

## NBCC / CHESS BIOGRAPHY OF DR. TONY YABLONSKI

The next person in line to have a tournament held in his honor for being one of the club's veteran members was Dr. Tony Yablonski. Tony joined the club in the mid-1960s and has been a loyal supporter ever since. In addition, he was a very strong advocate for having a non-smoking environment when we played at the New Britain Quartette Club. Even when there was very contentious opposition to having such a policy enforced at the QC, Tony pointed out at the 2001 club business meeting about the detrimental effects of second-hand smoke. In the end, a referendum was held on the matter, and our club has been smoke-free ever since. To those who play at our new club today, we can thank Tony for his steadfast efforts to ban smoking at our meetings back then. The winner of the Dr. Tony Yablonski Quick Chess Tournament was FM Nelson Castaneda.