

## CHESS BIOGRAPHY OF MELVIN PATRICK

For many years, Melvin Patrick, or “Bernard” as he was often known to his family and to many of his closest friends, was an inspirational force for chess in Connecticut and the tri-state region. Melvin was very compassionate about the game, notably organizing over 1,300 events at the Chess Club of Fairfield County, Connecticut’s premier chess facility, which he founded over a decade ago. Melvin was an extremely outgoing, generous person and loved mentoring his students, never missing a day of work at the CCFC. He was as devoted as any chess player could be, one of the all-time greatest ambassadors in state chess history. According to FM Richard Bauer, Melvin was the “Straz” of the CCFC. Melvin immensely touched the lives of so many people in the chess community. We will never forget the incredible work that he has done to build such a thriving chess community in our state, especially in Fairfield County. As such, may his legacy never be forgotten. And may Melvin rest in peace in heaven for all eternity.