

Checkers Section Report

by Richard Beckwith, 19 August 2017, WCDF President

The 2016 World Qualifier was played in Rome, Italy from June 8-11 and was won by Sergio Scarpetta of Italy. The 2016 Women's World Championship in 3-move was won by Amangul Durdyeva of Turkmenistan. The 2016 World Youth Championship in 3-Move was won by Penagylych Ezizgylyrov of Turkmenistan.

The GAYP (Go-As-You-Please) World Title Match was held 8-15 July in Italy and was won by Michele Borghetti of Italy over defending champion Sergio Scarpetta, making Michele Borghetti world champion in both 3-move (previously held) and now GAYP opening styles.

The 2016 11-man ballot world title match was won by Alex Moiseyev by a score of 3-1 with 11 draws over challenger Jim Morrison.

The 2016 World Cup was won by Shane McCosker of Ireland. The 2016 World Cup in women was won by Nadiya Chyzhevskaya of Ukraine.

The inaugural European Championship in checkers was held as part of the 2017 Italian Open and was won by Michele Borghetti of Italy.

The 2017 World Title Match in 3-Move (40 games) will take place on 9-23 September in Italy between current champion Michele Borghetti (Italy) and challenger Sergio Scarpetta (Italy).

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.

Checkers Section & WCDF Secretary John Reade has resigned his position. Ingo Zachos (Germany) was elected to replace John Reade. Kim Willis (USA) was elected new WCDF Public Relations Officer to replace Ingo Zachos.