

NEW YEAR BASH REPORT

The **New Year Bash chess tourney** has been held for nine years (if one includes this year's event), always on the first Saturday in January of each year. Since December 31st fell on a Saturday, the New Year Bash tourney was on **January 7th** of this year, the latest in January it has ever been held. The attendance was the largest of all the previous tourneys with 61 participating, 23 in the Open section and 37 in the Reserve section (and with one house player).

In the **Open section** Jason Wawrzaszek finished first by himself with 3.5 points out of 4 possible (3 wins and 1 draw). There was a four way tie for second place with Abhishek Mallela, Hyung Ju Nam, Eddison Chen, and Andrew Bledsoe all finishing with 3.0 points. Noteworthy is the performance of scholastic player Eddison Chen. After his first round loss to Abhishek he won three games over opponents all rated over 200 points higher than him. His rating went up 148 points with his performance (1612 to 1760). Andrew Bledsoe had a similar performance in the Open section. He also finished with three wins and one loss against opponents with an average rating of 1969. His rating went up 150 points (1604 to 1754).

The **Reserve section** (under 1600 rating) was a five way tie for first place with five players finishing tied at 3.5 points in the four round event. They are Ethan Bui, Samuel Harrison Young, Chad Kern, scholastic player Mitchell Harger, and Charles William Carlson. All had 3 wins and 1 draw.

Thanks to all who attended this event and especially to Brian Yang who both organized and directed the event. CJ Armenta both assisted and played in the event.

I have my **photo blog** of event with link below and the Brian Yang also posted photos of the event with his link second.

Laurence Coker's blog (plus one photo from Brian's blog)

https://get.google.com/albumarchive/108586918080555793271/album/AF1QipMzyHKQemGe5wYWHv_Bk7_OIzwn2QRQCK4Z_15i?source=pwa&authKey=CP3ZrdK50ZOZlgE

Brian Yang's photo blog <http://imgur.com/a/hcAUI>

Next page (photos of winners)



Jason Wawraszek (winner of Open Section) with Brian Yang



Reserve section winner (tied) Ethan Bui with Brian Yang



Reserve Section winner (tied) Chad Kern with Brian Yang



Reserve section winner (tied) Charles Carlson with Brian Yang



Reserve section winner (tied) Samuel Young with Brian Yang

Not pictured here is Reserve section winner Mitchell Harger (tied) who played as a scholastic player and did not win any money. See last picture in report



Eddison Chen (beat 3 players rated 200 points higher than him in Open section).
He finished with 3 points in Open section.



Sam Un playing Open section winner Jason Wawrzaszek with Mohammedreza Hajarbabi and Ron Luther in background (left to right)



Co-winners of Reserve section playing each other- Chad Kern vs. Mitchell Harger (left to right). Their game ended in a draw. Unknown players are in background.

2017 NEW YEAR BASH OPEN SECTION GAMES

My games section is a work in progress. I am doing something new. I have been working with Fritz 12 and Chessbase 13. With Chessbase 13 I have been able to give links to games posted on the web to be played through from the beginning with analysis given. The following are Open section games. It was nice to have Andrew Bledsoe send all moves from all four of his games. In order to see games one has to have Java script enabled. Analysis is by Fritz 12.

1. Sho Glashausser 0; Andrew Bledsoe 1

<http://www.viewchess.com/cbreader/2017/1/29/Game25243239.html>

2. Zachary Schuh 0; Andrew Bledsoe 1

<http://www.viewchess.com/cbreader/2017/1/29/Game25372439.html>

3. Andrew Bledsoe 1; Abhishek Mallela 0

<http://www.viewchess.com/cbreader/2017/1/29/Game25419988.html>

4. Jason Wawrzaszek 1; Andrew Bledsoe 0

<http://www.viewchess.com/cbreader/2017/1/29/Game25472280.html>

5. Sam Un 0; Jason Wawrzaszek 1

<http://www.viewchess.com/cbreader/2017/1/29/Game25540171.html>

6. Ron Luther 0; Abhishek Mallela 1

<http://www.viewchess.com/cbreader/2017/1/29/Game25591059.html>

7. Joey Kelly 0; Jason Wawrzaszek 1

<http://www.viewchess.com/cbreader/2017/1/29/Game25636642.html>

8. Eddison Chen 1; Zachary Schuh 0

<http://www.viewchess.com/cbreader/2017/1/29/Game25673271.html>

9. Hyung Ju Nam 1; William Brown 0

<http://www.viewchess.com/cbreader/2017/1/29/Game25712771.html>

10. Jason Wawrzaszek ½ ; Shakti Shimpi ½

<http://www.viewchess.com/cbreader/2017/1/29/Game25765780.html>

The next page has Reserve section games.

2017 NEW YEAR BASH RESERVE SECTION GAMES

Most games involve one of the five persons tied for first place. There were actually less game sheets turned in the Reserve section than the Open even though there were more players: I think electronic recording devices are used more often in the Reserve section, or possibly less score sheets were turned in for whatever reason. Once again I give links to the games recorded on the web posted by ChessBase 13 and analyzed games with Fritz 12. I have 11 games. I just decided to have 11 instead of nice round number 10 which I put in Open section. Java script must be enabled.

1. Rahul Kumar 0: Samuel Young 1

<http://www.viewchess.com/cbreader/2017/3/12/Game15930822.html>

2. Josh Sugg 0: Joseph Aboushark 1

<http://www.viewchess.com/cbreader/2017/3/12/Game16068290.html>

3. Mitchell Harger 1: Thomas Sidlinger 0

<http://www.viewchess.com/cbreader/2017/3/12/Game16139535.html>

4. Charles Carlson 1: Nathan Otten 0

<http://www.viewchess.com/cbreader/2017/3/12/Game16191952.html>

5. Ankith Sheshappa 0: Chad Kern 1

<http://www.viewchess.com/cbreader/2017/3/12/Game16238970.html>

6. Mitchell Harger ½ : Chad Kern ½

<http://www.viewchess.com/cbreader/2017/3/12/Game16302244.html>

7. Thomas Sidlinger 0: Roldolfo Salvatierra 1

<http://www.viewchess.com/cbreader/2017/3/12/Game16355363.html>

8. Akerth Jain 0: Chad Kern 1

<http://www.viewchess.com/cbreader/2017/3/12/Game16398700.html>

9. CJ Armenta 0: Mitchell Harger 1

<http://www.viewchess.com/cbreader/2017/3/12/Game16448527.html>

10. Samuel Young ½ : Charles Carlson ½

<http://www.viewchess.com/cbreader/2017/3/12/Game16501770.html>

11. Charles Carlson 1: Cael Province 0

<http://www.viewchess.com/cbreader/2017/3/12/Game16567134.html>