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The other side of Chess in Gibraltar

For 15 years chess players have returned to the Tradewise Gibraltar Chess Festival, repeating their experience year on year. You may ask yourself, why? The answer is simple. Gibraltar offers much more than just the best chess. Sunshine, a friendly atmosphere, amazing tourist sites to visit, good food, shopping and top entertainment and special social events make this festival unique.

Players are also invited to the opening dinner hosted by the Gibraltar Government. This year there was also a special dinner hosted by the Governor of Gibraltar at his residence at The Convent, one of Gibraltar's oldest buildings.

Master Classes, blitz and simultaneous chess events and the highlight of our social calendar the Battle of the Sexes.

This year everyone was able to witness the fifth edition of the Battle of the Sexes which for the first time was seen live by nearly 10,000 people across the world on our website.

Gibraltar was the first chess tournament to feature such an event and increasingly over the years our chess competitors look forward to joining in the fun. It is a tough competition but both the women and the men's teams always find themselves in top form on the night. This year was no different. The event after some crazy, inventive and quick moves is a must watch. A video of this event is available on our website.

FESTIVAL DINNER AT THE GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE, THE CONVENT



His Excellency the Governor of Gibraltar Lieutenant General Edward Davis hosted a special Festival dinner at The Convent. Women's World Champion Hou Yifan from China and last year's Tradewise winner Hikaru Nakamura from the USA were amongst the guests as was Gibraltar's Minister for Sport and Culture Steven Linares, tournament organiser Brian Callaghan, tournament director Stuart Conquest, and president of the English Chess Federation Dominic Lawson.

Battle of the Sexes



The Battle of the Sexes was held last Saturday night at the Caleta Hotel. It was a tough competition and fun at the same time.

FIRST MASTER CLASS



Veselin Topalov with Stuart Conquest during the first Master Class of 2017.

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You can find video interviews and other source material from the days round available to embed from our YouTube Channel.

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