



## For the first time in maybe 30 years: Own Chess Tournament for Deaf at Bergen Døvesenter in Norway 19-21. May 2017

Pictures Arne Rude och Peter Berenyi  
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After about 30 years, there was no chess for deaf in Norway and suddenly came to the ICCD's awareness that Bergen Døvesenter (Bergen Deaf Association in Southwest Norway) arranged a turn-off and ICCD decided to send Peter Berenyi on a flash visit.

I arrived at Bergens airport after a very beautiful landscape and went on with a gentleman who told us that the Deaf Association's local is big, I thought it might be a house or similar and after a 20 minute trip we arrived at the local and to my Great surprise that the premises are so big and beautiful wooden construction house from 1869, early summer house belonging to consul Peter Jebsen and his big family.

We entered the building and there were many deaf, both chess players and guests who talk with wandering during the break and I greet everyone to present myself and after a while the Deaf Association's leader, Arne Rude, came and we went on a walk and came Afterwards, I have talked with the competition judge that I will start immediately by holding a short talk.



Leader Arne Ruda performed for all of them afterwards, I gave the participants information about ICCD and their work, and it was to the ICCD's great pleasure that Bergen

Døvesenter has taken the arm and arranged the competition for the first time after 30 years and that ICCD wishes all the participants a really good Competitiveness and good luck with collaborations and



developments in the future, I presented on European Championships in Lund, Sweden, and invited participants to participate in the competition and handed out papers / forms then I told me if the World Championship will be held in Manchester, England next year there we also have the Congress, it may be a great opportunity for Norway to apply for membership.

Leader Arne Rude thanked and asked me to convey their greetings to the ICCD and hope they can continue with the chess club in the future and explained the competition is again starting. Before the competition has begun asked some of the participants of European Championships and World Championships, it is very possible that we will see more Norwegian chess players in the future.

