

REMEMBERING JAMES BOLTON

On the first three meetings in November, the club held a double quads event in tribute to the late USCF NM Jim Bolton. The master was a member from the 1960s until 2000 and was a regular participant in the club's major tournaments during that time. Throughout Bolton's chess career, which spanned an amazing six decades, he earned many prestigious titles. His most notable were two-time New England chess champion and three-time Connecticut chess champion. The master also won many NBCC tournaments and became only the second member, behind Mr. Strazdins, to win three major tournaments in one year at the club. The master was an inspiration to all chess players. His untiring determination to ensure that everyone strived for success in chess was a testament to his character. Tragically, Master Bolton's health declined in the late 1990s. His memory, ability to reason, and cognitive skills rapidly deteriorated, which sadly lead to his passing in 2006. Those of you who remember Master Bolton know that his death was a significant loss for the NBCC and New England chess communities.