

Martin Thomas Deschner (1950-2018)

I was also saddened to learn my longtime friend Martin ‘Tuna’ Deschner passed away in early 2018. I met him at a 30-30 tournament in May 1969, and we were friends nearly 50 years. He was a solid expert most of his playing career and was always a dangerous opponent. He sat on the stage for some of the 1971 Fischer-Larsen games, and one time while Larsen was thinking Bobby whispered something in his ear. Unfortunately, when asked about it shortly before his death, he forgot what it was! We can only wonder. Martin scored 4-2 in the reserve section of the Showboat Open and played in many national tournaments. RIP Martin.

“Chess is a tragedy of a single tempo.” - Anonymous

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