



West Michigan Chess Monthly

Subhodh Kotekal Wins Kalamazoo Scholastic



Kalamazoo was host to its first monthly open and scholastic tournaments on January 26. Eighteen players competed in the scholastic section. We also had an open G/75 quad and an open G/30 round robin with six players.

Anirudha Hadagali took first unrated with four points. Also finishing with four points were **Jack Emaus**, **Hadley** and **Grace VanRenterghem**, and **Lukas Zimmerman** (all pictured left).



Subhodh Kotekal (above) swept through competition at the January Kalamazoo Scholastic Tournament. Anirudha Hadagali (left) finished in a five-way tie for second but took first place among the several unrated players.



DeWayne VanHorn, a.k.a. "the Rev," won the G/30 section of the open, while Junior sensation **Michael Chen** swept his opposition in the G/75 quad.



In the scholastic section, **Subhodh Kotekal** went undefeated, finishing with five and a half out of six points and a point and a half ahead of the others.



West Michigan Chess Clubs Especially for Kids

If your chess club is kid-friendly, please let us know about when and where you meet, and who to contact!

Kalamazoo
Biggby Coffee (formerly Beaners)
5913 Gull Road
Sunday 3pm-6pm
Contact Tim McGrew
timothy.mcgreg@wmich.edu

Spring Lake

West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics
17350 Hazel Street
Spring Lake, MI 49456
Wednesday 3:30pm- 5:30pm
Open to all kids in grades 5-8, younger by permission
Contact Andy Catlin
andy.catlin@metricsreporting.com

Spring Lake

Spring Lake District Library
123 E. Exchange
Spring Lake, MI 49456
2nd Monday of each month, 4pm-5:30pm
Contact Lisa Donner, Community Services Librarian,
(616) 846-5770 , x107
Club is open for kids ages 6 to 18.



Rulebook Tip

The touch-move rule is a common source of confusion. If a player **deliberately** touches a piece with the intention of moving or capturing it, then the player must move or capture the piece if it is legal to do so. However, if a player **accidentally** touches a piece (including knocking one piece over while reaching for another), then the player is not required to move that piece.

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Upcoming WMCA Events:

Grand Rapids Open II
February 2
Comfort Inn Grand Rapids

Kalamazoo Open II
February 23
WMU Bernhard Center

Grand Rapids Open III
March 1
Comfort Inn Grand Rapids

Kalamazoo Open III
March 29
WMU Bernhard Center

Each of these events will include both an open and a scholastic section.

For further details visit our website or contact:

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Major Events Across Michigan:

Scholastic Team Championships
2/2 Elementary/Primary
2/16 Junior High
2/23 High School

Michigan Junior Championships
March 15-16

Great Lakes Open
May 2-4

Details can be found at
<http://www.michess.org>