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2019 Calendar of WCDF Events

One bid was received by December 2018 for the 2019 GAYP World Qualifier & Women's / Youth World Championship from the Barbados Checkers Draughts Federation, jointly assisted from the Barbados Draughts Association. The scheduled dates are 4-7 October in Barbados. The bid included a proposed minimum prize fund of \$10,000 (US\$). An internet link about the event will be provided later.

Ron King earned challenge rights for the 3-Move World Title by winning the 2018 World Qualification Tournament in Barbados. Two bids (from Barbados and Italy) were received to stage this match between challenger Ron King and current champion, Sergio Scarpetta. It was later agreed to award the bid to Barbados, who intends to host the match back-to-back with the World Qualifier. The 32-game match is scheduled for 10-18 October with one rest day. The bid included a proposed minimum prize fund of \$15,000 (US\$). Incidentally, there is also a Russian-64 competition in Barbados on 1-3 October.

A preliminary agreement was made between Sergio Scarpetta and Alex Moiseyev to play in independent-challenge world title match. This concept is allowed by WCDF statutes, if current champion is willing to play. The match will play in the months to follow after the Scarpetta-King match (pending that outcome, naturally).

2018 World Cup Results

The 4th annual WCDF World Cup season has concluded for 2018. Congratulations go to Men's Winner Sergio Scarpetta and Women's champion Nadiya Chyzhevskya. The top 2018 finishers are as follows.

Men's Standings (Top Finishers)

Place	Name	Country	Points
1	Sergio Scarpetta	Italy	66
2	Shane McCosker	Ireland	44
3	Ron King	Barbados	37

Women's standings (Top Finishers)

Place	Name	Country	Points
1	Nadiya Chyzhevskya	Ukraine	66
2	Wynnell Neverson	Barbados	40
3	Alona Maksymova	Ukraine	36

Points are awarded for the Top 6 finishers in World Cup stage events (22-18-15-13-12-11). We also kindly ask that future reported standings include information about each player's country, which participants are women, and round-by-round results for purposes of updating ratings.

WCDF Administrative Matters

I continue to assist FMJD with their IOC application for all draughts sections.

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. A 10% discount is available if paid at least one month before the World Qualifier.

With best regards for 2019,



Richard Beckwith (President)