

GJØVIK INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL 2008-09 December 29 – January 7

We welcome you to our International chess festival to celebrate the 100 years anniversary of Gjøvik chess club (Gjøvik Sjakklubb), Norway.

The festival will include a mixture of attractive tournaments for chess players on all levels from Beginner to Grandmaster.

This continues our tradition of organizing nice chess events in Gjøvik, such as the 75 years anniversary tournament of 1983, with top group won by Nunn, Browne and Adorján ahead of Miles, Agdestein, Spassky, Ftacnik etc. During our Norwegian championship of 1991 Karpov and Agdestein drew their match (2-2).

One top attraction of the festival is planned to be a **RAPID PLAY MATCH** between homestar **MAGNUS CARLSEN** and another **TOP PLAYER OF THE WORLD**.

	Gjøvik Sjakklubb 100 Years GM Swiss	Open ELO Tournament	Rating Tournament B	Rapid chess Tournament	SUPER RAPID MATCH
Dec. 29 th (Monday)	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1		(Exact program not yet scheduled!)
Dec. 30 th (Tuesday)	Round 2	Round 2 + 3	Round 2 + 3		
Dec. 31 st (Wednesday)	Round 3	Round 4	Round 4		
Jan. 1 st (Thursday)	Round 4	Round 5	Round 5		
Jan. 2 nd (Friday)	Round 5	Round 6	Round 6		Possible start
Jan. 3 rd (Saturday)	Free day			Rounds 1 - 5	
Jan. 4 th (Sunday)	Round 6			Rounds 6 - 9	
Jan. 5 th (Monday)	Round 7				Possible finish
Jan. 6 th (Tuesday)	Round 8				
Jan. 7 th (Wednesday)	Round 9				

ACCOMODATION for all tournaments:

The playing site hotel Thon Hotel Gjøvik offers all participants and their accompanying persons a reduced chess price being for each person and night 715 NOK in a single room, 495 NOK in a double room and 395 NOK in a triple room. The hotel price includes breakfast served every day 08.00-11.00.

Registrations /hotel reservations /questions for all the tournaments:

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**CHOOSE TO CELEBRATE NEW YEAR 2009 DURING
THE MEMORABLE CHESS FESTIVAL IN GJØVIK, NORWAY!**

The Gjøvik Sjakklubb 100 years Grandmaster Swiss tournament - December 29 – January 7

A strong and attractive tournament, with at least 10 – 12 Grandmasters, probably more, offering excellent chances for all kind of title norms.

The tournament is open to all players with the titles GM, IM, WGM, WIM, FM or WFM, and to all other players with an official FIDE-ELO of at least 2100 when registering. A number of players rated below 2100 applying before 15.10.2008 will also be allowed to play.

Strong grandmasters **Sergei Tiviakov, Vasilios Kotronias, Lajos Portisch, Kaido Kulaots, Kjetil Lie, and Nick de Firmian** were the first to make their entry, even before the invitation was made public.

Time limits: 2 hours in 40 moves, 1 hour extra for the next 20 moves, and 30 minutes extra to finish the game (a total of 7 hours).

Money prizes:

1: 2000 Euro, 2: 1500 Euro, 3: 1000 Euro, 4: 800 Euro, 5: 600 Euro, 6: 400 Euro, 7: 300 Euro, 8: 250 Euro, 9: 200 Euro, 10: 175 Euro, 11: 150 Euro, 12: 140 Euro, 13: 130 Euro, 14: 120 Euro, 15: 100 Euro. **Best woman player:** 250 Euro. **Best player rated 2150-2299:** 250 Euro. **Best player rated below 2150:** 250 Euro.

Entry fees:

GM /IM /WGM /WIM:	Free
Other players with a FIDE-Elo at least 2250:	75 Euro
Other players with a FIDE-Elo 2100 - 2249:	110 Euro
Other players with a FIDE-Elo 2000 – 2099:	130 Euro
Accepted players below 2000, or no FIDE-Elo:	150 Euro

Players staying at the Thon Hotel Gjøvik for the whole period 29.12 - 07.01 get a discount of 30 Euro on the entry fee. All juniors born 1988 or later get a discount of 15 Euro.

A limited number of GMs will get free hotel and some money to cover travel and food, and a limited number of IMs and WGMs will get parts of their costs covered. Interested titleholders please contact the organizer as soon as possible.

Registration for the tournaments starting December 29 will be from 13.00 to 16.30.

Opening ceremony at 17.00. **The daily round** usually starts at 12.30.

Prize giving January 7 at 16.00.

The playing schedule makes it possible to participate also in the rapid tournament 03.01-04.01.

Players informing about it during the registration before round 1 can choose one round to get a bye with ½ points. Players using this option however cannot make title norms, and for last round only a bye will give 0 points.

Also blitz tournament(s), training lectures, and other nice chess program will be prepared.

Best regards from the organizing committee, Øystein Brekke (chairman)

**Always see updated information at the webpage:
www.gjovikfestival.sjakkweb.no**