

CHESS BIOGRAPY OF JAN CENDROWSKI

Every year since 2011, the NBCC has held an annual tournament to memorialize a prominent figure in Connecticut chess history. This year, we honor Jan Cendrowski. Jan was the club's president in the 1960s and was a commander of the General Haller Post, where our club held its meetings in the 1960s and 1970s. It was Jan who was instrumental in securing this venue for our club for nearly two decades. Of historical note, Jan was the only member to have held all four officer positions at different times throughout his membership in the club. He was a steadfast leader and a strong advocate for chess in our club and in Connecticut. Tragically, he passed away in 1969 at the young age of sixty-two. He passed away while serving as club president. This was a complete shock to the NBCC community. He was such an important person and role model in our club, and it was sad to see him leave this world so soon. He made an indelible mark on our club, and his legacy will never be forgotten.