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Upcoming Open Tournaments

Arnold Schwarzenegger Open
March 4-6 Columbus

Midwest Open Team Chess
Festival MOTCF
March 19-20 Dayton

52nd Cincinnati Open
April 1-3 Cincinnati

Columbus Open
June 17-19 Columbus

Upcoming Scholastic State Championships

State of Ohio Elementary
Championships
March 19 Cleveland

2016 Ohio All Girls Championships
April 9 Columbus

State of Ohio High School
Middle School Championships
April 23-24 Wilmington

2016 OCA Officers

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

2016 CARDINAL OPEN WRAP-UP

By: Grant Neilley

183 players from 13 states and 2 Canadian provinces gathered in Columbus for the 39th Annual Cardinal Open, held for the fourth consecutive year at the beautiful Embassy Suites Airport Hotel. The field included 2 GMs, 2 IMs, and IM-elect Awonder Liang, the youngest person ever in the US to attain that title.

In the Open section, five players tied for first with four points each, including Ohio's own FM Carl Boor, along with GM Mik-tov, IMs Bora and Vojinovic, and young Mr. Liang. They shared the first through fourth places prizes winning \$580 each, and Awonder earned the \$100 bonus for first on tie-breaks. Taking the U2300 class prize with

3.5 points each were Ryan Clayton and George Umezina of Ohio, and Rohan Talukdar of Ontario. Yuri Barnakov took the upset prize.

A new feature this year was the offer of a prize to the top scoring female over the entire event. As a class prize, ladies winning larger place prizes weren't eligible, and it was claimed by Columbus player Kathy Lin with 3.5 points in the U1500 section.

The full article can be read in the spring issue of the Ohio Chess Bulletin along with the crosstables and prize listings for all the sections.

PAN-AMS WERE RECENTLY HOSTED BY OBERLIN COLLEGE IN CLEVELAND

By: Al Lawrence

The 185 players fighting for their schools in the premier open college championship in the Americas and the Caribbean include 25 GMs, 4 WGMs, a dozen IMs, and more than 30 other masters. Forty-two teams from 27 different colleges and universities compete for overall and division honors. The 2015

PanAms, a US Chess national event, was hosted by Oberlin College, who also won Best Small College for the third year in a row, and organized by its Women's Tennis Head Coach and Chess Club Sponsor Constantine Ananiadis. Players and coaches praised the well-planned schedule and comfort-

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able layout, featuring a play-where-you-stay venue with a walkway to the airport terminal. Chief TD Joe Yun, NTD Boyd Reed and Senior TD Kelly Bloomfield ran the competition without a single kerfuffle.

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Submissions for next months newsletter need to be submitted no later than the 15th of the month... email submissions to: ohchess1@gmail.com