

## **6. Introduction to the Interviews in the Audio Tour**

Biography of International Master (IM) John Donaldson, chess historian and interviewer for the audio tour

John Donaldson has served as the Director of the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club of San Francisco since 1998 and worked for Yasser Seirawan's magazine, *Inside Chess* from 1988 to 2000. He has held the title of International Master since 1983 and has two norms for the Grandmaster title, but is proudest of captaining the U.S. national team on 15 occasions winning two gold, three silver and four bronze medals. Donaldson has authored over thirty books on the game including a two-volume work on Akiva Rubinstein with International Master Nikolay Minev. John, a chess historian, interviews the participants the audio tour for *Jacqueline Piatigorsky: Patron, Player, Pioneer*.