

Open de Sants, Hostafrancs i La Bordeta, played annually in Barcelona
Sants, Hostafrancs and La Bordeta International Open Chess tournament



☺ Annually since 1999: Barcelona's most emblematic chess tournament ☺

Double sole winner at the Sants Open in Barcelona 2009 & 2014



Alexandr Fier of Brazil

<http://www.brasilbase.pro.br/jfier.php> (Tournament and Match results of Fier)

<http://gmfier.blogspot.ch/> (Blog)

<http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessplayer?pid=88826> (Chessgames)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexandr_Fier (Wikipedia)

www.cotxeres.org/open/open2009/clasificacions/general_a.htm

(11th Sants 2009, Alexandr Fier won with 8.5/10, 300 players)

www.chessdom.com/gm-alexandr-fier-winner-of-open-internacional-de-sants/

(16th Sants 2014, Alexandr Fier won with 8.5/10, 335 players)

Open de Sants

Year	Champion	Country	Points
1999	Oleg Korneev	Russia	7'5/9
2000	Javier Campos Moreno	Chile	8'5/10
2001	Viktor Moskalenko	Ukraine	8/10
2002	Javier Campos Moreno (2)	Chile	8'5/10
2003	Tiger Hillarp Persson	Sweden	9/10
2004	Pengxiang Zhang	China	8'5/10
2005	Liviu-Dieter Nisipeanu	Romania	8'5/10
2006	Marc Narciso	España	8'5/10
2007	Friso Nijboer	The Netherlands	8'5/10
2008	Mateusz Bartel	Poland	8/10
2009	Alexandr Fier	Brazil	8'5/10
2010	Maxim Rodshtein	Israel	8'5/10
2011	Mathew Sadler	England	8'5/10
2012	Grzegorz Gajewski	Poland	8/10
2013	Baskaran Adhiban	India	8'5/10
2014	Alexandr Fier (2)	Brazil	8'5/10
2015	Kacper Piorun	Poland	8'5/10
2016	Qun Ma	China	8/10
2017	Rinat Jumabayev	Kazakhstan	8'5/10
2018	N.N.	N.N.	/

<http://www.ajedrezdeataque.com/05%20Palmares/Torneos/Espana/Sants.htm>

List of all winners:

<http://cotxeres-casinet.org/open/classificacions.htm>

https://ca.wikipedia.org/wiki/Obert_internacional_d'escacs_de_Sants,_Hostafrancs_i_la_Bordeta

Circuit Català d'Oberts Internacionals d'Escacs:

https://ca.wikipedia.org/wiki/Circuit_Catal%C3%A0_d%27Oberts_Internacionals_d%27Escacs

Official Website:

<http://www.cotxeres.org/open/angles/angles16/information16.htm>

Photo of Alexander Fier (scroll down):

<http://pinkydeportes.over-blog.com/2014/08/brasileno-alexander-fier-lidera-el-open-de-sants-que-ha-resultado-esquivo-a-los-cubanos.html>

Year-by-Year:

1999 (inaugural edition): **Oleg Korneev** (Russia) won as clear first at 7.5/9 (186 players)

http://cotxeres-casinet.org/open/classificacions/classifica_general_1999.htm

2000: IM (GM in 2005) **Javier Campos Morena** (Chile) won on tie-break above IM (GM in 2002) **Michael Oratovsky** (Israel) shared first place at 8.5/10 (291 players)

<http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic305.html#12>

Note: Some sources see **Atanas Kolev** (Bulgaria) as winner

http://cotxeres-casinet.org/open/classificacions/classifica_general_2000.htm (ranking and sum of points are not congruent on 5th and 6th place, and the last round results are not taken into account!)

2001: **Viktor Moskalenko** (Ukraine) won as clear first at 9/10 (374 players)

<http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic358.html#17>

2002: IM (GM in 2005) **Javier Campos Moreno** (Chile) won as clear first at 8/9 (390 players)

<http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic409.html#6>

2003 (V edition): **Tiger Hillarp Persson** (Sweden) scored a record 9 points at 9/10 to win outright by half a point from Viktor Moskalenko and Ralf Akesson (486 players!)

<http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic461.html#16>

2004: **Zhang Pengxiang** (China) *quien ganó el título en partidas de desempate*, finally edged out Tiger Hillarp Persson and Oleg Korneev, all finished on 8.5/10 (A-Open with 271 players)

<http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic513.html#8> (tie-breaks are not mentioned)

2005: **Liviu-Dieter Nisipeanu** (Romania) won as clear first at 8.5/10 (A-Open with 318 players)

<http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic565.html#13>

2006: **Marc Narciso Dublan** (Spain) won as clear first at 8.5/10 (A-Open with 274 players)

<http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic617.html#12>

2007: **Friso Nijboer** (The Netherlands) won as clear first at 8.5/10 (A-Open with 312 players)

<http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic669.html#16>

2008 (X): **Mateusz Bartel** (Poland) won after blitz play-off from Pablo Lafuente (Argentina), Diego Di Berardino and Josep Oms Pallisse after all scored 8/10 (A-Open with 322 players)

GM Bartel writes: <The final standing of Group A on the Austrian website chess-results.com are not complete, and because of that, on many internet sites GM Pablo Lafuente was declared a winner by Bucholz. The rules in the A tournament were quite interesting – for all prized places , blitz tie-breaks were to be played (2 games 5'-5' , in case of draw 6'-5' Armageddon).

And I won the tournament after Blitz tie-breaks. Unfortunately, I can't find any results of blitz games on the internet> (Source: Chessdom.com)

<http://tournaments.chessdom.com/barcelona-sants-open>
http://www.cotxeres-casinet.org/open/open2008/general_a.htm

Note: <http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic721.html#7> is wrong,
<http://chess-results.com/tnr15284.aspx?lan=1&art=1&wi=821> is misleading

Portrait of Mateusz Bartel from Poland

Bartel, a typical Elo 2600+ player (peak 2677 in 2012) but below regular invitations in closed international tournaments, has some pretty nice and traditional Open chess tournament wins in his pocket: Aeroflot, Barcelona, Biel, or Isle of Man (among some others).

> In 2007, he tied for 1st-6th with Vitali Golod, Zahar Efimenko, Yuri Yakovich, Michael Roiz and Mikhail Kobalia at Port Erin in the <16th Monarch Assurance Isle of Man> international open tournament, as first on tie-break in the last Isle of Man Open under the label of Monarch Assurance. IoM had a longer break afterwards and has been restarted then in 2014 as considerable stronger Open, it will see an even bigger line-up this year.

> In 2008, Bartel won the <10th International Chess Open de Sants, Hostafrancs i La Bordeta in Barcelona> after speed tie-breaks from Pablo Lafuente, Diego Di Berardino and Josep Oms Pallisse after all scored 8/10 (A-Open, 322 players).

Note: the final standings on some websites were not complete; because of that, on many reports GM Lafuente was declared a winner by Buchholz, but for all prized places, blitz tie-breaks were to be played (2 games / 5 minutes, in case of draw Armageddon), and Bartel won Barcelona in the tie-break mini-matches.

> In 2012, Bartel tied for 1st-3rd with Anton Korobov and Pavel Eljanov in the <11th Aeroflot Open at Moscow>, winning the prestigious event on tie-break.

> In 2017, Bartel triumphed in the <Master tournament (Open) at the Biel Chess Festival (50th and jubilee edition)>, on tie-break above Vladimir Baklan.

<http://www.szachypolskie.pl/mateusz-bartel/> (Biography in Polish language)

2009: **Alexandr Fier** (Brazil) won as clear first at 8.5/10 (A-Open with 300 players)

<http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic773.html#6>

2010: **Maxim Rodshtein** (Israel) won as clear first at 8.5/10 (A-Open with 359 players)

<http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic825.html#9>

2011: **Matthew Sadler** (England) won as clear first at 8.5/10 (A-Open with 354 players)

The 13th Sants Open was won by Matthew Sadler with 8.5/11 playing his first proper open tournament in a number of years. Sadler beat top seed Jan Smeets in the final round and joint leaders Marc Narciso Dublan and Eduardo Iturrizaga drew with each other.

<http://theweekinchess.com/chessnews/events/13th-sants-open-2011>

2012: **Grzegorz Gajewski** (Poland) took first place from Aleksandr Rakhmanov, Emilio Cordova, Kevin Spraggett and Sam Shankland (1st-5th). They played blitz chess to sort out the final placings after all scored 8/10 (A-Open with 318 players)

<http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic929.html#6>

2013 (XV): **Baskaran Adhiban** (India) won as clear first at 8.5/10 (A-Open with 310 players)

<http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic982.html#4>

2014: **Alexandr Fier** (Brazil) won a second time after 2009 as clear first, again at 8.5/10 (A-Open with 335 players)

<http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic982.html#4>

2015: **Kacper Piorun** (Poland) won as clear first at 8.5/10 (A-Open with 380 players)

<http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic1086.html#4>

2016: **Qun Ma** (China) won a play-off final against his countryman Yunguo Wan, Jorge Cori from Peru (third), Cristhian Cruz Sánchez, Jules Moussard, and Krishnana Sasikiran finished shared 1st to 6th place after all scored 8/10 (A-Open with 336 players)

<http://es.chessbase.com/post/ma-qun-campen-del-abierto-de-sants> 2016 (in spanish language)

<http://www.mundodeportivo.com/otros-deportes/20160828/404244907443/triunfo-chino-en-el-open-internacional-de-sants.html> 2016 (in spanish language)

Note: <http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic1139.html#3> is wrong (standings before speed play-off!)

2016 XVII INTERNATIONAL OPEN CHESS

SANTS, HOSTAFRANCS & LA BORDETA

The tournament will be held in 79 Sants St, Barcelona (Auditori del Centre Cívic de les Cotxeres de Sants) and other halls near this hall.

Part of XIII Circuit Català d'Oberts Internacionals d'Escacs 2016

<http://www.cotxeres.org/open/angles/angles16/information16.htm>

2017: **Rinat Jumabayev** (Kazakhstan) won as clear first at 8.5/10 (A-Open with 382 (403) players)

<http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic1191.html#5>

2018 (XX Jubilee edition): N.N.

2017, published in: <http://www.chessdiagonals.ch/>