

NBCC / CHESS BIOGRAPHY OF MARCUS KOMONS

The NBCC kicked off November with a one-night event in honor of veteran member Marcus “Endgame” Komons. Marcus joined our family nearly fourteen years ago. Marcus began his membership with the club during a time of significant leadership transition. After a few years into his membership, Marcus expressed a desire to serve as a club tournament director. After a year of directing, Mr. Komons got even more involved when he was elected club secretary, a position that he dutifully served from 2006 until 2010. Marcus was a very devoted club director and officer, and it was truly a pleasure to work with him on so many projects for the betterment of the club. He was an excellent team player and a staunch club advocate. For five years, Mr. Komons took a strong and active role as a club administrator, and it really comes as no surprise that he takes this same determined approach today at the chess board. He continually strives to improve his game, and his earnest efforts have noticeably paid off. In just the last few years, Marcus has been so close to attaining an expert rating. Yet his strength well exceeds his rating, and he has proven to give master-level competitors a real battle. Even though “Endgame” Komons does not enjoy getting into time pressure, he does have an ability to play quite well in these conditions. The club has been fortunate to have Marcus, who incidentally is one of the all-time most active members in the last decade, as part of our organization. Marcus often says that he is blessed for the many friendships that he has formed with our members through the years. In the spirit of camaraderie, the members mirror that same sentiment toward Marcus, who is a deeply devoted and loyal friend to everyone in our family. After an evening of energetic competition, FM Nelson Castaneda won the Marcus Komons event. This win places the professor at number thirty in total wins or ties for first place in NBCC quick chess events. Bob Cyr clinched the U1800 section.