

NBCC / CHESS BIOGRAPHY OF JOSEPH MANSIGIAN

Joseph Mansigian was the next member to have a tournament held at the NBCC in his honor. His event was held on April 17. "Florida" Joe began his membership with the club in 1972 and has been one of the organization's most steadfast supporters. In the last six years alone, he has played in more rated club events (close to eighty) than anyone else, with the exception of Bob Kozlowski and USCF NM Derek Meredith. In addition to his five-decade spanning membership, Joe has served the NBCC in numerous capacities, from secretary to vice president to president. Joe presided over one of the most prosperous periods in our club's history (2003-2010) and, during that time, created wonderful ideas for new club tournaments, like the Arkadijs Strazdins Cup and the Oktoberfest Open Chess Championship. He worked constantly with his fellow officers and tournament directors to ensure that the plans for these events were implemented successfully. Like many of our veteran members, Joe relishes engaging in casual chess play with his friends at their homes or at Barnes and Noble in Farmington on the weekends. Joe is a very caring and compassionate person, a true friend. Twenty-four players played in Joe's event. Winning the event with a perfect score after five rounds of G/10 games was one of our club's former members and the recent founder and president of the Waterbury Chess Club, Will Torres.