

## **NBCC / CHESS BIOGRAPHY OF JOZEF MADEJ**

Jozef Madej was the next member to have a tournament held in his honor at the club. His story in the NBCC began in 1998. Early on, Jozef was a solid class C player. But, from the turn of the century to today, Jozef's ranking in the club has steadily risen. Currently, he is class A player. Who knows how high Jozef's rating might increase in the years to come? He might just become our club's next expert. However, if he thought that he was too old to have his own tournament, then he had better hurry up to reach 2000! Most recently, Jozef has been regularly directing the tournaments at the club. His involvement in this capacity and in other related duties have greatly benefited our organization. In addition to his TD responsibilities, Jozef has been one of the most steadfast NBCC supporters. In the last six years, he has competed in over seventy rated club tournaments. Jozef is a very nice person and, furthermore, has a quiet, pleasant charm and disposition. But do not let that fool you if you ever play him! We almost had a record number of players participating in the Jozef Madej Quick Chess Tournament (thirty-two), and, despite a few technical difficulties with the pairing software, the tournament finally got underway at 8:30. After four rounds of competition, International Master Jan Van de Mortel took first place in the open section, and John Twombly earned the top spot in the Under 1600 section. I want to take this moment to thank Kevin Zimmerman, who assisted me with directing the tournament. Kevin has been involved as a TD in the past few years, but, on June 11, it was his first time in this official role at the club.