

# 1976

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A. B. MERALDO  
Chess winners

John A. Baclawski, one of New Britain's best chess players — won the 1976 Connecticut State Amateur Open Championship with a perfect score of 5-0, played recently at the YWCA in Waterbury.

Frederick Townsend, U.S. Chess Federation vice president was the tournament director.

After six rounds in the 10 players 1976 New Britain single round robin city chess championship finals, the leading players so far, are: James Azzola, Miss Mary Conlon, Robert Milardo and Carl Traczynski, each with a score of 4½-1½.

In the 22 player reserve, a 5 round Swiss system tournament, after three rounds, the leading players are:

Jerome A. Crawford with a score of 3-0; Joseph Mansigian, John A. Baclawski and Randy Greenough, each with a score of 2½-½ and Robert W. Lane, Gary Cote, William Pockoski and George Stewart — each 2-1. Both tournaments will be finished early in March.

The Connecticut match championship tournament, an elimination event of individual matches, started last year with a large entry list, and took about a year to complete. Robert Milardo in the semifinals defeated Scott Cameron from Hartford 4-3, but in the final round loss to David Strong from Watertown by a score of 2-1.

The New Britain Chess Club Speed Tournament No. 6, (five minute games) played recently was won by Arkadijs Strazdins with a score of 18½-1½, followed by Carl Traczynski, 18-2 and Dennis Gallagher, 15-5.

Tournament No. 7 was won by Strazdins with a score of 22-2, followed by Traczynski, 20½-3½ and Anthony Miller 19½-4½.

The 1976 Connecticut scholastic championship finals will be played at G. Fox & Co. in Hartford, Feb. 21, starting at 10 a.m. The championship will be played in 5 sections: Grades 10-12, 7-9, 5-6, 3-4 and K2. Trophies will be awarded to top 5 each section. Seven New Britain Chess Club junior members, who qualified for the finals are: James Azzola, Matthew Coulombe, Dennis Gallagher, Andrew Loftus, Carl Traczynski, James D. Wulfi and Peter P. Yanchak.

Thirty of New Britain Chess Club top players who were active last year, have achieved a B class rating or above.

They are: 1. Arkadijs Strazdins, Anthony Miller, Robert Milardo, Robert W. Lane, Peter Kloskowski, James Baker, Andris R. Strazdins, Daniel S. Lechowicz 1845, Robert F. Tirone, Carl Traczynski, James Azzola, Tadeusz Szafranski, Dr. Anthony Yablonski Jr., Mark Denihan, Paul Ligas, Wesley Frazier, Peter Mitchell, Robert Wolf, Andrew Loftus, Dennis Gallagher, Miss Mary Conlon, Duncan W. May, Ronald Bourassa, Jan Kasica, John A. Baclawski, Edward A. Harris Jr., Richard Colpitts, Richard H. Dittmar, Raymond Lamont, Stephen B. Weissman, and Stanley J. Archacki.

In a tentative agreement between the New Britain Chess Club and the Hartford Chess Club, the first speed team match (5 min. games) between two clubs in state history will be played at the YMCA in Hartford sometime in March.

3/10/76  
Lopsided score:

## Chess club wins first speed match

The New Britain Chess Club's 18-man team composed of the best senior and junior speed chess players, recently defeated the Hartford Chess Club combination by a score of 156½-43½.

The competition was the first speed chess match of five-minute games between the two clubs.

The results on the individual boards, with New Britain players listed first in each case, were as follows: Arkadijs Strazdins 6, Martin Garcia 4; Anthony Miller 7, Mark Weeks 3; Robert Milardo 5½, James Baker 4½; Robert F. Tirone 9, Karl Kochman 1; James Azzola 5, Chris Ferrante 5; Lloyd Stephenson 5, Paul Bartha 5; Mark Denihan 5½, Robert Donahue 4½; Daniel S. Lechowicz 10, Wayne Cormier 0; John A. Baclawski 8½, Andre St. Louis 1½; Miss Mary Conlon 7, Greg Kelly 3; Dennis Gallagher 8, Charles Daly 2; Richard Colpitts 9, Charles Soltes 1; Jerome A. Crawford 9, Chester Lau 1; Duncan W. May 10, Norman Arey 0; Gary Cote 8, Vincent Pandolfi 2; Joseph Mansigian 9, Stanley Liauksmas 1; Peter P. Yanchak 9, David Reynolds 1; and Matthew Coulombe 6, Milot Underwood 4.

Strazdins was team captain for New Britain and Nick Stevens and Wayne Cormier for Hartford.

In the 1976 Vermont State Championship Open played recently in Burlington, Vt., Gary Cote with a score of 4-1, tied for 4th place and Peter Kloskowski scored 3½-1½.

In the 1976 Connecticut Scholastic Chess Championship played in Hartford, the New Britain Chess Club junior chess players James Azzola and Carl Traczynski tied for first place with a perfect score of 4-0 in the high school division. They will play additional games at the New Britain Chess Club tonight to determine the Connecticut schoolboy champion.

In the Junior High School Division, Peter P. Yanchak scored 3-1 and Matthew Coulombe 1½-2½.

Baclawski

FIRST TIME IN CONNECTICUT.

SPEED CHESS MATCH ( 5 MINUTE GAMES )

NEW BRITAIN                      VERSUS                      HARTFORD.

Played at the YMCA in Hartford, Friday,  
March 5, 1976 by 18 boards.-

TEAM CAPTAINS:

Arkadijs Strazdins -N.B. - Nick Stevens  
and Wayne Cormier - H.-

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THE R E S U L T S:

| <u>NEW BRITAIN</u>     | <u>SCORE</u> | <u>HARTFORD</u>     |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 1. Arkadijs Strazdins  | 6 - 4        | Martin Garcia       |
| 2. Anthony Miller      | 7 - 3        | Mark Weeks          |
| 3. Robert Milardo      | 5½- 4½       | James Baker         |
| 4. Robert F. Tirone    | 9 - 1        | Karl Kochman        |
| 5. James Azzola        | 5 - 5        | Chris Ferrahte      |
| 6. Lloyd Stephenson    | 5 - 5        | Paul Bartha         |
| 7. Mark Denihan        | 5½- 4½       | Robert Donahue      |
| 8. Daniel S. Lechowicz | 10 - 0       | Wayne Cormier       |
| 9. John A. Baclawski   | 8½- 1½       | Andre St. Louis     |
| 10. Miss Mary Conlon   | 7 - 3        | Greg Kelly          |
| 11. Dennis Gallagher   | 8 - 2        | Charles Daly        |
| 12. Richard Colpitts   | 9 - 1        | Charles Soltes      |
| 13. Jerome A. Crawford | 9 - 1        | Chester Lau         |
| 14. Duncan W. May      | 10 - 0       | Norman Arey         |
| 15. Gary Cote          | 8 - 2        | Vincent Pandolfi    |
| 16. Joseph Mansigian   | 9 - 1        | Stanley Liauksminas |
| 17. Peter P. Yanchak   | 9 - 1        | David Reynolds      |
| 18. Matthew Coulombe   | 6 - 4        | Milot Underwood.    |

TOTAL SCORE

136½ - 43½

**A New Grandmaster for U. S.**  
James E. Tarjan, 24 years old, from Sherman Oaks, Calif., has earned the title of International Grandmaster, the first player in the U.S. to do so in six years. The last one was Walter Browne, the U. S. champion.

The Grandmaster title is awarded by the world chess organization, FIDE, on the basis of results achieved in international tournaments. At present there are 105 Grandmasters in the world, 12 of them in the U. S. The other 11 in this country, listed in the order of gaining the title, are Samuel Reshevsky, Reuben Fine, Isaac Kashdan, Arthur Bisguier, Larry Evans, Pal Benko, Bobby Fischer, William Lombardy, Robert Byrne, Lubosh Kavalek, and Walter Browne.

Tarjan learned chess at the age of 8, and began playing in tournaments when he was 12. In 1965 he won the top award for players under 14 in the American Open. He became a USCF Master at 15, and a Senior Master (rated 2400 and above) at 19. He played on the U. S. team several times in the World Student Team Championships, and was a member of the 1970 team that won the world title. In 1971 and again in 1973 he tied for first in the National Open, and in 1974 was a member of the U. S. team in the Chess Olympiad, the world team championship. Tarjan won a gold medal for his score of 11-2 in this event.

The Grandmaster title was achieved when Tarjan won a tournament in Yugoslavia ahead of several Grandmasters, and placed in a tie for fourth in a very strong tournament at Skopje, Yugoslavia, which was won by Anatoly Karpov, the current world champion.

"In terms of prestige," says Edmund B. Edmondson, executive director of the United States Chess Federation, "to be a Grandmaster in chess is like being elected quarterback of the year in pro football and getting into the Football Hall of Fame all at once."

selected for the games, our contestants who wish to do so may play at other times by mutual agreement. To enter the tournament, get further information about it, drop in at My Father's Place or phone 426-3900 and ask for Frank Lisi or Julius Lisi.

The 26th annual New Britain City Chess Championship, played on Wednesday evenings at the Quartette Club, has been completed. For the first time since 1952 Arkadijs Strazdins, president of the New Britain Chess Club, did not finish at the top of the standings as either the champion or co-champion. The 1976 champion is Robert Milardo, who scored 7½-1½ in the tournament finals.

James Azzola and Carl Traczynski, who tied for first in the high school division of the 1976 Connecticut Scholastic Championships, again finished in a dead heat, each scoring 7-2 in the New Britain tournament. Azzola won the second-place trophy via the tie-break formula. Strazdins tied for fourth place with Mary Conlon at 5½-3½ each. Azzola was the only player who did not lose a game in the finals. Dennis Gallagher won a special award as the best junior player in the preliminary rounds, where he scored 8-1 without losing a game. In the finals he was the only player to defeat Bob Milardo, the new champion.

#### Problem Corner

*By Ben Mc Grawy 4/18/76*

The 1st Strazdins Open, organized in appreciation of Arkadijs Strazdins, will be contested this weekend, June 19-20, at the Plainville YMCA (Route 10). It is open to members of the USCF and those who become members at the tournament. Entry fee is \$12 at the site. Registration will end at 9:30 am Saturday, with rounds at 10, 2 and 7 that day and 10 and 3 on Sunday.

There is a \$200 guaranteed prize fund, with \$50 to the winner and \$30 for second place. \$30 each will go to the top B, C, D, and E—unrated. Bring clocks and sets if available.

In the Reserve Tournament of the New Britain City Chess Championship, completed February 25 after five Wednesday evening sessions, the winner was Joseph Mansigian with a score of 4½-1½. Jerome Crawford was second. Top "C" player was Gary Cote, with Joe Seewald second. In Class "D" the winner was Basil Greenough, followed by Peter Yanchak. Top "E" was Randy Greenough. The top unrated player was George Stewart, with Rudolf Wulff second.

There were 137 players in the finals of the 1976 Connecticut Scholastic Chess Championships in Hartford. In the high school division (grades 10-12) there was a tie for first as James Azzola of Meriden and Carl Traczynski of Bristol each scored 4-0. Both of these players belong to the New Britain Chess Club.

Eighteen members of the New Britain Chess Club recently visited the Hartford Chess Club for a speed chess match against 18 of the host team's players. This was probably the first such match ever played in Connecticut. Each player contested ten five-minute games against a single opponent from the other team. When the score was tallied at the end of the match New Britain was found to be the winner, 136½-43½. Dan Lechowicz and Duncan May won all ten of their games. New Britain players had plus scores on 16 boards, the other two being tied at 5-5. Arkadijs Strazdins was captain of the New Britain team; Nick Stevens and Wayne Cormier were co-captains for Hartford.

...they had a bye.

The leaders after three rounds are: Pruman, 3-0; Petruschow, 2½-½; Huddy, 2½-½; Powers, 2½-½; and Mayer, Fuchs, Claus, Neville, and Parker each 2-1.

Arkadijs Strazdins won the 26th annual New Britain Chess Club championship by defeating John Bacilawski, the Connecticut Amateur Champion, in the last round. This was the 22nd time that Strazdins had won the club championship. His score was 11½-2½. In second place, also, was Dennis Gallagher, rated one of Connecticut's most promising young players by Strazdins. Bacilawski, scoring 3½-1½, was third via the tie-break formula.

Finishing fourth through sixth by tie-break were James Azzola, Duncan May and Peter Kloskowski, each scoring 3½-1½. The next three, also by tie-break at 3-2 each, were Paul Wooster, Jerome Crawford and Raymond Lamont. Randy Greenough was tenth at 2½-2½. Twenty-four players competed in the championship tournament.

## Chess news

Ten qualified players from primary play competed for the 26th annual New Britain chess championship finals, a single round robin tournament at the Quartette Club. Competition was held each Wednesday night for the past nine weeks.

Robert Milardo, Connecticut State Chess Assn. vice president, finished first with a score of 7½-1½. His only loss was to Dennis Gallagher and he drew with James Azzola. After tie-break, Azzola took second place and Carl Traczynski, the 1976 Connecticut high school champion, was third, each scoring 7-2. They were followed by Miss Mary Conlon, the top Connecticut women player, Arkadijs Strazdins, Dennis Gallagher, Duncan W. May, Richard H. Dittmar, Edward A. Harris Jr. and Peter Mitchell.

### Reserve Tournament

Joseph Mansigian with a score of 4½-½, won the city

championship reserve tournament, a five round Swiss system from a field of 22 players.

Jerome A. Crawford after tie-break took second place and Robert W. Lane third, each with 4-1; John A. Baclawski was fourth and Randy Greenough fifth, each with 3½-1½.

With a score of 3-2 each and lower were: Gary Cote, Basil Greenough, William J. Pockoski, Joseph Seewald, Joseph Augeri, Peter P. Yanchak, John A. Bryan Jr., Hermann Zickfeld, Stanley J. Archacki, George Stewart.

Rudolf Wulff, Dennis Plante, Arthur B. Simone, Edgars J. Strazdins, Gerald Levitsky, William Thomson and James D. Wulff.

Both tournaments are rated by the U.S. Chess Federation and were sponsored by quartette club and the City Chess Club. Arkadijs Strazdins directed.

The New Britain Chess Club is an officially recognized U.S.

Chess Federation affiliate and is fully qualified to give USCF nationally-rated tournaments and award prizes.

Trophies and other prizes were awarded last night at Quartette Club to all players who played in the finals and for Reserve Tournament players: Mansigian, Crawford and Class winners — Cote (C); Seewald (2nd C); Basil Greenough (D); Yanchack (2nd D); Randy Greenough (E); Steward (top unrated) and Rudolff Wulff (2nd unrated). A special prize was awarded to Dennis Gallagher, who was the top junior.

In recently played Chess Tournaments: Carl Traczynski won the playoff game played at the Quartette Club last Wednesday night against James Azzola, and became 1976 Connecticut high school champion.

In the Hampshire County Open, played at University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Peter Kloskowski had a score of 4-1-tie for second place.

## Chess news

The New Britain Chess Club will hold its 1976 individual Chess Championship, a five round Swiss, a U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) rated tournament at the Quartette Club on five successive Wednesday nights, beginning April 21 at 7:30.

Trophies and other prizes will be awarded to top senior and junior players. Registration may be obtained Wednesday night at the Quartette Club, the Chess Club's new meeting place — by contacting Arkadijs Strazdins, a certified tournament director of the USCF.

The tournament is sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club.

Previous winners starting from 1950: Edmund Roman, 1950, 1951; Arkadijs Strazdins, 1952, 1971; Robert Milardo, 1972; Daniel S. Lechowicz, 1973; Robert W. Lane, 1974; Strazdins, 1975.

The Chess Club Speed Tournament (5) min. game, played recently, was won by Strazdins, 28-2, followed by Milardo, 27-3 and Mary Conlon, 22-8.

The next tournament was won by Strazdins, 24½, followed by Milardo, 20-4 and Carl Traczynski, 19½.

Another tournament, Strazdins, Milardo and Traczynski, each 21-3.

The final tournament was won by Anthony Miller, 24-2, followed by William Aust, 22-4, and Dr. Emanuel A. Szein, 20½-5½.

In the 2nd Triple C Open played recently in Waterbury, Strazdins, with a score of 4-1, tied for second place. Jerome Crawford (Top C) and Carl Traczynski, each scored, 3½-1½; Randy Greenough (Top E), Anthony Miller and Dennis Gallagher each scored 3-2 and Ronald Bourassa, 2½-2½.

The local Chess Club is participating in the 1976 Connecticut State Team Championship with two teams. The captains are in the Championship Division Carl Traczynski and in the Reserve Division Duncan W. May.

The 11th annual New Britain Summer Open, one of the leading tournaments in Connecticut, a five-round Swiss, 50 moves in two hours, U.S. Chess Federation rated tournament, will be held at the Quartette Club July 17 and 18.

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## Chess news

Arkadijs Strazdins of The Stanley Works won the 26th annual New Britain Chess Club championship, a U.S. Chess Federation rated tournament, with a score of 4½-1½.

Strazdins has won the club championship 22 years, the city championship 23 years and the City Summer Open six years.

Twenty-four members of the club competed for this year's championship which was decided in the last round between John A. Baclawski, the 1976 Connecticut State Amateur Champion and Strazdins, each going into the final round with 3½-1½. Strazdins with black played the very difficult Latvian gambit and won the game in 38 moves. The game will be published in chess magazines.

Dennis Gallagher placed second with a score of 4-1.

After the tie-break, the results with 3½-1½ each, are: Baclawski-third; James Azzola, 16, fourth; Duncan W. May, fifth, and Peter Kloskowski, sixth.

With a score of 3-2 or lower: Paul Wooster, Jerome A. Crawford, Raymond Lamont, Randy Greenough, Joseph Seewald, Carl Traczynski, Peter Mitchell, Joseph Augeri, Mary Conlon, William J. Pockoski, Peter P. Yanchak, Herman Zickfeld, Basil Greenough, Gary Cote, Rudolph Wulff, Edward A. Harris, Jr., Joseph Mansigian and George C. Stewart, Jr.

The tournament was sponsored by the quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club. Strazdins and Kloskowski directed the event.

Trophies and other prizes will be awarded tonight at the Quartette Club to top scorers.

In other recent tournaments, the New Britain Chess Club members scored as follows:

Hartford Chess Club Spring Rating tournament in Hartford, Peter P. Yanchak, 2½-1½; Vermont State Championship Open played in Burlington, Vt., Gary Cote with a score of 4-1, tied for fourth place and Peter Kloskowski, 2½-1½; Massachusetts Open in Springfield, Mass., Lloyd Stephenson, 4½-1½, won the Reserve section, Plainville Open, Peter Kloskowski, Carl Traczynski and Lloyd Stephenson, each with 4-1, tied for top B; Raymond Lamont, Mary Conlon and Anthony Miller, each 3-2; Jerome A. Crawford 2½-2½ and Gary Cote, 2-3; Yale Open in New Haven, Lloyd Stephenson and Jerome A. Crawford, each 3-2 and Peter Kloskowski, 2½-2½; the third Triple C Open at the Hartford YMCA, Mary Conlon took first with 4½-1½; Arkadijs Strazdins, second with 4-1, and Peter Kloskowski, third with 3½-1½; Wesley Frazier, 3-2; Ronald Bourassa, 2½-2½, and Eugene Bystrak, 1½-3½.

For the next three weeks the New Britain Chess Club will hold speed tournaments (five minute games) at Quartette Club. Starting time is 8 p.m.

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# June 19 & 20, '76

MAIL ENTRIES TO CARL TRACZYNSKI, 57 GARDEN ST., BRISTOL, CT. 06010

|           |      |
|-----------|------|
| 1st PRIZE | \$50 |
| 2nd       | \$30 |
| TOP B     | \$30 |
| TOP C     | \$30 |
| TOP D     | \$30 |
| TOP E/UNR | \$30 |

WE ARE NOT PLANNING TO THROW STRAZ IN THE YMCA SWIMMING POOL ...

**\*PLEASE BRING CLOCKS AND SETS IF YOU HAVE THEM!**

| 1st ARKADIS STRAZDINS OPEN                      |                   |        |     |     |     |      |     |     |    |      |  |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|----|------|--|
| Plainville, Ct. June 19-20, 1976                |                   |        |     |     |     |      |     |     |    |      |  |
| New Britain Chess Club---Nick Stevens Director: |                   |        |     |     |     |      |     |     |    |      |  |
| NO.                                             | NAME              | RATING | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4    | 5   | Pts |    |      |  |
| 1--                                             | STRAZDINS, Ark.   | 1965   | W12 | W-7 | D-5 | D-2  | W-9 | 4-- | -1 | -2nd |  |
| 2--                                             | IPACS, Ed         | 1930   | W13 | W-8 | W10 | D-1  | W-3 | 4-- | -1 | -1st |  |
| 3--                                             | TRACZYNSKI, Carl  | 1839   | W14 | D-9 | W20 | W-5  | L-2 | 3-- | -1 | -3-7 |  |
| 4--                                             | KLOSKOWSKI, Peter | 1787   | W15 | L10 | L-9 | D17  | W18 | 2-- | -2 |      |  |
| 5--                                             | CONLON, Mary      | 1739   | W16 | W11 | D-1 | L13  | W12 | 2-- | -2 | -3-7 |  |
| 6--                                             | GALLAGHER, Dennis | 1720   | D17 | L20 | D21 | W15  | W22 | 3-- | -2 |      |  |
| 7--                                             | CRAWFORD, Jerry   | 1719   | W18 | L-1 | D13 | W20  | L11 | 2-- | -2 |      |  |
| 8--                                             | FRATZER, Wesley   | 1711   | W19 | L-1 | W14 | L-10 | W20 | 3-- | -2 |      |  |
| 9--                                             | FERRANTE, Chris   | 1686   | W21 | D-3 | W-4 | W-8  | L-1 | 3-- | -1 | -3-7 |  |
| 10--                                            | HODDY, Joseph     | 1646   | W22 | W14 | L-2 | D1   | W13 | 3-- | -1 | -3-7 |  |
| 11--                                            | DITTMAR, Richard  | 1635   | W23 | L-5 | W15 | D10  | W-7 | 3-- | -2 | -3-7 |  |
| 12--                                            | BOURASSA, Ron     | 1529   | L-1 | W17 | D16 | L-5  | W-2 | 2-- | -2 | --C  |  |
| 13--                                            | LAMONT, Ray       | 1528   | L-2 | W18 | D-7 | W16  | L10 | 2-- | -2 | --C  |  |
| 14--                                            | HINTON, Ralph     | 1495   | L-3 | W19 | L-8 | L22  | W21 | 2-- | -3 |      |  |
| 15--                                            | DALY, Chas.       | 1418   | L-4 | W22 | L11 | L16  | BYE | 2-- | -3 |      |  |
| 16--                                            | GODIN, Eric       | 1410   | L-5 | W23 | D12 | L13  | W17 | 2-- | -4 | --C  |  |
| 17--                                            | BYSTRAK, Gene     | 1409   | D-6 | L12 | D18 | D-4  | L16 | 1-- | -3 |      |  |
| 18--                                            | GREENOUGH, Randy  | 1384   | L-7 | L13 | D17 | W23  | L-4 | 1-- | -3 |      |  |
| 19--                                            | CONLON, Eleanor   | 1306   | L-8 | L14 | L22 | BYE  | W23 | 2-- | -3 | --D  |  |
| 20--                                            | WEBSTER, Tom      | 991    | BYE | W16 | L-3 | L-7  | L-8 | 2-- | -2 | E/UR |  |
| 21--                                            | DORMODY, John     | UNR    | L-9 | BYE | D-6 | L12  | L14 | 1-- | -3 |      |  |
| 22--                                            | DORMODY, Paul     | UNR    | L10 | L15 | W19 | W14  | L-6 | 2-- | -3 | E/UR |  |
| 23--                                            | GOULD, Chas.      | UNR    | L11 | L16 | BYE | L18  | L19 | 1-- | -4 |      |  |

\*\*\*Tie Class-B-Chris Ferrante-Joseph Hoddy-Richard Dittmar.

July 21, 1976  
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## Waterbury chess player wins tourney

The 11th annual New Britain Summer Open, a five round Swiss System U.S. Chess Federation-rated tournament, Saturday and Sunday at the Quartette Club, attracted 47 players from several Eastern states.

Julius Fuster of Waterbury won the tournament on a tie-break over Connecticut's top rated woman player, Miss Mary Conlon, and Arkadijs Strazdins of the New Britain Chess Club. Each scored  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ . Strazdins previously won the tournament six times and was in second place three times.

Three players finished with a score of 4-1, and after the tie-break system, chess master James M. Bolton of New Haven, defending champion, was fourth; Dr. Peter Lerner of Woodbridge, fifth; Mark Berg of Spring Valley, N.Y., sixth.

Other top finishers, listed in order, were, with  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  each: Robert J. Keevers of New Shrewsbury, N.J., seventh; Carl Traczynski, 17, the 1976 Connecticut high school champion of local club, eighth; Duncan W. May, local club, ninth, and Jerome A. Crawford, local club, 10th.

With 3-2 each were: Robert W. Lane, local club, 11th; Eugene W. Koenig of East Hartford, 12th; James Azzola, 17, local club, 13th; William M. Pryor of Enfield, 14th; Francis D. Gagnon of Hartford, 15th; David Barker of Guilford, 16th; Andrew Loftus, 16, local club, 17th; Edward A. Hanna, local club, 18th; Richard H. Dittmar, local club, 19th; and Richard Kokoska of Wilmette, Ill., 20th.

and all class winners:

Traczynski (A); Dr. Lerner, first (B); Berg, second (B); Barker, first (C); Loftus, second (C); Edward A. Green of Petersburg, N.Y., first (D); Frederick Moffa of East Hartford, second (D); Mrs. Eleanor Conlon of New Haven, top woman; Azzola, top junior (16-19).

Juniors under 16: Kyle S. Stevenson, 13, of Burlington, Vt., first, and Peter P. Yanchak, 14, local club, second.

The tournament was sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club, and was directed by Strazdins and Peter Kloskowski.

## Chess news

In recently played chess tournaments, local club members represented well.

James Azzola, with a score of  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ , tied for first at the Hartford Classic Open and Anthony Miller scored 2-1.

In the 1976 Connecticut State Championship, Peter Kloskowski, with a score of 3-2, took third place on a tie break, and Mary Conlon, fifth with the same score. In the Reserve Division, Richard H. Dittmar scored, 4-1, and Eugene Bystrak,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ .

In the Arkadijs Strazdins Open at the YMCA in Plainville, Strazdins took second place with a score of 4-1; Carl Traczynski, Conlon and Dittmar each scored  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ ; Dennis Gallagher and Wesley Frazier, each 3-2; Kloskowski, Jerome A. Crawford, Ronald Bourassa and Raymond Lamont, each  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$  and Eugene Bystrak and Randy Greenough, each  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ .

In the World Open, held in New York, Anthony Miller and Randy Greenough each scored 4-5 and Mary Conlon, 3-6.

For the next three Wednesday nights, the New Britain Chess Club will hold speed tournaments (five minute games) at the Quartette Club. Starting time is 8 p.m.

New Britain Chess Club - Affiliate U.S.C.F.  
OFFICERS ELECTION AND GENERAL BUSINESS  
FOR THE 1976-1977 SEASON.

The meeting was called to order Wednesday night, Sept. 8, 1976 at 9:00 p.m. sharp by New Britain Chess Club President Bradley Strazdins. Elections of officers was held with the following results for the 1976-1977 season (Sept. 1, 76 - Aug. 31, 77) 33 N.B.C.C. members attended the meeting. -

THE ELECTION RESULTS:

- ① President: Bradley STRAZDINS (Re-el.)
  - ② V. P. : Stanley J. Probowi (Re-el.)
  - ③ Secretary: Daniel S. Lechowicz (Re-el.)
  - ④ Treasurer: 12th Andrew B. Staszewski (Re-el.)
  - ⑤ Delegate at large: Robert Wilentz
- All Tournament director: Bradley Strazdins  
 (Certified by U.S.C.F.; Assistant T.D. Peter Krawczuk and Paul Ligez,  
 Team Captains: Duane W. Fay and Ronald Baurain.

① CLUB DUES

- ① SENIORS \$ 7<sup>00</sup>
- ② STUDENTS-NO WORK OVERS 5<sup>00</sup>
- ③ JUN. 14 & UNDER 5 3<sup>00</sup>

CLUB DUES MUST PAY SEPT. 8, 15 and 22  
 No members get 3 free visits a year  
 and must sign attendance ledger.

- ② The N.B.C.C. will hold SIX Round Robin or Swiss System Tournaments during the year, all to be U.S.C.F. RATED.

- ③ It will also play matches with other clubs.

- ④ will hold many speed tournaments

- ⑤ will hold a Tournament - Open to all OCT. 9. at Quaketto Club - U.S. National Chess Day. New member drive.

- ⑥ The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual New Britain Summer Open will be played July 16 and 17, 1977 at Quaketto Club.

- ⑦ In the Conn. State Chess Association, Inc. Conn mix with Conn. Chess Federation) Team Champ., the N.B. Chess Club will enter with 2 teams.

- ⑧ All Tournaments should start at 8 p.m. sharp. ADJORNED 10:30 p.m.

Daniel S. Lechowicz, Secretary -

## Chess news

The 27th annual New Britain City Chess Championship, a U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) rated, single round robin tournament, sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club, will be played at the Quartette Club each Wednesday night (one game per night).

The first round will start Sept. 29 at 8 p.m. and will continue in October, November and December. Time limit is 50 moves in two hours per player.

The competitors will be divided into three or four groups, and from each group the first three will play in the finals for the championship in January and February. For those players who do not qualify for the championship, there will be a five round Swiss system tournament, played concurrently with the finals.

The tourney is open to all chess players in the vicinity, and club members regardless of where they live. USCF membership is required, which may be obtained at the tournament during registration.

Trophies and other prizes will be awarded to top senior and junior players. Information and early registration can be secured by contacting Arkadijs Strazdins, club president and a certified tournament director of the USCF, any Wednesday night at Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

In the 1976 Connecticut State Chess Assn., Team League Tournament-Reserve Division, the local team tied for third place. The players were: Duncan W. May, captain; Dennis Gallagher, Raymond Lamont, John A. Baclawski, Jerome A. Crawford and Peter Mitchell.

## Chess news

The New Britain and the Hartford Chess Clubs will combine for a 40 board super chess match for the first time against the Boylston, Mass., Chess Club Oct. 10 at Boston.

The local Chess Club senior and junior members who will be playing are:

Arkadijs Strazdins, Robert Milardo, Anthony Miller, James Azzola, Robert F. Tirone, Peter Kloskowski, Carl Traczynski, Miss Mary Conlon, Mark Denihan, Duncan W. May, Daniel S. Lechowicz, Dennis Gallagher, Dr. Anthony Yablonski Jr., Wesley Frazier, John A. Baclawski, Ronald Bourassa, Richard H. Dittmar, Lloyd R. Stephenson and Andris R. Strazdins.

## Chess news

Arkadijs Strazdins, New Britain chess champion for 23 years and club champion for 22 years, was reelected president of the New Britain Chess Club for the 1976-1977 season.

Other officers elected included: Vice president, Stanley J. Archacki; secretary, Daniel S. Lechowicz; treasurer, Andris R. Strazdins; delegate-at-large, Robert Milardo; all tournament director, Arkadijs Strazdins; assistant directors, Peter Kloskowski and Paul Ligas; team captains, Duncan W. May and Ronald Bourassa.

The club will hold six round robin or Swiss system tournaments during the coming year, all to be USCF rated.

It will also play matches with other clubs and will hold many speed tournaments, five minute games.

The club meets every Wednesday from 7 p.m. till 12:30 a.m. at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

The 31st annual U.S. Junior Open Championship, first time ever held in Connecticut, was played at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, attracting 148 players from England, District of Columbia, and 21 states.

James Azzola scored 4½ - 3½; Carl Traczynski and Peter P. Yanchak, each 4 - 4; David Aldi, 3 - 5, and Eric Godin and Eugene Bystrak, each scored 2 points.

In the 77th Annual U.S. Open Championship, held in Fairfax, Va., Anthony Miller scored 7-5, and Ronald Bourassa, 6-6.

In the 99th Annual New York State Open Championship, held in Albany, in the Booster Division, Peter P. Yanchak scored, 4-3.

John Curdo of Massachusetts with a score of 5-1 won the 36th annual New England Open Championship, held in New Haven. This is the sixth time Curdo has won the championship. Arkadijs Strazdins scored 3-3 and, in the Reserve Division, Daniel S. Lechowicz and Mark Denihan each scored 4-2.

The New Britain Chess Club last season held 25 speed tournaments. Arkadijs Strazdins won 14 times; Carl Traczynski and Anthony Miller, each three; Peter Kloskowski, two; and Robert Milardo, James Azzola and Wesley Frazier, each one time.

Four N.B.C.C. Members.

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## State Unit Elections

By NICHOLAS STEVENS  
and

FREDERICK S. TOWNSEND

A total of 15 new directors of the Connecticut State Chess Association were elected for two-year terms this week at the Hartford YMCA. Officers are President Frederick Townsend of Wethersfield, Vice President Arkadijs Strazdins of New Britain, Secretary William Howes of Windsor Locks, Treasurer William Newberry of North Branford, Tournament Director Nicholas Stevens of Windham, Assistant T. D. Mary Conlon of New Haven and Editor Roger Jens of Wallingford.

Other Directors include Michael Bailey, Travelers C.C.; Stanley King, Groton; Peter Kloskowski, New Britain; Ben McCreedy, Newtown; Robert Milardo, Cromwell; Lawrence Noderer, Windsor; Rob Roy, Waterbury, and Dr. Elliott Wolk, University of Connecticut.

IN BEE, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1976

# Chess News

By Ben McCready



The New Britain Chess Club's election of officers for the 1976-1977 season took place on September 9. The following officers were re-elected: Arkadijs Strazdins, president; Stanley J. Archaki, vice-president; Dan Lechowicz, secretary; and Lt Andris R. Strazdins, treasurer. Newly elected officers were Robert Milardo, delegate-at-large; Arkadijs Strazdins, tournament director; Peter Kloskowski and Paul Ligas, assistant tournament directors; Duncan W. May and Ron Bourassa, team captains.

The club meets every Wednesday night from 7:30 pm to 12:30 am at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster Street, New Britain. On October 10 it will participate in an impressive 35-board match in Boston, Mass. A team made up of players from the New Britain club and the Hartford Chess Club will meet the famed Boylston Chess Club of Boston.

The 27th annual New Britain city chess championship starts September 29 at the NBCC. It is open to all club members as well as all residents of New Britain, with one round being played each Wednesday night.

Ben Franklin wrote that chess "is so interesting in itself, as not to need the view of gain to induce engaging in it; and thence it is never played for money. Those, therefore, who have leisure for such diversions, cannot find one that is more innocent....but advantageous, to the vanquished as well as the victor." Are you listening, Bobby Fischer?

# CHESSES SUPER MATCH.

NEW BRITAIN/HARTFORD

VERSUS

BOYLSTON YMCU CHESS CLUB

CHESS CLUBS

BOSTON, MASS.

PLAYED BY 36 BOARDS.

SUNDAY, OCT. 10, 1976 AT THE BOYLSTON CHESS CLUB, 48  
BOYLSTON ST., BOSTON, MASS.

## TEAM CO-CAPTAINS:

NICHOLAS STEVENS CHRISTOPHER CHASE  
ARKADIJS STRAZDINS HARRY LYMAN

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| 1. TISDALL Jonathan            | 1/2 | - | 1/2 | SAVAGE Allan C.    |
| 2. DR. PLATZ Joseph            | 0   | - | 1   | KELLEHER William   |
| 3. ESPINOSA Paul C.            | 0   | - | 1   | TAPPER Larry M.    |
| 4. SCOTICHIELLO Carl           | 0   | - | 1   | LYMAN Harry        |
| 5. STRAZDINS Arkadijs          | 1   | - | 0   | CHASE Christopher  |
| 6. IPACE Edward                | 1   | - | 0   | BONO Jerome        |
| 7. CHACHAKIS Steve R.          | 1   | - | 0   | STOPA John         |
| 8. MILARDO Robert              | 1/2 | - | 1/2 | GURLAND Herbert S. |
| 9. AZZOLA James                | 0   | - | 1   | RIZZITANO James A. |
| 10. MILLER Antony              | 0   | - | 1   | SYLVIA John        |
| 11. MITCHELL Robert G.         | 0   | - | 1   | NORTON Robert F.   |
| 12. GARCIA Martin              | 0   | - | 1   | DONDIS Harold B.   |
| 13. WEEKS Mark A.              | 0   | - | 1   | MALONE Kevin E.    |
| 14. MISS. CONLON Mary          | 1   | - | 0   | LINDORFF William   |
| 15. MORILL Allan C.            | 0   | - | 1   | MERCURI Louis A.   |
| 16. KOCHMAN Karl               | 0   | - | 1   | BLAIR Michael G.   |
| 17. FERRANTE Christopher       | 1   | - | 0   | BATES Steve        |
| 18. TRACZYNSKI Carl            | 1/2 | - | 1/2 | EDELSTEIN Myer     |
| 19. DENIHAN Mark               | 1   | - | 0   | KOLEZAR Steve      |
| 20. MAY Duncan W.              | 1   | - | 0   | DAVIS Kenneth      |
| 21. LECHOWICZ Daniel S.        | 0   | - | 1   | YOUNG Stephen C.   |
| 22. TOWNSEND Frederick         | 0   | - | 1   | SCOTT Potter       |
| 23. FARIA Sydney C.            | 0   | - | 1   | SEBRING Robert     |
| 24. Dr. YABLONSKI, JR. ANTHONY | 1   | - | 0   | ANISIMOV Andrew    |
| 25. BARTHA Paul                | 1/2 | - | 1/2 | LIPPIN Richard A.  |
| 26. BACLAWSKI John A.          | 1   | = | 0   | PIEROWAY Bradley   |
| 27. FRAZIER Wesley             | 1   | - | 0   | FERDINAND Frank    |
| 28. DONAHUE Robert             | 1   | - | 0   | SCHULTZ Lewis R.   |
| 29. GALLAGHER Dennis           | 1   | - | 0   | JACKSON B.         |
| 30. KOKOSKA Richard            | 1   | = | 0   | COHEN Richard W.   |
| 31. STEVENS Nicholas           | 1   | - | 0   | CARROL Christopher |
| 32. STRAZDINS Andris R.        | 1   | - | 0   | SAMPLE Jeff P.     |
| 33. CORNIER Wayne              | 0   | - | 1   | DAVIS Simon B.     |
| 34. BOURASSA Ronald            | 1   | - | 0   | SCHNIEDER Sid.     |
| 35. Breen, Arthur W.           | 1   | - | 0   | LANDEY Ben.        |
| 36. REYNOLDS                   | 0   | - | 1   | BOUDRUT            |

TOTAL POINTS 19 - 17

THANKYOU TEAM MEMBERS FOR PLAYING IN THE MATCH AND  
DOING SO WELL !!!

NICHOLAS STEVENS  
ARKADIJS STRAZDINS

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## Chess team defeats Boylston

Players from the New Britain and the Hartford Chess Clubs defeated, 19-17, the Boylston YMCU Chess Club, considered one of the most powerful in New England, in a 36 board match in Boston, Oct. 10.

Although outrated on the top 10 boards, the local forces pulled into a 17-17 tie after five hours of play. Then, in the final two games Mary Conlon and Andris R. Strazdins of the New Britain club scored wins.

The match was held to celebrate National Chess Day Oct. 9.

Team captains were Nicholas Stevens (H) and Arkadijs Strazdins (N.B.) After the defeat, the officers of the Boylston club issued a challenge for a 30-60 board Connecticut versus Massachusetts match some time in May next year in Hartford or in New Britain. The challenge was accepted.

The New Britain Chess Club 16 members who participated in the match did extremely well, they contributed 12 points.

Results on the individual boards, with New Britain players listed first, were: Arkadijs Strazdins defeated expert Christopher Chase; Robert Milardo 1/2, Herbert S. Gurland 1/2; James Azzola 0; James A. Rizzitano 1; Anthony Miller 0; John Sylvia 1; Mary Conlon 1; William Lindorff 0; Christopher Ferrante 1; Steven Bates 0; and Carl Traczynski 1/2, Myer Edelstein 1/2.

Also, Mark Denihan 1; Steve Kolezar 0; Duncan W. May 1; Kenneth Davis 0; Daniel S. Lechowicz 0; Stephen C. Young 1; Dr. Anthony Yablonski Jr. 1; Andrew Anisimov 0; John A. Baclawski 1; Bradley Pieroway 0; Wesley Frazier 1; Frank Ferdinand 0; Dennis Gallagher 1; B. Jackson 0; Andris R. Strazdins 1; Jeff P. Sample 0 and Ronald Bourassa 1; Sid Schmieder 0.

After three rounds in the 1977 New Britain City Chess Championship-Primary play, the leading players so far are: Richard H. Dittmar, Carl Traczynski and Arkadijs Strazdins, each 3-0, and John A. Baclawski and Peter P. Mitchell, each 2 1/2-1/2.

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## Chess news

New Britain Chess Club members were represented in recent tournaments.

In the Hartford Chess Club "tune up" tournament, Christopher Ferrante with a score of 3½-1½, won the top class B prize; Ronald Bourassa, 3½-1½, top C; Eugene Bystrak scored 3-2 and Peter P. Yanchak, 2½-2½.

In the second Hartford open, 184 players played at the Hartford Hilton Hotel, in perhaps the largest and strongest chess tournament ever held in Connecticut.

In the championship Division with 67 players Arkadijs Strazdins scored 3-1; James Azzola, 3-2; Robert Milardo 2½-2½; Robert F. Tirone, 2-2; Anthony Miller, 2-3; Wesley Frazier, 1½-3½ and Raymond Lamont, ½-2½. There was a four-way tie for first place, Thomas Castigan, Edward Epp, Larry Evans and Leonid Balmazi, each scored, 4½-½. Grandmaster Leonid Shemkovich was fifth after tie-break with a score of 4-1.

In the reserve division with 117 players, the winner was 1976 Connecticut high school champion Carl Traczynski with a perfect, 5-0 score.

Christopher Ferrante scored, 4-1; Mark Denihan and Peter P. Yanchak, each 3½-1½; Ronald Bourassa, Gary Cote and Eugene Bystrak, each 3-2; Hermann Zickfeld, 1½-3½; Jonathan M. Hanen, ½-4½ and Matthew Coulombe, 0-3. The tournament was sponsored by the Hartford Chess Club and Raymond Lamont a member of the New Britain club. There was a \$2,000 prize fund. Nicolas Stevens, Hartford Chess Club president and Frederick Townsend, U. S. Chess Federation vice president, were tournament directors.

Strazdins is president of the New Britain Club.

On March

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Wednesday, November 24, 1976

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## Chess News

The New Britain Chess Club Thanksgiving open speed tournament, five minutes per game per player, will be played at the Quartette Club, tonight at 8. Registration closes at 7:50. Peter Kloskowski will direct. The regular and all adjourned New Britain championship tournament games will not be played that night.

After seven rounds in the 1977 New Britain championship. Primary play, a 20 player event,

leaders are: Group one, Arkadijs Strazdins, of 5½-½; Robert W. Lane, 5½-1½, and Peter P. Yanchak and Peter Mitchell, 4-3 each. Group two, Carl Traczynski, 5½-½; Robert Milardo, Duncan W. May and Raymond Lamont, 5-2, each.

### LONG SERIES

NEW YORK (UPI) — Old-time heavyweight boxers Sam Langford and Harry Wills fought each other 23 times between 1914-22. Wills won six, Langford two and 15 were no decisions.

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two governments have agreed on almost nothing for years.

## Chess news

The 1977 New Britain city chess championship primary play has been completed. The following eight players qualified for the 27th annual championship.

### Finals:

Arkadijs Strazdins, who has won the championship from 1952-1975, scored 8-1; Robert W. Lane, 7½-1½; Robert Milardo — defending champion, Carl Traczynski and John A. Balcawski, each scored 7-2; Raymond Lamont, 6½-2½; Joseph Mansigian, 6-3 and Peter P. Yanchak, who is 15 years old and one of the highest rated players under 16 in Connecticut. He is a 10th grader at New Britain High School. A special prize will be awarded for his excellent score of 5½-3½.

Others who played in the tournament are: Duncan W. May, Ronald Bourassa, Richard H. Dittmar, Paul Ligas, Peter P. Mitchell, Dennis Gallagher, Stanley J. Archacki, Rudolf Wulff, Kenneth Graham, Hermann Zickfeld, Arthur B. Simone and Jonathan M. Hanen.

First round of the single round robin championship tournament will be played at the Quartette Club starting Jan. 12 at 8 p.m. The final round is expected in March.

Others who did not qualify for the finals will play in the reserve tournament, a five-round Swiss system, starting Jan. 26. This tournament is open to all, but participants must be or become members of the U. S. Chess Federation.

Information and early registration can be secured by contacting Arkadijs Strazdins, club president any Wednesday night.

Both tournaments are sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club.

New Britain Chess club members were represented in recent tournaments:

In the 4th Southwestern — New Hampshire Open played in Keene, Ronald Bourassa with a score of 3½-1½ tied for 4th place and Peter Kloskowski scored 2-3. In the last round in a difficult game he held a draw against John Curdo, Chess Master and six times New England champion.

In the 7th annual National Chess Congress, played at Hotel Roosevelt in New York City — in the Booster section, Christopher Ferrante with a score of 5-1, tied for second place and Carl Traczynski scored 4½-1½.

In the Reserve section Peter P. Yanchak in a large field of players with a score of 5-1, tied for second place.

The New Britain Chess Club will hold open speed tournaments, five minutes per game per player, Wednesday nights at the Quartette Club, December 22, Dec. 29 and Jan. 5, starting time, 8 p.m. Arkadijs Strazdins will direct.

Arkadijs Strazdins is president, New Britain Chess Club.