

NBCC / CHESS BIOGRAPHY OF KEVIN ZIMMERMAN

A week after the Oktoberfest Tournament, the NBCC hosted the next in its series of honorary member events, which started in September 2010, for Kevin Zimmerman. Kevin, who joined the NBCC family in 2001, has been one of the club's greatest contributors and advocates. For nearly a decade, Kevin - better known as "Z" by many of his friends - has hosted numerous chess tournaments and barbeques at his home. A gracious and welcoming host, "Z" has treated many in our chess family to his delicious down-home, Southern-style cooking. Kevin has also catered many of our New Britain Summer Open lunches and a few of the NBCC Christmas parties. For his work in this regard for the club, "Z" has earned the distinct reputation as NBCC chef. Besides enriching the social fabric of the club as chef, Kevin has worked for Connecticut Scholastic Chess Director David Aldi as an assistant tournament organizer and as a staunch supporter of chess among today's youth. Another interesting fact about Kevin that some of you might not know is that he, like a few of our members, belongs to two Connecticut chess clubs - the NBCC and the UConn CC. Kevin is one of the nicest and most outgoing members in our club, and he has been quite instrumental in bringing our chess family closer together. USCF NM Dennis Prawira clinched first place in the open section with a perfect score in the four-round, G/20 with no time delay (the zero delay was a tiny request made by "Z"!) Kevin Zimmerman Quick Chess Tournament. In the reserve section, however, there was an incredible (almost club record!) five-way tie for first place, with Alexander Ruth, Bill Campbell, Ryan Wantroba and Shmaya Ron (two of our newest members), and the one-and-only "Z" each sharing in the pool with a score of 3-1.