

## March 2016

The March Mayhem event, held at Indialantic Elementary school, was our biggest March chess tournament ever, thanks to the 125 students who participated! Surprises and upsets were the order of the day, as players from the past returned, and new players rose to the top. Section winners were: **Andy Yang (SM)**, **Vincent Stone (SE)**, **Cameron Foles (K12)**, **Zach Frizzell (K6)**, **Elek Lamoureux (K3)**, and **Varun Sriramineni (K1)**. The Traveling Pawn was won by **Our School House**. Special thanks go out to **Eric Cooper** for arranging the site, **Matt Cobb** for taking the pictures, and the Indialantic parents for providing the concessions. The next tournament, the **Brevard County Championship**, will be April 9th at Holy Trinity (lower campus).



# April 2016

The Chess tournament at **Holy Trinity** was our biggest April event ever, with 137 players competing for titles and trophies.

Congratulations to our 2016 Brevard County Champions; **Ethan Boniello (K1)**, **Vikram Sabapathy (K3)**, **Noah Boniello (K6)**, **Arad Moghadam (K12)**, **Vincent Stone (SE)**, and **Timmy Mayes (SM)**. The **Traveling Pawn** went to the home team, **Holy Trinity**.

Thank you to **Keena Schwinn** and everyone else at HTA who did a great job hosting the event, and to **Matt Cobb** who did the results table and took the trophy pictures.

The next tournament will be the last of this school year; the **Grand Prix**. This will be held on May 7th at **Melbourne Central Catholic**. After the tournament there will be a double trophy ceremony, where we will recognize both the tournament winners and the top performers for the year.



# May 2016

The **Grand Prix** tournament at **Melbourne Central Catholic High School** was a successful end to our biggest year ever. Congratulations to our tournament winners; **Varun Sriramineni** (K1), **Pacey Qi** (K3), **Anthony Qi** (K6), **Owen Deao** (K12), **Aditya Anil** (SE), and **Andy Yang** (SM). Top Team was **Viera Charter School**, which won the **Traveling Pawn** for the fifth time this year and took it home for good. The **GP Top Prizes** for cumulative score went to **Kenji Blakeley** (K1), **Roshan Anil** (K3), **Noah Boniello** (K6), **Cameron Foles** (K12), **Cyrus Matini** (SE), and **Priya Gutta** (SM). Congratulations for their dedication and consistent performance throughout the year. Special awards were given to **Kenji**, **Michael Yang**, and **Elek Lamoureux** for Good Sportsmanship, **Jagger Smith** for Chess Spirit, and **Vincent Stone** as Player of the Year.

Thank you to **Jim Ziarno** and the volunteers at **MCC** who did a great job providing a beautiful site for the tournament. Thanks also to **Matt Cobb** who worked the score table and took the pictures, and to the Assistant Tournament Directors; **Nick Moore**, **Jalen Woods**, and **Sajan Gutta**. Special thanks to **Larry Herman** who made and served the amazing Chess Cake, to **GM Lars Bo Hansen** who spoke with our students between rounds, and **Elfi Ousley** who worked behind the scenes all year keeping us informed and on schedule.



September 2016



The Space Coast Scholastic Chess League begins its 18th season with the Fall Fracas tournament, on September 24th, at Southwest Middle School. Students from Brevard County (and outside the area) are welcome to play, competing as individuals and with their school mates as a team.

This year I want to increase participation from larger families, by reducing the fee for siblings to \$10. This should increase the number of players and reduce the financial burden of having multiple players. Although the entry fee for one student will increase slightly (from \$15 to \$20), The total cost will be the same for two students, and less than previous for three or more children from a family. We will continue the tradition of waiving the entry fee for first time Brevard County players.

We will continue to have a "Scholastic Experts" section for players rated 1000-1399, and a Scholastic Masters section returns for players rated 1400-1800. The final tournament of the year (Grand Prix) will award cumulative score as well as other worthy achievements.

The Traveling Pawn will continue to be awarded to the Top Team each month, and the permanent property of the school that wins it the most times during the year.

I am excited to return as the Tournament Director, and welcome the assistance of any parents (and students) who want to help make this year the best yet.

I look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Yours in chess,

Chris Bortzner



October 2016

The Fall Fracas tournament was a terrific start to the scholastic chess season.

All sections were very competitive and 17 new players participated. Freedom 7 was the Top Team, taking home the Traveling Pawn this month.

A big thank you to Keith Merrell and the rest of the crew at Southwest Middle School for hosting and making it such a good tournament.

Thanks also to Matt Cobb for manning the results table all day and then taking the trophy pictures.

The next tournament will be October 22 at Pineapple Cove Classical Academy. See you all there!

Yours in chess,

Chris Bortzner



# November 2016

The October Brouhaha was a big success, with 19 new players joining the fun!

Top Team was once again Freedom 7, which brought home the Traveling Pawn for the second month in a row.

Thank you to Matt and Jenna Cobb, and everyone else at Pineapple Cove for doing such a great job hosting the tournament. It was a terrific event at a beautiful school. Thanks also to Andrew Lamoureux and Matt for displaying the top board games for all to see. That was very impressive, and hopefully something that will be repeated.

The next tournament will be the Turkey Bash, November 19th at LifePoint Church in Palm Bay.

Yours in chess,

Chris Bortzner



December 2016

The Turkey Bash was a great success, with nearly 100 students participating, including 17 new players. Top team was Gemini, which will keep the Traveling Pawn until January.

Big thanks to Carrie Cronkhite and everyone at OSH for hosting, and Lifepoint Church for allowing us to hold our event at their beautiful facility. That was a great site for a tournament and we certainly hope to return.

Thanks also to Matt Cobb for the trophy pictures and for manning the results table all day. The next tournament will be January 21 at Viera Charter School.

Yours in chess,

Chris Bortzner

