

## **2020 Minnesota Chess Hall of Fame Inductee:**

### **Ed Conway**

Ed began directing and organizing chess in the mid-1970's with the help of Peter Gisselquist. Ed read the rule book, signed the papers, and received a "Local TD" certification. Ed started by helping out at many one day tournaments which were referred to as "tornadoes". Soon Ed became an "intermediate TD" and eventually a "Senior TD".

Ed played in and helped direct 3 US Opens, including various side events at these prestigious tournaments. Two of these US Opens were held in St. Paul and the third was in New Jersey. At the 1986 New Jersey US Open tournament he also helped direct the Denker Tournament of High School Champions where Minnesota chess player Tim Radermacher took 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Ed served three terms on the MSCA Board and also serve on two USCF National Committees. Ed had two noteworthy stints as the editor of the beloved Minnesota Chess Journal (MCJ). During this time he wrote the longest article ever to appear in the MCJ entitled "Nels: Nine!". This famous article chronicled Nels Truelson's chess life journey to winning the 1988 Minnesota State Championship with a perfect score of 9-0.

During the years that Ed was Minnesota's "Outstate Coordinator" he helped organize the Minnesota vs Manitoba and Minnesota vs North Dakota chess matches. Ed also revived the Minnesota Junior Championship and founded both the Minnesota Organizer Championship, and the Minnesota Senior Championship. Ed was particularly fond of the Minnesota Senior Championship and often stated that "he founded it in his 30's so he could still play in this 50's". Ed also organized and directed most of the Minneapolis Opens and the last few Trans-Mississippi Opens before the tournament was repatriated back to its origin in Iowa.

Ed Conway is much deserving of nomination for the Minnesota Chess Hall of Fame based on his lifetime of good service to the betterment of chess in Minnesota.