

# West Michigan Chess Monthly



## Kevin Czuhai Wins the Great Lakes Open

Kevin Czuhai (pictured top right) rolled through the opposition with a perfect 5-0 score on his way to first place at the 2008 Great Lakes Open.

DeWayne “the Rev” Van Horn (bottom left) won the Under 1700 section with 4.5 points, despite

his infamous g-pawn opening tendencies. Larry Hodge (bottom center) and Anirudh Ghantasala (bottom right) tied for first Under 1300 with three points each.

Stan Beckwith did a great job with the organization, and is already busy planning for next year!



## Chess in the East—The All Ages Chess Tournament

Back on April 12, the West Michigan Chess Association backed a small tournament over in Rochester, Michigan. Dave Lame had gotten the idea in his head to prove

that a chess tournament could be run at minimal expense, and his first event was a good success!

West Michigan’s own (and a proud new father to

boot!) Eugene Brumley took first place in the open rated section. Xiao Xiang Zhong won the rated scholastic section. Finally, Chittesh Thavamani won the unrated scholastic section.



*Pictures from the All Ages Chess Tournament. Top left: Eugene Brumley. Top center: Xiao Xiang Zhong. Top right: Chittesh Thavamani. Bottom left: Event organizer, and also first-time TD, David Lame.*

## 2008 West Michigan Open Championships

We hope you’ll join us for our first two-day open event this fall!

The event will be held **November 1-2** at the WMU Bernhard Center in Kalamazoo. The event will be a five round swiss-system tournament in two sections—open and under 1600. For full details, visit our website or take a look at the current issue of our new monthly magazine, *Lake Effect Chess*.

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### Upcoming WMCA Events:

#### Kalamazoo Action/Scholastic

June 7  
WMU Bernhard Center  
Room 157

#### West Michigan Junior Futurity

June 21  
Ottawa County

#### Grand Rapids Open VI

July 12  
Calvin College, DeVos  
Communication Center  
rooms 140 and 150

#### West Michigan Open Championships

November 1-2  
WMU Bernhard Center

The June and July open events will include both an open and a scholastic section.

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### Major Events Across Michigan:

#### Bottom Half Class Championships

July 4-6  
Sterling Heights, MI

#### Michigan Open

August 29-September 1

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