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**Our friend, Allan Savage**

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## **A Tribute to Allan Savage, 1951-2022**

Our friend and COSSU's Vice President, Allan Savage, passed away on May 15 at age 71. He fought hard against an aggressive cancer that cut short what should have been a lengthy, fun, and productive, chess-filled retirement. Our profoundly sympathetic thoughts are with his wife Donna, and his family and friends.

Allan grew up in Washington, DC. He learned to play chess when he was ten years old and read chess books voraciously throughout his teen years. He competed in his first tournament at age 14 and rose quickly through the ranks, twice winning the Maryland Junior Championship. He played top board for his Wilson High School chess team, which finished second in the 1st National High School Championship. While in college, his mother moved to Maryland.

Allan became a National Master at age 20. He taught chess as an undergraduate and graduate student, and he became a chess professional for seven years. He continued to teach, he wrote a book, An Introduction to Chess, (Prentice Hall, 1982), he edited chess magazines, and he earned the FIDE Master title by competing in international events.

He returned to Graduate School and earned a Masters Degree in Information Studies. He then returned to Maryland and began to work for the Federal Government at the National Library of Medicine. He twice won the Maryland State Championship; his rating peaked at 2412. In 2012, he won the Maryland Senior Championship. As most of you know, Allan impressively achieved Master status in both over-the-board and in correspondence play.

There was, simply put, an inevitability to our friendship. Our paths crossed first in New England where I grew up and where Allan attended Graduate School. Our paths crossed again in APCT and ICCF correspondence play. Allan won the APCT title in 1991 and tied for first in the prestigious 7<sup>th</sup> North American Correspondence Invitational. Soon thereafter Allan achieved the coveted Correspondence IM title and reached the  $\frac{3}{4}$  World Final. Our paths crossed yet again, of course, in our chess book and chesstamp collecting. We met up notably in 2000 at the ICCF International Congress at Daytona Beach, where, apart from awaiting Allan's IM award presentation, we obtained special chess postmarks at the local post office, and we toured local Lighthouses, one of Allan's many fun passions.

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When I became President of COSSU, Allan was my first and only choice as Vice President, a position that he cherished.

I visited Allan and Donna for the 2006 Washington International Stamp show, the first time that I got to experience his remarkable library (and to see Donna's memorable collection of Turtles on stamps). In 2016, Allan came north to see my chess library and stamp collection and to join me in attending the NY International. And we both shared a room in Columbus for the 2018 Stamp Show, for which Allan prepared his cool Dragon FDCs that graced a cover of this Review. We were both starting to think about a joint visit to the 2026 International in Boston.

Allan and I were both lucky to retire early, to teach chess to hundreds of promising young learners, and to write many articles and to deliver numerous lectures about the game we love. In so many ways, he was the brother that I chose.

Many of you may be unfamiliar with Allan's chess ability and performances. I present here just one of his many international wins. This game, against a very worthy opponent, well illustrates Allan's style, slow, patient openings, new ideas, early control, careful coordination of pieces, and a willingness to sacrifice material spectacularly and unexpectedly.

### **Savage, Allan - Brooks, Michael**

Vancouver International, 1982

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2  
g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.Nh3 e5 7.f4 Nge7  
8.0-0 0-0 9.f5 gxf5 10.exf5 Bxf5  
[Diagram] 11.Rxf5 Nxf5 12.Qh5  
Nfe7 13.Be4 f5 14.Ng5 h6 15.Ne6  
Qd7 16.Nxg7 fxe4 17.Nxe4 Nd4  
18.Bxh6 b6 19.Kg2 Nd5 20.c3 Nf5  
21.Nxf5 Rxf5 22.Qg6+ Kh8 23.Rf1  
Raf8 24.Rxf5 Rxf5 25.c4 Nb4  
26.Nxd6 1-0



We will forever miss Allan's friendship, his passion for all things chess, his careful approach to scholarship, his thoughtful collaboration, his important and well-considered contributions to COSSU, and his frequent articles that honored our Chesstamp Review with grace and erudition.

*Good chess*  
*Jon Edwards*

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### From the Editor

Allan's illness and passing dominated our news this quarter. Allan reached out before his death and hoped to have his friends come to his home one last time, to reminisce and to surround us all with the chess collections that he had built over a lifetime. Sadly, his illness progressed far too quickly. Allan promised to leave his chesstamp collection to COSSU for its redistribution. I expect to discuss that further in future issues of the Review.

I have no other personal news to report, save that my chances in the World Final and in the Correspondence Chess Olympiad are slightly enhanced. The latest draw sadly eliminated the team from Ukraine from medal contention, but greatly aided the medal hopes of the US team.

I am very proud to announce the completion of Mike Schumacher and Gaétan Lapierre's new philatelic book about the 1972 Fischer Spassky match. As I write these words, the book is at the printer and should be ready for delivery sometime in July, perfectly coinciding with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of that World Championship match. COSSU is offering Mike free advertisements within the Review to help promote the book. Look for it on the back page of this issue.

COSSU will not be involved in the resale of the book. Mike Schumacher has personally assumed the entire financial risk associated with the project and he therefore should benefit from its full proceeds. I know from experience that such projects often operate as a loss, a real labor of love, but COSSU should not place any additional burdens upon the project. I have carefully read and edited every page, and I can say with some glee that the book represents an extraordinary achievement and will prove to be a lasting reference for the many philatelic items that derived from this "Match of the Century." As Mike emphasizes, in so many ways, the 1972 chess match coincided with the chess philatelic event of the century. I am proud that my collection of match covers served as one of the four large collections that permitted Mike and Gaétan to assemble a comprehensive overview of the available material, including a surprising number of unique and very rare items, some rather unknowingly when I acquired and held them, in my own collection.

I have acquired a Zoom license in order to enhance my chess lessons, and so, COSSU also gains the opportunity to give talks to our members. I am pleased to announce that Mike Schumacher has graciously volunteered to give a free talk about the new book to all interested members of the COSSU community via Zoom. We are likely to schedule the talk for later summer or early fall. We will send out e-mail notification to all members for whom we have e-mail addresses.

Good chess (and please stay well!)

*Jen*

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### New in Chesstamps

Joram Lubianiker

The first new chess issue of 2022 comes from the Republic of North Macedonia. Up until 1991 Macedonia was one of the six republics which formed Yugoslavia. Once it became independent, there was a dispute about the usage of the name Macedonia, considering that the most northern county in Greece has the same name. For years the country was called “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, or FYROM in short. The dispute over the name was resolved in 2019, when the country was renamed as North Macedonia.

Enough with politics – lets get back to chess philately! On March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022 North Macedonia issued a stamp to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the chess Olympiad held in Skopje in 1972. Here is the FDC of this issue:



About a month later, on April 25<sup>th</sup>, Gibraltar issued a set of 6 chess stamps to commemorate the 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gibraltar international chess festival. The stamps, designed by Stephen Perera, are 30x50 mm in size. Each stamp shows a white and a corresponding black chess piece. The First Day Cancellation depicts a king. The overall face value of the set is £7.95, which is about \$10.



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As reported elsewhere in this journal, COSSU Vice President Allan Savage has passed away. I met Allan for the first time in 1996 at a COSSU meeting that was held in Washington DC in conjunction with the Chess Collectors International Congress. Allan invited me to visit him at his home in Kensington, MD, where he and his wife Donna hosted me in the nicest and warmest way possible. We spent many hours looking through his collection and discussing chess as well as other topics. This was the beginning of a friendship which ended only with Allan's death. During the years we have shared information about our hobby, and we have co-authored several articles in Chesstamp Review. I will miss him very much!

On a much happier note, I am glad and honored to report that I enjoyed a great success at the World Stamp Exhibition HunFilex in Budapest, held in late March/early April. My exhibit, "Chess – the Game of War", won a Large Gold medal with a score of 95 points and the felicitations of the jury.



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For those of you who are not familiar with the grading system in stamp exhibitions, I should say that a jury of experienced and knowledgeable philatelists grades each exhibit, and the level of medal is set accordingly. For example, a score of 70 to 79 points would win a silver medal, 80 to 89 will earn a vermeil, and 90 and above equals a gold medal. There is a further distinction between a “regular” (or “small”) medal and a large medal, so a score of 90 to 94 will win a regular Gold, whereas 95 and above will win a Large Gold.



In previous exhibitions my chess exhibit has won a gold medal, and my highest score was 92 points. This time I was able make a crucial step forward, and win a Large Gold. Of course, this is a huge achievement for me. I believe this is the first time that a chess exhibit has won a Large Gold, so this is a milestone for our hobby and to our study unit. I do believe I owe a great deal to COSSU – I honestly doubt it if I could have got this far without our study unit.

Since the judging process has a subjective component, my score at Budapest does not mean that I will do as well in future exhibitions. In fact, I now feel extra obliged to improve my exhibit, with the intention of defending this medal next time.

[Ed.: We are very proud of Joram's significant accomplishment in Budapest. This Large Gold is a remarkable achievement! Congratulations are in order, and COSSU looks forward to more such news as Joram's exhibit continues to flourish.]

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### **REVIEW**

#### **Chess Postmarks World Catalogue, 3rd Edition, 2022**

Hans-Joachim Deuker (Editor)

Available from [www.chessstamps.com](http://www.chessstamps.com)

A new third edition of this well-known chess postmark catalogue has just been published. The catalogue comes in the form of 20 PDF files. The primary content consists of descriptions of more than 5.000 chess-related postmarks, most with images and with possible values. The 20 digital files combined cost 30,00 EUR, of which 15,00 EUR will be donated to Ukrainian aid organisations in Germany. The pdf files are available via file download.

The first, and most important thing to say about this catalogue is that it is the result of a labor of love. It includes not only descriptions and images of the postmarks, the majority of which have an estimated value/price, but also a breakdown of postmark colours (not surprisingly, the biggest group, 75%, are black), countries of origin (Yugoslavia plus states that followed its breakup responsible for 1250 postmarks, followed next by Romania with 370), the output of such postmarks per year (starting with Borstendorf in 1923, reaching a maximum in 1993 of 155 postmarks, with current numbers at about 10-15 per annum) and statistics of the town of issue (Belgrade leads with 526 postmarks).

In addition to postmarks, the catalogue lists first day marks for stamps, chess-related meter marks, with separate files for Springer Verlag, US Chess Federation, Hoogovens, Interpolis and OHRA meter marks. There are also lists of slogan marks. The files also include bonus listings produced by a Mr Buchfelder of chess-related coins, banknotes, emergency money, chess-related paintings and chess-related fiction. The main postmark listings, starting of course with Borstendorf 1923, are to March 2022 (from Skopje). There is a separate listing of postmarks by type of event recorded - chess congresses, correspondence chess, candidates' tournaments, Olympiads, Zonal events, the World Championship, etc.

One pdf explains how the Editor reached the value figures. He uses an interesting calculation based on the age of the mark, its market availability, whether it is machine or hand stamped, the length of time the mark was in use, the readability quality of the mark, and whether it is associated with one or more chess-related stamps. The age seems to be the most important factor. The highest value is Borstendorf 1923 at a little over €100. This somewhat surprised me, as I would have expected Prum 1949, a postmark that was only used for one day, to come out the most expensive. But no matter, because the Editor has provided an Excel spreadsheet so you can do your own calculations based upon your own opinions of how to

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value chess postmarks. The Editor should be thanked for his willingness to be open about how he reached the figures he uses.

This is, of course, not the only chess philately catalogue around; this catalogue helpfully cross-references its numbering system to those produced by Henninger, GSM, Voishko, Paroulek, Ilijin and Borges.

I have just one criticism of the listings: the valuations fail to consider items that have gone through the post. I would have expected items that had gone through the post to attract a higher value, and was surprised to see this omission from the valuation method. However, I must admit I have no idea what premium should be attached to items genuinely gone through the post – maybe +50% of the calculated value? Incidentally, I understand Mr Deuker will be publishing a new updated catalogue of chess-related stamps soon, something to look forward to.

To sum up: Mr Deuker has produced an important catalogue that every chess philately collector should have on their virtual bookshelf. We all owe him a debt of gratitude, if only to remind us just how limited our own collections are!

Charles Oppenheim

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### An Interesting Dubrovnik Cover

Dragoslav Djukanovic and Jon Edwards

[The Editor purchased this interesting cover off Delcampe for 25 Euros. He then shared the image with Djuka. Here's what they have come to believe. Members' thoughts are solicited.]

The letter was sent Registered and Express, the quickest way at that time from the Central Board of Yugoslav Chess Federation in Belgrade to the President of Chess Federation of Switzerland. The letter was sent on 22 Feb, 1950, with a receiving cancel three days later in Lausanne, 25 Feb, 1950. The Dubrovnik Chess Olympiad started on 20 August, 1950. The contents of this letter were clearly important, and quite likely an invitation to the Swiss chess team to participate at the Olympiad.

There was much political intrigue at the time (sadly, much like today) regarding where this first post-war Olympiad would take place. When Dubrovnik was selected, the Soviet team refused to attend. Their relations with Marshall Tito, the Yugoslav leader, were significantly strained.

Interestingly, the 3-dinar and the 20-dinar stamps in the 5v chess set include representations of the Swiss flag, despite the fact that the Swiss team did not actually participate at the 1950 Olympiad. There is nothing in the official publication regarding possible Swiss participation, but Djuka recalls that the Swiss team had planned to attend but cancelled at the last minute. The stamps were already printed, and there was no time to correct the images. Of course, it is also possible that the Swiss flag is included also because the stamps had to be designed and printed well in advance of the Olympiad, when the participating nations were not yet finalized, and because these stamps were printed in Switzerland.



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### **Spassky's Autographs on Special Edition Covers**

**Alik Zilberberg**

I offer up a three-part article as part of COSSU's on-going commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the historic chess match between Spassky and Fischer

I met Boris Spassky for the very first time in August 1953 in the Ukrainian city of Kharkiv during the XII team Junior chess championship of the USSR. He played for Leningrad on Board 1, and I played for Ukraine on Board 5. Spassky (then age 16) and A. Nikitin were masters, while the rest of the participants (including a 17 year-old Tal) were experts and 1<sup>st</sup> category. I had read much about Spassky prior to the championship and I was excited to know that he would play.

I found Boris to be very down to earth. He was a very nice young man, always being the first to greet others, polite, not arrogant, and having goodwill toward others. He was tall, slender and played sports, mostly volleyball, with other boys. I watched him during the games. He knew how to restrain his emotions; all this demonstrated the rapid growth of an outstanding chess fighter.

#### **Story with Tolush**

I should also note an important observation. Although I never entered his circle, I felt that Spassky was a very direct and very witty person. It was quite dangerous to be like that in the Soviet Union of 1953. Stalin had died earlier that year, but the threat of purges was still very real. You really had to watch your words, because there could always be people around who would interpret something you said as being anti-Soviet. For example, I intuitively thought that it was dangerous to even hint that life could be better or just different from the one we were leading. It was especially risky for Spassky, who was growing by leaps and bounds and rapidly rising in prominence.

Later I understood where Spassky's directness came from: the outstanding grandmaster Alexander Tolush, who had fought in WWII, and, upon returning from the war, gave his whole soul to his students (he had none of his own). Tolush was Spassky's coach. His lectures were very witty but not always "politically correct". My subsequent encounters with Spassky will be continued in the next installment of this story.

**CKM-88:** The 29<sup>th</sup> USSR chess Championship was one of the strongest national championships ever, with such stars as M. Tal, D. Bronstein, V. Smyslov, P. Keres, L. Polugaevsky and others. This was the very first time Spassky won, scoring 14.5 (20) to become the new USSR Champion.



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**CKM 117:** The 1964 international tournament commemorated “20 years anniversary of the Liberation of Belgrade.”

Spassky was the winner, ahead of Bronstein, Korchnoy, Sabo, Gligorich, Benko, and others.

**CKM 118A, B, C:** The XVI Olympiad in Tel-Aviv was one of the most popular, involving 50 countries. The USSR team: World champion T. Petrosian, M. Botvinnik, V. Smyslov, P. Keres and, in reserve L. Stein and B. Spassky. Spassky’s result: +8 and =5; no loss, Gold Team medal;  
The image below contains Smyslov’s signature below Spassky’s.



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**CKM 139A, B:** World Championship Match T. Petrosian-B. Spassky, Score:12.5:11.5, Petrosian defended his title.

**CKM 158B, C:** XVII Olympiad in Cuba, 1966. Spassky played on second board (after Petrosian) with result: +5, =10; Gold Team medal. Spassky met with Fischer for the first time on board 1 (Petrosian was resting that day). Note that this Olympiad was one of the best ever in terms of preparation and organization. Fidel Castro was chief of preparation committee. Special courses prepared everybody who qualified for service in Olympiad: judges, translators, demonstrators, and lecturers. The arena was in 25 story hotel "Havana Libre" Opening where all participants and guests lived.

The opening of the Olympiad took place on October 25, 1966 in Sport-Palace" (14,000 spectators) . After a short greeting from government officials, there was a new surprise: "Living chess" performed by the ballet



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of Havana played the game Lasker vs Capablanca from Moscow international, 1936.

**CKM 224A: XVIII Olympiad** in Lugano, 1968. Spassky's result on Board 2: +6,=8, a Bronze medal on board 2 and gold for the team. Other Members of the team: Polugaevsky in red, Petrosian in blue, Smyslov in green, Geller in brown. Spassky played in Lugano and replaced Petrosian on the first board. He was magnificent with his play with black against Larsen includ-



ing a very subtle pawn sacrifice, 26...Kf6!! A short series of great moves followed, and Spassky won on the 36th move. One of the best games at the Olympiad.

**Larsen, B - Spassky, B**  
Lugano Olympiad, 1968

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 Be7  
5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Rc1 c6 8.h3  
a6 9.a3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 b5 11.Ba2 Bb7  
12.0-0 c5 13.d5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Bxd5  
15.Bxd5 exd5 16.Qxd5 Nf6 17.Qb7  
Re8 18.Rfd1 Qc8 19.Qxc8 Raxc8  
20.Bd6 Kf8 21.Kf1 Ne4 22.Bxe7+  
Kxe7 23.Rd5 Rcd8 24.Rh5 h6 25.b4 c4 26.a4 [Diagram] Kf6! 27.axb5 g6



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28.Rxh6 axb5 29.Nd4 Nd2+ 30.Kg1 Nb3 31.Nxb3 cxb3 32.Rb1 Re4 33.g3  
Rxb4 34.Rh4 Rxh4 35.gxh4 Rd3 36.Kg2 Ke5 0-1

**CKM 224D:** XVIII Olympiad in Lugano was poorly organized because the Government of Switzerland didn't support it. The tournament hall was small.

Fischer came, immediately recognized the problem, told organizers, requested changes, and without waiting for their response, returned to the USA. And he was completely right. The others members of the Soviet team: Polugaevsky, Smyslov, Geller, and Petrosian.

The second scan is of CHK 224F with Spassky's signature at the bottom. The third and final scan from Lugano is CHK 224H.





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### More New in Chesstamps

Joram Lubianiker

[Ed.: Just in before press time!]

COSSU member Charles Oppenheim sent us highly important and exciting news about a chess issue that is planned to come out soon. Apparently, July 20<sup>th</sup> is the World Chess Day, since on that date in 1924 FIDE was established in Paris. The Office of the United Nations in Vienna will issue a special sheet with 10 stamps to commemorate the World Chess Day.

The United Nations has offices in several countries, but only three of them (those in NY, Geneva and Vienna) are permitted to issue stamps. These stamps are valid for mail only at the UN post office and at the same country. In other words, the new chess issue, which has face values in Euros, will be valid for postage only in Vienna.



The size of the sheet will be 27.9 x 21.6 in size, and will contains ten stamps, each of which will have a face value of 1 Euro. The stamps will be roughly 4.1 X 3 cm in size, and each of them will have a tab of 2.7 x 3 cm. The tabs will feature the United Nations emblem, **but they can be personalized** by a photograph of your choice. You are welcome to visit the UNPA stamp shop in New York (or Geneva or Vienna) and bring in your photograph to create a personal design. Of course, this can be done online at the UNPA website.

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I will not discuss the design of all the stamps, as there is little to say about most of them, and indeed the picture says more than 1,000 words. I would like however to draw your attention to the chess clock at the second from bottom stamp in the left-hand column. This is certainly not the first time a chess clock is shown on a stamp, but in most previous cases the clocks were of the analogue double clock version. The UN stamp presents to the best of my knowledge the philatelic debut of the digital version of the chess clock. Since nowadays virtually all tournaments are played with a digital "Fischer" clock (where time is added to the clock with each move), this stamp will be most useful to discuss the time control issue.



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**SCANS requested** of Cuba postmarks from 1966, Checkmate #140 and #158D  
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### **COSSU Auction 18 5: Realized Bids**

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#### **From Djuka:**

**#1:** Chess Olympiad 1980, Malta, with a chess stamp and special Olympic postmark and autographs of the complete Yugoslav team: Ljubojević, Ivkov, Parma, Kurajica, Marjanovic, Nikolic, plus Matanovic and Cebalo. MB \$18

**#2:** "Kings of chess" 5 compete sets of 3 different miniature sheets 1995/1996, Yugoslavia, so 15 miniature sheets. MNH MB \$25

**#3:** "Kings of chess 3" A complete set of 5 maximum cards (Fischer, Kasparov, Kortchnoy, Spassky, Karpov.). On the back are 4 other chess stamps with chess 15.03.1996 postmark (Some hand which is rare, some machine). MB \$9

**#4:** Bobby Fischer business card during his stay in Yugoslavia at the Revenge Match with Spassky 1992. MB \$6

**#5:** Five different chess telephone cards. MB \$15

**#6:** Chess Olympiad in Nice, France 1974, complete set of stamps from Hungary on TWO covers with First day chess postmarks Budapest, June 1974. MB \$9

**#7:** World Chess Champions, Mongolia 1976. Complete set of 7 stamps in blocks of four with two protecting margins, plus 4 blocks. MNH MB \$28

**#8:** Tajikistan. 4 complete containing: 4 sets of stamps, 4 carnets, and 4 blocks MNH. MB \$36

**#9:** Mikhail Tal telephoning, an original bigger size photo MB \$15

**#10:** A special card celebrating the bronze medal of Yugoslav team at the Chess Olympiad 1954 in Amsterdam, with a chess postmark and Autographs of Svetozar Gligorić the best ever Yugoslav player and vice-president of FIDE and A. Matanović. MB \$7



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### From Gaétan Lapierre:

**#11:** 44 Different Cachets, of the 94 cachets known directly linked to the 1972 match Fischer-Spassky, perfect to start your collection! Detailed listing available from the editor. MB: \$130

**#12:** Town Cancel of AKUREYRI, difficult to find, located at the other end of Iceland, issued on -2.VII.1972, with cachet: "Red crown on chess board with FV-25" MB \$12

**#13:** Town Cancel of AKUREYRI, difficult to find, located at the other end of Iceland, issued on -2.VII.1972, with cachet: "Brown crown on chess board with FV-25" MB \$12

### From the Editor:

**#14:** Germany, Munich meter, 16 Sep 1966 featuring pieces on board and a chess clock, postally used on a chess cacheted envelope MB: \$6

**#15:** Germany, Munich meter, 17 Sep 1965 Europe Schach Turnier red meter postally used on a chess cacheted envelope MB: \$6

**#16:** Yugoslavia, Sarejevo 19 Mar 1967 chess postmark (rook) on chess cacheted card, hand cancel MB: \$5

**#17:** Yugoslavia, Sarejevo 19 Mar 1967 chess postmark (rook) on chess cacheted card, machine cancel MB: \$5

**#18:** Yugoslavia, Sarejevo 17 Apr 1967 chess postmark (knight) on chess cacheted card, hand cancel MB: \$5

**#19:** Yugoslavia, Sarejevo 17 Apr 1967 chess postmark (knight) on chess cacheted card, machine cancel MB: \$5

**#20:** Germany, Munich meter, 15 May, 1967 Oberwössen red meter on chess cacheted envelope MB: \$6

**#21:** Italy Imperia 16 Sept, 1967 Chess postcard for the 9th International Tournament with purple non-postal marker commemorating the tournament, not postally used MB: \$10

**#22:** Poland, Miedzyzdroje, 2 June, 1952 4th International Tmt, Checkmate #36, black cancel, not postally used on envelope MB: \$45

**#23:** Italy, Rimini, 23 Aug 1959, 20th Italian Ch., Checkmate 67, not postally used on beautiful chess cacheted card MB: \$65

**#24:** USA, Port Washington, NY, 22 Sep, 1972, Bobby Fisher World Chess Champion waves to well wishers, reception by NY Mayor Lindsay MB: \$20

**#25:** Mali 1977 3v chess pieces black Artist Proofs, all three signed by the designer, rare and highly prized, retails at \$900 MB: \$600

**#26:** Cuba 1951 Commemorative sheet of 7v with text in Spanish, rarely seen today MB: \$75

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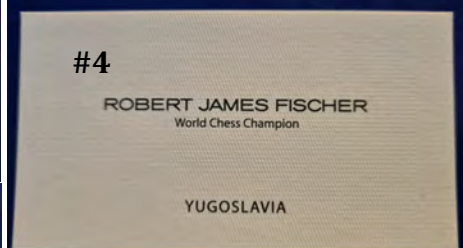
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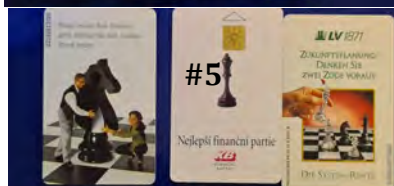
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World Chess Champion

YUGOSLAVIA



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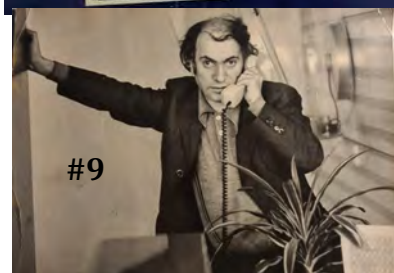
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ROBERT FISCHER  
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ENVIJ ALDARINAR  
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1972



#11

The World Chess  
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### **Society Sales Service 186**

Check with the editor regarding availability and postage, and please expect some COVID postal delays. Please add at least \$2 for shipping and handling. Orders heading overseas will encounter higher shipping costs.

### **Chess meters at \$3 each**

Scans are available upon request.

Hoogoven SchachToernoo	Dec, 1971
Carlit (France) *	Aug, 1972 and Apr, 1973
Platen Stoll (Germany)	Dec, 1973
Spieler and Hauber (Germany)	Aug, 1973
Rudi Schmaus (Germany)	Jan, 1973
Fritz Lohmann (Germany)	Jul, 1973
Rochade (Germany)	Dec, 1974
Bishop's Move (Britain)	Dec, 1974 and Apr, 1976
Pichon Vincent (France)	Apr, 1974
Bohemia Chess of the World (Germany)	Dec 1975
Rossl Alfred Ross (Germany)	Mar 1975
Rossl (Germany)	Apr, 1975
Christian Schach (Germany)	Jan, 1976
Schaakhuis de Haan (Netherlands)	Feb, 1976
Schuh Konig in Konstanz (Germany)	Feb, 1976
Rossl papier (Germany)	May, 1976
Schach Echo (Germany)	Dec, 1976
Bayerischer (Germany)	Oct, 1976



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### Chess meters at \$5 each

Chess, West Midlands, (Britain)	Aug, 1976
Torino, (Italy)	May, 1976
Torino, (Italy)	Jul, 1976
Torino, (Italy)	Jul, 1978
Springer Verlag (125 Jahre, Heidelberg,, Germany)	Mar, 1967
Springer Verlag (125 Jahre, Berlin,, Germany)	Feb, 1971
Springer (Heidelberg, Germany)	July 1976
Bogner Regis International, (Britain)	Nov, 1967
Checkmate Fashions (Leicester, Britain)	Jan, 1975
Librarie St Germain (France)	Feb, 1977
Dipla Verlag (Germany)	Mar 1978
NOST (USA)	Feb, 1978
Wolf's Schachversand (Germany)	Oct, 1978
Lunn, Bishops Move (Edinburgh)	Oct, 1975
Tilburg Schachtoernooi (Netherlands)	Oct, 1990





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### Chess Meters

Game Chest of America,  
red meter, not postally  
used, 14 Mar, 1973 \$7



Game Chest of America,  
green meter, postally used  
to COSSU member  
Manfred Roesler, 16 Jan,  
1974 \$10



Checkmate 154C, Munich,  
5th International Lighten-  
ing Tournament, 16 Sep  
1966 red meter \$10



Berlin W35, Springer-  
Verlag red meter on front,  
postally used to Zurich  
\$10





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Checkmate 111B Amsterdam,  
Meter Slogan postmark, Interna-  
tional Tournament won by  
Larsen ahead of Smyslov, Spas-  
sky, and Tal \$12



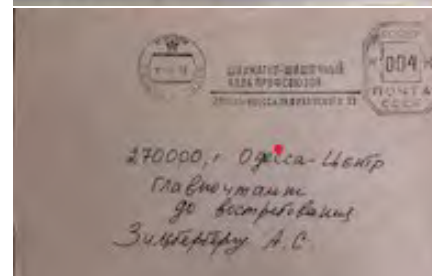
Checkmate 118G Munich red me-  
ter, 2 Nov, 1964, 16th Chess  
Olympiad \$12



Checkmate 125C, Munich red me-  
ter, 17 Sep, 1965, 4th Interna-  
tional Lightning Tournament  
\$12



Checkmate M18B, USSR, 6 Apr  
1978 Chess and Draught Club of  
the USSR, black meter, postally  
used \$15



Berlin, Julius Springer chess me-  
ter, 1 Sep 1935, postally used  
and roughly opened on the left  
side \$30



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### The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of “The Match of the Century” A Philatelic Look

A Philatelic resource book (416 pages) that examines the material emanating from the most prolific philatelic chess event in history: the 1972 World Chess Championship Match between Boris Spassky (USSR) and Robert “Bobby” Fischer (USA).

The research drew from four large collections of this material. The book examines the 15kr Iceland chess stamp that was issued; the special event cancel that was created and used at the temporary post office housed at the Laugardalshöll (stadium) and in service on 34 dates during the two months of the match; the cachets that were created (by the Icelandic Post Office; the Icelandic Chess Federation; stamp dealers and artists); First Day cancels at other town locations; postcards issued and other ephemeral souvenirs.

The presentation of the material is interspersed with a flavor of the dynamics of the chess match as it played out in the Cold War era between Russia and the United States and the charismatic personality of Robert “Bobby” Fischer. The epilogue provides a brief follow up of Fischer subsequent to the 1972 World Chess Championship; the 1992, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary rematch, to his return to Iceland and his final days.

The importance and significance of the 1972 World Chess Championship remains prominent to Icelanders and chess players alike even fifty years later. Thus, the importance of this resource book to compile information about the plethora of material (more than 100 different cachets, fifty postcards and numerous souvenirs) that resulted from the match.

**RETAIL PRICE: \$45** plus postage and any applicable taxes and/or Paypal fees. (Postage based on shipping destination.)

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