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1. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

1.1 WCCC Finals

The Final of the 28th WCCC ended on 2/03/2017. The name of the 28th World Champion (GM Leonardo Ljubičić -CRO-) was already known last year. The last two games decided the other medallists: GM Horácio Neto (POR) was the runner-up and GM Petr Boukal (CZE) finished in third place.

The Final of the 29th WCCC, started on 20/06/2015, is steadily progressing, with 92% of the games already finished. 4 players are still fighting for the title: GM A.S. Dronov (RUS), GM L. Ljubičić (CRO), GM T. Mähling (GER) and GM H. Neto (POR).

The Final of the 30th WCCC began on 20/06/2017 with 17 players from 7 countries. The TD is IA Ian M. Pheby (ENG).

1.2 WCCC Candidates' Tournaments

The Sections of the 35th and the 36th WCCC (started in 2015 and 2016) are steadily progressing.

The 2017 Sections (37th WCCC) will start on 20/09/2017.

1.3 WCCC Semifinals

The Sections of the 39th and the 40th WCCC (started in 2015 and 2016) are steadily progressing.

The 2017 Sections (41st WCCC) were started on 20/06/2017 (5 Sections with 85 players); the TD is IA Valery Igorevich Myakutin (RUS).

1.4 WCCC Preliminaries

The Sections of the 39th and the 40th WCCC (started in 2015 and 2016) are steadily progressing.

The 2017 Sections (41st WCCC) were started on 20/03/2017 (13 Sections with 169 players); the TD is IA Laurent Tinture (FRA).

2. LADIES' WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

2.1 LWCCC Finals

The Final of the 10th LWCCC ended on 20/04/2017. LGM and IM Irina Vladimirovna Perevertkina (RUS) is again (after her success in the 9th LWCCC) the Ladies' World Champion; LGM Tetiana Moyseenko (UKR) was the runner-up and LIM Slawomira Hulecova (SVK) finished in third place.

2.2 LWCCC Semifinals

The Semifinals of the 11th LWCCC are complete: the last game in Section 2 ended on 10/08/2017.

3. OLYMPIADS

3.1 CC Olympiads Finals

The Final of the 19th Olympiad (played by post), started on 20/06/2016, is steadily progressing, with 58% of the games already finished.

The Final of the 20th Olympiad (webserver) was started on 1/09/2016 with 13 teams of 6 players. The TD is IA Ian M. Pheby (ENG). 57% of the games are already finished.

3.2 CC Olympiads Preliminaries

The last games in the Preliminaries of the 19th Olympiad (postal) have finished.

The Preliminaries of the 21st Olympiad (webserver) were started on 01/09/2016 with 5 sections of 10 teams (6 players for team). The TDs are IA Juan Alberto Martello (ARG), IA Michael Millstone (USA) and IA Ian M. Pheby (ENG).

4. LADIES' OLYMPIADS

The 10th Ladies' Olympiad (started on 1/09/2015) is quite over: only 9 games are still running. Germany has mathematically won the title and Lithuania will be the runner-up; Russia, Ukraine, Poland and Slovakia are fighting for the third place.

5. GRAND MASTER NORM TOURNAMENTS

3 GMN Sections were started in 2016 (in 2015 the GMN Sections were 4).

5 GMN Sections have been started in the first 7 months of 2017.

The new rules 4.4 (fixed rating of at least 2400) and 4.7 (possibility to start a section each trimester) have increased the number of the entries, but the category of the sections is - obviously- lowered (from IX or X to VII or VIII).

6. MASTER NORM TOURNAMENTS

17 MN Sections were started in 2016 (in 2015 the MN Sections were 12).

9 MN Sections have been started in the first 7 months of 2017.

The new rules 4.3 (fixed rating of at least 2300) and 4.7 (possibility to start a section each trimester) have slightly decreased the number of the entries; nevertheless the category of the sections is not changed (generally IV).

7. NEXT NORM TOURNAMENTS TO BE STARTED

7.1 WCCC Final

The Final of the 31st WCCC is planned to start on June 2019.

Many players have already got a qualification right (9 entry requests to the 30th Final were refused and deferred to the 31st Final!). Therefore next year it would be good to discuss if it would be better to advance the start of the Final of the 32nd WCCC from June 2021 to June or December 2020.

7.2 WCCC Candidates' Tournaments

The Candidates' Tournament of the 37th WCCC will start on 20/09/2017 (3 Sections with 45 players); the TD will be IA Juan Alberto Martello (ARG).

The Candidates' Tournament of the 38th WCCC is planned to start on September 2018.

7.3 WCCC Semifinals

The Semifinals of the 42nd WCCC are planned to start on June 2018.

7.4 WCCC Preliminaries

The Preliminaries of the 42nd WCCC are planned to start on March 2018.

7.5 Ladies' World Championships

The Final of the 11th LWCCC and the Preliminaries of the 12th LWCCC will start in December 2017.

7.6 Olympiads

The Final of the 21st Olympiad and the Preliminaries of the 22nd Olympiad (both played by web-server) are planned to start in June 2020.

7.7 Ladies' Olympiads

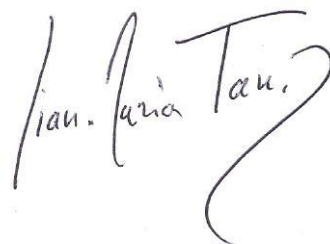
Next Ladies' Olympiad are planned to start in December 2018.

8. THANKS

As usually I want to thank all “my” Tournament Directors for their dedicated and difficult work. A special “thank you” is especially due to Frank Geider, Ian M. Pheby and Gino Figlio for their continued patience with me and my repeated requests!

Amici sumus!

Torino, 10/08/2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ian Pheby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.