

## **NBCC / CHESS BIOGRAPHY OF ROBERT KOZLOWSKI**

On April 30, the club organized the Bob Kozlowski Quick Chess Tournament. Bob, also known by many in the club as "Dr. K," has been actively involved in our organization for many years as a player and as a contributor. As most of you know, Bob was vice president of the club from 2003-2010 and is currently the club historian. Bob also has been a tournament director since 1998. Furthermore, Bob now sets the record for being the "youngest" (thirty-five years of age) of the "oldest" members (twenty-six years as a member) to have a club tournament named after him. Over the last two decades, Bob has been a strong advocate for the NBCC and Connecticut chess. However, speaking now in the first person, I want to state that I have received so much more in the form of friendship from our members than I could possibly reciprocate to them and the club. Friends are the ties that bind, and I have truly valued my friendships with those in our club and chess community since I joined the club on July 28, 1987. I enjoyed competing in my tournament, and I thank my fellow compadres who played in my event. And, despite my earnest attempt to clinch first place, it is with the utmost pleasure to inform you that member Joe Hricko, who is often referred to as "HR" by his friends, was so elated to win my tournament. Incidentally, Joe quickly defeated me in the first round on his way to a perfect score. Apparently, he thought my event was the "Beat Dr. K Quick Chess Tournament!"