

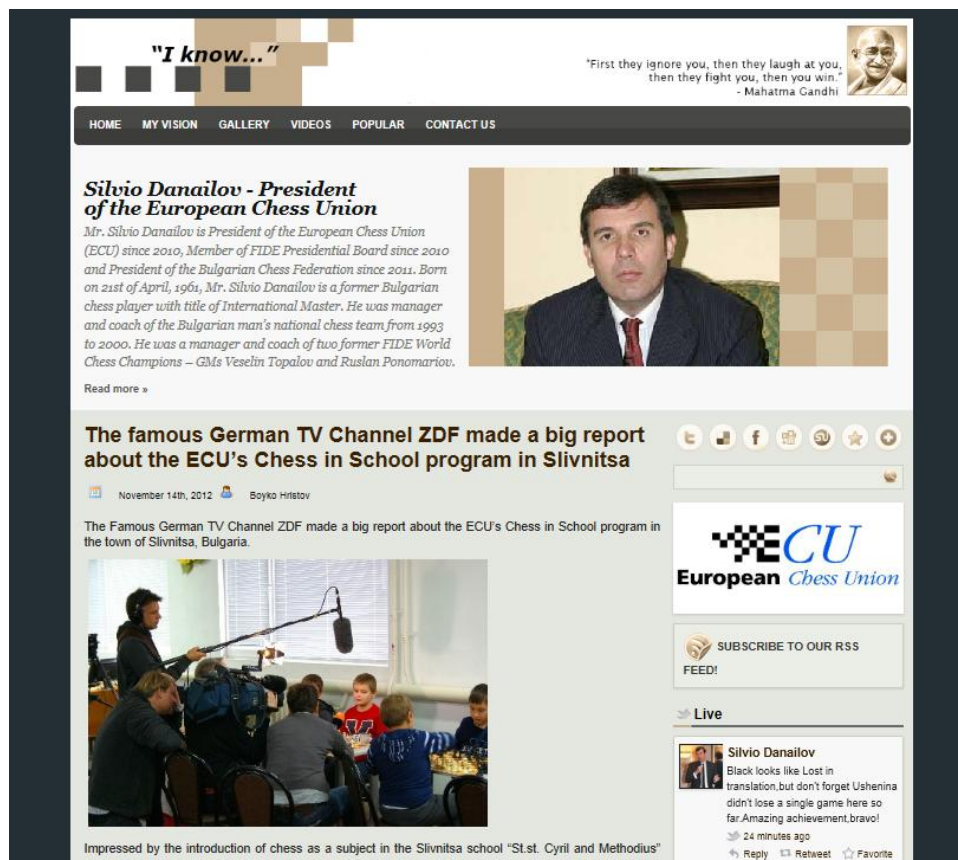
## NEWSLETTER 99 (November 26, 2012)

### THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN CHESS UNION SILVIO DANAILOV WITH BRAND NEW, REDESIGNED PERSONAL WEBSITE



The President of the European Chess Union Silvio Danailov has brand new, redesigned website.

The name of the domain remains the same as till now: [www.danailov-for-president.com](http://www.danailov-for-president.com).



The screenshot shows the homepage of Silvio Danailov's website. At the top, there is a quote: "I know..." and a quote by Mahatma Gandhi: "First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win." Below the navigation menu (HOME, MY VISION, GALLERY, VIDEOS, POPULAR, CONTACT US), there is a bio section for Silvio Danailov, President of the European Chess Union, with a photo of him. Below the bio, there is a news article titled "The famous German TV Channel ZDF made a big report about the ECU's Chess in School program in Slivnitsa" dated November 14th, 2012, by Boyko Hristov. The article includes a photo of a chess school program and a quote: "Impressed by the introduction of chess as a subject in the Slivnitsa school 'St. St. Cyril and Methodius'...". On the right side, there is a sidebar with the CU logo, a "SUBSCRIBE TO OUR RSS FEED!" button, and a "Live" section with a tweet from Silvio Danailov: "Black looks like Lost in translation but don't forget Ushenina didn't lose a single game here so far. Amazing achievement. bravo!"

Impressed by the introduction of chess as a subject in the Slivnitsa school "St.st. Cyril and Methodius" the influential media sent a special team to provide the story about this innovative and exciting initiative.

The German journalists attended the chess lessons of the students from first to fourth grade and were very impressed by the fact that besides being a subject that strongly develops the logic and character of the young children, the game of chess is successfully used in Slivnitsa as a tool for integration in the learning process of children with autism, the Roma pupils and others.

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**The ECU President Silvio Danailov officially opened the King's Tournament in Bucharest under the patronage of the Romanian Prime Minister Victor Ponta**

November 10th, 2012 Boyko Hristov

The ECU President Silvio Danailov officially opened the King's Tournament, which is held from 07th to 14th of November, 2012 in Bucharest under the patronage of the Romanian Prime Minister Victor Ponta.

During his visit, Mr. Danailov met with the Romanian Ministers of education and sport – Ekaterina Andronesku and Carmen Tocala.

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**Silvio Danailov**  
Black looks like Lost in translation, but don't forget Ushenina didn't lose a single game here so far. Amazing achievement, bravo!  
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**Silvio Danailov**  
Pleasant advantage for white, everything is on Antoaneta's hands. As Obama used to say: "Yes we can."  
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**Silvio Danailov**  
Noe2: Brave decision, bravo! Tough choice for black, to take on f2 or not??? As Hamlet said, this is the question...  
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The ECU President Silvio Danailov officially

**In the new section of the website "My vision" Mr. Danailov says:**

"Chess is my job, chess is my hobby, chess is my life...and much more than that – chess is my dream.

I have a dream...

I have a dream one day our beloved game to be among the most popular and attractive sports in the world.

I have a dream one day chess to become a symbol of the intelligent, modern and successful people.

And I believe that all this is possible, because chess has huge potential.

As I always say chess is not just another game, but is much more than that. It is unique and unusual combination between sport, education, culture and science. There is not another sport like chess.

The best and most accurate way to promote chess and to make it an important part of the modern reality is to be entered into the daily life of our children at an early age.

We have to give to our children the unique possibility to play that ancient game. And I am proud that together with my team we already had a great success in that activity – on 13<sup>th</sup> of March, 2012 in Strasbourg the MEPs accepted our very important program “Chess in school”. From now on is just a matter of time, chess to become part of the educational system of the new Europe. And we can be calm, because our children, these new Europeans will learn their life lessons not from the street, but with the help of the deep wisdom of chess.

Chess is a powerful and stable bridge between our modern civilization and the treasures of the past. It teaches us in wisdom, nobility, strength, balanced and purposeful way of living. The place of the chess is as part of the world culture and one day it will be there. I have started already very close dialogue with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization UNESCO about recognition of chess as part of the World Cultural Heritage and I am convinced that this process will be successful.

Chess is teaching us in fair play, chess is teaching us to act like knights. That’s why all my actions are dependent on this principle – fair play in relationships, fair play in organizing and conducting of tournaments, fair play in the cooperation between the chess institutions, lawful decisions and transparent procedures in granting of chess events.

Regardless of the skin color, gender, country of origin or title - every single chess player, every single chess figure is very important and this is the only way all of us to act as one family, according to our slogan Gens Una Sumus!

Being one family, very important part of our daily activities is to defend the interest of the chess professionals, which very often means bringing more money in chess. This will happen if we introduce new business models in managing and financing of chess. Let us think about chess as a product, which has millions of players and fans. Let’s count our big army and let’s show our great number and strong interest to the community and sponsors. Let them know that chess is strong and powerful, let them know that all European chess federations are united - with same actions, with same behavior, strong as one.

One of the important characteristics of chess is that it evolves and adapts to the context of the reality in which it exists. If we want chess to be transformed into a more attractive discipline for the sponsors, there is not enough just to reveal its treasures, but we have to introduce also new rules and new formats of chess events.

Fundamental principle in chess is the conquest of new territories and we have to act with the precision of grandmasters according to this principle, if we want to achieve

our goals.

Chess is unusual, chess is unique and we have to show to the society its uniqueness, to reveal its treasures, to show its real face.

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I have a dream one day chess to become an Olympic sport.

And I know...All this will happen!

Gens Una Sumus! "

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## LAUNCH OF LIVE BETTING ON DOUBLEDROOKS.COM



Doubled Rooks, supported by the ECU, is a website for betting on chess moves. People can predict the next move in games broadcast live over the internet.

At [www.DoubledRooks.com](http://www.DoubledRooks.com) registered users can bet on the next move, expressing their confidence in their prediction by the amount they bet.

On the Doubled Rooks website, participants can watch live games.

However, rather than passively watching a game, they can become actively involved, chatting and competing with other bettors to see who is the best predictor.

All these functions are available from 24th-30th of November 2012 for the "Belgrade Trophy 2012" Open Tournament. The Belgrade Trophy 2012 open tournament is part of the test phase of the website. During this phase, people can bet with play money for free, rather than real money.

[www.ecuonline.net](http://www.ecuonline.net)



## GM FERENC BERKES WON THE HUNGARIAN MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP'2012



Source of the photo: ChessVibes

GM Ferenc Berkes (ELO 2693) won the Hungarian Men's Championship'2012 with final result of 7 points from possible 9. On the second place with 6.5 points finished GM Tamas Banusz (ELO 2580), third is GM Zoltan Medvegy (ELO 2561) with 5.5 points.

The Hungarian Men's Championship was held on November 22-30, 2012. Chief-Arbiter of the tournament was IA Lajos Gyorkos.

### Final Ranking after 9 rounds

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg.	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	GM	Berkes Ferenc	2693	7	5	28.3	0
2	GM	Banusz Tamas	2580	6.5	4	25.5	0
3	GM	Medvegy Zoltan	2561	5.5	4	19.8	0
4	GM	Papp Gabor	2578	5	2	23.3	0
5	GM	Erdos Viktor	2640	5	2	19.3	0
6	GM	Horvath Jozsef	2539	4	1	15.8	0
7	GM	Szabo Krisztian	2541	4	0	17.3	0
8	GM	Prohaszka Peter	2573	3.5	2	11.8	0
9	GM	Pap Gyula	2553	2.5	1	10.5	0
10	IM	Mihok Oliver	2451	2	0	7.75	0

Official website: <http://chess.hu>

## JONATHAN HAWKINS WON THE BRITISH RAPID CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP'2012



Jonathan Hawkins won the British Rapid Chess Championship with 9 points from possible 11. Second finished Stephen Gordon with 8.5 points, third is James Cobb with 8 points.

The championship was held on November 24-25, 2012 at Leeds Metropolitan University.

## Final Ranking after 11 rounds - first 10 positions - Open section

Rank	Player	Pts.
1	Jonathan Hawkins	9
2	Stephen J Gordon	8½
3	James E Cobb	8
4	Daniel W Gormally	8
5	Craig A Hanley	7½
6	Sophie Milliet	7
7	Robert F Willmoth	7
8	Jim Burnett	7
9	Joseph McPhillips	7
10	Charles H Storey	6½



The winners in the other sections were as follows:

**Final Ranking after 11 rounds - first 3 positions - Major**

Rank	Player	Total
1	Philip J Olbison	9
2	Nathan Talbot	8½
3	Jacob Manton	8

**Final Ranking after 11 rounds - first 3 positions - Intermediate**

Rank	Player	Total
1	Michael McDonagh	8½
2	Richard E Desmedt	8
3	Okiemute Ogrigbo	8

**Final Ranking after 11 rounds - first 3 positions - Minor**

Rank	Player	Total
1	Angelica Dean	9½
2	Karam Sangha	8½
3	Paul May	8½

**Final Ranking after 5 rounds - first 3 positions - Junior U12, U16**

Rank	Player	Total
1	Jacob Boswell	4
2	Stephen Chung	4
3	Koby Kalavannan	4

Official website: [www.british-rapidplay.org.uk](http://www.british-rapidplay.org.uk)



## GM VIDMANTAS MALISAUSKAS WON THE LITHUANIAN RAPID CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



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GM Vidmantas Malisauskas won the Lithuanian Rapid Chess Championship with final result of 8.5 points from possible 9. Second with the same points is GM Aloyzas Kveinys, third finished IM Vaidas Sakalauskas with 7 points.

The Lithuanian Rapid Chess Championship was held on November 24-25, 2012 in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Chief-Arbitrer of the tournament was IA Raimondas Paliulionis.

One hundred thirty five chess players took part in the competition. It was played in 9 rounds, according to the Swiss system with time control of 15 minutes for the entire game + 10 seconds increment per move, starting from move one.

### Final Ranking - first 10 positions - RAPID

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB5
1	GM	Malisauskas Vidmantas	2463	8.5	52	56	43	8
2	GM	Kveinys Aloyzas	2526	8.5	51	55	43	8
3	IM	Sakalauskas Vaidas	2432	7	51	55	37	6
4	IM	Pileckis Emilis	2464	7	48	51	36	7
5		Tvarijonas Tomas	2006	7	47	51	34	7
6	FM	Martinkus Rolandas	2210	7	47	51	35	6
7	IM	Beinoras Mindaugas	2350	7	47	50	37	7
8	FM	Vedrickas Tautvydas	2283	7	43	47	34	7
9		Juknis Paulius	2163	6.5	48	52	35	6
10		Klabis Rokas	2151	6.5	47	50	33	6

The Blitz Chess Championship of Lithuania was played on 23<sup>rd</sup> of November at the same venue. The winners in this section are: 1<sup>st</sup> place - Tomas Laurusas - 9/11; 2<sup>nd</sup> place- Vaidas Setkauskas - 9/11; 3<sup>rd</sup> place - GM Vidmantas Malisauskas - 8.5/11.

One hundred and forty chess players competed in this tournament, which was played in 11 rounds, according to the Swiss system with time control of 3 minutes for the entire game + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move one.



### Final Ranking - first 10 positions - BLITZ

Rk.		Name	Rtg	Pt s.	TB 1	TB 2	TB 3	TB 5
1		Laurusas Tomas	241 2	9	77	82	58	8
2		Setkauskas Vaidas	221 6	9	75	79	56	8
3	GM	Malisauskas Vidmantas	245 0	8.5	77	83	53	7
4		Stremavicius Titas	220 4	8.5	77	82	57	7
5	IM	Labeckas Kestutis	237 6	8.5	71	76	52	7
6	IM	Pileckis Emilis	244 7	8	76	82	52	8
7	GM	Kveinys Aloyzas	252 6	8	76	82	51	7
8		Klabis Rokas	214 4	8	71	74	51	7
9	IM	Grabliauskas Virginijus	233 2	8	70	76	50	8
10		Vaicekauskas Gytis	211 9	8	70	75	48	8

Official website: [www.chessfed.lt](http://www.chessfed.lt)



### EU POLGAR CHESS FESTIVAL



The EU Polgar Chess Festival was held on 17th of November, 2012 in Budapest, Hungary.

Over four thousand visitors attended the event. The program of the festival was well balanced between the more intimate actual game of chess and for the general audience more entertaining show elements.

The Festival was under the patronage of Mrs Androulla Vassiliou, Member of the European Commission, and was supported by the European Commission Representation in Hungary.

At one of the pick events, Judit Polgar gave a 27 board simultaneous game to children representing the 27 nations of the EU. At the press conference, she also announced that from 2013 chess is going to be part of the National Curriculum in Hungary as an alternative subject in elementary schools and high schools.

The show elements at the festival included live chess dance choreography, an amazing escape by David Merlini an escape artist setting himself free and hanging from the ceiling to play a blitz game with Susan Polgar, and also the debut of the rapidly growing hybrid sport, chessboxing in Hungary, with Mihaly Kotai WBF/IBO middleweight world boxing champion.



The closing of the programs was a 100 board simul, given by the Polgar sisters, to celebrities, athletes, artists, scientists, businessmen, politicians and fans. The celebrity guests included George Soros, Bessel Kok, Alisa Maric, Serbian minister of sports and youth and Roland Garros winner Andrea Temesvari, world famous conductor Ivan Fischer, a number of Ambassadors to Hungary (Serbia, Israel, Sweden and Canada).

Official website: [www.juditpolgar.com](http://www.juditpolgar.com)