

2018 NEW YEAR BASH REPORT

This was the **10th anniversary edition of the New Year Bash (held on January 6th, 2018)**. It was fortunate to have the event on the day it was held as the very next day an ice storm hit Kansas City in the morning. With decent winter weather for the event attendance was at an all time high with 68 participating. This year there were 3 sections for the first time. Last year there were 2 section sections: an Open and a Reserve (U1600). This year there was Open, Reserve (U1800), and Amateur (U1400). This is the same format as the 2017 Kansas Open. There were 19 participating in the Open, 13 in the Reserve, and 36 in the Amateur. The tourney was mostly a Kansas affair as all but 7 players playing were Kansas players. The other 7 players participating were from Missouri. No other states were represented.

The **Open section** was won by scholastic players Joey Kelly and Eddison Chen (both finished with 3.5 points). Eddison with a rating of 1836 had upset wins over Shakti Shimpi (1907), Bob Holliman (2205), and Ron Luther (2236) and along the way raised his rating by 113 points. He will be an expert in no time. Joey's performance with a rating of 2258 (the highest in the section) was not unexpected. Finishing tied for third through fourth in the section and winning 1st and 2nd money in the section were Kyle Camarda and Rahul Mepparambath finishing with 3.0 points.

The **Reserve section** was won by Josh Stimpfle who finished with 3.5 points (3 wins and draw). Tied for second were Brycen Parker and Ryan Duan, both finishing with 3.0 points.

The **Amateur section**, the largest section with 36 participating was three way tie between Xueyi Chen, Rodolfo Salvatierra, and Ryan O'Hanlon with 3.5 points. Six players tied at 3.0 points.

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First place Open player Joey Kelly (with white hoodie) playing Kaustubh Nimkar in first round



Very young first place Open finisher player Eddison Chen playing Missouri player Bob Holliman in the third round



Tied for third and fourth in Open section are Kyle Camarda and Rahul Mepparambath. They shared first and second place money though.



Amateur section winners Ryan O'Hanlon and Rudolfo Salvatierra with tourney director and tourney organizer Brian Yang in middle. Not pictured is Xueyi Chen



First place Reserve player Josh Stimpfle



One of the two second place finishers in Reserve section Brycen Parker



Co-tourney director CJ Armenta with Kyle Camarda



Also tied for second place in Reserve section, scholastic player Ryan Duan