

Vinay Bhat...Cal Chess Hall of Fame

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IM Vinay Bhat

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Check out Vinay Bhat, the latest inductee into the CalChess Hall of Fame here:

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When Daniel Naroditsky won the national championship...it was mentioned by a few bay area organizers that he was the first national champion in the bay area since Vinay Bhat.

When superstar GM Nakamura became the youngest master in the nations history...it was Vinay Bhat's record that he had beaten (only by a few months).

Vinay Bhat as a 10 year old became the youngest national master in the nations history. ..beating Bobby Fisher's record by 2 years.

As a scholastic champion there are very few who can hold a candle to Vinay's accomplishments. So far he has been the biggest success story to come out of the thriving bay area scholastic chess scene.

During his reign as a scholastic player Vinay Bhat was as hot as they come...probably the nations best hope at a world champion contender.

Now Vinay Bhat has earned his IM title and is not as active in chess as he once was. doing the right thing and focusing on his education at UC Berkeley. He is one of the founders and directors of the East Bay Chess club in Berkeley.

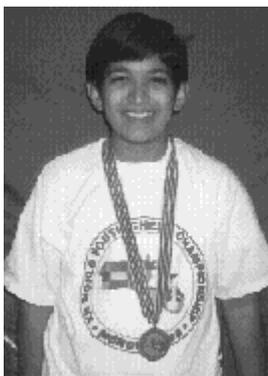
As an IM and as a scholastic #1 in the nation...Vinay qualifies for the hall of fame based on both the scholastic and the adult criteria. Expect to see more great things from this young player!

We are very proud to have Vinay Bhat as an active member of the Cal Chess community. He generously contributes news stories and posts frequently to the

forums.

For his biography Vinay annotated some of his favorite games. I found the annotations to be very well done. He has the rare gift of catering to all levels of players with his annotation. I think most players will find looking through his annotated games educational.

Thanks Vinay for a thoughtful contribution!



Award winning scholastic player. Notice the million dollar smile.



15 year old Vinay recieves fat check from CalChess attorney Dr. Faulkner



Vinay playing in China



Vinay as a young adult