NBCC / CHESS BIOGRAPHY OF EDWARD MCHUGH

Edward "Ted" McHugh's membership in the club started in 1990. As Ted told me before his honorary event held on April 2 and 9, he recollects his early years when Doug Fiske was nice to give him a ride to the club since he did not have a car. After being a member for only a few years, incredibly, Ted became a USCF NM. Since then, he has offered his services to the NBCC by hosting many simultaneous chess exhibitions. During his events, Ted has commanded the playing field with great speed and accuracy. I personally have seen him compete against thirty players and finish with a near-perfect score in just under a record four hours! Even though Ted has not played in many of our longer tournaments because of his busy schedule, he recalls winning the 2008 Arkadijs Strazdins Cup as one of his proudest achievements in our club. I just wish Ted could play in more of our club's major events. Well, there is always the next twenty years! In addition to his accomplishments in the club, Ted holds the record of Connecticut Blitz Chess Champion the most (eight) - a title that the legendary Arkadijs Strazdins held for many successive years prior to Ted. On the first night of the six-round Ted McHugh Quick Chess Tournament, I had mentioned that there was a distinct possibility that Ted could make club history for being the first member to win his own tournament. And he did! Since the turnout for the Ted McHugh Quick Chess Tournament was very good, the directors grouped the participants into two sections. I want to recognize our member Andres Montiel for taking first place in the lower section of Ted's event.