

## Internationally Certified Chess Instructors

The Bahamas Chess Federation (BCF) marked another historic event in its history. Twelve (12) players were awarded Chess Instructor Titles during the World Chess Federation (FIDE) meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Presidential Board 2011. These players join Warren Seymour, an existing Developmental Instructor.

From March 8 to 12, 2011 twelve (12) players attended and participated in the first FIDE Trainer's Course held in The Bahamas. FIDE CEO and FIDE Instructor Geoffrey Borg lectured during the course which was held at the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, New Providence.

The new instructors includes three (3) Teachers. Two (2) of the Teachers are posted at schools on New Providence and the other at Martin Town Primary, Grand Bahama. The list of approved instructors are as follows:



Pictured above is FI Geoffrey Borg and participants

<b>National Instructors</b>	<b>Development Instructors</b>
Joseph, Elton	Higgs, Nathaniel
Major, Godfrey	McDonald, Tamiko
Paul, Philip	Newry, Umar
NM Small, Byron	Taylor, Marvin
Smith, Kean A.	Thomas, Paul
Whyms, Chappel	Wheeler, BeLinda



FI Geoffrey Borg and BeLinda Wheeler



Participants writing their exams



FI Geoffrey Borg in the middle of a lecture





FI Geoffrey Borg discussing chess training with Joseph Ferguson

The BCF's investment in developing chess instructors was done with a view of continuing to build the necessary skill base to support a chess in schools programme in The Bahamas.

Congratulations is in order to all the newly awarded Instructors. Special thanks to the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, the Ministry of Education and the World Chess Federation for their financial and otherwise support that made this Trainers Course a success.