

Connecticut State Chess Association

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CONNECTICUT CHESS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2025

GM NICOLAS DE CHECA

Three-time Connecticut State Champion in his four years at Yale University 2021, 2022 and 2024 (second on tie breaks in 2023); Connecticut Blitz Champion 2023; Connecticut Speed Champion 2023

NM MICHAEL CASELLA

Eight-time Connecticut Champion; Three-time Connecticut State Champion 1991, 1994 (Open) and 1998; Four-time Connecticut Blitz Champion, including three in a row, 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1998; Connecticut Rapid Champion 1995

NM GARY SHURE

Three-time Connecticut State Champion 1990, 2012 and 2014;
Holder of the Connecticut Chess Record for Most Years between State Titles

MELVIN PATRICK

(POSTHUMOUS)

Founder and Owner of the Chess Club of Fairfield County, a focal point of Connecticut chess culture and development for almost three decades;
Organizer, Coach and Enthusiast