

Nomination for Chess Journalist of the Year - Pete Tamburro.

I would like to nominate Pete Tamburro, whose performance this year has been nothing short of incredible. He has not lost his love nor his devotion to chess journalism even after 50 years of doing it. What is unique this year is that his record in this past year shows not only achievement, but a diversity in all aspects of chess journalism: openings columnist, puzzle columnist, book producer, award winner, facebook page editor, chess research helper to fellow journalists and even taping to be interviewed for a documentary, interviewer for our magazine, historical writer, editorialist, humorist, game annotator, public relations person to promote local community chess culture and continually finding young stars of chess to bring them into the field of chess journalism. Finally, his contributions to the production of our magazine are critically important. You would be hard pressed to find someone with this variety of accomplishments in a single year and his youthful energy. I trust that you and the selection committee will recognize Pete's extraordinary contribution to journalism this year and see him as a worthy contender for the Journalist of the Year award.

Kind regards, Josip Asik, Editor-in-Chief, American Chess Magazine.

CJA Chess Journalist of the Year Nomination: Pete Tamburro.

1. Produced 156 puzzle columns for arcamax.com.
2. Wrote 12 Openings for Amateurs columns for British Chess Magazine averaging 4 pages per issue.
3. Edited, wrote and published the Diary of Rudolph Spielmann.
4. Won 5 CJA awards this past year (two were honorable mention).
5. Took over management of the American Chess Magazine Facebook page and saw a significant increase in likes and follows; created an ongoing chess trivia contest with prizes.
6. Assisted fellow journalists in research and providing photographic resources on two grandmaster biographies (Byrne and Soltis), a chess club biography (Marshall CC history being written this past year by Frank Brady), and providing research materials on two documentaries in progress by Adam Whitaker on Paul Morphy and Sammy Reshevsky.
7. Did interviews for ACM: Bruce Pandolfini and Rex Sinquefeld (entered in current CJA awards).
8. Did two page editorial on the Niemann Affair in ACM (entered in current CJA awards).
9. Did Humor piece on unfortunate chess quotes in ACM (entered in current CJA awards).
10. Did historical article on to be inducted HOFer William Shinkman in ACM (entered in current CJA awards).
11. Annotated the games for Andy Ansel's Unknown American Masters Series in ACM.
12. Did several puzzle pages for ACM.
13. In March, April and May worked with the Downtown Development Community of West Palm Beach to help publicize their creating a community chess in the parks program by giving them an award in May and cooperated by planning a person appearance and agreed to present the award with TV and Magazine coverage. (See West Palm Street Chess on Facebook)

14. Continued to recruit young talented players to write for American Chess Magazine, the latest being this past Spring his bringing on board the youngest Oregon State Champ, WIM Zoey Tang, who submitted her first by-lined article on May 30th.

15. Served as Senior Editor of American Chess Magazine and works in every facet of the production of the magazine including unattributed writing, proofreading, editing, cover design input and overall planning.