

NBCC / CHESS BIOGRAPHY OF ROBERT MCDANIEL

Bob McDaniel was the next veteran member to have a tournament held in his honor by the club. Bob has been a member for approximately fifteen years. He joined the club around 1990, took a ten-year hiatus just before the turn of the century in order to start a family, and rejoined the club in 2009. Bob often enjoys reminiscing about his early days at the club, especially when had the pleasure of playing against legends Arkadijs Strazdins and USCF NM James Bolton. One of his proudest memories in the club was earning a draw against Mr. Strazdins in the final round of the 1994 NBCC Championship, which gave him enough points to clinch the title as champion and ultimately gave him enough rating points to attain the level of expert. Speaking of experts, Bob has become one of the club's resident authorities on the French Defense, which he consistently plays as Black. His vast knowledge of this opening and his ardent support of it are two reasons you ought to take your game seriously if you dare play 1. e4 against him! Thirty-four members competed in Bob's event, almost a record turnout for a NBCC quick chess event. The Rick Lee honorary tournament also had thirty-four players, incidentally. Many high-ranked members showed up for Bob's tournament, and the field included many masters and experts. And, after five rounds of complex games in both sections, USCF NM Derek Meredith won the event. John Sentilles was the winner of the reserve section.