

News Flash! CalChess Scholastics Winners

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Complete results and photos here:

<http://www.calchessscholastics.org/States2006/RESULTS.html>

Complete Story to follow soon...please keep checking back.

A total of 1350 young players plus their parents, siblings and coaches showed up at the San Jose convention center to play the game of kings on May 20 and 21. They played 5 or 6 games each, competing in 11 separate divisions based on age and skill level. Many won trophies and everyone learned from the experience. And a few have distinguished themselves to earn the title of state champion.

Congratulations to the following winners in the Varsity (Open) divisions of the CalChess State Scholastic Chess Championships. In case of a tie, the players below are listed in order of computer tiebreaks.

K-3: James Kwok with 5.0/5
K-6: Gregory Young with 5.5/6
K-8: Charles Sun and Davis Xu with 5.5/6
K-12: Daniel Schwarz and Drake Wang with 5.5/6

More details will follow in an extended story later this week. This report will include the champions of the junior varsity and novice sections plus the school team winners.

A big *thank you* to Alan Kirshner for organizing a huge and yet successful tournament. His staff was led by chief tournament directors John McCumiskey and Richard Koepcke plus volunteer organizer Stephanie Blatt. However, this tournament would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of dozens of volunteers, some who worked for up to 14 hours on Saturday.



High school co-champion Daniel Schwarz.



High school co-champion Drake Wang.



K-6 champ Gregory Young (L) and K-8 champ Charles Sun.