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2017 Calendar of WCDF Events

No new bids were received by 1 December 2016 for the 2017 World Qualifier & Women's / Youth World Championship. However, two bids for the World Qualifier venue were subsequently reviewed, and the following resolutions have since been approved by WCDF Exec regarding the two WCDF events for 2017:

1. 9 February 2017 (Proposed Richard Beckwith, seconded John Reade)
That the WCDF should accept Charles Walker's ICHF bid to host the World GAYP Qualifier & Women/Youth World Championship in Petal, Mississippi (USA) from 31 July to 4 August 2017.

2. 9 February 2017 (Proposed Richard Beckwith, seconded John Reade)
That the WCDF should accept bid from FID for 3-Move Challenge Match between Michele Borghetti and Sergio Scarpetta to be played in Italy from 9 to 23 September 2017.

The appendix to this communication has edited information about the ICHF bid that I collected from various e-mail responses that Charles Walker wrote to me. Note that accommodations for 4-5 days (including meals) are included for the first 20 checker player respondents who wish to stay at the ICHF facility. (Other non-playing travel companions will be accepted if space permits.) The prize money will primarily come from the "Gene Lindsay" legacy fund that WCDF holds. The WCDF General Assembly meeting will likely take place during this week. So, we ask interested affiliated associations to submit their player nominations (2 men, 2 women, 2 youth per association) to John Reade (sue.reade@uwclub.net) or to myself by 30 June (or preferably sooner).

Incidentally, the U.S. GAYP National in honor of Don Lafferty takes place the week before (24-27 July), one state away in Tennessee. The prize fund for the US National is expected to be over \$10,000.

Other Checker events of Note:

There is a third opening style of play in checkers besides GAYP and three-move restriction called 11-man ballot, which normally produces pure crossboard openings (perhaps useful for those who don't know lots of opening book play). Alex Moiseyev has been World Champion in this style of play since 2008. While WCDF statutes do not give details regarding 11-man Ballot World Qualifier tournaments, the **U.S. 11-man Ballot National**, when held, has functioned as a Qualifier in recent years. This 11-man Ballot National will take place next month in Branson, Missouri (a famous small resort town) on 28-31 March. We expect a very strong international field and prize fund of approximately \$20,000.

Carlo Bordini is working on a 1st **European Championship** of Checkers, which grows out of existing Italian Open for this year. Other European federations should give consideration to hosting this event in future years. As for 2017 events in Italy, Carlo wrote:

The FID Board has decided to host the 3-move World Match 2017 in Italy, from 9th to 23rd September. We are choosing the better venue that I think we should know within a month. During the FID Board I even talked about the European Championship 2017. I think it's possible to organize it in Italy, in Grosseto, from 12th to 14th May, instead of the Italian Open, with the EC2017 valid also for the Italian Title 2017. Obviously 3-moves.

2016 World Cup Update

The 2nd annual WCDF World Cup season has concluded for 2016. Congratulations go to Men's Winner Shane McCosker and Women's champion Nadiya Chyzhevskya. One stage still has not reported, so full results are not yet available. The top finishers are as follows.

Men's Standings (Top Finishers)

Place	Name	Country	Points
1	Shane McCosker	N. Ireland	44
2	Sergio Scarpetta	Italy	37
3	Ron King	Barbados	37

Women's standings (Top Finishers)

Place	Name	Country	Points
1	Nadiya Chyzhevskya	Ukraine	44
2	Wynell Neverson	Barbados	40
3	Wilma Branch	Barbados	40

As a reminder, players earn points in each stage of the World Cup according to tournament finishes in selected events by the following table. An individual's **three** best results for the year among official stages go into the overall World Cup standings, which are separate for men and women. Final tie-breaks take into consideration the number of players and countries represented, and number of points earned, at a given stage where those who finished tied entered.

Taken Place	Points
1	22
2	18
3	15
4	13
5	12
6	11

We also kindly ask that future reported standings include information about each player's country and which participants are women.

WCDF Administrative Matters

This communication also serves as a renewal reminder (particularly those nominating players to WCDF events, and to those hosting World Cup stages) to renew their WCDF affiliation (\$100 or 75 euro or equivalent) to WCDF treasurer Ian Caws (54 Mayfield Rd, Ryde, Isle of Wight, England, PO 33 3PR) or to John Reade, who can accept via Paypal at sue.reade@uwclub.net.

Wishing everyone successful checker endeavours in 2017,

Richard Beckwith (President)

APPENDIX -- ICHF Bid Details

THE ICHF BID FOR ROOM AND BOARD IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE. IN ADDITION, I AM AVAILABLE TO REFEREE ANYWHERE. SUMMER DATES ARE BETTER...JUNE,JULY,AUGUST...BUT WE WILL CONSIDER OTHER TIMES IF NECESSARY. LET'S PLAN THE WEEK AFTER THE NATIONAL UNLESS YOU HAVE A REASON TO PREFER THE WEEK BEFORE.

FOR 20 PEOPLE WE CAN PROVIDE... A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SUCH AS SERIAL,MILK, JUICE, BOILED EGGS, DONUTS, FRUIT,ETC. FOR LUNCH, SANDWICHES AND SALAD, AND FOR SUPPER...PIZZA,CHICKEN,TACOS, DESSERT, ETC., AND OTHER ORDERED OUT AND DELIVERED FOOD. THERE WILL BE TEA AND COFFEE AND FRUIT AVAILABLE.

[FOR CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES WITH A SMALLER GROUP ... EVENING MEALS ARE AT RESTAURANTS ON THE ICHF]

IN ADDITION THE ICHF CAN PROVIDE CERTIFICATES FOR EVERYONE, MEDALLIONS FOR WOMEN AND YOUTH AND TROPHIES FOR TOP 3 MEN

THE HATTIESBURG REGIONAL AIRPORT IS ABOUT 12 OR 13 MILES AWAY, AND WE WILL PICK UP THOSE WHO NOTIFY IN ADVANCE. THE PLAYERS CAN ARRIVE SUNDAY [WILL ALSO ACCEPT FLIGHTS IN ON SATURDAY].

DOWNSTAIRS... ONE ROOM HAS A QUEEN BED FOR ONE OR A MARRIED COUPLE [2], AND ONE SMALL ROOM HAS A ROLL-A- WAY FOR [1]...ANOTHER ROOM HAS FOUR [4] ROLL-A-WAYS DIVIDED BY PARTISANS, ONE ROOM HAS TWO [2] ROLL- A-WAYS...WITH TWO [2] ROLL-A-WAY BEDS IN A LARGE ROOM DIVIDED BY PARTISANS. THERE ARE TWO BATHROOMS WITH SHOWERS, A LOUNGE AREA WITH A TV.

UPSTAIRS... THERE IS ONE LARGE EXERCISE ROOM WITH A POOL TABLE AND TV WITH ROLL -A- BEDS SEPARATED BY CLOSETS BUT NO PARTISANS. TWO BATH ROOMS WITH SHOWERS ARE ON THIS FLOOR BUT, LIKE DOWNSTAIRS... THIS IS STRICTLY DORMITORY STYLE.

FOR THOSE WHO WANT PRIVACY, THERE IS A PETAL MOTEL PERHAPS 6 OR 7 MILES AWAY ON HWY 42 FOR APPROX. \$55 PER NIGHT. THERE ARE ALSO MOTELS IN HATTIESBURG.

THERE IS THE LARGE SEPERATE PLAYING ROOM WITH STANDARD BOARDS AND CHECKERS FOR THE TOURNAMENT AND ALSO FOR WATCHING MOVIES IN THE EVENINGS.

WE HAVE ACCOMMODATED MIXED GROUPS BEFORE WITH NO INCIDENTS. HOWEVER WE MIGHT CONSIDER PUTTING THE WOMEN ON ONE FLOOR AND THE MEN ON ANOTHER TO BE SAFE IF YOU FIND IT NECESSARY TO USE THE ICHF. THE OTHER PROBLEM IS ACCOMMODATIONS ARE LIMITED TO 20. THE ICHF HAS ACCOMMODATED 45 FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES...BEFORE THE FIRE OF 2007... WHEN MARION AND I SPONSORED AN INTERNATIONAL MATCH HERE. UNFORTUNATELY THE INSURANCE COMPANY CANCELED THEIR COVERAGE 10 DAYS BEFORE THE FIRE.

INCIDENTLY WE ESTIMATE IT WILL COST \$ 1,000 PER DAY TO HIRE ADDITIONAL HELP TO FEED AND ACCOMMODATE 20 PEOPLE FOR 4 TO 5 DAYS. BY THE WAY, THERE IS ONE PRIVATE ROOM FOR THE REFEREE. IF THE ICHF IS NEEDED, DELORIS MENTIONED YOU AND THE REFEREE COULD STAY IN THE RV. IT HAS TWO ROOMS AND A BATH. THAT WOULD ALLOW TWO MORE FOR A TOTAL OF 22. HOPEFULLY YOU WON'T OVEREAT. THAT'S A HA.

WE WILL HAVE THE TRIP TO THE COAST ON FRIDAY AFTER LUNCH