

## **NBCC / CHESS BIOGRAPHY OF HERMANN ZICKFELD**

As the club bid a fond farewell to 2011, the momentum with which our organization has operated at in the last seven years continued at full steam in 2012, with the first highlight occurring just three days into the New Year. On January 3, the club organized a quick chess tournament in tribute to Hermann Zickfeld, one of our club's veteran members. Hermann began his membership with the club in 1970 and was very active until 2010. He was one of the most fervent club supporters, having participated in over one-hundred events since 1990. His most favorite club activity was the simultaneous chess exhibitions. He amusingly would always tell me that he would try to last at least forty moves against the master giving the simul. Hermann certainly enjoyed the competition at the club and further took pleasure in playing a few casual games of chess with his friends at his home on the weekends. Hermann was one of the most respectable people in our club, and it was an honor to play in his event. After four rounds of play, our club's president, USCF National Master Derek Meredith, won the Hermann Zickfeld Quick Chess event, which drew nineteen players.