

2022 Minnesota Chess Hall of Fame Inductee:

Tim Radermacher

Tim Radermacher won 7 consecutive state scholastic championships from 1978-1984 and established a level of consistency that became his trademark on the Minnesota chess scene. An 8th state scholastic title in 1986 capped off a 60-game unbeaten state scholastic streak that stretched from the 4th grade through his senior year. Included in the 60-game unbeaten streak was a winning streak of 47 consecutive games. Tim was also the 1979 National Elementary Champion, finished 4th place at the 1986 Denker National Tournament of High School Champions, was a member of the Lincoln Elementary chess team that won 4 consecutive national championships from 1977-1980, and was on state champion scholastic teams for 8 of the 9 years between 1978 and 1986.

Tim became a USCF National Chess Master and began to qualify for the State Championship Playoffs during his scholastic days. He first qualified for the Playoffs in 1984 at the age of 16, and when he competed most recently in 2021 it represented the 12th time he had qualified for the Playoffs. Tim's trademark consistency was evident once more as he joined Curt Brasket as the only chess players in Minnesota history to qualify for the State Championship Playoffs in 5 different decades! Tim won the overall State Championship in 1987 at the age of 19 by going undefeated in a 10-person tournament that featured 6 state champions. In the summer of 1987 his USCF rating peaked at 2380. He has also been the MN State Championship runner-up 3 times and has won 20 major MN chess tournaments.

After graduating from college Tim was generally absent from the Minnesota chess scene for about 15 years between 1992-2007, and then again for another 3 years from 2013-2015. During this time Tim was raising his family and developing his career. Since returning to the Minnesota Chess Scene in 2016 Tim has started to get more involved with the operations of the MSCA. He has worked with the Hall of Fame Committee to reignite the process of recognizing our Minnesota chess history with a robust selection process and annual ceremony. He has also led the reintroduction of the Minnesota Chess Journal after its decade hiatus, and become involved with organizing MSCA tournaments. It seems Tim will be equal parts chess player/chess contributor during the next stage of his chess career.

When Tim won the Minnesota State Senior Championship in October 2021 it represented a "bookend" to a Minnesota chess career that started with scholastic success and has now continued all the way to senior success. With that title Tim became the first to complete the "Minnesota Slam" ... meaning he had won the State Championship at every level (elementary school, middle school, high school, overall, and senior). A tribute to Tim's longevity and consistency on the Minnesota chess scene.

The Minnesota Chess Hall of Fame is proud to welcome Tim Radermacher.