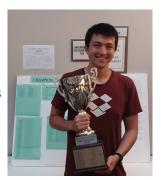
Mika Brattain Wins His Second Ohio Championship Title; Sweeps Through 6 Rounds at 2018 Ohio Chess Congress

Cincinnati hosted the 2018 Ohio Chess Congress over the Labor Day weekend for just the third time in OCA history. The venue was the Embassy Suites Blue Ash facility, which has hosted the popular Kings Island Open for several years. The event drew 104 players competing in four sections on a schedule of two rounds each day from September 1 - 3.



Several past Ohio Champions played in the Open Section: Russell Wilson (2001 title), Michael Joelson (2003 title), Robert Basalla (2003 title), William Wright (2006 title), Hans Multhopp (2014 title), and Mika Brattain (2016 title). By virtue of his sweep in 2018, Mika Brattain joins the following Ohioans who tallied perfect scores to win the Ohio Championship: Walter Mann, 1949, 6-0; Harald Miller, 1951, 6-0; Richard Kause, 1959, 7-0; Jack Witeczek, 1960, 7-0; Calvin Blocker, 1961 6-0 and 1962, 6-0.

In addition to having his name engraved for the second time on the championship trophy, Mika Brattain was awarded an individual plaque, which is his own to keep, to commemorate his championship. A complete report with some key games was submitted by Alan Hodge and will be featured in the upcoming e-OCB issue. Until then, please enjoy the final round game Mika Brattain - Madhavan Narkeeran of Pennsylvania.