



In their last round game of the 47th Cincy Open held March 27th to 29th, Ben Finegold, Jon Hilton, and Yun Fan contemplate their moves on the top three boards. Both Jon and Yun drew their games while Ben won his. Ben's win gave him clear first in the open and the first place prize of \$800.

88 players from seven states competed in the resurrected tournament. The tournament was held at the Holiday Inn in the Eastgate area of Cincinnati.

While some of the players came from as close as Batavia several came from far and wide. The player with the longest drive was Tim Brookshear from Georgia. The player with the longest flight was Kenneth Odeh who flew in from Africa the day before. This is a bit of a stretch as Kenneth is a pilot for Delta and he was returning home to Minnesota from his normal route.

One of the highlights of the tournament was college freshman Yun Fan. Yun is a student from China attending college at DePauw University. With wins over David Friedman and Matt Rosen and draws with Drew Hollingworth and Sergey Berchenko her provisional rating edged closer to master.

Finishing second behind Finegold were Miami MBA student Marek Stryjecki and former Ohio Champion Carl Boor. Taking top honors in the under 2000 section were Robert Chenault, Tony Bayless, and Akash Umakantha with four points each. Top under 1600 went to David Wen and top under 1200 was shared by David Harrington and Mark Dulaney.

Alan Hodge directed and Grant Perks organized this (hopefully) annual event.