

1979-2003 AWARD RECIPIENTS

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

- 1979 George Cunningham, Arpad Elo, Burt Hochberg, George Koltanowski
 1980 Ed Edmondson, Isaac Kashdan, Paul Webb
 1981 John Collins, Marshall Rohland, Frank Skoff
 1982 Fred Cramer, Lina Grumette, Gary Sperling
 1983 Arnold Denker, Van Vandenburg, Bill Goichberg
 1984 Lynne Babcock, Pearle Mann, George Tiers
 1985 Denis Barry, Harold Dondis, Tim Redman
 1987 Leroy Dubeck
 1988 Gerard Dullea
 1989 Myron Lieberman, Don Schultz
 1990 Steve Doyle
 1991 Harry Sabine, Yasser Seirawan
 1992 Harold Winston
 1993 Robert Erkes, Carol Jarecki, Helen Warren
 1994 C. Norman Peacor, Fred Townsend
 1995 Jerry Hanken, Martin Morrison
 1996 Woodrow Harris
 1997 Anthony Cottell, Frank Camaratta
 1998 Glenn Petersen, Faneuil Adams
 1999 Jerry Spann (posthumously)
 2001 Sid Samole (posthumously)
 2002 Randall Hough, Rachel Lieberman
 2003 *Dr. Lee Hyder*

OUTSTANDING CAREER ACHIEVEMENT

- 1986 Allen Hinshaw, Helen Hinshaw, Bob Dudley, Robert Erkes, George Mirijanian
 1987 Alan Benjamin, Phyllis Benjamin
 1989 Peter Lahde, Alina Markowski, Larry Paxton, Glenn Petersen
 1990 Roger Blaine, Lee Hyder, Russell Miller
 1991 Mike Goodall, Ira Lee Riddle, Fjola Vandenburg
 1993 Robert Karch, Robert P. Smith
 1994 Clarence Callaway
 1995 Pete Nixon, Warren Pinches

- 1996 Burt Hochberg
 1997 J.C. Thompson, Leroy Dubeck, Bill Snead
 1998 Steve Frymer
 1999 Stuart Laughlin, Robert Fischer, James Hurt
 2000 Harold Dondis
 2001 John Collins
 2002 Robert Ferguson, Jerry Hanken, Carol Jarecki
 2003 *John Donaldson, Thad Rogers*

SPECIAL SERVICES

- 1983 Hal Bogner, Arnold Denker, Thad Rogers, Hyman Rogosin, Eric Schiller, Don Schultz
 1985 Lackland Bloom, Martin Morrison
 1986 Fred Gruenberg, Richard O'Keefe, C. Norman Peacor, Ron Warnicki
 1988 Fred Townsend, David Welsh
 1991 Larry Evans, Lev Alburt
 1992 Ron Lohrman, Les Leroy Smith
 1993 Jeremy Gaige, John Varis
 1994 Garrett Scott, John McCrary, Warren Pinches
 1995 Jo Eglan, Doris Thackrey
 1996 Herb Hickman, Hanon Russell, Helen Warren
 1997 Jim Pechac, Denis Barry, Robert John McCrary
 1998 Harold Stenzel, Gary and Addie Prince
 1999 Tim Just, Mike Carr (posthumously), Alice Loranth
 2000 Ken Horne (posthumously), Sid Samole, Rachel Lieberman
 2001 Tom Doan, Pat Hoekstra, Myron Lieberman
 2002 Dewain Barber, Ralph Bowman, Mark Glickman, Al Lawrence, Mike Nolan
 2003 *Lynne Chapman, Kelly Jacobs, Ken Sloan*

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

- 1980 Robert Tanner
 1985 Joseph Wagner

- 1986 Lincoln Chess Foundation, Glenn Meachum, Ben Munson, Sunil Weeramantry
 1987 Don Maddox, Jules Stein, Charles Pashayan
 1988 Harry Lyman
 1991 Imre Konig, George Leighton
 1992 David Mehler
 1993 Allen Kaufman, Dale Brandreth
 1994 Paul Shannon, Randall Hough
 1995 Frank Brady, Billy Colias, Ernest Marx
 1996 Paul Gold, Myron Lieberman
 1997 Alan Sherman, Randall Swanson, Jim Warren
 1998 James Bolton, Richard Verber
 1999 Erv Sedlock, Selby Anderson, Ken Smith (posthumously)
 2000 Randy Hough
 2001 Gary Prince
 2002 Joe Ippolito, Ollie LaFreniere, Beatriz Marinello
 2003 *Mike Nolan, Harry Sabine*

COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR

- 1982 Computer Committee
 1988 Hall of Fame Committee
 1989 Scholastic Committee
 1990 Tournament Direction Certification
 1993 Special Committee on Rulebook
 1994 Ratings Committee
 1995 Computer Communications Committee
 1996 Chess in Education Committee
 1997 Finance Committee
 1998 Internet Committee
 1999 Rules Committee, Finance Task Force
 2000 Scholastic Committee
 2001 Internet/Computer Committee; Outreach Committee
 2002 FIDE Advisory
 2003 *Women's Chess Committee*

CITY OF THE YEAR

- 1983 Pasadena, California
 1984 New York, New York
 1985 Foxboro, Massachusetts



Dr. Lee Hyder
2003 Distinguished Service Award



John Donaldson
2003 Outstanding Career Achievement Award



Thad Rogers
2003 Outstanding Career Achievement Award



Lynne Chapman
2003 Special Services Award



Kelly Jacobs
2003 Special Services Award

Ken Sloan
2003 Special Services Award



Mike Nolan
2003 Meritorious Service
Award



Harry Sabine
2003 Meritorious Service
Award



Arden Dilley
2003 Organizer
of the Year

Phillip Simpkins
2003 Organizer
of the Year

- 1986 Charlotte, North Carolina;
Somerset, New Jersey
- 1987 Pulaski, Virginia; Terre Haute,
Indiana
- 1988 Albuquerque, New Mexico;
Memphis, Tennessee; Southfield,
Michigan
- 1989 Knoxville, Tennessee; Peoria,
Illinois; Seattle, Washington;
Tempe, Arizona; Lexington,
Kentucky
- 1993 Durango, Colorado; Reno, Nevada
- 1994 Bloomington, Illinois; New York,
New York
- 1995 Chicago, Illinois; Key West, Florida
- 1996 Tucson, Arizona; New York,
New York
- 1997 Knoxville, Tennessee;
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- 1998 Peoria, Arizona
- 1999 San Francisco, California;
Gilbert, Arizona
- 2000 Louisville, Kentucky; Dallas, Texas
- 2001 Kansas City, Missouri
- 2002 Miami, Florida, New York City;
and Seattle, Washington

2003 *Nashville, Tennessee*

ORGANIZER OF THE YEAR

- 1994 Bill Goichberg
- 1995 Al Losoff
- 1996 Nick Conticello,
Manhattan Chess Club
- 1997 Jose Cuchi, E. Steven Doyle
- 1998 Robert Tanner
- 1999 De Knudson, John Donaldson
- 2002 Yasser Seirawan and America's

Foundation for Chess (Formerly the
Seattle Chess Foundation)

2003 *Arden Dilley,
Phillip Simpkins*

KOLTANOWSKI MEDAL

- 1979 *Gold:* Bill Church, Jacqueline
Piatigorsky, Louis
Statham
- 1980 *Gold:* Thomas Emery,
Lessing Rosenwald
- 1981 *Gold:* Fred Cramer;
Silver: Howard Gaba,
Fred Gruenberg,
Al Hansen
- 1982 *Gold:* Rea Hayes;
Silver: Nobert Leopoldi
- 1983 *Silver:* Stephen Jones,
Don Richardson,
John Rylowski, Ralph
Slottow
- 1984 *Gold:* Jose Cuchi;
Silver: M. Vacheron
- 1985 *Gold:* Frank Normali;
Silver: R. W. Twombly
- 1986 *Gold:* Shelby Lyman, NCR
Corp.;
Silver: Faneuil Adams, Jr.,
Paul Arnold Associates,
Equitable Life
Assurance,
Prudential Insurance
- 1987 *Gold:* Frank Samford
- 1988 *Gold:* Sid Samole
- 1989 *Gold:* Novag Industries
- 1990 *Gold:* Arnold Denker, Helen
Warren
- 1991 *Gold:* Ted Field;
Silver: Neil Falconer
- 1992 *Gold:* Banker's Trust;
- 1994 *Silver:* Dr. Martin Katahn
- 1996 *Gold:* Saitek Industries, Ltd.;
Silver: Zamagias Properties
- 1997 *Gold:* Interplay
Productions;
Silver: Wizards of the Coast,
Novag Industries
- 1998 *Gold:* Chess in the Schools;
Silver: Internet Chess Club (ICC)
- 2000 *Gold:* The University of Texas
at Dallas; (UTD)
Silver: The University of Texas
at Dallas (UTD)
- 2001 *Gold:* Seattle Chess Foundation
- 2002 *Gold:* Floyd and Bernice
Sarisohn, and Dato' Tan
Chin Nam

2003 *Gold: Dr. Martin
(Dick) Katahn
Gold: Tennessee Tech
University*

SCHOLASTIC SERVICE

- 1994 Harry Sabine
 - 1995 Ron Lohrman
 - 1996 Lee LaFrese
 - 1997 Robert Ferguson
 - 1998 Sunil Weeramantry
 - 1999 Faneuil Adams (posthumously)
 - 2001 Beatriz Marinello
- 2003 *Ralph Bowman*

U.S. CHESS HALL OF FAME

- 1986 Paul Morphy, Robert Fischer,
Reuben Fine, Frank Marshall,
Isaac Kashdan, George
Koltanowski, Harry Pillsbury,
Sammy Reshevsky
- 1987 Sam Loyd, Wilhelm Steinitz
- 1988 Arpad Elo, Hermann Helms
- 1989 I.A. Horowitz
- 1990 Hans Berliner
- 1991 John Collins, Arthur Dake
- 1992 Arnold Denker, George MacKenzie,
Gisela Gresser
- 1993 Pal Benko, Victor Palciauskas
- 1994 Larry Evans, Robert Byrne,
Arthur Bisguier
- 1995 Ed Edmondson, GM William
Lombardy
- 1996 Fred Reinfeld
- 1997 Kenneth Harkness
- 1998 Dr. Milan Vukcevic
- 1999 Benjamin Franklin
- 2000 Edmar Mednis
- 2001 Lubomir Kavalek
- 2002 Donald Byrne

2003 *Lev Alburt
Walter Browne
(Inducted March 2003)*

FRANK J. MARSHALL

- 1994 Albert Sandrin
 - 1995 GM Arthur Dake
 - 1996 GM Arnold Denker
 - 1997 IM Maurice Ashley, IM John
Donaldson
 - 1998 GM Arthur Bisguier
 - 1999 Faneuil Adams (posthumously)
 - 2001 GM Pal Benko
 - 2002 GM Lev Alburt
- 2003 *GM Sam Palatnik
GM Yasser Seirawan*

GRANDMASTER

OSCAR OF THE YEAR

- 1997 GM Alexander Yermolinsky
 - 1998 GM Joel Benjamin
 - 1999 GM Nick de Firmian
 - 2001 GM Yasser Seirawan
 - 2002 GM Larry Christiansen
- 2003 *GM Maurice Ashley
GM Susan Polgar*



Dr. Martin Katahn
2002 Gold Koltanowski Medal



Ralph Bowman
2003 Scholastic Service



GM Lev Alburt
2003 U.S. Chess
Hall of Fame



GM Walter Browne
2003 U.S. Chess
Hall of Fame



GM Sam Palatnik
2003 Frank J.
Marshall Award



GMYasser Seirawan
2003 Frank J.
Marshall Award

CHess CLUB OF THE YEAR

- 1999 Pittsburgh Chess Club
- 2001 Rochester Chess Club; Dumont Chess Mates
- 2002 Metrowest Chess Club (MA)
- 2003 *Rochester Chess Club*
Miami International Chess Academy

SPECIAL TASK FORCE AWARD

- 2000 President's Special Committee on Finances; Computer Evaluation Task Force
- 2003 *Rulebook Revision Task Force*

CHess COLLEGE OF THE YEAR

- 2000 University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC)
- 2001 University of Texas at Dallas (UTD)
- 2002 University of Maryland at Baltimore County, Rhode Island College and St. Johns University
- 2003 *Stanford University*

HONORARY CHess MATES

- 1998 Ethel Collins, Nina Denker, Nancy Edmondson, Leah Koltanowski,

- Carrie Marshall
- 2001 Norma Reshevsky
- 2002 Madge Byrne
- 2003 *Baiba Mednis*



Baiba Mednis
2003 Honorary Chess Mate



GM Maurice Ashley
2003 Grandmaster of the Year



GM Susan Polgar
2003 Grandmaster of the Year

Respectfully, USCF takes a moment to recognize those USCF members who have passed away.

Obituaries for those listed below were published between December 2001–May 2003.

Michael D. Barton • 1959-2002 Michael was president of the Memphis Chess Club in the early 1990s. He was known among chessplayers as Iron Mike.

Brian Bugbee • 1967-2001 In the mid-1990s, Brian served the Federation in several capacities, first on the publications and catalog team, later as Scholastic Director. Brian was an Expert-level chessplayer and he loved chess.

John W. Collins • 1912-2002 Jack was known for his devotion to teaching chess — in particular, young players known as “Collins Kids.” His NYC apartment was known as a haven for chess play and players. Most famously he mentored Bobby Fischer. Jack was a true icon of chess.

Eduard Gufeld • 1936-2002 Eduard learned chess at the age of 14, became a national master at 22, an international master at 28 and gained his grandmaster title in 1967 when he was 31. His best-sellers include the *Encyclopedia of Chess Openings* and *My Life In Chess*.

Robert W. Hyde • 1934-2001 Bob's love for chess and people in general rewarded him with many special friendships and many memorable chess games. Bob was a regular at the Mt. Kisco Chess Club and the Amateur Team East. Bob was also a “Collins Kid”. This is a chess group organized by John W. Collins many years ago. To be a “Collins Kid” was indeed a special honor.

Ollie La Freniere • 1935-2002 Ollie was the most significant scholastic organizer, director and educator in the Northwest for more than 40 years. Many of the scholastic chess institutions in Washington were founded by Ollie. Ollie was past-President of the Washington Chess Federation.

Norman Lessing • 1911-2001 Norman was the last link to the Golden Age of Coffeehouse Chess. A senior master, author, and veteran of the New York coffeehouse chess scene.

Edmar Mednis • 1937-2002 Grandmaster Edmar Mednis, the man who made a name for himself by literally teaching the world how to beat Bobby Fischer, died suddenly on February 13 of pneumonia at the age of 64. He wrote many books and his monthly column for *Chess Life*, “The Practical Endgame,” was syndicated to many chess magazines.

Anthony Miles • 1955-2001 Tony Miles — the free spirit of the chess world — died November 14 in his home in Birmingham, England, at age 46. He was England's first grandmaster.

Carmine Nigro • 1910-2001 Fischer's Chess Mentor. In 1951, Carmine Nigro was president of the Brooklyn Chess Club. After World War II Nigro had his own successful dance band, Tommy Little and his Orchestra.

Mark Ostreich • 1955-2002 After helping save the Southern Illinois Chess League in the 80s, Mark faithfully organized and directed their six tournaments each year thereafter, often rounding out the prize fund from his own pocket. He was a devoted chessplayer, a strong opponent and a wonderful person.

Ronald Allan Pease • 1940-2002 Ronald was a champion chessplayer. He was rated expert in tournament chess play and a master in correspondence chess. He competed in many tournaments and even had his own business at one time called The Chess House. He was a member and officer of the Nevada State Chess Association.

John (Jack) Pratt • 1908-2001 John was an honorary member of the Manhattan Chess Club. He was one of the founding members of the Max Pavey Chess Club and was its first president. He also founded the Westchester Chess League in 1958 and was its first president. He devoted a lot of his time to teaching and promoting chess to hundreds of children in the Westchester area.

Oscar Shapiro • 1909-2002 In 1983, in the American Open in Los Angeles, Oscar Shapiro reached the 2200 mark on the rating list for United States chessplayers. As reported in the *Chess Life* article of July 1984, this made the record, still held today, for the oldest player to achieve a master rating (age 74).

Richard Verber • 1944-2001 A gifted player, Richard earned his master's rating at age 17, making him, at the time, one of the youngest players to reach that rank. He became a senior master in the early 70s. He became President of the Chicago Chess Club (founded in 1870).

Archie Waters • 1918-2001 Archie Waters was a journalist who was associated with the *Long Island Daily Press* and the *New York Daily News* before writing for the *El Paso Times*. He was part of Fischer's entourage in Reykjavik in 1972. He was also the first African-American member of New York's Marshall Chess Club.