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Kashlinskaya Alina is European Women's Chess Champion 2019

After harsh struggles and drama in the final round of European Women's Individual Chess Championship 2019, five players tied for the first place in Antalya, Turkey.

According to the tiebreaks, Kashlinskaya Alina (RUS, 2477) stood on the throne and took a title of European Women's Chess Champion 2019.

European Women's Chess Championship 2019 participated 130 players coming from 32 European federations.

The last, 11th round, brought many interesting games and results. Stefanova Antoaneta (ECU, 2464) defeated Gaponenko Inna (UKR, 2428), the sole leader after 10 rounds, to reach the score of 8 points sharing the top. Kashlinskaya drew with blacks against Cramling Pia (SWE, 2640), Sebag Marie (FRA, 2461) drew against Dzagnidze Nana (GEO, 2513), while Paehtz Elisabeth (GER, 2456) won Atalik Ekaterina (TUR, 2455). Five of them reached the same score of 8 points, but tiebreaks decided that Kashlinskaya Alina wins gold, Sebag Marie took silver, Paehtz Elisabeth came third, Gaponenko Inna was fourth, while Stefanova Antoaneta ended on the fifth place. According to the FIDE regulations and decision of the ECU Board, 14 players have qualified for the next FIDE Women's World Cup.



The Closing ceremony of the event took place on 22nd of April in the evening, with attendance of President of European Chess Union, Mr. Zurab Azmiaparashvili, who awarded the prize and trophy to European Women's Champion, ECU Vice-Presidents, Mr. Ivan Sokolov and Mrs. Eva Repkova, and President of Turkish Chess Federation, Mrs. Gulkiz Tulay.



About the event

The event was played from 10th-23rd of April 2019 in Antalya, Turkey, in 11 rounds, Swiss system.

The total prize fund of the event was 60.000 EUR. Each round was live transmitted, with live commentary GM Ioannis Papaioannou and IM Can Arduman and their special guests, among them the ECU Vice Presidents, Ivan Sokolov and Eva Repkova.



Besides the regular prizes, the organizers provided special prizes for the best ranked Juniors, Turkish players, and the best ranked Juniors from Turkey.

The Closing ceremony of the event was attended by ECU President, Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili, President and Turkish Chess Federation, Mrs. Gulkiz Tulay.



ADRIAN MIKHALCHISHIN

European Women's Individual Chess Championship 2019



Both Men and Women European Championships were won by Russians this year! Alina and Vladislav Artemiev won two important Super Opens recently. Alina won Isle of Man and Artemiev won Gibraltar. So, they deserved their success -it was not a coincidence, like it happens sometimes in Swiss Tournaments.

April is a usually reserved month for the European Women Chess Championship. It is organized for the 2nd time in Turkey, this time in the holiday resort ASKA in Antalya. Warm weather, spacious tournament hall, as always in Turkish 5 stars hotels. Food was great, but the hotel was a bit too overcrowded by regular tourists. During the closing ceremony, ECU President Zurab Azmaiparashvili praised the conditions. 131 participants from 32 countries (20 players from Russia!) – took part but more federations shall be activated in women's chess. Some top European players Muzychuk sisters, Kosteniuk, Lagno or Gunina did not participate here because they are already qualified but also preparing for the FIDE Candidates tournament in Kazan. In the same time Dzagnidze and Goryachkina decided to play in Antalya. They were considered to be favourites, but both started very unconvincing- Dzagnidze lost and Goryachkina drew, lost position in the first round. Later Dzagnidze recovered, by results of both favourites were rather poor. The especially players qualified to World Cup, not to World Championship, as before. This innovation of FIDE came extremely fast and not fair prepared, as 14 players from last years Championship qualified officially to World Championship! It is not a good example of changing rules during the cycle. a of qualified players participated also this year, so the pool of new qualified players was much wider. From the start the most convincing play demonstrated the Russian Alina Kashlinskaja. She played very aggressively and in 8th round refused s draw on the 10th move against Gaponenko. As frequently happens in such situations she lost the game and Gaponenko overtook the lead.

Alina said that it was the most difficult evening in her career! Polish GM Radek Wojtaszek spent two hours calming down his wife and did a fantastic psychological job! Gaponenko, who for a long time is planned to get a position in the Ukrainian Federation still insists to play and her result here is fantastic for a veteran. She had just bad luck in the last round when she met with former World Champion Antoaneta Stefanova. Bulgarian started slowly, due to bad flu, but last rounds she played simply tremendously. At the same time, Kashlinskaja, hit back and after the last round, 5 players shared the 1st place. According to the average rating of opponents, gold went to Kashlinskaja, silver to Marie Sebag, and bronze to Elisabeth Paehtz. The especially valuable result showed Marie Sebag who came as usual with her small daughter. She lost terribly in round 1, but then she started to work hard and won even some unwinning ends! Among new qualifiers, for World Cup the best impression made the young Greek Stavroula Tsolakidou, former World Champion U18. She plans next year to join the chess team of Saint Louis University. Great fighting spirit showed Marina Brunello and Ulvija Fatalijeva who won in a row few games in the finish. Now a new generation of young female players came to the stage and after the rounds, half of the tournament was seen also in the fitness centre, improving their physical condition! Both Men & Women European Championships were won by Russians this year! Alina and Vladislav Artemiev won two important Super Opens recently. Alina won Isle of Man and Artemiev won Gibraltar. So, they deserved their success -it was not a coincidence like it happens sometimes in Swiss Tournaments.



Here Kortschnoj played 26... 0-0, which is illegal since the Rh8 has already moved. The mistake was realized only at move 47, when both flag fell after terrible zeitnot. Arbiters started to put game into CB form and were terribly surprised. As well as both players! The best move is with King here, not with the Rook! Both players started to laugh and agreed draw. ECU President IGM Azmaiparashvili told the story, that during rapid PGa tournament Gary Kasparov had terrific attack on IGM Ivan Sokolov position, who played Rh8-g8-h8 and then castled! To great surprise of Garry, attack was over and he lost! Just later somebody from the public pointed that Rook moved, but it was late...



Unbelievable event happened in the game between Gevorgyan Maria and Cornette Diamante! White coldbloodedly castled long even though moved the King before in the game

Text by GM
Adrian
Mikhalchishin





European Senior and Amateur Chess Champions 2019 announced

European Amateur and Senior Chess Championships 2019 simultaneously took place from 5th-15th April in Rhodes, Greece.

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he Closing ceremony of the event attended the Vice Governor of South Aegean Region Mr. Nikolis Nikos, the Vice Mayor of Rhodes, Pokias Nikos, the ECU Secretary-General, Mr. Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou, the Secretary of the FIDE Management Board & Assistant to FIDE President, Mr. Vadim Tsypin who awarded the best players of several sections of the event. The Chief Arbiter of the event Mr. Marco Biagoli announced the winners.

> GM Sturua Zurab (GEO, 2531) became European Senior Chess Champion 2019 in section 50+, after he tied for the first place with GM Pavlovic Milos (SRB 2492), since each had the score of 7.5 points. According to the tiebreaks, Sturua took gold and Pavlovic silver medal. Bronze came to Terentiev Sergei (LAT, 2252) with 6.5 points.

>Women's section 50+ merged with the open section, and the European Women's Senior 50+ Champion became WGM Grabuzova Tatiana (RUS, 2323) with 5.5 points. She tied with WGM Makropoulou Marina (GRE, 2160) who had the same score, but the tiebreaks decided Makropoulou to get the silver. Third place went to WGM Mednikova Svetlana (RUS, 2094) with 5 points.

>GM Kristiansen Jens (DEN, 2376) was the sole Winner of section 65+ with a full point ahead of the runner-ups. GM Balashov Yuri S (RUS, 2470) was second with a score of 7 points and IM Birnboim Nathan (ISR, 2365) and Chevelevitch Evgueni Dr (GER, 2416) tied for the third place, each with 6.5 points, but according to the tiebreaks, Birnboim took bronze.

>WGM Fatalibekova Elena (RUS, 2148) achieved the score of 7 points, and became the sole Winner of Seniors Women's 65+ category. Khmiadashvili Tamar (GEO, 1976) and Sorokina Tamara (RUS, 2051) tied for the second place, but thanks to better tiebreaks Khmiadashvili took silver and Sorokina bronze medal.

>Meremyanina Kseniya (RUS, 1577) won the Amateur Championship in section U1700, with score of 7.5 points. Kostov Kiril (ECU, 1625) took silver medal with 7 points, and 4 players tied for the third place, each with 6.5 points: Ruzic Milos (SLO, 1674), Bakhmanov Farid (RUS, 1491), Stathatos Alexandros (GRE, 1184) and Kanev Evgeny (RUS, 1629). Ruzic Milos had the best tiebreaks and ended on the third place.

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>After a Round Robin event in section U2300, Brouwer Dennis (NED, 2179) triumphed the U2300 Amateur event, with a score of 7 points. Andreev Stanislav (ECU, 2140) took silver with 6.5 points and Zherebtsova Alexandra (RUS, 2203) took bronze with 6 points.

Top boards of each section were LIVE transmitted, and the broadcast was available on the official website of the event.

European Senior Chess Championship was played in two age categories: 50+ and 65+, open and women's separately with a total of 130 players. The total prize fund of the event was 10.000 EUR.

European Amateur Chess Championship 2019 was played in three rating categories: U1700, U2000 and U2300. 80 players coming from around 15 European federations participated in the event. The Championships was played 9 rounds, with time control: 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30minutes for the rest of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one. The total prize fund of the event event 4.000 EUR.

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Over 200 players coming from more than 20 different European federations participated European Amateur and Senior Chess Championships 2019 in Rhodes, Greece.

ECU EDU CHESS PROMOTIONAL VIDEO "WE MAKE EUROPE SMARTER"

European Chess Union is pleased to present a new Chess Promotional Video prepared and released by the ECU Educational Committee.

The official source of video is the ECU YouTube Channel from where can be viewed, shared or embed, however if any National Federation would translate and adjust it in their language would be possible to upload their version and in their website.

For more information please contact the Chairman of the ECU Educational Commission Mr. Jesper Hall: jesper.hall@schack.se.

The Video is available on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/UY5sheN51fc>

and the German version here:

https://youtu.be/ulu_Yepan6Y

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he video, prepared by a specialized production company, aims to promote Chess in School Programs, in the modern and dynamic world, through Internet as also TV spots that will be adjusted in a new version of 30 sec.

It will be translated and uploaded in a few languages by the European Chess Union, but it is possible to be translated and adjusted in any language, under an already agreed reasonable cost, by the production company. This option refers to minor changes in the video itself scenario translation, recording professional voice over, uploading titles, adding federation logo and final editing.





SPONSORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

European Chess Union is delighted to announce Chess Evolution, as a new ECU sponsor and also as a sponsor of the ECU competitions.

In 2019, Chess Evolution will offer to ECU, chess materials of a total value of 75,000 euros according to the official price list of the company. The sponsorship can be renewed under the same terms for 3 more years in a total value of 300,000 euros (4 x 75,000).

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CONSTANTIN LUPULESCU WINS REYKJAVIK OPEN

After great fights at Reykjavik Open 2019, which took place from 8th-16th April in Reykjavik, eight players tied for the top, but thanks to the best tiebreaks, Romanian Grandmaster, Lupulescu Constantin (ROU, 2634) won the event.

Among the group on the top with 7 points each were: Firouzja Alireza (IRI, 2669), Grandelius Nils (SWE, 2687), Jones Gawain C B (ENG, 2698), Parligras Mircea-Emilian (ROU, 2633), Petrosian Tigran L. (ARM, 2605), Tari Aryan (NOR, 2615) and GUpta Abhijeet (IND, 2602). According to tiebreaks, 16 years old Grandmaster Firouzja Alireza took silver and Grandelius Nils came third.

The event was played in 9 rounds, Swiss system, with time control 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 minutes after move 40 + increment of 30 sec. for every move starting from move one. The total prize fund was more than 15.000 EUR, with many special prizes reserved for: the best ranked Seniors, Junior players, Women players, and the best ranked players for different rating categories.

Among many side events of the competition, European Fischer Random Cup 2019 took place on 12th of April. After 9 played rounds in Swiss system, with time control 10 minutes+ 3 seconds of increment per every move, Firouzja Alireza (IRI, 2669) became European Fischer Random winner with score of 8 points.



photos: Official Website of the event:
<https://www.reykjavikopen.com/>

Firouzja was a full point ahead of group of five players who tied for the second place, each with 7 points. Eventually, according to the tiebreak system, Tang Andrew (USA, 2414) was second and Parligras Mircea-Emilian (ROU, 2629) came on the third place. The total prize fund of the European Fischer Random Cup 2019 was 3.000 EUR with support of European Chess Union.

The closing ceremony and the awarding ceremony of the event attended the ECU Deputy President and President of Chess Federation of Iceland, Mr. Gunnar Bjornsson.



ECU Deputy
President,
Mr. Gunnar
Bjornsson.



European Fischer Random Cup 2019

64 players coming from 20 federations participated the second edition of European Fischer Random Cup 2019. The event took place on 12th of April with a total prize fund of 3.000 EUR.



MAGNUS CARLSEN WINS GRENKE CHESS CLASSIC 2019

Reigning World Chess Champion, Magnus Carlsen (NOR, 2845), won Grenke Chess Classic with convincing score of 7.5 points, 6 victories and only three draws out of 9 played rounds.



Grenke Chess Classic took place from 20th-29th April in Karlsruhe, Germany.

Even though draw in the last round was enough for Carlsen to stand on the throne of the event, he fought against top French player, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (FRA, 2773). Vachier-Lagrave sacrificed the pawn for the initiative, which Carlsen has accepted, and in the end, position switched to huge advantage for Magnus.

With a victory in the last round, Magnus achieved a score of 7.5 points, to be a point and a half ahead of the first runner-up, and World Chess Champion Challenger in 2018, Caruana Fabiano (USA, 2819).

With winning the third Supertournament in 2019 (Tata Steel Chess, Vugar Gashimov memorial and Grenke Chess Classic), Carlsen showed, once again, that he is in a great shape.

Fabiano Caruana was alone on the second place, while Naiditsch Arkadij (AZE, 2695) and Vachier-Lagrave Maxim (FRA, 2773) tied for the bronze medal, each with score of 5 points. According to the additional criteria, Naiditsch ended on the third place.

Grenke Chess Classic took place from 20th-29th of April 2019 in Karlsruhe, Germany, with participation of: World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen (NOR.), World No.2 Fabiano Caruana (USA, 2828), World No.6 Viswanathan Anand (IND, 2779), World No.7 Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (FRA, 2775), World No.12 Levon Aronian (ARM, 2761), World No.20 Peter Svidler (RUS, 2737), World No.35 Arkadij Naiditsch (AZE, 2710), World No.45 Francisco Vallejo Pons (ESP, 2698), World No.167 Georg Meier (GER, 2621) and World No. 6 U16 Vincent Keymer (GER, 2509).

Besides the Supertournament gathering world top Grandmasters, Grenke Chess Festival contained Grenke Chess Open in three categories: A,B and C. This year, the Open events gathered more than 2000 players coming from all over the world- more than 50 federations! The strongest A section featured 904 competitors, among whom were 56 Grandmasters, 81 International masters, 6 Women Grandmasters, 15 Women International masters, and in total 322 titled players.

photos: Official website of the event:
<http://www.grenkechessclassic.de/de/>



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Israeli Club Championship

The chess team of the southern Israeli port city of Ashdod won its seventh national championship title.



Playing venue

The 11th and last round of the top division was held in Ramat Aviv (North of Tel-Aviv) chess house with the participation of 72 players (representing the top 12 teams), out of which 32 were grandmasters and 20 International masters with the only female player being IM Yulia Shvaiger, the current Israeli lady champion.



IM Yulia Shvaiger

Ashdod wins Israeli club Championship 2019

Ashdod drew its first round match against Kfar Saba A, but then won all its 10 remaining matches including "The Match of the Season" against its main rival for the crown- Beer Sheva A. Ashdod won 4.5: 2.5 and did not let the lead slip away till the end of the season.

The team was based on its long time local line up that includes GMs Emil Sutovsky, Ilya Smirin, Arthur Kogan, Vitaly Golod & Boris Kantsler, IM Roman Bar and the occasional foreign reinforcement composed of Ukrainian GMs Pavel Eljanov & Alexander Moiseenko, Latvian Igor Kovalenko and German Daniel Friedman.



The match Ashdod against BeerSheva; the match of the season

Ashdod scored 46 board points plus 10 bonus points for its ten victories and with a total of 56 points took the gold for the seventh time, leaving the silver medals to the runner up Beer-Sheva on 53. Beer-Sheva's team composition included the local GMs Maxim Rodshtein, Evgeny Postny, Michael Roiz, Alex Khuzman, Victor Mikhalevsky and Alon Greenfeld and the foreign reinforcement: the Azeri Arkady Najditch, Ukrainian Anton Korobov and Russian Vladimir Malakhov. Bronze medal went to Kfar Saba team (on 51.5 points) led by GMs Tamir Nabaty, Avital Boruchovsky and Eduard Rozentalis.

Fourth was Rishon Letzion (led by GM Boris Alterman) 44 points, ahead of the youngest team Zafir Rechovot (reinforced by former Soviet and Israeli champion GM Lev Psakhis) in the respectable fifth place on 38 points.

Report By Yochanan Afek
Photos by Dr. Mark Livshitz

All games are available here:
https://ratings.fide.com/view_games.phtml?event=205866



KATOWICE CHESS FESTIVAL 2019

1,000 participants, 14 countries, more than 200 prizes - Silesian region of Poland hosted the biggest chess festival on 13-14 April. Well known grand masters, members of national team, talented young players, beginners and, just chess lovers get together at the International Congress Center of Katowice. Katowice Chess Festival 2019 included 4 major chess events within just a week: GM/IM round robin tournament, Polish Individual blitz championship, Polish-Hungarian friendship tournament and Polish team blitz championship.

GM Radoslaw Wojtaszek (2724) won both events: Polish Individual blitz championship (with 12,5/15 points); and Polish-Hungarian friendship tournament (with 8/9 points). Wojtaszek noticed, Katowice is lucky place for him on his facebook fanpage.





EUROPEAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2019 - Official regulations

Slovak Chess Federation, NR klub and the European Chess Union have the honor to invite all the National Federations members of the European Chess Union to participate in the European Youth Chess Championship organized in Bratislava, Slovakia from 1st-11th August 2019.

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Each federation can register one (1) player in each of the categories – under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 (boys and girls), the maximum number of twelve (12) players (“invited players”). The players placed 1-3 in the European Youth Chess Championship 2018 will have the personal right to participate in the tournament in the corresponding age-category or a higher age category if they fulfil the conditions that they have not reached the age of 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 or 18 years, respectively, by January 1, 2019. This privilege may be exercised once exclusively in the subsequent year following the year of the qualification.

All the players and Accompanying persons are invited to stay in one of the Official Hotels of the Championship: Student Residence, 3* Hotel Nivy, 4* Hotel Bratislava, 4* Hotel Sorea Regia, 4* Hotel Holiday Inn, 4* Hotel Park Inn or 4* Hotel Lindner. More hotels may be added if necessary.

The organizer will arrange the transfer from Bratislava airport to the official hotels. The transfer upon arrival (31 July and 1 August) and upon departure (11 August) will be free of charge for all registered participants. In addition, the transfer can be arranged from Vienna airport and from Budapest airport.

Registration deadline

The entry form should be filled in by the national federation on the official website of the championship. Registration must be done before the **registration deadline 1st of June 2019.**

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The championship is played in 9 rounds Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules and FIDE Rules of Chess. The time rate will be 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one. The playing venue of the event will be Incheba Expo Bratislava.

Simultaneously with the event, seminars for FIDE trainers, FIDE arbiters and international organizers will be held during the championship. More information will be published on the official website at least two months before the event.

The first three players in each group will be awarded medals; the first five players in each group will be awarded cups, diplomas, and prizes.



EUROPEAN WOMEN'S RAPID AND BLITZ CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

European Women Rapid&Blitz Chess Championship 2019 will take place from 28th November -2nd December 2019 in Monte Carlo.

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he first on the schedule will be European Women Blitz Chess Championship 2019 which will be played on 29th of November in Hotel Novotel.

The Blitz Championship will be played according to the Swiss system, in 12 rounds, with time control 3 minutes game + 3 seconds per move starting from the first move.

European Women Rapid Chess Championship 2019 will take place on 30th November and 1st of December.

The European Individual Rapid Chess Championship will be played according to the Swiss system, in 11 rounds, with the time control 15 minutes game + 10 seconds per move starting from the first move.

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Prize fund

European Women's Rapid and Blitz Chess Championship 2019 will take place in Monaco.

The total prize fund of the event will be 18.500 EUR with 6.250 EUR reserved for the blitz competition and 12.250 EUR for rapid event.

The Championship is open to all players representing Chess Federations which are ECU members regardless of their title and rating. There is no limit to the number of participants per federation.

The total prize fund of the blitz event will be 6.250 EUR, with 5.500 EUR for regular prizes, 500 EUR for special prizes, 150 EUR for PACA prizes and 100 EUR for Alpes Maritimes Prize

The Championship is open to all players representing Chess Federations which are ECU members regardless of their title and rating. There is no limit to the number of participants per federation. Total prize fund of the rapid event will be 12.250 EUR + branded watches for the winners of special categories.

Registrations will start on 1st of September and the registration deadline is the 28th of November.

European Senior Team Chess Championship 2019 will take place from 17th-27th September 2019 in a well-known tourist destination in Croatia, famous for its beaches, best air quality, pine forests and walking trails along the sea- Mali Losinj, located in the island of Losinj.



EUROPEAN SENIOR TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2019- Regulations

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uropean Senior Team Chess Championship 2019 will be played in two age categories: 50+ and 65+, and is open to all players representing federations listed as ECU members.

The teams consist of 4 players and one reserve, and entitled to participate in the category 50+ are players who were born in 1969 or earlier, while entitled to participate in the category 65+ are players who were born in 1954 or earlier. Separate Women's competition will be organized if there are at least 8 teams in an age category otherwise, the women's championships will be merged with the open respective age category.

The event will be played in 9 rounds, Swiss system, with time control 90 min for 40 moves + 30 min for the rest of the game + 30 sec increment for every move played starting from the first move.

The total prize fund of the event will be 7.000 EUR. The completed application forms should be sent by official email to: hss.crochess@gmail.com. The registration deadline is the 17th of July 2019.

The Championship will be held in 4 stars Hotel Aurora, the official hotel of the Championship together with the 4 stars Hotel Vespera, located next to the playing venue and Hotel Aurora.

EUROPEAN UNION YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2019 - Regulations



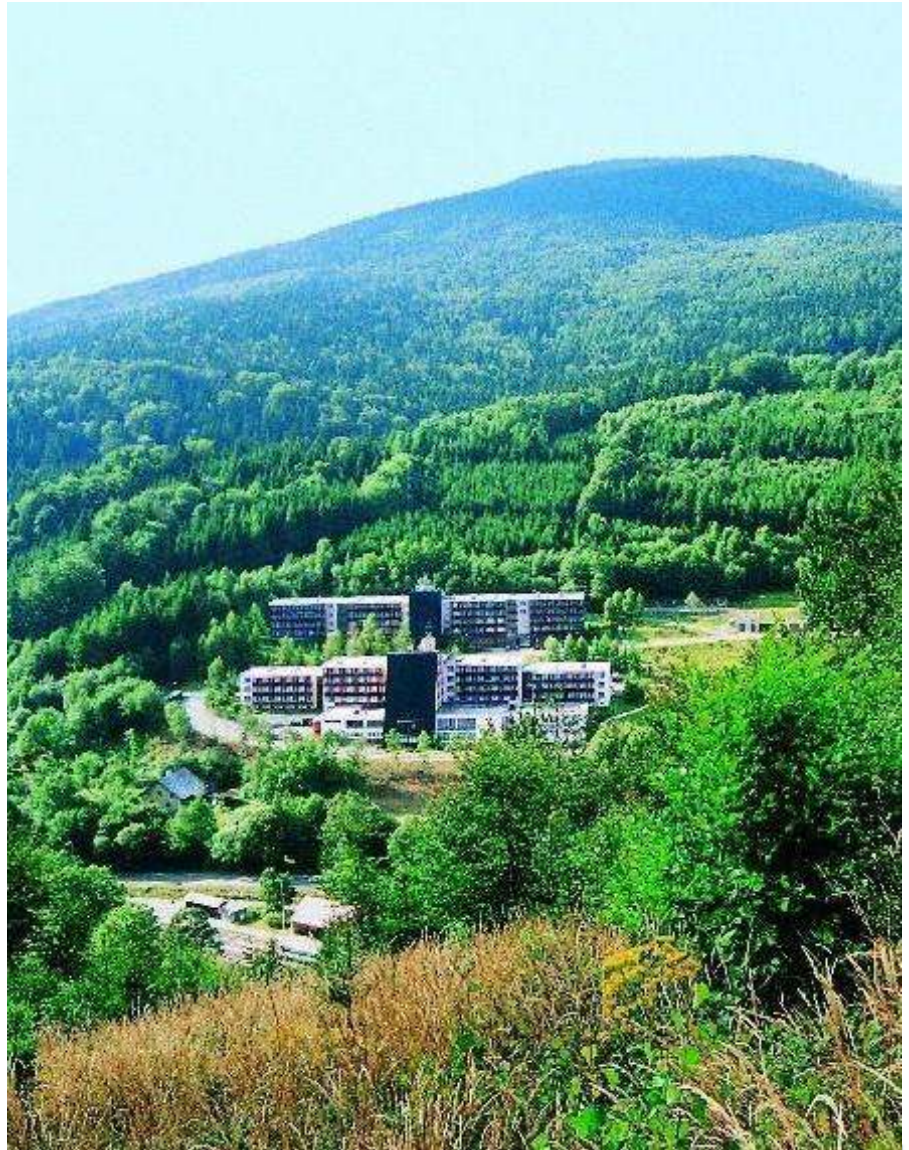
The Czech Chess Federation has the honor of inviting your Chess Federation to participate in the European Union Youth Chess Championship 2019 in Kouty nad Desnou, in the period from 15th-24th August 2019.

The event will be played in 4 age categories, open and girls separately: U8, U10, U12 and U14.

Participation is allowed only to players representing federations listed as European Union members. The official venue of the event will be Cultural Hall Hotel Dlouhé Stráně Kouty nad Desnou, while the official hotel of the event is 3 stars Hotel Dlouhé Stráně in Kouty nad Desnou. Registration forms must be sent back before the registration deadline- June 30th, 2019 by email.

The tournament will be played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds. National ratings will not be taken into consideration for the pairings. The rate of play will be according to FIDE regulations 90 min for the whole game + 30 sec increase for each move played. The first 30 boards of each tournament will be broadcasted online. On-line transmissions include at least 120 games. Webcast will be screened in the hall of the hotel, and can be followed also through the official website of the event.

The first three players from each category will receive championship trophies, medals and diplomas. Every player of each category will receive commemorative championship medal and a diploma. Furthermore, players will receive prizes. The winners of each tournament receive a laptop, other medalists will receive a digital clock. Prizes will receive at least the first six players of each category. The total value of the prize fund will be at least 6.000 Euro. Girls in each category will be evaluated separately.



European Union Youth Chess Championship 2019 will take place from 15th-24th August 2019 in Kouty nad Desnou, Czech Republic, and will be played in 4 age categories: U8, U10, U12, U14, open and girls separately.

Registration deadline

Registration forms must be sent back before the **registration deadline- June 30th, 2019** by email.

European School Chess Championship 2019

European School Chess Championship 2019 will take place from 30th of May-9th of June in Mamaia, Romania.

The event will be played in 6 age categories: U7, U9, U11, U13, U15 and U17, open and girls separately.



FIDE Grand Prix Moscow 2019

Moscow FIDE Grand Prix 2019 will take place from 16th-30th of May in the capital of Russian federation, Moscow.



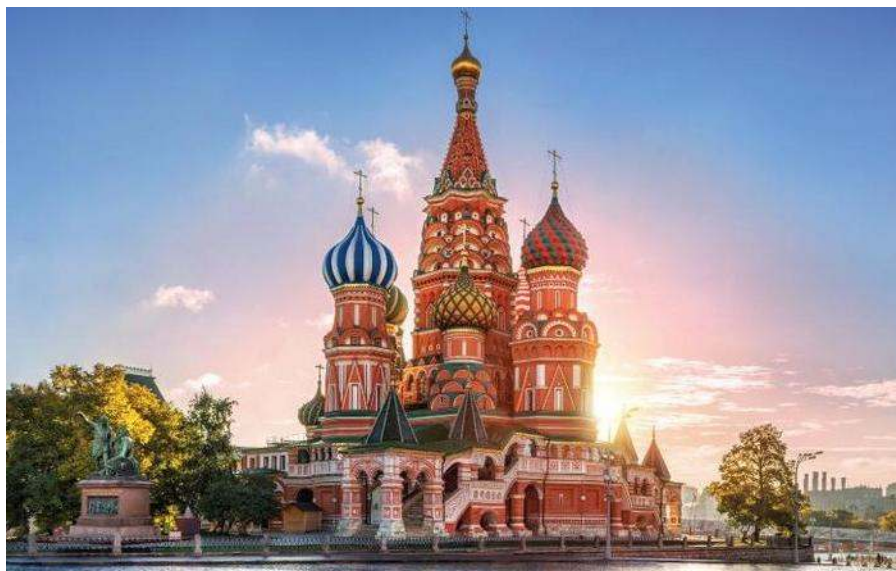
MITROPA CUP 2019

Mitropa Cup 2019 will take place from 26th May- 4th June in Zdravilišče Radenci, Slovenia, with participation of teams coming from: Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italia, Slovakia and Switzerland.

Icelandic Chess Open 2019

Icelandic Chess Open 2019 will take place from 25th of May- 1st of June in Akureyri, Iceland.

The total prize fund of the event will be 12.000 EUR.



European School Chess Championship 2019

European School Chess Championship 2019 will take place from 30th May-9th June in Mamaia, Romania.

European School Championship will be played in 6 age categories: under 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, open and girls, in the Mamaia resort, Constanta municipality, Romania.

The Championship is open to all players from European Chess Federations. Each ECU member federation can register an unlimited number of players that meet the age requirements of respective sections. In case that one age (girls) group is less than 10 players, then it will be merged with the same age (open) group. All players have to register through their national federations before the registration deadline. The entry form should be filled in by the national federation on the official website of the championship.

All the players and Accompanying persons are invited to stay in one of the official hotels of the championship: 4* hotel Amiral Comandor Complex and 3* hotel Orfeu. The Championship will be played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds with time control 90 minutes for 40 moves+30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

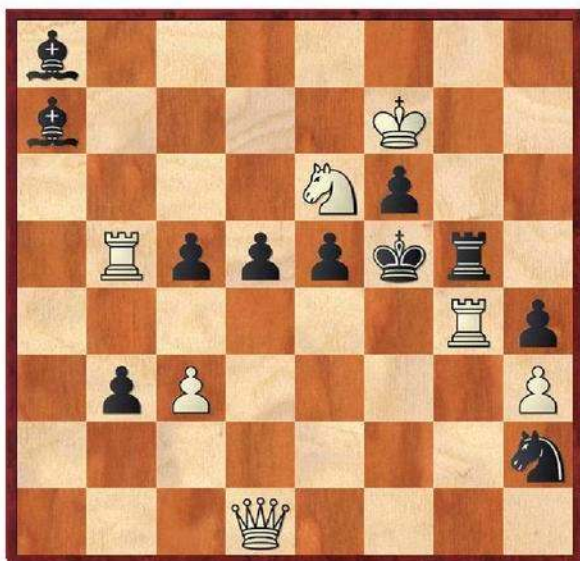
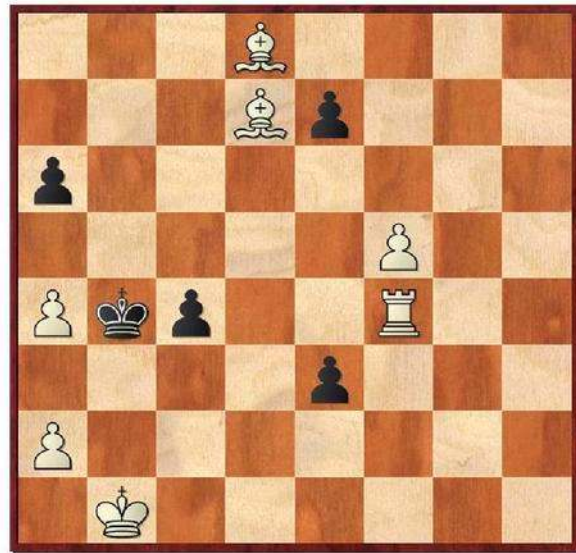
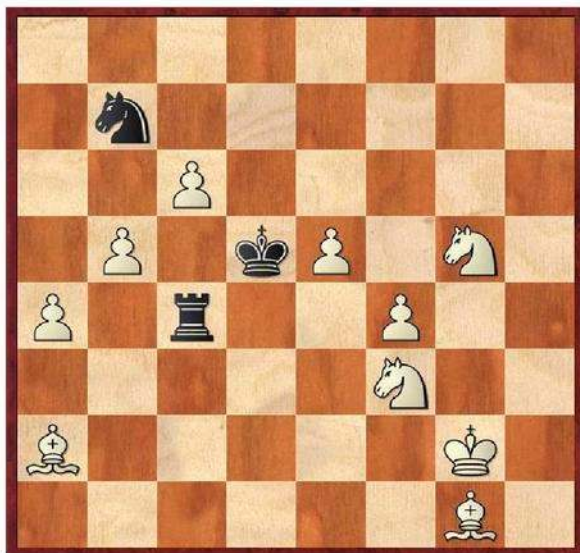
Official Website of the Championship:
www.ecumamaia2019.ro



Simultaneously with the European School Chess Championship 2019, ECU Board meeting will take place on 1st and 2nd of June in Mamaia resort, in Romania.

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MIKHAIL TAL SAID ABOUT CHESS:

>You must take your opponent into a deep dark forest where $2+2=5$, and the path leading out is only wide enough for one.

>In my games I have sometimes found a combination intuitively simply feeling that it must be there. Yet I was not able to translate my thought processes into normal human language.

>There are two types of sacrifices: correct ones and mine

>It's funny, but many people don't understand why I draw so many games nowadays. They think my style must have changed but this is not the case at all. The answer to this drawing disease is that my favorite squares are e6, f7, g7 and h7 and everyone now knows this. They protect these squares not once but four times!

For this edition of the ECU monthly magazine, we prepared 4 mate in 3 positions! White is on the move!

Solutions from March

> Puzzle #1:

1.Nh2 dxe5 (1...fxe5 2.Rb3+ Ke4 3.Rb4#; 1...Bf8 2.Re2+ Kg3 3.Nf1#) 2.Rh3 Ke4 3.Rh4#

>Puzzle #2:

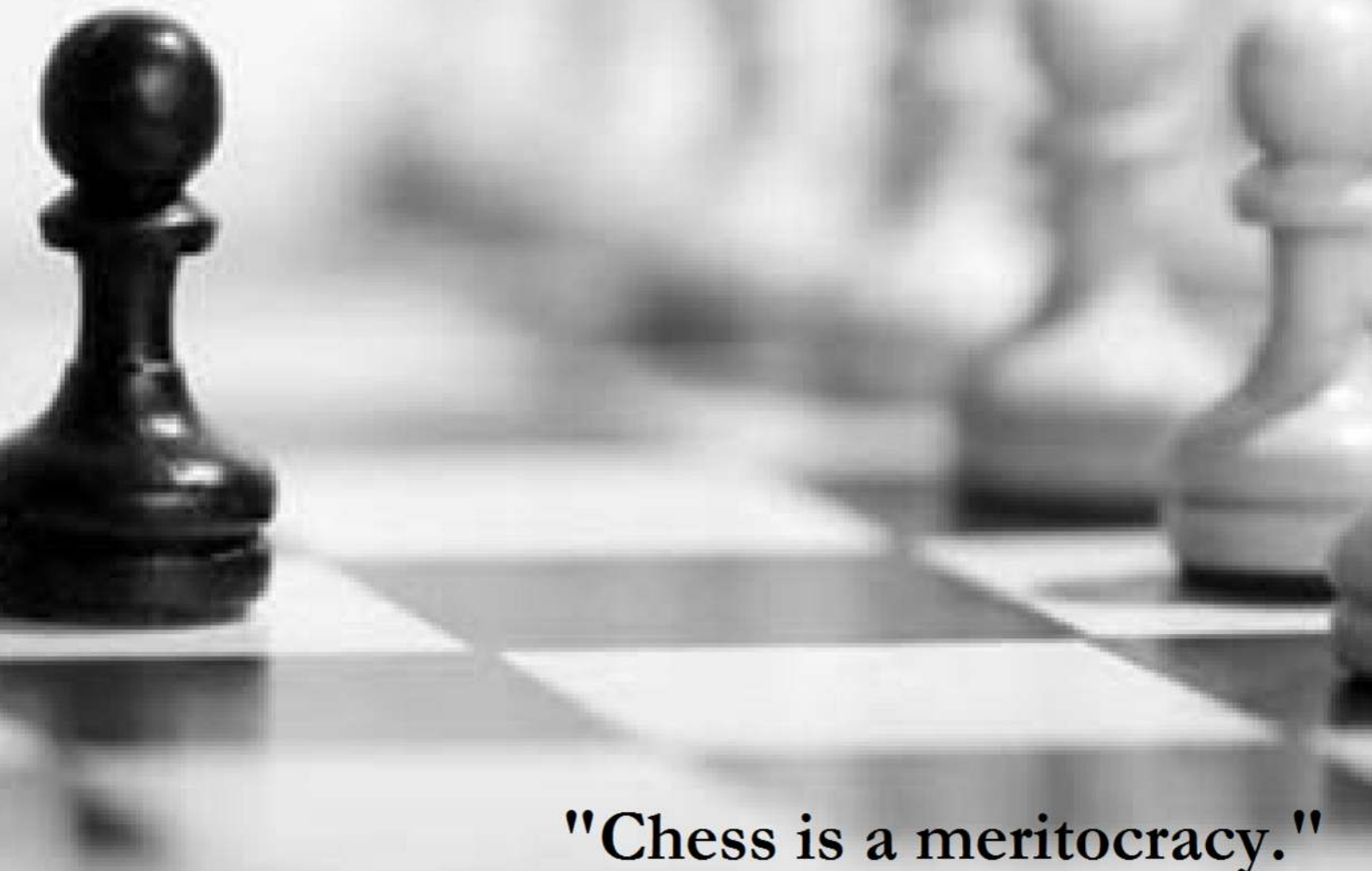
1.e7 bc4 2.Ne1 c1Q (2...Nd3 3.Nxc2#) 3.e6#

>Puzzle #3:

1.b4 Rxb4 (1...d1Q 2.Be5+ fxe5 3.Qxe5#) 2.Qc4 Nxc4 3.Nc2#

>Puzzle #4:

1.Bd7 Rh4 (1...Nh4 2.Kb7 gxf4 3.Be6#) 2.Ng6 Bxf4 3.Ne7#



"Chess is a meritocracy."