

2003

Special Business Meeting Of New Britain Chess Club

On Tuesday, January 14th, 2003 there will be an extra-ordinary meeting of the New Britain Chess Club for the purpose of electing an interim club president to fill the vacant post that now exists.

This meeting will not be a full format business meeting. The minutes of the last regular business meeting will not be read and the only issue that will be addressed is the election of an interim club president. Minutes will be recorded and read at the club's next regular business meeting in June, 2003.

Please attend this important club meeting.

Joseph Mansigian
Vice President, New Britain Chess Club

Simul by FM Richard N. Bauer 1/21/2003
at the NBCC. 19 played Bauer. He scored:
 $+11 - 1 = 7$ John G. Barlauskis of New Britain
was the winner.

Arkadijs Strazdins, Club President of New Britain,
Christian Jensen of Shelton
Marcus Komons of Torrington
David J. Aldi of Southington
Dennis Himes of Hartford
Robert Lawrence Branford
Jozef Madaj of Unionville, drew with the master.
Bauer defeated:

Andrus Strazdins, Robert R. Kozlowski, Hoy Dang,
Huy Pham, Timothy Kennell, Anthony Diaz
James Wilkie, Tomas Sullivan, Jr. Mauricia
Bauer, Joseph Kozlowski and Rebecca
Powers. Bauer was very slow; took him
about 4.5 hours to finish all boards.

Subject : GM Simul results

Date : Wed, 30 Apr 2003 10:18:20 -0700 (PDT)

Greetings fellow NBCC members:

There was a large turnout for the simultaneous chess
exhibition given by Grandmaster Gilardo J. Garcia
yesterday, April 29. Of the 27 games, the GM scored
22%-4%.

The only player to defeat Mr. Garcia was Albeirto
Restrepo. The following players drew to the GM: Mark
Bourque, Robert Kozlowski, Arkadijs Strazdins, Martin
Garcia, Danny Elkayam, and Richard Bauer.

The simul began at 7:45 and lasted until 1:20, over 5
and $\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

On behalf of the NBCC, I would like to again thank Mr.
Garcia for giving the simul in place of FM Nelson
Castaneda. FM Castaneda will give the next simul.

Please go to our club's website, www.nbcc.cjb.net for
further information about the upcoming club
championship and other events in the near future.

Take care,

Bob

=====
Robert R. Kozlowski
Web site: www.rkoz.cjb.net

Games from the 2003 New Britain Reserve Tournament

French

Tortora, Dennis
Jensen, Chris

C17

NB Reserve (4)
2003

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 The French Defense. 3. Nc3 Bb4 Winawer Variation. 4. e5 c5 5. Bd2 A rare solid line for White in the Winawer. I adopted it after seeing John Curdo play it. 5. e3 is more popular and leads to a strategically sharp position. 5... Ne7 6. Nb5 6. f4 is another possibility here. 6... Bxd2+ 7. Qxd2 After this exchange, the game is more like a Classical French (3... Nf6 4. Bg5 Be7 5. e5 Nf7 6. Bxe7 Qxe7) than a Winawer. 7... O-O 8. dxc5 Nd7 9. Qc3 f6 ? Black is willing to play the gambit. 9... a5 10. Nd6 Qc7 would win back the pawn, but may not equalize. 10. f4 This risky move is not in my database. It allows Black to open the f-file and isolate the e5 pawn. Still I cannot say for sure it is inferior to the alternatives. 10. exf6 10. Nf3 10... fxe5 11. fxe5 Nc6 12. Nf3 a6 12... b6 13. cxb6 Qxb6 makes the loss of a pawn even clearer, but also gains real compensation. 13. Nbd4 (?) But this returns the pawn and advantage to Black. Better was 13. Nd6 13... Ndx5 14. O-O-O Qf6 The queen may come under fire here. 14... Nxf3 15. Nxf3 b6 gets right to the point of opening lines on the queenside. 15. Be2 Bd7 16. Kb1 Ng4 17. Rhf1 Qh6 18. Rd3 Nce5 18... Nf6 -e4 looks strong. 19. Nxe5 Rxf1+ 20. Bxf1 Nxe5 21. Rg3 Rf8 22. Be2 22. Nf3 22... Qf6 22... Qxh2 23. Bf3 Nc6 24. Nxc6 Qxc3 (?) 24... Bxc6 leaves Black with the better pawn structure and the better game. 25. Ne7+ Kf7 26. bxc3 Kxe7 27. Rxc7+ Rf7 28. Rxf7+ Kd7 So White has won a pawn, but what about the horrible looking triple isolated c-pawns? I have often found young players to be much more willing to gambit pawns than to ruin their pawn structure, but usually it is better to have a weak pawn than no pawn. 29. c4 (!) This proves my point. White liquidates one of the weakies. 29... Bc6 29... dxc4 30. Bxb7 wins the Bd7 for the double isolated but passed c-pawn! 30. Kb2 Kf6 30... dxc4 31. Bxc6 bxc6 32. Kc3 Kf6 33. Kxc4 Ke5 34. Kd3 Kd5 35. g4 31. Kc3 a5 ?? The losing move. The center is important in the opening, but can be critical in the endgame. 31... Ke5 32. cxd5 Bxd5 33. Bxd5 Kxd5 34. Kd3 Kxc5 35. Ke4 32. cxd5 exd5 33. Kd4 Ke6 White hold all of the trumps in this ending: Better king, bishop and extra outside passed pawn. There are numerous winning methods, but he uses one where technique alleviates the necessity for long (and sometimes wrong) calculations. 34. h4 34. c4 dxc4 35. Bxc6 bxc6 36. Kxc4 Ke5 37. g4 Kf4 38. Kd4 Kxg4 39. Ke5 also wins. 34... Kf5 35. g3 h6 36. a3 a4 37. c3 Kf6 38. g4 38. c4 dxc4 39. Bxc6 bxc6 40. g4 38... Ke6 39. Bg2 Kf6 40. Bxd5 Bd7 41. g5+ hxg5 42. hxg5+ Kxg5 43. Bxb7 and the c-pawns prevail 1-0

QGD

D41

Blais, Kevin
Bihlmeyer, Joseph

NB Reserve (4)
2003

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 c5 3. e3 Nc6 4. Nf3 d5 5. cxd5 Nxd5 6. Bc4 e6 7. O-O Be7 8. d4 Nb6 8... cxd4 9. exd4 is a Semi-Tarrasch. (9. Nxd4 is something else.) 9. Bb5 O-O The pawn structure and flavor of the game now strongly resemble a Queens Gambit Accepted. 10. Qd2 (?) A very strange placement for the queen, losing a tempo. 10. Qe2 cxd4 11. Rd1 is the right way to unravel. 10... cxd4 11. exd4 With the IQP (Isolated Queen Pawn), the less trades the better for White. 11... Nb4 11... Bc7 12. Qe2 Nb4 is similar. 12. a3 N4d5 13. Qe2 Bd7 14. Bxd7 14. Bd3 (!) would avoid exchange and eye the Black kingside. 14... Qxd7 15. Ne5 Nxc3 16. bxc3 ? It would be tempting to keep the queen pawn isolated, but there is no great place to hide it. By exchange on c3, Black gains a great square for his queen, still has play against the central duo. 16... Qd5 17. c4 White sacrifices a pawn to break the blockade he sees coming against c4, but 17. Bb1 Rac8 18. Bb5 would gain some counterplay without giving up the pawn. 17... Qxd4 18. Bb2 Qh4 19. Rad1 Rfd8 19... Bf6 20. Nd7 Nxd7 21. Rxd7 Bxb2 22. Qxb2 b6 leaves Black up a pawn. 20. Qf3 Bf6 21. g3 Qh3 ? 21... Qg5 Saves the pawn with counterpressure against e5. 22. Qxb7 Bxe5 23. Bxe5 23. Rxd8+ Rxd8 24. Bxe5 would be even better. Black has difficulty holding all of the pieces without his queen. Immediately losing would be 24... Nxc4 25. Qc7 23... Rdc8 24. Rd4 Qf5 25. f4 25. Re1 25... f6 25... Qc2 26. Bd6 Qh5 27. Re1 Qf7 28. Qa6 f5 (?) Weakening e5. 28... Rd8 29. e4 Nd7 30. Bb4 Nb8?? This horrible blunder abruptly ends what was a very interesting game. 30... Nc5 31. Bxc5 Rxc5 32. Qxe6 Qxe6 33. Rxe6 Kf7 would leave White a pawn up with a tough ending to play. 31. Qxc8+ To add insult to injury, its mate in one. 1-0

Three Knights Game

C46

Elkayam, Danny (1232)
Rizzi, John (1650)

NB Reserve (4)
2003

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Nc3 d6 4. Bc4 h6 4... Be7 5. Nd5 5. d4 would best take advantage of Black's slow but solid play. White now starts to reposition some of his well developed pieces. 5... Be6 6. Bb5 6. d3 6... Nge7 7. Ne3 Qd7 7... e6 8. d4 Better late than never. Black was threatening to take control. 8... exd4 9. Nxd4 a6 10. Ba4 g6 Black is now doing a nice job developing his pieces. 11. Nd5 Bg7 11... Nxd5 12. exd5 Bxd5 12. Nxe6 fxe6 12... Qxe6 13. Nxc7+ 13. Nf4 g5 The first serious mistake. The game would have been about equal after 13... O-O-O 14. Qh5+ White takes advantage, displacing the Black king. 14... Kd8 15. Qf7 A very strong attacking move. 15... Ne5 ?? Dropping the queen. 15... gxf4 16. Qxg7 Rg8 17. Qxh6 loses only a pawn. 16. Nxe6+ Qxe6 16... Kc8 17. Bxd7+ 17. Qxe6 Whites safe king and huge material advantage make any mistakes from here on irrelevant. Still I will note the major (worth more than a pawn) improvements. 17... b5 18. Bb3 Re8 19. f4 N7c6 20. Qd5 Kd7 20... gxf4 21. fxe5 Rxe5 22. Qf7+ Re7 23. Be6+ Kd8 24. Qg8+ Re8 25. Qxg7 Rxe6 26. O-O Rxe4 27. Rf8+ Re8 28. Qxh6 28. Rxe8+ 28... Kd7 29. Rf7+ 29. Qh3+ 29... Re7 30. Rxe7+ Nxe7 31. Bxg5 1-0

Games from 2003 New Britain Chess Club Championship

French

C00

Strazdins, Andris
Kozłowski, Robert

Round 3
 2003

1. Nf3 d5 2. d3 Nf6 3. Nbd2 e6 3... Nc6 threatens ...e5. 4. e4 4... Bd6 5. f4 Loosens the kingside. 5. Ndf3 5... Bxe5 5... Nh5 punishes White for his indiscretions. 6. g3 (6. Ndf3 f6) 6... Nxf4 6. fxe5 Ng4 7. Nf3 d4 8. c3 Nc6 8... c5 9. cxd4 Nxd4 9... O-O 10. Qa4+ Nc6 This standard defense does not work here because of the loose Ng4. 11. Qxg4 g6 Whites extra piece, the black squared bishop, now becomes a monster. 11... Kf8 12. Bg5 Qd5 13. Qc4 A dance of the queens ensues, where White a piece up wants to trade and Black doesnt. 13... Qa5+ 14. Qc3 Qb6 15. a3 O-O Black castles into danger. 15... h6 16. Bf6 This sets up a powerful mating net, which White could have sealed by getting his queen on the c1-h6 diagonal. Observers at this point thought the game would be over very shortly. 16... a5 16... h6 17. Rb1 17. Qd2 17... Na7 18. Qc4 18. Qd2 18... Nb5 19. Qh4 19. Qf4 19... h5 20. Qg5 20. Qf4 leaves g5 available the the knight. 20... Kh7 21. Ng5+ Kg8 22. Nxe6 20... Kh7 21. g4 Nxa3 22. gxh5 22. Be7 22... Rg8 23. Rg1 23. hxxg6+ Rxxg6 24. Qh5+ Rh6 25. Qxf7# 23... Nc2+ 24. Kd1 24. Kd2 24... Ne3+ 25. Kd2 Nf5 26. Bh3 26. hxxg6+ fxxg6 27. Rg4 26... Qb4+ 27. Kd1 Qa4+ 28. Ke1 Qb4+ 29. Kf2 Nh6 30. Qc1 A very stong move, freeing g5 for the Nf3 and keeping the queen in play from a distance. 30... gxh5 31. d4 Rg6 32. Qc2 32. Rxxg6 fxxg6 (32... Kxxg6 33. Qg5+) 33. Qxc7+ 32... Bd7 33. Rxxg6 fxxg6 34. Qxc7 34. Ng5+ Kg8 35. Qxxg6+ Kf8 36. Nh7# 34... Qb5 35. Qd6 35. Ng5+ Kg8 36. Bxe6+ Kf8 37. Qd6+ Ke8 38. Qe7# 35... Re8 36. Ng5+ Kg8 37. Bxe6+ 37. Rc1 37... Bxe6 38. Nxe6 White has reached a lull in the attack, and now Black can start some counterplay. 38... Ng4+ 39. Kg3 With this misplacement of the king Blacks counterattack becomes unstoppable. 39. Kf1 39... Qb3+ This wins back the piece, but 39... Qxe2 !! wins the game! 40. Rh1 Qf2+ 41. Kh3 Ne3 40. Kh4 Nxf6 40... Qxe6 41. exf6 41. Ng5 clears an attack diagonal for the Qd6 and pins the Nf6 to mating threats. 41... Qxe6 41... Rxe6 fails to 42. Qd8+ Kf7 43. Qd7+ 42. Qxe6+

Rxe6 43. Kg5 Kf7 The king cannot help so Black should play 43... Rxe2 44. Rc1 ! This tactically secures the powerful f6 pawn. 44... Rxe2 44... Rxf6 45. Rc7+ Ke6 46. d5+ Ke5 47. Re7+ 45. Rc7+ Ke8 46. Kxxg6 46. Rxb7 preserves the g6 pawn, which gives White the powerful threat of Kh6-g7. 46... Rxh2 47. d5 Rd2 48. Kh6 Kf8 49. d6 Rxd6 50. Kxxg6 Rd8 51. Rh7 46... Rg2+ 47. Kxxh5 Rxh2+ 48. Kg6 Rg2+ 49. Kf5 Rxb2 After all the preceding fireworks, this game will be decided from a roughly even endgame. 50. Ke6 50. d5 is more dir ect since the king cannot easily improve its position reletive to the Black rook. 50... Rb6+ 50... Re2+ 51. Kd6 Rb2 is another approach. 51. Ke5 a4 52. Rc1 52. Rc8+ Kf7 53. Ra8 Ra6 52. d5 a3 53. Rc8+ Kf7 54. Rc7+ 52... a3 53. d5 a2 54. Ra1 It seems odd to pacify the rook this way, but it can still get free later, with mating threats. 54... Ra6 54... Rb2 tries to keep the rook available to harrass the king from behind. 55. d6 b5 56. Ke6 Re2+ 57. Kd5 b4 58. Kc4 Rb2 59. Rf1 Rf2 is also equal. 55. d6 b5 55... Ra3 also holds. 56. Ke6 Ra7 ?? This is the losing move. The rook cannot respond to Whites coming attack. 56... b4 holds with the idea of sacrificing the rook for the unstoppable passed pawns. 57. f7+ (57. Rc1 Rxd6+ 58. Kxd6 Kf7 59. Ke5 b3 60. Rc7+ Kg8 61. Rc8+ Kh7 62. Rc7+) 57... Kf8 58. Rg1 Rxd6+ 59. Kxd6 Kxf7 looks winning for Black with the unstoppable pawns, but White could still draw by combing repetition and mate threats. 60. Rf1+ Kg6 (60... Ke8 61. Ke6 b3 62. Rh1 Kf8 63. Kf6 Kg8 64. Rg1+) 61. Ke6 b3 62. Rg1+ Kh5 63. Kf5 Kh4 64. Kf4 Kh3 65. Kf3 Kh4 (65... Kh2 66. Ra1) 66. Kf4 57. Rh1 White rehabilitates his rook with dramatic effect. Now everything happens with check and the a2 pawn cannot help. 57... Rf7 58. Rh8+ Rf8 59. d7+ 1-0 [Bauer,R]

Bauer, Rick (2250)

Bourque, Mark (1999)

Round 5
2003

1. **d4** I was pleasantly surprised to get white in this game. We were both due for the other color based on color alternation. But we had both received forfeit wins during the tournament and he had had one more white than I had. 1... **c5** Another pleasant surprise. Bourque usually plays the Kings Indian Defense (KID). I like to play against the Benoni even more. 2. **d5 e5** 3. **e4 d6** 4. **Nc3** I see no point to playing c4 in this position. It can be a useful square for a knight and the control of the b5 square seems even surer without it - no Benko like sacrifices! 4... **a6** This avoids an annoying check on b5. A big part of the strategy for both sides in this locked pawn structure is the attempt to trade off the respective bad bishops. 4... **f5** 5. **Bb5+** 5. **a4 Be7** This was the point of delaying ...**Nf6**. 5... **f5** 6. **exf5 Bxf5** 7. **Bd3** 6. **Nf3** This stops ...**Bg5** but the knight blocks the f-pawn. The plan of **Nf3-d2-c4** will be effective. 6. **f4** Was the line I played before, and what Black expected, but I have gotten into trouble on the black squares after 6... **exf4** 7. **Bxf4 Bg5** 6... **Nf6** 6... **f5** 7. **exf5 Bxf5** 8. **Bd3** 7. **Be2 O-O** 8. **Nd2** Delaying castling maintains the threat of a pawn storm on the kingside. 8... **Ne8** 9. **Nc4 f5?** 9... **g6** 10. **Bh6 Ng7** 10. **a5!** Now Black must choose between the displacement of his **Ra8** and the natural

protection of f5 with the **Bc8**. 10... **fxe4** 10... **Nd7** 11. **exf5 Rxf5** 12. **Bg4** 10... **f4** 11. **Nb6 Ra7** 12. **Nxc8 Qxc8** 13. **Bg4** 11. **Nb6 Ra7** 12. **Nxc8** otherwise ...**Bf5**. 12... **Qxc8** 13. **Bg4 Qd8** 14. **Nxe4 b5!** A good move which brings the **Ra7** back into play along Blacks second rank. 15. **axb6 Qxb6** 16. **O-O** To avoid queen checks. 16... **Kh8!** 16... **Nf6** 17. **Be6+ Kh8** 18. **Ng5** 17. **Ra3!** The rook prepares to attack the **Kh8!** 17... **Qb4** 18. **Re1 Nf6** 19. **Rb3** FM Nelson Casteneda (NC) would have left out this **zwissenzug**. 19. **Nxf6 Bxf6** 20. **Rh3** 19... **Qa4** 20. **Nxf6 Bxf6** Mark actually spent quite some time on 20... **gxf6** but it is awful. 21. **Bf5** 21. **Rh3 g6** 22. **Be6** Nelson also wanted to do without this move, but that is not so easy as the **Qa4** harrasses the **Bg4**. 22... **Re7** A nice concept. Black considers sacrificing on e6 or playing ...**Nc6**. 22... **Nd7** 23. **Qd3** 23. **Qd3 Qe8** 23... **Nc6!** is playable since. 24. **Qxg6** fails to (24. **Bh6** is better.) 24... **Bh4** 25. **Qd3** 24. **Re4 Nc6** 24... **Rxe6** 25. **dxe6 Qxe6** 26. **c4** is approximately equivalent. 25. **Rg4** 25. **dxg6 Rxe6** 26. **Qd5** 25... **e4!** Black finally strikes back, opening the diagonal for his bishop and the key e5 square for the knight. 25... **Nd4** 26. **Rxg6**

Nxe6 27. **dxe6 e4** 28. **Qxe4 Rxe6** 29. **Rg8+ Kxg8** 30. **Qxh7#** 26. **Qxe4** 26. **Rxe4** (NC) is simpler. 26... **Bd4** 26... **Nd4** 27. **Rxg6 Ne2+** (27... **Nxe6** 28. **dxe6**) 28. **Kf1 Nxc1** 29. **Rgh6 Rff7** 30. **Bxf7** 27. **Be3** 27. **Rf4!** (Nelson Casteneda) is a strong alternative that I didn't even consider. 27... **Bxe3** It is hard to decide which way to recapture on e3. 28. **Rxe3** 28. **Qxe3** looks best now. 28... **Ne5** 29. **Re4 Rf6** 28. **fxe3 Ne5** 29. **Rf4** 28... **Nd4** Now Black appears to get some play against e6, but 29. **Rf4!** This is a key move that holds the extra pawn for White. 29... **Rxf4** 29... **Nf5** (Bourque) 30. **Qf3** (Fritz) 29... **Nxe6** 30. **Rxf8+ Qxf8** 31. **dxe6** doesn't work either. 30. **Qxf4 Qa4??** Setting up two strong threats (...**Qa1** and ...**Ne2**) but leaving White with the move and a rather compelling threat of his own. Mark saw his blunder right away, but maintained a perfect poker face while waiting for my move. He did not have to wait long. 30... **Nxc2** 31. **Re4 Nd4** 32. **Qxd6** does not hold much hope. 31. **Qf8# 1-0**
[Bauer,R]

Greetings fellow members:

The 53rd annual New Britain Chess Club Championship ended last Tuesday with FIDE Master Richard N. Bauer claiming first place, scoring 4½-½ and winning \$100.

Coming in at a very close second were Joseph C. Bihlweyer, Dennis N. Himes, and Tony N. Diaz, each scoring 4-1 and winning \$72.

Tying for second Top Class A were Ronald J. Bourassa, David J. Aldi, and Mark R. Bourque. They each scored 3½-1½ and won \$9.

Bill Dworski won the Top Class C prize alone. His won 3 games and was awarded \$25.

Richard Pizzoni and Andris R. Strazdins tied for the Top Class D prize after scoring 2½-2½. They each won \$13.

The biggest upset prize went to Kevin Zimmerman, who defeated Aquilino Pena Jr. in round 2. Pena is rated 612 points higher than Zimmerman. For his upset, Zimmerman won \$15.

Congratulations to Bauer and all prize winners! Thanks also to those who participated in this event.

Here is what is happening at the club over the next few months.

Next week on June 17th, the club will hold its annual meeting with officer elections. The meeting starts promptly at 7:45!! Please come, as your input in this meeting is beneficial to the future of the club.

On Tuesday, June 24th, the Springfield Chess Club vs. New Britain Chess Club match will be held at the Quartette Club. The match starts at 8:00 sharp!! If you have not already signed up for this match and are interested in playing, please e-mail me at cats10@ntp1x.net or call Andris Strazdins, Team Captain at 229-6096 or e-mail him at

strazdinsa@hotmail.com. Keep in mind that pairings will be made according to rating, so it is probable that lower rated players will not have an opportunity to play, unless Springfield brings down at least 20 members. Regardless, if you are serious about playing in the match, sign up as soon as possible.

The first round of the 2003 New Britain Summer Open Chess Championship begins the following week on July 1st and lasts through the entire month. For tournament details, please visit the club's web site at www.nbcc.cjb.net

As you can see, the club's schedule is quite busy until August. Even in August, three events will be held, starting with the annual NBCC Blitz Championship on the 5th, FM Nelson Castaneda's simultaneous exhibition on the 12th, and the annual Connecticut State Open Blitz Championship slated for the 19th.

If you have any questions on any of these upcoming events, please do not hesitate to e-mail me and I will try to response as expeditiously as I can.

I hope to see you next week at the club meeting.

Membership still remains at 79.

Have a wonderful weekend. Cheers.

Yours in chess,

Bob Kichowski

Dear New Britain Chess Club members,

Thank you to all of you who have signed and sent the get well card and who have called me during my recovery as of late.

I am okay, but for the first time in my life I was not able to finish a tournament. I hope that for a while my health problems will be held in check.

Arkadijs Strazdins
Arkadijs Strazdins

P.S. New Britain General Hospital.
July 11 - 14, 2003
Trouble with R-Leg.
Cellulitis.

Greetings fellow members:

Hope you are enjoying your summer.

8/20/2003

Last Tuesday at the club the 2003 Connecticut State Blitz Championship was held. SM Michael Casella won the event scoring 17-2 and winning \$105. Unfortunately since Casella is not a Connecticut resident (he is from California and was a member of the club many years ago in the 80s and early 90s), Harris Applemen, who scored 16½-2½ and earned second place, was crowned as the 2003 Connecticut Blitz champion. Applemen won \$75 and was very gracious with his winnings by not only paying his club dues but also buying beers for the entire club! Way to go Harris! Coming in at a very close third was Rick Bauer who scored 16-3 and won

MSN Hotmail - Message

\$45. The Top U2000 prize went to Jimi Wilkin, scoring 13½-5½ and winning \$45.

20 players partook in the championship, which was directed by Mr. Strazdins with the assistance of Bob Kozlowski.

Congratulations again to all prizewinners and those whom participated.

Yours in chess,

Robert R. Kozlowski

Simultaneous Exhibition
by National Chess Master
Edward F. McHugh 9-10-2003
Only 9 players participated.
McHugh drew w. 16:
1) Andrus R. Strazdins, and
2) David J. Aldi
He defeated:
1) Robert R. Kozlowski
2) Josef Mady
3) Dennis Himes
4) Andres Castaneda
5) Danny Elkayam
6) Christian Jensen
7) Karl H. Kochman

SIMUL by FM Richard N. Bauer at the
NBCC on 12/02/2003.
Bauer played against 18 contestants.
He scored: +12 wins, 5 draws and only one
loss. Jeff Nesta was the only winner.
(was awarded chess book) He drew with:
1 - Arkady's Strazdins
2 - Andrus R. Strazdins
3 - Robert R. Kozlowski
4 - Dennis Himes
5 - Christian Jensen. He defeated:
Joseph C. Mansigan, Francis Gasper,
Charlie DeWeese, Jeffrey Ogren,
Helen Dilzer, Karl H. Kochman,
Robert Bourque, Danny Elkayam,
Ernie Suborvadze, Josef Mady's
Andres Castaneda and Tim Fennell.
Bauer was a little slow. The simul
was played 5 hours and the NBCC
had to pay the bartender Lady
extra \$20.00 for allowing to stay
till 1.00 a.m.

Greetings fellow NBCC members:

11/21/2003

Well I am back from my quarterly business trip from New Hampshire and figured that it was about time once again to give an update on the club's current and future activities.

First, the results from the 54th Annual New Britain City Chess Championship Qualifying Tournament are in and here are the 12 players who qualified for the City Championship Finals Tournament. In no particular order, the qualifiers are Rick Bauer, Joseph Bihlmeyer, John Badlawski, Joe Mansigian, Mark Bourque, Ron Bourassa, Ray Sarathi, David Aldi, Andres Castaneda, Jimi Wilkin, Bob Milardo, and Kevin Blais. Congratulations to the qualifiers and thanks to all 34 players participating in this event. Remember, to those players who did not qualify, you are automatically signed up to play in the Reserve Tournament which is held concurrently with the Finals. Both events will start in 2004.

Below is a listing of the rest of the events to be held until the end of the year.

On December 2, FIDE Master Richard N. Bauer will be holding a simultaneous exhibition. The entry fee is \$4, with a \$1 discount for students and seniors (65 and older). This is an excellent opportunity to play against one of the strongest players in the state. Please show your club support!

<http://lw12fd.law12.hotmail.msn.com/cgi-bin/getmsg?curmbox=F000000001&a=b3faeefb8005C>

Arrangements have been made and on December 9, the NBCC will hold a match against the Springfield, MA Chess Club. The event will be held at the NBCC. If you are **seriously interested** in playing in the match, please e-mail me at robertrkozowski@yahoo.com or call Mr. Strazdins at (860) 229-6096. We want to make our team very strong, so it is important that we get as many higher rated players to participate. Regardless, I encourage all interested members to sign up but realize that the pairings will be made according to rating.

On December 16, the Annual New Britain Christmas Open Blitz Tournament will be held. The time control is G/5 and the entry fee is to be determined. This event is open to all club members as well as outsiders, so persuade your chess friends to come out and play. The blitz tournament will be the last event of the year.

The club will be closed for the holidays on December 23 and December 30. The club will reopen January 6 with the annual New Britain New Year's Open Blitz Tournament.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. Since this will probably be my final message of 2003, I extend my wishes for a Merry Christmas and a healthy, safe, and prosperous New Year.

Our membership is inching its way closer to 70. Currently, we have 68 paid members! Our club welcomes our two newest members, Julio Echevarria and Helen Dibzer.


Yours in chess,

Bob Kozlowski

Chess Match, December 9, 2003

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	2338	12564228	CASTANEDA, Nelson	1	0	LAAMANEN, Charles	2024	12523595
2	2041	10032474	GARCIA, Martin	1	0	CABOT, Alan H.	2005	10003296
3	2031	10027977	FISKE, Douglas E.	0	1	BEGILMAN, Ilya	2001	12713955
4	2024	12139250	BOURQUE, Mark R.	1	0	CAMPBELL, Robert J.	1940	10002826
5	1940	12686352	BIHLMAYER, Joseph E.	1	0	BRANIC, Aleksandar	1911	12447886
6	1894	12050610	GRZECIAK, William E.	1	0	CONNELL, Paul	1691	10001412
7	1891	10035562	MILARDO, Robert	1	0	HALLETT, Garth J.	1591	12481945
8	1869	10031559	BACLAWSKI, John A.	1	0	LESSARD, Joseph L.	1552	12825457
9	1866	10037905	ALDI, David J.	1	0	SAINT Louis, Andre	1537	11039421
10	1800	12570458	HIMES, Dennis P.	1	0	WHEELER, Colin R.	1332	12870682
11			TOTAL SCORE 9 1					
12								
13			Begilman USCF membership		expired November 2003.			
14			He paid \$2.00 (Tournament Fee)					
15								
16			Arkadijs Strazdins, T. D.					
17								
18								
19								
20								
21			<p align="center">The NBCC, so far since 1984, has played against Springfield 21 times winning 14 times drawing 3 times and losing 4 times.</p>					
22								
23								
24								
25								
26								
27								
28								



DECEMBER 2003

NOTICE

TO ALL NEW BRITAIN CHESS CLUB MEMBERS

THE CHRISTMAS OPEN "BLITZ" TOURNAMENT WILL BE PLAYED
DECEMBER 16th, AT 7:45 P. M. - AND WILL BE THE LAST
TOURNAMENT FOR 2003.-

THE NEW BRITAIN CHESS CLUB WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 23,
AND DECEMBER 30 - AND WILL RE-OPEN JANUARY 06, 2004
WITH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S "BLITZ" TOURNAMENT.

THE NEW BRITAIN CHESS CLUB OFFICERS WISH ALL MEMBERS
AND THEIR FAMILIES
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE BEST IN NEW YEAR !
HAPPY HOLIDAYS !

PRESIDENT: JOSEPH C. MANSIGIAN
V. PRESIDENT: ROBERT R. KOZLOWSKI
SECRETARY: CARL M. HEINEMAN
TREASURER: MAJ. ANDRIS R. STRAZDINS
PRESIDENT
EMERITUS: ARKADIJS STRAZDINS

FIRST NEW BRITAIN CHESS CLUB NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULED TOURNAMENTS:

01-20-04 - FM NELSON CASTANEDA SIMUL, AT 7:30 P. M.
01-27-04 - 54th N. B. CITY CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS.
02-03-04 - 33rd N. B. CITY OPEN RESERVE TOURNAMENT.

YOUR NEW BRITAIN CHESS CLUB MEMBERSHIP SHOWS

YOUR SUPPORT FOR U. S. CHESS. !!!

