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GM KIRIL GEORGIEV IS THE NEW BULGARIAN CHESS CHAMPION



GM Kiril Georgiev won the 77th Bulgarian National Chess Championship with the final result of 8 points out of maximum 11. IM Ivajlo Enchev was second on a point distance from the winner. The bronze was captured by GM Momchil Nikolov, who scored 6.5 points.

The 77th Bulgarian National Chess Championship was held from 16-25 April, 2013 in Bankya, Bulgaria.

Chief Arbiter of the tournament, organized by the Bulgarian Chess Federation, was Rumen Angelov - IA.

Final Ranking after 11 Rounds - first 5 positions

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	GM	Georgiev Kiril	2657	8	0	5	41.3
2	IM	Enchev Ivajlo	2451	7	0	5	35
3	GM	Nikolov Momchil	2527	6.5	0.5	3	35.5
4	GM	Spasov Vasil	2566	6.5	0.5	2	34.8
5	IM	Arnaudov Petar	2489	6	0.5	4	27.3



In the women section the winner was GM Iva Videnova with 6.5 points out of maximum 9. WIM Elitsa Raeva was second with 6 points, while Simoneta Ivanova finished third with 5.5 points.

The 62nd Bulgarian National Chess Championship for Women was held from 17-25 April, 2013 at the same venue. Chief Arbiter was IA Nikolay Yordanov.

Final Ranking after 9 rounds - first 5 positions

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	WGM	Videnova Iva	2329	6.5	0	5	27.5
2	WIM	Raeva Elitsa	2269	6	0	5	24.8
3		Ivanova Simoneta	1964	5.5	0	5	23
4		Vasova Maria	1856	5	1	3	20.8
5		Krumova Ani	2022	5	0	5	17

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THRILLING ENDING OF THE POLISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Report written by WGM Beata Kadziolka

Polish Chess Championship took place from 13-21 April in Chorzow and was dominated by the Socko family. Bartosz won the open tournament, while Monika prevailed in the women's event, however not without the thrill.



Monika and Bartosz Socko - both showed nerves of steel and claimed national champions, they already celebrated the "double gold" in 2008

In the middle of the tournaments many believed that the reigning champions - Bartel and Rajlich would defend their titles. Bartel was playing safely and never ran into serious troubles, at least until the 8th round when he lost to Bartosz Soćko, who went into the share lead with Gajewski with 6 points each. The 3rd place was shared by Bartel and Dragun with 5,5 points.

Everybody was expecting an exciting battle between the two leaders in the last round, but they both preferred a non-risk game and drew in an unspectacular way. In the same time Bartel, not without troubles, drew with Miton, while Dragun easily drew with Swiercz. The results meant a tie-break for the title between Socko and Gajewski, and a bronze medal for Mateusz Bartel. In the tie-break Gajewski went for an exchange sacrifice and had to defend a worse position.

Eventually he got a drawish endgame B vs R, where he finally blundered the bishop, game and the title, which went to Bartosz Socko, for the second time in his career.



Mateusz Bartel - this time "only" bronze



Grzegorz Gajewski - the best theoretician in Poland gained his first medal in the national championship

The 2nd place of Grzegorz Gajewski is not a big surprise. He made a huge progress in the last years and was recently showing only good or very good results. He complicated his chances for the final victory already in the 1st round, when he lost to the 15-old-year Jan-Krzysztof Duda. Mateusz Bartel didn't manage to defend the title, however this bronze medal is one of his best results recently. A fantastic tournament was played by the 17-year-old Kamil Dragun, former world youth champion. He finished 4th and won a lot of interesting games. His playing style may be compared with the Tal's - his games were thrilling and full of sacrifices. One may say that they were also not free from mistakes, but at the same time they were so wild and complicated that it was his opponents who were making more mistakes.



Karina Szczepkowska-Horowska - played a solid tournament and won a bronze



Jolanta Zawadzka - deserved silver

In the women's event it was Iweta Rajlich who was trying to defend the title and claim the national champion for the 8th time in her career. The only problem was that she was not playing well, in fact she had a lot of luck and was collecting points in miserable or drawish positions. Anyway she was leading or sharing the lead almost throughout the whole tournament, but lost in the penultimate round to Monika Socko, who with that victory celebrated her second win in the tournament (6 draws and 2 wins). Very close to the sole lead before the last round was Jolanta Zawadzka, who technically outplayed Karina Szczepkowska-Horowska in an equal endgame, but was unable to transform it into a full point.

The most exciting games in the 1st round were expected to be between K. Szczepkowska-Horowska and J. Majdan-Gajewska and J. Zawadzka vs M. Przedziecka. Many fans hoped for a 7-persons tie-break, which was theoretically possible, but actually everyone expected Iweta to outplay Agnieszka Matras-Clement easily. Sometimes (and in sport quite often) the reality differs from the expectations and in fact Iweta never had real chances for a victory and finally drew. Zawadzka played a very miserable game against Marta Przedziecka, where she could resign with a clear conscience, but the fortune came back to Jola (who played without any luck the whole event and drew a lot of winning positions), Marta blundered a rook and the game ended with a draw. Karina Szczepkowska-Horowska easily outplayed Joanna Majdan-Gajewska after the opening, but then played poorly and the position equalized. Fortunately for Karina, her opponent blundered the bishop. The best game of her tournament played in the last round Monika Socko who simply smashed Anna Iwanow. Joanna Worek got a bye from Anna Gasik, who withdrew from the tournament after the 6th round, what precluded Asia from gaining her final WGM-norm.

The tie-break in the women's event was a double round robin with 4 players: M. Soćko, I. Rajlich, J. Zawadzka and K. Szczepkowska-Horowska. As everybody expected the games were exciting, thrilling and full of blunders as all players were already extremely tired. Finally Socko, Zawadzka and Szczepkowska-Horowska shared the 1st place with 3,5 points out of 6 games and finished the tournament in the above order on the basis of Berger tie-break from the main tournament. Monika Socko won the 5th title in her career. Just to mention Monika and Bartosz celebrated double gold in the Polish championships for the second time in their careers.

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GM IGOR KOVALENKO WINS THE LATVIAN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2013



GM Igor Kovalenko won the Latvian Chess Championship 2013 with the final result of 7 points out of maximum 9. GM Arturs Neikšans finished second with 6.5 points and better tie-break than

the third in the final ranking – NM Kristaps Kretainis.

The Latvian Chess Championship was held from 13-20 April, 2013 in Riga. Chief Arbiter of the tournament, organized by the Latvian Chess Federation, was IA

Cimins Alberts.

Final Ranking after 9 Rounds - first 5 positions

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	GM	Kovalenko Igor	2596	7	39	50	2575
2	GM	Neiksans Arturs	2539	6.5	38	48	2518
3	NM	Kretainis Kristaps	2228	6.5	32	41	2511
4	FM	Meskovs Nikita	2328	6	37	47	2434
5	NM	Putka Verners	2321	6	33	40	2309

In the women section the winner was WGM Laura Rogule, who finished with 7 points out of maximum 9 and better tie-break than the second and the third in the final ranking WIM Katrina Skinke and WGM Ilze Berzina.

Final Ranking after 9 rounds - first 5 positions

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	WGM	Rogule Laura	2306	7	37	49	2147
2	WIM	Skinke Katrina	2207	7	37	49	2130
3	WGM	Berzina Ilze	2292	7	37	48	2110
4	I	Golubeva Marija	1787	5.5	39	48	2037
5	I	Djogteva Jekaterina	1789	5.5	28	37	1791

Official website: www.sahafederacija.lv



FORTHCOMING TOURNAMENTS

11TH EUROPEAN UNION YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 8 - 14 under the patronage of the European Chess Union

11th EUROPEAN UNION YOUTH
CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 8 - 14

Malenovice, August 27 th - September 5th, 2013

Malenovice, Czech Republic
August 27th - September 5th, 2013

General Regulations



1. Invitation

The Czech Chess Federation has the honor of inviting your Chess Federation to participate in the European Union Youth Chess Championship 2013 in Malenovice.

2. Participation

Each Federation can register one player, boy or girl, in each of the categories - under 8, 10, 12 and 14 years old by January 1st, 2013. Boys and girls will play in the same tournament, but with two separate scores. So, we will have two European Union Youth Champions, one for the girls and one for the boys. Additional (extra) players can also be registered.

All participants including parents, coaches, observers and relatives are obliged to stay in official hotels. Access to playing areas, venues and the hotels will be allowed only to people accredited by the

organizer.

3. Registration - Conditions of participation

Entry forms must be sent back no later than June 30th, 2013 by email. Registration must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE or National rating of each player. We also need the telephone, email/fax number of the delegation chief and of the person in charge of the federation. Please use the registration form enclosed. All travel expenses must be paid by the participants or their National Federation. Each player (invited or extra) has to pay the amount of Euros 70,- to the Organizing Committee in advance.

4. Accommodation and meals

All participants will be accommodated in a *** Hotel Petr Bezruč in Malenovice. Accommodation is provided for all participants from Tuesday, the 27th August (dinner) to Thursday 5th September (lunch). The organizer shall ensure the accommodation for nominated players and coach in double and triple rooms for free. Accommodation costs for additional (extra) players and accompanying persons for full board per day will be as follows: in double and triple room: EUR 44 per person, in a single room: EUR 52 per person. Payments for all other players and accompanying persons must be made in advance by proforma invoice.

5. Transfer from airport/railway station

The international airport Ostrava - Mosnov is located 35 km from the hotel. The organizer will provide transfer by bus for price up to 10 EUR. The train station in Frydek-Mistek is located 20 km from the hotel. The organizer will provide transfer by bus for price up to 10 EUR.

6. Payments

Organization fees and accommodation must be paid to the account of the organizer till 30th June.

Bank: Česká spořitelna, a.s., Komenského 240, CZ - 582 91 Světlá nad Sázavou

Account number: 1474243359/0300

Holder: Šachový klub Světlá nad Sázavou o.s., Pěšinky 1125, CZ - 582 91 Světlá nad Sázavou

IBAN: CZ71 0800 0000 0014 7424 3359

BIC: GIBACZPX

7. Tournament hall and meeting point on arrival

Cultural Hall Hotel Petr Bezruč Malenovice. Malenovice is located 40 km from Ostrava. Hotel Petr Bezruč *** is located in a quiet mountain valley at an altitude of 620 m in the Beskydy Mountains, directly below the highest peak called Lysa hora. The hotel has a wide choice of sporting and cultural facilities.

8. Schedule

Tuesday 27th August afternoon arrival of delegations

Wednesday 28 th August 14:30 opening ceremony 15:00 1st round

Thursday 29 th August 15:00 2nd round

Friday 30 th August 15:00 3rd round

Saturday 31 st August 15:00 4th round

Sunday 01 st September 15:00 5th round

Monday 02 nd September 15:00 6th round

Tuesday 03 rd September 15:00 7th round

Wednesday 04 th September 15:00 8th round

Thursday 05 th September 08:30 9th round 13:45 closing ceremony, departure

9. Rules and regulations

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 increment for each move played.

10. Chief arbiters

Ing. Petr Zaruba, FIDE Arbiter

11. Organizing Committee

Chairman: Viktor Novotny, Chairman of the Chess Federation of the Czech Republic

Tournament director: Ing. Zdenek Fiala, Chairman of the Youth Commission of the Chess Federation of the Czech Republic

12. Prizes

The first three players from each category will receive championship trophies, medals and diplomas. All players of all categories will receive a 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. At least the first six players of each category will receive prizes. The total value of the prize fund will be at least 6.000 Euro. Girls in each category will be evaluated separately.

13. Miscellaneous

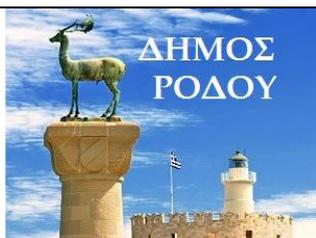
The first 20 boards of each tournament will be broadcast online. On-line transmissions include at least 80 games. Webcast will be screened in the hall of the hotel. Webcast viewers will be able to visit. Free wi-fi access is provided in the hotel rooms of participants. Results will be updated continuously during rounds. The hotel restaurant will be provided throughout the day snacks. The organizer will ensure the rich chess and non-chess entertainment, from which all participants can select (simultaneous exhibition, chess competitions, football tournaments, social evenings, trips, excursions, etc.).

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29TH EUROPEAN CLUB CUP 18TH EUROPEAN CLUB CUP FOR WOMEN

**Rhodes (Greece), 19 - 27 October 2013
GENERAL REGULATIONS**



1. Invitation

This is the official invitation to all European Chess Federations affiliated to FIDE and ECU to participate in the 29th European Club Cup and the 18th European Club Cup for Women. The events will be held in Rhodes, the famous Greek island on the southeast Aegean Sea.

The dates are 19th October (day of arrival) to 27th October 2013 (day of departure).

2. Participation

The valid regulations to be followed for the European Club Cup (open & women) are the "ECU Tournament Rules" approved by the General Assembly of the European Chess Union. Each European federation is allowed to take part in this competition. According to the regulations, participation is open to:

- SOCAR Azerbaijan, the current cup holder in the open competition.
- Cercle d'Echecs de Monte Carlo (Monaco), the current cup holder in the women competition.
- Two (2) clubs per federation in which a national team championship is organized or one (1) club per federation in which no national team championship is organized.
- A third club is allowed to that federation(s) in which a national team championship is organized provided that at least 20 grandmasters and/or players with a FIDE rating over 2600 have participated in this national team championship.
- One additional club (only in open competition) for the European federations which are ranked in the first five places of the federation ranking list. For the competition 2013 the federations are Azerbaijan, Russia, Germany, Czech Republic, Israel.

3. ECU fees

3.1. In accordance with ECU regulations each federation should pay an entry fee of 300 euros per participating club of the open competition and 200 euros per participating club of the women competition.

3.2. According to the ECU regulations (article B.9.5.1), the entry fee to ECU shall be paid by the federations before or at the start of the competition. If the entry fee is not paid by the end of round 2 these teams will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

3.3 The ECU account

Bank: Credit Suisse, Postfach 357, CH - 6301 Zug

Account number: 1835105-42

Holder: European Chess Union

National Bank Code: 4835

BIC: CRESCHZZXXX

IBAN Code: CH3604835183510542000

4. Application, Registration

4.1. Every federation that intends to participate, with one or more clubs, must inform the Organizing Committee before 30 June 2013 of its acceptance of the invitation, specifying also the exact number of the clubs participating. A copy should be sent to Tournament Director Dirk De Ridder, e-mail: ECU_DirkDeRidder@skynet.be

4.2. Afterwards, entry forms must be completed and returned to the Tournament office email eccc2013rodos@gmail.com no later than 19 August 2013, by fax or mail stamped by the Federation, also by official email. The date of 19 August 2013 is the registration deadline. In entry form basic team composition must be written.

4.3. The complete registration form must include surname/s, first name/s, ID number, FIDE rating and title, and passport number of each player. It must also include the name and telephone / e-mail / fax number of the Chief of Delegation and of the person in charge of the Club.

4.4. Copies of the registration forms should at the same time be sent to Tournament Director Dirk De Ridder, e-mail: ECU_DirkDeRidder@skynet.be

4.5. All entry forms have to be put forward by the respective federation: entries not supported by the federation will not be accepted.

4.6. A registration fee of 55 euros for each participant and accompanying person will be charged which includes accreditation, badges and transfer from Rhodes airport, port to the 5-star Rodos Palace, the official hotel & venue. Teams will not be paired until all their registration details and payments have been fulfilled.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THE OPEN AND WOMEN COMPETITION

In order to avoid the problem of last-minute team changes that are not in accordance with the ECU Club Cup Tournament Rules each federation has to send a copy of the club list(s) as entered for the respective national team competition to the Tournament Director.

5. Travel details

5.1. Transfer from Rhodes airport to the official hotel & venue, the 5-star Rodos Palace (15 km) will be available by the Organizing Committee.

5.2. These transport services will be available on 19 October (arrival) and on 27 October (departure). If the Organizing Committee is able, it will accept special requests from clubs regarding transfer dates.

5.3. The organizer can offer special discount fares for air tickets throughout Europe. Such requests for air ticket offers can be forwarded to the tournament office email eccc2013rodos@gmail.com

6. Lodging and meals

6.1 Accommodation and meals for all players and accompanying persons will be offered by the organizer with the following special prices per day and per person at the official hotel & venue, the 5-star Rodos Palace:

- a) in double room: 53 euros, VAT and full board included (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- b) in single room: 78 euros, VAT and full board included (breakfast, lunch, dinner).

6.2 If a participating club does not wish to use the above accommodation offer of the Organizing Committee for the official hotel, an additional payment of 100 euros per person who requires accreditation must be included with the registration (ECU bidding procedure 2011).

7. Payments

7.1 By the deadline of registration (no later than 19 August 2013), the registration fee of 55 euros per person plus a non-refundable deposit of 30% for all costs of each club should be transferred to the following bank account to confirm registrations and bookings:

Bank: Piraeus Bank

Bank Swift Code (BIC): PIRBGRAA

Account holder name: Koutlougiannis At Holidays Ltd
Account number (IBAN): GR2701720230005023055028191
Bank address: 4 Amerikis Str., 10564 Athens – GREECE

7.2. The foreign bank commissions must be paid by the sender. If not, the respective amount will be charged and should be paid in full before the end of the second round.

8. Trophies and Prize Fund

8.1 The first 3 teams will receive trophies. Each team member of the winning club (players, reserves and captain) will receive a gold medal. The team members of the 2nd and 3rd placed clubs will each receive a silver and bronze medal respectively.

8.2 For the best placed clubs and for the individual results for the best board result in the open competition, prizes to the value of 30.000 euros will be provided. For the best placed clubs and for the individual results for the best board result in the women competition, prizes to the value of 20.000 euros will be provided. In addition, an individual prize of 1.000 euros will be given to the player with the best performance from a “small nations” club.

8.3 The total prizes value of 51.000 euros will be distributed as follows:

8.3.1. CLUB PRIZES

CLUB CUP (24.000 euros) WOMEN (16.000 euros)

1st club 9.600 euros 8.000 euros

2nd club 4.800 euros 4.000 euros

3rd club 3.600 euros 2.400 euros

4th club 2.400 euros 1.600 euros

5th club 2.400 euros

6th club 1.200 euros

8.3.2. INDIVIDUAL PRIZES (the best board results)

CLUB CUP (6.000 euros) WOMEN (4.000 euros)

1st place per board 500 euros 500 euros

2nd place per board 300 euros 300 euros

3rd place per board 200 euros 200 euros

8.3.2.1 An extra prize of 1.000 euros will be given to the player with the best performance from a “small nations” club.

8.3.3. Standings for the best board results will be calculated according ECU Tournament rules.

9. Tournament Hall

The event will be held in the Congress Center of the 5-star Rodos Palace Hotel.

10. Schedule

Saturday 19 October Arrivals

Saturday 19 October 21.00 Opening ceremony

Saturday 19 October 22.00 Captain's meeting

Sunday 20 October 15.00 1st Round
Monday 21 October 15.00 2nd Round
Tuesday 22 October 15.00 3rd Round
Wednesday 23 October 15.00 4th Round
Thursday 24 October 15.00 5th Round
Friday 25 October 15.00 6th Round
Saturday 26 October 15.00 7th Round
Saturday 26 October 22.00 Closing Ceremony
Sunday 27 October Departures

Teams who are not represented at the technical meeting will not be paired according to the decision of the ECU Board.

The Closing Ceremony will take place in the Medieval Castle of Rhodes, a unique offer by the Municipality of Rhodes. Transfer by bus with return will be provided from the official hotel Rodos Palace. For organizational and security reasons, entrance will be allowed only to accredited persons.

11. Basic competition rules

11.1 The championships will be held in 7 rounds, played in the Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules.

11.2 According to FIDE and ECU rules, the time control 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.

11.3. Players may only agree to a draw after the 40th move has been made by black. Players violating this rule will be forfeited. If a player is offered a draw before the 40th move has been made by black, he should call an arbiter. His opponent shall be punished for distracting, according to the FIDE Laws of Chess.

12. Additional competition rules

12.1 Any player who arrives at the chessboard after the start of the round shall lose the game (zero tolerance FIDE rule).

12.2 Analyzing is not allowed in the playing hall.

12.3 During the game the players are not allowed to go to the analyzing room or to the press room.

12.4. Flash photography may be used only in the first ten minutes of the playing session.

12.5. Only the players and arbiters shall be allowed in the actual playing area, except with the express permission of the Chief Arbiter.

12.6. Players are not allowed to enter the closed area of the top boards if they don't play there themselves.

12.7. As long as the game is in progress a player may talk only to an arbiter or with his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

12.8 Regarding foreigners, ECU Tournament Regulations F1.2 will be followed strictly.

12.8.1 The teams shall be composed of six players all of whom must be members of the club and were entitled to play for the club in the national team championship of the federation which was organized within one year before the start of the current European Club Cup. However, players who are foreigners to the federation in which the national team championship is organized, must have played at least two games in this championship. Foreigners are defined as those which are either belonging to another federation in the FIDE Rating List valid at the start of the national team championship or have a permanent residence outside the federation in which this national team championship is organized.

12.8.2 If a participating club wants to include a player who does not fulfill the requirements of article 1.2 the club has to pay an amount of 2500 Euro (1000 Euro for the women event) to ECU. These players have to be announced to the Tournament Director before the deadline for nomination of teams and the extra fee has to be paid to ECU before start of the competition. In the open competition no more than two players, in the women's competition no more than one female player, may be replaced.

12.8.3 Players, who are considered as foreigners according to F.1.2, and who have been playing at least three times for the same club in previous European Club Cup competitions are exempted from the obligation to play at least two games in the championship of the federation for this club.

12.9 Attention is drawn to the fact that this competition is offering the possibility to achieve GM- or IM-norms based on 7 games.

12.10 No teams of federations which have financial arrears with respect to the European Chess Union will be allowed to enter the competition.

12.11 The ECU Rule related to dress code – Chapter B Article 13 - will be applied at this competition.

12.12. We assume that all the players have read the Tournament Regulations and are obliged to obey them.

12.13. The English text of these Tournament Regulations is the authentic version.

13. Tournament Director, Arbiters and Appeals Committee

The Tournament Director of the European Club Cup 2013 is IO Nikos Kalesis. The Chairman of Appeals Committee and the Chief Arbiter of the competition will be announced no later than 1 September 2013. Four members of the Appeals Committee will be elected in the captains meeting.

14. Entry visa to Greece

Teams or players needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee before 19 August 2013 and apply on time to the respective Greek embassy. The Organizing Committee will provide invitation and required confirmation of booking in the official hotel after the necessary payments. The Organizing Committee has no responsibility for late or not complete applications.

15. Contact / Information

The official website of the European Club Cup 2013 is <http://www.rhodes2013.org>

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