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## Chess club slates simultaneous exhibition, two city tournaments

NEW BRITAIN — The New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) and the Quartette Club will co-sponsor the first simultaneous exhibition of 1999 on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

National senior master Richard N. Bauer of Wolcott will play simultaneously against all challengers. Bauer, with a peak of 2,437 U. S. Chess Federation rating points, is one of the top New England chess masters.

Bauer will allow opponents to choose either white or black pieces, and will allow three passes. The entry fee is \$4, or \$3 for students and seniors 65 or older. (NBCC members pay \$1 less) 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 exhibition with Arkadijs Strazdins, NBCC president, between 7 and 7:25 p.m. Spectators are welcome free of charge.

### City Championship

The first round of the 49th annual New Britain city chess championship finals, a single round-robin, U. S. Chess Federation (USCF) rated tourna-

ment, will begin Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m., and continue for successive Tuesday nights at the Quartette Club.

The 12 expert players who qualified in the qualification tournament last year from a field of 26 players are, alphabetically: Stanley J. Archacki of Bristol (formerly of New Britain), John A. Baclawski of New Britain, Richard N. Bauer of Wolcott, Russell Berube of Plantsville, Robert R. Kozlowski, of New Britain, a sophomore at C. C. S. U., Robert Milardo of Cromwell, Walter Pajak and John C. Pasco of New Britain, Lawrence T. O'Neill of Berlin, Michael L. Sheroff of Farmington, Dennis Tortora of Waterbury and Jimi Wilkin of Seymour.

The biggest upset in the event was scored by Nathan LaCombe of Avon, who defeated expert Robert E. McDaniel of Tariffville, who is rated by the USCF 588 points above him. Three past champions are playing in the event: Milardo has won six times, Bauer, the defending champion, has won four times, and Baclawski has won one time. Pasco and

Tortora directed.

### Reserve Tournament

The 28th annual New Britain city chess championship reserve open tournament, a five-round Swiss system USCF rated, will also start Jan. 19, at 7:40 p.m. at the Quartette Club. It is open to all, but participants must be or become members of the USCF.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three and top junior under 16. Also, in each Class, Expert, A, B, C, D, F and Unrated, if there are four players or more, the top player in that class will be awarded a prize.

The time limit in all NBCC tournaments is 40 moves in 90 minutes per player; then if needed, 30 minutes sudden death. More information and registration is available from John C. Pasco and Robert R. Kozlowski, tournament directors, Jan. 12 and 19 from 7 to 7:30 p.m., at the Quartette Club.

USCF membership 1999 rates for one year are: full adult, \$40; youth, (age 19 and under) \$17; senior (age 65 and over), \$30; life, \$850; senior life, \$425.

USCF membership provides monthly "Chess Life Magazine" and full membership benefits.



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## Chess master beats 8 of 15 in simultaneous exhibition

NEW BRITAIN — National senior chess master Richard N. Bauer of Wolcott gave a simultaneous exhibition Jan. 12 at the Quartette Club, meeting place of the New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) since 1975.

Bauer simultaneously played against 15 central Connecticut area chess players.

In an exhibition lasting about four hours, Bauer defeated eight of the players, lost only one game and drew with six other players.

Dennis Tortora of Waterbury was the only player to defeat the master, and was awarded a chess book donated by the NBCC.

Drawing their games with Bauer were: Arkadijs Straizins, Peter Galazan and Joseph C. Minsigian, all of New Britain; Sarathi Ray of Newington, a student at the University of

Connecticut; Keith Little of Bristol; and Jozef Madej of Unionville.

Bauer allowed his opponents their choice of color and three passes.

The next simultaneous exhibition at the NBCC will be performed by national chess master Kerry J. Leahy of Southbury on April 20 at 7:30 p.m.

### Blitz Tournaments

The NBCC Christmas Open Blitz (five-minute games) tournament was played Dec. 15 at the NBCC.

The 16-player double-round-robin event was won by Kerry J. Leahy, with a score of 27 out of

blitz players competed.

The New Year's Open Blitz tournament was played Jan. 5, at the NBCC.

The 12-player event was won by national chess master Edward F. McHugh of West Suffield, with a score of 20½-1½.

Leahy took second place with 19½-2½, and Appelman was third, with a score of 18½-3½.

NBCC members McHugh, Leahy, Bauer and Appelman currently are the top "blitz" players in Connecticut and at the NBCC. All the events were co-sponsored by the Quartette Club and the NBCC.

The NBCC, currently with 50 members, is the strongest and largest chess club in Connecticut.

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

### Chess Club

NEW BRITAIN — Richard N. Bauer of Wolcott, a national senior chess master, has won the 1998-99th annual New Britain city chess championship for the fifth time with a perfect score of 11-0. Other winners were: Jimi Wilkin of Seymour, second; Robert Milardo of Cromwell took third on a tie-break over Michael

Sheroff of Farmington; John Baclawski of New Britain, fifth; John Pasco of New Britain, sixth; Walter Pajak of New Britain, seventh; Dennis Tortora of Waterbury, eighth; Robert Kozlowski of New Britain, ninth; Stanley Archacki of Bristol, tenth; Russell Berube of Plantsville, 11th; Lawrence O'Neill of Berlin, 12th. Life master James Bolton of New Haven is the winner of the NBCC March open tournament. The five-round Swiss system USCF rated event ended on March 30. Jozef Madej of Unionville took second place honors. Arkadijs Straizins took third place on a tie-break over Aquilino Pena of New Britain. The prize for the biggest upset, a chess problem book, was awarded to Natin Jacob of Wethersfield for upsetting a strong player in the first round who rated 512 points above him. John Pasco and Robert Kozlowski directed. The 1999 NBCC individual chess championship, a five-round Swiss system USCF rated tournament will be held on five consecutive Tuesdays, beginning May 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Quartette Club. Contact Pasco or Kozlowski, tournament directors, at the chess club to register.

## Grzesiak, Strazdins co-champions of open reserve chess tournament

NEW BRITAIN — William B. Grzesiak of Avon and New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) president Arkadijs Strazdins are co-champions of the the 1999 28th annual New Britain City Open Reserve Chess Tournament.

Each scored three wins and two draws in the five-round U. S. Chess Federation (USCF)-rated event.

The championship was decided in the last round when Strazdins was pitted against life chess master James M. Bolton of New Haven.

Strazdins, playing with the black pieces, needed a victory to win the title alone, but after a hard-fought battle the game ended in a draw.

Three players scored  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ , and the tie-break system decided their standings:

3rd, James M. Bolton;  
4th, Karl H. Kochman of South Windsor;  
5th, Robert E. McDaniel of Tariffville.

The top class prize winners were Kochman (B) and Jozef Madej of Unionville (C), scoring 3-2.

The biggest upset prize, a chess book, was awarded to Kochman for defeating Bolton, with 484 USCF rating points difference.

The tournament ended Feb. 23, with 18 players participating.

The event was co-sponsored by the Quartette Club and the

NBCC, and directed by John C. Pasco and Robert R. Koslowski, USCF-accredited club tournament directors.

### CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

After six rounds in the 49th annual New Britain single-round-robin city chess championship 12-player finals, the defending champion, senior master Richard N. Bauer, leads at 6-0.

Trailing are: Dennis Tortora, 4-1, with one game adjourned; Jimi Wilkin and Michael L. Sheroff, each 4-2; Walter Pajak, 3-1; and Robert Milardo and John A. Baclawski, each 3-3.

The tournament will be finished on April 6.

NM Edward F. McHugh SIMUL at the NBCC on 4-20-1999  
McHugh played simultaneously against 17 NBCC members  
and one visitor from Poland. He scored:  $+12 - 1 = 5$ .

Tadeusz Bulakowski, visitor of Poland was the only winner,  
and was awarded a chess book donated by Arkadijs Strazdins.

Drawing their game with McHugh were:

Erin Lee of Berlin

Jozef Madej of Unionville

Peter Galozan, Robert R. Koslowski and

Arkadijs Strazdins, all of New Britain

McHugh finished all games in about 3 hours.



## NEW BRITAIN CHESS CLUB

Minutes for June 22nd, 1999 (Unapproved)

At 8:00 PM, June 22nd, the New Britain Chess Club held their annual meeting. Treasurer, Andris Strazdins, chaired the meeting. There were 17 members in attendance. The President Arkadijs Strazdins was not present due to surgery (knee replacement) and Vice President Robert Milardo was not present due to a business trip to Nevada. Strazdins was re-elected President in absentia.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting on June 23, 1998 were read by the Secretary, Michael Sheroff and approved by the membership.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was presented by the Treasurer, Andris Strazdins and accepted by the membership. The financial report started with last years balance of \$1047.00 which rose \$65.00 to a new balance of \$1112.00 after income and expenses.

<b>Elections:</b>	President	- Arkadijs Strazdins	(30th term)
	Vice President	- John Pasco	(1st term)
	Secretary	- Joe Mansigian	(1st term)
	Treasurer	- Andris Strazdins	(27th term)
	Captains	- Dennis Tortora, John Pasco	

**Note:** All officers were elected unanimously. For Secretary, Mike Sheroff, Dennis Tortora and Michael Koslowski all declined nominations.

**New Business:** 1. John Pasco brought up the issue of authorizing a club member, Mr. Grzesiak, to be allowed to create a web page for the New Britain Chess Club to be co-located with Rob Roy's chess web site. Mr. Sheroff motioned, Robert Kozlowski seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2. It was with sad regret that one of the members, **Mr. Robert J. Keevers**, had just died over a week ago and the club was encouraged to sign a card tonight and possibly make a donation which would go to next of kin.

3. With the passing away of a chess player from the Southbury Chess Club, Tom Delarotta, many of his fine chess books (over 100) were donated to the NBCC. There was a discussion started by John Pasco as to how to manage these books. After some discussion it was decided to start a NBCC library. John Pasco motioned and Joe Mansigian seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve the start of a club library with Robert R. Kozlowski heading up a small committee to work out the details of administrating the library. Volunteers for the committee were Mr. Pena and Andris Strazdins. It was decided that the committee should report back to the club through it's officers in some reasonable time frame. The report would include details of administrating the Libra and should be presented by late summer at a minimum.

**Membership Dues:** The membership dues will remain exactly the **same** as last year. There was a motion by Andris Strazdins followed by a second from John Pasco to leave the dues the same. The motion carried unanimously.

Regular membership	- \$25.00	Scholarship membership	-\$12.50
Students and Seniors	-\$20.00	Honorary membership	-\$50.00
Additional family members	-\$10.00		

**Closing:** The meeting was closed at 8:30 PM.

Minutes prepared by Treasurer - ARS

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**NOTE:** TO ALL NBCC MEMBERS: All membership dues **must be paid** by August 24, 1999. Thank you for your cooperation. The Treasurer.

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## Chess club to sponsor summer open tourney

NEW BRITAIN — The 34th 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, 225 Wooster St., on four successive Tuesday nights, beginning Tuesday 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. Computers will not be allowed to compete. Prizes will be awarded to the top three places. Also, if there are four or more players in each class—Expert, A, B, C, D, E and Unrated—the top player in that

class will be awarded a prize.

All official USCF-rated tournament games at the New Britain Chess Club (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. John A. Baclawski of New Britain is the defending champion. To register, contact John C. Pasco or Robert R. Kozlowski, NBCC tournament directors. 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 sponsoring Quartette Club.

## Chess Club announces recent results

NEW BRITAIN — The New Britain Chess Club's 49th annual Individual Chess Championship was won jointly by national chess master Richard N. Bauer of Wolcott and chess expert Harris B. Appelman of Hartford, each with 4½ out of 5 points. Bauer was awarded the title on a better tie-break. Bauer also won the club championship in 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1991. Life master James M. Bolton of New Haven was third in a tie-break over Dennis Tortora of Waterbury. Both scored 3½-1½. Other prize winners with scores of 3-2, in tie-break order, were:

5th, Arkadijs Strazdins of New Britain; 6th, John A. Baclawski of New Britain; 7th, John C. Pasco of New Britain; 8th, Josef Madej of Unionville;

9th, Robert Milardo of Cromwell; 10th, Ronald J. Bourassa of Shelton; 11th, Robert R. Kozlowski of New Britain; 13th, Karl H. Kochman of South Windsor. The prize for biggest upset, a chess book, was awarded to Madej for defeating in the first round an expert player, who is rated 305 USCF points above him. A total of 26 club members came out to compete in this year's event, played recently at the Quartette Club. Besides Bauer, seven other past champions played: Strazdins (26-time champion), Hilardo (4 times), Baclawski, Bolton, Bourassa, Pasco and Robert E. McDaniel, each one time. The tourney was directed by Pasco and Kozlowski and co-sponsored by the Quartette Club and the NBCC.



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

National chess master Kerry J. Leahy of Southington will play against all challengers simultaneously.

Leahy, with 2,330 U.S. Chess

Federation rating points, currently is the third-highest-rated player in Connecticut and first at the NBCC.

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

The entry fee is \$4 or \$3 for students and seniors 65 or older (NBCC members \$1 less).

The first player who defeats

the master will be awarded a chess book donated by the NBCC.

This will be Leahy's last exhibition at the NBCC. He will be moving to Florida.

Contestants may register Tuesday between 7 and 7:25 p.m. with Arkadijs Strazdins, NBCC president.

Spectators are welcome free of admission charge.

*Simultaneous Exhibition by NM Kerry J. Leahy at the NBCC on Tuesday night, Aug. 10, 1999.*

*A total of 32 central Connecticut players came to test their skills against the master.*

*Leahy scored after 4 hours of play:*

*+16 -2 =4      He lost to:*

*Robert Wolf of New Britain was the first player to defeat Leahy, and was awarded a chess book donated by the NBCC. John C. Pasco of New Britain was the other player. Arkadijs Strazdins, Jozef Madej, Dennis Tartara and Gary W. Caruso drew with Leahy.*

*Leahy defeated: Robert R. Kozlowski, Aaron McCarthy, Hermann E. Zickfeld, Thomas Whalen, James Whalen, Francis Gasper, Tom Filipczak, Peter Galazan, Joseph Hladun, Joseph C. Mansigian, John A. Bactowski, Andrius R. Strazdins, Dana Konopka, Sib S. Ray, Keith D. Little, Stanley J. Hrachov. Leahy will leave CT. in October to Florida.*

August 10, 1999


Dear Mrs. DellaRatta,

The membership of the New Britain Chess Club wishes to extend its thanks and gratitude for your donation of so many of your late husband's books to our club.


At our yearly membership meeting, the Club considered many ideas for the best use of these books. In the end we decided that the longest-lasting and most beneficial use of the books was to establish a Club Library. Few clubs are able to maintain such an impressive collection, and we will take this responsibility seriously.

We believe Tom would appreciate the continued use of his books to benefit his fellow chessplayers. Your generosity, we may hope, will allow future generations to experience the game as Tom did.

Sincerely,

  
Arkadijs Strazdins  
President

  
Joseph Mansigian  
Secretary

  
John Pasco  
Vice-President

  
Andris Strazdins  
Treasurer

  
Robert Kozlowski  
Librarian

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## Robert J. Keevers

EAST BERLIN — Robert J. Keevers, 71, of Stony Mill Lane died Wednesday, June 16, 1999.



He was the widower of Joan (Brancaccio) Keevers, who died in 1996. Bob was born in New Britain, son of the late John F. and

Minnie (Schussler) Keevers. He attended local schools and graduated as the valedictorian of the New Britain High School Class of 1945. He studied at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and then entered the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating with the Class of 1950. During the Korean Conflict, he served on the USS Worcester. Later, he graduated from the Officers' Submarine School in New London, serving on the USS Grenadier (SS525). After his military service in 1955, Bob returned to R.P.I. to obtain his master's degree in electrical engineering (M.E.E.). In 1957, he joined Bell Telephone Laboratories, then later Bellcore in Piscataway, N.J. He was a professional engineer in New York State and a life member of the U.S. Chess Federation. Bob moved to East Berlin in 1997. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church in East Berlin and the U.S. Naval Academy Association. Robert is survived by a sister, Marilyn K. Bozzuto of Kensington; and several nieces and nephews, including Brian J. and Gregory R. Bozzuto of Kensington. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, June 19, 1999, at 11:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 66 Cottage St. Burial with military honors will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. Friends may call at Kenney-Luddy Funeral Home, 205 South Main St., New Britain, Saturday morning (June 19) from 9 to 11 a.m.

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## Zdzislaw 'Wujek' Jankowski

NEW BRITAIN — Zdzislaw "Wujek" Jankowski, 84, of New Britain died Monday, Sept. 20, 1999. He



was born in Poland, served in the Polish Army during WWII and was taken as a prisoner of war to Germany,

coming to New Britain 46 years ago.

He retired from Stanley Works in 1980 after 30 years of service. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church, Falcons Nest No. 88, General Haller Post No. 111, Polonia Paderewski Choir, New Britain Chess Club and the American Chess Club.

Mr. Jankowski is survived by his wife, Irena (Bartynska) Jankowski of New Britain; two stepdaughters and their hus-

bands, Barbara and Edward Lubin and Judith and Richard Grundwalski, all of New Britain. He is also survived by a sister, Julita Cybulska of Poland; and several nieces and nephews, among them Krzysztof Jankowski and Maria Lidzbarski, both of New Britain, Ann Gustafson of Avon, and Ewa Grygolec and Piotr Cybulski, both of Poland. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The rite of committal will be Thursday, Sept. 23, 1999, at 8:30 a.m. from New Britain Memorial Funeral Home, 444 Farmington Ave., followed by the funeral liturgy at 9:15 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Calling hours will be Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. Veterans from General Haller Post and its Auxiliary will meet at the funeral home Wednesday at 7 p.m.



SIMUL by SM Richard N. Bauer at the  
Quartette Club on September 14, 1999

Bauer simultaneously played against 24 New  
Britain area chess players.

He scored  $+ 11 - 3 = 10$

He lost to: Sarathi Ray, 1st winner and was  
awarded a chess book. The other winners were:

Karl H. Kochman and Jonathan M. Homen.

Armadis Strordinis, Peter Galazan, Joseph  
Hladum, Joseph Hricko, Robert Milardo, Edmund  
V. Valauskas, Joseph Madej, John C. Pasco,  
Dennis Tontora and Michael Sheroff drew  
with Bauer. Bauer was slowed by the tough  
opposition and was forced to draw six games  
due to time constraints. All boards was finished  
in about 4.5 hours.

SIMUL by NM Edward F. McHugh, at the NBCC  
NOVEMBER 30, 1999 at 7:40 p.m.

McHugh played simultaneously against 21 New Britain  
area chess players. He scored  $+12 = 6 - 3$

He lost to: Sarathi Ray of Newington. (First winner, and was  
awarded a chess horse donated by the NBCC) John C. Parco  
of New Britain and Mrs. Janna Konopka were the other winners.  
Andrijs Strazdins of New Britain, Robert R. Kozlowski of N.B.  
Joseph Hladum of Wallingford, Joseph C. Manigian of N.B.  
Jonathan M. Hanon of Wallingford and Stanley J. Archacki of  
Plainville drew with McHugh.

McHugh defeated:

Andrijs R. Strazdins of N.B.

Francis Gosper of Torrington

Bogdan Filipczak of N.B.

Carl M. Heinerman of Watertown

Richard Pizzani of Bristol

Louis F. Fabrizio of Plainville

Peter Galazan of N.B.

Jozef Madej of Unionville

Jonathan M. Hanon of Wallingford

Keith D. Little of Plainville

Mark Serino of Plainville

Dennis Tortora of Waterbury

McHugh all boards

finished in about 3.5 hours.