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Stanisław Gawlikowski 1920-1981

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Tournaments in memory of Stanisław Gawlikowski have been held in Warsaw for quarter of a century already. A chessplayer, journalist, author of many excellent chess books, for his friends he was just unforgettable Staś, pouring out jokes, gathering around him crowds of adherents, those thirsting for both more and less serious tales of a man who probably knew everything about the kings' game.

It is not difficult to display courage nowadays but during the post-war Stalinism, when "Trybuna ludu", the party's organ, called him an enemy of the people, it was far from easy to voice views contradicting to those "only correct" and display internal freedom. Staś enjoyed his freedom and didn't allow party apparatchiks to break him up. Yes, they fired him from the "Szachy" monthly, which he and his friends founded after the war. But he loved to write about chess, so he conducted dozens of chess corners. The most precious for him was the small one in the "Światelko" monthly, published for blind children.

When he died in 1981, all those who came to his funeral, both friends and chess rivals, unanimously stated that an important period of the history of the Polish chess had ended. But life hates vacuum. Not later than 1982, thanks to Staś' friend and great activist of Warsaw chess, Tadeusz Justyna, the first Stanisław Gawlikowski Memorial was held at the Warsaw Central railway station. That chamber tournament was an important milestone, first in the history of the Warsaw chess, and now also European chess as it started a series of tournaments, whose rank has been steadily rising. Today it is an event of global importance, with high prizes and brilliant galaxy of leading players fighting for prizes and titles. The tournament is held in the most important venues in Poland's capital city – either in the Culture Palace, as it was several years ago, or in the Olympic Centre, or at the Torwar Show Hall, as this year.

Thanks to the financial support of the City of Warsaw and the Mazovian Voivodeship, as well as various sponsors (Profus Management, Bank Współpracy Europejskiej, ComputerLand and Amplico Life nowadays) we have had in Warsaw worldwide chess stars as guests, such as: Viktor Korchnoi – a legend of chess and runner-up in World Championship, Ruslan Ponomarev (world champion), Vassily Ivanchuk (European champion and runner-up in World Championship), Nigel Short (second in the world), Vladimir Akopyan (second in the world), Levon Aronian (World Cup winner), Evgeny Bareev, Alexei Shirov, Peter Swidler, Look van Wely, Alexander Beliavsky, Viktor Bogdanov, Kiril Georgiev, Sergei Movsesian, Jaan Ehlo, Peter Heine Nielsen as well as all the leaders of Polish chess, Grandmasters and Woman Grandmasters.

A honorary guest, Zofia Gawlikowska, Stanisław's widow, participated in all Memorials until 2003. Unfortunately, she died in February, 2005 and will not hand prizes to tournament triumphanters anymore.

We should wish ourselves that this second life of Stanisław Gawlikowski, achieved thanks to his own creativity and the tournament memorizing his activities, continue as long as possible and contribute to further development of chess in Poland, chess, to which Staś was faithful throughout his life.

Stefan Gawlikowski

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2007



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Winners of the 2007 tournament GMs Alexey Aleksandrov, Tomasz Markowski, and Fernando Peralta, with Izabela Ptaszynska, Director of the Marketing Department of Amplico Life S.A.



Chess is a sport without age bars.



CHES POLONIA...

The Chess Club "Polonia Warsaw" in co-operation with the City Sports Club "Polonia" and the Warsaw Foundation for Chess Development have been recently the main organizers of chess life in Poland.

The most important successes of Chess Polonia in competitions and organization

• Successes of the Grandmaster team:

- 5 times finishing second (1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, and 2005) and once third (2002) in the European Chess Club Cup;
- our team won Polish Team Championships 8 times in a row (1999-2006);
- our players have won 27 medals in Polish Individual Championships, including 9 gold, 12 silver, 6 bronze medals;
- GM Bartłomiej Macieja became the Champion of Europe in 2002 (the greatest individual success in the history of Polish chess since the Second World War);
- players of Polonia Plus GSM Warsaw: Michał Krasenkow and Bartłomiej Macieja (6 times), Robert Kempniński and Mateusz Bartel (twice), Bartosz Soćko, Jacek Gdański, and Paweł Blehm (once), Monika Soćko (3 times) qualified for World Championships/Cups.

• Successes of juniors:

- in 2006-2007 players of the City Sports Club "Polonia" won the all-Polish overall classification for juniors;
- in 2006 Anna Gasik won the European Championship U18, in 2007 Hanna Leks was the runner-up in the European Championship U18, and in 2008 Eva Harazińska won the bronze medal in the European Championship U10;
- In 2006-2007 juniors of "Polonia Trade Trans" won 10 medals in Polish Individual Championships, including 2 gold, 2 silver, and 6 bronze medals;
- the "Polonia Trade Trans" team won a silver (in 2006) and a bronze medal (in 2007) in Polish Junior Team Championships (Extraleague).

• The Club and the Foundation have organized the following events recently:

- Plus GSM World Chess Cup 2000 (535 participants);
- 4 Polish Individual Championship finals (2001-2004) with the total prize fund of around 125.000 Euros, including around 120.000 Euros in money prizes;
- match Karpov – Macieja 2003;
- European Individual Championship 2005 with the prize fund of 120.000 Euros (229 participants);
- Memorial of Stanislaw Gawlikowski – 24 rapid tournaments, 1981-2007, including European Rapid Championships of 2005 (411 participants), 2006 (483 participants), and 2007 (583 participants). The European Championships were organized in co-operation with the Polish Chess Federation. Among the participants of the Memorial in 2000-2007 there were chess stars like Victor Korchnoi (the greatest chess legend and World Vice-Champion), Ruslan Ponomarev (World Champion), Vasyl Ivanchuk (World Vice-Champion and European Champion), Nigel Short (World Vice-Champion), Vladimir Akopian (World Vice-Champion), Levon Aronian (World Cup winner), Evgeny Bareev, Alexey Shirov, Peter Svidler, Loek Van Wely, Alexander Beliavsky, Victor Bologan, Kiril Georgiev, Sergei Movsesian, Jaan Ehlovest, Peter Heine Nielsen, as well as all top Polish GMs and WGMs;
- between 1999 and 2008 – dozens of rapid tournaments "Plus GSM cellphone Grand Prix", "Warsaw Mayor Grand Prix", and "PKO BP Grand Prix";
- Mazovian Chess Festival in 2007-2008 (together with the Mazovian Chess Federation).



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... AND ITS GRANDMASTERS



GM Bartłomiej Macieja



GM Monika Soćko



GM Bartosz Soćko



GM Robert Kempieński

GM Michał Krasenkow



IM Michał Olszewski



GMW Beata Kądziołka



The Warsaw – Buenos-Aires – Kolkata match. The Warsaw team: Bartosz Soćko, Bartłomiej Macieja, Robert Kempiański, Mateusz Bartel.



Warsaw Youth team: Monika Soćko, Michał Olszewski, Maciej Brzeski, Arkadiusz Leniart.



The playing hall in Novotel.



GM Bartłomiej Macieja simul during the S.C. Polonia Warsaw 95th anniversary picnic.



Participants of the 2005 European Championship on a sightseeing tour in Warsaw.



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GM Bartosz Soćko simul,
Saski Garden,
Warsaw 2006.

Simul to mark
the 86th anniversary
of the Warsaw Battle 1920,
Saski Garden,
Warsaw 2006.



Warsaw Youth Olympiad,
Olympic Centre, Warsaw 2008.



The youngest prize-winners
of the Warsaw Youth Olympiad.

GM Mateusz Bartel simul,
Castle Square,
Warsaw 2004



Mazovian Chess Festival,
OSIR Polna, Warsaw 2008



Closing Ceremony of the 2007 European Rapid Championship. The youngest participants with Christmas gifts handed by Wojciech Bartelski, mayor of the Warsaw Central District.



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The youngest prize-winners of PKO BP Grand Prix and Dr. Agnieszka Fornal-Urban, representative of the European Chess Union. Olympic Centre, Warsaw 2008.



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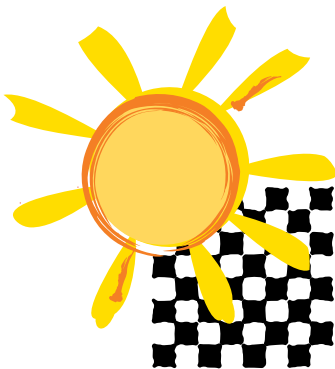


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on their spectacular
successes
and we wish them
many more



The most important achievements
of Polonia Trade Trans juniors:

- Anna Gasik – European Champion until 18
- Hanna Leks – European Runner-up until 18
- Ewa Harazińska – Polish Champion until 10
and bronze medallist of Junior European
Championship until 10
- Hanna Leks – double Gold Medallist
of Polish Championship until 18
- Wioletta Sobierska – Gold Medallist
of Polish Championship in fast chess (P:30)
- Michał Janczarski – Gold Medallist
of Polish Championship in fast chess (P:30)
- victory in Warsaw Youth Olympic Games



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YOUNG PLAYERS OF POLONIA TRADE TRANS

Anna Gasik -
European U18
Champion

Hanna Leks -
European U18
Vice-Champion

All-Polish Youth
Olympiad, Ustroń
2007

Sebastian Malec
and Marek
Chomczyk
- Polish Junior
Championship,
Ustroń 2007

Monika Głuszko -
Champion of the
2007 Warsaw
Youth Olympiad.

All-Polish Youth Olympiad,
Szczawno Zdrój 2008
Ania Strzelczyk, Sebastian
Malec, Filip Adamus;
coaches
IM Dominik Pędzich
and IM Mikhail Kislov

Ania Strzelczyk -
2008 Polish
Junior Team
Championship,
Gorzów Wlkp.

Michał Janczarski
- Polish Junior rapid chess
Champion, Lublin 2008

Tomasz Witek,
Michał Janczarski, Michał Matuszewski,
- winners of the 2007 Warsaw
Youth Olympiad

Kinga Pastuszko, Wioletta Sobierska,
Justyna Kaniak, Hanna Leks, Monika Kaniak,
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