

## **The Bobby Fischer Center in Iceland:**

The gravesite of the World Chess Champion Bobby Fischer is at Laugardælakirkjugarði in South Iceland. The American, Bobby Fischer, marked his footprints in the world saga by his win against the Soviet master, Spassky, in the World Chess Champion Match in Reykjavik 1972. Even though it was basically just a chess game, it was considered highly political, or the West competing against the East during the Cold War Era, and the Soviets had until then never lost a World Chess Championship. The event captured the world press and the Match put Iceland on the map and the BBC reporters rated this event as one of the top 20 most remarkable events of the last century and this event is usually called "the Chess Match of the Century". About 150 books have been written about the event and in great numbers documentaries and TV shows have been produced about the event. And still today are documentaries and books being written about the event and a new film "Pawn Sacrifice" about Bobby Fischer life is being produced in USA with Tobey Maguire acting Bobby Fischer. In about 2 km distance from the gravesite is the Bobby Fischer Center in Selfoss. It hoist a memorabilia of the World Chess Champion Bobby Fischer and it is also a community center for the local Chess Club.



The ID number for the Bobby Fischer Center is 510413-0320. It is a non-profit organization and registered as a museum. The Center is at Rout 1 and about 54 km in south east from Reykjavik, Austurvegur 21, 800 Selfoss. The GPS position of the Bobby Fischer Center is N63°56'14.73247 W20°59'46.497

The Bobby Fischer Center is located in downtown Selfoss, where all main services can be reached within a walking distance. The Center is in a renovated 120 m2 location, which can easily hoist medium size groups and the Center has a good size parking area for cars and buses. The Center sells souvenirs, chess books and magazines.

The opening hours are 9:00 – 11:00 and 16:00-18:00 every day until September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Admission fee is 750 ISK for adults and free for 12 years and younger. For groups (8 or more) the fee is 500 ISK and free for 12 years and younger. Free admission for tourist guides.

Furthermore it is possible to book guiding tours through the Bobby Fischer Center with Gudmundur G. Thorarinsson. He was the president of the Icelandic Chess Federation during the Match 1972 and the main manager of the event. If interested please contact Aldis Sigfusdottir (phone +354 894-1275) or send an email at [fischersetur@gmail.com](mailto:fischersetur@gmail.com)

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Attached is a photo of Bobby Fischer during the Match in Reykjavik 1972.