

## NBCC/CHESS AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF JOHN TWOMBLEY

The club started the month of August with its fortieth honorary member tournament, this one for John Twombley. John has been a member of our club for more than a decade, a regular and active tournament player who prefers the longer time-controlled events. But John's involvement with chess spans many years earlier, well before he joined our family. His father taught him the game at the very young age of ten. He remembers playing in his middle school chess club at Granby Memorial, his first USCF tournament at that time. He has been steadily playing in about four USCF tournaments per year now for the past two decades. He has also been climbing the rating ladder as well, having competed with many strong players at the club and in local and regional tournaments. His most memorable tournament victory, by far, was clinching the 2013 Planet Earth Reserve Chess Championship, a victory that he is most proud of indeed. Like prior members who the club has paid tribute to, John heard about our club through friends and our presence on the internet. John is very glad to have made many friendships throughout our community and to have learned new playing styles. John is a pleasant person who has a positive attitude and a mild-mannered disposition. But do not let his friendliness fool you as he plays like a tiger on the chess board! All levity aside, we are fortunate to have nice people like John as part of the NBCC, and we hope that he will continue his membership in our organization in the years to come. We thank you John for supporting the club and for the kindness that you have shown to your friends in our ever-growing chess community. In spite of the fact that John prefers the long-time controlled events, he chose a 10 0 rated blitz time control for his tournament, which attracted thirty-one players. In the open section, our newest master and member, Dmitry Leykekman, took clear first place, smashing the competition. And one of our youngest and brightest scholastic members, Carter Clayton, took home the gold with a score of 5-1 in the U1600 section. It should also be noted for the record that this tournament was Mario Guevara-Rodriguez's first experience as an assistant director and Michael Smith's first experience as a chief tournament director. Way to go, guys!