

Busy Weekend at the Mechanics' Institute

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Top seeds at play

The top seeds at the **Dolan Memorial G/45 tournament** sit side-by-side for the early rounds. IM **Ricardo DeGuzman** (*sitting at left*) and expert **Romulo Fuentes** (*not in photo*) split the top prizes with a last round draw after Fuentes took down NM **Michael Pearson** (*wearing white shirt*). A total of 33 participants (*see photos below*) visited the historic **Mechanics' Institute** despite the nice weather, nearby **Navy show** and other conflicts.

The chess players were joined this weekend by a group of (mostly) gray haired men attending the **Ken Whyld Association** of chess historians. Presenters at this two day seminar include chess club director IM **John Donaldson**, IM **Tony Saidy**, GM **Ian Rogers** and FM **Danya Naroditsky**. Surely the former **World U12 champion** will be a tad out of place among the celebrities, but none of them had their **first book published at age 13!** (*To be released in spring 2010.*)

