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SPRINGFIELD CHESS CLUB COMPLETES SWEEP OF NEW BRITAIN CHESS CLUB

By Lee Enderlin

It seems the experts were wrong. The Springfield Chess Club was not given much of a chance of defeating the strong New Britain Chess Club once, let alone sweeping their home-and-home competition in 2001. SCC President Bob Campbell noted that while his club has some very fine players, "the overall quality, top to bottom, of the New Britain Chess Club is hard to beat. They're definitely one of the strongest clubs around."

The clubs met on June 26 in New Britain with the Springfield team winning by a score of 1½ to 9½. The rematch took place on November 19 at the SCC. The score this time was 12½ to 9½ with 44 players participating for both clubs. The results are on the next page.

This is an old rivalry going back to the days when the Hartford Chess Club was active. When that club merged with the New Britain club, the rivalry continued.

the NB City Chess Championship Finals Tournament. Final results of the event will be posted on www.nbcc.cjb.net when they become available.

On April 23, FIDE Master Richard N. Bauer will be giving a simultaneous exhibition. Please come and play against master Bauer. The entry fee is \$3 with a \$1 discount for students and seniors age 65 and over.

Round 1 of the 52nd Annual New Britain Chess Club Championship will start on May 7. This is a 5-Round SS event with a time control of 40/90, SD/30. The entry fee is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. The defending club champion is Bill Gzesiak.

Have a wonderful weekend and please don't work that hard.

Yours in chess,

Bob

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Greetings fellow NBCC members:

Just a few reminders to keep you abreast of the events that will happen at the club over the next few months. Sorry I have not been sending you e-mail messages regularly, but I have been extremely busy at work putting in long hours this tax season. I am ecstatic that April 15 is finally here! I hope you have not forgotten to file your 1040 and CT-1040 - that includes you JOHN PASCO!!

To begin with, Mark Bourque is the 2002 New Britain City Chess Champion, having won all his games except against Jason Lenore in the final round. Congratulations Mark!!

Next week is the final week for any makeup games in the NB City Chess Championship Finals Tournament.

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New Britain City Championship Finals
2002

1. **d4** **a6** Why wait until move two to spring a surprise? 2. **e4** **d3** 3. **Ne3**?! 3. **exd5**?! would be more likely to take advantage of Black's unusual opening. Now he enters a Queen's Gambit Accepted, where... **a6** is a very useful move. 3... **dxc2**?! 4. **e4** 4. **e3** 4. **nd** **Ne5** 4... **b5**?! Black has made better preparation than White for the "real" Queen's Gambit, where Black tries to hold onto the pawn. 5. **h3**?! Tempi are particularly important here. White's best chance is to break down the Black queenside immediately with 5.a4... **Bb7** 6. **Nf3** **Nf6** 7. **Qe2** **e6** 8. **a3** **e5**?! When Black gets this move in, it is clear that his pawn grab has been successful. It breaks up the White center and liquidates the doubled pawn. 9. **Bb3** **Qe7** 10. **e5** **Nd5** 11. **Nxd5** **Bxd5** 12. **Bg2** **Nd7** 12... **exd4** 13. **Bxd4** **Nc6** is even stronger. 13. **O-O** **exd4** 14. **Bxd4** **Nc5** 15. **Bxc5**?! **Bxc5** 16. **Qc3** **Qd7** 17. **Rac1** **Rd8** 18. **Bd1** **e9** 19. **Nd4** **Bxc5** 19... **Qxc5**?! is also winning. 20. **Nc2** **e4**?! This is Black's first misstep. The pawn isn't going anywhere and it blocks the strong **Bd5**. 20... **Rf4** 21. **Ne3** **Bb6** 22. **e3** **Qd7** 23. **Ba4** **b5** 24. **Nd5**?! There is no need to improve Black's pawn structure. The center pawns now roll. 24... **exd5** 25. **Bc2** **Ba7**?! Increasing the pressure on **f2**, **e3** and preparing to advance the center. 26. **Kg2** **d4** 27. **Qb4** **d3** 28. **Bd1** **Qc2**?! Black tries to win with a flourish, but this is not necessary. Also...

crushing would be 28...e3 or even 29...Bxf2 followed by e3-e2. 29. **Rxf2** **Rxf2** 30. **Kh1** 30. **Kg1** **Rxf2** 30...**Rf1** 31. **Kg2** **Ra8** 32. **g4** **Rf2** 32...**h4** would force 33. **Qxh8**. But Black is playing for mate. 33. **Ke2** 32...**g5**! Would close the mating net. 34. **Rb1** 34. **Rac4** 34...**Rb8**?? This allows the king to slip away. Black needs to immobilize the king before executing it. 34...e5 35. **Kh4** **hxg4** 36. **hxg4** 36...**Qe5**! - would save White from mate and leave the game very much in doubt. 36...g3 37. **Bg4** 37...**Be6** 37...**R7** 39. **Qc8** 39...**Kh7** 40. **Bxf7** **Rxf7** (40...g1-Q??) 41. **Qg8** 41...**Qh8** 41. **Qe8** (41. **Qxh8** **Rf1**) 41...**Rf1** 42. **Qh5** **Kg8** 43. **Qf8**! is a draw. 36...**Rh2** 37. **Ke5** **Rf8** Black wins the queen and the game with this line, but 37...Rf6 would mate. Once again, the idea is to immobilize the king and then mate. 38. **Kf5** 38. **Ke6** **Rh6** 38...**Bd6** 39. **Kxe4** **Bxb4** 40. **axb4** 40 **Rhh1** wins the bishop and exchanges Whites last piece, 0-1. *Notes by NM Rick Rowse*

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d3 White seems to be playing with the idea that Black and White are equal. While I agree in principle, this move really pushes the envelope. I guess John is just very comfortable in the Philidor's for either color! 3... Nf6 4. Be2 d5 5. Nbd2 dxe4 This exchange seems like it may lose Black's space advantage, but it is justified by the passive placement of White's pieces. Black can place his a bit more actively. 6. dxe4 Be5 7. Qc2 Qc8 8. c3 a5 9. Qa2 Be4 Not too bad, but the normal plan is 9... Qe7 and 10. Rd8. It is hard to effectively develop the Be8, so why not put it off? 10. Nc4 10. h3 Bh5 11. Rd1 Qe7 12. Nd1 Rd8 13. Be3 10. Re1 Qe7 11. Nh4 10... Qe7 11. Be3 11. Nh4 It is thematic to try for the trade of white-squared bishops, but the loose Nh4 leads to a firestorm of complications. 11... Nxe4! 12. Bxe4 Nxf2! 13. Rxf2 Qxb4 (13... Bxf2? 14. Qxf2) 14. Be3 Qxe4 15. Bxe5 Qxc4 - 11... Rb8! Black correctly declines the exchange on c3 since both Nxe3 and fxe3 could be useful for White, but I would rather activate the Rf8. 11... Rf8! 12. Bxe5 Qxc5 13. Ne3 Bh5 With a pair of bishops off the board, and a fixed pawn structure, Black could justify the minor exchange with 13... Rd7! 14. Rxd1 b5! 15. a3 Ne7! Black blinks first! He should have continued on the queenside with 15... a4 or even 15... b4! Instead his reliance on the queen to guard e5 leads to problems. 16. b4 axb4 17. axb4 Qb6 18. Nae5 Bxe2 19. Qxe2 Nxe4! An interesting situation. Black threatens a pawn with his fork, but White gets in first. 20. Nd7! 20. Qc2 Nf6 - 20... Nc3 21. Qf2! A strong square for the queen, but there was much better... 21. Qe1 Surprisingly this wins the queen, but that's not too bad for Black. 21... Nxd1! (21... Rd7? 22. Rxd7 Qe6 23. Rxe7 Qxe7 24. Qxc3+-) 22. Nxb6 Nxe3 23. Qxe3 Rf8! and Black wins the trapped Nb6, but White must still be rated a bit better. 21. Qc2 Nxd1 22. Nxb6 Nxe3 23. fe3 exb6 is not quite as effective. 21... Qe6! It is hard to find a good square for the Black queen, perhaps... 21... Qh6! 22. Nxf8 (22. Nd4 Qe6!) 22... Nxd1 23. Rxd1 Rxf8 24. Rd7 Qh4 22. Ne5? 22. Nxf1! Who pointed out this move? Bill Dworski, who was watching the game. 22... Rxf8 (22... Nxd1 23. Nxf6!) 23. Rd5 22... Qe6+ 23. Rc1 Neds5! 23... Na2! 24. Rb1 Ne6! 24. Ra1! White should force the draw with... 24. Nxd5 Nxd5 25. Nh7 Rd7 26. Ne5 - 24... Nxb4! -+ 25. Rf1 Nc2! 25... Nb5! 26. Nxd5 Nxd5 27. Nh7 Rd7 28. Ne5 - although this time, Black would have the option of trying to play on with two pawns for the exchange. 26. Rcb1 26. Nf3 Nxe4 27. Ne7! Kh8 28. Nxe6+ Bxe6 - since the queen cannot hold the back rank. 26. Rd1 26... Qh6 27. Ne4 e5 27... Rf8! White should respond a bit more active a defense. 28. Nf5 g6! 28... Kh8 29. Rd1 29. Nh6+ 29. Qg1 Qe6! 29. Nf6! Qxf6 30. Nh6+ Ke7 29... Ke7 The score ends here. Black managed to win after a heated time scramble with some help from an illegal move and time penalty for his opponent. 0-1 Notes by NM Rick Brow

Greetings, *2002-31st Reserve Tournament.*

Here are the results of the 31st Annual New Britain City Chess Championship Open Reserve Tournament.

1st - Dennis N. Tortora of Waterbury. He scored $4\frac{1}{2}$ and won \$75.

Tied for 2nd - Robert Lawrence of Branford and William T. Murdoch of Waterbury. They each scored 4-1 and won \$55.

Top Class A - Aquilino Pena Jr, of New Britain. He scored $3\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ and won \$25.

Top Class B - Tied for this class prize were Anthony N. Diaz of West Hartford and Owen P. Walsh of Newington. They each scored $3\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ and won \$12.50. *(5.00)*

Top Class C - Three players, Christian Jensen of

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Top Class C - Three players, Christian Jensen of Shelton, Hermann E. Zickfeld of Southington, and Peter Galazan of New Britain, tied for this class prize. They each scored 3-2 and won ~~\$8.33~~ */5.00*

Top UNR - Peter T. Korzeb of Ellington. He scored 3-2 and won \$25.

Thanks to all 24 players who participated in this event. A special thanks also to John C. Pasco, Carl M. Heineman, and Mr. Strazdins who helped organize and direct this tournament.

A few more commentaries.

Mark Bourque is currently leading in the NBCCC Finals Tournament.

SIMUL by FIDE chess master Richard N. Bauer at the NBCC.

April 23, 2002. 25 Players. Bauer scored $+16=8-1$

Dennis Tortora was the only winner and got a chess
book. Congratulations Dennis! Bauer drew with:

Arvadijs Strazdins (first) Herman E. Zickfeld, William
Mendoch, Timothy Fennell, Dennis Himes, Tozef
Madyj, Robert Milard and Joseph C. Mannigian

It took Bauer about 4.5 hours to finish all
games. Bauer defeated:

Andris R. Strazdins, Robert R. Korlowski, Patrick King,

Eric Lim, Danny Elkavom, Karl H. Kochman

Joseph Korlowski, Edmund V. Valauskas, Gorge Himes,

John A. Backowski, Peter Korzek, Christian Jensen,

Joseph Hladun, Peter Calazan, John C. Pasca

and Janson S. Lenore.

New Britain Chess Club
Annual Meeting
June 11, 2002

President John Pasco called meeting to order at 7:43 PM.

Secretary Carl Heineman read minutes of previous Annual Meeting.
Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report was read and submitted by Andris Strazdins.

Old Business: None

New Business: See below

1. **Moving to different location** – President discussed issue around the idea of moving to another location for the NBCC. Pros and cons were discussed. There was a motion to authorize the President to continue to look into the possible or the desirability of moving the NBCC to the Austrian Club site in New Britain. Motion was made by Ron Bourassa and seconded by Roy Beavers. Motion was approved. Discussions were held as to the potential need to have a Special Meeting to vote on relocation but no action would be taken until more club members have had an opportunity to visit the Austrian Club.
2. **Recognition** – Robert Kozlowski was recognized for his excellent work as TD.
3. **Recognition** – Bill Greziak was recognized for his excellent work on the NBCC web site and for maintaining the NBCC chess book library.
4. **Election of Officers** – Nominations for NBCC officers were John Pasco-President, Joe Mansigian-Vice President, Andris Strazdins-Treasurer, Robert Kozlowski and Carl Heineman-Secretary. Vote by show of hands was held for the office of Secretary with the winner being Carl Heineman. Motion was made by Bob Milardo (and seconded) that the Secretary cast one vote for the uncontested candidates.
5. **Future Considerations** – President John Pasco requested that members think about helping out as TDs. Discussion was held about getting software to help manage tournaments.

Closing: There was a motion to close the meeting at 8:21 PM. It was seconded and Approved.

Submitted by the Secretary, Carl Heineman

Chess Match, June 25, 2002

Held at NBCC in New Britain, Connecticut
Visiting Team (SCC) White on odd number boards

			New Britain Chess Club			Springfield Chess Club		
BD#	Rating	USCF IDN	Name	Result		Name	Rating	USCF IDN
1	2313	12363210	McHUGH, Edward F.	1	0	LAAMANEN, Charles	2061	11523595
2	2306	12564228	CASTANEDA, Nelson	1	0	TAVARES, Nicholas	2004	10001846
3	2265	10583896	BAUER, Richard N.	½	½	CAMPBELL, Robert	1997	10002826
4	2083	10032474	GARCIA, Martin	1	0	CABOT, Alan B.	1980	10003296
5	2053	10027977	FISKE, Douglas E.	0	1	BEGILMAN, Ilya	1963	12713955
6	2024	10031494	STRAZDINS, Arkadijs	0	1	BRANCIS, Aleksander	1923	12447888
7	2005	12139250	BOURQUE, Mark R.	1	0	WILLIAMS, Larry R.	1911	11117716
8	1979	12573808	WILKIN, Jimi	0	1	BEGILMAN, Ada	1899	12713954
9	1966	12686352	BIHLMAYER, Joseph E.	0	1	MAMEDOV, Murad R.	1628	12757159
10	1919	12600745	TORTORA, Dennis	1	0	St. Louis, Andre	1612	11039421
11	1901	12050610	GRZECIAK, William E.	½	½	FLUHARTY, Marvin	1535	12552060
12	1900	10040302	BOURASSA, Ronald J.	1	0	CHIPMAN, Paul	1368	???
13	1897	10035562	MILARDO, Robert	1	0	KOSTREBA, Edward P.	1316	12718730
14	1886	10031559	BACLAWSKI, John A.	1	0	WHEELER, Colin	U	12870682
15			TOTAL SCORE:	9	5			
16								
17						FLUHARTY paid \$2.00		
18						(Tournament FEE).		
19			STRAZDINS, Arkadijs, T D.			CHIPMAN paid \$2.00		
20						(Tournament FEE)		
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SIMULTANEOUS CHESS EXHIBITION

GIVEN BY

FIDE MASTER
NELSON CASTANDEDA

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New Britain Chess Club



AND

The Quartette Club

225 Wooster Street

New Britain, Connecticut 06052

Tuesday

AUGUST 6, 2002

7:30 P.M.

1st winner will be awarded a chess book donated by the NBCC

Entry Fees

NBCC Members: \$3.00 (seniors and students \$2.00)

Non-Members \$4.00 (seniors and students \$3.00)

Greetings fellow NBCC members:

Here the results of the simultaneous exhibition by FM Castaneda.

Out of 24 players, Nelson won 18, drew 4, and lost 2. The first winner was Francis Gasper and the second winner was Dennis Himes. Draws were earned by Arkadijs Strazdins, Manuel Mejias, Ed Valuaskas, and Joe Mansigian. The simul started at 7:50 and lasted until 12:30!! Congratulations to Francis and Dennis for defeating the master and thanks to all who participated.

Next week at the club will be the 2002 Connecticut State Open Blitz Championship. Since this is a state

run event, the entry fee for this one night only tournament is \$15.

The fiscal year for our club ends on August 31, 2002 and club dues, if you have not already paid, are due by September 1. Thank-you for your cooperation.

Yours in chess,

Bob

*Simul by NM Edward F. McHugh at the NBCC
12-03-2002. 16 players. McHugh scored +14-2, no =
John Rizzi of Bristol was the first winner. Given a
chess horn. Danny Elvayem of West Hartford was the
other winner. McHugh in about 2.5 hours of play
defeated:
Robert R. Kozlowski of New Britain
Dennis P. Himes of Hartford
William E. Meerdach of Waterbury
Reginald Cyr of New Britain
Jason Lenore of W. Hartford
John A. Backowski of New Britain
Karl H. Kochman of S. Windsor
Edmund V. Valuaskas of Scituate
Josef Mady of Unionville
Patrick King of Farmington
Joseph C. Mansigian & Arkadijs & Andrus Strazdins of New Britain
Stanley J. Archacui of Plainville*

Monday, 25 November 2002, at 8:00 p.m.

Chess Match. Held at Springfield Chess Club, MA. Visiting Team (NB) White on odd number boards								
			New Britain Chess Club				Springfield Chess Club	
BD#	Rating	USCF IDN	Name	Result		Name	Rating	USCF IDN
1	2536		GM Gildardo Garcia	1	0	Joseph Vatnikov	2254	
2	2315		NM Edward F. McHugh	½	½	Charles Laamanen	2049	
3	2296		FM Nelson Castaneda	1	0	Alan B. Cabot	1990	
4	2243		FM Richard N. Bauer	1	0	Ilya Begilman	1976	
5	2117		Harris B. Appelman	½	½	Alex Brancik	1936	
6	2063		Douglas E. Fiske	1	0	Robert Campbell	1928	
7	2024		Arkadijs Strazdins	1	0	Larry Williams	1902	
8	1999		Peter A. Kloskowski	0	1	Paul Connell	1741	
9	1931		Ronald J. Bourassa	1	0	Michael Zyrd	1717	
10	1900		Martha Redon-Garcia	1	0	Roger Bessette	1709	
11	1897		William E. Grzeciak	1	0	Murod Mamedov	1691	
12	1869		John A. Baclawski	1	0	Richard Zyrd	1662	
13	1851		Richard K. Lee	1	0	Andre Saint-Louis	1598	
14	1753		Owen P. Walsh	0	1	Garth Hallett	1530	
15	1700		Karl H. Kochman	0	1	Richard Gold	1513	
16	1642		Anthony P. Yablonski	0	1	Tim Donnay	1501	
17	1572		Robert R. Kozlowski	½	½	David Hall	1420	
18	1344		Andris R. Strazdins	1	0	Paul Chipman	1365	
19			TOTAL SCORE	12½	5½			
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21			TEAM			CAPTAINS		
22			Arkadijs Strazdins			Robert Campbell		
23			The NBCC since Aug. 2	1984		so far played against		
24			Springfield CC, 19 times.			Total match results:		
25			+12 =3 -4			+4 =3 -12		
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27								
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MSN Hotmail - Message

From: John C. Pasco
December 09, 2002

Robert, please forward this message to the list:

Since I'm unable to give the time, I have to resign from the presidency of the NBCC (unless I'm already out because I haven't paid my dues; I'm trying to scrape them up). I hope to be around when I can. Have fun.
