

# 1996

## Chess exhibition set Tuesday

**NEW BRITAIN** — The New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) and the Quartette Club will co-sponsor the city's first simultaneous exhibition for 1996 Tuesday at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

The exhibition by Richard N. Bauer of Wolcott will start at 7:30 p.m. Bauer is a national senior chess master and is ranked No. 4 in Connecticut.

Bauer is one of 25 chess masters in New England.

He will play against all challengers simultaneously.

Opponents may choose either white or black pieces and will

be allowed three passes.

The master will charge a \$4 entry fee; \$3 for students and senior citizens age 65 and older.

A chess book donated by the NBCC will be awarded to the first player who defeats the master.

Registration will be with Arkadijs Strazdins, NBCC president, from 7 to 7:25 on the night of the exhibition.

Players who are not NBCC members should bring their own chess sets and boards if possible. Spectators are welcome free of charge.

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Monday, January 8, 1996

*SM Richard N. Bauer gave a simul at the Quartette Club on Jan. 9, 1996. Only 8 club members participated. Bauer after 2 hr. play won all games. He won: Arkadijs Strazdins, Zdzislaw Janowski, Tadeusz Szofranski, Christopher M. Rodda, John Pasco, Henry Ortola, Richard H. Lee and Joseph Fernandez II. (Snowing)*

Thursday, January 18, 1996

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## Chess tournament begins Feb. 6.

**NEW BRITAIN** — The 25th annual New Britain city reserve chess tournament will be played concurrently with the championship finals at the Quartette Club on five consecutive Tuesdays beginning at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 6. The time limit is 40 moves in 90 minutes per player and, if needed, 30 minutes of sudden death. The tournament is open to everyone but participants must have membership in the U.S. Chess Federation. Computers are not allowed during the tournaments. Those wishing to

register in the federation can do so by attending a meeting of the New Britain Chess Club. Meetings are held every at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Quartette Club, located at 225 Wooster St.

Richard N. Bauer, a member of the New Britain Chess Club and a national senior chess master from Wolcott, played eight opponents simultaneously at the Quartette Club on Jan. 9. Bauer won all eight games in about 2 1/2 hours.

## McHugh wins

National ChessMaster Edward McHugh of West Suffield, has won the 1996 Connecticut Quick-Chess (25-minute games) Championship held last Sunday at the Robin Ridge building in Waterbury.

McHugh won on tiebreakers over ChessMaster Kerry Leahy of Southbury. McHugh, Leahy, and a third player from Massachusetts, John DuPuis, all tied for the first-place money with three points out of four.

McHugh is also the speed-chess (five-minute games) champion from both 1994 and 1995.

ChessMaster Adrian Kobas of Danbury, current state champion of regular chess, defeated Leahy in round two, but then lost to McHugh in the final round. McHugh lost to DuPuis in round two. DuPuis' loss was to Leahy in round four.

Dan Levin of Hartford won the reserve section with a perfect 4-0 score. Bob Muscant of Norwalk finished second with three wins and a draw. Joseph Franklin was top novice. There were a total of 18 players in this tournament.

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## New Haven master wins 46th city chess tourney

**NEW BRITAIN** — Life chess master James M. Bolton of New Haven has won the 46th annual New Britain city chess championship with score of 10-1.

Bolton was one of 12 expert players who qualified out of 35 to participate in the 11-round, single-round-robin U.S. Chess Federation (USCF)-rated event.

Bolton is a former New England champion and has several times been Connecticut champion.

Other top prize winners were: 2nd, Harris B. Appelman of Farmington, scoring  $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3rd-4th, John C. Pasco of New Britain took third on a tie-break over Peter A. Kloskowski of Kensington. Both scored 7-4.

5th, Arkadijs Strazdins of New Britain (31-time champion),  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ .

8th, Robert Milardo of Middletown (defending champion), 6-5.

The biggest upset of the tournament was scored by Dennis Tortora of Waterbury, who beat Bolton, a 295-point difference. Cash, trophies and chess books were awarded as prizes.

### RESERVE TOURNAMENT

The 25th annual city reserve open chess tournament, a five-round Swiss system, USCF-rated event, was played concurrently with the championship finals.

Four competitors tied for first place, with scores of 4-1.

Using a tie-break formula, the finishers were: 1. Paul E. Budney of Tariffville; 2. Christopher M. Radda of New Britain; 3. Walter Pajak of New Britain; 4. Noah Vieira of New Britain.

Cash and trophies were awarded to the top four and the

top class winners: Lawrence T. O'Neill of Berlin, Zdzislaw Janowski of New Britain, W. Randal Given of Manchester, Robert C. Barnes of Unionville, and Anthony Hernandez of Newington. Both tournaments were sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club (NBCC), and directed by Noah Vieira.

### SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION

National chess master Kerry J. Leahy of Southbury will perform a simultaneous exhibition at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St., on April 23 at 7:40 p.m.

Leahy is one of the highest-rated chess players in Connecticut and second-rated at the NBCC.

He will play against all challengers simultaneously. Contestants may choose either white or black pieces and will be allowed three passes.

The first player who beats Leahy will be awarded a chess book.

The entry fee is \$4 (\$3 for students and those over 65). Players may register between 7 and 7:30 p.m. the night of the event with Arkadijs Strazdins.

Players who are not members of the local club should bring their own chess sets and boards, if possible. Spectators are welcome free of admission charge.

### TOURNAMENT

The NBCC will begin its 46th annual individual championship with round one on May 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Quartette Club.

The five-round, Swiss system USCF-rated event will run for five successive Tuesday nights. To register, contact Vieira at the club on Tuesday evenings.

Simultaneous Exhibition by  
NM KERRY J. LEAHY  
at the Quartette Club - APRIL 23, 1996.  
Leahy played against 17  
He won 12, lost only 1, and drew 4.

He lost to: Michael R. Sheroff, Farmington

He drew with: 1- Arvids Strazdins, N. B.  
2- Zdzislaw Janowski, N. B.  
3- Felix Elster, Hartford  
4- Paul E. Budney, Torrville

He won:

- 1- Robert R. Kozlowski, N. B.
- 2- Paul E. Gobell, N. B.
- 3- John Pearsley, N. B.
- 4- W. Randal Given, Manchester
- 5- Henry J. Ortala, Berlin
- 6- Sib S. Ray, Newington
- 7- Noah Vieira, N. B.
- 8- Robert Yelle, East Granby
- 9- Joseph Fernandez, II, Wethersfield
- 10- Philoff Gaultis, Middletown
- 11- Dennis Tartora, Waterbury
- 12- Daryl Scott, Middletown

Leahy finished all games in about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours.



## Chess club holds exhibition

NEW BRITAIN — Kerry J. Leahy, a national chess master from Southbury, gave a simultaneous exhibition at the Quartette Club recently, winning 12 matches against 17 central Connecticut area chess players, losing once and drawing four games.

Michael L. Sheroff of Farmington was the only victor against Leahy, and was awarded a chess book donated by the New Britain Chess Club (NBCC). Leahy drew with Felix Alster of Hartford, Arkadijs Strazdins of New Britain, Paul E. Budney of Tariffville and Zdzislaw Jankowski of New Britain.

Prize winners of the NBCC Action Chess Quads (30-minute games) for the month of April were:

Quad No. 1 — James M. Bolton of New Haven was the winner in three quads, 3-0, 3-0 and 3-0; 2. Zdzislaw Jankowski of New Britain, 2½-½; 3. W. Randal Given of Manchester, 3-0; 4. Mark H. Faille of Waterbury, 2½-½; 5. Arkadijs Strazdins of New Britain, 3-0 and 3-0; 6. Paul E. Budney of Tariffville, 3-0; 7. Joseph C. Mansigian of Framingham, Mas., 3-0.

## Leahy takes chess title

NEW BRITAIN — Two players tied for first place in the 1996 New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) individual championship tournament, held recently at the Quartette Club on Wooster Street.

Defending champion Kerry J. Leahy of Southbury emerged first on a tie-break over life master James M. Bolton of New Haven.

Both scored 4½ out of 5 points in the 26-player U.S. Chess Federation (USCF)-rated event.

Gary W. Caruso of East Hartford took third place on a tie-break over 1984 club champion John A. Baclawski of New Britain. Each scored 4-1.

Cash, trophies and chess books were awarded to the top three and top class winners: Arkadijs Strazdins of New Britain (expert); Baclawski (A); Michael L. Sheroff of Farmington, 2nd top (A); Joseph Rodriguez of Hartford (B); and Robert R. Kozlowski of New Britain (C).

Robert R. Yelle of East Granby registered the biggest upsets, overcoming differences of 504, 508 and 566 USCF rating points in defeating three strong opponents.

The event was co-sponsored by the Quartette Club and the NBCC, and directed by Strazdins and Noah Vieira.

### Chess Exhibition

A simultaneous chess exhibition will be given by national master Edward F. McHugh on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

The exhibition is co-sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club. Entry fee is \$4 (seniors and students \$3), or for club members, \$3 (seniors and students \$2).

NM. Edward F. McHugh simul results:  
June 18, 1996 - at The Quartette Club  
McHugh played against 21 NBCC members  
He won 15, lost 4, and drew 2.

He lost to: Karl H. Kochman (first winner) given chess book  
2nd - Joseph C. Mansigian, New Britain  
3rd - Paul E. Gabele, Farmington  
4th - Paul E. Audrey, Torrville.

He drew:  
1st - Peter Galazan, New Britain  
2nd - Felix Elster, Hartford.

He won:  
1 - Edzislau Janowski, N. B.  
2 - Arkadij Strozinski, N. B.  
3 - Robert E. McDaniel, Torrville  
4 - Daniel Tartarelli, Bristol  
5 - Steve J. Franco, Bristol  
6 - Mark Whitford, Bristol  
7 - Robert Milardo, Middletown  
8 - Christopher M. Rade, N. B.  
9 - Tom Castonguay, Bristol  
10 - Sorathi Ray, Newington  
11 - Dennis Tortora, Waterbury  
12 - Henry J. Ortala, Berlin  
13 - John C. Pasco, N. B.  
14 - Joseph Fernandez, II, Wethersfield  
15 - Robert Yelle, South Granby





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Chess master Ed McHugh of Suffield studies Felix Alster's board Tuesday at the Quartette Club in New Britain. Alster, of Hartford, was one of 21

members of the New Britain and Hartford chess clubs who were playing McHugh in simultaneous games.

## New Britain club hosts chess matches

### Speed champion plays 21 games at same time

By JASON JAKUBOWSKI  
Courant Correspondent

NEW BRITAIN — Marked by his yellow baseball cap and "Kasparov vs. Karpov" T-shirt, chess master Edward McHugh stood in the middle of the dim Quartette Club, surrounded by 21 neatly arranged chess boards.

As Connecticut's speed chess champion and a competitor in many national tournaments, McHugh has faced some of the most challenging opponents the chess world has to offer.

But even the large ceiling fans couldn't cool him down Tuesday when he faced 21 players — at the same time.

McHugh was the main attraction at the meeting of the New Britain Chess Club, where he was invited to play simultaneous chess games with the club members.

Throughout the night, McHugh, 29, made his way from board to board in the silent room with the utmost seriousness, matching wits each step of the way with men determined to offer solid competition.

"It's kind of fun," McHugh said, sipping his soft drink. "I like the competition of it."

McHugh began playing chess more than 15 years ago when he broke his collar bone and could no



Sarathi Ray of Newington studies his chess board as he prepares for his next move.

longer participate in sports. He began playing in tournaments and has achieved enough in the chess world to have earned the title of master. In early July, McHugh will travel to Philadelphia to compete in the 1996 World Open.

Chess Club President Arkadijs Strazdins said simultaneous events with masters like McHugh help members get experience.

"It's education for everybody," he said as he set up his own chess board.

Strazdins, the club champion for several years, said the strategy is to slow McHugh down so each player has a longer time to contemplate the next move before he returns to their board.

"Once they've slowed him down," he said, "the players get more and more chances to beat him."

One of McHugh's opponents was Steve Franco, who recently joined the club. Franco said he finds chess fun because it allows him to use his mind, but admitted his chances of beating McHugh were slim.

"He's taking quite a bit of my pieces," a relaxed Franco said during a break in his game.

When the first member beat the master, he was greeted with a mild round of applause. Karl Kochman credited his win to a mental error McHugh made.

"He just made a mistake and I got his queen," Kochman said with a smile.

Kochman does not always enjoy simultaneous matches and said he would prefer one-on-one com-

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CHESS CLUB HOSTS SPEED CHAMPION — Continued from Page B1, Competitions. But he loves the game. "It's undoubtedly the best game that was ever invented," he said. Three and a half hours after his 21 matches began, a tired McHugh left the empty Quartette Club, having won 15 games and having lost four. Two games ended in a draw. "I had fun," McHugh said as he got in his car. The people that beat me played well. Strazdins agreed, "I think we did very good," he said as he returned the collapsible tables to their storage space. The 65-member New Britain Chess Club is one of the largest in the state. The club also sponsors a Summer tournament and an annual championship round for club members. "This is the best chess club in Connecticut," Strazdins said. "There's many strong players in the club."



## Chess master wins 15 of 21

NEW BRITAIN — National chess master Edward F. McHugh of West Suffield played a simultaneous exhibition recently at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St., against 21 members of the New Britain Chess Club (NBCC). The exhibition lasted over three hours.

McHugh defeated 15 of the players, drew with two, and lost to four.

Karl H. Kochman of South Windsor was first to defeat the master, and was awarded a chess book donated by the NBCC.

Other winners were Joseph C. Mansigian of New Britain, Paul E. Gobell of Farmington and Paul E. Budney of Tariffville.

McHugh drew with Peter Galazan of New Britain and Felix Alster of Hartford.

The 31st annual New Britain Summer Open Chess Championship, a four-round Swiss system, U.S. Chess Federation (USCF)-rated tournament, will be played at the Quartette Club on four successive Tuesday nights, beginning July 2, at 7:30 p.m.

The tournament is open to all, but participants must be or become members of the USCF. Membership is available at registration, which will be accepted only on Tuesday by Arkadijs Strazdins or Noah Vieira, USCF-accredited tournament directors.

Computers will not be allowed to compete.

Trophies and other prizes will be awarded to the top three places.

Also, in each class — expert, A,

B, C, D, E and unrated — if there are four or more players, the top player in that class will be awarded a trophy.

All official USCF-rated tournament games at the NBCC start at 7:30 p.m., and will be played at 40 moves in 90 minutes per player; with secondary time limit 30 minutes sudden death.

The event is co-sponsored by the Quartette Club and the NBCC, an affiliate of the USCF.

The NBCC will play all summer, every Tuesday night, from 7 to 11:50 p.m., at the Quartette Club.

Wednesday, August 7, 1996

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## New Haven master wins summer chess tourney

NEW BRITAIN — National chess master James M. Bolton of New Haven is the winner of the 31st annual New Britain Summer Open Chess Championship.

He scored a perfect 4-0 in the four-round Swiss system U.S. Chess Federation-rated event. He previously won this event in 1975.

The tournament was played at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St. and attracted 26 central Connecticut players.

The championship was decided in the last round, when Bolton was pitted against defending champion Arkadijs Strazdins of New Britain.

Each had 3 points and each needed a victory to win the title.

However, after a hard-fought battle, Strazdins blundered in his 57th move and resigned without further play.

Bolton is former New England

and several times Connecticut champion (last time 1993). He is the most active tournament player at the New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) for the last three years.

Other top prize winners were: 2nd, Robert E. McDaniel of Tariffville, scoring 3 1/2 -1/2;

There were four New Britain players with a scored of 3-1. A tie-break formula determined their final standings, which were:

3rd, Arkadijs Strazdins; 4th, Joseph C. Mansigian; 5th, Walter Pajak; 6th, Robert R. Kozlowski.

The prize for biggest upset, a chess book, was awarded to Sib S. Ray of Newington for upsetting an opponent rated 276 USCF rating points above him.

The event was sponsored by the Quartette Club and the NBCC, and directed by Strazdins and Noah Vieira.

Saturday, August 10, 1996

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#### Chess Exhibition

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The first winner against Bauer will be awarded a chess book donated by the New Britain Chess Club. Entry fees are \$3 for chess club members (\$2 for seniors and students) and \$4 for non-members (\$3 for seniors and students).

Spectators are welcome to attend free of charge.

Campaign Kick-off

Tuesday, August 13, 1996

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Campaign Kick-off

National Senior Master Richard N. Bauer SIMUL  
at the NBCC on August 13, 1996. Bauer played against  
15 Central Connecticut area players. He won 12,  
lost two and drew one.  
He lost to: John C. Posco of New Britain (1st. winner)  
and the other winner was Jonnis Tortora of  
Waterbury. Arkadijs Strozdiņs draw with Bauer.  
Bauer won: Robert R. Kozlowski, Reginald Cyr, Noah  
Vieira, Zdzislaw Jankowski, Paul E. Gohell, Mark Foille,  
Steve Emmer, Jeremy Castonguay, Tom Castonguay,  
Sarathi Ray, Peter Galozan and Joseph Fernandez, II.  
Took Bauer about 3 hours to finish all games.



## Chess club sponsors simultaneous exhibition

NEW BRITAIN — National senior chess master Richard N. Bauer of Wolcott gave a simultaneous exhibition Aug. 13 at the Quartette Club, meeting place of the New Britain Chess Club (NBCC).

Fifteen central Connecticut area chess players participated in the exhibition, which lasted over three hours.

Bauer won 12 games, lost two and drew one.

John C. Pasco of New Britain

was first to defeat the master, and was awarded a chess book donated by the NBCC.

Dennis Tortora of Waterbury was the other winner.

Arkadijs Strazdins, president of the NBCC, drew his game with Bauer. The event was co-sponsored by the Quartette Club and the NBCC.

Action Chess Quads will be offered by the NBCC for the next three weeks. In action chess, each

player is allowed 30 minutes per game and will be rated by the U.S. Chess Federation.

Many players who are unable to play in weekend tournaments prefer this type of tournament, since all three games are finished in one evening.

At the NBCC, all tournament games begin at 7:30 p.m. The NBCC meets every Tuesday from 7 to 11:50 p.m. at the sponsoring Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

## Local chess club members to compete in New England open tournament, set first simultaneous exhibition of year

NEW BRITAIN — Five members of the New Britain Chess Club will participate in the 56th annual New England Open Chess Championship, a U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) rated event, which will be played this weekend at the Lowell Sheraton Hotel, 50 Warren St., Lowell, Mass.

The six-round, Swiss system tournament will be played in 10 sections, including one beginners section and three scholastic sections in kindergarten through Grade 3, Grades 4-6 and Grades 7-12. Registration will be at the site on Saturday, the first day of the tournament, from 9 to 11 a.m. Round times are Saturday from noon to 6:30 p.m., Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Beginners and scholastic sections play Sunday only in a four-

round, Swiss system tournament. Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. First round starts at 9:30 a.m. All entrants must be current members of the USCF, or join at the tournament (adult, \$40 per year; junior under 20, \$15; senior 65 and over, \$30). Also, home state association membership (\$12 adult and \$6 under 18) is required.

Prizes totalling \$4,500 in cash, plaques and trophies will be awarded to all top section winners, with \$700 going to the champion. This tournament has been one of the largest Labor Day tournaments in the United States for many years.

The New England Blitz Championship (five-minute games) will be held Sunday at 9 p.m. The winner will receive \$75 and a trophy. Other prizes will be based on the number of entries. More information can be secured by calling

the tournament director, Robert Messenger, at (603) 891-2484.

The NBCC and the Quartette Club will sponsor the first simultaneous exhibition of the 1996-1997 season on Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

David M. Lees of Springfield, the top western Massachusetts national chess master, will play against all challengers simultaneously. Contestants may choose either white or black pieces and will be allowed three passes. The entry fee is \$4, or \$3 for students and seniors 65 or older. The first player who defeats Lees will be awarded a copy of his book "The Chess Games of David Lees," autographed by the author. Players may register on the night of the exhibition with Arkadijs Strazdins, NBCC president, between 7 and 7:25 p.m. Spectators may attend free.

# Chess club to hold qualifying rounds for city championship

NEW BRITAIN — The New Britain Chess Club's (NBCC) first tournament of the 1996-1997 season will be the 1997 New Britain city chess championship qualifier, a U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) rated single-round-robin event.

The time limit is 40 moves in 90 minutes per player; then, if needed, 30 minutes sudden death.

The event is co-sponsored by the NBCC and the Quartette Club, and will be played at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St., each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., one game per

night from Sept. 17 through Nov. 12.

Competitors will be divided into 8- or 10-player sections.

The top three players from each section will play in the finals for the 47th annual city championship honors in January, February and March.

For those players who don't qualify for the championship, there will be a five-round Swiss system reserve tournament, held concurrently with the finals.

The event is open to all chess

players in New Britain and NBCC members regardless of residence.

USCF membership is required and may be obtained during registration.

Computers will not be allowed to compete. Prizes will be awarded to top scorers in the finals and reserve tournament only.

Late registration will be accepted by Noah Vieira, NBCC tournament director, Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m. only, at the Quartette Club.

The entry fee is \$20; \$15 for students and those over 65.

## CITY BRIEFS

For information and application.

N.M. David M. Lees of Springfield, Mass., gave an SIMULTANEOUS Exhibition at the Quartette Club on Sept. 10, 1996. ONLY 10 NBCC members participated. Lees won all 10 opponents !!! He won:

- Steve Franco of Bristol
- Robert R. Kozlowski of New Britain
- Ken Paradis of Bristol
- Dennis Plante of Plainville
- Russell Berube of Plainville
- Mike Guay of Meriden
- Joseph C. Mansigian of New Britain
- Dennis Tortora of Waterbury
- Joseph Rodriguez of Hartford
- Arkadijs Strozdiņš of New Britain



## Chess club to sponsor simultaneous exhibition

NEW BRITAIN — The New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) and the Quartette Club will co-sponsor the last simultaneous exhibition of the season on Tuesday at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

Kerryk J. Leahy of Southbury, a national chess master, will play against all challengers simultaneously. Leahy, with 2,303 U.S. Chess Federation rating points, is the sixth highest rated chess player in Connecticut and the third at

the NBCC.

Leahy will allow opponents to choose either white or black pieces and will allow three passes.

The entry fee is \$4, senior citizens and students, \$3. A chess book donated by the NBCC will be awarded to the first player who defeats the master. Registration will be with Arkadijs Strazdins, NBCC president, from 7 to 7:25 p.m. on Tuesday. Spectators are welcome free of charge.

*Simultaneous Exhibition by NM Kerry J. Leahy on November 26, 1996, at the Quartette Club. ONLY 11 NBCC members participated. Leahy won 9 opponents and drew two. Drawing their games against Leahy were;*

*1st. Arkadijs Strazdins and 2nd. Dennis Tortora. He won:*

*1 - Robert R. Kozlowski of New Britain*

*2 - Joseph Pouncey of New Britain*

*3 - Daniel Wirth of Meriden*

*4 - Noah Vieira of New Britain*

*5 - Dennis Plante of Plainville*

*6 - Richard K. Lee of Rocky Hill*

*7 - Joseph C. Mansigian of New Britain*

*8 - Linne Goodwin of Newington*

*9 - Joseph Rodriguez of Hartford*

*Took Leahy about three hours to finish all of the games.*

## New Britain Chess Club news

National Chess Master Kerry J. Leahy of Southbury played Nov. 26 against 11 members of the New Britain Chess Club in a simultaneous exhibition that lasted over three hours. Leahy defeated nine of the players, and drew with two. Drawing their games against Leahy were: Arkadijs Strazdins of New Britain and Dennis Tortora of

Waterbury. The event was co-sponsored by the New Britain Chess Club and the Quartette Club.

The 1997 New Britain City Chess Championship Qualifying Tournament was played from Sept. 17 to Nov. 19 at the Quartette Club. A total of 27 expert players participated. The competitors were divided into

three sections with nine players in section. The top four from each section qualified to play in the 1997-47th annual city championship finals, beginning Jan. 21. Players who didn't qualify will be playing in the five-round Swiss system open reserve tournament, beginning Feb. 4.