

# Checkers Section Report

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Lubabalo Kondlo of South Africa won the 2017 GAYP World Qualifier held July 31 through August 3 at the International Checker Hall of Fame in Petal, Mississippi (USA). Nadiya Chyzhevskaya (Ukraine) became new GAYP Women's World Champion. Tetiana Zaitseva (Ukraine) won the WCDF GAYP youth title match against Elia Cantatore of Italy, with Alex Holmes (USA) later winning against Zaitseva in a subsequent youth match in December.

The 2017 World Title Match in Three-move restriction opening style (40 games) took place on 9-23 September in Livorno, Italy between current champion Michele Borghetti (Italy) and challenger Sergio Scarpetta (Italy). The match was won by Scarpetta 6-1 with 29 draws, making Sergio Scarpetta the new 3-move restriction World Champion in checkers.

The 2017 World Cup was won by Shane McCosker of Ireland. The 2017 World Cup in women was won by Nadiya Chyzhevskaya of Ukraine. Both players also won these in 2016. The 2018 World Cup was won by Sergio Scarpetta of Italy. The 2018 World Cup in women was again won by Nadiya Chyzhevskaya of Ukraine.

The 1st International Match between Italy and USA was held in Rome on 20-26 April 2018 and was won by Italy by a one-game difference.

The 2018 World Title Match (24 games) in Go-As-You-Please (GAYP) took place on 8-14 September at the International Checker Hall of Fame in Mississippi between current champion Michele Borghetti (Italy) and challenger Lubabalo Kondlo (South Africa). The match was won by Kondlo 5-0 with 15 draws, making Lubabalo Kondlo the new GAYP World Champion.

The 2018 World Qualification Tournament in Three-move restriction was held in Barbados on 1-4 October 2018 and was won by Ron King (Barbados). The Woman's World Championship at this same event was won by Tetiana Zaitseva (Ukraine), making her the new 3-move World Women's Champion. The World Youth Champion in 3-move restriction is Elia Cantatore (Italy). Ron King will challenge Sergio Scarpetta to a 32-game match in 2019 for the 3-move world title. Elections of WCDF officers were held in Barbados:

President:	Richard Beckwith (USA)	Treasurer:	Ian Caws (England)
Vice-President:	Carlo Bordini (Italy)	Public Relations Officer:	*Kim Willis (USA)
Secretary:	*Alex Moiseyev (USA)	Competitions Director:	Ezio Valentini (Italy)

*\*new officer elected in 2017-2018 period*