

Stewarton Bonnet Guild Chess Allegro 2017

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Some of the prizewinners – Stewarton Bonnet Guild Chess Allegro 2017

There was a reduced number of players again this year with 67 players attending this event but as in previous years that didn't affect the atmosphere or the chess playing at this year's Stewarton Bonnet Guild Allegro held on Sunday 11th June 2017 in the Stewarton Annick Youth Centre (now being run by a community trust after the local council decided to withdraw from running the venue last summer).

The Open event was very strong this year with two International Masters (IM) and one FIDE Master (FM) – five players in all graded over 2000.

We were again pleased to send thirty players home with a prize from the tournament.

Over twenty of the entries came from Ayrshire clubs with one player coming over from Arran for the day. Four players from Dumfries had a good day with three of them winning prizes. Other players came from Stirling and Kirkcaldy and over twenty players from clubs in the Glasgow area and another ten from clubs around Edinburgh. Top seeded players were IMs Stephen Mannion and Roddy McKay with Patrick Coffey and FM Philip Giulian also playing.

The Open section was well contested with only a half point separating the top two results. The section finished with a win for Roddy McKay over Stephen Mannion and so Roddy gets to have his name on the trophy for the third time. Stephen still stays ahead with six wins over the years. Third place was tied between Steven Brown of Ardrossan and Mike Green of Dumfries.

Stewarton Chess Club would like to thank the officials from the Bonnet Guild committee for their assistance in setting up and clearing away the hall as well as organizing the car parking and presenting the prizes to the lucky winners. The medals awarded to prize winners were donated by McCluskey Browne and we would like to thank them for their continued support.

Our controllers handled all the problems of the tournament and were using a computer based system that published the rounds and results directly to the web site of the Ayrshire Chess Association. We would like to thank them for all their hard work. Thanks to Alan Steel of our own Stewarton Chess Club, John McNicoll of Kilmarnock Chess Club and Stephen Taylor of Greenwood Chess Club. Also assisting the arbiters in keeping the web site up to date was Sean McAngus visiting from Macduff in Aberdeenshire.

The canteen staff again catered for all with a wide selection of hot and cold food and their ever popular range of home baking and our thanks go to Carolyn McNicoll and Marilyn Grigor as well as David Montgomery and John McAngus for their work in keeping the players and officials fed throughout the day. Our special thanks also go to Mr & Mrs Thomson for the Danish pastries, and Marilyn and Carolyn for supplying us with some delicious cakes and buns

We also ran a competition using a photograph of the prizewinners from a previous year with players asked to guess which year was the subject. Forty five of the players had a guess but only twelve got it correct. We then did a draw out of the hat and Joe Jordan of Giffnock Chess Club was the lucky winner of a book by Grandmaster Danny Gormally.

Details of all the prize winners

Open section

First	Roddy McKay IM Cathcart
Second	Stephen Mannion IM Paisley
Third (tied)	Steven Brown-Ardrossan, Michael Green, Dumfries
Best Ayrshire player	Kenny Malkin, Kilmarnock
Grading prize U1850 (tied)	Jamie Malkin, Kilmarnock and William Hume, Edinburgh

Major section

First (on tiebreak)	Stuart Marchbank, Dumfries
Second (on tiebreak)	Robin Moore, Greenwood
Third (tied)	Stephen Smith, Stirling, Gary McPheator, Prestwick, Iain MacCallum, Kilmarnock and Jim Armour also Kilmarnock
Grading prizes	U1550- Stuart Lampard, Stewarton
Best Ayrshire player	Jim Kleboe -Kilmarnock

Minor section

First	Calum McGillivray, Edinburgh
Second (tied)	Gordon Phillips Bishopbriggs, Darren Gillies Hamilton, And Richard Heathwood Pentland Hills
Grading prizes (U1250)	Don Garford Dumfries and David Watson Corstorphine
Grading prize (U1100)	Peter Statham, Pentland Hills
Best Ayrshire player	Jamie MacCallum, Kilmarnock

Under 14 section

First Sahib Kohli, Bearsden
Second Sivan Ipek, Greenwood
Third Alex McDonald, Greenwood

Under 12 section

First Kartike Sharan, Hillhead Primary
Second Aydin Ipek-Glebe
Third (tied) Abirnanyu Singh Rana, Hillhead Primary, Gia Kohli Bearsden
and Kabir Kumar Anderston Primary

Family prizes were won by the Gillies family from East Kilbride (father Alex and son Darren), the Ipek brothers from Irvine – Sivan and Aydin and Gia and Sahib Kohli from Bearsden (sister and brother)

Thanks to John McNicoll for allowing photos to be used.

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Open section winner Roddy McKay IM being presented with Bonnet Guild chess trophy