

# 1974

## Winners listed in chess tourney

A total of 38 players competed in the city's 1974 chess championship primaries at Gen. Haller Post. The first two in each of four groups will play in the finals - a single round robin tournament for the title, starting Wednesday, at 8 p.m.

Others will be playing in the reserve a 5-round Swiss System tournament, starting, Wednesday Feb. 13 at 8:15 p.m. at Haller Post. The tournament is sponsored by the post and the New Britain Chess Club. Both tournaments are U.S. Chess Federation rated.

Arkadijs Strazdins and Paul Ligas are tournament directors. Trophies and other prizes will be awarded for top senior and junior players in championship and reserve tournaments.

Group A winners were: Arkadijs Strazdins, for many years City champion with a score 9-0, John Rothfield 8-1, Andris R. Strazdins 7-2, Robert Wolf 6-3, followed by Carl Traczynski, Thomas Dube, John A. Balcawski, Jose M. Goico, Gerald Levitsky and Elmo Wallace.

In Group B, it was Peter Kloskowski 9-0, James Azzola 7-2, Kevin Gabriel 6½-2½, Ronald Bourassa 5½-3½, followed by John Garvey, William Thomson, William H. Hall, Tadeusz Szafranski, Martin Gregor and Thomas Liljedahl.

Group C winners were: Robert W. Lane and Peter Mitchell, each scored 6½-1½, David Kozikowski and Paul Ligas, each 5-3, followed by Stanley J. Archacki, Dennis Gallagher, Richard French, Antony Galazan and Basil Greenough.

In group D, it was Pierre LeClerc 8-0, Mark Berg, Scott Schneider and William Pryeor, each with 5½-2½, followed by Edward Harris, Andrew Loftus, Joseph Augeri, Brian McGuinness and Gary M. Pearl.

The New Britain Chess Club staged recently a speed chess tournament, with five minutes allowed for each player in each game. The winner was Carl Traczynski, 15 year-olds, with a score of 25½-4½, Arkadijs Strazdins was second with 25-5. Finishing third was another 15 year old John Rothfield with 23½-6½, fourth was the veteran Pierre LeClerc 22½-7½ and Peter Kloskowski was fifth with the same score.

In the recently played chess tournaments Kloskowski won the Woodstock, open with a score of 4-0. In the Schenectady, N.Y. winter rating open, Kloskowski and Mark Berg each scored 3-2 and Peter Mitchell and William Pryeor each scored 2½-2½.

# Chess news

After four rounds in the 10-player New Britain single round-robin city chess championship finals, the leading players are Mark Berg and Pierre LeClerc, each with a score 4-0, Arkadijs Strazdins 3½-½ and Robert Wolf 2½-1½, followed by William Pryor, Peter Mitchell, Peter Kloskowski, Robert W. Lane, Scott Schneider and James Azzola.

In the 26 players reserve, 5-round Swiss system tournament, after three rounds the leading players are John A. Baclawski and Carl Traczynski, each with 3-0, Paul Ligas 2½-½, followed by Stanley Archacki, John M. Carvey, Andrey Loftus, Joseph Mansigian, David Kozikowski, Edward Harris, Thomas Dube, Matthew McGuire and Paul Wooster, each scored 2-1.

In The Connecticut state team league tournament, championship division New Britain took third place. The winner was New Haven and Hartford was second. The players who played one or more times with the team, were: Arkadijs Strazdins, Loren Lomasky, Anthony Miller, Robert Milardo, Piere LeClerc, Mark Denihan and Daniel Lechowicz, team captain.

In the B division, the city team, Paul Ligas team captain, so far won all matches and are leading with a score of 6-0.

In the Connecticut scholastic chess championship tournament finals, played in Hartford, James Azzola, 14, in a large field of players won a four way play off with a score of 6-0 to capture the 1974 Junior High School division (grades 7-9). Andrew Loftus, 13, was second and John M. Garvey, 13, was third both with a score of 5-1. Antony Galazan, 13, with a score of 3½-½ was one of the top players.

In the senior high school division: Thomas Dube, Dennis Gallagher and David Kozikowski with a score of 3-1, tied for fifth place. John Rothfield last year junior champion and Carl Traczynski each scored 2½-2½.

Mark Berg with score of 4-0 won the Central Connecticut

State College championship. Peter Mitchell and James Spears tied for second and third with 3-1, William Pryor and William Pockoski tied for fourth and fifth with 2½-1½ each.

In the Springfield open, Mass. Peter Kloskowski and John A. Baclawski each scored 2½-2½.

In the Willimantic open Baclawski won the Top C Class trophy with a score of 3-2.

## Connecticut State League B Teams.

University of Bridgeport

April 24 1974

at Conn. Haller Post

1	Mitchell, Peter	1	Walsh, Kevin	0
2	Mansigian, Joseph	0	Carry, Raymond	1
3	Gallagher, Dennis	1	Mizera, Greg	0
4	Ditmar, Richard H.	1	Tuttle, Raymond	0
				0
				3



league.

The New Britain city chess championship tournament ended in a tie for first place. Co-champions are Arkadijs Strazdins and Pierre LeClerc, with scores of 8-1 each in the finals. This is the 22nd year in a row that Strazdins has finished on top in this tournament! In third place was Mark Berg, 6½-2½. Robert Wolf was fourth at 5½-3½, and fifth place was shared by Peter Mitchell and Peter Kloskowski with scores of 4½-4½ each. A special prize was awarded to John Rothfield, 15 years old, for his excellent score of 8-1 in the preliminaries.

The New Britain Chess Club championship, a five-round Swiss, will be played on five Wednesdays starting April 24. Arkadijs Strazdins and Paul Ligas will be tournament directors. Dan Lechowicz is the defending champion.

The solution to Problem No. 45 is: DXPQ. Our most consistent

NEW BRITAIN  
HERALD  
MAY 1, 1974

## Title chess tournament tonight at Haller post

The New Britain Chess Club will hold its 1974 individual chess championship, five-round Swiss system, U.S. Chess Federation tournament, today at 8 p.m. at the Gen. Haller Post.

Registration will be open until 10 minutes before the competition is scheduled to begin. It is open only to club members.

Sponsors for the event are the club and Gen. Haller Post.

Further information may be obtained from Arkadijs Strazdins or Paul Ligas, tournament directors.

In the Connecticut State Team League tournament, B division, the city team so far has won all matches and is leading with a score 7-0.

In the last match played at Gen. Haller Post, the locals defeated University of Bridgeport Chess Club, 3-1.

The results, with New Britain players listed first, were: Peter Mitchell defeated Kevin Wolfthal, Joseph Mansigian lost to Raymond Carey, Dennis Gallagher defeated Greg Mizera and Richard H. Dittmar defeated Maynard Tuthill.



## Chess winners

Ten qualified players from Praimarie play competed for 1974 New Britain chess championship finals, a single round robin tournament at Gen. Haller Post. Competition was held each Wednesday night for the past nine weeks.

Co-champions Arkadijs Strazdins, city champion and Pierre LeClerc, were tied for first with a score 8-1 each. Both players were undefeated in Praimarie and finals. Strazdins drew with Robert W. Lane and LeClerc drew with Peter Kloskowski and Strazdins. So far Strazdins has defended his title successfully 22 years in a row.

Mark Berg, the Central Connecticut State College champion, was third with a score 6½-2½. He lost only to Strazdins and LeClerc and drew with William Pryor.

Fourth was Robert Wolf with a score 5½-3½, followed by Peter Mitchell and Peter Kloskowski, each with a score 4½-4½. Robert W. Lane 3½-5½, William Pryor 3-6, Scott Schneider 1½-7½ and James Azzola 0-9.

events. The novice group is open to players rated under 1200 or unrated. Entry fee in each tournament is \$5 (\$3 for scholastic students) if sent to Mr. Townsend before April 11, later \$2 more.

The New Britain city reserve tournament was won by Carl Traczynski, a 15-year-old, with a score of 4½-½. Youth continued to be served in this field of 26 contestants when Andrew Loftus (13) and David Kozikowski (15) tied for second, at 4-1 each. Loftus took the second place trophy on the tie-break. Tournament directors were Arkadijs Strazdins and Paul Ligas.

The round-robin finals of the New Britain city championships are nearing completion. Tied for first place are Arkadijs Strazdins and Pierre LeClerc with score of 5½-½ each. Mark Berg is third at 5-1. Three more rounds remain to be played, including encounters between Strazdins and LeClerc and between LeClerc and Berg.

The New Britain Chess Club will have a speed tournament on Wednesday, April 17, with five-minute games. The entry fee will be 50 cents, 25 cents for students. Peter Kloskowski and Paul Ligas will direct. The club meets at General Haller VFW Post, 112 Grove Street.

## Reserve Tournament

Carl Traczynski, a 15-year-old school boy with a score 4½-½, won the city championship - reserve tournament, a 5 round Swiss system from a field of 26 players played in March and first week in April. Andrew Loftus, 14, and David Kozikowski, 15, tied for second at 4-1 each. Loftus took the second place trophy on a tie-break.

After the tie-break, the results with 3½-1½ each, are: John A. Baclawski, Daniel Lechowicz, Paul Ligas and Thomas Dube.

With a score 3-2 each, are: Joseph Mansigian, Matthew McGuire, Edward Harris and Dennis Gallagher.

With 2½-2½ or lower: John M. Garvey, Joseph Augeri, William H. Hall, Paul Wooster, Gerald Levitsky, Raymond Lamons, Mark Denihan, Jose M. Goico, Maher Z. Zakhary, Richard French, Stanley J. Archacki, Thomas Liljedahl, Antony Galazan, William J. Pockoski and Gary M. Pearl.

Trophies and other prizes will be awarded tonight at Gen. Haller Post to all players who played in the finals and for reserve tournament players: Traczynski, Loftus, Kozikowski and for class winners: Lechowicz and Ligas (B), Baclawski (C), Dube (D), Levitsky (E), Wooster (unrated).

A special prize will be awarded to John Rothfield, 15, the top New Britain Chess Club junior player for a score of 8-1 in the Praimarie play. He was not able to play in the finals.

Both tournaments are rated by the U.S. Chess Federation. The tournament was sponsored by Haller Post and the New Britain Chess Club. Strazdins and Ligas directed.

In the 6th Eastfield Mall open, Springfield, Mass., Kloskowski in the championship division scored 2-3.

Mark Berg won the reserve tournament with a score 4½-½. Pryor in the booster division tied for first with a score 4½-½.

The New Britain Chess Club will have a spring speed tournament (5 minute games) next Wednesday at 7:50 p.m. at Haller Post. Paul Ligas and Peter Kloskowski will be the tournament directors.

4-10-1974

## Former Fire Board head, active Republican, dies



**EDMUND A. ROMAN**  
Prominent Citizen

Edmund A. Roman, 64, of 29 Blake Rd., former chairman of the Fire Board and active in Republican politics for many years, died yesterday at New Britain General Hospital.

A native and lifelong resident of New Britain, he was employed as a supervisor at the Fafnir Bearing Co., retiring two years ago after 38 years' service.

He served as Fire Board chairman from 1954 to 1956 under Mayor Edward B. Scott.

Mr. Roman served as chairman of the former 14th Ward for 25 years and held membership on the Republican Town Committee. He was a past president of the Polish Republican Federated Clubs of Connecticut.

He was a member of Holy Cross Church, the Holy Cross Holy Name Society, Oaks Club, Falcon Nest 88, Polish Political Club No. 1, New Britain Chess Club, Connecticut Chess Club and Mannatuck Rapid Readers Assn.

Mr. Roman is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna (Melecsinsky) Roman; two sons, Edmund J. Roman of Boxboro, Mass., and Andrew Roman of Bristol; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Gale of

New Britain; five brothers, John Roman and Albert Roman, both of New Britain, Steve Roman of Islip, L.I., Joseph Roman of Clairmont, N.H., and Felix Roman of Mansfield, Ohio; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the New Britain Memorial Funeral Home and at 11 at Holy Cross Church. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Calling hours are tomorrow from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

The Oaks Club will meet at the funeral home tomorrow at 7 a.m. and the Holy Name Society of Holy Cross Church at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 25, 1974 -



The Morning Record, Meriden, June  
19, 1974



## Pawn play

Record Photo by Albert Harrison

Meriden's chess players captured second and third place at the first Silver City Chess Tournament, which was held at the Grange Hall over the weekend. Peter Kloskowski, left, a member of the New Britain Chess Club matches wits with Thomas Reeves, front, a member of New Horizons of New Britain while Raymond LaMont, also a member of the New Britain club, carefully studies the board.



1<sup>st</sup> SILVER CITY OPEN 5/55 - 50/2 Play at  
Meriden Grange, June 15-16, 1974 USCF  
Edward Harris Sr. Tournament Director. RATED

27 entries - 11 Trophies

THE RESULTS:

1 <sup>st</sup>	<u>Strazdini, Arkadij</u>	4-1	Tit-bron	11.5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<u>Denihan Mark</u>	4-1		7.5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<u>Lechowicz Daniel</u>	3½-1½		10.5
	<u>Top class 'B'</u>			
	<u>Kleckowski Peter</u>	3½-1½		9.5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<u>Top class 'B'</u>			
	<u>McGready Ben</u>	3½-1½		8.5
	<u>Top class 'C'</u>			
	<u>Guimond Douglas</u>	3½-1½		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<u>Top class 'C'</u>			
	<u>Hartmyer</u>	3-2		9
	<u>Top class 'D'</u>			
	<u>Harris Edward</u>	2-3		8.5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<u>Top class 'D'</u>			
	<u>Lamont Raymond</u>	2-3		6.5
	<u>Top class 'E'</u>			
	<u>Thomson</u>	3-2		
	<u>TOP UNR.</u>			
	<u>Selma Allan</u>	3½-1½		!

## New Britain man wins city chess championship

The first Silver City Chess Championship was held this past weekend at the Grange Hall on Broad Street, with players from all over the state entering the two-day tournament.

Three games were held on Saturday and two on Sunday, when the games ended and their final scores were tallied. The Meriden players had held their own with some of the best players in the state. Edward Harris, co-director of the event and a certified tournament director of the U.S. Chess Federation, said.

Winning first place and the championship was Arkadij Strazdini of New Britain. He is currently president of the New Britain Chess Club and has a rating of 2016 expert.

Meriden player Mark Denihan of Elmwood Drive won second place, while Silver

City resident Daniel Lechowicz of Mildred Road captured third place.

Harris, of Jeffrey Lane, and Allan Selma of Newton Street, both took first place in their division.

Paul Henry of Kensington Avenue played brilliant chess and also drew for his division title, along with James Azola of Tumblebrook Road, who tied for his division title, the co-director said.

*New Britain Herald  
July 6, 1974*

## Chess tournament to begin Saturday

The 9th annual New Britain summer open, a U.S. Chess Federation rated 5-round Swiss system chess tournament, will be held at Gen. Haller Post, next Saturday and Sunday. The tournament is sponsored by the post and New Britain Chess Club. Late registration will be held Saturday, at the door from 9 to 9:50 a.m. Round one will start 10:15. Trophies will be given for first and second places and for top class A, 2B, 2C, 2D, E, 2 Unrated and to top 3 juniors under 18. Time limit will be 50 moves in two hours.

Arkadijs Strazdins a certified tournament director of the U.S. Chess Federation will be the director of the event. Last summer there were 48 entrants.

In the recently played chess tournaments New Britain Chess Club members were well represented. Strazdins with a score 4-1 won the first Silver City Open, 5 round Swiss played at the Grange Hall in Meriden. Mark Denihan was second and Daniel Lechowicz, third. Peter Kloskowski won the top class B trophy and Harris Edward and Raymond Lamont took first and second in Class D.

In the Arts Festival Connecticut Amateur Open held in Norwich, Raymond Lamont scored 2-3, Peter Mitchell, 2½-2½ and Edward Harris, 3-2.

In the David P. Ehrlich Co. Tribute Open, Ashland, Mass. Peter Kloskowski scored 3-0.

The New Britain Chess Club annual summer open speed tournament (5 min. games) was won by Pierre LeClerc with a score in the finals 8-2. 15 players competed, divided into two groups for the preliminaries. The first three from each group played a double round robin in the finals. The group A winners, were: Arkadijs Strazdins, 11-1, Dennis Gallagher 8½-3½ and Daniel Lechowicz 8-4. The group B winners, were: LeClerc, 13-1, Carl Traczynski and Peter Kloskowski, each scored 10-4.

Strazdins won 28, drew 3 and lost the rest in a 39-player simultaneous exhibition recently at Gen. Haller Post.

The New Britain Chess Clubs 9 men team, composed of senior and junior players, defeated Farmington Valley Chess Club, 5-4 in a match at Avon recently.

the mayor. *July 25, 1974*

## Baker winner in chess open

James Baker of New Britain won the ninth annual New Britain Summer Open Chess Tournament held recently at the General Haller Post.

The five - round Swiss, U.S. Chess Federation tourney drew 42 players from several eastern states.

Other finishers, listed in order, were: James Bolton of New Haven, former New England and Connecticut champion; Pierre LeClerc, Daniel S. Lechowicz and John A. Baclawski, all of New Britain; Arkadijs Strazdins of New Britain, tournament director and winner of the competition six times; Barry D. Gerard of Plainville; Robert J. Keevers of New Shrewsbury, N.Y., and Harvey J. Burger of Springfield, Mass.

The tourney was sponsored by the Haller Post and the local chess club.

## Chess matches RATES

*Peter Kloskowski: 4-1*

*John A. Baclawski: 1-4*

*Played in August, 1974*

*Anthony Miller gave  
a chess Exhibition*

*Aug. 7, 1974*

*at New Britain Memorial  
Hospital. Players 24*

*He won 18, drew 2  
and lost 4 games.*



RE - CHESS MATCH -  
Wednesday night July 24, 1974  
at Gen. Haller Post.

<u>N. B. C. C.</u>		<u>Farmington Valley C.C.</u>		
1912	1. Miller Anthony	$\frac{1}{2}$	Riddle Craig	$\frac{1}{2}$ 1707
1931	2. Milorden Robert	1	Owen Jack	0 1959
1793	3. Gerard Barry	1	Koenig Gene	0 1645
1793	4. Klossowski Peter	1	Moffa Fred	0 1329
1707	5. Lechowicz Daniel	1	Hriczo Joe	0 1650
1700	6. Frazier Wesley	$\frac{1}{2}$	Mlynarczyk Mike	$\frac{1}{2}$ 1430
1634	7. Mitchell Peter	1	Grapkowski Bill	0 1317
1640	8. Denihan Mark	1	Desjardins John	0 1105
1594	9. Traczynski Cure	1	Ziliotto Henry	0 970
	Total	8		1
	<u>Lechowicz</u>	<u>Team Capt.</u>	<u>Owen</u>	

1974-1975

The meeting was called to order Wednesday, August 21, 1974 at 8:30 sharp by New Britain Chess Club President Andrijs STRAZDINS. ELECTIONS of officers was held with the following results for the 1974-1975 season:

President: A. STRAZDINS

Vice President: Stanley J. Archacki

Secretary: Daniel Lechowicz

Treasurer: Andrijs R. Strazdins

Gen. Haller Post Representative: Niktor Hattix

Student Representative: Paul Ligas and Peter Mitchell.

Haller Post to meet:

## Chess Club may seek new home

New Britain Chess Club may be without a home today, following an incident that came to light yesterday.

John Markow, commander of the Gen. Haller Post, Polish World War Veterans, said he would know tonight whether the club will be prevented from using the hall in the future.

Mrs. Thomas Reeves, wife of the man who was not allowed into the hall last week to vote in the Connecticut State Chess Assn. public elections, said she believes the chess club was evicted from using the hall by officials last night.

### To Meet Tonight

Markow was unable to attend last night's session because he is recovering from minor surgery.

He said he will meet with other officials tonight on the matter.

The incident began when Reeves, who is a paraplegic and confined to a wheelchair, was denied entrance to the club to vote in the state chess club elections.

He is a member of the New Horizons Chess Club.

Markow reported today that Reeves may have attempted to get in after receiving false information from the mayor's office.

"Somebody from the mayor's office told him (Reeves) that everything was okay and that I

would let him in," Markow said.

### Call not Received

He never received a call from the mayor's office, however, and would not have let Reeves in anyway, Markow contended.

He explained that the Haller post held its 50th anniversary two years ago.

Two men confined to wheelchairs planned to attend the ceremonies, but when Markow called the club's insurance agent, he learned that a nurse would have to accompany each wheelchair victim and a doctor would have to be present at all times, Markow said.

Reeves had attempted to enter the hall six months ago to compete in a chess match with the New Britain Chess Club, but was denied entry also because of insurance problems.

### Complaints Filed

Following the recent incident, Reeves filed complaints with the state Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities and the Liquor Control Commission to determine if his rights had been violated.

If the matter was going to be pushed, the club would close its doors to everyone but members, Markow said.

The Gen. Haller Post hall is just not equipped to accommodate wheelchair victims and if anything were to happen, the insurance would not cover damages, Markow stated.

## The readers' own forum

### New Horizons Chess Club backs barred member

Dear Editor:

We of the New Horizons Chess Club would like all to know we back Tom Reeves concerning the Haller Post incident.

Four handicaps, an attorney from New Britain, a worker at the Electric Boat Yard, and a woman were all turned away six months ago at a chess club meeting. We are proud that none of our walking friends forsaked us and left our club to join the New Britain Chess Club, one of the best in Connecticut — player wise.

When we were humiliated at the door six months ago, I wrote to them at that time and said I was sorry I was Polish. They were words of anger — because I am proud to be Polish. They were the first group to oppose Adolph Hitler and gave time for the free world to arm themselves, though defeated by two great powers.

Also, my roommate has been carried up over 30 stairs to the Polish Falcons Hall a number of years ago, and been to other Polish clubs, up 20 stairs to the old building at the Pride of Connecticut Lodge of Elks, Bristol Elks, Knights of Columbus, New Britain, VFW Post, New Britain, Polish National Home, and many, many others.

Tom Reeves represented our club at a New Britain Chess Club meeting, which was the Connecticut State Chess Federation Chapter meeting to elect officials. The veterans of Haller Post deserve to have a private club — it is America! However, when you rent out the hall for weddings, dances, showers, and a chess club — are you private? We went to the New Britain Chess Club. Were not there any disabled Polish War Veterans, and why can't they get into Haller Post?

If the New Britain Chess Club is evicted, is there another club in New Britain that will sponsor them? If they aren't evicted, they probably have to do some soul-searching. If a paraplegic that lost the use of his legs in Korea or Vietnam is refused entrance, what will Mr. Markow say?

The good part of being handicapped is meeting people of all colors, nationalities, and religions — you become friends and there are no barriers!

Upon entering Tom Reeves' home, you notice over 25 trophies he received in stock and race car driving. He has not won one yet in a chess match. Unless he travels to another city — he may not ever get one!!

RHYZARD HENDRYK JOZEK SAWICKI

New Horizons Chess Club

NEW BRITAIN HERALD 10-5-1974



New Britain Chess Club  
112 Grove St.  
New Britain, Ct.  
Friday, October 6, 1974

Hartford Courant  
285 Broad St.  
Hartford, Ct.

Dear sir:

In answer to the chess article by Anne Demeusy, titled "Hall's Wheel chair Ban" and dated 9-25-74 and pertaining to the Thomas Reeves affair, we submit the following reply.

(Chess Club praises General Haller Post No. 111)

Dear editor:

Since 1962 the General Haller Post no. 111, New Britain, Ct. , has sponsored the New Britain Chess Club. In sponsoring the club, the post has given our organization the full usage of its hall every Wednesday night for the past 12 years. In a monetary sense, this means that this worthy organization has given us, without a single dollar cost to the New Britain Chess Club, approximately \$4,500 worth of facilities per year. We have also had full usage of the post's halls for one and two day chess tournaments.

Our deceased former president of the New Britain Chess Club, who was also a commander of the General Haller Post, Jan Cendrowski, is also honored by the Haller Post when it sponsors the annual Jan Cendrowski Memorial Tournament. The General Haller Post no. 111 donates all of the top trophies for this tournament.

The New Britain Chess Club is a C H E S S C L U B. We are just a chess club!!!! Our membership is composed of 70 - 90 members per year, with participating players of ages from 10 - 80.

Again, we would like to state that the General Haller Post no. 111, New Britain, Ct. has always treated us respectfully, courteously, and again, restating, without a dollar cost to the New Britain Chess Club. I would like to ask, how many other clubs in the state of Connecticut would treat a non-charitable organization (New Britain Chess Club) to the before mentioned facilities, for so many years and at no cost. Again, our thanks to ~~John~~ Markow - commander, past commanders, officers, and members of the General Haller Post no. 111, New Britain, Ct.

Respectfully yours,

Stanley J. Archacki  
Vice President

Arkadijs Strazdins  
President

# C H E S S M A T C H.

NEW BRITAIN

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.

Sunday, October 6, 1974 at 2 P.M.  
AT STORRS.

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No.	Players	Rating	Score	Players	Rating	Score
1.	Arkadijs STRAZDINS	1944	½	Carl Scotignello	2054	½
2.	Anthony MILLER	1942	0	Dr. Elliot Wolk	1992	1
3.	Robert Milardo	1931	½	Joe Hriczo	1694	½
4.	James Baker	1882	½	Francis Gagnon	1693	½
5.	Robert W. Lane	1855	0	Thomas Litrenta	1687	1
6.	Barry Gerard	1808	½	Norman Bolle	1607	½
7.	Peter Aloskowski	1780	0	Leslie Smith	1580	1
8.	Daniel S. Lechowicz	1768	1	Mark Zuboff	1571	0
9.	Wesley Prazier	1699	1	Matt Frank	1549	0
10.	Robert Wolf	1653	1	Carl Mohtoris	1515	0
11.	Mark Donihan	1653	1	Michael Pompa	1451	0
12.	Carl Traczynski	1597	0	Mark London	1450	1
13.	Tadeusz Szafranski	1588	1	Thomas Dube	1438	0
14.	Ronald Lourassa	1579	1	B Coleman	1430	0
15.	Jan Kasica	1640	½	Martin Gregor	1318	½
16.	Andris R. Strazdins	1584	½	Walter Filipeit	1428	½
17.	James Azzola	1524	1	R Martin	1290	0
18.	John A. Baclawski	1505	1	Dennis Himes	1250	0
19.	Dennis Gallagher	1465	1	R Moulton	1208	0
20.	Ronald Kerner	1332	1	L Derbenwick	UNR	0
21.	Andrew Loftus	1456	1	S Januszewski	UNR	0
22.	Matthew Coulombe	UNR	0	O Segarra	UNR	1
23.	John Garvey	1413	½	I Seliger	UNR	½
24.	Brian McGuinness	1336	1	B Hummell	UNR	0
25.	Wiktor Halik No USCF Member	0	0	P Budney	UNR	1

TOTAL SCORE:

15,5

9,5

TEAM CAPTAINS:

Andris R. Strazdins

Francis Gagnon and  
Michael Pompa.

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## Chess news

In recently played chess tournaments at the University of Connecticut Open, Arkadijs Strazdins took second place with a score of 4-1, Andris Strazdins scored 2½-2½, and Raymond LaMont 2-3.

In the New England Open at Amherst, Mass., in the premier section, Peter Koskowski scored 2-4, and in the booster section, John A. Baclawski scored 3-3.

The New Britain Chess Club August speed tournament (five minutes games) was won by Robert Milardo in the finals with a score of 12-2; Arkadijs Strazdins was second with 11½-2½, and Carl Traczynski third with 10-4. Twenty-seven players competed and were divided into four groups for the preliminaries.

The first two of each group played in the double round-robin finals. The group A winners were Strazdins 11-1, and James Azzola. The group B winners were Anthony Miller 10-2 and Andrew Loftus, the group C winners were Traczynski 11-1 and Milardo 10-2, and the group D winners were Daniel Lechowicz 8-2 and John Baclawski 7½-2½.

Anthony Miller won the Hartford Chess Club speed tournament at Hartford with a score of 16-1.

The New Britain club team of 25 players will play the strong University of Connecticut team in a match on Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. at Storrs.

The 1975 New Britain city chess championship, a U.S. Chess Federation rated, round robin tournament, sponsored by the Gen. Haller Post and the New Britain Chess Club, will be held at the Gen. Haller Post each Wednesday night in October, November, and December (one game per night). The first starts Sept. 25.

The competitors will be divided into four groups and, from each group, two 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 reserve tournament played concurrently with the finals. The tourney is open to all chess players in New Britain and vicinity who are U.S. Chess Federation

members or who join the federation at registration.

Trophies and other prizes will be awarded to top scorers. Information and early registration can be secured by contacting Arkadijs Strazdins, a certified tournament director of the U.S. Chess Federation, any Wednesday night at the Gen. Haller Post.

## City chess teams beat New Milford

The New Britain Chess Club's 10-player senior team defeated the New Milford seniors by a score of 8-2, and the 8-player junior team defeated the New Milford junior and senior combination by a score of 7-1 in a match at New Milford recently.

John Baclawski scored the first victory for New Britain. He was followed by Zbig Cyganik, Richard H. Dittmar, Edgars J. Strazdins, Barry Gerard, Daniel S. Lechowicz, Carl Traczynski, James Azzola, Dennis Gallagher, Edward Harris, Matthew Coulombe, Robert Wolf, Mark Denihan, and Arkadijs Strazdins.

Players who drew their games were Ronald Bourassa and Andris R. Strazdins. John M. Garvey and Raymond LaMont lost their games. Team captains were Andris R. Strazdins for New Britain and Joseph M. Huddy for New Milford.

In the I. A. Horowitz Memorial Open at Shelton, John A. Baclawski tied for first place with a score of 4½-½. Ronald Bourassa scored 3-2 and he was awarded a special prize for best attacking game.

In the Townsend Cup Open at Hartford, Andrew Loftus scored 1½-2½.

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# The <sup>Newton</sup> Chess <sup>Ble</sup> News

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By Ben McCready

The last speed tournament (five minutes total time in each game for each player) of the 1973-74 season of the New Britain Chess Club was contested on August 14. There were 27 players, who were divided into four groups for double round-robin preliminary rounds, with two qualifying for the finals in each group.

High scorers in each group were: Arkadijs Strazdins 11-1, James Azzola 7½-4½; Anthony Miller 10-2, Andrew Loftus 8½-3½; Carl Traczynski 11-1, Robert Milardo 10-2; Dan Lechowicz 8-2, John Baclawski 7½-2½. Milardo won the tournament by scoring 12-2 in the finals, Strazdins was a

close second at 11½-2½, and Traczynski was third at 10-4.

The solution to Problem No. 63 is Q-B6. If 1. . . K-N8; 2. Q-K4 mate. If 1. . . P-N8(Q); 2. N-N2 mate. If 1. . . P-Q8(Q); 2. N(B4)-Q2 mate. If 1. . . P-Q8(N); 2. Q-K4 mate. If 1. . . other; 2. Q-R4 mate.

Among those sending correct answers were Jim Fotta, Adolphe Wulser, Fred Judson, E. Judson Sr., Joseph R. Rich (welcome to our solvers group), Jim Armsted, Art Tonucci Jr., Joe Shields, Shannon Dow, Peter Siczewicz, Andrei Hudiakoff, John Gibson, Kirk Fagan, Leonard Lewis, and Jim Ackerley. (Note to John R. Henry II; very sorry about the mixup.)



10-15-1974  
**N.B. Chess Club  
defeats UConn**

Norman Weinstein, U.S. senior master and the 1973 U.S. Open chess champion from Allston, Mass. is one of the top rated players in the country today with 2471 U.S. Chess Federation rated points.

Last Friday and Saturday, he held a simultaneous exhibition at the Meriden Mall. On Friday, he played against 24, and won 21 games, losing only to the New Britain chess champion, Arkadijs Strazdins, and drawing with Daniel S. Lechowicz and Mark Denihan. On Saturday, he played against 38 players and won 34 games, losing again to Strazdins and drawing with Robert Milardo, again with Denihan, and with James Azzola, the Connecticut junior champion.

Matthew Coulombe, 12, played an excellent game and the master was able to win only after 5½ hours and 44 moves into the game. All of these players are from the New Britain Chess Club. No players from any other clubs were able to defeat or draw Weinstein.

The New local chess club 25 player team, composed of senior and junior players, defeated the strong University of Connecticut team at Storrs in a match Sunday, by a score of 15½-9½.

Tadeusz Szafranski scored the first victory for New Britain. He was followed by Ronald Bourassa, Daniel S. Lechowicz, John A. Baclawski, Robert Wolf, Wesley Frazier, James Azzola, Dennis Gallagher, Mark Denihan, Robert Kerner, Andrew Loftus and Brian McGuinness. Players who drew their games, were, Robert Milardo, Andris R. Strazdins, team captain, James Baker, Barry Gerard, Jan Kasica, John Garvey and Arkadijs Strazdins, who drew on board one after 5½ hours of play with former chess master, Carl Scotignello. Anthony Miller, Matthew Coulombe, Wiktor Hacı, Robert W. Lane, Carl Traczynski and Peter Kloskowski lost their games.

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**Chess news 12-3-74**

Thirty four players competed in the city's 1975 chess championship primaries at Gen. Haller Post for the past three months. The first three in each of four groups will play in the finals, a single round robin tournament for the title starting Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. and finishing March 5.

Others who are not qualified for the finals, will be playing in the reserve, a five round Swiss system tournament starting Jan. 15 at 8:10 p.m. at Haller post.

The tournaments are sponsored by the post and the New Britain Chess Club. Both tournaments are U.S. Chess Federation rated. Arkadijs Strazdins, a certified tournament director of the USCF, will direct both tournaments. Trophies and other prizes will be awarded for top senior and junior players in championship and reserve tournaments.

Group A winners were: Arkadijs Strazdins, city champion from 1952, with a score 5½-1½, James Azzola, and Raymond Lamont, 5-2, each; Group B, Robert W. Lane, 7½-½; Andrew Loftus, 7-1, and John A. Baclawski, 5½-2½; Group C, Ronald Bourassa, 6½-½, Barry Gerard, 6-1, and Richard H. Dittmar, 5-2; Group D, Robert Milardo, 6-0, Carl Traczynski 4½-1½, and Paul Wooster, 3½-2½.

Although chess attendance is suffering from recession the quality of New Britain chess players continues to improve. A good example of that are the three talented juniors who qualified for the finals: Loftus, 14, Azzola, 15 and Traczynski, 16. They are three of New Britain Chess Club's best players. Loftus who was undefeated, will be awarded a special prize for his excellent play.

The New Britain Chess Club December speed chess tournament, five minutes per game per player, will be played at Haller post, Wednesday at 7:50 p.m. Registration closes at 7:40 p.m. Peter Kloskowski will direct.