

EIGHTH

GIBTELECOM INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL

Tuesday 26 January to Thursday 4 February 2010

GIBRALTAR

**£112,500
Prize Money**



Gibtelecom Masters - Open to all. £96,600 in prizes.
26 January to 4 February 2010, a 10 round Swiss.

A Female player could win £23,000 in Gibraltar.

Challengers A: Under 2250. (26 to 30 January 2010) Prize Fund £5,150

Challengers B: Under 2250. (31 January to 4 February 2010) Prize Fund £5,150

A player rated under 2250 could win £6,000 in Gibraltar.

Amateur A: Under 1800. (26 to 31 January 2010) Prize fund £2,300.

Amateur B: Under 1800. (31 January to 4 February 2010) Prize fund £2,300.

Each of the above four events is a five round Swiss.

Evening events: £1,000.

Junior Congress: 6 & 7 February 2010.

Hosted by the The Caleta Hotel, Gibraltar.



Gibtelecom

www.gibraltarchesscongress.com

GIBTELECOM MASTERS

This event is open to all. The first prize of **£15,000** may not be shared. All other prizes shall be shared where players have the same score.

In the event of a tie for first place, there shall be a speed play off. If there are 4 or fewer players tied for 1st place there will be a speed knock out play off for the first place. If more than 4 players tie for 1st place the top 4 shall be decided on performance rating.

WOMEN'S AWARDS

If there is a tie for the top women's prize, the tie is resolved in favour of the woman with the highest performance rating, who will receive the prize of **£8,000**. All other ties will not be subject to the tie break and prize money will be divided equally amongst the players.

Women can win only one Women's prize and one main prize.

RULES & REGULATIONS

Draws by mutual agreement in under 30 moves are not allowed. There must be no pre arranged or tacit agreements to draw games of any length, by repetition or otherwise. Penalties may involve loss of prize money.

The rate of play is 40 moves in 100 minutes plus 20 moves in 50 minutes plus 15 minutes for all remaining moves with 30 seconds per move added from the start.

Players who wish to take one half point bye in the Masters may do so, provided they give adequate notice. However no player may request a bye in the last four rounds.

SCHEDULE

The Masters shall start daily at 15.00hrs for rounds 1-9. The players who are in contention for the first prize, or their last round opponents, shall start round 10 at 10.00hrs. All other games shall start at the usual time of 15.00hrs.

DEFAULT TIME

Players arriving 30 minutes or more after the start of a session shall lose, unless the Arbiter decides otherwise.

PAYMENT OF PRIZES

Prizes in all events shall be paid by cheque or electronic transfer, except for the two evening blitz tournaments and the first week Challenger and Amateur events. Any player wishing to receive his potential prize money in cash (pounds sterling or euros) must inform the hotel of their wish to exercise this option on the entry form.

There shall be a charge of 3% of the prize money for this service. No prize will be given before 23.00hrs on 4 February 2010.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER

The highest placed eligible player, not already qualified in the Gibraltar Masters shall qualify for the right to play in the British Championship from 25 July to 7 August 2010 in Canterbury.

Any eligible player meeting at least 7 FIDE rated opponents in the Open or the Challengers with a Tournament performance of 2350 or higher shall also qualify for the right to play in the British Championship 2010.



Winner Peter Svidler Gibraltar 2009.

MOBILE PHONES

These must be switched off in the playing venue. If a player's phone makes any sound or is used during play, the player will forfeit the game.

NO-SMOKING RULE

Smoking is forbidden in the Playing Hall and adjacent areas or the Commentary Room.

ACP

The Gibraltar Masters forms part of the Association Tour

CHALLENGER TOURNAMENTS

Open only to players with FIDE ratings under 2250 or unrated. Challenger tournaments start daily at 10.00hrs.

The rate of play is all the moves in 110 minutes + 10 seconds per move added from the start.

The games rarely last more than four hours and competitors can play in the Masters as well as a morning event.

No player may win more than one prize in one week.

Default time will be as for the Masters.

Note: A player rated under 2250 could win **£6,000** by winning the two Challengers Tournaments (**£2,000**) and the rating prize in the afternoon (**£2,000**): a mere 20 games to win all this.

AMATEUR TOURNAMENTS

Open only to players with FIDE ratings under 1800 and nationally rated players of under 1800, ECF grade 150, or unrated players. The right is reserved to place players in the Challengers if thought unsuitable for the Amateur. An outright winner of the first week amateurs tournament will immediately be promoted to the second week challengers tournament. Amateur tournaments play daily at 10.00hrs. The rate of play is all the moves in 110 minutes +10 seconds per move added from the start. The games rarely last more than four hours and competitors can play in the Masters as well as a morning event. No player may win more than one prize in one week.

The rate of play in the Amateur Tournaments is as in the Challengers. Default time is as for the Masters.



RATING

All games in all five events shall be graded in the English Chess Federation Grading List. The Masters and both Challengers shall be FIDE Rated.

RIGHT OF REFUSAL

The right is reserved to refuse any entry without assigning a reason.

£112,500 PRIZE MONEY



Boris Spassky First move with Antonetta Stefanova.

GIBTELECOM MASTERS PRIZES

Open To All			Prizes for best relative rating achievement		
1st Prize	£15,000		Rating Band	1st Prize	2nd Prize
2nd Prize	£10,000		2500-2599	£3,000	£2,000
3rd Prize	£7,000		2400-2499	£2,000	£1,000
4th Prize	£5,000		2300-2399	£2,000	£1,000
5th Prize	£4,000		2200-2299	£2,000	£1,000
6th Prize	£3,000		Under 2200	£2,000	£1,000
7th Prize	£2,500				
8th Prize	£2,000				
9th Prize	£1,500				
10th Prize	£1,250				
11th Prize	£1,000				
12th Prize	£1,000				

A player may not win more than one complete prize from the table above. In addition a woman may not win more than one complete prize from the Women's awards.

BEST GAME PRIZE £1,000

Seniors (Over 60 on 1 January 2010)	£1,000
Juniors (Under 18 on 1 January 2010)	1st £600, 2nd £500

WOMEN'S AWARDS IN 2010 GIBTELECOM MASTERS

Open to all Women			Prizes for best relative rating achievement	
1st Prize	£8,000	2350-2150	£500	
2nd Prize	£4,000			
3rd Prize	£3,000	Under 2150	£250	
4th Prize	£2,500			
5th Prize	£2,000			
6th Prize	£1,500			
7th Prize	£1,000			
8th Prize	£500			



Nana Dzagnidze Woman Winner 2009 with Tania Sachdev and Victoria Cmilyte.

CHALLENGER TOURNAMENTS

Challengers Week 1: 26-30 January	
1st Prize	£2,000
2nd Prize	£1,000
3rd Prize	£500
1950-2050	£500
Under 1950	£500
Unrated Player	£500
Gibraltar Prize	£150



Juan Manuel Bellon, Pia Crumling and thier daughter Anna.

Challengers Week 2: 31 Jan-4 Feb	
1st Prize	£2,000
2nd Prize	£1,000
3rd Prize	£500
1950-2050	£500
Under 1950	£500
Unrated Player	£500
Gibraltar Prize	£150

EVENING EVENTS PRIZES £1,000

AMATEUR TOURNAMENTS

Amateur Week 1: 26-30 Jan		Amateur Week 2: 31 Jan-4 Feb	
1st Prize	£1,000	1st Prize	£1,000
2nd Prize	£600	2nd Prize	£600
3rd Prize	£400	3rd Prize	£400
4th Prize	£200	4th Prize	£200
Gibraltar Prize	£100	Gibraltar Prize	£100



British Champions 2008 - Stuart Conquest and Jovanka Houska.

Entry fee for all events is £30 per event

Late entry fee is £50 per event (if presented after 14 January 2010)

Participants utilizing the Caleta Hotel package have their entry fee paid by the Caleta Hotel

PAYMENT

See the form on page 6 or that on the website for payment by credit card. Cheques should be made payable to the Gibraltar Chess Congress. Entries should be sent to The Caleta Hotel, Sir Herbert Miles Road, Gibraltar. All entries shall be acknowledged, as long as the entry form has a full postal address, a fax number, or an email address. No entry form will be accepted unless payment is received with the entry form!

Cancellations received in writing before 21 January, 2010 shall receive a full refund.

REGISTRATION

Players must register before 7.30pm on 25 January 2010 or have confirmed their entry at The Caleta Hotel in order to be included in the First Round Draw.

CONTACT

For purely technical enquiries contact Stewart Reuben: stewartreuben@aol.com. For hospitality enquiries contact chess@caletahotel.gi. Players shall not be offered fees or travel expenses. However, the Caleta Hotel will be offering bed, breakfast and an evening meal to a limited number of leading players. Players prepared to share are favoured. Anybody who withdraws after having accepted an offer must inform the hotel immediately.

SPECTATORS

There is no charge for spectators to watch the games in play; to attend Stuart Conquest's commentaries on the games in play; or to attend the evening Master Classes.

JUNIOR (UNDER 18) CONGRESS

Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 February 2010. Separate details will be available from The Caleta Hotel.

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS

The Masters is a ten round Open Swiss tournament that shall provide opportunities to qualify for titles and the FIDE World Rating List. An Accelerated Pairing system is used and this provides exceptional opportunities to qualify for title norms. The two Challengers are also both FIDE Rated. The two Amateurs shall also be rated provided there are enough rated entrants.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ENTRY TO ALL THESE EVENTS IS FREE EXCEPT *

Monday	25	by	20.00 hours	Opening Ceremony at a buffet dinner with random pairings to be drawn of top boards by Miss Gibraltar
Monday	25	from	23.00 hours	Display of Pairings
Wednesday	27	from	21.00 hours	Chess Master Class
Wednesday	27	from	22.00 hours	Poker Master Class
Thursday	28	from	21.00 hours	Teams of 4 Blitz, prize money £500
Friday	29	from	21.00 hours	Chess Master Class
Saturday	30	from	16.00 hours	Challengers A and Amateur A Prize giving
Saturday	30	from	21.00 hours	Any Questions to a Panel of Experts
Sunday	31	from	21.00 hours	Chess Master Class
Monday	01	from	21.00 hours	Casino Poker evening at the Gala Casino Gibraltar with transport provided *
Tuesday	02	from	21.00 hours	Team pairs blitz, team total rating not to exceed 4600, prize money £500
Thursday	04	from	21.00 hours	Closing Ceremony and Gala Dinner at The Caleta Hotel by invitation

COMMENTARY

Commentaries take place daily in the afternoon and are given by Grandmaster Stuart Conquest in both English and Spanish. Audience participation is encouraged. These commentaries are broadcast live on the congress website (www.gibraltarchesscongress.com)

POKER

There will be a poker evening exclusively for Chess players at the Gibraltar Casino. A finger buffet and transport will be included. Pre-registration is required. Stewart Reuben, the author of many books on poker, will be conducting the Master Class.

GALA CASINOS

GAMES INPUTTING

Players are expected to help ensure their games are shown correctly on the Internet.

Players are requested to send the e-mail contacts of their local media to chess@caletahotel.gi in advance. This information will enable your results to be reported.

HOTELS

In previous years, it has sometimes been possible for players to share a room even though they have not made such arrangements in advance. However, the organisers cannot guarantee to help with such private arrangements. Accommodation at hotels other than The Caleta Hotel must be booked direct.

We recommend that reservations are made using a credit card, cheque or bank transfer. Details for bank transfer are:

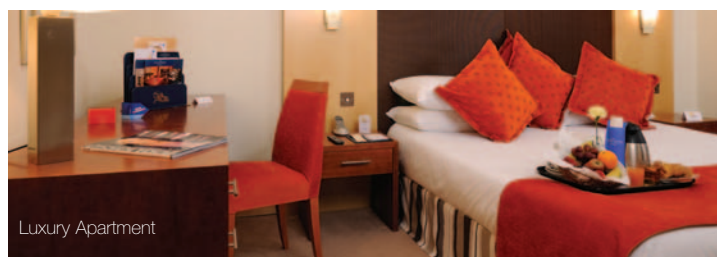
Barclays Bank Plc, 84/90 Main Street, GIBALTAR.

ACCOUNT NAME: Caleta Palace Hotel B Account
ACCOUNT NO: 00595411
SORT CODE: 20-45-21
IBAN CODE: GI05BARC020452100595411
SWIFT BIC CODE: BARCGIGI
CURRENCY: GBP

The packages include dinner, bed & breakfast and all entry fees, except the late entry fee. The rate per night includes bed & breakfast only. Early reservations are recommended. For more information on hotels please visit our website at www.gibraltarchesscongress.com

CALETA HOTEL **** PACKAGES

	11 NIGHTS PACKAGE	5 NIGHTS PACKAGE	EXTRA NIGHT
Single Occupancy	£935	£425	£70
Twin Occupancy	£1,320	£600	£80



HOTELS

HOTEL	STARS	SINGLE	TWIN/ DOUBLE	TELEPHONE	EMAIL
Bristol	***	£47.00 BB	£57 BB	(+350) 200 76800	reservations@bristolhotel.gi
The Caleta	****	£70* BB	£80* BB	(+350) 200 76501	conf.bang@caletahotel.gi
Cannon	*	£28 BB	£40 Sharing a bathroom BB	(+350) 200 51711	cannon@sapphire.net.gi
	*		£49 Ensuite BB	(+350) 200 51711	cannon@sapphire.net.gi
O'Callaghan Elliott	****	Mon-Thurs £110 BB	Mon-Thurs £120 BB	(+350) 200 70500	elliott@ocallaghanhotels.com
		Fri-Sun £90 BB	Fri-Sun £90 BB	(+350) 200 70500	elliott@ocallaghanhotels.com
Rock	****	£70 BB	£85 BB	(+350) 200 73000	rockhotel@gibtelecom.net

Emile Hostel	Dormitory £15 Per person per night	BB	(+350) 200 51106	emilehostel@yahoo.co.uk
	Single room £20 Per person night	BB	(+350) 200 51106	emilehostel@yahoo.co.uk
	Twin room £35 Per person night	BB	(+350) 200 51106	emilehostel@yahoo.co.uk

Ocean Heights

STUDIO	£50 Per night RO	£250 Per week RO	£165 Long stay (min 28 days)	(+350) 200 71250	lettings@heraldproperties.net
1 BED DUPLEX	£60 Per night RO	£280 Per week RO	£185 Long stay (min 28 days)	(+350) 200 71250	lettings@heraldproperties.net
1 BED & LARGER DUPLEX	£65 Per night RO	£315 Per week RO	£200 Long stay (min 28 days)	(+350) 200 71250	lettings@heraldproperties.net
2 BED APARTMENT	£80 Per night RO	£420 Per week RO	£245 Long stay (min 28 days)	(+350) 200 71250	lettings@heraldproperties.net
2 BEDROOM SUPERIOR	£95 Per night RO	£470 Per week RO	£245 Long stay (min 28 days)	(+350) 200 71250	lettings@heraldproperties.net

Deposit of **£150** required to secure bookings. Deposit of **£200** required for 2 bedroom apartments. Long term rentals require 1 month rent as a holding deposit and 1 weeks rent in advance.

* Entry fees are included in the hotel package. **BB** = B&B basis. **RO** = Room Only.

All prices are based on price per night on a bed & breakfast basis.

Accommodation can be booked directly with any of the other hotels in Gibraltar. Approximate rates are shown above, inclusive of breakfast. Always remember to advise when making your reservation that you are attending the Gibtelecom Chess Festival.

GETTING TO GIBRALTAR

BY AIR

Direct scheduled flights from Gatwick, Luton, Manchester and Madrid (subject to confirmation) to Gibraltar. Approximate flying times 2.5 hours. Malaga is serviced from a substantial number of major cities. The transfer time by road to Gibraltar is approximately 90 minutes, 130 kilometres. There is a public bus service. The border is crossed at La Linea in Spain. Malaga Bus Station (+34) 952 350061 or Algeciras Bus Station (+34) 956 651055. If you log on to the following website you will be able to access information on coach transfers and time tables from Malaga to La Linea and also from Algeciras www.andalucia.com/travel/bus/malaga.htm and then click on travel information about Andalucia.

BY ROAD

Madrid is 500 kilometres from Gibraltar and takes approximately 6 hours. Ferry: From Tangier to Algeciras or Tarifa daily. There are ferries from Tangier to Gibraltar, but these are much less frequent in the winter months. The timetable must be checked and are subject to change. It is much easier to take the ferry to Algeciras, but then a Schengen visa is required.

BY TRAIN

To Algeciras. It is then a short bus ride to La Linea.

MALAGA TO GIBRALTAR

BUS SERVICE

The organisers are offering a Bus service from Malaga Airport. Buses will leave Malaga Airport for Gibraltar from 12.00 to 17.30 on the 25 January, 2010, returning from Gibraltar to Malaga Airport on the morning of the 5 February, 2010. The cost will be £25 per person return trip. If you wish to make use of this service, please contact Peter Purland at petepurland@btopenworld.com

BUS SERVICES WITHIN

GIBRALTAR

The Gibraltar Government have kindly agreed to offer free transport on Buses operated by The Gibraltar Bus Company (blue Buses) within Gibraltar for accredited participants of the Chess Festival.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

All EU Nationals may enter Gibraltar with a valid identity card or passport. A full passport is required should you wish to visit North Africa.

Visas are required for visitors to Spain and/or Gibraltar from certain countries. Thus, for example, a Russian or Moroccan national, reaching Gibraltar from Spain requires two visas. A Schengen visa and a Gibraltar visa are necessary. If he were to travel via London, both a British and a Gibraltar visa would be required. Gibraltar visas can be obtained from the British Embassy/Consulate in your home country. Players with five year entry visas to the UK do not require Gibraltar visas. When applying for a visa it is essential to start the process prior to 7 December 2009. It is much better to apply to the Embassy in one's country of residence. Provided people enter in good time, assistance will be given as necessary, including a formal invitation.

CURRENCY

The legal tender is the Gibraltar pound. UK pounds have exactly the same value and are equally welcome. There is no restriction on the amount of money that can be brought in or taken out of Gibraltar. Euros are widely accepted in all shops, restaurants and so on.

HEALTH

No specific vaccinations are required for Gibraltar, Spain or North Africa.

CLIMATE

The average temperature at that time of year is 15 degrees C.

TOURIST POINTS

It is neither necessary, nor particularly desirable, to bring your own car. Since Gibraltar is only about 6 square kilometres, it is very easy to get around. You may, however, prefer to hire a car at Malaga Airport. **Gibraltar is a VAT-free shoppers' paradise.**



Gibraltar offers an abundance of sights and attractions

- See The Rock on a coach or taxi tour
- Enjoy the views from the cable car
- Explore the Rock's many Tunnels
- Climb and scramble through Lower St. Michael's Cave
- Walk through the city centre and the beautiful Alameda Botanic Gardens
- Take to the sea for dolphin watching, fishing, sailing or diving

For more information please contact the Gibraltar Tourist Board

T: (350) 200 74950

E: information@tourism.gov.gi

F: (350) 200 74943

www.visitgibraltar.gi or the hotel reception.

CHESS ENTRY FORM

All fields must be completed in Capital Letters to enable your entry to be processed.

Surname: _____ Mr Mrs Ms

Forename(s): _____

Address: _____

Country: _____ Nationality: _____

Postcode: _____ Telephone No: _____ Fax No: _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Credit Card Details: _____ Card Type: _____

Expiry Date: _____ Number: _____

If you have accepted conditions offered by The Organisers, please note this here:

THE CALETA HOTEL BOOKING FORM

Arrival date:	Departure date:	Number of persons:	
Accommodation Required	Single <input type="checkbox"/>	Double <input type="checkbox"/>	Twin <input type="checkbox"/>
5 night package			
11 night package			
Please state where you are staying, if not at the Caleta Hotel.			

We recommend that reservations are made using a credit card, cheque or bank transfer. Details for bank transfer are:

Barclays Bank Plc, 84/90 Main Street, GIBRALTAR.

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ACCOUNT NO:	00595411	SWIFT BIC CODE:	BARCGIGI
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CURRENT RATING

If applicable. If you have no current rating please indicate your playing strength and your previous highest grade (if any)

FIDE	FIDE Title	ECF	Spain	Other (please specify)	Federation

SECTION(S) ENTERED

Indicate the appropriate level of entry fee.

Entry is free for players holding the GM, IM, WGM or WIM title and for people taking The Caleta Hotel package (which also includes dinner). For others, £30 per section.

	Tick section	Entry Fee
Gibtelecom Masters		£
Challengers U-2250 Week 1		£
Amateur U-1850 Week 1		£
Challengers U-2250 Week 2		£
Amateur U-1850 Week 2		£
Late fee, £20 after 14 January 2010		£
Total fees		£
Do you require a formal invitation for visa, or other purposes? <input type="checkbox"/>		

Return to, The Caleta Hotel, PO Box 73, Gibraltar. Tel (+350) 200 76501 Fax (+350) 200 79434
Email: conf.banq@caletahotel.gi (note: you may complete this form and send it as an email attachment to this email address)
To receive their potential prize in cash, at a cost of 3%, players must tick the box



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