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### **Quirky Fun Lecture**

#### BY, STEPHANIE "PASSION" MENDEZ

On Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. The Chess Club had the privilege of experiencing a wonderful lecture by a wise man named Dewain Barber. Dewain is the owner and CEO of American Chess Equipment and has previously been a teacher in High School and Middle School. Dewain has traveled most of the world and over 71 that he needed when he countries! He was talking about playing chess in other countries and that it didn't matter what language he spoke or they spoke because chess is a language of its own. He has played in chess in countries such as China and Mexico.

He gave the chess club members some very helpful strategies and guidelines to success in the game of chess. Dewain stated, "Do you know I speak two international languages. The first one is Chess and the other one is Smile." He was telling us that those two languages were all traveled the world! He then went on to talk to us about Chess strategy and really emphasized on having fun. Sometimes, having fun is the one rule that some players can tend to forget!

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## **Games** Galore

#### BY, MICHAEL "DEATH" CHEN

Jon Rojas (B) v. Michael Chen(W) PCC President v. Citrus President

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. c3 Nf6 5. e5 Ne4 6. Bd3 Nc5 7. Bb5 d3 8. b4 Ne6 9. Bxd3 Be7 10. b5 Nb8 11. O-O O-O 12. Qc2 h6 13. Rd1 c6 14. c4 a6 15. Nc3 d6 16. exd6 Bxd6 17. Bh7+ Kh8 18. Ne4 Bxh2+ 19. Nxh2 Qh4 20. Ba3 Re8 {20} 21. Nd6 Rd8 {. d8??} 22. Nxf7#

GM Varuzhan Akobian v. Edward Reyes GCC GM Simultaneous Exhibition

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bb5 Bd7 4. Bxd7 Qxd7 5. c4 Qg4 6. O-O Qxe4 7. d4 b6 8. Nc3 Qc6 9. Re1 Nd7 10. Bf4 O-O-O 11. d5 Qb7 12. a3 Re8 13. b4 e5 14. dxe6 Rxe6 15. Rxe6 fxe6 16. Bxd6 Bxd6 17. Qxd6 Ngf6 18. Qxe6 Re8 19. Qd6 Ne4 20. Nxe4 Qxe4 21. Rd1 Rd8 22. bxc5 bxc5 23. h3 Qf5 24. Qc6 Kb8 25. g4 Qf6 26. Rd6 Qf7 27. Ne5 Qxf2 28. Kxf2 Rf8 29. Kg3 Nxe5 30. Qd5 Nf7 31. Rd7 \* 1-0



Owner and CEO of American Chess Equipment after the lecture on chess strategy.

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## **Quirky Fun Lecture**

It's important to not be so hard on ourselves and to learn from our mistakes as Mr. Barber had pointed out. He said to "Lighten up with your games." The next tip or advice that he gave us was to make sure we control the Center! It's very important to control the center and he mentioned that a lot of chess players forget that. He also stated, "If you ignore the center you are committing your own chess suicide!" Dewain went on to some more advice about improving your endgame. Studying chess should be focused on studying the endgame. If you really know how to end the game, you can win mostly every time. Dewain was telling us stories about his ventures in chess throughout the lecture.

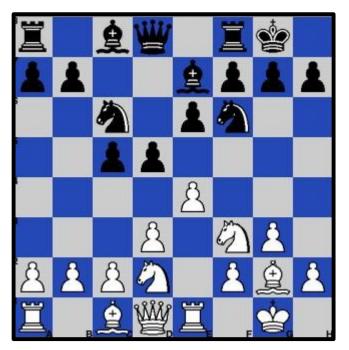
He told us many fascinating stories about him competing with Chess Masters but one that was really interesting and a story that most can relate to was a story about when Dewain had gone to a Simul with 64 other people to play against Walter Brown. Walter Brown is a 6 times US Chess champion and he played against all 65 players at one time during this simul. As most of us have experience a simul, this one was definitely at another level. Dewain was very happy to report that in this match against Walter Brown he had the opportunity to draw; not too bad for playing against a 6 time US Chess Champion! There was such a wealth of information at this lecture

and I was glad to have attended. Dewain Barber was an excellent guest who was funny, kept us interested and provided so much helpful information for future games. In the future, if you unfortunately missed this lecture, I recommend that next time Dewain visits us everyone should attend.

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Dewain Barber I would like to thank the Citrus College Chess Club for inviting me to share a few chess strategies and ideas with them at their club meeting. This year's club is three times larger than last year. Thanks to Michael Chen and Crew Citrus for their support and volunteer work at the Staser Fall Scholastic Chess Tournament (K-12) in the past. See you again this year on 20 November at the Great Park in Irvine.

#### BY, MICHAEL "DEATH" CHEN



#### Learn an Opening!

#### [A08] Reti King's Indian attack, French Variation

1. Nf3 d5 2. g3 c5 3. Bg2 Nc6 4. O-O e6 5. d3 Nf6 6. Nbd2 Be7 7. e4 O-O 8. Re1

So if many people have been asking me what "Opening" do I use for white, since I play the same opening in 90% of my games. Depending if I know the opponent or not. Well here is it, the opening that I play very often is a variation of the Reti's King's Indian Attack, the French Variation. The KIA was popularized by GM Robert James Fischer, when he was still a kid competing. He had won his first US Championship using this opening, and after reading up and studying it. I have learned to use it effectively and it's quite a strong opening. So above are the move sequence to get into the final product. Use it well!

## Whitney HS "Raise the Roof Tournament BY, STEPHANIE "PASSION" MENDEZ

The Whitney High School festival and Chess tournament were a sight to see! In early October the Chess Club members Michael Chen, Gabriel Barbosa, Austin Gaydosh and I attended the Whitney High School Tournament. This tournament was an open tournament for anyone in the chess club who wanted to play. This was the first tournament of the semester for the club and it was for an event for Whitney High School to raise money. Inside of the school the tournament was taking place. However, outside of the school there was a little festival with carnival games, food, prizes and entertainment for everyone to enjoy. The boys played very well and Michael and Barbosa both won trophies at the end of the tournament. We all enjoyed the festivities outside as well as the tournament inside. It was very exciting to see our club win and gave light to the potential for the future of our club as well.

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Above: I-r. CTD Jim Bullock, Dale Chin, Michael Chen, Gabriel Barbosa, Danjoseph Quijada



Above: Gabriel Barbosa receiving his trophy from Danjoseph Quijada



Above: I-r. Dale Chin, Michael Chen, Gabriel Barbosa



Above: Michael Chen receiving his trophy from Danjoseph Quijada



Above: I-r. Stephanie "Passion" Mendez, Michael "Death" Chen, Gabriel "The Barbosa" Barbosa, and Austin "Desire" Gaydosh walking into the sunlight as they venture home back to the land of Citrus Fruits.

Team	Date/Time	Location	Result	
LA County Employee Chess Team	10/30/10; 1pm-6pm	Kelly's Coffee (Home)	LOSS	
University of Southern California	11/13/10; 11am-1pm	USC Campus (Away)		
University of California; Los Angeles	11/13/10; 1pm-3pm	USC Campus (Away)		
California State University; Northridge	11/13/10; 3pm-5pm	USC Campus (Away)		
California Institute of Technology	PENDING			
Pasadena City College				
Whitney High School	PENDING			
Glendale City College Chess Club				
Glendale CC Advanced Chess Organization	PENDING			
West Covina Chess Club				

No.	Name	Rating	Pts	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4
1	Chin, Dale	3.5	-H-	W12*	W2	W3	
2	Chen, Michael	1100	3.0	W12	W9	L1	W6
3	Barbosa, Gabriel	3.0	W10	W4	W6	L1	
4	Du, Nelson	2.5	-H-	L3	W12	W9	Î.
5	Lee, Brian	2.5	L6	W10	D9	W8	
6	Quijada, Danjoseph	1343	2.0	W5	W11	L3	L2
7	Chun, Mark	2.0	L11	L8	W10	W12*	
8	Gaydosh, Austin	2.0	L9	W7	W11*	L5	Ĩ.
9	Nocom, Alwin	1.5	W8	L2	D5	L4	
10	Alvarez, Taruc	1.0	L3	L5	L7	-B-	Ĩ.
11	Kim, Nathan	1.0	W7	L6	- <b>F</b> -	-U-	1
12	Lee, Grace	0.0	L2	-F-	L4	-F-	





Every Wednesday and Thursday's every week at the Campus Center; Conference Center (Unless notified otherwise) from 3pm-5pm, sometimes longer. Business Meetings every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month.





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# Practice and Train Hard for this Saturday!<sub>4</sub>