

WILL TORRES NBCC/CHESS BIOGRAPHY

On October 29, the club held its final honorary member event of 2019 for our friend, Will Torres. Unlike some of the predecessors who the club has honored, Will self-taught himself chess by reading books at his local library, including *Alekhine's Greatest Games* and *Kasparov's My Predecessors*. Will joined our family around 2008, one of the last members who we are honoring who still remembers playing at the New Britain Quartette Club. He joined the NBCC because the Waterbury Chess Club posed little competition at the time. His rating gradually climbed over the years to reach a personal goal of expert. Having attained expert status at age twenty-eight, he could easily attain master level in his 30s. He has played a total of eight-four chess events all over the state. He won the 2014 CCFC Team Chess Championship, playing board 2. During that same year, he won the NBCC VI Rated Blitz Chess Tournament, tied for third place with USCF NM Derek Meredith at the state championships, and earned third place in the Summer Open. Two-thousand-and-fourteen was a banner year for Will! Then, in 2015, he surprised everyone when he defeated six prior champions and came with “will” power to take it all at the 2015 Connecticut State Blitz Chess Championship. Will has a bubbly, energetic, and positive attitude and is liked by everyone in our tight community. His only regrets have not been being able to contribute more to the club and being more active in our organization. We look forward to his return very soon! Winning the Will Torres Quick Chess Tournament was Joseph Bihlmeyer. Winning the U1700 section was Kyle Triplett.