

INFORMATION

CHESS TOURNAMENT MAGISTRAL CIUTAT DE BARCELONA - CASINO DE BARCELONA 2011

On Wednesday, October 12th at 15.45 the Chess Tournament Magistral Casino de Barcelona 2011 will take start. This year the Tournament is organized by the Catalanian Chess Federation and sponsored by the Casino of Barcelona (Group Peralada), Barcelona City Hall and the Autonomous Government of Catalonia. The Venue of the Tournament is the Casino of Barcelona (Marina Avenue, 19-21), the dates are from October 12th to 20th, 2011, and the games will start at 16.00.

The following ten internationally recognized Grandmasters will participate in this Round Robin Tournament:

- 1 GM OMS PALLISSE JOSEP 2493 ESP**
- 2 GM DE LA RIVA AGUADO OSCAR 2541 AND**
- 3 GM SMIRIN ILIA 2678 ISR**
- 4 GM SEIRAWAN YASSER 2652 USA**
- 5 GM SPRAGGETT KEVIN 2576 CAN**
- 6 GM ALSINA LEAL DANIEL 2529 ESP**
- 7 GM ITURRIZAGA EDUARDO 2640 VEN**
- 8 GM SALGADO LOPEZ IVAN 2614 ESP**
- 9 GM PERALTA FERNANDO 2602 ARG**
- 10 GM NARCISO DUBLAN MARC 2519 ESP**

GM Josep Oms Pallise, born in 1973
ELO 2493
SPAIN

Lleida Junior Champion 1992, 1993
Spanish Junior champion 1993
Winner of the Open International Foment 1996
Winner of the Open International Sevilla 2000
Andorran Champion in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006
Andorran Olympic Team Player in 2004 and 2006
Individual Gold Winner (2nd board) at Torino Olympiad 2006
Best Catalan at the Summer Catalan Chess Circuit 2010

GM Óscar De La Riva, born in 1972
ELO 2541
ANDORRA

Introduced into chess at the age of 8 in Foment Martinenc Chess Club.
Catalonian Children's Champion in 1985.

Champion of Spain U16, in 1986, 1987 and 1988.
5th at the World Youth Championships U16, Timisoara 1988
Spanish Juniors' Champion, 1992.
Champion of Catalonia 1990 and 1992.
Champion of Spain, 2003
3rd at the Iberoamerican Championships, 2006
1st Board of the Andorran National Team at Olympics 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008 y
2010.

IM in 1994
GM in 2004
FIDE Trainer
Andorran Chess Federation Teacher from 1999 up to date

Publications

La Holandesa Leningrado. Editorial Teoría, 2001.
... i Mat! 1. Esfera Editorial, 2008.

GM Ilia Smirin, born in 1968 **ELO 2678** **ISRAEL**

Winner of the New York Open 2000, Dos Hermanas 2001, Las Palmas 1993, Vienna
Open 1996, Los Angeles Open 2000, Tel Aviv 1999, Biel 2002, etc
Reached his best ELO in July 2001 (2702 points), making him one of the few players
who have passed 2700.

Participated in the **Russia vs. Rest of the World** match (**Rest of the World** team won 52:
48) in 2002.

Won match in rapid chess against 4 computer programs (Deep Sredder, Junior, Hiarcs
and Gambit Tiger) 5:3 in 2002.

“Interesting happenings? Most interesting are ahead.” – says.

GM Yasser Seirawan, born in 1960 **ELO 2652** **USA**

Seirawan was born in Damascus, Syria March 24, 1960 to a Syrian father and British
mother. In 1964 the family moved to Nottingham, England and in 1967 his family
emigrated to Seattle, Washington, United States where they naturalized. In 1972, at the
height of the Bobby Fischer boom he took up chess as a twelve year old and within seven
years became a Grandmaster.

In 1978 and 1979 he won the US Junior Championships and in 1979 won the World Junior Championship in Skien, Norway. In 1979 he became an International master and in January 1980 by winning the Wijk Aan Zee Crown group tournament earned his final Grandmaster norm.

Over his career he won numerous events, becoming the ninth highest rated player in the world, winning four US Championships, competing for ten US Olympiad Teams and twice becoming a FIDE World Championship Candidate.

In 1988 he founded International Chess Enterprises which published the award winning magazine *Inside Chess* for twelve years as well as his first two books, *Five Crowns* and *No Regrets*, both won critical reviews as two of the finest match books ever written. In 1990 he began a series of chess instructional books *Winning Chess* which became one of the most commercially successful series of instructional books ever written. In total, over 400,000 copies of the series of books are in print. He retired from competitive chess in 2003 but continued to write chess articles and books as well as serving as commentator for numerous top events. His latest book *Chess Duels* published in May 2010 sold out of the initial print run within two months.

He was a founding director of the Grandmaster Association (GMA) in 1987 and in 2000 was a founder of the Seattle Chess Foundation which later became known as America's Foundation for Chess (AF4C) which created the award winning *First Move* program teaching chess to 50,000 children in schools around the US annually.

In 2006 he launched *S-Chess* an alternate chess game featuring the pieces introduced by Capablanca in the 1920's based on a 8x8 chessboard.

In 2011 Seirawan returned to competitive chess participating in the US Championship and playing for the US Team in the World Team Championship in Ningbo, China. He earned an individual Silver medal on board four.

Plans to continue playing competitive chess his goal is to get his rating above the 2700 hurdle.

Seirawan lives with his wife, Yvette, in Amsterdam the Netherlands.

He is also one of the most popular **commentators** at **ICC (Internet Chess Club)**.

GM Kevin Spraggett, born in 1954

ELO 2589

CANADA

It was his father who introduced him into this wonderful chess world. Then started playing in tournaments at the age of 15.

Became IM at 20 and GM at 30

Won Canadian Championships 8 times; many important events in America, such as World Open 2 times; New York Internacional; Canadian Open 8 times, etc

2 – time Commonwealth Champion

2 – time International Title Candidate

Nowadays devotes more time to coaching, has trained players like Miles, Shirov, etc.

GM Daniel Alsina Leal, born in 1988

ELO 2529

SPAIN

Daniel got a Degree in Physics at the UB. Currently Studying PhD in Quantum Information at the same University.

Started playing chess at age 7, and entered the UGA chess club at 9.

Coaches: Henry Oliver, Josep Oms, Marc Narciso, Jose Gonzalez, Miguel Illescas, Amador Rodriguez, Jordi Magem (current)

Current ELO: 2529 (01-09-2011) **Maximum ELO:** 2551 (01-01-2010)

Awards:

Champion of Catalonia U12 (2000)

Champion of Catalonia U14 (2002)

Champion of Catalonia U16 (2003 and 2004)

Catalonian Junior's Vice – Champion (2005)

3rd at Catalonian Open Championships (2010 and 2011)

Spanish Vice – Champion U14 (2002)

Champion of Spain U18 (2006)

16th at the World Championships U18 (2005)

Catalonian Club's Champion with la UGA (2003, 2004, 2005 i 2011)

Regional Champion of Spain with Catalonia (2006, 2008, 2009 i 2010)

Four Nations Tournament Champion with Catalonia (2008)

8th at the **Olympiad** in **Khanty-Mansyisk** (2010) with the Spanish Team.

Intl Opens and Robins:

Champion of Open Internacional Vila de Sant Boi (2005)

3rd at Open International París-Ile France (2009)

Champion of the Magistral Ciutat de Barcelona 2009 and GM Title

3rd at Open Internacional de San Sebastián (2010)

GM Eduardo Iturrizaga, born in 1989
ELO 2640
VENEZUELA

Nowadays is Venezuela's best chessplayer of all times
Was National Champion 4 years in a row (2005-2008),
Was the youngest IM ever in Venezuela at the age of 13
Also, the first and only GM in the country, getting the title at 18
Classified twice for the World Cup
Participated at Olympiads, earning Bronze Medal in Turín 2006.
Winner of many International tournaments
Currently playing and mastering in Europe where he has won various strong events,
including the latest Catalan Chess Circuit 2011

GM Iván Salgado, born in 1991
ELO 2614
SPAIN

GM at the age of 16
Spanish Vice - Champion U14 2003, 2005
Champion of Spain U14 2004
Champion of Spain U16 2007
Winner of the Open Internacional Ciudad de San Sebastián 2008
Champion of Spain U18 2008
World Vice - Champion U18 2009
Spanish Olympic Team Player
Qualified for the FIDE World Cup 2011

GM Fernando Peralta, born in 1979
ELO 2602
ARGENTINA

GM since 2004, Fernando was born on December, 16th of 1979 in Lomas de Zamora, a Buenos Aires province, and was taught how to play chess at the age of 7 by his uncle Tito. Started participating in tournaments at 10 at the Atlético Monte Grande Club and did greatly in different age groups, winning national Championships U14, U18 and U20. Also, he represented Argentina at numerous World's and Olympiads for Children; won the Panamerican Junior Championships in 1997.

Champion of 14 International tournaments: (2000 Villa Ballester, 2001 Mendoza and Las Dunas, 2002 Rio Preto, 2003 Castellar del Valles, 2004 Barcelona and Binissalem,

2005 Andorra, 2006 Buenos Aires, 2007 Sabadell, 2009 Neckar and Barbera, 2010 Sabadell, 2011 La Pobla de Lillet).

Champion of Argentina in 2006 and Vice - Champion in 2001 and in 2007.

6th at the Continental Championships and 3rd at the European Rapids in 2007.

Olympic participant in 2002, 2006, 2008 and 2010.

Represented Argentina at the World Cup 2008 and the Mercosur Chess Olympiad 2009.

GM Marc Narciso Dublán, born in 1974
ELO 2519
SPAIN

Marc Narciso became GM in 2003.

In 2006 he represented Spain at Torino Olympiads. The same year he managed to win Open Barberà and Open de Sants. He was also the Winner of the Catalan Circuit in 2006 and 2007.

Was the Catalonia Clubs Champion with his Club "Montcada".

Vice – Champion of OBERT INTERNACIONAL ILLES MEDES 2009

Vice – Champion of CAMPIONAT DE CATALUNYA DE RÀPIDES 2010

Champion of Catalonia 2011

Winner of OPEN INTERNACIONAL ACTIU DE VALLFOGONA DE BALAGUER 2011

Classified as 1st Catalan player of the Summer Catalan Chess Circuit 2011

The Tournament reaches category 14 which makes it the strongest tournament in Catalonia, and one of the strongest in Spain. Also it is included in the ACP Tour, as one of the most important events in the Chess World.

There will be live broadcasting of the tournament offered by the Catalonian Chess Federation website: <http://www.directefcde.org/> and by the Internet Chess Club (ICC).

For more information please visit the Tournament link at FCE website: <http://ciutat-casino.escacs.cat/>

There will be more activities besides the Tournament. Georgian IM/WGM **Ana Matnadze** will offer a Simultaneous Exhibition. The event will be held on Saturday, October 15th, in Sant Andreu (Barcelona) and will start at 10 a.m. Free entry for everyone.

TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

The Catalonia Chess Federation is organising the tournament, which is being sponsored by the Casino de Barcelona (Peralada Group), the Barcelona City Hall and the Autonomous Government of Catalonia.

PLAYING SYSTEM:

Round Robin

PARTICIPANTS:

10 Players

CATEGORY:

XIV

TOURNAMENT VENUE:

Gran Casino of Barcelona (Carrer Marina, 19-21). Capacity around 125 persons. Free entry.

SCHEDULE:

Round every day at 16:00 h, from the 12th to the 20th of October of 2011.

Players more than 20 minutes late for round will automatically lose the game.

TIME CONTROL:

90 minutes + 30 sec increment per move from move one for 40 moves, then 30 minutes + 30 sec increment per move finish (90'/40 + 30') + 30'' increment. Draw offers not allowed until the first time control is finished.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTION:

Director Mr. Jordi Parayre i Soguero

CHIEF ARBITER:

Mr. Manuel Navarro

DEPUTY ARBITER:

Ms. Laura Gallardo

APPEALS COMMITTEE:

Is composed by Mr. Jordi Parayre Soguero (Director), Mr. Antonio López Manzano and Ms. Anna Matnadze (IM).

PR & PRESS MANAGER:

Ms. Anna Matnadze

PRIZE FUND:

1st: 1.500 euros + trophy

2nd: 1.200 euros + trophy

3rd: 900 euros + trophy

4th: 600 euros.

5th: 300 euros.

According to Spanish Tax Law, Organization shall retain 25% of each prize from players not resident in Spain and 15% from players of Spanish Nationality and also from those resident in Spain.

Each participant will have to annotate one of his/her games played in this tournament, which will be published in the next edition of the FCE magazine “El Butlletí d’Escacs”.

TIE-BREAKERS:

The prizes are not divisible. When individual scores are equal, the following order of tie-break systems will be used to designate individual awards:

- a) Sonneborn-Berger
- b) Most Blacks
- c) The greater number of victories
- d) Game result between tied players

OTHER:

The tournament hall will be equipped by screens and it will be possible to view the games.

There will be live broadcasting offered by the Catalonian Chess Federation website where it will be possible to follow the games : <http://www.directefcde.org/>, also ICC will be offering live coverage for the tournament.

Official website for the event: <http://ciutat-casino.escacs.cat/>

Anything that is not foreseen and specified in these Regulations, will be covered by FIDE Regulations.