

On April 2, 2016, 58 players competed in the 2016 Inaugural Connecticut State Scholastic Blitz Chess Championships held at the Farmington Main Library, Farmington, Connecticut.

The tournament was co-sponsored by the Connecticut Chess Organization, the Farmington Libraries, allClubs Chess, and the University of Connecticut Chess Club.

Among the placement winners were:

Teams:

High School Champions – Simsbury High School

Middle School Champions – St. Martin de Porres Academy (New Haven)

Elementary School Champions – Bugbee Elementary School (West Hartford)

Individuals:

High School Champion – Andrew Rogozinski, Brunswick School (Greenwich)

Middle School Champion – Nithin Joshy, IAR Middle School (Farmington)

Elementary Champion – Samuel Lumelsky, Bugbee Elementary (West Hartford)

In all, 15 individual and 4 team placements were awarded.

Congratulations to all!

The first ever scholastic blitz championship was attended by players from 24 towns and 30 schools. Competition was directed by IM Jan van de Mortel, assisted by a team of floor monitors from the University of Connecticut Chess Club and volunteers from area chess clubs, i.e., Simsbury Library Chess Club and Farmington-Plainville Library Chess Club.

The tournament was organized as a non-profit fundraiser for scholastic chess programs by the Connecticut Chess Organization. The championships raised over \$500 for 2016-17 school year scholastic chess programs.

The CCO is organizing the 2016 Inaugural Connecticut Scholastic QUICK Chess Championships on May 14 also at the Farmington Main Library.