

CHESS / NBCC BIOGRAPHY OF ANDRIS STRAZDINS

Continuing with holding events in tribute to our club's veteran members, the officers held a tournament on December 5 for our club's third longest-standing member, Andris "Andy" Strazdins. Andy has served the club as treasurer for nearly four decades. Andy, like his father, is a man of strong character, and the club truly appreciates his labor of love for its members. Like the event held for Bill Dworski, the name, location, and format of this event was the same. The turnout for the "Andy Strazdins Over/Under 15 Quick Chess Tournament" was impressive, thanks in great part again to Gert Hilhorst, who recruited sixteen students from the Simsbury Library Chess Club, setting a record for the most scholastic players in a NBCC-sponsored tournament. The winners of the event were: Open section - FM Nelson Castaneda, Under 1500 section - Bryan Yekelchik.