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MEETING OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE CHANGES OF THE ECU TOURNAMENT RULES



As is well known, the ECU General Assembly held in Porto Carras nominated five members of the Commission which should prepare the proposal for the changes of the ECU Tournament Regulations for the next General Assembly.

All the proposals which the ECU office received within the deadline were

published on the ECU website. Almog Burstein (ISR), Dirk DeRidder (BEL), George Mastrokoukos (GRE) and Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou (GRE) attended the meeting which was held in the European Chess Union office in Belgrade, while Ali Nihat Yazici (TUR) was not present. ECU Secretary General SavaStoisavljevic also attended the meeting. She coordinated all the activities regarding the meeting during the previous period.

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CHESS CONNECTED SOFIA AND ZAGREB



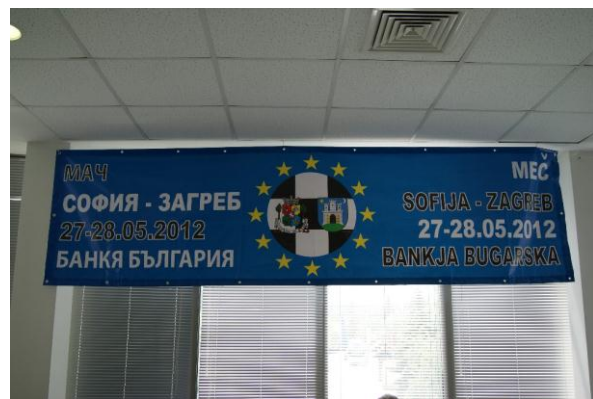
The Town of Bankya in Sofia-city District was the host of uncommon events – chess match on 50 boards was played between the capital of Bulgaria, Sofia and the capital of Croatia, Zagreb, while Sofia and Zagreb Mayors signed the Protocol of friendship and cooperation between the two cities, which attended various people in public life and media.

The President of the European Chess Union Silvio Danailov was present at all these events as well.



Sofia won against Zagreb with 30:20 points in that friendly chess match. It was held at hotel "Bankya Palace" in Bankya on Monday, May 28, 2012. With this result, 70 years after the first match between the two capitals, the Bulgarians took their revenge.

The tournament was officially opened by the Mayor of Sofia, Mrs. Yordanka Fandakova, the Mayor of Zagreb, Mr. Milan Bandic and the President of the European Chess Union and the Bulgarian Chess Federation, Mr. Silvio Danailov. After the official opening ceremony, the Mayors signed a memorandum for cooperation between the two capitals, concerning various important aspects of the municipal life.



In the presence of the Mayor of Zagreb, Mr. Silvio Danailov gave the official certificate to Yuri Valev, owner of the Bulgarian racehorse Ching van Berkenbroeck and father of his rider Christian Valev, stating that the elite horse was chosen for the official mascot of the ECU.

The former World Chess Champion Veselin Topalov was the first among all European chess players who had the opportunity to personally verify the excellent riding qualities of the mascot of the European chess.



The event was attended by the Mayor of Bankya Mr. Rangel Markov, the Ambassador of Croatia in Bulgaria, Her Excellency Danijela Barišić, the famous Bulgarian footballer Hristo Yovov and many politicians, popular public figures and athletes. The time control of the match was 25 minutes for the entire game + 10 seconds increment per move, starting from move one.



The event was attended by many distinguished guests like GMs Mladen Palac, Robert Zelcic, Krunoslav Hulak, Ante Brkic, Hrvoje Stevic and others. The Bulgarian team was led by the world class GM Kiril Georgiev and the Former Women Chess Champion Antoaneta Stefanova. In the Bulgarian team, there were also Margarita Vojska, Iva Videnova, Adriana Nikolova, Boris Chatalbashev, Dejan Bozhkov, the World Vice-champion'2011 for girls U-10 Victoria Radeva and others.

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EREVAN: PRESIDENT SARGSYAN AWARDED GAGUIK OGANESSIAN



By the decree of President of the Republic of Armenia Serzh Sargsyan, Gaguik Oganessian - General Secretary of Armenian Chess Federation, Editor-in-Chief of Chess in Armenia Magazine, Author of 45 chess books, was awarded the title of Honored Journalist of the Republic of Armenia.

At the ceremony held at President Palace His Excellency Serzh Sargsyan granted the certification and medal of the honorary title to Gaguik Oganessian.



GM BAADUR JOBAVA WON THE 71ST GEORGIAN MEN'S CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



GM Baadur Jobava won the 71st Georgian Men's Chess Championship with final result of 10 points from possible 11. Second finished GM Merab Gagunashvili with 7.5 points, the bronze medal is for IM Davit Zarkua with the same result after a tie-break. Davit Zarkua was Georgian champion in 2011.

The 71st Georgian Men's Chess Championship was held on May 12-24, 2012 in Tbilisi, Georgia.

Chief-Arbiter of the tournament was IA Evgeni Melikset-Begi. Time control was 90 minutes for 40 moves+30 minutes for the rest of the game+30 seconds increment per move, starting from move one.

The total prize fund of the tournament was around 7.100 EURO.

The trophy to the winner was given by the former world chess champion Garry Kasparov, who attended the official awarding ceremony.

Final Ranking

Rk.	Name	Rtg.	Pts.
1	Baadur Jobava	2721	10
2	Merab Gagunashvili	2570	7.5
3	Davit Zarkua	2446	7.5
4	Luka Paichadze	2480	7.5
5	Konstantine Shanava	2589	6.5
6	Irakli Beradze	2298	6
7	Davit Lomsadze	2345	5.5
8	Davit Arutinian	2561	4.5
9	Giga Quparadze	2471	4
10	Zurab Javakhadze	2418	4
11	Levan Pantsulaia	2581	1.5
12	Iveri Chighladze	2390	1.5

Official website: www.gcf.org.ge



GM THROSTUR THORHALLSSON EMERGES FROM ARMAGEDDON AS ICELAND'S NEW CHESS CHAMPION



GM Throstur Thorhallsson

GM Throstur Thorhallsson was crowned as the Icelandic Champion in chess after beating IM Bragi Thorfinnsson in an extraordinarily close and exciting match. Thorhallsson and Thorfinnsson were joint winners of the Icelandic Chess Championship, which was held in April this year, the strongest Icelandic Championship so far during this century.

They first played a four-game match, which ended 2-2 (one victory each and two draws) last Monday.

The playoff was held on May 25-28, 2012. Chief-Arbitrer was IA Gunnar Bjornsson.

Thorhallsson and Thorfinnsson first played two active games (25+10), which both ended with a draw. They then played two more games with less time (10+10), where Thorhallsson won the first game, but Thorfinnsson the second, curiously both with the black pieces. They then played two blitz games (5+3), where Thorfinnsson won the first one, but Thorhallsson the second, thus equalizing the match. Finally, in an Armageddon game Thorhallsson, with the black pieces (and therefore less time as well) actually won the game (although only needing a draw) and therefore the match 6-5.

The 2011 Icelandic Chess Championship was the most memorable in a long time. Both players received a big round of applause from the enthusiastic audience, even before the Armageddon game. Analysts universally praised their play, despite the demanding time limits.



Although Thorhallsson has been a fixture of Icelandic chess life for almost 30 years, this is in fact the first time he has captured the national champion title. He first took part in the event in 1985. As a result of his victory, this will automatically qualify him as a member of the Icelandic Chess Olympiad team in Istanbul this autumn and as Iceland's representative at the European Individual Champion chess event in Poland in April next year.

Official website: www.skaksamband.is



THE TEAM OF LAW ACADEMY (KHARKIV) WON THE UKRAINIAN CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP'2012



The team of Law Academy (Kharkiv) won the Ukrainian Club Team Championship' 2012 with final result of (18) 46 points. Second finished MMM (Simferopol) - 14 (43), third is Chess Club (Nikolaev) - 14 (38).

The tournament was held on May 17-25,2012 in Alushta, Ukraine. Chief-Arbiter of the tournament, organized by the Ukrainian Chess Federation, was IA Oleg Tovchyga. Ten teams competed for the title.

The Championship was played in nine rounds with time control 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 minutes for the rest of the game + 30 seconds increment per move, starting from move one.



The team composition of the winners was: GMs Alexander Moiseenko (UKR), Igor Kovalenko (UKR), Michail Brodsky (UKR), Alexander Kovchan (UKR), Nazar Firman (UKR), Vladimir Onischuk (UKR), Gennady Matjushin (UKR), Georgy Arzumanian (ARM) and IM Nikolai Biriukov (UKR).

Final Ranking

Rk.	Team	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	Law Academy /Kharkiv/	18	46	0
2	MMM /Simferopol/	14	43	0
3	Chess Club /Nikolaev/	14	38	0
4	ShtrafBat /Lugansk/	12	33	0
5	OLIMP /Lubny/	10	28	0
6	Chess Scool /Crimea/	7	19	0
7	With no mercy /Chernigiv/	6	23	0
8	Chess Scool /Donetsk/	6	19	0
9	Chess Club /Simferopol/	3	18	0
10	Crimea stars Crimea/	0	5	0

Official website: <http://ukrchess.org.ua>



PETAR ARNAUDOV WON THE BULGARIAN SENIORS' CHAMPIONSHIP'2012



Petar Aranudov won the Bulgarian Seniors' Chess Championship'2012 with final result of 7.5 points. The silver medal was for IM Petar Orev, who finished with 7 points, the bronze - for Georgi Popov with the same result.

The Championship, organized by the Bulgarian Chess Federation, was held on May 19-24, 2012 in Sofia, Bulgaria. Chief-Arbitrer of the tournament was IA Radislav Atanasov.

Twenty eight chess players competed for the title.

Final Ranking - first 10 positions

Rk.		Name	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1		ARNAUDOV Petar	7.5	39	49	6
2	IM	OREV Petar	7	38	50	6
3		POPOV Georgi	7	34	42	6
4	FM	VACHEV Vladimir	6.5	38	49	5
5		GANDEV Petar	5.5	35	46	5
6		ANDREEV Dobrotich	5.5	34	44	5
7		NIKOLOV Savko	5.5	30	41	5
8		ANEV Asen	5	36	47	4
9		DANCHEV Vladimir	5	32	41	3
10		KOSTOV Nikolay	5	31	40	3

Official website: www.chessbg.com



THE TEAM OF ACR VALE DE CAMBRA WON THE FINAL OF THE 34TH EDITION OF THE CUP OF PORTUGAL 2011/2012



The team of ACR Vale de Cambra won the final of the 34th edition of the Cup of Portugal 2011/2012 defeating the ADRC Mata de Benfica with 4:0.

The semi-finals and the finals was held on May 26-27, 2012 in Vale de Cambra, Portugal.



The team composition of the winners was: GM Strikovic Aleksa (SRB), Sarro Carlos Damien Lemos (ARG), GM Galego Luis Miguel Araújo Bri (POR), IM Fernando Diogo Brigido (POR), IM Vassalo Barroche Maurício Flá (ESP), IM Santos Carlos Manuel Ferreira (PRO), FM Ribeiro Fernando Alberto Roch (POR), FM Guimarães Jorge Manuel Noguei (POR), Felizes Paulo Alberto Barbosa (POR), Ferreira Alberto Paulo de Mel (POR), Ferreira Ana Margarida Gonçal (POR), Curado António José Cunha (POR), Carvalho Vitor Hugo de Pina S (POR), NM Silva Pedro Ventura Alves da (POR), Curado António José Soares (POR) and Nogueira José Manuel Ribeiro (POR).

Final-results

1	ACR VALE CAMBRA/OSCACER	4:0	ADRC MATA DE BENFICA
1	STRIKOVIC, ALEKSA	1:0	ANDRADE, JOSÉ MANUEL VIEIRA
2	GALEGO, LUIS MIGUEL ARAÚJO BRI	1:0	LEITE, CATARINA DOS ANJOS DE A
3	FERNANDO, DIOGO BRIGIDO	1:0	VALDES HERNANDEZ, MARITZA
4	VASSALLO BARROCHE, MAURÍCIO FL	1:0	GUERREIRO, NUNO RICARDO DE JES



Semi-finals-results

1	CLUBE DOS GALITOS	1.5:2.5	ADRC MATA DE BENFICA
2	ACR VALE CAMBRA/OSCACER	3.5:0.5	PROFIGAIA/ ESCOLA PROFISS

Official website: <http://taca.fpx.pt>



AUSTRIAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR BOYS AND GIRLS - U 12, 14



The Austrian Youth Chess Championship for Boys and Girls - U 12, 14 was held on May 26-29, 2012 in Tschagguns, Schulsportzentrum, Austria.

Chief-Arbitrer of the tournament was IS Albert Baumberger.

Final Rankings - after 7 rounds- first 3 positions

Boys - U 14

Rk.	Name	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	Huber Martin Chr.	6	30	22	25
2	Kiss Balint	4.5	30	20	18
3	Dodu Iulian Laur.	4.5	28	20	17.3

Girls - U 14

Rk.	Name	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	Wu Min	6.5	28	19	26.3
2	Stallinger Vanessa	6	25	18	18.5
3	Trippold Denise	4.5	30	20	15.8

Boys - U 12

Rk.	Name	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	Mesaros Florian	5.5	31	22	24
2	Uksini Bardhyl	5.5	29	20	20.8
3	Nussbaumer Patrick	5	26	19	16.3

Girls - U 12

Rk.	Name	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	Schloffer Jasmin	6	30	21	24.5
2	Mayrhuber Nikola	5.5	29	20	20.8
3	Lymysalo Venla	5	30	21	19.5



Official website: www.jugendschach.at



ESTONIAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR BOYS AND GIRLS - U 10



The Estonian Youth Chess Championship for Boys and Girls - U 10 was held on May 25-27, 2012 in Tallinn, Estonia.

Chief-Arbitrer of the championship was Sten Kasela. Thirty one boys and seventeen girls took part in the tournament.

Final Rankings-after 7 Rounds - first 5 positions

Boys

Rk.	Name	Rtg	Pts.	TB1
1	Chukavin Kirill	1772	7	28
2	Vaino Nikita	1414	5.5	26
3	Timoshin Andrei	1550	5	29
4	Mjastsov Andrei	1283	5	27
5	Pedoston Georg	1297	5	24

Girls

Rk.	Name	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	Olde Grete	6	1	26	23
2	Tkachenko Jekaterina	6	0	27	24
3	Korotkova Anna	4.5	0	27	25
4	Kerem K�arolin	4.5	0	27	24
5	Kononova Maria	4.5	0	25	22

Official website: www.maleliit.ee

UKRAINE WON AGAINST POLAND IN THE 4TH EUROPEAN CHESS FESTIVAL - LUBLIN'2012



The team of Ukraine defeated the team of Poland in the 4th European Chess Festival - Lublin 2012 with final result of 14,5:10,5 in the classical tournament, 13,5:11,5 in the rapid section, 5,5:4,5 in the blitz match.

The 4th International Grandmaster's Tournament - The Lublin Union Memorial took place in Lublin, Poland

from 24th to 29th of May, 2012. The place of chess struggles was the traditional Crown Tribunal building in the center of Lublin's Old Town. Ten grandmasters participated in the event - Polish and Ukrainian Olympic Teams.



The tournament was played as a match between Polish and Ukrainian teams according to the Scheveningen system.

Match was held in the formula of classical, rapid and blitz chess. The team compositions was as follows:

- Poland: GMs Mateusz Bartel (2677), Bartosz Socko (2635), Kamil Miton (2622), Bartłomiej Macieja (2614) and Dariusz Swiercz (2585). **They played vs.**
- Ukraine: GMs Zahar Efimenko (2689), Anton Korobov (2678), Yuriy Kryvoruchko (2676), Sergei Fedorchuk (2634) and Yaroslav Zhrebukh (2632)

Final Ranking after 5 rounds- classic

Rk.		Name	Rtg	FED	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	GM	Fedorchuk Sergey A	2634	UKR	4	11	6	8.8
2	GM	Swiercz Dariusz	2585	POL	3	15	8.5	7.5
3	GM	Efimenko Zahar	2689	UKR	3	11	6	7.3
4	GM	Korobov Anton	2678	UKR	3	11	6	5
5	GM	Macieja Bartłomiej	2614	POL	2.5	15	8.5	6.3
6	GM	Kryvoruchko Yuriy	2676	UKR	2.5	11	6	4.5
7	GM	Miton Kamil	2622	POL	2	15	8.5	5.8
8	GM	Zhrebukh Yaroslav	2632	UKR	2	11	6	3.3
9	GM	Bartel Mateusz	2677	POL	1.5	15	8.5	5
10	GM	Socko Bartosz	2635	POL	1.5	15	8.5	3.8

Final Ranking after 5 Rounds - rapid

Rk.		Name	Rtg	FED	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	GM	Korobov Anton	2678	UKR	4.5	12	6.5	11
2	GM	Swiercz Dariusz	2585	POL	3	14	7.5	6.5
3	GM	Miton Kamil	2622	POL	2.5	14	7.5	5.3
4	GM	Kryvoruchko Yuriy	2676	UKR	2.5	12	6.5	5.8
5	GM	Efimenko Zahar	2689	UKR	2.5	12	6.5	5.5
6	GM	Zherebukh Yaroslav	2632	UKR	2.5	12	6.5	5.5
7	GM	Socko Bartosz	2635	POL	2	14	7.5	5.5
8	GM	Bartel Mateusz	2677	POL	2	14	7.5	4.5
9	GM	Macieja Bartlomiej	2614	POL	2	14	7.5	4.5
10	GM	Fedorchuk Sergey A	2634	UKR	1.5	12	6.5	3



The time control was: 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 min. for the rest of the game+ 30 seconds increment per move, starting from move one. The total prize fund of the tournament was 6000 EURO.

The tournament was held under the patronage of Mrs. Joanna Mucha - Sports and Tourism Minister and Mr. Krzysztof ZUK - Mayor of Lublin City.

Official website: www.festiwal2012.szachy.lublin.pl

