

Albo d'Oro Liechtenstein Open (1983-2014)

Liechtenstein had been host for thousands of chess players from over 50 countries all over the world through these years.

The Liechtenstein Open Tournament in the Middle of Europe started its history in 1983 with 56 participants and a brilliant victory of Viktor Korchnoi (8.5/9), who won next year as well (two entries, two clear wins). Zenon Franco won in 1986.

The last edition, held in Triesen in 2014 was won by Sebastian Bogner, then Germany, ahead of renowned Pete Doggers, <<Mr. ChessVibes, today Mr. Chess>>.

Legendary Nona Gaprindashvili won the separate Senior Open that year, ahead of a bunch of male contestants :)

A cozy little tournament, a pity it does no longer exist. The Open Festival was an inherent part in the agenda of many chess globetrotters (for instance GM Farago or GM Rozentalis).

The number of participants reached nearly 200 players in its best years, mostly between 100 and 150 attending chess players p.a., with several FIDE titulars.

The 33rd FL-Open was announced for 2015, but did not take part due to financial and organisational issues (it became a personal war behind the scenes in the FL-Federation). An edition for 2016 had been planned vaguely, but the series has collapsed now.

Two nice games from the very first Liechtenstein Open, then held in Mauren:

Franco Ocampos vs. Korchnoi, Liechtenstein Open 1983, 0-1:

<http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1082761&kpage=1>

Korchnoi vs. Honfi, Liechtenstein Open 1983, 1-0:

<http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1082763>

Korchnoi defended his tournament title in 1984, the decisive game:

Korchnoi vs. Franco Ocampos, Liechtenstein Open 1984, 0-1:

<http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1082815>

(32 editions)	1. Rang	2. Rang	3. Rang
1983 in Mauren	GM Kortschnoi Viktor, Schweiz	IM Zenon Franco Ocampos, Paraguay	IM Honfi Karolay, Ungarn
1984 in Mauren	GM Kortschnoi Viktor, Schweiz	IM Zenon Franco Ocampos, Paraguay	FM Huss Andreas, Schweiz
1985 in Mauren	FM Hresz Vladimir, Jugoslawien	IM Trepp Markus, Schweiz	IM Dizdarevic Emir, Jugoslawien
1986 in Nendeln	IM Franco Zenon Ocampos, Paraguay	IM Toth Bela, Italien	IM Tompa Janos, Ungarn

1987 in Schellenberg	IM Cvetkovic Srdjan, Jugoslawien	IM Shvidler Ilija, Israel	Fecht Hans, Deutschland
1988 in Schellenberg	IM Dizdar Goran, Jugoslawien	IM Kozul Zdenkko, Jugoslawien	IM Klinger Josef, Österreich
1989 in Schellenberg	IM Mainka Romuald, Deutschland	IM Horvath Gyula, Ungarn	IM Kuijf Marinus, Niederlande
1990 in Schellenberg	IM Hansen Lars Bo, Dänemark	Rozentalis Eduarda, UdSSR	IM Kengis Edrin, UdSSR
1991 in Schellenberg	IM Rozentalis Eduarda, UdSSR	FM Mitkov Nikola, Jugoslawien	IM Cvetkovic Srdjan, Jugoslawien
1992 in Schellenberg	IM Baburin Alexander, Russland	GM Espig Lutz, Deutschland	Handoko Edhi, Indonesien
1993 in Schaan	GM Adianto Utut, Indonesien	IM Davies Nigel, England	GM Tolnai Tibor, Ungarn
1994 in Ruggell	GM Cvitan Ognjen, Kroatien	IM Schmittziel Eckhard, Deutschland	IM Bogdanovich Grigori, Russland
1995 in Schaan	GM Lerner Konstantin, Ukraine	GM Milov Vadim, Israel	GM Eingorn Viatscheslav, Ukraine
1996 in Schaan	GM Rozentalis Eduarda, Litauen	IM Baburin Alexander, Irland	GM Gallagher Joseph, Schweiz
1997 in Schaan	GM Gheorghiu Florin, Rumänien	FM Priby Martin, Tschechien	IM Pedersen Steffen, Dänemark
1998 in Schaan	GM Khenkin Igor, Russland	GM Westerinen Heikki, Finnland	IM Mantanovic Renzo, Italien
1999 in Triesen	GM Schmittziel Eckhard, Deutschland	FM Thiede Lars, Deutschland	IM Pribyl Josef, Tschechien
Neu mit Senioren			
2000 in Triesen	GM Rotstein Arkadij, Deutschland	IM Horvath Peter, Ungarn	IM Czebe Attila, Ungarn
Senioren	GM Klovans Janis, Lettland	Adler Wilfried, Deutschland	FM Kock Hans-Uwe, Deutschland
2001 in Triesen	IM Cicak Slavko, Schweden	IM Berzinsh Roland, Lettland	IM Stanec Nikolaus, Österreich
Senioren	GM Klovans Janis,	FM Karl Hans, Schweiz	IM Pankov Evgeniy,

	Lettland		Ukraine
2002 in Triesen	IM Seeman Tarvo, Estland	IM Meijers Viesturs, Lettland	IM Kiik Kalle, Estland
Senioren	GM Klovans Janis, Lettland	FM Karl Hans, Schweiz	FM Kock Hans-Uwe, Deutschland
2003 in Triesen	GM Miladinovic Igor, Griechenland	IM Starostits Ilmars, Lettland	GM Georgiev Vladimir, Mazedonien
Senioren	GM Klovans Janis, Lettland	Kaminik Alexander, Ukraine	WGM Erensk-Barlo H., Polen
2004 in Triesen	IM Porper Eduard, Israel	GM Kritz Leonid, Deutschland	GM Malakhatko Vadim, Ukraine
Senioren	GM Klovans Janis, Lettland	FM Karl Hans, Schweiz	FM Kock Hans-Uwe, Deutschland
2005 in Triesen	IM Senff Martin, Deutschland	GM Horvath Jozsef, Ungarn	GM Kritz Leonid, Deutschland
Senioren	FM Karl Hans, Schweiz	FM Kock Hans-Uwe, Deutschland	Koch, Dr. Helmuth, Österreich
2006 in Triesen	GM Rotstein Arkadij, Deutschland	GM Levin Felix, Deutschland	IM Dobrev Nanko, Bulgarien
Senioren	GM Klovans Janis, Lettland	Schirmer Werner, Deutschland	FM Karl Hans, Schweiz
2007 in Triesen	GM Baburin Alexander, Irland	GM Rozentalis Eduardas, Litauen	GM Farago Ivan, Ungarn
Senioren	GM Klovans Janis, Lettland	IM Kelecevic Nedeljko, Schweiz	IM Pribyl Josef, Tschechien
2008 in Triesen	GM Ovsejevitsch Sergei, Ukraine	GM Farago Ivan, Ungarn	GM Shengelia Davit, Georgien
Senioren	IM Kelecevic Nedeljko, Schweiz	IM Eperjesi Laszlo Dr., Ungarn	IM Blechzin Igor, Russland
2009 in Triesen	GM Hera Imre Jr, Ungarn	IM Bogner Sebastian, Deutschland	GM Farago Ivan, Ungarn
Senioren	GM Klovans Janis, Lettland	IM Eperjesi Laszlo Dr., Ungarn	IM Bhend Edwin, Schweiz
2010 in Triesen	GM Antoniewski Rafal, Polen	GM Bogner Sebastian, Deutschland	GM Ovsejevitsch Sergei, Ukraine
Senioren	GM Klovans Janis, Lettland	IM Bhend Edwin, Schweiz	FM Schmid Wolfgang, Deutschland
2011 in Triesen	GM Likavsky Tomas, Slowakei	GM Hera Imre Jr, Ungarn	GM Farago Ivan, Ungarn

Senioren	IM Bhend Edwin, Schweiz	IM Pribyl Josef, Tschechien	IM Eperjesi, Dr. Laszlo, Ungarn
2012 in Triesen	GM Bogner Sebastian, Deutschland	GM Hera Imre jun., Ungarn	GM Ovsejevitsch Sergei, Ukraine
Senioren	GM Okhotnik Vladimir, Frankreich	IM Pribyl Josef, Tschechien	CM Norman Kenneth, England
2013 in Triesen	GM Malakhatko Vadim, Belgien	GM Vorotnikov Vladislav, Russland	IM Izsak Gyula, Ungarn
Senioren	Jackson Oliver, England	IM Pribyl Josef, Tschechien	IM Bhend Edwin, Schweiz
2014 in Triesen	GM Bogner Sebastian, Deutschland	Doggers Peter, Holland, IM-Norm (see link below)	GM Cherniaev Alex, Russland
Senioren	GM Gaprindashvili Nona, Georgien	IM Dr. Eperjesi Laszlo, Ungarn	Frick Christoph, Deutschland

Siegerchronik: <https://www.schach.li/aktivitaeten/siegerchronik-fl-open.html/114>

Renowned Pete Doggers <Mr. ChessVibes, ..today Mr. Chess ☺> on chess & his life, and why he was walking around in Liechtenstein with a permanent smile on the face in 2014 - it turned out to be the last edition of this traditional Open Chess Festival series: <https://www.chess.com/blog/PeterDoggers/my-second-im-norm?page=2>

Prominent players:

Korchnoi, Gaprindashvili, Gheorghiu, Lerner, Eingorn, Khenkin, Westerinen, Baburin, Kozul, Klinger, Toth, Doggers, Farago, Rozentalis, Klovans, Franco Ocampos, Adianto, Trois, Honfi, Davies, Gallagher, Milov, Bhend, Trepp, Huss, Karl, Bogner, among others



2015 – CANCELLED, sadly, since then no further Open tournaments

The 33rd International Chess Tournament Liechtenstein Open in 2015 will take place from 8th to 16th May 2015 in Triesen/Liechtenstein, with the official venue Gemeindesaal Triesen.

The tournament is held under the Honory Patronage of H.S.H. Hereditary Prince Alois of Liechtenstein.

It consists of two tournaments: the main one and one for seniors. Both events will be played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds, with time control of 90 minutes for 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes + 30 seconds increment per move, starting from move one.

The Chief Arbiter will be FA Dipl.-Ing. Daniel Wanzek.

The organizers have prepared a rich prize fund – 11 000 CHF, along with the special prizes for the best woman, junior and senior, as well as for the best result by a player rated below ELO 2000, 1900, 1800 and 1700.

In Senior Open, the prize fund is 2800 CHF, with special prizes for the best lady and for the best 75-year-old player, as well as under ELO 2000, 1800 and 1600.



Castle in Liechtenstein

History of the International Chess Open in Principality of Liechtenstein

The Chess-Federation of Liechtenstein is very proud of having been host for thousands of chess players from over 50 countries all over the world.

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The perfect tournament conditions as the playing venue, the atmosphere between the players, the friendly staff and last but not least the attraction of the nice country Liechtenstein make the FL-Open an inherent part in the agenda of many chess players.

The Chess Federation of Liechtenstein will be pleased to welcome chess players from all over the world taking part on the 33rd FL-Open and it will also be a great pleasure for all members of the Liechtenstein Chess Federation to make the stay enjoyable.