

NBCC / CHESS BIOGRAPHY OF DAN GOLDA

Since 2010, the club has held tournaments in honor of our members based on their years of longevity in our organization. Our first member honoree of 2022 was for our dear friend, Dan Golda. Dan was introduced to chess by his father, and his earliest memories of playing chess were with him. Dan played chess throughout high school and progressed in his chess abilities from novice to amateur level. In 2012, through his search of chess clubs in the area on the internet, Dan joined our thriving community. Dan recollects his earliest times with the NBCC as a warm and welcoming group of people who were instrumental to him getting an opportunity to play serious over-the-board competition. Throughout his membership, Dan, who served as club secretary from 2012 to 2013, has been an asset to the club. Specifically, he has been extremely helpful with the setting up and breaking down of equipment and supplies at various major tournaments such as the annual New Britain Summer Open Chess Championship and the annual Christmas party. He also has been the club's resident house player for many years, eagerly willing to play anyone at a moment's notice. Additionally, he had made contributions of beverages (a bottle of wine one year!) to the club's Christmas party. One of his most memorable moments in the club was his tie for first place in the lower section of the Bill Campbell Quick Chess Tournament. Prior to the coronavirus pandemic, Dan was a frequent player at the Friday chess sessions at the Farmington Barnes and Noble. Dan is one of the most charming, friendly, and polite members of our community. He is always welcoming to members of all ages and levels. On behalf of the Connecticut chess community, we are delighted to have Dan be a part of this amazing organization, and we look forward to his continued presence in the club for many years to come. Winning the one-section Dan Golda Quick Chess Tournament was USCF NM David Herscovici.