

WEIBEL SUMMER SCHOLASTIC CHESS QUADS #2 - Harry Potter Chess

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I am pleased to announce that in about 9 hours I am off to Hawaii. However, I did promise a load of people that I would provide a small storyâ€”difficult for me to doâ€”about todayâ€™s Quads. As you can read in the title, I subtitled the competition, Harry Potter Chess to honor the appearance of *The Half-Blood Prince* at 12:01 AM this morning. I might note that ten of our 180 players had already obtained the book.

Top seed, John Boyle (1610), whose mother waited on line in the early morning, was half through the book by the end of the tournament. This may have accounted for his mediocre results in Quad #1. I decided to subtitle the competition when I realized that *The Half-Blood Prince* was going on sale the same day as the Quads because over the years a fair number of parents informed me that their children became interested in playing chess after the scene in the first Harry Potter film. I spent a few hours creating Harry Potter Chess posters to provide the usual information I do at tournaments as well as direction signs for parents to locate the parking lot and the Multi-Use Room at Weibel. Since this was a one shot deal, I raffled off the posters along with a Chess Mentor program and a couple of Frisco del Rosarioâ€™s A First Book of Morphy. Frisco was on hand to sell copies of his book that I understand was nominated as the best chess book of the year. NM Eric Schiller joined him at a special authorâ€™s table. I would have loved to sell some Harry Potter books, but I do not have a distributor license and failed to obtain any. And, no I did not insist that Frisco or Eric wear Harry Potter glasses. While the 180 players in the second Weibel Quads topped last monthâ€™s first Quads by about 20 players, the numbers were a bit low even for summer. If I can speculate why, I suspect it was due to a bit of improvement in the economy and the large number of children traveling with their parents. I suspect I will see the normal 250 to 300 players at the Weibel Fall Scholastic Quads: <http://www.calnortheyouthchess.org/Applications/FallQuads05/QuadsFall05.html> For complete results and loads of photographs by our great photographers of the Weibel Summer Scholastic Quads #1 you can go to: <http://www.calnortheyouthchess.org/Applications/Results6-25-05.html> I will post the complete results of these Quads as soon as I return from Kona, Hawaii at the link from: <http://www.calnortheyouthchess.org/photographs.html>. Since our Clearinghouse Director, NM Michael Aigner usually links to my results from this website as soon as I get them posted, I suspect you can find the results and photographs as well from: http://www.calchess.org/modules.php?name=Information&page=02_calchess_scholastics/results.htm CHESS IS FOREVER!
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