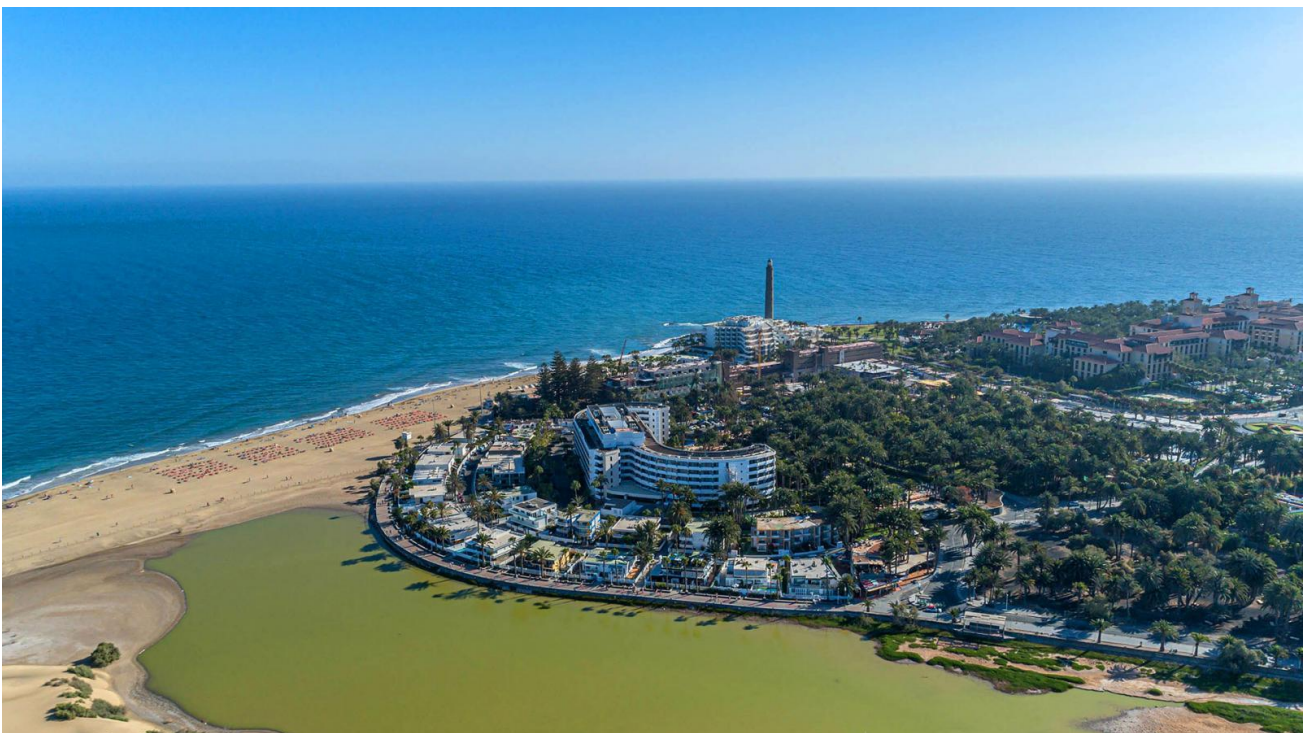


# Maspalomas International Invitation Tournaments

## 1978 & 1979, plus some Open Chess Festivals



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## Torneo de Maspalomas in May / June 1978

**International Tournament of Maspalomas** (Isla de Gran Canaria, Provincia de Las Palmas) **1978**:

**Fridrik Olafsson first on tie-break**, alongside with Csom and Rodriguez Vargas from Peru (12 players, incl. Westerinen, Tatai, Medina and other players from Spain)



Olafsson F., Portrait, 13 May 1976 by Hans Peters, Anefo

**Fridrik Olafsson also won the Maspalomas Blitz 1978, as clear first at impressive 11.5/12**, above 2. Csom 11, 3./4. **Larsen**, Tatai 9.5, 5. Rodriguez Vargas 9 (12 players, half coming from the hosting nation; Larsen did not play in the main classical event). Later that year, Fridrik Olafsson became president of FIDE.

## Torneo de Maspalomas in July 1979

**International Tournament of Maspalomas** (Isla de Gran Canaria, Provincia de Las Palmas) **1979**:



Garcia Gonzales, G. Portrait, photo from Chessgames

**Winner: Guillermo Garcia Gonzalez from Cuba**

(incl. Suba, Ivkov, Rodriguez, Eslon, and Medina, Bellon, Rivas, Sanz, etc.)

#	Jugador	País	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	Total
<b>1</b>	<b>García, Guillermo</b>	<b>CUB</b>	♣	½	½	½	1	½	1	½	½	1	1	1	<b>8.0</b>
2	Suba, Mihai	RUM	½	♣	1	1	½	1	1	0	0	½	½	1	<b>7.0</b>
3	Sanz, F. Javier	ESP	½	0	♣	½	½	0	½	1	1	1	1	1	<b>7.0</b>
4	Fernández, José Luis	ESP	½	0	½	♣	½	1	½	1	½	½	½	1	<b>6.5</b>
5	Rodríguez, Orestes	PER	0	½	½	½	♣	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	<b>6.5</b>
6	Ivkov, Borislav	YUG	½	0	1	0	½	♣	½	1	½	1	0	1	<b>6.0</b>
7	Medina, Antonio	ESP	0	0	½	½	½	½	♣	½	1	1	1	½	<b>6.0</b>
8	Bellón, Juan Manuel	ESP	½	1	0	0	½	0	½	♣	0	1	1	1	<b>5.5</b>
9	Eslon, Jaan	SUE	½	1	0	½	0	½	0	1	♣	0	½	1	<b>5.0</b>
10	Betancort, Juan R	SUE	0	½	0	½	½	0	0	0	1	♣	½	1	<b>4.0</b>
11	Rivas, Manuel	ESP	0	½	0	½	0	1	0	0	½	½	♣	1	<b>4.0</b>
12	Rubio, H	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	♣	<b>0.5</b>

Source: [Torneo de Maspalomas 1979 \(historiadelaajedrezspanol.es\)](http://historiadelaajedrezspanol.es)

**Guillermo Garcia Gonzalez** was born in Las Villas, Cuba in 1953, he died in 1990 at age of 36. He earned the IM title in 1974 and the GM title in 1976.

Winner of the Cuban Youth Championship in 1971, with 11 wins of 11 games, and in 1972.

Representing Cuba in seven Chess Olympiads in 1974, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988.

**Multiple National Cuban Champion** 1974, 1976 (some sources differ), 1983.

He was **1st at Plovdiv 1975** (incl. Tringov), **1st= at Zurich International SUI Ch 1975** (with Werner Hug and Dieter Keller from Switzerland), **1st= at Orense 1976** (final GM norm; with Rogoff and Sigurjonsson as best on tie-break), **1st at Maspalomas 1979**, a.o.)

**Won the Capablanca Memorial on two occasions: 1977 in Cienfuegos** (with Romanishin), being the first Cuban born to win that traditional tournament, and **again 1980 in Havana**.

He participated twice in an Interzonal, namely 1979 in Rio de Janeiro, and 1982 in Moscow:

He is remembered for his great start at the very strong [Moscow Interzonal \(1982\)](#) where he managed 5.5 in his first six games! On the seventh round he drew [Efim Geller](#). He also drew [Garry Kasparov](#) on the eighth. Then he lost to [Alexander G Beliavsky](#) and [Larry Christiansen](#), before drawing two more games with Tal and Andersson respectively. In the last round he faced [Ruben Rodriguez](#) from the Philippines. Needing a win to qualify, he ended up losing the game.

**Garcia Gonzales placed second at the strong New York Open in the year 1988**, after beating [Boris Gulko](#), [Bent Larsen](#) and [Alexander Chernin](#), losing only to rising [Vasyl Ivanchuk](#), the eventual winner. According to some sources, he was unable to collect his \$10.000 prize due to the ongoing U.S. imposed Embargo on Cuba.

**Guillermo Garcia Gonzalez** died in a car accident in Havana on October 26 1990. He was preparing for the upcoming Novi Sad Olympiad. (Source: Chessgames)

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### **The modern inherits of Capablanca:**

**Silvino Garcia Martinez** was the first Cuban to become a GM in the year 1975.

**Guillermo García González** was the first Cuban winner of the Capablanca Memorial in 1977 (together with Oleg Romanishin), and won again in 1980 in the second tournament. **Amador Rodriguez Cepedes** won twice in the 1980s, when for a brief period two closed tournaments of plus / miuns equal moderate strength had been organised as a Capablanca Memorial.

Longtime, **Jesús Nogueiras** was the dominant Cuban player, he also qualified for the FIDE Candidate's (1985) and the first GMA World Cup cycle (1988/89). **Walter Arencibia** had won as first Cuban the World Junior Chess Championship in 1986.

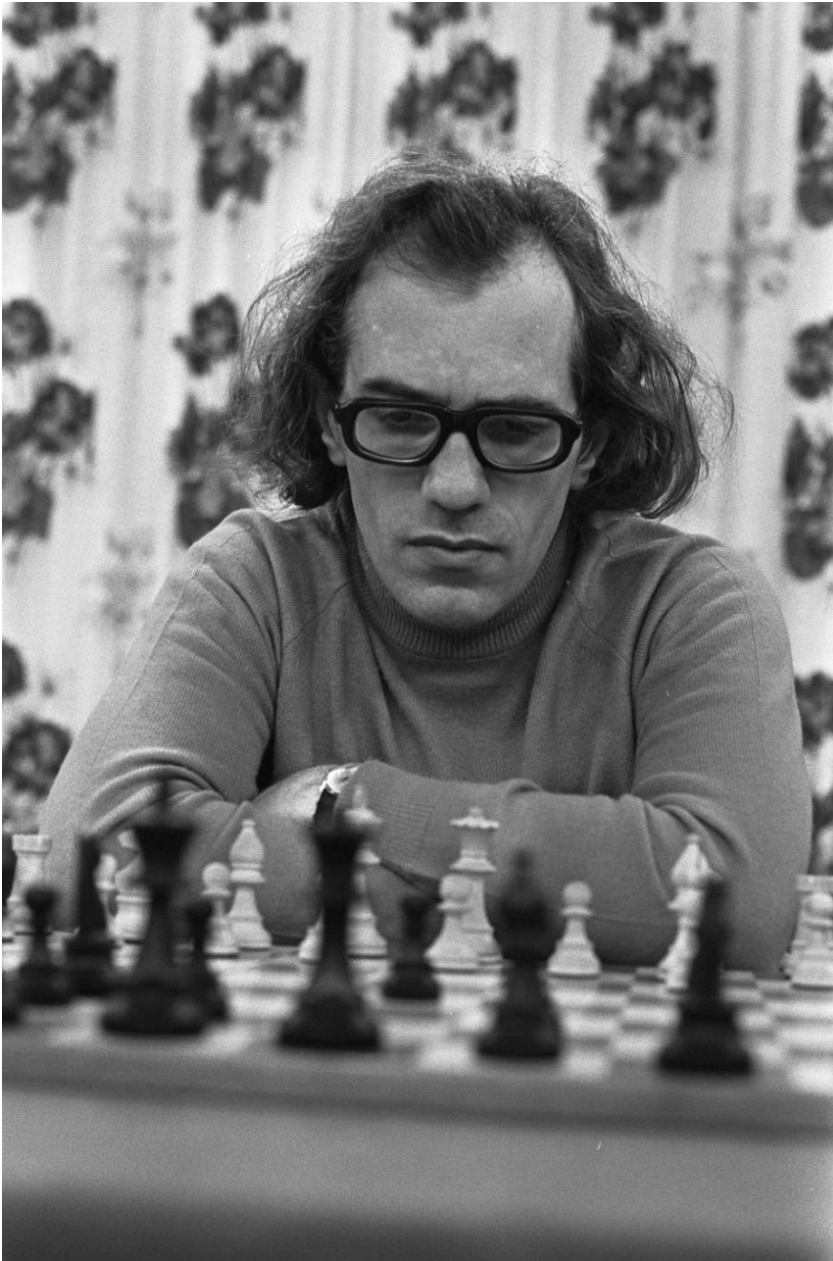
In the the new millenium, two new Cuban chess top talents emerged: **Lázaro Bruzón** (World Junior Chess Champion in 2000, he won the Capablanca Memorial in Havana in 2002) and **Leinier Domínguez Pérez**, who is a thrice winner at the Capablanca Memorial.

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Plus several team events and / or Open, ie. 1974 (see below), 1975, 1976, 1977.

Maspalomas (Open) 1974 (86 players, 9 rounds): IM Enklaar wins outright:

**1. Bertus Enklaar at 7.5/9**, 2. Hans Böhm at 7/9, 3.-6. Debarnot, Schauwecker, Wirthensohn, Dominguez Sanz; incl. Cortlever, Eslon, Hartoch, Hug, Wade.



Dutch IM Bertus Enklaar (born 1943, died 1996) in play in 1973. Photo: Bert Verhoeff, Anefo

Bert Enklaar did really well at the strong Wijk aan Zee tournament in 1973, scoring 8/15 (+3-2=10), to lie level with Andersson, Ljubojevic, and Ribli (**Tal won**): [Hoogovens \(1973\) \(chessgames.com\)](#).

In 1972, Enklaar had won the **B**-group at Wijk aan Zee at 12/15, joint with Ribli, two points ahead of Hecht (incl. Medina, Sahovic, Gereben, Lehmann, veteran Denker, Cortlever, van Scheltinga, etc.).

Famous game: [Ljubomir Ljubojevic vs Bertus Enklaar \(Lost Boys Open 1996\)](#), Enklaar already ill.