

Pfäffikon Swiss Rapid Chess Masters Rapid (1st edition 2012, 4rd and last edition 2015), with forerunner events since 2008, <http://www.swissmasters-chessrapid.ch> (inactive link)

A **one-day rapid event**, traditionally played on **Whit Monday** in the modern Congress Hotel / Swiss Casino **Seedamm Plaza at Pfäffikon**.

The tournament was initially launched in the 1990s as **Markus Trepp Memorial** (honouring IM Markus Trepp who died in 1994). It was then the **Free Helvetic Chess Club**, founded and led by IM **Beat Züger** which was responsible from 2008 up and including 2011 (**1st to 4th FHCCC Tournament**).

In 2012, **Andreas Georgiadis** and his son IM **Nico Georgiadis** took over the organization of this unique mix and meeting of reputed top grandmasters, club as well as amateur players. The **Swiss Rapid Chess Masters (1st to 4th Tournament)** has welcomed **the number one player** at that time **of The Netherlands, Spain, Italy, France, Serbia, Germany, Austria, Switzerland**, and some other countries within four illustrious years ☺.

Playing modus was **7 rounds with 7 minutes per game and an additional increment of 7 seconds per move** in a swiss system open tournament. No less than **ten out of the Elo top hundred ranked players of the world** competed in the editions of 2013 and 2015 respectively.

List of Winners:

2008 1st FHCC (played in November at **Lachen**, 53 players): **FM Kambez Nuri** (Switzerland)

2009 2nd FHCC (Whit Monday, from now on always held at **Pfäffikon**, 112 players): **Artur Jussupow**

2010 3rd FHCC (106 players): **Laurent Fressinet**

2011 4th FHCC (153 players): **Georg Meier**

2012 1st Swiss Rapid Chess Masters (150 players): **Fabiano Caruana**

2013 2nd Swiss Rapid Chess Masters (134 players): **Francisco Vallejo Pons**

2014 3rd Swiss Rapid Chess Masters (107 players): **Andrei Volokitin**

2015 4th Swiss Rapid Chess Masters (128 players): **Francisco Vallejo Pons** (second win)

Further players included **Viktor Korchnoi, Ruslan Ponomarev, Rustam Kasimdzhanov, Vadim Milov, Sebastian Bogner, Joe Gallagher, Yannick Pelletier, Etienne Bacrot, Romain Edouard, Christian Bauer, Gawain Jones, Vladimir Tukmakov, Alexey Dreev, Loek Van Wely, Sergei Tiviakov, Arkadij Naiditsch, Daniel Fridman, Igor Khenkin, Markus Ragger, Zdenko Kozul, Ivan Ivanisevic, Stefan Djuric, Andrei Istratescu, Ehsam Ghaem-Maghami**, as well as the swiss local heroes **Monika Müller-Seps, Beat Züger, Hansjörg Känel, Florian Jenni, Oliver Kurmann, Claude Landenbergue, Roger Gloor, Severin Papa, Martin Ballmann, Marco Gähler, Gabriel Gähwiler, Hans Karl, Jonas Wyss, Lars & Jan Rindlisbacher, Nicolas & Patrick Grandadam, Roger & Olivier Moor, Fabian Bänziger, Davide Arcuti, Noël Studer, or Nico Georgiadis**, among many others.

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