

CalChess FIDE Rated Juniors -- September 2009

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Kyle Shin

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After the graduation of five high school seniors in June, the Bay Area seeks fresh blood to fill its elite ranking lists. *Earning an international (FIDE) rating is one mark of an elite player.* To achieve a FIDE rating, you must enter one or more official FIDE rated events, play at least 9 games with rated opponents and score a minimum 1600 performance.

There are two new faces on the Northern California list: **Kyle Shin** (photo at right from *ChessDryad*) and **Hayk Manvelyan** (who actually earned his first rating in April). Both start out with solid initial ratings in the high 2000s, a tad higher than my 2054 way back in January 2000. Kudos also to new master **Yian Liou** for posting an impressive gain over the past two months.

Due to a recent policy change, FIDE now publishes its ratings six times a year, up from four. The following represents the official [September 2009 FIDE rating list](#).

1. FM **Danya Naroditsky** 2339
2. FM **Steven Zierk** 2303
3. NM **Gregory Young** 2264
4. NM **Yian Liou** 2208 -- *gained 74 points in two months!*
5. NM Rohan Agarwal 2197
6. NM Nicholas Nip 2147
7. **Evan Sandberg** 2130
8. Hayk Manvelyan 2082
9. **Kyle Shin** 2071