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7-18-1982 Chess news

The 1982 New Britain city chess championship reserve tournament, a five-round Swiss system U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) rated event, will start Jan. 26, at 8 p.m. at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

Other rounds will be Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23. The time limit is 50 moves in two hours per player. Trophies will be awarded to the top three and to the top two junior players. The tournament is open to all, but participants must be or become members of the USCF, the national body which is rating the tournament.

Late registration can be secured by contacting Arkadijs Strazdins, a USCF accredited tournament director, from 7-7:30 that night.

Previous winners are: 1972, Mark Berg; 1973, Loren Lomaski; 1974, Carl D. Traczynski; 1975, Peter P. Mitchell; 1976, Joseph Mansigian; 1977, Peter A. Kloskowski; 1978, Paul Ligas; 1979, Kloskowski; 1980, Vincent P. Staskiewicz; 1981, Stanley J. Archacki.

The first round of the 32nd annual New Britain city chess championship finals, a single round-robin USCF rated tournament, started last Tuesday night at the Quartette Club and will continue for 10 more succession Tuesdays.

The 10 senior and two junior players who qualified to play are John A. Baclawski, Ronald Bourassa, Christopher Dearing, Gregory N. Dzubay, Eric J. Godin, Kurt J. Holyst, Robert Milardo, Lawrence T. O'Neill, Robert R. Stratton, Arkadijs Strazdins, Paul Wooster and Ermann E. Zickfeld.

Both tournaments are sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Ches Club.

Southington News

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Southington chess players do well

SOUTHINGTON — On Saturday at G. Fox and Co. Centinel Hill Hall in Hartford, 145 of the top scholastic chess players in the state subjected themselves to eight hours of grueling competition in hopes of capturing the title of state champion in their respective grade.

Kurt Holyst, who at 1904 was the highest rated player at any grade level, dominated the Grade 9 play from the onset and captured his fifth consecutive individual state championship.

In Connecticut scholastic competition since 1978, Holyst has compiled a perfect 47-0 record and has captained winning teams in both the doubles and four man team competitions.

JH player

Rodney Charest, the number two seeded junior high school player in the state captured his third second place individual championship in four years. His only defeat came after a two hour struggle with Holyst.

Another of Southington's premier players and one of the top ranked speed chess competitors in the state, Chris Dearing, won third place in the 12th grade section. He compiled a 3-1 record and came close to taking second place. It was Dearing's best scholastic tournament in three years.

No advisors

Others who participated and did well in their respective sections were: John Laliberte, 3-1; Jody Holyst, Mike Barmore and Dan Michaud, 2-2; Brian Beal and Ed Morris, relative newcomers to tournament chess, contributed two victories to the Southington cause.

Over all Southington was represented by nine players in the state competition and was the best represented of any school in Grades 8 through 12.

Southington also had the dubious distinction of being the only town in the state whose players could not officially represent their schools because they lacked school advisors.

Local chess teams continue winning in state competition

SOUTHINGTON — Doubles chess teams from all over Connecticut gathered in Hartford on Saturday with one common goal — beat Southington! After eight hours of grueling action, Southington junior high teams took first and third place and the high school "A" team captured second in its division. Fairfield alone sent four junior high teams with the hopes of unseating what has become the most powerful chess dynasty in Connecticut scholastic history.

Held at G. Fox & Co. under the auspices of the Connecticut Chess Federation and directed by Fred Townsend, this tournament will go down in the record books as the most controversial scholastic tournaments ever held in the state, according to Ralph F. Holyst, spokesman for the local teams.

Tactics such as stalling, quick adjournments and forfeits were used by Southington's opponents in an effort to rattle the champions, he said.

Tournament director Townsend and his assistant lost control of decorum early in the competition and the threat of physical and verbal improprieties hovered over the entire tournament, according to Holyst. Individual efforts under

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Chess news

The New Britain Chess Club has staged 13 speed tournaments (five-minute games) at the Quartette Club since last Aug. 18, start of the 1981-82 season.

Forty-six senior and 14 junior players participated, playing in one or in more tournaments.

Arkadijs Strazdins was the winner in five tournaments. Kurt J. Holyst, 14 years old, three times; Matthew Coulombe, Raymond Lamont, Carl D. Traczynski, Peter P. Yanchak and Leonard Weekes, each one.

Top 20

The following rating list by rank includes the top twenty 1981 New Britain Chess Club speed chess players:

Senior masters

1. Strazdins, 2,491; 2. Robert Milardo, 2,419; 3. Coulombe, 2,402.

Masters

4. Holyst, 2,392; 5. Erick J. Godin, 2,347; 6. Christopher Dearing, 2,301; 7. John A. Bacławski, 2,285; 8. Traczynski, 2,283; 9. Weekes, 2,281; 10. Duncan W. May, 2,257; 11. Jonathan M. Hanen, 2,247; 12. Raymond Lamont, 2,232.

Candidate masters

13. Yanchak, 2,171; 14. Lawrence T. O'Neill, 2,162; 15. Joseph Mansigian, 2,160; 16. Peter A. Kloskowski, 2,158; 17. Daniel S. Lechowicz, 2,151; 18. Paul Wooster, 2,150; 19. Harold Himwich, 2,149; 20. Thomas H. Little, 2,128.

The rating system helps players evaluate their chess skill by providing them with a four digit rating to compare with that of other players.

The statistical formula used for speed rating by the Connecticut Speed Chess League and the New Britain Chess Club, is a simplified version of the U.S. Chess Federation computer program for rating regular (slow) games.

HERALD

MARCH 2, 1982

Chess news

The 1982 New Britain city chess championship reserve, a five-round Swiss system, U.S. Chess Federation rated tournament played at the Quartette Club, has been completed.

Leonard Weekes of Rocky Hill was the winner with a score of 4½-1½. Kevin Vieira of New Britain, was second with 4-1, and Kenneth Graham III of Bristol, third with 3½-1½.

After tie-break, with results of 3-2, finishing in fourth, fifth and sixth, were: Arthur B. Simeone of Middletown, last year's winner; Stanley J. Archacki of New Britain and Michael Barmore of Southington.

Chess trophies will be awarded to the top three and also the top two talented junior players, who are Barmore, 16, an 11th grader at Southington High School, and Kurt Skelly, 15, a 10th grader at Emmanuel Christian Academy, Newington.

The tournament was sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club, and directed by Arkadijs Strazdins.

Chess journey

After seven rounds in the 32nd annual New Britain single round robin city championship finals with a field of 12 players, results so far are: Eric J. Godin leading with a score of 6-1. He is followed by Kurt J. Holyst, 14, the tournament's youngest player with 5-1; Paul Wooster 5-2, and Robert Milardo and Strazdins, each with 4½-1½. Holyst, Milardo and Strazdins each had one game adjourned. The tournament will be finished March 23.

Chess master dies

Strazdins reported the recent death of Dr. Joseph Platz, 76, of Manchester, a physician and surgeon and U.S. chess master emeritus. Strazdins noted that many New Britain area chess players had contact with Dr. Platz. The last time he was in New Britain was in May, 1979, when he gave a simultaneous exhibition against 22 New Britain Chess Club members at the Quartette Club.

FAIRFIELD DEFEATS NEW BRITAIN

The Fairfield Chess Club defeated the New Britain Chess Club 11½-4½ in a twenty-board team match held in Fairfield recently, proving that it has become one of the strongest chess clubs in the state. Five national chess experts played the top boards.

Winning their game for the New Britain team were Eric Godin, John Bacławski, Duncan May, Ken Graham and Art Simeone. Winning for Fairfield were: Bill Gould, John Leddo, Ivan Capin, A. Perrotta, J. Andrade, J. Muller, D. Thomas and Ed Lengyel. The Fairfield club meets Fridays at the Senior Citizen's Recreation Center.

The Elm City (New Haven) Chess Club also had a team match with the New Britain Chess Club recently. The 17 board match ended in a tie (8½-8½). The event was held under the auspices of the U.S. Chess Federation and had eight national chess experts present.

Winning their game for New Britain were Matt Coulombe and Eric Godin (both experts), Duncan May, Dan Lechowicz, Dr. Yablonski, Chris Dearing and Leo Weekes. Winning their game for New Haven were: Emanuel Szein and Boris Garfinkel (both experts), Joe Spragg, R. Falco, R. Kellum, J. Durham, and J. Bolden.

Waterbury Finals This Saturday

The final round of the 6th Annual Waterbury Chess Championship will take place at 1 p.m. this Saturday at the "Hall Of Fame Lounge" 1-84 exit 31, Southington. All chess enthusiasts are invited. There will be a free beginner's chess tournament starting at 3 p.m., minimum age 18. Call Joan Cable at 274-0691 for details.

The Quartette Club on Wooster Street in New Britain is the site for the 1982 New Britain City Chess Championship. This U.S. Chess Federation tournament will span the five consecutive Tuesday evenings (starts 7:30 p.m.) of Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23. Entry fee \$9. Only \$6 for students or players over age 65. Prizes are trophies to first, second, and third place finishers, and trophies to the first and second Junior players. Call 229-6096 for further information.

Scholastic Team Chess Tournaments will take place on Saturday, and March 27 at the G. Fox & Co., 10th floor, 940 Main St., Hartford. These events are open to teams from elementary, junior high, and high schools. For further information contact the Connecticut Chess Foundation, 10 Bermuda Road, Wethersfield CT 06109, or call 563-0485.

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DR. PLATZ

Chess teams win titles

SOUTHINGTON — Southington's delegation to the Connecticut Scholastic four man chess team competition in Hartford on last week rewrote the scholastic record books. The competition was sponsored by the Connecticut Chess Federation and directed by Fred Townsend.

The junior high school team captained by Kurt Holyst and consisting of Rodney Charest, Joseph Carrier and John Laliberte scored a perfect 4-0 in match competition. Although this in itself was a commendable accomplishment it was overshadowed by the

fact that each player had a perfect 4-0 individual score. The final tally of 16-0 established a new record for scholastic junior high team competition in the state.

It was the second straight team championship for Southington who took the title from Bloomfield in 1981.

The high school team captained by Chris Dearing and consisting of Andrew Zapatka, Mike Barmore and Dan Michaud quickly asserted itself in its first contest against Bloomfield and never looked back.

In its second match it defeated the 1981 state champions, North Haven. Dearing defeated Phil Pan, the 1982 individual 12th grade state champion and Zapatka drew Charley Mcphedran the 1981 11th grade state champion. Dearing ended the tournament with a 3-1 record while Zapatka had 4 draws and no losses for a 2-2 score.

Barmore scored a perfect 4-0. Only four other players in the entire high school section accomplished that feat.

Dan Michaud, who lost his first two games, fought back to defeat his last two opponents in games that ultimately decided Southington's fate. Southington ended the contest with a 4-0 match score and coupled this with the junior high school victory to be the first town in Connecticut history to have a junior high and high school state championship team in the same year.

NB Chess Club ties New Haven

The chess rematch between the New Britain Chess Club 17-player team composed of 14 senior and three junior players, and an Elm City Chess Club combination of players from the New Haven area, played last Tuesday night at the Quartette Club.

After six hours of play, the New Britain Chess Club players were able to tie the match with a score of 8½-8½. Duncan W. May scored the first victory for New Britain and Robert R. Stratton was the last player, and drew his game.

Results on individual boards with New Britain players listed first, were:

1 Matthew Coulombe	0-1 Emanuel Szein
2 Eric J. Godin	0-1 Kenneth Plesset
3 Arkadijs Strazdins	1½-½ John Leddo
4 Robert Milardo	1-0 Paul Yaszak
5 Kurt J. Holyst	½-½ Willie J. Bonner
6 Carl D. Traczynski	0-1 Walter R. McBane
7 John A. Bedlawski	1-0 Anthony Purpura
8 Paul Wooster	0-1 Richard Falco
9 Eugene Byrns	½-½ Joseph Spragg
10 Alan C. Moritz	½-½ Walter T. Lee
11 Duncan W. May	1-0 William Ahmed
12 Raymond LaMont	1-0 John L. Bolden
13 Daniel S. Lechewicz	1-0 Stephen Tomporowski
14 Robert R. Stratton	½-½ Hatfield Graham
15 Jonathan M. Hanen	0-1 Wayne Howard
16 Christopher Dearing	1-0 Jeffrey Cogghian
17 Dr. Anthony P. Yablonski Jr.	0-1 C. Howard

The match was rated by the U.S. Chess Federation.

Duncan W. May was team captain for New Britain and John Leddo for New Haven.

The first round of the six-round Swiss system, a U.S. Chess Federation rated tournament for the 1982 (32nd Annual) New Britain Chess Club Championship play, will begin at the Quartette Club tomorrow at 7:40 p.m. The tourney is open only to club members. The time limit is 50 moves in two hours per player. Trophies will be awarded for first and second places, and for top classes, B,C,D and E, and two top juniors. Many of New Britain's Chess Club best senior and junior players will compete.

Late registration can be secured by contacting Arkadijs Strazdins, a certified tournament director of the USCF, that night from 7-7:30 p.m.

- April 5, 1982 - THE HERALD

Strazdins wins city chess championship for 29th time

Twelve qualified players from primary play competed for the 32nd annual New Britain city chess championship finals, a single round robin, a U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) rated tournament at the Quartette Club. Competitions were held each Tuesday night for the past three months.

Arkadijs Strazdins finished first with a score of $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. This was the 29th time that Strazdins, a chess master, has won the city championship. He first won in 1952. In 1973 he shared the title with Robert W. Lane; in 1974, with Pierre LeClerc, and in 1979, with Paul Ligas.

The only times that Strazdins did not finish first or tied for first, were in the New Britain championship in 1976 and 1981 when Robert Milardo, one of Connecticut's top chess experts, won.

Strazdins' victory did not come easy. In the first round he lost to Kurt J.

Holyst, a Kennedy Junior High School student in Southington, who is Connecticut's top rated junior player with a USCF rating of 1,904. He drew with Milardo in the third round, then scored eight points in the last eight rounds, pulling out a $\frac{1}{2}$ -point margin of victory.

Holyst took second place honors with 9-2. His only defeats came from Eric J. Godin, 1979 Connecticut co-champion, and Milardo.

Godin took third place with $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. Defending champion Milardo was fourth with 8-3 and Paul Wooster, fifth with 7-4.

After the tie-break, the results with 5-6, finishing sixth or lower in order, were:

John A. Baclawski, Christopher Dearing, Robert R. Stratton, Peter Galazan, Hermann E. Zickfeld, Lawrence T. O'Neill and Gregory N. Dzubay.

Chess trophies will be awarded tomorrow night at the Quartette Club to the top five, and the second talented junior player Dearing.

The tournament was sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club. Strazdins directed.

Other news

The New Britain Chess Club will host two open Connecticut Speed Chess League rated tournaments — five-minute games for the next two Tuesday nights, starting tomorrow at the

Quartette Club. Tournaments start at 7:30.

The New Britain vs. New Haven chess re-match will take place at the Quartette Club, April 20 at 8 p.m. when 15-18 match games will begin. Both teams will represent some of Connecticut's top ranked senior and student players. The match will be rated by the USCF.

Team captains are Duncan W. May, New Britain,

and John Koch, New Haven.

The New Britain Chess Club will begin its 1982 individual chess championship, six-round Swiss system, USCF rated tournament, at the Quartette Club on six successive Tuesday nights beginning April 27 at 7:30. Registration may be obtained Tuesday nights from 7 to 7:30 at the Chess Club.

The 17th annual New Britain Summer Open, a four-round Swiss system, with time control 40 moves in one hour, a USCF rated tournament, has been scheduled at the Quartette Club for July 11. First round will start at 9:10 a.m.

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

N-E-W B-R-I-T-A-I-N VERSUS E-L-M C-I-T-Y C. C.

PLAYED BY 17 BOARDS.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1982 AT THE NEW
BRITAIN CHESS CLUB (QUARTETTE CLUB)

TEAM CAPTAINS:

DUNCAN W. MAY, N. B. --- JOHN LEDDO, ELM CITY.

1. COULOMBE Matthew	2124	0 - 1	STEIN Emanuelo	2189
2. GODIN Eric J.	2108	0 - 1	PLESSET Kenneth	2168
3. STRAZDINS Arkadijs	2104	½ - ½	LEDDO John	2063
4. MILARDO Robert	1998	1 - 0	YASUTAKE Paul	2036
5. HOLYST Kurt J.	1937	½ - ½	BONNER Willie J.	2012
6. TRACZYNSKI Carl D.	1920	0 - 1	MEBANE Walter R.	1927
7. BACLAWSKI John A.	1914	1 - 0	PURPORA Anthony	1740
8. WOOSTER Paul	1871	0 - 1	FALCO Richard	1728
9. BYSTRAK Eugene	1862	½ - ½	SPRAGG Joseph	1718
10. MORRILL Alan C.	1842	½ - ½	LEE Walter T.	1715
11. MAY Duncan W.	1807	1 - 0	AHMED William	1623/4
12. LAMONT Raymond	1756	1 - 0	BOLDEN John L.	1511/13
13. LECHOWICZ Daniel S.	1753	1 - 0	TOMPOROWSKI Stephen	1451/20
14. STRATTON Robert R.	1737	½ - ½	GRAHAM Hatfield	UNR
15. HANEN Jonathan M.	1712	0 - 1	HOWARD Wayne	UNR
16. DEARING Christopher	1699	1 - 0	COGGSHALL Jeffrey	UNR
17. Dr. YABLONSKI, Jr. Anthony P.	1696	0 - 1	HOWARD Carol	UNR

TOTAL SCORE 8½- 8½

THANKS TO ALL TEAM MEMBERS WHO PLAYED IN THIS FRIENDLY MATCH.

UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION RATED.

DUNCAN W. MAY, TEAM CAPTAIN.

New Britain Chess Club tournament winners announced

Twenty two senior and five junior New Britain Chess Club members competed for the 1982 — 32nd annual club's individual championship honors, a six-round Swiss system U. S. Chess Federation (USCF) rated tournament at the Quartette Club.

Competitions were held each Tuesday night for the past six weeks. Robert Milardo finished first with a score of 5½, drawing one drawn game to Raymond Lamont. Milardo won this championship for the first time in 1972 and won it in 1977 and 1978.

Arkadijs Strazdins, who won the championship, 24 times, took second place honors with 4½-1½. Using the tie-break formula, listed in order, with a score of 4-2 are:

Third, Matthew Coulombe; fourth, Duncan W. May; fifth, Bruce Gronenthal; sixth, Connecticut top junior player Kurt J. Holyst and seventh, Robert R. Stratton.

With 3½-2½: eighth, Paul Wooster; ninth, Jonathan M. Hanen and 10th, Brian Bam-brough (played only 5 games)

The results with a score of 3-3 or lower, were: John A. Baclawski, Robert W. Lane, Lawrence T. O'Neill, Peter Galazan, Leonard Weekes, John Laliberte, Raymond Lamont, John Disantis, Stanley J. Archacki, Peter J. Marut Jr., Joseph Miglizzi, Alan Thureson, Donald McNamara, Kenneth Graham III, William J. Lindberg and Eric J. Godin (played one game).

Trophies will be awarded tomorrow night at the Chess Club to the top three and class winners: May (A), Stratton (B), O'Neill (C), Thureson (D), Laliberte (E), and to the two top junior players, Holyst, first and Hanen, second.

The tournament was sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club. Strazdins directed.

Future tourneys

The New Britain Chess Club will host six open Connecticut Speed Chess League rated tournaments, five minute games for the next six Tuesday nights at the Quartette Club. Tournaments start at 7:30 p.m.

The 17th annual New Britain Summer Open, a four-round Swiss system, with

time control 40 moves in one hour, a USCF rated tournament, is scheduled to be played outdoors, July 11, at the Quartette Club. First round will start at 9:10 a.m. Early registration is available by contacting Strazdins, tournament director, any Tuesday night at the Quartette Club.

The 1982 Connecticut State Chess Championship Open, a five-round Swiss system, 50 moves in two hours, a USCF rated tournament, will be played July 24-25 at the Hotel Sonesta, Hartford, in three sections: Open, reserve and booster.

Registration at the site the first day of the event will be 9-9:30 a.m. Rounds are Saturday, 10-3-8, and Sunday, 9 and 2. National tournament director Frederick S. Townsend will direct.

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Chess news

The 17th annual New Britain Summer Open Chess Championship, a four-round Swiss system tournament, with time control of 40 moves in one hour, U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) rated, will be held outdoors or in bad weather, indoors at the excellently remodeled Quartette Club Hall, 225 Wooster St., next Sunday. Trophies will be awarded to winners for first, second and third places and tops in Class B, C, D, E and two top junior players under 18 years of age.

Registration may be made Tuesday night at the Quartette Club by contacting Arkadijs Strazdins, USCF accredited tournament director. Late registration will be held Sunday from 8-8:50 a.m., with first round starting at 9:10 a.m. The tournament is open only to members of the USCF and or to those who become members at the tournament.

The tournament is sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club — an affiliate of the USCF.

Previous winners: 1966-68 — Arkadijs Strazdins, New Britain; 1969 — Peter A. Kloskowski, New Britain; 1970 — William A. Edwards, Washington, Conn.; 1971-73 — Strazdins; 1974 — James M. Baker, Washington, D.C.; 1975 — James M. Bolton, New Haven; 1976 — Julius Fuster, Waterbury; 1977 — Jerome A. Crawford, New Britain; 1978 — Steven H. Strogatz, Torrington; 1979 — Ronald Bourassa, Waterbury; 1980 — Thomas H. Little, New Canaan and 1981 — Matthew Coulombe, New Britain.

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Chess News

5/21/82

By Ben McCready



The New Britain City Chess Championship Reserve Tournament was won by Leonard Weeks of Rocky Hill, with a score of 4½-1½. This event was made up of 12 players who did not qualify for the finals of the city championship tournament.

Kevin Vieira of New Britain, at 4-1, finished second. Kenneth Graham III of Bristol was third, scoring 3-2. The trophy for the top junior went to Michael Barimore of Southington, who scored 3-2. Second junior was Kurt Skelly at 2-3. Arkadijs Strazdins was the Tournament Director.

The event was a five-round Swiss, played on successive Tuesday evenings. It was sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club. The New Britain club is one of the largest in the state, with 63 members at present. Its 1982 championship tournament has just started, a six-round USCF-rated event being played on Tuesday evenings.

Benjamin Coenar

THE NEWTOWN BEE, FRIDAY, JULY 2, 1982

Chess News

By Ben McCready

The New Britain Chess Club will stage its 17th Annual New Britain Summer Open at the club headquarters, Quartette Club Hall, 225 Wooster Street, New Britain, on Sunday, July 11. The club is easy to find; if directions are needed phone 223-9973. The tournament will be held outdoors if the weather cooperates, otherwise indoors.

This is a USCF-rated four-round Swiss event, with a time limit of 40 moves in 60 minutes, and 30 moves in 30 minutes thereafter. The entry fee is \$13 (students, Vietnam veterans, and seniors over 62 \$11.) USCF membership is required; nonmembers may join at the tournament.

Handsome trophies will be awarded to the first three finishers, and also to the two top juniors and the top player in each of Classes B, C, D and E. The trophies will not be given at the tournament, but ordered two days later, with winners' names.

Registration is from 8 to 9 am, with rounds at 9:10, 11:30, 2:30 and 5:30. The Tournament Director will be Arkadijs Strazdins, who asks you to bring your USCF membership card and your board, set and clock if you have them.

At the annual meeting of the New Britain Chess Club, all incumbent officers were re-elected: Arkadijs Strazdins, president; Stanley J. Archacki, vice-president; Robert Milardo, secretary; Andris R. Strazdins, treasurer and Duncan W. May, team captain.

The club meets at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster Street, New Britain, every Tuesday evening at 7 pm. The NBCC will hold four USCF-rated tournaments during the next twelve months.

th, play three or four matches with other clubs, and have about 26 speed tournaments, rated by the Connecticut Speed Chess League.

N.B. HERALD - JULY 15, 1982

New Britain chess activities

The 17th annual New Britain Summer Open, a four-round Swiss system U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) rated tournament, played outdoors last Sunday at the Quartette Club.

Peter L. Thau of Bridgeport won the tournament on a tie-break over Eric J. Godin of West Hartford. Each scored $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Bruce Gronenthal of Meriden took third place honors with 3-1. Others who won trophies were top Class winners:

A — Duncan W. May of Plainville.

B — Robert J. Keever of Tinton Falls, N.J.

C — Andrew Zaparka of Plantsville.

D — Dr. Stephen M. Schmitz of Middletown.

E — Calvin W. Fahey of New Britain and top juniors: First, Kurt J. Holyst, 14, of Plantsville; second, John Laliberte, 14, of Southington.

The biggest upset of the tournament was, when "Newtown Beé" chess columnist Ben W. McGready beat former Connecticut and New England champion chess master

James M. Bolton, 75, of New Haven.

The tournament was sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club and was directed by Arkadijs Strazdins.

Ratings

The July USCF rating supplement list shows that Connecticut has four chess players who have made the "Top 50" in the United States. The New Britain Chess Club has two of the players as members. The Club's only woman player, Mrs. Collete Troue Gronenthal, with a rating of 1782 is rated on the national women's chess players list as No. 30.

Holyst, the top Connecticut junior player, is also the 18th ranked player, in the "under 16" category. His 1998 rating means, that he is only two points short of being a chess expert.

Ranked No. 9 in the senior masters list are Sergey Kudrin — 2569, and No. 38 Michael Rhode with 2495 points. Both are students at Yale University. There are 540 recognized masters

among the some 15 million chess playes in the United States.

The Chess Club will host the New Britain Summer Open Speed Tournament — five-minute games at the Quartette Club, Tuesday starting at 7:40 p.m. with registration closing at 7:30.

Here is the score of my game with Bolton, a French Defense:

McCreedy	Bolton
White	Black
1. P-K4.....	P-K3
2. P-Q4.....	P-Q4
3. P-K5.....	P-QB4
4. P-QB3.....	Q-N3
5. N-KB3.....	N-QB3
6. B-K2.....	P-B4
7. O-O.....	B-Q2
8. P-QN3.....	B-K2
9. B-K3.....	P-KR3
10. N-R3.....	P-N4
11. N-QN5.....	NxKP
12. NxN.....	BxN
13. BxBch.....	QxB
14. Q-R5ch!.....	K-Q1
15. N-B7ch.....	K-Q2
16. NxR.....	P-KB5
17. B-Q2.....	R-KB1
18. N-N6.....	R-B4
19. N-K5ch.....	K-Q3
20. QR-K1.....	N-B3
21. Q-K2.....	QxQ
22. RxQ.....	P-N5
23. KR-K1.....	N-K5
24. P-B3.....	NxB
25. RxN.....	P-N6
26. P-KR3.....	B-Q1
27. N-N4.....	P-KR4
28. N-K5.....	PxP
29. P-QN4?.....	PxP
30. R-QB2.....	RxN
31. RxR.....	KxR
32. RxP.....	P-Q5
33. R-B5ch.....	K-Q3
34. RxP.....	P-K4
35. K-B1.....	K-Q4
36. K-K2.....	B-K2
37. P-R3.....	P-R4
38. R-R7.....	K-K3
39. K-Q3.....	PxP
40. PxP.....	P-N4
41. R-R6ch.....	K-Q4
42. R-QN6.....	BxP
43. RxPch.....	B-B4
44. P-R4.....	K-B3
45. RxBch!.....	KxR
46. P-R5.....	P-K5ch
47. KxP.....	K-B5
48. P-R6.....	P-Q6
49. P-R7.....	P-Q7
50. P-R8(Q).....	P-Q8(Q)
51. Q-QB8ch.....	K-N6
52. Q-K6ch.....	K-N7
53. Q-K5ch.....	K-N8
54. Q-N5ch.....	K-R8
55. Q-R5ch.....	K-N7
56. Q-N4ch.....	K-R7
57. Q-B4ch.....	K-N8
58. Q-Q3ch.....	QxQch
59. KxQ.....	K-B8
60. K-K4.....	Resigns

New Britain Summer Open

The New Britain 17th annual Summer Open, played at the Quartette Club in that city on July 11, was won by Peter Thau of Bridgeport, with Eric Godin of West Hartford second. Each scored $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, with Thau winning the first place trophy on tiebreaks. Bruce Gronenthal of Meriden finished third at 3-1.

The winners of class trophies were: A, Duncan May of Plainville; B, Robert

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Chess News

By Ben McCreedy



Keevers of Tinton Falls, N.J.; C. Andrew Zaparka of Plantsville; D. Dr. Stephen Schmitz of Middletown; and E. Calvin Fahey of New Britain. The trophy for top junior was won by Kurt Holyst of Plantsville, who is 14, and the trophy for second in this category was taken by John Laliberte of Southington, also 14.

I didn't win a prize, but had the good fortune of defeating the highest rated player in the tournament, Jim Bolton, former Connecticut and New England champion and USCF Master. After the game, Arkadijs Strazdins, the tournament director, told me, "Don't forget, Mr Bolton hasn't played in a tournament for two years." Bolton graciously said, "Pay no attention to that. I played as well as I ever do." But I know that after a long layoff one's game is not as sharp as it is after recent competition. However, I was greatly pleased to win from the highest rated player whom I have defeated in 46 years. In 1936 I beat Weaver Adams in a qualifying round in the first annual U.S. Championship tournament (prior to that date the champion held his title until a challenge match could be financially arranged; sometimes it took several years for this to happen). Adams, the author of several chess books, was one of the top ten players in the country at the time of the tournament.

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Minutes of the New Britain Chess Club
Annual meeting for 1983
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The meeting convened at 7:46 P.M., July 20th, 1982. President Arkadijs STRAZDINS presided. First it was ascertained that a quorum was presented; three officers and thirteen members were in attendance.

Duncan W. May read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

Duncan W. May moved to nominate the following slate of officers:

President	-	Arkadijs Strazdins
Vice-President	-	Stanley J. Archibach
Secretary	-	Robert MILARDO
Treasurer	-	Andris R. Strazdins
Team Captain	-	Duncan W. May

The above slate was nominated and elected unanimously. The treasurer's report was read and accepted. The club's current balance was \$206.⁰⁰ Dues were discussed.

Duncan W. May made the following motion which was carried unanimously. Dues for the following year (Sept. 1, 1982 - Aug. 31, 1983) shall be \$11 for senior members, \$7 for junior and senior citizens. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bambrough. - Having taken action on all business matters before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Robert MILARDO, Secretary.

NB, H. OCT. 13, 1982
**NB Chess Club staged 28
 speed tourneys in '81-'82**

The New Britain Chess Club staged 28 Connecticut Speed Chess League rated speed tournaments (five-minute games) at the Quarantine Club during the 1981-82 season which ended Aug. 24.

Usually, from 14-20 players compete in each tournament and played a grand total of 3,328 games. Fifty-four senior and 15 junior members participated, playing one or more tournaments.

Life Speed Chess Master Arkadijs Strazdins, top New Britain player for 31 years who has a 95 percent record scored against other players, was again the most frequent tournament winner for the past season. He won 10 times and finished second seven times.

Connecticut's top junior player, Kurt J. Holyst, and Matthew Coulombe and Robert Milardo, each won four times. Winning one time each were Christopher Dearing, John Farwell, Peter P. Yanchak, Raymond Lamont, Carl D. Traczynski and Leonard Weekes.

The New Britain Chess Club is the only chess club

in Connecticut, which has regularly held speed tournaments for the past three decades, a total of 409 tournaments in that time.

Top 25

The following speed rating list by rank includes the top 25 1982 New Britain Chess Club speed chess players:

Senior Masters: 1. Strazdins, 2,499 points; 2. Milardo, 2,472; 3. Coulombe, 2,456.

Masters: 4. Holyst, 2,398; 5. Bruce Gronenthal, 2,364; 6. Eric J. Godin, 2,347; 7. Weekes, 2,310; 8. Jonathan M. Hanen, 2,302; 9. John A. Baclawski, 2,289; 10. Duncan W. May, 2,285; 11. Carl D. Traczynski, 2,283; 12. Dearing, 2,268; 13. Thomas H. Little, 2,231; 14. Mrs. Colette Gronenthal, 2,225.

Candidate Masters: 15. Paul Wooster, 2,193; 16. Peter A. Kloskowski, 2,186; 17. Raymond Lamont, 2,184; 18. Brian Bambrough, 2,172; 19. Peter P. Yanchak, 2,171; 20. Lawrence T. O'Neill, 2,162; 21. Joseph Mansigian, 2,160; 22. Daniel S. Lechowicz, 2,151; 23. Dr. Anthony P. Yablonski Jr., 2,149; 24. Harold Himwich, 2,148 points and 25. Robert R. Stratton, 2,122.

The statistical formula used for speed rating is a simplified version of the U.S. Chess Federation computer program for rating regular (slow) games. The rating system helps players evaluate their chess skill by comparing to that of other players.

State open champ

William A. Quanrund from New Haven a student at Yale University, won the 1982 Connecticut state open chess championship with a score of 4½-1½ recently played in Hartford. Four players tied for second place with 4-1, including defending champion George C. Grasser, Paul C. Espinola and New Britain Chess Club member Eric J. Godin, all from Connecticut and David C. Floreen from New Jersey. New Britain Chess Club members John A. Baclawski scored 2½-2½ and Ronald Bourassa 1-4. Forty-six players competed for the state championship.

The 1982 Hartford Open, a five-round Swiss system U.S. Chess Federation rated tournament, will be held Oct. 23-24 at the Holiday Inn, 363 Roberts St., East Hartford, in open and amateur sections.

Registration at the site the first day of the event will be 8-9:30 a.m.

There is a \$3,000 guaranteed prize fund, with \$600 to the winner.

The tournament will be directed by Connecticut's chess promoter Nicolas Stevens of Windham.

Chess news

The New Britain Chess Club will hold its 10th annual Thanksgiving Open Speed Tournament, Tuesday at 7:40 p.m., at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

This event will be rated by the Connecticut Speed Chess League and will consist of games that allow no more than five minutes of playing time per player per game.

Registration will be from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

All regular New Britain City Championship primary games will be postponed until the following week. New Britain chess champion Arkadijs Strazdins previously won the tournament seven times and Matthew Coulombe and Connecticut's top junior player Kurt J. Holyst, 15, each one time.

The tournament is sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club.

After eight rounds of play had been completed in the 22 players 1983 New Britain City Chess Championship single round-robin, U.S. Chess Federation rated qualification tournament, the leading players are:

In section A with 10 players: Paul Wooster and Kurt J. Holyst, each 6-2; Robert Milardo, 6-1, with one game adjourned; Dr. Stephen M. Schmitz, 5-2, with one game adjourned, and Jonathan M. Hanen, $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ with one game adjourned and Jonathan M. Hanen $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$, with one game adjourned.

In section B with 12 players, Arkadijs Strazdins and John A. Baclawski, each $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$; Duncan W. May and Robert R. Stratton, each 6-2; Stanley J. Archacki $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ and Peter Galazan 5-3.

The tournament will be completed Dec. 14 and from each section the top five qualified players will play for the 33rd annual City Championship, starting Jan. 18. *Nov. 20, 1982*



To represent United States

Kurt Holyst, of 1 Saw Mill Lane, Plantsville, will travel to Iceland this month as a member of the United States Junior Chess Team.

15-year-old to play in Iceland chess match

SOUTHINGTON — Fifteen-year-old Kurt Holyst, holder of five individual state scholastic chess titles, will again represent his country as a member of the United States Junior Chess team.

Kurt, who captained his junior high squad to both team and doubles championships the last two years, will be one of 20 players from the United States to compete against the Icelandic National team. The United States, which has won the last two matches against Iceland, evened the Gold Cup Series at two apiece in 1981.

In 1980, Kurt was one of only two players to register a perfect 3-0 score, and in 1981 he won a special award for his outstanding game in the crucial third round at Lake Kiamesha, N.Y.

As in the past, the team will be coached by Jack Collins, mentor of former World Champion Bobby Fischer, and world ranked International Grandmaster William Lombardy.

The team will leave for Reykjavik, Iceland, on Dec. 28 and return Jan. 3.

Tuesday

DEC. 21, 1982

10 qualify for city chess finals

Ten players have qualified for the finals of the 1983 New Britain city chess championship which will start Jan. 18, at the Quartette Club. Twenty two players competed in two sections in a single round robin U.S. Chess Federation rated tournament. From each section, five players with the highest scores qualified for the 33rd annual championship finals.

In the preliminary tournament of the championship, Section A, there were 10 players and the top five who qualified for the finals, along with their scores were:

Robert Millardo, 8-1; Kurt J. Holyst, 7-2; Paul Wooster, 6½-2½; Jonathan M. Hanen, 5½-3½; Dr. Stephen M. Schmitz, 5-4.

In Section B, with 12 players; John A. Baclawski, 10½-1½; Arkadijs Srazdins, city champion for 29 years, 10-1; Duncan W. May, 8½-2½; Peter Galazan, 8-3; Calvin W. Fahey, 6-5.

Others who played were: Stanley J. Archacki, John Laliberte, Kenneth Graham III, Carl M. Heineman, William J. Lindberg, Peter P. Marut Jr., Joseph Miglizzi, Donald McNamara, Lawrence T. O'Neill, Robert R. Stratton and Hermann E. Zickfeld.

The three junior players, Holyst, 15; Hanen, 16, and Laliberte, 14, played in the top competition. Holyst won

six, drew two and lost one game, and for the fourth year in a row qualified to play in the finals. Holyst was selected and will play for the third time in a row as one of the top 20 junior players from the United States to compete against the top Icelandic team in Reykjavik, Iceland, between Dec. 28 and Jan. 3.3. The team is coached by chess teacher and author Jack W. Collins and grandmaster William Lombardy.

Hanen with five wins, one draw and three losses qualified to play in the finals for the first time.

Laliberte, who played competitive tournament chess only for about one year won three, drew two and lost six games. Holyst has a current speed chess master rating of 2,354 points; Hanen, 2,292, and Laliberte is rated as a Class A player with 1,904.

The tournament was sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club and was directed by Strazdins and May.

The New Britain Chess Club will be closed for the holiday season tonight and Dec. 28 and will reopen Jan. 4, with the annual new year's open speed tournament. The chess club meets Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St., which sponsors the chess club.