



CASWELL SILVER, 1916-1988

Caswell Silver, a geologist, oil company executive, outdoorsman and longtime supporter of Colorado Chess, died at his Santa Fe home of a heart attack on October 18, 1988. Silver was 72, born June 25, 1916 in Connecticut.

Mr. Silver served as president, chairman and chief executive officer of the Sundance Oil Company, based in Quebec. During his years with Sundance, he helped find and develop a number of significant oil and gas fields in the Rocky Mountains of the United States and Canada. He also kept a home in Denver, where Sundance maintains its operations headquarters.

He served as advisor to the Geological Society of America and was the first chairman of the board of trustees of the Geological Society of America Foundation. He was an active member of many national and regional professional societies, giving personal support and working to further research in the earth sciences. In 1981, the University of New Mexico, his alma mater, recognized his contributions with an honorary doctorate of science degree (PhD). Mr. Silver was very interested and actively participated in the promotion of chess in Colorado. During the latter part of the 1960's and the early 1970's, Sundance Oil Company sponsored a Chess Team in the Denver Chess League where he participated with the team.

He was especially active in supporting the development of younger players through his philanthropic endeavors along with the support of the Denver Petroleum Club and the Petroleum Industries in sponsoring the Colorado Junior Chess Championships (1967 - 1974).

Mr. Silver was co-chairman with John A. Howell of the World Quarter Final Chess Championship when in 1971 the CSCA hosted the Quarter Final match for the World Chess Title between Bobby Fischer of New York and Bent Larsen of Denmark. The event, jointly sponsored by FIDE, USCF, CSCA, and the Denver Chess Club, was held at Colorado Women's College (then Temple Buell College) in Denver.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; daughters Ann Pilleo and Sue Hirivandi; and brothers Alexander and Leon, and his sister Esther.

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