East Bay Chess Club June Swiss

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The June Swiss was the best attended and strongest event in the East Bay Chess Club's history, with a strong 20 player Open section lead by IM Ganbold Odondoo.

IM Odondoo was taken out of the prize running early, however, by local A-player Paul Ganem in under 30 moves! This opened the field for experts Batsaikhan Tserendorj (who finished tied for second with Odondoo and Philipp Perelpelitsky) and eventual tournament winner Kenneth Hills, who beat rising star Sam Shankland in the final round to finish in clear first with 3.5/4.

IM Obondoo UPSET!

The U-1750 section had only ten players, but they made up for the smaller section with fighting play, as no player was able to score more than 3 out of 4 points. Tobias Neisser, Carl Woebcke, and Ted Belanoff tied for first with this score, after Neisser beat Belanoff in round two, Woebcke beat Neisser in round three, and Belanoff beat Woebcke in the final round to even out the standings!

The EBCC runs a 2- or 3-day swiss every month, and the next one runs July 9-10. For more info, check out the tournament info page: July Swiss