

NBCC / CHESS BIOGRAPHY OF RICHARD BAUER

FM Richard Bauer was the next of our members to have a tournament held in his tribute. Rick, who joined the NBCC in 1985, has one of the most impressive chess resumes. Specifically, his greatest achievement in the club has been his twenty-one wins or ties (even if non-cash prizes were awarded) for first place in major tournaments. Currently, this places Rick at the top of this superlative list, only second to the legendary Arkadijs Strazdins. Besides his accomplishments in the club and being a former state chess champion, Rick has provided chess lessons to many students and adults, has devoted hours to annotating games of his peers, has been a strong advocate of chess in Connecticut via his involvement in the state's chess governing body, and was an editor of *Chess Horizons* magazine. Unfortunately, due to work commitments, Rick could not compete in his own tournament, but his spirit was very present on October 9 at the club as close to thirty of his friends played in the Richard Bauer Quick Chess Tournament. After four rounds of competitive games, with many upsets and close endings, FM Nelson Castaneda emerged victorious and took first place.