



CYCL 2015 SuperStates Report



Championship Sections

K-12

Adam Draheim defeated three players who outrated him, including an Expert (rated 2049) in the final round en route to an 11th Place finish in the State! He earned a trophy for Best Under 1800.

K-8

Dylan Gould won the Best Under 1500 trophy after beating a 1553-rated player. Alex Tsatryan teamed with Dylan to earn a 3rd Place Club Team award for CYCL. Thanks guys!

K-6

Andrew Sung and Andrew Deedon teamed up to earn State K-6 School Champions for Trinity Classical Academy. Andrew S beat a B player (rated 1607) and Andrew D defeated players in the 1300's and 1500's despite being the lowest-rated player in the section. Eric Luo beat two players rated above him and gained 35 rating points.

K-3

Shreyas Sakharkar, Landon Hu, and Lizzy Pope snagged the K-3 State School Team title for Pico Canyon Elementary. Shreyas and Landon each had stellar performances (Shreyas beat three players rated over 1000 on his way to earning the Best Under 1000 prize while Landon took out a 1500 and 1300) but Lizzy had the best story!

In the final round, Lizzy faced an opponent who outrated her by over 400 points. After an epic struggle, Lizzy found herself in an endgame in which both players had only a Queen and King. Lizzy raised her hand and explained to the tournament director (an International Arbiter – the highest level a director can be) that she was claiming a draw because the situation on the board was a forced draw. Lizzy had learned well in class, but the arbiter could not recall if Queen & King vs Queen & King was an official forced draw according to the rule book and he asked her to play on. When Coach Jay heard about this, he went to grab the rule book. By the time he returned with the page dog-eared, Lizzy had secured her draw. Way to go Lizzy!

Elbert Zeng and Nikhilesh Kalyaranaman took the 2nd Place School Team award for West Creek Academy.

K-1

Tamerlan Goglichidze and Adam Kharaev teamed up to win the State K-1 School Team Championship for Tesoro del Valle Elementary! An unrated player, Tamerlan beat players rated in the 300's and 400's among his 3 wins. Adam beat a player rated over 500 (whose only other loss was to the champion).

Kindergarten twins Henry and Miranda Bowling proudly brought a 3rd Place School Team trophy to West Creek Academy!

CYCL was the 4th Place Club Team (just out of trophy range) thanks to the valiant efforts of Lincoln Pope and Advait Krishnamoorthy.

Junior Varsity Sections

K-12 Under 1200

Some of Coach Jay's most veteran students competed in this top JV division. In the end, Stephen De Vita won his final 6 games after a 2-2 start to earn 2nd Place! Mitali Sakharkar pushed her rating up to 1135 with an impressive 6.5 points. Leo Ouyang, Tobin Thannickal, Joe Brennan, Ben Hartley, and Ross Pope were on the CYCL team that earned a 2nd Place Club Team award.

K-8 Under 1000

Shaun Thomas, Ethan Bowling, and Alexander Lapsley from West Creek Academy earned the 3rd Place School Team trophy. Shaun gained over 100 rating points!

Natasha & Dmitri Mertens nearly brought their Montessori school its first team trophy, but had to settle for 4th Place team. Natasha finished just a half-point ahead of her brother (5.5 compared to 5.0).

K-6 Under 750

Dylan Helms snagged 6.5 points in this huge division (141 players) which was good enough for 22nd Place. His West Creek Academy teammate, Tiffany Liu, competing in her first USCF event surprised everyone by winning 6 games and taking home the 1st Place Unrated award. Their efforts, combined with those of Elijah Lim, Justin Almeida, Marcus Salvador, JJ Pohlot, Austin Diaz, and Isabelle Almeida translated into a 3rd Place School Team award.

The 2nd Place School Team went to Pico Canyon Elementary (on tie-breaks over West Creek) which was led by Lucas Venditti (6 points), Shane Aukamp (5.5 points and a 4th Place Unrated trophy), Jake Vojtech, Brody Glass, Angelique Guan, Shazaib Lalani, and Timothy Kim.

CYCL's Club Team finished just a single point behind 3rd Place. Mahesh Arunachalam and Ishita Juluru (6.0 and 5.5, respectively) had strong tournaments. Splitting wins and losses evenly (5 out of 10) were Hardhik Ram, Kevin Justin, and Laura Brennan (who raised her rating 168 points!). Collin Tang and Samuel Arreaza were right behind with 4.5.

K-3 Under 400

Two of CYCL's biggest surprise performances came from Micah Margolin (7.5 out of 10) and Gavin Holmes (7.0). Micah, in his first USCF tournament could be slowed down only by Gavin (who took 1.5 out of 2 from him) on his way to 9th Place (he took a Round 2 bye also). Gavin's final round opponent won the 100-player section with 8.5, and Gavin salvaged a draw to take 11th overall. Prithvi Prasad (7.0) was 17th, and Kendrick Lee's 6.5 was good enough for 23rd Place.

Srinidhi Srinivasasubbu (5.5) and Michael Shubert (5.0) rounded out the CYCL team with Micah and Prithvi en route to bringing a 3rd Place Club Team award back to CYCL!

Vaneeza Lalani's 5-5 score earned her a 2nd Under 200 trophy (we just realized this) and, along with Dylan Stier, Sanjay Reddy, and Nathan Kim, a 2nd Place School Team trophy for Pico Canyon.

By virtue of two strong performances (Gavin and Anthony Lapsley), West Creek's 2-man team earned 4th Place School Team.