

## **NBCC / CHESS BIOGRAPHY OF THOMAS SULLIVAN**

The final month of 2015 at the NBCC commenced with its twenty-fifth honorary member tournament, this one held for veteran member Tom Sullivan. Tom joined our club in 2001, and he has been a regular participant in NBCC tournaments in the last decade. In the last six years alone, he ranks as the thirteenth most active club tournament player. Being a player of amateur stature, Tom has particularly enjoyed competing in the club's sectioned tournaments, which the administration started organizing about eight years ago. Historically, Tom has played in the club's slower events, preferring the more classical time controls instead of quick or blitz chess. Well, this might explain why he decided not to play in his own event, a G/20! One more noteworthy fact about Tom is that he ranks probably as one of club's Top 10 biggest upset earners for his victory against two players rated between 700 and 750 points higher than him. The Tom Sullivan Quick Chess Tournament was a three-round Swiss-system divided into two sections. Three players tied for first place in the open section (FM Nelson Castaneda, USCF NM Dennis Prawira, and newcomer Alex Guziak). Nelson won the blitz chess playoff. Ryan Wantroba took clear first place in the reserve section.