

## **REMEMBERING PAUL GLIDEWELL**

Besides the quick chess tournaments that have been held in honor of our current veteran members, it was decided early on in the Meredith administration to organize annual double quads memorial events to pay tribute to former members or chess players who have been influential in promoting the game in our community. In November of this year, the club held a memorial event for Paul Glidewell. As recounted by USCF NM Derek Meredith and others, Paul's greatest contribution to the game in our area, and for which he will best be remembered, was his management of a chess studio on Sissian Avenue in Hartford during the 1970s, a decade when chess significantly flourished in this country because of the Fischer boom. Enthusiasts from all across Connecticut, some traveling many miles, visited Paul's chess emporium to purchase books, magazines, and other items from his huge collection. While there, his patrons sometimes played Paul a few games of chess. Many of his customers were members of the NBCC and the former Hartford Chess Club, both of which Paul was a member. Paul was generally a serious chess competitor, reaching class A in his career. However, on a lighter note, when playing casual chess with his friends, there were instances when he would utter the comical witticism, "Used to know but don't know now," when he could not decide what move to play. Overall, Mr. Glidewell developed a strong reputation in the chess community as a passionate promoter and advocate of the game. His passing, no doubt, was a major loss for Connecticut chess.