

REMEMBERING DAVID REYNOLDS

From November 13 to 27, the club held a double quads event in tribute to Dave Reynolds, a member of the Hartford Chess Club in the 1970s. From accounts from his peers, Dave was a chess player of amateur stature and had a very mildmannered and quite disposition, perhaps someone who might not be as easily remembered by people today who were in the chess community then. Tragically, while working at the Suisse Chalet hotel in Hartford one night in the spring of 1979, he was robbed and murdered. There were no witnesses, and no one was charged with the crime. What makes the death of Dave Reynolds so bizarre, and frankly almost unbelievable, is that when he was asked in college to write a story about the specifics of when, where, and how he would die, he stated (his composition was reprinted in a Hartford Courant article after his passing) that he would be fatally shot while working at night at that very same hotel in the spring of that year. Eerily, Dave's prediction of his horrific death occurred within only ten minutes on the day when and at the place where it actually happened. Although Dave died over three decades ago, the club decided to organize this event in his memory - to honor a fellow chess friend who shall never be forgotten.