

NBCC / CHESS BIOGRAPHY OF DOUGLAS FISKE

On December 4, the club kicked off the final month of year with the Doug Fiske Quick Chess Tournament. Doug was the next member in seniority to have a tournament organized in his tribute by the club. Doug joined our organization in 1986 and has been an active member throughout most of his membership. As most of you know, in 2010, Doug began serving the club as a tournament director and was elected NBCC vice president in 2011. However, what you may not know is that, besides devoting his time to the club, Doug has been very generous by donating many chess books to our club's silent auctions and paying twice his membership dues for many years in recent memory. A historic record occurred at Doug's event when seven players tied for second place, the most who have ever tied for a place or a class prize in our club's history (the previous record was six, which happened at the 2007 New Britain Fall Open Quick Chess Tournament). The players sharing the second place prize were USCF NM Derek Meredith, Joseph Mansigian, Martin Garcia, Joseph Bihlmeyer, Dennis Himes, and members Joe Hricko and Jimi Wilkin. But only one person took first place, and that was FM Nelson Castaneda. Twenty-five people played in Doug's tournament.