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2022 Calendar of WCDF Events

With this communication I update the following upcoming WCDF events for 2022:

- **3-move World Qualifier / Woman & Youth World Championship**, April 20-23, 2022 at the Marriott Courtyard in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- **GAYP World Title Match** (24 games) between Lubabalo Kondlo (World GAYP Champion, South Africa) and Matteo Bernini (Challenger, Italy), April 25-30, 2022 at the Marriott Courtyard in Tulsa, Oklahoma. We hope to have Livestream.

The Tulsa, Oklahoma events will be held at the Marriot Courtyard Tulsa Central, 3340 S.79th. E. Ave, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74145. Their phone number is (918) 660-0646. Room rates for a double room are \$116 per night plus tax. This Marriott hosted the US National in November 2021. The hotel is about a 15-minute taxi ride from Tulsa's airport. Note there are other Marriott locations in Tulsa, but you want the Tulsa Central location. The Sponsor is providing lunch on tournament days. The hotel offers a bistro (not free) for breakfast. There are also restaurants within 10-15 minutes walking distance.

The Tulsa bid from Joe McDaniel for World Qualifier/Woman/Youth event comes with \$4500, in addition to interest earned from WCDF accounts (about \$3000, more, ballpark), toward the prize fund. Personal donations are also welcome. The WCDF General Assembly (GA) and WCDF elections will be held at this time. WCDF-affiliated associations may nominate 2 players (plus 2 women, 2 youth) to the Tulsa April 20-23 WCDF event, and have voting rights at the GA.

Some associations still need to pay their 2022 WCDF affiliation (\$100 US\$) before the start of play. This may be paid in person at tournament registration, or via wire transfer to the Treasurer, or via ACF Store (under "Memberships" via Paypal) at the following link. <https://www.usacheckers.com/store/>

The spread of Covid-19 is currently very minimal in USA. Nevertheless, it appears most overseas passengers entering USA are currently required to be vaccinated and to show a negative test one day prior to flying (rules subject to later change).

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/ea/requirements-for-air-travelers-to-the-us.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/proof-of-vaccination.html>

In USA, there continue to be mask requirements on airplanes and in terminals, but those may be lifted April 18 (if not sooner).

Results of 2022 World Title Matches (so far)

World 3-Move Title – Independent Match Challenge, held January 13-22, 2022, International Checker Hall of Fame (ICHF) Petal, Mississippi. Congratulations to Sergio Scarpetta (Italy) for defending his title by a game score of **4-2 with 25 draws** against Alex Moiseyev (USA).



Sergio Scarpetta with Joe McDaniel

The **11-man Ballot World Title Match** between current champion, Alex Moiseyev and Alex Holmes (both of USA) was held Feb 21-24, 2022 at the Marriott Courtyard in Tulsa, OK, with Ryann Pronk as referee. Congratulations to Alex Moiseyev for defending his title by a game score of **5-1 with 7 draws**.



Alex Moiseyev with Joe McDaniel

On a serious note.....

We are saddened and concerned for the recent events of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have lost loved ones and have been displaced from their homes. We also know multiple checkers and draughts players from Ukraine. With that in mind, please see the note below from William Docherty.

With best regards,

Richard Beckwith

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WCDF President

VERY VERY URGENT, dear members,

I am the treasurer of the WCDF. A friend, who I shall not name, from Ukraine is currently on the road, in Germany, safe now but in need of our help. This motivated checker player who has altruistically helped others when her country was in peace now needs our support. As treasurer of the WCDF, I reach out to you to go to the ACF website store.

<https://www.usacheckers.com/store/index.php?route=product/category&path=65>

There you will find the WCDF "Ukraine Relief" Paypal link to which you can make even the slightest contribution that will give her some relief at least.... The money which comes in will be directly transferred to our friend as it comes in. Please give her whatever you can! Every little will allow her to try to resume a "normal," if possible, life... I thank you all on her behalf, and also ask you to spread this message to all your friends and family who wish to do something concrete for someone.

Thank you,
William, WCDF Treasurer