

## **REMEMBERING JULIUS FUSTER**

Since 2011, the NBCC has held annual tournaments to recognize leaders who have made significant contributions to the advancement of Connecticut chess. This year, the club memorialized the late Julius Fuster. This gentleman played a pivotal role in Connecticut chess history for many years, most notably serving as CSCA president and on the board of directors during the 1990s. In addition, Mr. Fuster was a tournament organizer and a mentor to many chess players, working passionately in these pursuits with many leaders, like Rob Roy, to promote and enrich this game to players all of ages and levels. While striving to expand state chess programs, Julius devoted time with his home club, the Waterbury Chess Club, as an officer and director. Besides being a strong advocate for chess, Julius enjoyed competing in many local tournaments. One of his most memorable tournament victories was clinching first place in a three-way tie in the 1976 New Britain Summer Open alongside legends Arkadijs Strazdins and Mary Conlon. Julius was a highly respected member of our chess community and an inspirational force in the lives of many rising chess players - a dear friend to every chess player. This year, we honor Julius with this event to preserve his legacy to Connecticut chess and to recognize him for his years of steadfast service in this incredible cause.