

2014 Kansas Open Report

The 2014 Kansas Open was held July 18- 20, 2014 at the Holiday Inn at 87th and Reeder in Overland Park, KS. The event was well attended. I was the organizer receiving entries and answering questions and Brian Yang and CJ Armenta were tournament directors, CJ mainly assisting.

The **Bughouse event** was held first at 4 pm on Friday the 18. There were 8 teams. They played 4 rounds of 2 games each round. Final standings were

1. Zapata Hincapie-Patel 8.0 (out of 8 possible)
2. Dutiel-Gradsky 6.0
3. Schuh-Albright 4.0
4. Surish-Fitzpatrick 4.0
5. Brown-Brown 4.0
6. Nimkar-Mishra 3.0
7. Splitter-Splitter 2.0
8. Lee-Glashausser 1.0

The winners were the team of John Alexander Zapata Hincapie and Advait Patel (one from Oklahoma and the other from West Virginia). Pictured below-



The **Blitz** was a five round event with game in 10 minutes and no time delay. Abhishek Mallela from Missouri won with 4.5 points out of 5 upsetting top rated Michael Brooks in the third round. Michael Brooks and Michael Parkerson finished tied for 2nd and 3rd with 4.0 points. The top Kansas player and the new Kansas Blitz champion was Jason Wawrzaszek with 3.0 points. He won on tie breaks over several Kansas players who all finished with 3.0 points. The Blitz tourney had 28 players, most from Kansas, but also 8 Missouri, 1 Iowa, 1 West Virginia, and 1 Oklahoma player entered.

There were scholastic prizes for Kansas players as part of the Blitz. Winning plaques were first place William Brown, second place Apramay Mishra, and third place Azeem Currah with 2.5, 2.0, and 1.0 points respectively.



Jason Wawrzaszek (highest finishing Kansas player in Blitz by tie breaks)

The main events took place July 19 and 20. There were two sections: Open (open to all players) and Reserve (open only to those rated either rated under 1800 or unrated).

The **Open section** with 35 players was won by Michael Brooks from Missouri with 4.5 points out 5 possible (4 wins and 1 draw). Finishing in 2nd place by himself was Oklahoma player John Alexander Zapata Hincapie with 4.0 points (3 wins and 2 draws). Then there was a log jam of six players at 3.5 points. Winning the Class A prize was Missouri player David Scott. The new Kansas champion by tie breaks, also at 3.5 points, is Joey Kelly.

Most players in the Open section were from Kansas, but out of 35 players there were players from other states: 9 Missouri, 4 Oklahoma, 3 Nebraska, 1 West Virginia, 1 Tennessee, and 1 Wisconsin.



Open section winner IM Michael Brooks playing Kansas player Kyle Camarda in the second round.



New Kansas Chess Champion being presented plaque by tourney director Brian Yang.

The **Reserve section** was quite large with 76 total players. There was a two way tie at the top with Kiana Hajairbabi and Apramay Mishra finishing tied for 1st place, both with 4.5 points (they drew each other in the last round). By tie breaks Kiana is the new Kansas Reserve section champion. Apramay, who played as a scholastic player, won the 1st place scholastic plaque.

Finishing with 4.0 points were Les Kline, Adam Albright, Brandon Stich, C J Armenta, and Benjamin Hart.

As stated there were 76 players in Reserve section. Most were from Kansas, but there were 14 players from Missouri, 3 from Oklahoma, 3 from Arkansas, 1 from Iowa, 1 from Georgia, and 1 from Colorado.

There were over 35 scholastic players in the Reserve section who did not compete for money, but for plaques. As stated already Apramay Mishra won 1st place plaque. Joshua Fernandes was 2nd place at 3.5 points. Kyle Tran also had 3.5 points and won the 3rd place plaque.



Kiana Hajairbabi (Reserve Champion) with Brian Yang



Brian Yang with scholastic Reserve champion Apramay Mishra

Thanks for those who played. I think this Kansas Open can be called a success. Below is the link to cross tables of the event.

<http://www.kansaschess.org/htdocs/2014KansasOpenCrosstables.pdf>

Below is a link to photos from the event.

https://picasaweb.google.com/108586918080555793271/2014KansasOpen?authkey=Gv1sRgCIODzPfo5_30_gE#

Last, it should be noted that the Kansas Chess Association annual meetings was held Sunday morning July 20th before the 4th round of the tourney. Following is a link to the minutes of this meeting.

<http://www.kansaschess.org/htdocs/KCAMINUTES2014.pdf>

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