

## **Chinmay Kulkarni wins the 17th MJ's Trophy Rapid Chess Championship!**

Chinmay Kulkarni won the MJ's Trophy 17<sup>th</sup> edition of Every Sunday Rapid Chess Championship for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. It was a long time since he had won it earlier – the 1<sup>st</sup> edition itself which was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2015! He was in his element today and didn't offer any chance to any of his opponents.

Chinmay had won another strong rapid tournament which was held in last week in Nashik.

Runner's Up trophy winner was the surprise of the tournament! Under 12 age group category player, Aryan Shah played very strongly to win the runner's up trophy. A remarkable achievement indeed and this should prove a ladder for Aryan to climb higher from here on.

The tournament was held in 8 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 3<sup>rd</sup> series of 52 "Every Sunday Rapid Chess Championships" which began on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2015.

### **Top five prizes are as follows**

1. Chinmay Kulkarni – 7 points
2. Aryan Shah – 6.5 points / 31 Buch
3. Nikhil Dixit – 6.5 points / 30.5 Buch
4. Soham Datar – 6 points / 31 Buch
5. Himanshu Chhabra – 6 points / 29.5 Buch

### **Special Age group category prizes:**

#### **Under 8 Age group:**

Gold Medal – Anuj Dandekar

Silver Medal – Advait Patil

Bronze Medal – Mrudul Kambale

#### **Under 10 Age group:**

Gold Medal – Nirav Killedar

Silver Medal – Om Sarode

Bronze Medal – Amogh Kunte

**Under 12 Age group:**

Gold Medal – Amit Dhumal

Silver Medal – Abhishek Patil

Bronze Medal – Soham Sinha

**Under 14 Age group**

Gold Medal – Gaurav Zagade

Silver Medal – Keval Nirgun

Bronze Medal – Manasvi Kashid

**Under 16 Age group**

Gold Medal – Tejas Joshi

Silver Medal – Anjaneya Phatak

Bronze Medal – Yash Watarkar

**Best Woman category – Meenakshi Bhoite****Best Veteran category – Girish Joshi****Few important results of last round**

1. Aryan Shah (6.5) drew with Chinmay Kulkarni (7)
2. Pawan Katkade (5.5) lost to Nikhil Dixit (6.5)
3. Soham Datar (6) won against Shreyas Dhase (5.5)
4. Himanshu Chhabra (6) won against Yash Watarkar (5)
5. Girish Joshi (6) won against Umesh Khengare (5)
6. Tejas Joshi (6) won against Anjaneya Phatak (5)
7. Raghubar Tyagi (5) lost to Gaurav Zagade (5.5)
8. Keval Nirgun (4.5) lost to Deepak Andhare (5.5)
9. Abhishek Patil (4.5) lost to Nagnath Halkude (5.5)

10. Mayur Moghe (5) won against Soham Sinha (4.5)

**Description of photos:**



Group photo of all prize winners with **Chief Guest Makarand Velankar.**



Chinmay Kulkarni with the championship trophy

**Prize distribution was done at the hands of renowned businessman Makarand Velankar – the inventor of the most popular Chess event in Pune – “Buddhibal Jallos”, during 2003 to 2009.**

**The 18th MJ’s Trophy Every Sunday Championship will be held on 4th September – after a gap of next week at the Mangalwadi Commercial Complex at 9am sharp.**

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