NOTEBOOM MEMORIAL, in Leiden (sometimes held in Noordwijk), The Netherlands

The Leiden Chess Club in the Netherlands is still the holder and the organiser of the longest Memorial Tournament ever organised. Until 1978, the tournament was a round robin of four players ("Vierkampen"). Since 1979, the event is an Open (swiss system), six rounds played during a weekend. Reigning World Champion Max Euwe won the 1st tournament in 1936. At the 75th jubilee edition in 2015, a Mini-tournament was held parallel to the Open.

The winners were: 1936 M. Euwe, 1937 P.van Hoorn, 1938 W. Muehring, 1939 **T. van Scheltinga**, 1941 H. van Steenis, 1942 H. van Steenis, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946 no tournament, 1947 H. van Steenis , 1948 C.B. v.d. Berg, **1949 M. Euwe**, **1950 J.H. Donner**, **1951 J.H. Donner**, 1952 J. van Bruijn, 1953 C.B. v.d. Berg, 1954 C.B. v.d. Berg, 1955 N. Cortlever, 1956 E. Spanjaard, 1957 E. Spanjaard, 1958 F. Roessel, 1959 C.B. v.d. Berg, 1960 K. Langeweg, 1961 K. Langeweg, 1962 H. Crabbendam, 1963 C.P. van Weezel, 1964 J.C. Kort, **1965 M. Botwinnik**, 1966 D.D. van Geet, **1967 J.H. Timman**, 1968 A. de Groot, 1969 J.C. Kort, **1970 T. Krabbé**, 1971 W.A. Verreck, 1972 L.J. Kerkhoff, 1973 C.P. van Weezel, 1974 C.P. van Weezel, 1975 Ph. du Chattel, **1976 J. v.d. Wiel**, **1977 J. v.d. Wiel**, 1978 RAG de Graaff, 1979 J.H.Maclès/B. Carlier, 1980 R. Kuijf, 1981 B. Carlier, 1982 L. Konings 1983 A. v.d. Berg, **1984 G. Welling**, 1985 B. Schneider, 1986 R. Kuijf, 1987 R. Busch, 1988 R. Kuijf, 1989 J. Vogel, 1990 M. Roeder, 1991 E. Ermenkov, 1992 R. Cifuentes 1993 E. Schmittdiel, 1994 R. Cifuentes, 1972 L.J. Kerkhoff, 1995 R. Ziatdinov, 1996 I. Rogers, 1997 A. Kalinin, 1998 M. Golubev **1999 P. Nikolic** 2000 C. Bauer, 2001 F. Nijboer, 2002 V. Ikonnikov 2003 N. Miezis, 2004 R. Lahaye, 2005 O. Korneev, 2006 E. van den Doel, **2007 P. Nikolic**, **2008 P. Nikolic**, 2009 Y. Solodovnichenko, 2010 A. Bitalzadeh, 2011 J. Smeets, 2012 E. van den Doel, 2013 S. Fedorchuk, **2014 P. Nikolic**, 2015 (75th jubilee edition) N. Guliyev (A-group Open) and **2015 L. van Wely** (Corpus Vierkamp, winning on tie-break above *P. Nikolic*), 2016 B. Bok, 2017 S. Fedorchuk, 2018 R. Kevlishvili, **2019 P. Nikolic** (record winner with five wins)

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Official Site: http://www.lsg-leiden.nl/noteboomtoernooi/

Biography of **Daniel Noteboom**:

Memorial Tournament of 1965 in Noordwijk:

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Noteboom Memorial (1965)

A combination of eight grandmasters and masters competed in the annual **Noteboom Memorial held in Noordwijk,** The Netherlands from February 21 to 28, 1965. Among the notable participants were former world champion Mikhail Botvinnik, Danish sensation Bent Larsen, and Salomon Flohr. Jan Hein Donner led the Dutch contingent of players that included Jacob Kort and Carl Van den Berg. Bulgarian grandmaster Milko Bobotsov and Yugoslav grandmaster Petar Trifunovic rounded out the roster of participants. Botvinnik was only removed from his world championship crown but had maintained his class, scoring six points from seven games with Trifunovic finishing a distant second to him.

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                        1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  Pts

 1st Botvinnik          * 1 ½ 1 1 ½ 1 1  6.0
 2nd Trifunovic         0 * ½ 1 ½ 1 ½ 1  4.5
 3rd Flohr              ½ ½ * 1 ½ ½ ½ ½  4.0
=4th Larsen             0 0 0 * 1 1 ½ 1  3.5
=4th Van den Berg       0 ½ ½ 0 * ½ 1 1  3.5
=6th Bobotsov           ½ 0 ½ 0 ½ * ½ 1  3.0
=6th Donner             0 ½ ½ ½ 0 ½ * 1  3.0
 8th Kort               0 0 ½ 0 0 0 0 *  0.5
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Mémorial Noteboom

Depuis 1936 est organisé chaque année à Noordwijk (Hollande-Méridionale) ou à Leyde un tournoi, la coupe Noteboom en la mémoire de Noteboom. Ce tournoi, le plus ancien encore disputé aux Pays-Bas, a été remporté par ➔ **Max Euwe** (en 1936 et 1949), ➔ **Mikhail Botvinnik** (en 1965) et ➔ **Jan Timman** (en 1967), et ➔ **Predrag Nikolic** (en 1999, 2007, 2008, 2014 et 2019)

Depuis 1979, le tournoi comprend un open organisé suivant le système suisse pendant un week-end de février où participent de nombreux grands maîtres internationaux ainsi qu'un tournoi entre quatre des meilleurs joueurs néerlandais, le *Corpus Vierkamp*.

Daniël Noteboom (26 February 1910 – 12 January 1932) was a Dutch chess player:

Born in Noordwijk, Daniël Noteboom gained notice at the 1930 Chess Olympiad at Hamburg, scoring 11½/15, including a win against Salo Flohr. After playing at Hastings 1931/2, he soon died of pneumonia in London at age 21, ending a brief but promising chess career.

Daniël Noteboom was born in Noordwijk. He learned to play chess at the age of 12, and at 14 won a local tournament in Noordwijk. At the age of 15 he was admitted to the Leiden Chess Society, following a special dispensation from the secretary of the club — at the time chess clubs were generally reserved for adult men with social standing. In the next few years he won the championship of the club three times.

75th Daniël Noteboom Memorial Chess Tournament in Leiden, 2015!

The **75th Daniel Noteboom Weekend Tournament** was held at the Corpus Congress Centre in the town of Leiden from the **13th to 15th of February 2015**. The chief Sponsor for the event was Corpus. The tournament had three different groups. Group A was for players above the rating of 1900, group B for players between the rating of 1600 and 2000 and group C for players below 1700. All the three tournaments had six rounds. However, the main event was definitely the "Corpus Vierkamp" which had four of Netherlands best chess players pitted against each other in a round-robin tournament.

The 75th Noteboom Chess Cup 2015, sponsored by CORPUS, took place from 13-15th February, 2015, in the CORPUS Congress Center of Leonardo College in the city of Leiden, Netherlands.

The Corpus Vierkamp is special event as a 4-player round-robin tournament with the participation of GM Loek van Wely (2667), GM Jan Smeets (2621), GM Jan Timman (2592) and GM Predrag Nikolic (2592). The winners will be awarded as follows: € 2,000/ € 1,500/ € 1,200/ € 1,000.

Tournament website: http://www.lsg-leiden.nl/noteboomtoernooi/

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Nikolic versus van Wely in 2019

https://www.flickr.com/photos/suspeeters/albums/72157707109272064 (Photos 2019, Nikolic wins)

Predrag Nikolic has beaten many elite player including Korchnoi, Karpov, Anand, Topalov, Kamsky in the past. He and his wife now live in Leiderdorp in Leiden.

http://www.chessdom.com/75th-noteboom-weekend-tournament-2015-live/ (Preview)

http://en.chessbase.com/post/van-wely-wins-75th-noteboom-tournament (report by Sagar Shah)

http://en.chessbase.com/post/van-wely-wins-noteboom-tournament-2 (report by Sagar Shah, part 2)

http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic1058.html#4 (Standings Quadrangular 2015)

http://www.lsg-leiden.nl/noteboomtoernooi/historie/noteboomgroten (Albo d'Oro)

https://nl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dani%C3%ABl_Noteboom-toernooi (Albo d'Oro Wikipedia)

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➔ Not to mix with the Leiden Chess Tournament (Open) since 2007: http://www.leidenchess.com/.

> 2007: Grootmeester Erik van den Doel (The Netherlands)
> **Homepage of the inaugural winner: www.erikvandendoel.nl/**
> 2008: Grootmeester (then IM) Roeland Pruijssers (The Netherlands)
> **10th: FM Anish Giri, then Russia, Elo 2430 – thirteen years young!**
> 2009: Grootmeester Babu Lalith (India)
> 2010: Grootmeester Predrag Nikolic (Bosnia & Hersegovina)
> 2011: Grootmeester Sergey Tiviakov (The Netherlands)
> 2012: Grootmeester David Howell (England)
> 2013: Grootmeester Sethuraman Sethuraman (India)
> 2014: Grootmeester Das Arghyadip (India)
> 2015: Grootmeester David Howell (England)
> 2016: Grootmeester Roeland Pruijssers (The Netherlands)

10th edition in 2016: https://en.chessbase.com/post/roeland-pruijssers-wins-10th-leiden-open

Previous winners: http://www.leidenchess.com/?page_id=31

The event with Spassky, Botvinnik, Larsen and Donner in 1970, was a one-off affair. In order to develop the chess scene in the city there was a need for a strong tournament to be held on a regular basis.

In 2007 Jan Bey, along with friends, decided to stage a strong international open in Leiden

The sheer determination of Jan Bey and his organizational team made sure that the newly launched Open Festival was held every year, and in 2016 it reached its 10th edition. The importance of this tournament cannot be underestimated. In a city with a population of around 120 thousand people the Leiden Chess Tournament is making sure that new talents are unearthed and nurtured.

The 10th Leiden Chess Tournament was held from the 15th to 25th of July 2016. It was a nine-round Swiss tournament with the participation of 64 players in the A category (>1900). There was also a B category tournament for players below the Elo of 1950. The schedule of the tournament was excellent with a single round each day and a rest day after five rounds. The time control was one and a half hour for forty moves, with an addition of thirty minutes, and an increment of 30 seconds from move one. Eight grandmasters and eight International Masters and players from fourteen countries took part in the event. The prize fund of the A category was €5,500 with a first prize of €1,750.

➔ Not to mix with that additional Jubilee tournament in 1970, played at Oegstgeest near Leiden.

Oegstgeest lies just to the north of Leiden, with which it is conjoined in a conurbation. Oegstgeest is a separate municipality, but it is effectively a suburb of Leiden.

Larsen, Donner, Botvinnik and reigning World Champion Spassky in Leiden 1970
(Photo: ChessBase)

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Oegstgeest near Leiden (1970)

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Leidsch Schaakgenootschap (LSG, Leiden Chess Club) in 1970 an attempt was made to stage a match between former world champion and honorary member of the LSG, Dr. M. M. Botvinnik, and the would-be world champion Robert J. Fischer. Unfortunately, in the end insurmountable obstacles blocked this interesting plan.

As an almost equally attractive alternative, a match-tournament was organized between the former world champion Botvinnik, the new world champion Boris Spassky, the tournament world champion Bent Larsen and the world champion of the Leidseplein, Hein Donner.

The games were played in April and May 1970 in the Rijnlands Lyceum (a Dutch high school) in the neighbouring village of Oegstgeest. World champion Spassky won, as he should, and Donner, the local whipping boy, did much better than expected.

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  1 Spassky      7/12    **** 1½½½ ½½½½ ½½1½
  2 Donner       6/12    0½½½ **** ½½½½ 1½½½
=3 Botvinnik   5.5/12    ½½½½ ½½½½ **** 01½0
=4 Larsen      5.5/12    ½½0½ 0½½½ 10½1 ****
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