



# Ohio Chess Association

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## Upcoming Open Tournaments

Gem City Open  
June 3-5 Dayton

Columbus Open  
June 17-19 Columbus

Cleveland Open  
August 12-14 Cleveland

Ohio Chess Congress  
September 2-5 Columbus

## Upcoming Scholastic State Championships

2016 Grade Level Championships TBD (Bid overdue)

## 2016 OCA Officers

- **President**—Even Shelton
- **Vice President**—Riley Driver
- **Secretary**—Grant Neilley
- **Treasurer**—Cheryl Stagg

## THIS MONTH... IT IS ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!

By: Kelly M. Bloomfield

First let's start with the Ohio All Girls Championships. Which was organized by the Columbus Chess Academy at The Wellington School in Columbus Ohio on Saturday April 9th. The championship section was the most volatile, and there was a four-way tie for first with each of the girls scoring 4.0! Edging out the competition on tie-breaks was Stella Huang. Sneha Prabu, Emma Cheng, and Victoria Baker came in second, third, and fourth, respectively.



Next we have the Magnificent Maggie Feng at the U.S. Junior High School Championships. Maggie became the first girl in history to win the K-9 Championship section with a score of 6.5/7. She joins some pretty elite company with past winners like Fabiano Caruana and

Hikaru Nakamura. Maggie was mentioned several times during the broadcast of the U.S. Chess Championships as being higher rated than several of the current competitors in the Women's section. No doubt we should see Maggie competing next year in this event. Congratulations Maggie!



Lastly, we had the Ohio High School Middle School State Championships that was organized by Alan Hodge at the Roberts Center in Wilmington on April 23-24. In the High School Championship Section Maggie Feng took top honors with a perfect 6/6. In the Middle School Championship section it was Vincent Baker taking first place with 5.5/6 edging out Christopher Shen and Justin Storn who both finished with 5/6.

By: Tony Dunlap

From a team perspective it was the Solon High School Chess Team taking top honors. The Solon high school chess team has now won 3 consecutive Ohio state chess champion-

ships in a row **"3 Peat"**, and 4 out of the last 5. Alex Barto, Zach Barto, Jasen Lai, Alan Liu, Joel Jaffe, Daniel Guo, Ian Golias, Malcolm Golias Neel Mehta, Roger Poduska, & John Xiang represented the high school chess team in the 2016 Ohio State High School Chess Championships. Alan Liu and Joel Jaffe individually finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place respectively scoring 5 out of 6 points each while Danial Guo finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place with a score of 4.5 points allowing Solon to capture 3 of the top 4 individual spots. Ian Golias and Jasen Lai each received trophies for their outstanding performances by scoring 4 points. The accomplishments of the HS chess team makes them one of, if not the best scholastic chess teams(s) in Ohio history. Over the last 6 years students the Solon high 2016 graduating class have won 8 individual Ohio State Championships, 10 Ohio team state championships, and finished in the top 3 or top 5 as a team three times in national competition. They are the best chess players in one school graduating class in northeast



Solon High School the 2016 Ohio High School State Chess Champions  
Front roll: Alex Barto, Jasen Lai, Alan Liu, Joel Jaffe, Daniel Guo, & Malcolm Golias  
Back roll: Neel Mehta, Zach Barto, Roger Poduska, Ian Golias, & John Xiang

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