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Chess club sets exhibition Tuesday night

NEW BRITAIN — The New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) and the Quartette Club will co-sponsor their first simultaneous exhibition of 1997, by national chess master Edward F. McHugh of West Suffield. The exhibition will be held Tuesday at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St. McHugh, 29, with 2,253 U.S. Chess Federation rating points, is one of the top 10 chess masters in Connecticut.

He will play against all challengers simultaneously and opponents will be allowed to choose either white or black pieces.

The entry fee is \$4, or \$3 for students and seniors 65 or older. A chess book donated by the NBCC will be awarded to the first opponent who defeats McHugh.

Contestants may register Tuesday night between 7 and 7:25 p.m. with Arkadijs Stradins, NBCC president. Spectators are welcome free of charge.

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION

By N.M. Edward F. McHugh.
at the NBCC on JAN. 14, 1997.

McHugh scored: + 10 - 3 = 1

He lost to:

1st. Peter Hebenstreit (given chess book)

2nd. Arkadijs Stradins

3rd. Robert Milardo

Mark Withford, drew

McHugh won:

Robert Krzlowski

Dennis Tortora

John Peasley

Joseph Fernandez, Jr.

John Pasco

Peter Galozan

Steve Franco - Daniel Tartarelli

Joseph Mancigian

Stanley Arshacki

Computers can't think for themselves

Dear Editor,

I read with some amazement and quite a bit of amusement, January 7th's article entitled "Computers that can think are a reality."

This is the first time I have seen The Herald publish a piece of science fiction! But then, the Herald is a lot older than I am. What's next, Aliens alive and well and living in caves in New Mexico?

The last I heard, computers get their ability to do what they do from humans, who are experts at programming them. Since computers can "read" a printed page, and if they really could think, all the programmers would have to do is show them the printed pages of a textbook and the computer would take it from there, as fast as someone could turn the pages!

If you want a good example, take the game of chess. One can program a computer to "play" a pretty good game, moving with the blink of an eye. It can be programmed with all the openings and variations in existence. But when push comes to shove, the really strong players can beat any computer. Not every time of course, because humans are subject to an occasional error, even grandmasters.

World champion Gary Kasparov has been matched against the best computers of the day and as far as I know, has lost just once.

In Helsinki, Finland recently, Anatoly Karpov, runner up to Gary Kasparov, took on the world in the first open chess game on the Internet. Karpov took the black pieces and Internet had seven minutes to come up with the first move, chosen by the computer as the best, from all the entries.

The game lasted four and a half hours. At the end of 64 moves, the world resigned, computer and all!

Now, I'm not an expert on computers. I've run several different ones programmed to set type. Neither am I an expert chess player. But were I a multimillionaire, I would be willing to bet a few million that no computer would ever be made that could think.

Finally, if anybody is interested, I have an idea that would enable someone to program a computer to be unbeatable at checkers.

BASIL R. GREENOUGH
New Britain

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Second-grader beats chess master during simultaneous exhibition

NEW BRITAIN — National chess master Edward F. McHugh of West Suffield gave a simultaneous exhibition Jan. 14 at the Quartelette Club, the New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) meeting place since 1976.

Peter Hebertreit of New Britain, a Vance Elementary School second-grader, was the first player to defeat the master, and was awarded a chess book donated by the NBCC.

Fourteen central Connecticut area players participated in the simultaneous exhibition. It took McHugh about three hours to finish all of the games. He won 10, lost three and drew one game.

Robert Milardo of Middletown and Arkadij Strazdins of New Britain were the other winners.

Mark Whitford of Bristol drew his game with McHugh. The event was cosponsored by the NBCC and the Quartelette Club.

The 26th annual New Britain City Chess Championship Reserve Open Tournament, a five-round Swiss system, U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) rated event, will be played at the Quartelette Club on five successive Tuesday nights, beginning Feb. 4, 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 Jan. 28, by Noah Vieira and John C. Pasco, USCF accredited tournament directors.

Computers will not be allowed to compete. The time limit is 40 moves in 90 minutes per player, with secondary time limit of 30 minutes sudden death. More information is available at the NBCC. The event is cosponsored by the NBCC and the Quartelette Club.

The NBCC meets every Tuesday night, from 7 to 11:50 p.m., at the sponsoring Quartelette Club, 225 Wooster St.

BRITAIN

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Robert Milardo takes 26th City Open Chess Reserve Tournament

NEW BRITAIN — National chess expert Robert Milardo is the winner of the 26th annual New Britain City Open Chess Reserve Tournament. He scored a perfect 5-0 in the five-round Swiss system U.S. Chess Federation-rated event. He previously won in 1990.

The tournament ended on March 4, with 18 central Connecticut players participating.

John C. Pasco of New Britain was second in a tie-break over Joseph Rodriguez of Hartford.

Both scored 4-1. Cash and trophies were awarded as prizes to the top three, and the top class winners: Hermann E. Zickfeld of Southington, Stanley J. Archacki of Bristol and Dennis Plante of Plainville.

The tournament was sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club, and directed by Pasco and Noah Vieira.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

After seven rounds in the 47th annual New Britain single round-robin city championship

12-player finals, senior master Richard N. Bauer leads at 6-0, with one game adjourned. Trailing are: defending champion James M. Bolton and many times city champion Arkadijs Strazdins, each at 5-1; Robert E. McDaniel, 5-2; and Dennis Tortora, 4-2, with one game adjourned.

The tournament will finish on April 8.

The New Britain Chess Club meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the sponsoring Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

BRITAIN

More New Britain
news, Pages A8, C1

New Britain Chess Club sets simultaneous exhibition; to begin chess tourney in May

NEW BRITAIN — The New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) and the Quartette Club will co-sponsor a simultaneous exhibition by national senior chess master Richard N. Bauer of Wolcott.

The exhibition will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

Currently, Bauer is ranked as one of the top 25 chess masters in New England. Since 1971, he has won many tournaments, including the Connecticut state open championship in 1983, 1984, 1988 and 1989. He is the 1997 New Britain city chess champion.

Bauer will play against all challengers simultaneously. Contestants may choose either white or black pieces and will be allowed three passes. Challengers must pay a \$4 entry fee, \$3 for students or senior citizens 65 and older.

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

Registration will take place from 7 to 7:25 p.m. on Tuesday. Spectators are welcome to attend free of charge.

The NBCC will begin its 47th

individual chess championship in May. The five-round, Swiss system, U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) rated tournament will be played at the Quartette Club.

It will run for five successive Tuesday nights, with the first round beginning May 6 at 7:30 p.m.

USCF membership is required and may be obtained during registration. Computers will not be allowed to play.

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

The entry fee is \$13, \$11 for students and senior citizens over age 65. Life chess master James M. Bolton is the defending champion.

To register, contact John C. Pasco and Noah Vieira, NBCC tournament directors, the next two Tuesdays between 7 and 10 p.m. at the Quartette Club.

Bauer won the 1997 New Britain city chess championship for the third time. Twelve qualified expert players from preliminary play competed in the tournament, a single-round-robin USCF-rated event.

Bauer came in first with a score of 10-1, winning nine games and drawing in the ninth round with former city champion Arkadijs Strazdins of New Britain, and with Karl H. Kochman of South Windsor in the 10th round. Defending champion

Bolton took second place with a score of 9-2. He also won nine games and was defeated by Bauer and John A. Baclawski of New Britain. Strazdins was third at 8½-2½. He lost to Bolton and in the last round to Dennis Tortora of Waterbury.

Tortora edged out Robert E. McDaniel of Torrville on tie-break points to take fourth place. Both scored 8-3.

Other results were: 6th, Baclawski; 7th, William V. Dworski of New Britain; 8th, Joseph C. Mangian of New Britain; 9th, Kochman; 10th, Russell Berube of Plainville; 11th, Walter Pajak of New Britain; 12th, Robert R. Yette of Rockville.

Sixty-six NBCC members competed in the championship cycle, preliminary-reserve and finals.

Simultaneous Exhibition

By NSM Richard N. Bauer of Wolcott, CT.
at the Quartette on April 22, 1997.

Bauer played against 15 central CT. area chess players

He scored: $+11 - 2 = 2$

He lost to: Robert Milardo of Middletown (2nd winner)
Joseph C. Mensigian of New Britain (1st winner)

He drew with: Arkadij's Strazdins of New Britain, and
Stanley Archacki of Bristol.

Bauer won:

- 1 - Robert R. Kozlowski of New Britain
- 2 - Edmund V. Valauskas of Southington
- 3 - Nelson Martinez of Plainville
- 4 - Brian Pawelczyk of Berlin
- 5 - Peter Galazan of New Britain
- 6 - Joe Hladun of Wethersfield
- 7 - Lynn Goodwin of Rocky Hill
- 8 - Sib S. Ray of Newington
- 9 - John C. Pasco of New Britain
- 10 - Steve Franco of Bristol
- 11 - Dennis Tortora of Waterbury

Take Bauer about 3+ hours to finish
all of the games.

By Arkadij's Strazdins, Organizer.

Strazdins wins city chess championship

NEW BRITAIN — The 1997 New Britain Chess Club Individual Championship was won jointly by Arkadijs Strazdins and John A. Baclawski of New Britain, each with 4½ out of 5 points. Strazdins was awarded the championship trophy on a better tie-break.

Strazdins drew in the third round with Robert E. McDaniel Jr. of Tariffville and Baclawski in the second round with chess veteran player Stanley J. Archacki of Bristol.

Strazdins previously had won the club championship 25 times, since 1952, and Baclawski was the winner in 1994. The U.S. Chess Federation (USCF)-rated event was played at the sponsoring Quartette Club from May 6 through June 3, and attracted 25 club members.

Other top prize winners with a score of 3½-1½, after tie-break, in order, were: 3rd, Archacki; 4th, Michael L. Sheroff of

Farmington; 5th, James M. Bolton of New Haven (defending champion); 6th, Karl H. Kochman of East Windsor (former Hartford champion).

Others with scores of 3-2, in order, were: 7th, McDaniel 8th, Dennis Tortora of Waterbury; 9th, Sib S. Ray of Newington; 10th, Walter Kasmer of Bristol.

The prize for the biggest upset, a subscription to the Massachusetts Chess Association chess magazine "Chess Horizons" for one year, was awarded to Edmund V. Valauskas of Southington, for upsetting a strong expert player rated 448 USCF rating points above him. Strazdins directed the event, with assistance from John C. Pasco.

The 32nd annual New Britain Summer Open Chess Championship, a four-round Swiss system, USCF-rated tournament, will be played at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.,

on four successive Tuesday nights, beginning July 8 at 7:30 p.m.

The event 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 Tuesdays, June 17 and 24 and July 1, by Pasco, USCF-accredited tournament director. Cash, trophies and chess book prizes will be awarded to the top three places. The entry fee is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Students and senior citizens pay \$2 less.

Also, if in each class, Expert, A, B, C, D, E and Unrated, there are four or more players, the top player in that class will be awarded a prize. Computers will not be allowed to play. National chess master Bolton is the defending champion. The event is cosponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club, an affiliate of the USCF.

*Simultaneous Exhibition
by NM Michael Casella (2378)
at the Quartette Club on August 12, 1997.
Casella played against 14 New Britain C.C.
members. He won all games!
He won: Gary Coruso, Peter Galozan,
Joseph Hladun, Karl H. Kochman, Arkadijs
Strazdins, Richard Hubbard, Dennis Tortora,
Michael L. Sheroff, John C. Pasco, Jonathan M.
Hansen, James Sullivan, Sarah Ray,
Steve Franco and Hansen (2nd game)*



New Britain Chess Club



Arkadijs Strazdins, President

c/o The Quartette Club

225 Wooster Street

New Britain, CT 06052

Entry on Quartette Club Road

June 25, 1997.

TO ALL NEW BRITAIN CHESS CLUB MEMBERS:

Below are the results of the annual New Britain Chess Club election of officers at the June 24, 1997 meeting for the 1997-1998 season (09/01/1987 - 08/31/1998) There were 17 members present:

President	Arkadijs Strazdins	(28th term)
Vice President	Robert Milardo	(5th term)
Secretary	Joseph C. Mansigian	(1st term)
Treasurer	Andris R. Strazdins	(25th term)
Team Captain	John C. Pasco	
Tournament Directors:	Arkadijs Strazdins (Local)	
	Pasco and Dennis Tortona (Club)	

The above officers were unopposed and elected unanimously.

CLUB DUES: The Quartette Club rental fee for the use of the club room and the parking lot will be the same as last year, \$1,250.00. NBCC membership dues are now:

REGULAR	\$25
STUDENTS & SENIORS (65+)	\$20
ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS	\$10

The dues schedule after little discussion passed unanimously. To run the club we need about \$1,500.00 for the new season to cover all expenses. We hope that you will not drop out - but continue to support the NBCC again with your contribution. If you would like to donate a few extra dollars, it would be greatly appreciated. The NBCC current cash balance is \$1,177.00. The club had a net loss of \$39.00 for the year. **MANY THANKS TO THE MEMBERS WHO DONATED MONEY LAST YEAR AND TO THOSE WHO WILL DONATE AGAIN THIS YEAR.** Without your help we would be in difficult situation. Please pay your renewal dues by August 19, 1997 at the NBCC on Tuesday evenings or mail your check to Andris R. Strazdins, P. O. Box 158, New Britain, CT. 06050-0158. **PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO A. STRAZDINS, CLUB TREASURER ONLY.**

The NBCC will begin the new season Tuesday, September 02, 1997. The location will remain the same - at the Quartette Club. The meeting night and time will also remain the same - every Tuesday evening (closed December 23 and December 30 for the Holidays) from 7:00 pm to 11:50 pm.

NBCC ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1997:

August 12 - SIMUL by NM Michael Casella - at 7:30 pm
 September 16 - SIMUL by NM Eric J. Godin - at 7:30 pm
 September 23 - Start of 48th Annual New Britain City Championship Qualifying Tournament - played in 3 or more sections with 8 or 10 players per section in a single Round-Robin format. Players will have 2 options on free evenings (no scheduled event) 1) "BLITZ" tournaments (G/5) or, 2) USCF rated "ACTION" Chess Quads tournaments (G/30)

PLEASE OBEY THE 10 MPH RULE WHEN ENTERING OR LEAVING THE QUARTETTE CLUB.

James Bolton wins Summer Open Chess Championship at local club

NEW BRITAIN — James M. Bolton, a Life Chess Master from New Haven, won the 32nd annual New Britain Summer Open Chess Championship held recently at the Quartette Club.

In capturing his third title, he scored a perfect 4-0, in the four-round Swiss system U.S. Chess Federation (USCF)-rated event. He previously won this event in 1975 and 1996.

Bolton is the most active tournament player at the New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) for the last four years.

Dennis Tortora of Waterbury was second in a tie-break over NBCC president Arkadijs Strazdins. Both scored 3-1. Tortora lost to Bolton in the last round and Strazdins was defeated in the first round by Joseph C. Mansigian of New Britain.

Other top prize winners with scores of 2½-1½, in tie-break order, were:

4th: Robert E. McDaniel of Tariffville;

5th: Mansigian;

6th: Mark A. Wilkin of Seymour;

7th: Walter Pajak of New Britain;

8th: Stephen B. Smith of Waterbury.

The prize for the biggest

upset, a chess book, was awarded to Wilkin for upsetting an opponent rated 588 USCF rating points above him.

Besides Bolton, other NBCC members who had won the tournament are: Strazdins, nine times; Richard N. Bauer, Eric J. Godin and Scott M. Gunderman, each twice; Peter A. Kloskowski, Steven H. Strogatz, James M. Baker, Julius Fuster, Jerome A. Crawford, John D. Pires, Ronald J. Bourassa, Matthew Coulombe, Douglas E. Fiske and Zimel Livshits, each once. The event was co-sponsored by the Quartette Club and the NBCC, and directed by John C. Pasco and Tortora.

TOP U.S. 50

Strazdin's name appears in the USCF Rating List for August in a listing, "The Nation's Top Players." Strazdins, 74, who has won many regular or "blitz" tournaments since 1946, currently with 2,117 USCF rating points, ranked in 37th place in the category of "Top U.S. 50 over 65."

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION

The NBCC and the Quartette Club will co-sponsor a simultaneous exhibition by national chess master Michael Casella of

Unionville Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

Casella, 27, with 2,378 USCF rating points, is the third-highest-rated chess player in Connecticut and first at the 60-member NBCC. Casella won the Connecticut state open championship in 1991 and 1994 and the Connecticut state open "blitz" championship in 1989-1990 and 1991. He tied for 2nd place in the 1996 New England open championship. Recently, he tied for first place in the Massachusetts state open championship.

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

The entry fee is \$4 (\$3 for students and seniors over 65). The first player who defeats Casella will be awarded a chess book donated by the NBCC.

Contestants may register the night of the competition, between 7 and 7:25 p.m., with Strazdins, NBCC president.

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

Chess master defeats all opponents

NEW BRITAIN — National chess master Michael Casella of Unionville gave a simultaneous exhibition Aug. 12 at the Quartette Club against 14 New Britain-area chess players.

In 3½ hours of play, Casella defeated all his opponents, a rare effort by any chess master. In the decades during which simultaneous exhibitions have been performed at the New Britain Chess Club, Arkadijs Strazdins defeated all opponents in 1956, 1965 and 1971, Janis Pamiļens accomplished the feat in 1957 and Richard N. Bauer and the late David M. Lees also defeated all their opponents in 1996. The event was co-spon-

sored by the New Britain Chess Club and the Quartette Club.

N.E. CHAMPIONSHIP

The annual New England Chess Championship, a U.S. Chess Federation (USCF)-rated event, will be played Labor Day weekend, Aug. 30 to Sept. 1, at the Sheraton Tara in Framingham, Mass. The six-round Swiss system tournament will be played in seven sections.

The entry fees payable at the door in each section are: championship, \$65; under 2,200 USCF rating points, \$58; under 2,000 rating points, \$53; under 1,800 points, \$48; under 1,600, \$43; under 1,400, \$38; under 1,200 (beginners' section), \$18.

Registration will take place Aug. 30 from 9 to 11 a.m. Round times are: Saturday, noon and 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.; Monday, 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The beginners' section will be played Sunday only, with the first round starting at 9:30 a.m. All players must be current members of the USCF, or join at registration. Also required is home state association membership. More than \$5,125 in cash will be awarded to the top five scorers in each section, with \$700 going to the champion.

For more information, call Steve Frymer, tournament director, at (617) 862-3799.

Chess club slates tournament

NEW BRITAIN — The New Britain Chess Club's (NBCC) first U.S. Chess Federation (USCF)-rated tournament for the season will be the New Britain city chess championship qualification tournament, which starts Sept. 23.

This is a single round-robin event. It will be played in three or more sections, with eight or 10 players in each section.

The top three players from each section will play in the finals for the 48th city champi-

onship in January, February and March. For the players who don't qualify for the championship, there will be a five-round Swiss-system open reserve tournament, played concurrently with the finals.

The event is open to all chess players in New Britain and NBCC members regardless of residence. Computers will not be allowed to compete.

USCF membership is required. This may be obtained during registration. In all NBCC

tournaments, the time limit is 40 moves in 90 minutes per player; then if needed, 30 minutes sudden death. All official USCF-rated tournament games at the NBCC start at 7:30 p.m.

More information and registration can be secured from Arkadijs Strazdins and John C. Pasco, USCF-accredited tournament directors, on Tuesday and Sept. 16 only. The NBCC meets every Tuesday night from 7 to 11:50 p.m. at the sponsoring Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

Chess club schedules simultaneous exhibition

NEW BRITAIN — National chess master Eric J. Godin of Boston, Mass., will lecture and conduct the first New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) simultaneous exhibition of the 1997-1998 season on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

Godin is one of the top New England chess masters.

He is the manager and tournament director of Massachusetts' biggest and strongest chess club, the Boylston Chess Club.

Godin, 36, is a Connecticut native.

FORMER LOCAL CHAMP

Before he moved to Boston, he lived in Farmington and West Hartford, and was an NBCC member from 1976 to 1990.

Playing in strong NBCC tournaments, he won the NBCC championship in 1986.

He also won the Connecticut state "blitz" (five-minute games) championship the same year.

He won the New Britain city championship in 1987 and the New Britain Summer Open Championship in 1985 and 1989.

Godin will play against all challengers simultaneously.

Opponents may choose either white or black pieces and will be allowed three passes.

The entry fee is \$4 general or \$3 for students and seniors 65 or older.

CHESS BOOK PRIZE

The first player who defeats the master will be awarded a chess book donated by the NBCC.

Players may register on the night of the exhibition with Arkadijs Strazdins, NBCC president, between 7 and 7:25 p.m.

Players who are not NBCC members should bring their own chess sets and boards, if possible.

The event is co-sponsored by the NBCC and the Quartette Club. Spectators are welcome free of admission charge.

N.M. Eric J. Godin simul at the NBCC on 9/16/97.
 Good played against 18 central CT. players
 He scored $+14 - 3 = 2$. He lost to Hermann E.
 Lickfeld (1st winner) was awarded for the effort chess board.
 Sib S. Ray of Newington and Melvin Ayala^(N.B.) were the
 other winners. John C. Pasco of New Britain, drew
 He won: Arkadijs Strazdins, Robert R. Kozlowski, Stanley
 J. Achacki, Tadeusz Gzofranski, Anthony Hernandez,
 Michael L. Sheroff, Dennis Tortora, Reginald Cyr,
 Edmund V. Valauskas, John Peasley, Henry J. Ortolu
 Andy Marino, Richard Hubbard and Jonathan McGee
 Godin finished all games in about 3 hours.

A.S.

Compete against chess master

NEW BRITAIN — National chess master Eric J. Godin of Boston, Mass. gave a simultaneous exhibition Sept. 16, at the Quartette Club, the New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) meeting place since 1975. Godin simultaneously played against 18 New Britain area chess players. Playing very quickly, he did not allow his opponents much time to think, and in about three hours of play he defeated his last player.

He won 14 games, lost three,

and drew one. Hermann E. Zickfeld of Southington was first to defeat the master, and was awarded a chess book donated by the NBCC. Sib S. Ray of Newington and Melvin Ayola of New Britain were the other winners. NBCC tournament director, John C. Pasco, of New Britain, drew with Godin. Godin allowed his opponents choice of color and three passes. The event was co-sponsored by the NBCC and the Quartette Club.

New Britain CC by Rob Roy

At the club's annual meeting, Arkadijs Strazdins was elected president for the 28th year. His son, Andris, was elected treasurer for the 25th year. Bob Milardo is vice-president, Joe Mansigian secretary, and John Pasco team captain. Dennis Tortora of Waterbury was elected a tournament director along with Strazdins and Pasco.

ChessMaster Jim Bolton of New Haven, known affectionately as the "Godfather of Connecticut Chess," won first place of the 32nd Annual New Britain Summer Open Championship. The tournament ran from July 8 through July 29 at the Quartette Club in New Britain.

Senior ChessMaster Rick Bauer of Wolcott has won the 1997 New Britain Chess Club "Blitz" Championship with a score of 22½-1½. Chess expert Bob Milardo of Cromwell finished a close second place with a 22-2 score.

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City chess club slates simultaneous exhibition

NEW BRITAIN — The New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) and the Quartette Club will co-sponsor the last simultaneous exhibition of the 1997 season on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

Kerry J. Leahy of Southbury, a national chess master, will play simultaneously against all challengers.

Leahy, with 2,316 U.S. Chess Federation rating points, is the fifth-highest rated 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.

Challengers must pay at \$4 entry fee (\$3 for students and those age 65 or over).

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

Contestants may register the night of the competition between 7 and 7:25 p.m., with Arkadijs Strazdins, NBCC president.

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

12 chess players qualify for annual city championship

NEW BRITAIN — Twelve expert players have qualified for the 48th annual New Britain City Chess Championship finals, a U.S. Chess Federation (USCF)-rated single round-robin tournament to begin Jan. 20, at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

Twenty-four New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) members competed in the qualifying tournament held each Tuesday night from Sept. 23 through Nov. 11, at the Quartette Club. The four players with highest scores from each of the three sections will be playing in the finale for the city title. Players who did not qualify will play in the open reserve tournament, a five-round Swiss system USCF-rated event, beginning Feb. 3.

Section A qualifiers are: 1st, Richard N. Bauer, 6½-½; 2nd, James M. Bolton, 6-1; 3rd, Michael L. Sheroff, 4½-2½; 4th, Russell Berube.

Section B qualifiers are: 1st, Arkadijs Strazdins, 6-1; 2nd, Jose De La Cruz, 5½-1½; 3rd, John C. Pasco, 5-2; 4th, Robert E. McDaniel, 5-2.

Section C qualifiers are: 1st, Walter Pajak, 5½-1½; 2nd, Robert Milardo, 5½-1½; 3rd, Dennis Tortora, 4-3; 4th, Lawrence T. O'Neill, 3½-3½.

Playing in the reserve tournament are: Stanley J. Archacki, John A. Baclawski, Reginald Cyr, William V. Dworski, Peter Galazan, Richard Hubbard, Karl H. Kochman, Robert R. Kozlowski, Henry J. Ortola, Sib

S. Ray, Stephen B. Smith, and Hermann E. Zickfeld.

The biggest upsets were scored by Pasco, who defeated 1994 Dominican Republic champion International Chess Master Cruz, who is rated 602 points above him, and Galazan, who topped expert Tortora, with 496 points' difference. Past champions played in this event. Senior Master Bauer, the defending champion, has won three times. Life Master Bolton and Expert Baclawski, each one time. Expert Milardo six times, and Connecticut's highest rated senior player (over 65) Strazdins, 32 times. The event was co-sponsored by the NBCC and the Quartette Club, and directed by Pasco and Tortora.

NM Kerry J. Leahy simul, Nov. 25, 1997, at the NBCC
Leahy played against 18 NBCC members, and one of Orlando, Florida.
He scored +6 -1 =12. Russell Berube was the only winner, he was awarded a chess book. Draw their games with Leahy were:
Arkadijs Strazdins, Robert R. Kozlowski, Reginald Cyr, Edmund V. Valauskas,
Robert W. Waler, Michael L. Sheroff, Stanley J. Archacki, David J. Alodi,
Dennis Tortora, Jose De La Cruz, Robert Milardo and Peter Galazan.
Leahy won: Paul Marshal (Orlando, FL) Karl H. Kochman, John
Peaslee, John C. Pasco and Joseph C. Mansigione. ^{+ Joseph Hlodun} This maybe Leahy's
last simul at the NBCC. He will be moving to another state, due
to a job relocation. Some of the players received automatic draws
when time ran out, due to the club's closing time, rules

Chess master wins six, ties 12, loses one in simultaneous play

City's Strazdins listed among top U.S. players

NEW BRITAIN — National chess master Kerry J. Leahy of Southbury gave a simultaneous exhibition Nov. 25 at the Quartette Club, meeting place of the New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) since 1975.

Leahy simultaneously played against 18 central Connecticut area chess players and one visitor from Orlando, Fla.

In an exhibition lasting more than four hours, Leahy defeated six of the players, lost one game and drew with 12 other players.

Russell Berube of Plantsville was the only player to defeat the master, and was awarded a

chess book donated by the NBCC.

Drawing their games with Leahy were Robert Milardo of Cromwell, Stanley J. Archacki of Bristol, Michael L. Sheroff of Farmington, David J. Aldi and Edmund V. Valauskas, both of Southington, Jose De La Cruz and Dennis Tortora, both of Waterbury, Reginald Cyr, Peter Galazan, Robert R. Kozlowski, Robert W. Wolf and Arkadijs Strazdins, all of New Britain.

Leahy allowed his opponents their choice of color and many passes.

This was Leahy's last exhibi-

tion at the NBCC.

He will be moving to another state due to a job relocation. The event was co-sponsored by the NBCC and the Quartette Club.

TOP U.S. 50

Arkadijs Strazdins' name appears in the U.S. Chess Federation's 1997 annual Ratings List, "The Nation's Top Players."

Strazdins, 74, of New Britain, who has won many regular or "blitz" (five-minute games) tournaments since 1946, currently with 2116 USCF rating points, ranked 40th in the category of "Top U.S. 50 Over 65" in 1997.

CITY BRIEFS

1.. 1997 Connecticut Chessplayers Banquet

Arkadijs Strazdins, president of the New Britain Chess Club for nearly thirty years, will be honored at this year's Conn Chessplayers Banquet.

David Aldi, president of the Greater Hartford Chess Club, has organized this annual banquet for the past few years.

Tickets are twenty dollars each, and includes a hot and cold buffet dinner with pitchers of beer and soft drinks.

It will be held Wednesday, December 3, 7:30 p.m. at the Prospect Cafe, at the corner of Prospect and Park Avenues in West Hartford.

Awards will be presented to winners of the 1997 Greater Hartford Chess Club Championships.

A special presentation will be made to Arkadijs Strazdins, celebrating over 40 years of service to Connecticut Chess.

The Arkadijs Strazdins Memorial Speed Chess Tournament will occur after the awards and festivities. Please bring set & clock if you want to play speed "beer" chess.

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Speed-chess

Michael Casella of New Britain and Rick Bauer of Wolcott tied for first place in the top section of the Arkadijs Strazdins Testimonial Speed-Chess Tournament held Dec. 3 at the Connecticut Chessplayers Banquet at the Prospect Cafe in West Hartford.

Chess

Rob Roy

Casella and Bauer each scored 10½ out of a possible 14. Kerry Leahy of Southbury finished in third place with 10 points.

Dennis Himes of Hartford won Section B with 11 points out of a possible 14. Joe Mansigian of New Britain placed second with nine points. Rudy Malpit finished third with eight and one-half points.

At the New Britain Chess Club Michael Casella won the Christmas Blitz Championship with 18 and one-half points out of a possible 20.

Kerry Leahy finished second with 17 points, Rick Bauer third with 15 points, and International Master Jose De La Cruz of Waterbury in fourth place with 13 and one-half points.

The UConn Open takes place on the Jan 16 thru 18 weekend in Storrs. Call Tom Hartmayer at (860) 423-1384 for details.