

# **The World Famous Reykjavik Open Chess Quiz**

**Now in Porto Mannu  
Questions**

# Question 1

- Former World Champion Veselin Topalov has been the strongest Bulgarian player for two decades. How often has he been Bulgarian champion (Elite group)?

## Question 2

- Nona Gaprindashvili was the first female player to obtain the Grand Master title, but that was by a special decision by FIDE. Who was the first female player to qualify for the GM title through tournament play?

# Question 3

- Friedrich Sämisch was a winner of several strong tournaments during the 1920's and also the founder of two opening variations. Where was he from?

# Question 4

- The AVRO Tournament, held in various cities in the Netherlands is believed to be one of the strongest tournament of all times. It was held in 1938 and included Alekhine, Botvinnik, Capablanca, Euwe, Fine, Flohr, Keres and Reshevsky. What two players topped the table with 8,5/14?

# Question 5

- The Karpov-Kasparov match from 1984 is known to be the longest World Championship match ever, lasting 48 games before it got stopped. What is the second longest match in the history of World Championship matches and where was it played?

# Question 6

- Iceland and Italy have faced each other ten times in the Olympiad. The score is 21-19 for Italy. Last time they played was in 2002 in Bled. Who was then playing on board 1 for the Italian team?

# Question 7

- In 1961 Botvinnik played his 6th WC match when he beat Mikhail Tal 13-8 to regain the highest trophy in chess. What was his score in WC matches after this match, plus score, even steven or minus score?



# Question 8

- Two players have played in 20+ Olympiads.
- The first one played in 20 Olympiad between 1956-2000.
- The second one is still playing for his country and did play in the Olympiad in Istanbul 2012.
- Who are these two players?

# Question 9

- In the famous novel by Stefan Zweig *The Royal Game*, we meet the World Champion Czentovic. He is more or less described as an idiot with a gift for chess. What is his first name?

# Question 10

- The prestigious Reykjavik Open have been around from 1964. In the first Reykjavik Open (which as actually closed) the winner got 12,5 points out of 13 possible. This chess player was world champion at one point. Who was the winner of the first Reykjavik Tournament?

# Question 11

- The first Portu Mannu was held in 2007. There were two winners. One of them is very famous today but the other one – is not very famous.
- From what country are these two players?

# Question 12

- What opening has the ECO code B10-B19?

# Question 13

- How many possible positions can arise after one move from each player?

# Question 14

- It happens sometimes that brothers are excellent in chess. We are asking about the three pairs and it is OK to have only two of them right.
- Who are the best Italian brothers?
- Who are the best Icelandic brothers?
- Who are the best brothers in the world?

# Question 15

- Who is the only ex FIDE-president who is still alive?



# Question 16

- How many players are playing in the Portu Mannu tournament this year?

# Question 17

- Where will the World Chess Championship 2014 be hosted?

# Question 18

- How many Grandmasters do Italy have today?

# Question 19

- When Gary Kasparov became world champion in 1985 he was only 22 years old. Who was the youngest world champion ever before Kasparov broke the record in 1985?

# Question 20

- The Ponziani opening is rarely played nowadays. It is named after the Italian law professor and priest Domenico Lorenzo Ponziani. What are white's first 3 moves in the Ponziani opening?

# Question 21

- What former World Champion lost a match against Viktor Korchnoi in 1977 and was subsequently fired as editor of Russia's largest chess magazine, 64?

# Question 22

- Every chessplayer has heard about the Philidor position or the Philidor Defence. Where was Philidor from?

# Question 23

- What American Grand Master was the chess columnist for almost quarter of a decade from 1972 – 2006 for the New York Times?



# Question 24

- In the Candidates tournament in Bled 1959 Mikhail Tal came on top of everyone else and earned the right to challenge Mikhail Botvinnik for the World title. Tal's relationship with Bobby Fischer was always very good, but in this tournament they played four games between themselves. What was the score in these 4 games

# Question 25

- We ask about a chess player. He was the 11th World Champion. Last time he did visit Iceland he did not play a single official chess game

## Question 26

- The Chess Oscar is a recognized award given to the best chess player every year. It was awarded for the first time back in 1967. Who was the first chess player to receive it?

# Question 27

- After Boris Spassky lost the World Champion title against Bobby Fischer in 1972 he tried to win it back again in the candidates matches but got knocked out in the semi-finals in 1974. Who beat him?

# Question 28

- Who is the president of the Icelandic Chess Federation?

# Question 29

- The World Championship in football starts tonight.
- The most two recent football matches between Iceland and Italy were played in 2004-05 (friendly).
- What were the results? (not asking about numbers)

# Question 30

- In previous 29 questions the same answer is right to two different questions.
- What is the answer?