

The ACP Board Newsletter – # 3/2009



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1) The 3rd ACP World Cup, May 2009

The 3rd ACP World Rapid Cup is currently under way in Odessa, Ukraine (22-24 May 2009). The event is a KO tournament. The time control is 20 minutes per game with an increment of 5 seconds per move. The prize fund is USD 57,000.



16 players fight for the Cup: 13 grandmasters who performed best in the ACP Tour 2007/2008 + 3 Wild Cards given by the organizers. The participants are

Movsesian, Grischuk, Eljanov, Gashimov, Najer, Svidler, Tregubov, Najditsch, Bacrot, Efimenko, Jakovenko, Moiseenko, Gelfand, Karpov, Gurevich, Drozdovsky.

The final match **Boris Gelfand vs Peter Svidler** will take place on the 24th of May 2009.

The official website: <http://worldcup.pivdenny.com/>

The ACP Tour information can be found at <http://chess-players.org>

2) The ACP welcomes new members:

GM Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (France)

3) The K-factor discussion

An interesting discussion on the recent changes at the ELO rating calculation is going on the ACP web-site. We would like to draw your attention to the following recent articles by ACP members:

GM Michal Krasenkow - 14 May 2009

<http://chess-players.org/eng/news/viewarticle.html?id=762> (English)

GM Bartolomiej Macieja - 28 April 2009

<http://chess-players.org/eng/news/viewarticle.html?id=754> (English)

GM Dmitrij Jakovenko - 11 May 2009

<http://chess-players.org/rus/news/viewarticle.html?id=759> (Russian)

Please, send your comments to the K-factor discussion to any member of the ACP Board.

4) Scheduling of women events

The following open letter was sent to the FIDE President Kirsan Iljumzhinov on the 20th of May 2009.

Dear Mr. President,

Association of Chess Professionals expresses its deep concern on female tournaments' calendar for year 2009.

The new Grand Prix event series are created this year, which is undoubtedly an excellent innovation in women chess. However, the first stage of the Grand Prix (Turkey, 5.20.03) has clashed with the European championship (Russia, 7.21.03). The second stage (China, 27.09-10.10) is scheduled for the same dates as the European Club Cup (Macedonia, 3-11.10). Thus, professionals face a difficult choice now as they cannot participate in both major events. The organizers cannot count on strongest players' participation. Since the calendar of female tournaments is not overloaded at the moment, and there are months free from female competitions, we kindly ask you to avoid a clash of major female competitions.

Best regards,
ACP Board

Please, send any information concerning the scheduling of women events to the ACP Board Member Elmira Mirzoeva corr_elmira@rambler.ru

5) ACP membership fees

The ACP Board has taken the following decision concerning membership fees.

Starting from the year 2009, ACP members will be able to pay their fees for two or three years in advance. In case they wish to do so, they will benefit from the following discount:

- ACP membership fee for 1 year: 30 euros (as before)
- ACP membership fee for 2 years: 55 euros (instead of 60)
- ACP membership fee for 3 years: 80 euros (instead of 90)

For new members, the ACP fee is still at 50 euros for the first year. But they too can benefit from the discount, if they wish to pay in advance: 75 euros for 2 years (instead of 80), or 100 euros for 3 years (instead of 110).

This measure should ease the task of the Treasurer and reward trusting members.

6) Changes in the ACP Board

The ACP Board Member Igor Glek is leaving the ACP Board on the voluntary basis. Igor wrote an official announcement to the Board on the 18th of May 2009.

The ACP Board wishes Igor Glek all the best in his future chess and non-chess projects.

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