

Chinmay Kulkarni wins the 18th MJ's Trophy Rapid Chess Championship – proves his strength by winning consecutive 2nd time!

Chinmay Kulkarni easily pocketed the 18th edition of MJ's Trophy Every Sunday Rapid Chess Championship today held in Mangalwadi Commercial complex on Senapati Bapat Road.

Six straight wins and a quick draw in the last round with Pratik Mulay was the graph of Chinmay's victory today. Aakanksha's shocking loss to 11 year old Aryan(last time's Runner Up!) and also a draw with her elder brother Harshad separated her from Chinmay by a huge margin, and she couldn't have any say about it!

The youngsters are indeed gathering strength with every tournament now and as can be seen from the total merit list, there's a tie for 2nd place between 6 players!! And amongst them, we have Aditya Samant - Gaurav Hagawane – Aryan Shah in the same order.

Certainly, a good sign of development for Pune Chess fraternity!

The tournament was held in 7 round swiss league format and the chief arbiter was International Arbiter Rajendra Shidore, assisted by FIDE Arbiter Amit Sohany.

Marathe Jewellers are the sponsors for this 3rd series of 52 "Every Sunday Rapid Chess Championships" which began on 22nd November 2015.

Top five prizes are as follows

1. Chinmay Kulkarni – 6.5 points
2. Sourav Sahoo – 5.5 points / 24 Buch
3. Pratik Mulay – 5.5 points / 23.5 Buch
4. Aditya Samant – 5.5 points / 23 Buch
5. Gaurav Hagawane – 5.5 points / 22 Buch

Special Age group category prizes:

Under 8 Age group:

Gold Medal – Advait Patil

Silver Medal – Anuj Dandekar

Bronze Medal – Ashika Kale

Under 10 Age group:

Gold Medal – Aditi Vaval

Silver Medal – Shardul Godbole

Bronze Medal – Arnav Deshpande

Under 12 Age group:

Gold Medal – Aryan Shah

Silver Medal – Digambar Jail

Bronze Medal – Aryan Halkude

Under 14 Age group

Gold Medal – Dhaivat Apte

Silver Medal – Meenakshi Bhoite

Bronze Medal – Gayatri Shitole

Under 16 Age group

Gold Medal – Anjaneya Phatak

Silver Medal – Ishwari Ganbote

Bronze Medal – Teerth Shewale

Best Woman category – Aakanksha Hagawane

Best Veteran category – Raghubar Tyagi

Few important results of last round

1. Chinmay Kulkarni (6.5) drew with Pratik Mulay (5.5)
2. Aditya Samant (5.5) drew with Sourav Sahoo (5.5)
3. Aakanksha Hagawane (5.5) won against Vedant Pimpalkhare (4.5)
4. Aryan Shah (5.5) won against Gurbaksh Khanna (4.5)
5. Harshad Hagawane (4.5) lost to Gaurav Hagawane (5.5)
6. Sunny Renju (5) won against Tejas Joshi (4)

7. JayKumar Desai (5) won against Deepak Andhare (4)
8. Swapnil Pandhare (5) won against Anjaneya Phatak (4)
9. Shubham Jaiswal (5) won against Anshuman Singh (4)
10. Gautam Kartikay (4) lost to Nagnath Halkude (5)

Description of photos:



Chinmay with the Trophy!



Group photo of all prize winners with **Chief Guest IA Rajendra Shidore.**



Top table, last round game – quick draw!

Prize distribution was done at the hands of International Arbiter Rajendra Shidore.

The 19th MJ's Trophy Every Sunday Championship will be held on 9th October – after a gap of 4 weeks at the Mangalwadi Commercial Complex at 9am sharp.
