

Dear Captains,

I received an email through BAL that Mike Rose died last summer and on behalf of our League have sent condolences to his sister, Jackie Rose Bondar, at jackiebondar@yahoo.com.

Mike played for Transit Authority when they returned to CCLNY in 2006-2007 and every season thereafter through 2015-2016 when Transit stopped playing chess. Back records show he was on Transit in the mid 1990's when his rating was close to 2100. Thus, he may have played in the League for around 20 years. Please notify your team or players who knew him.

Dear Captains,

With sadness I have learned of the death of Mikhail (Mike) Layevskiy on December 5, 2017 who passed after a year long battle with cancer. Mike joined the League in 2007-08 and played for the Delphis Dilemma team that won the League Championship. The next season the League expanded, and he joined Team Wu/Bryant Park which won the 2008-09 League Championship. In 2011-12 he joined the Phil Am Chess Club, a team that won the B Division that season. Eventually, he served as Phil Am's co-captain. His last chess event in CCLNY was the five round 2017 Individual Tournament that drew 48 players and where after skipping the first round Mike finished in fourth place with 4 points. He will be missed.

There will be services for Mike at the Lisovetsky Memorial Home, 1283 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11230 on Friday December 8, 2017 between 10:30 - 11:30 AM, and he will interred afterwards at Ocean View Cemetery in Staten Island. My understanding is the family may be messaged through Facebook.