lamoureux kept both digital chess boards going each round, and Matt Cobb recorded all of the results and took the Awards photos.

Thanks also to Sajan Gutta for being the Assistant TD, and to Evan Cobb for assembling the trophies and handing them out.

The next Tournament will be April 22 at the Holy Trinity lower Campus on Strawbridge Ave in Melbourne. See you there!

Yours in chess,

Chris Bortzner



April 2017

The Brevard County Scholastic Chess Championship was a big success, thanks to Keena Schwinn and the parent volunteers of Holy Trinity Academy, who once again provided a wonderful tournament site for the both students and parents.

Thanks also to Matt Cobb who manned the results table all day and took the awards photos, and to Evan Cobb for assembling the trophies.

Our 2017 Brevard County Champions are; Vincent Stone (SM), Frankie Campana (SE), Caleb Sayres (K12), Danny Ward (K6), Kirin Reiter (K3), and Ethan Boniello (K1).

The winner of the Traveling Pawn for April was Holy Trinity Academy.



The next (and final) tournament of this school year will be the Grand Prix , on May 6 at Viera Charter School, where after the tournament awards ceremony we will present the Grand Prix trophies for cumulative score throughout the year.

Yours in chess,

Chris Bortzner

May 2017

The league concluded another exciting year with our Grand Prix tournament at Viera Charter School, thanks to the help of Retinna Bell and the parent volunteers at VCS.

Thanks also to Matt Cobb who manned the scoring table all year, and to Andrew Lamoureux who operated the digital playing boards, and to Elfi Ousley for maintaining the website throughout the year.

The section winners were; Kavish Patel (K1), John Nipar (K3), Michael Uhlig (K6), Ethan Chapman (K12), Griffin Cobb (Scholastic Experts), and Vincent Stone (Scholastic Masters). Gemini won the Traveling Pawn.

After the tournament awards, we presented the Grand Prix awards, for cumulative points won during the season. The yearend winners were; Ethan Boniello (K1), Varun Sriramineni (K3), Vaibhav Sriramineni (K6), Ethan Chapman (K12), Sam Matini (Scholastic Experts), and Vincent Stone (Scholastic Masters). Vincent also won Player of the Year. The Traveling Pawn was won the most times this year and becomes the property of Freedom 7.

Thanks again to everyone who participated in another great year of Brevard County Scholastic Chess, and we will see you again in the Fall!

Yours in chess,

Chris Bortzner

