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Local wins state Scrabble contest



Phillip Collier, of Beckville, concentrates on playing scrabble during the state championship contest held in Salado. His debut at the state level contest earned him a high rating and State Championship Division 4 title.

Panola County is the place many champions hang their hats, and now another resident in a distinct way.

Phillip Collier, 27, of Beckville, competed in the 2011 State of Texas Scrabble Championship held February 4 through 6. He attended the competition with others from the Nacogdoches Scrabble Club #803, of which he is a member.

Phillip competed against 13 other competitors in the Division 4 tourney to earn the two losses and one tie, Phillip walked away with a rating of 1222 and State Championship first state level competition ever. His average score from the 13 games was 410.

Born and raised in Houston, raised in Nacogdoches, Phillip moved to Beckville a little while ago. He is a business account executive for CellularOne of East Texas. He has been a member of the Nacogdoches Scrabble Club #803 for about 9 months since it was established. The club meets the second Sunday of each month from 3 to 6 p.m. upstairs at Java J located at 1122 North Street, Nacogdoches, TX 75961. The club also meets on the second, fourth, and sixth Sunday of each month in February and June to make trips down to Houston to play with the Houston Scrabble Club. For more information visit www.oldtownscrabble.com or call Phillip at 903-404-7445.