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New World Champion

The 2017 3-move World Title Match was held 11-21 September in Livorno, Italy. Challenger Sergio Scarpetta won the match 6-1 with 29 draws over Michele Borghetti and becomes new 3-move World Champion! There are many to acknowledge for supporting this match, but I thank FID, referee Alan Millhone, Ingo Zachos with publicity, and the Dama Club of Livorno (especially Gianfranco Borghetti).

2017 World Qualifier and Women World Championship

The 2017 World Qualifier and Women's World Championships were held in Petal, Mississippi on 31 July through 3 August 2017 at the International Checker Hall of Fame. Congratulations go to Lubabalo Kondlo who travelled from South Africa to win both US National GAYP Tournament and the WCDF World Qualifier back-to-back. Nadiya Chyzhevskaya regained the GAYP Women's World Title. (She also won in 2012-2014). I also thank Kim Willis for preparing a tournament photo CD -- a few sample photos are at the end of this document. Many thanks go to Charles Walker and company for hosting the tournament, as well as providing food and lodging for most of the players. As in 2015, we again had a tie on points for first place for the men, with the final positions this time decided by mini-league. The top finishers are listed below.

Finish	Men:	Finish	Women:
1.	Lubabalo Kondlo (Eastern Cape Draughts Assoc.)	1.	Nadiya Chyzhevskaya (Ukraine)- New Ladies GAYP Champ
2.	Alex Moiseyev (USA)	2.	Tetiana Zaitseva (Ukraine)
3.	Melikaya Nonyukela (Eastern Cape Draughts Assoc.)	3.	Wynell Neverson (Barbados)

Youth Situation

At the start of World Qualifier week, the 2017 Youth Open tournament was cancelled due to insufficient turnout, and the GAYP youth title left vacant. During the 2017 General Assembly, the members approved raising the youth cut-off age to match that of FMJD. Youth are now eligible provided they are age 19 (or younger) on December 31st of the same year in which they compete in the youth championship. An independent youth challenge match was arranged between Tetiana (Tanya) Zaitseva (Ukraine) and Elia Cantatore (Italy) the day after completion of the World Qualifier and Woman's World Championship. Alex Moiseyev served as referee. The 10-game match was won by Tetiana Zaisteva 5-1 with 2 draws. Congratulations to our new GAYP youth Champion!

New WCDF Officers

Long-time WCDF Secretary John Reade (England) resigned his position just prior to the WCDF General Assembly in Petal. After a special election at the GA, two new positions were filled, with one being a transfer (Zachos). The current list of WCDF officers are as follows.

President	Richard Beckwith (USA)
Vice President	Carlo Bordini (Italy)
Secretary	Ingo Zachos (Germany)
Treasurer	Ian Caws (England)
Public Relations Officer	Kim Willis (USA)
Competitions Director	Ezio Valentini (Italy)

I thank John Reade for his many years of service, and welcome Ingo and Kim into their new roles!

2018 WCDF Events

The WCDF are now seeking bids from affiliated organisations for the hosting of the following two events for 2018:

- **World GAYP Championship Match 2018:** Lubabablo Kondlo vs. Michele Borghetti
- **World Qualification Tournament / Women & Youth World Championship (3-Move) 2018**
- **European Championship 2018**

All organisations should indicate to the WCDF secretary (nimzo@gmx.de) prior to 1st December 2017 if they are intending to make a bid to host any of these events, with

the final bid being received prior to 1st February 2018. No bids can be received after this date. We ask that all organisations give serious thought for hosting these.

World Cup News

The 3rd annual World Cup season has reached the half-way point with 5 out of 10 stages complete. The remaining stages include events in Ukraine, Czech Republic, Ireland, South Africa, and Uganda. The current leader board is shown below.

World Cup Standings -- Top 5 (and Ties)

	Men	Pts		Women	Pts
1.	Ron King	40	1.	Nadiya Chyzhevska	40
2.	Donald Oliphant	37	2.	Wynnell Neverson	37
3.	Francis McNally	24	3-5.	Patricia Breen	22
4-7.	Shane McCokser	22		Wilma Branch	22
	Michele Borghetti	22		Alona Maksymova	22
	Lubabalo Kondlo	22			
	Frank Moran	22			

Players get points in each stage of the World Cup according to tournament finishes by the following table. An individual's **three** best results shown in official stages go into the overall World Cup standings. (Mr. Oliphant has already scored three events.) World Cup standings are separate among men and women.

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

With Best Regards,

Richard Beckwith
WCDF President



2017 World Qualifier Winner Lubabalo Kondlo



Women's GAYP World Champion, Nadiya Chyzhevska



Tetiana Zaitseva, Women's Silver Medalist and New Youth Champion