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1. Registration in our Playing Zone

1.1.Installation of the Client program

To start playing, do the following:

1) download the software from our Web-page



2) Run the downloaded file to install the program installation

Double-click this icon to start

3) The ChessOk Playing Zone icon program.

appears on your desktop. Double-click it to run the

1.2.Registration

When starting the program, the Login to server dialog appears



If you start the program for the first time, you it is recommended to register to get your login and password; entrance as a Guest, without registration, is also available. Click the **Register**

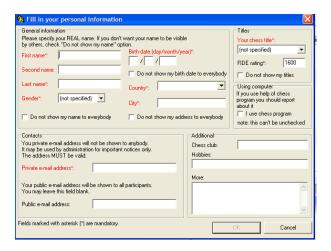
Begister... button to register a new user. You will see the following dialog



Enter login and password. You will not be able to change login, but the password can be changed later.

Click the **Continue** button.

In the next dialog, *Fill in your personal information*, you should compulsory fill in the fields with red headers. Other fields are not obligatory, for successful registration only your surname and valid email address are essential.



After that press OK and you will see the message about the successful registration.

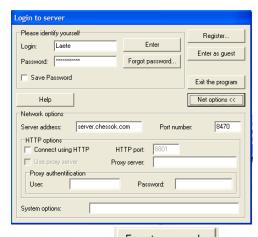


1.3.Connection

After the successful registration or when you run the program next time, you will see the *Login to server* dialog.

Enter your login and password, click *Login* and you will enter the Game Zone.

- Using the *Enter as guest* button you can enter the Game Zone as a guest. But there are a lot of features that you won't be able to access as a guest, e.g. take part in rated games. We advice to use the Guest account only for first acquaintance with our Playing Zone
- The *Exit the program* button does what it says, it closes the program
- **Net options** button opens the dialog where you can fill in the IP-address of the server, port number, and setup the proxy-server connection Note, that these settings should be changed only if it is recommended by your provider technical support, otherwise you may not be able to connect to the server.



- Forgot password button is used to restore your password. When you click it, the new password will be sent to your e-mail
- Save password button saves password will stop asking it when you enter the ChessOk Playing Zone in the future. Remember that it neither stores the password in any file, nor helps YOU remember password.
- Help button is used to view this manual.

After the registration you will be able to take part in most of the club events. You can play in the tournaments (including the ones with prizes), simultaneous displays with grandmasters, and watch lectures of the leading chess players online. You can play games with different time controls and also get information about the tournaments, games, competitions and lections. We are glad to see you in the ChessOk Club!

2. Quick start

This section has the description of the most popular and important functions of the ChessOk Playing Zone – playing by web with other chess players, that is, create challenges and accept them. So, it has nothing to do with the general software structure, but here you can find the detailed instructions for these actions.

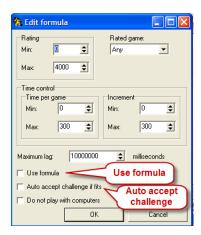
2.1.Starting with ChessOk Playing Zone

After you have entered the program, both as a registered user and as a guest, you will see the *Start Up* window



You can do the following actions here

- Seek sends the general invitation to play a game with standard parameters (blitz 5-0)
- Seek properties opens the window with general invitation settings
- Formula opens the formula settings window
- Entrance you enter the game zone.



You can edit conditions of the games being accepted, e.g. rating or time control. It will work if you tick [] **Use Formula.** If you tick [] **Auto accept challenge when fits,** any game with fitting parameters will be accepted. Also, you can deny playing with computers by checking the corresponding option.

If you untick the **Show this window at startup**, the next time it will enter the Game Zone automatically, without showing this dialog. To recheck it, use **Options-Interface** and tick [] **Show startup window** checkbox.

2.2. Challenge list, general information

To start playing you should either accept challenge (and it will appear in the *Challenge* window) or seek yourself. Also you can get addressed challenge from another player; in this case you will see red highlighted line in the *Challenge* window with all player data. Seeks (challenges for everyone) are highlighted yellow, addressed to you – red.

Don't forget to click *Track Challenges* to update the list instantly!



Double click the line with the challenge to respond to it (=accept it). Also you can perform the following actions, using the buttons on the toolbox below the **Challenge list**:

Accept challenge, clicking the Accept button

- Decline challenge, clicking the **Decline** button
- Delete challenge from list, clicking the Delete button
- Finger challenge, that is, view information about a game, by clicking Finger button



• Unavailable Unavailable button in the right makes you invisible for all addressed challenges.

2.3. How to find yourself an opponent, or Seek

To create a general **Challenge**, use the **Play** buttons on the **Ribbon**. By default, clicking **Play** button you create the challenge for three-minute time control game, but you can change time control or other options by clicking the arrow right from the button.



When you move the cursor over the button, the pop-up hint shows the first pre-defined challenge: rated game for 3-minute time control. If you click an arrow, you will see the list of pre-defined seeks: rated games for 3, 5 and 15-minutes time-control.



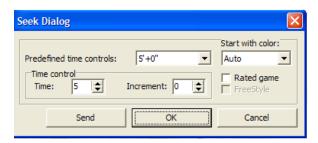


Click *Edit*Challenges and their parameters.

button in the drop-down list to see the list of the pre-defined



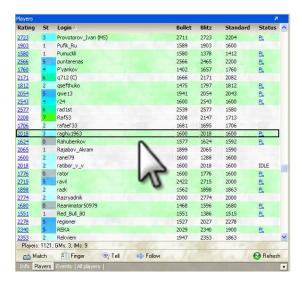
The first challenge template is the one that will be used as default when you click *Play*, so it is useful to put you favorite one there. You can change places, using up and down buttons, add, delete and edit game templates. *Edit* and *New* dialogs are similar. There you can specify all the game parameters:



After clicking the *Play* button you only have to wait until anyone accepts your challenge.

2.4. How to challenge someone

There is a lot of ways to give somebody a dare. The main is to use the *Players list* (leftmost top). Double-click a player that you want to challenge.



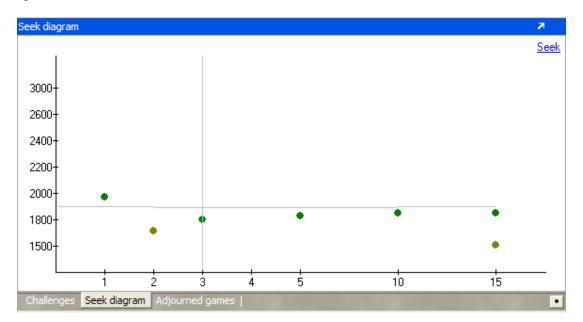
Also you can left-click on a player and then use context menu (right-click) and click Match



button there or on the bottom of the panel.

2.5.Using Seek diagram

If you are used to play in ICC, you can use the *Seek diagram* tab instead of *Challenge* tab in the rightmost bottom window.



All the challenges are viewed on the *Diagram* pane. Every challenge is a dot on a screen. When you move mouse over a dot, all the player and challenge information appears on a pop-up hint. Left-click on a dot lets you answer the challenge.

The higher rating a player has, the higher will his challenge appear. The longer a game is, more right the challenge will appear. Filled dots mean rated games, circles are for non-rated challenges. Right-click on a dot opens the local menu.

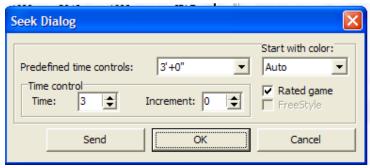


There are the following data:

• View challenge: a special window with challenge data appears



- Accept opens the Game window with Board
- Add Seek choosing this, you will see the new window where you can create your own seek



- Ping this options counts time lapse between moves while sending it
- Finger shows player information

2.6. You are being challenged personally

When you are personally challenged, you hear a bell and the name of the opponent appears in the *Challenge* window. You can see all the game data, player rating, game type, etc. and you can either accept or decline challenge.

By the personal challenge in the bottom left side of the *Console* panel appears an icon with player and game data in a pop-up hint.



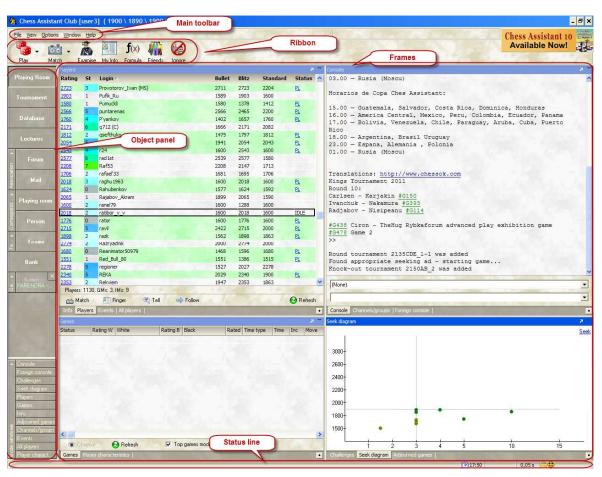
You can double-click on the icon and accept the challenge or use right-click local menu to view, accept or decline challenge.



3. Interface

ChessOK Playing Zone support many other activities, for instance, communication with other chess players, viewing informational messages, game and lection translation, working with chess databases, analyzing games using chess programs, to say nothing of online playing. Usually we speak about different modes of the client program; every mode has its own specific set of functions and special set of controls that let perform operations, special for the current mode.

There are 5 main interface components, general for all modes:



Main toolbar is a standard Windows component. Here are commands for application control and settings. The **Ribbon** is used to store a number of buttons that are used to perform special functions of any application. The number of buttons and their position differs due to the current mode. Every mode is characterized with a certain number of control elements, such as windows, dialogs, and buttons. You switch modes using the buttons on the **Object panel**. In the lower part of it the smaller buttons take place; they are **Object Control** buttons. You can activate any window with it. Frames are pre-stored positions on a main screen that contain windows. They are usually synchronized with each other and are

used to view different information, such as board or console with messages. If you change something in one window, the others may change also (e.g. you are making move on board and it appears in the notation). The *Status line* views the clock and server time. Also there is information about the client program; you can find post notification here (post icon appears)

Nearly every interface object is performed as a *Control* button in a bottom part of an *Object panel*. You can also choose *Window* command in the *Main toolbar* and there choose the window you want to activate. Remember that in any mode you can restore the standard configuration of the elements of the interface by clicking *View-Default*.

All interface elements are organized harmonically in the main window. You can change the size and the position of the main window, but all the interface elements will be present and preserve the position.

Now nearly all windows are docked. You can make float any window, but we still recommend follow the standard position. If you have made float a window and cannot find it, use Object panel buttons or set default configuration.

3.1.Main toolbar



There are five buttons on the Main toolbar that open the menus:

- File actions with games in general
- View controlling the windows that can be seen in the current mode and the modes in general
- *Options* all the options of the program
- **Window** this mode has very many aims, for instance, submit complaint on the slow connection, monitor traffic, view new messages in the Mail, etc.
- Help get help, online help and information about the program

Here we will discuss all these menus.

3.1.1. File



The File menu has only two options: *New Game* and *Exit*. New Game ([Ctrl+N]) creates a new blank game and switches the program to the *Edit* mode. The *Exit* button closes the program.

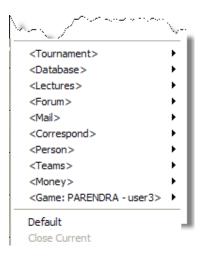
3.1.2. View



This menu is used to perform the two types of actions. First, it lists all the windows, available in the current mode and lets you switch them.



Second, it lists the modes AND for every mode, all windows. So, using this menu, you can switch windows of the current mode and switch modes too. The second function is very useful, when you need to find a certain window, but don't remember in which mode it is.



The last button is Default, that returns the default layout of all the modes.

3.2.Options

This menu is used to change settings of the program in general. There are the following settings groups:

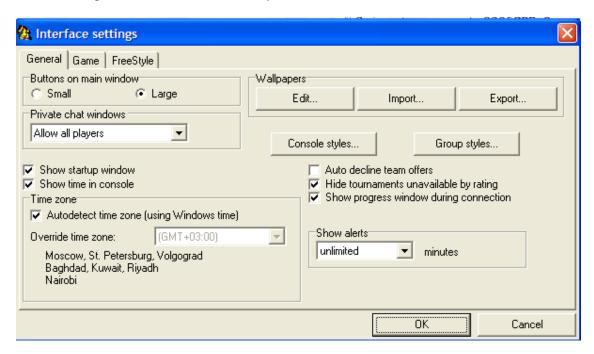


- *Interface* this dialog is used to setup the appearance of the program and the most general features.
- **Network** setting up server and connectivity. It is the same dialog as in the Net options button on the Login to Server window
- **Disconnect** leave the server
- Languages setup language and messaging options
- Sounds setup sounds that will appear when you make a certain actions (e.g., make moves on board)
- Engines setup add and remove engines, used for the analysis
- Correspondence settings for using ChessOk Playing Zone e-mail
- Autocomment settings for the automatic game commenting
- Audio options Skype options and player options
- **Board** setting board and pieces themes
- *Icons* choosing, whether icons should be big or small.

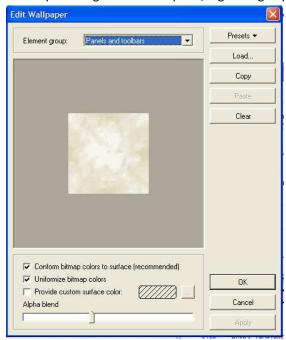
Now let's describe in details the most important settings

3.2.1. Interface Settings dialog

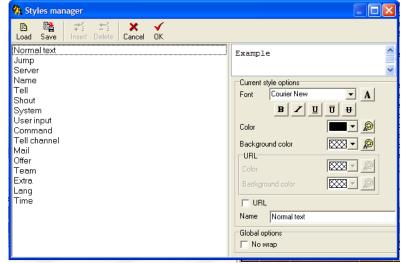
The dialog consists of three tabs: *General, Game* and *Freestyle*. In the *General* tab we set up the main window settings, common for all modes. They are:

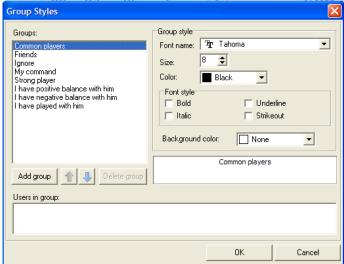


- Size of the buttons on the Ribbon: Small or Large (same is done via Options-Icons menu);
- Allow **private chat** with all players, friends only or none;
- Show startup window;
- Show **timestamps** in the console;
- Time zone settings. You can check Autodeteck time zone, and it will use Windows settings;
- Change wallpapers. You can not only load and export templates (textures)m but also perform the simple changes in the template, e.g. change opacity



• Change styles for the console messages, using the special ChessAssistant font dialog:





- Same for **Groups** messages:
- If you check Autodecline team offers, it will decline automatically all offers to join a team.
- You can hide all tournaments you cannot participate in, because your rating is lower than they need. Use this box

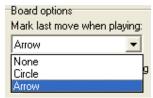
 Hide tournaments unavailable by rating
- The next checkbox is used when you want to turn off progress bar during connection to server.



• Choose how much time to **show alerts** about events:

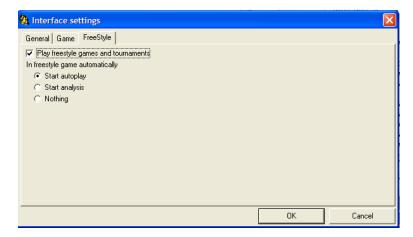
The second tab, *Game*, is used to setup the special *Game* mode that is used to view and edit games. There we have the following options:





- Choose the **shape** of the last move marker
- **Transform a pawn** into the best piece for this situation (usually in a Queen) automatically when it reach the another board side
- Use **two-clicks input** mode (click the piece and the target square)
- Save games that you have observed to your *Local* base automatically
- Save games that you have played to your Local base automatically
- **Invert clock** color of the player to move; normally the clock is white with black letters, and now the colors will be inverted to make it more distinctive
- Don't show private chats when playing
- Allow play multiple games at a time
- Prohibit applause both to you and to your opponent

The last feature is for the *Freestyle* games – games, that can be played using all the additional data, including powerful engines. There are the following options:



- Allow freestyle games
- You can do one of the three options:
 - 1. Start autoplay in the freestyle games
 - 2. Start autoanalysis in this games
 - 3. Play yourself absolutely

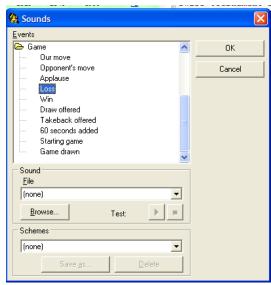
3.2.2. Languages



There are two languages in the Playing Zone – English and Russian. When you select the primary language, you select the interface language, the language of the system messages, tournaments and players name. Foreign console is used when you want to separate English and Russian chats – the foreign console will be used for the non-primary language. Though, you can mix them or disable the second language console at all. Same for system messages – it is useful to how them in the separate console.

Show news is made to decide, news in which language will be shown in the console on entrance. The last options is used to decide, in which console should private messages be shown; by default, they are everywhere in order to make them more noticeable.

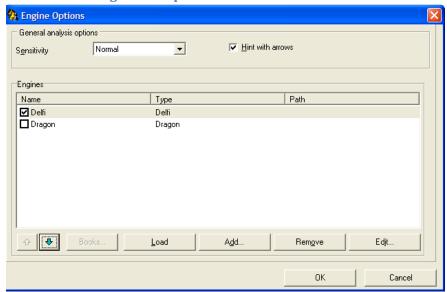
3.2.3. Sounds



This dialog has a list of the events for which can be added sounds. Choose the event and then choose the .mp3 sound that will be used in case this event happens. You can use one of 10 pre-defined sounds or browse your own .mp3 music.

You can save the sound set you have created as a scheme, using *Save As* button in the button of the dialog. The second button is used to delete schemes. One scheme is pre-defined – the *Default* scheme. Note, that by default the so-called *<none>* scheme is used, which is absolutely silent.

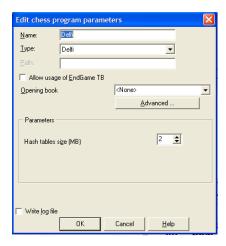
3.2.4. Engines setup



This dialog is used to setup analysis and engines.

Analysis has two options: the "sensitivity" of the analysis (the higher sensitivity is, the <u>less</u> CPU is given to an engine) and whether analysis should perform hints with arrows or not.

Engines setup is used to add, remove and edit engines (special programs that perform analysis). You can activate and deactivate them (by ticking the checkbox by the name of an engine), load, add and remove engines and edit engines options:



You can change the name of the engine, setup its type, path to the engine. Tick the *Allow usage of EndGame TB* to include Nalimov tablebases. Also, you can use an opening book to improve the opening analysis. Hash table size is used to store the results of the analysis, so it's the amount of memory available to an engine. And you can tick *Write to log* box to create engine log.

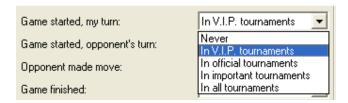
3.2.5. Correspondence



Here you can setup your correspondence games options, such as

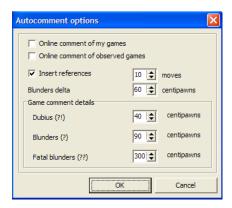
- Save games you can tick the first checkbox and the game will be saved automatically and joined with the original one, or the original game will be overridden, or a game will be added as new.
- Close the game after making move
- Never invert board
- Show all your games in one list
- Mark your games red in the list when they are old enough (after 2 days by default, but you can set any number)
- Open games in a new window

You can also set up mail notifications about events. Choose the event from the list and occasions, when you should become e-mails (e.g., when your game in VIP tournament starts)



3.2.6. Autocomment

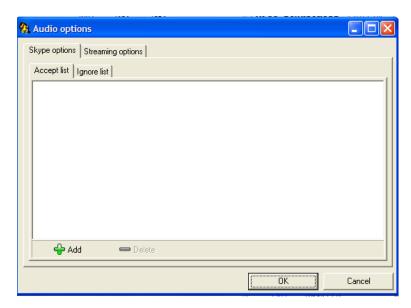
An interesting feature is Options – *Autocomment*. Choose it to open the *Autocomment* dialog.



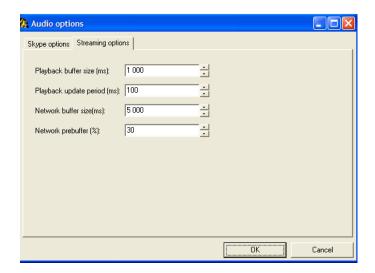
First, you can setup, which games to comment – your own or being observed. The chosen games will be automatically commented by special software on a server. You can set special parameters of autocomments using spinboxes below. But we recommend using standard ones.

3.2.7. Audio options

There are two tabs: Skype options and Streaming options



Skype options are used when you are invited for the Skype call. You can create a list of "friends", whose requests will be accepted automatically, and ignore list; the requests of its members will be declined automatically.



Streaming options are the ones that setup media player of the ChessOk Playing Zone. We do not recommend to change them unless you know for sure what do these options mean. They are used to setup the voiced lectures, which are very rare, though possible.

3.2.8. Board

You can change **Board** themes and the appearance of the chess pieces. By default, we use **Wood** theme and classic **Aquarium** pieces. There are 2 more pre-defined piece themes and one more board theme, but you can add your themes and remove them too.



3.3. Object panel

On the left side of the main program window there is an **Object panel** with a number of control buttons on it:



The panel is visible in any mode of the application.

In the upper part of the **Object panel** there is **Navigation pane** with modes buttons – they let the player switch modes. As displayed, there are ten buttons that correspond to ten modes; some modes are united to the groups, such as **Association**, **Correspondence** and **Teams**. Other modes are **Playing Room**, **Tournament**, **Database**, **Lectures** and **Bank**. The **Association** group contains **Forum** and **Mail** modes; the **Correspondence** Group – its own **Playing Room** and **Person** mode. **Teams** group consists of only one mode **Team**.

Groups are used to rollup the similar modes, e.g. Forum and Mail.

There are two special modes; the **Board** mode appears only if you start playing – challenge anyone or accept somebody's challenge, and the **Edit** mode appears if you view a game.



When one of these modes activates, a special additional control button appears – *Game*. It is used to switch from the game to the board and back. On the button the players' names are written (e.g. *Anna-Irina*). The button could be rolled up and to finish the game you can just click the cross on it.



In the bottom part of the **Object panel** you will see *Interface control buttons*. Using them you can activate any window of the current mode.



When you switch to an unfamiliar mode, click one-by-one all the buttons in a current set; it will help you to get acquainted with a new mode. This exercise widens your knowledge about the potentials of the program.

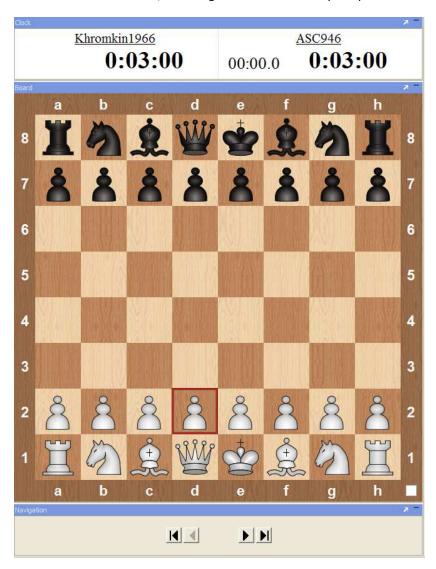
Now nearly all windows of the application are docked. You can make float any window, but we still recommend follow the standard position. If you have made float a window and cannot find it, use Object panel buttons or set default configuration.

4. Special modes: Play and Edit

These modes have one common thing – the chessboard, so, we begin with it.

4.1.Board window. Description

The Board mode activates, when a game starts or when you open it to edit.



As shown above, in the *Board* window there is a chess board with *Navigation controls* below that help you to move through the game (press left or right to look at the previous or the next move,

and start or end to go the beginning or to the end of the game). Above the board you can see the *Clock*; the left is for the White, and the right is for the Black.



You can change the size of the board, using the splitter on the right side:



The local menu of the Board has the following options:

- *Invert board* show the Black in the lower part, and the White in the upper; note, that the coordinates invert too.
- **Show coordinates** untick this to hide coordinates
- Enlarge to fit if you have moved the splitter to the right and the board has become smaller, the gray areas appear on screen (for the board is a square, and the panel is rectangular. If you want to eliminate them, use this button
- Shrink to fit same, but used when the board panel is too large (you have moved the splitter right)

4.2. Play mode

Play mode has, apart from board, the following windows:

• Game info – the panel that holds the names of the players, their rating, and the game type with



Notation — the list of the moves. if you want, you can add comments there



• Console – the chatbox, where you and your opponent can exchange messages (see console)



Observers list — the players, who watch you playing

Observers (0)

Observers (0)

• *Tree* – the window is situated on the second tab with the Console window. It stores the opening library – list of all moves, possible from the current position. It becomes available only after the game is finished, because it is a cheat. By default, there are 6 halfmoves from every opening

1.	Qty	%	Eval	CAP∇
d4	964	57%	± /=	+0.07
c4	139	53%	=	+0.07
93			=	+0.07
<u>ଦ</u> ୍ଧୀ3	289	58%	± /=	+0.04
g3	18	53%	=	+0.00
<u>එ</u> ය	<i>\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\</i>		=	+0.00
a3	N		=	+0.00
d3	1	50%	=	-0.04
b3	3	17%	=	-0.04
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position _____. The move, marked yellow is the

one that was actually made in the game.

In this mode there is no Navigation controls, and the corresponding clock are below the board



4.1.1. The Ribbon during a game

When a new game begins, the program is showing the *Board* mode. In the upper part of the *Board*, under the *Main Toolbar*, there is the *Ribbon*. It lets perform the main actions during the game:



- **Abort** click this to abort game. The game will be immediately aborted if none of the players has done a move, otherwise you need the agreement of the opponent
- **Back** you send your opponent a request to take back a move. If he or she agrees, your move will be eliminated. If an opponent does so, the button highlights yellow. Click it before moving to let an opponent take his move back
- Back 2 same for 2 moves
- **Draw** click the button to send your opponent a draw request. If the button is highlighted yellow, it means, that this request was sent to you. Click it to accept an offer. You can also use the arrow right to it; the Draw submenu appears. You can choose, either to send a draw request or to auto-accept any suggested draw.
- **Adjourn** click this to send your opponent a request to postpone a game. You will be able to finish it when it is highlighted yellow.
- **Resign** Click this button to resign. You will be asked for confirmation.
- More time add your opponent 60 seconds.
- Decline any suggestion can be declined using this button.
- Ping adds information about time delay into the console.
- Applause sends applause to your opponent
- Finger shows information about your opponent in a floating window

Above and below the board there are clocks that show time left for both players. The red color means, which turn is it to move.

4.2.2. The Ribbon after a game

As soon as the game finishes, both clock stop and the toolbar changes. Now the buttons are:



- Applause send applause to your opponent
- **Rematch** clicking this button suggests your opponent play the game with the same parameters.
- **Seek** sends the last seek once more

All the other buttons are the same as in the **Edit toolbar**.

4.3. Editing

As long as ChessOk Playing Zone has means to store games (see DataBase), there are also tools to edit games.

The *Edit mode* combines functions that the chess players need most often; other modes often inherit the functions of this mode. You can enter variations; write comments to the notation, and put color

markers on board. You can also run the analytic program and insert the analysis result into a game that is viewed in the *Board* window.

Of course, you can save the results of the work in the *Local base* on your hardware, or into your *Personal library* on the server (see *DataBase*). Afterwards you can find and download the game to reedit it.

Usually you need to edit a game in the following cases:

- 1. You have downloaded a game from any other base. As soon as the game is downloaded, the *Edit* mode launches. Same happens after you have finished a game, but haven't closed the *Board* mode.
- 2. You enter a new game. This opportunity is available in any mode. Choose *File-New game* or press [Ctrl+N]. After that the *Board* mode starts, you can insert moves and variants there, put color markers on board and in the notation. After that you need to save a game either in your *Local base* or in your *Personal library*. You cannot change bases that are stored on server, except for your *Personal Library*.
- 3. You observe somebody's game. You still can edit it, but you should save changes to the *Local Base* or *Personal Library*, otherwise they will vanish.

4.2.1. Editing mode

In the *Editing* mode you see the *Board* panel with the game that you have just downloaded from the database or that you are going to create. You can activate the mode at any time by pressing [Ctrl-N] or from *File-New Game* menu.

When you start the *Edit* mode, the new button *Stored* appears in the **Object panel**. If a game is loaded from a base, there will be players' names on the button.

There are a number of windows in the *Edit* mode; they are listed in the bottom part of the **Object panel**.



Here is a short description for every window:

4.2.1.1. Game info

Game Info	χ ⁻
White	user3
Black	gdm
Result	
Date	22. 6.2011
Site	
Time	50
ECO	
Tournament	

In the *Edit* mode the window has a number of fields that you can fill with the players' names, game result, date, place, ECO index, time control, and tournament name. All the data is used to access to the games in the server base, together with the game notation. It is in the bottom right frame.

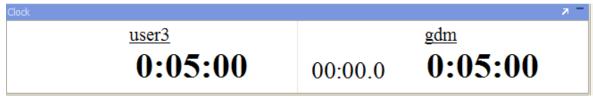
4.2.1.2. Board

The Board panel, where you can enter moves and variations. Usually you drag-n-drop pieces with mouse left-click or with two clicks on the piece and target square (set up this in Options-Interface). The Board panel is synchronized with the Notation panel where the moves are being fixed:

4.2.1.3. Notation

The Notation window displays text of the game being always synchronized with the position on the Board. It can also contain variations, text annotations and various markers. When this window is activated, pressing [F3] key on your keyboard opens the Annotation editor dialog. If you place the cursor after the last move and hit [Backspace] key, the move will be deleted in the notation, while the position in the Board window is restored to one existing before the deleted move. This window is usually situated in the top right frame.

4.2.1.4. Clock



This window displays time spent by each side. When you load a game that was actually played between two opponents and then saved into database, the Clock is synchronized with the game Notation, so that you can see how much time each opponent spent on each move. On the other hand, if you have loaded a new game, the Clock is inactive:



The clock can be either above the board, or above and below it.

4.2.1.5. Navigation

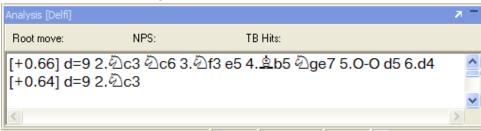


The Navigation panel carries four buttons with black triangles (analogue of the arrow keys on the keyboard). Clicking on these buttons, you can move one move forward or one move backward in the game, or jump to the end or the beginning of the game. This panel is synchronized with the Board window and the Notation window. It is also used to display the alignment of forces occurred in the game after each move

4.2.1.6. Tree

This window displays information on a current position on the Board, which is stored in the chess trees. Here you find a list with several columns including Move (lists all the moves made from the current position), Qty (quality, number of occurrences of each move), % (percentage of points scored by side that implemented this move), Eval (masters' evaluation) and CAP (Chess Analysis Project data, computer evaluations obtained through the minimax approach). Clicking on the column headers resorts the list:

4.2.1.7. Analysis



While in the Edit mode, you may also wish to start the analytical engine. Click the Analysis button

Analysis on the toolbar or simply hit [Space] key on the keyboard. This action opens yet another window, the Analysis window. You can find there the Root move analyzed by engine, number of positions per second analyzed and number of TB Hits that occur when the analyzed position is found in the Nalimov endgame tablebases. In the main area of the window the variations are listed one by one, as the engine finds them in an infinite mode. The most recent variation is displayed at the top of the window. Data in this line also include evaluation of the position in brackets and the depth of calculation reached by the engine (after d=):

As you can see, the Analysis window and the Board window are synchronized too. As the engine supplies the variations, the hints are displayed on chessboard with colored arrows. To enable this option, you must select the Options\Engines setup... item in the main menu (or use the [Alt + F11] shortcut) and set the mark in the Hint with arrows check-box of the Engine Options dialog.

You may hideaway unnecessary windows by selecting Hide item in their local menu. To restore displaying them, click on their corresponding object control buttons on the Object panel.

4.2.2. Edit Ribbon

The buttons on the *Ribbon* give access to the main functions of the mode. The panel is situated in the upper part of the application, between the *Main Toolbar* and the *Board*.



Here you see the following buttons:

- Add to Lib the game is saved to your personal Library on the server
- Save the game is saved to the Local Base on the hardware
- **Comment** lets enter text comments
- Markers lets put the color markers on board
- Position sets up position; after you click the button, the position setup dialog will appear.
- Engine by pressing this button drops the additional menu with the following commands:



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- o Get evaluation from TB gets move evaluation from the six-piece Nalimov Tablebases
- o Get variation from TB get the variation for the current position from the Tablebases
- Search for Blunders finds the worst moves in the notation and marks them.
- Clipboard show/hide clipboard panel. If shown, it has the following options:

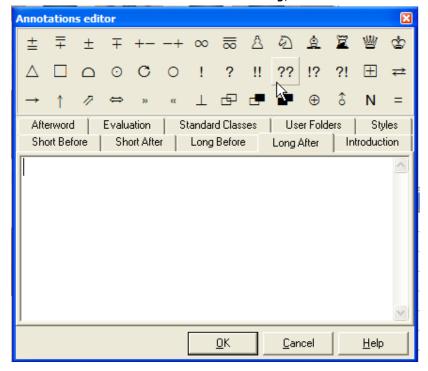


- o Game copy game as PGN to clipboard
- o **Position** copy EPD-position to the clipboard
- o **Paste** paste from the clipboard, game or position
- o *Clear* clear clipboard

4.2.3. Other editing means

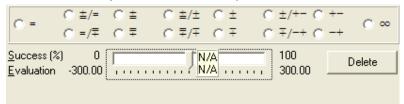
When you click a button on the Ribbon, usually the program cannot perform an action at once, for it needs additional data. Usually it is entered via dialogs. When you click *OK* in the dialog, you confirm your command and it will be performed.

To enter comments use Comment Dialog, well-known to the users of Chess Assistant.

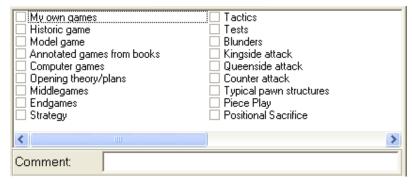


When there are moves in the *Notation* already, there are more possibilities of commenting:

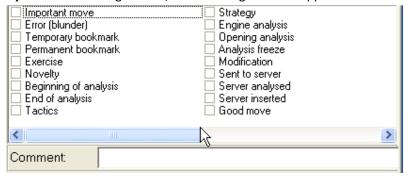
- Short before— you can enter a short text comment that will appear before the current move.
- Short after it is used to enter a short text comment that will be after the current move.
- Long before— you can enter a multiple-line text comment that will appear before the current move.
- Long after it is used to enter a multiple-line text comment that will be after the current move.
- Introduction a long text comment that will appear before the first move of the game.
- Afterword the text comment will appear after the last move of the game
- **Evaluation** after you click this tab, the special evaluation subwindow appears:



• **Standard classes** – a type of move comments, that describes its origin. Still, you can enter text here.



- User folders create and delete your own folders
- Styles after clicking the tab, the following checklist appears:



The colored markers can be set via the *Markers dialog*:



Here you can see 5 tabs: *Markers, Lines, Blocks, Symbols* and *Text* that are used to put certain figures, images on board. To put marker, choose its color and type, and click on the selected square on the *Board*. This will place a marker. To put text, chose the text tab and click *Add*. You will see the small board preview; select the area for the text, dragging cursor from the top left to the bottom right side of the text area. Enter the text in the corresponding field, choose font and color.

To setup position, use the **Position Operations dialog** (click **Position** on the **Ribbon**).



4.2.4. Entering new games

In any mode of the application you can choose *File-New game* and this will load the *Board* mode with the new empty game. It is controlled by the *Stored* button in the **Object panel**. You can make moves on the *Board*, move pieces with the mouse and they will be fixed in the *Notation* panel. So, it is in the *Edit* mode now and the *Ribbon* contains now *Editing* toolbar.



After you have entered the moves, add variations and fill in the fields of the *Game Info pane*. Save the game either in the *Local Base* or in your *Personal Library*.

5. Playing Room

In the *Playing Room* mode the *Ribbon* has the following appearance:



There are all the most important buttons that let you:

- 1. Seek and edit seek parameters
- 2. Set your **personal information** that will be visible to other players
- 3. Make actions during the game

5.1.Ribbon

On the image above there is Ribbon of the Playing Room. By default, there are 6 buttons with hints

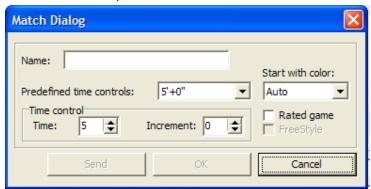
• **Play** – create one of the predefined seeks (with 3, 5 or 15 minute time control) or customize seek. Click the button itself to make the default seek (3-minute time control), and the arrow on the right of it to make other seeks and edit them



• **Match** – the button is used when you want to play a series of games with one opponent. All the games will have the same time control, but the color of your pieces changes every game. You can also make a seek for a match.

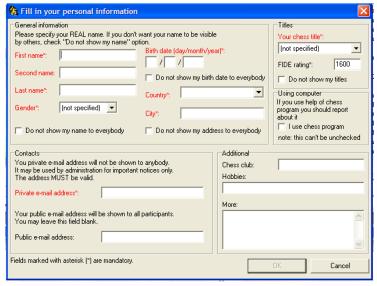
You can edit the match parameters by clicking the Edit button.

You will see a list of pre-defined matches. Click New or Edit to see the parameters of the match



You can place a match in any place in the list.

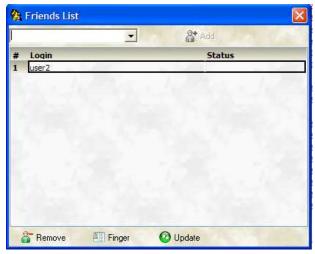
My info – use this button to fill your personal data



It is the same dialog that you see when you registry in the ChessOk Playing Zone.

You can finger a player in the list of players to view his or her personal info.

- Formula the button is used to edit formulas that filter the seeks in order to show only those
 that match the formula. For example, you can set that all the seeks from the player with ELO
 below 1600 will be hidden. In case you were challenged by such a player, he will see a decline
 message.
- Friends this button opens the Friends dialog.



Use the drop-down list of players to choose one and click **Add** button to add a friend. You can remove a friend using the corresponding button, view his or her personal information with the Finger button and refresh the list.

Now when your friend enters ChessOk Playing Zone, you will see the message in the console



• *Ignore* – create the black list of players. The Ignore list dialog has the same interface with the Friends dialog



Now all the actions of the ignored person are hidden from you – his seeks, messages and addressed challenges. But you still can challenge him or send him messages (unless he is ignoring you too).

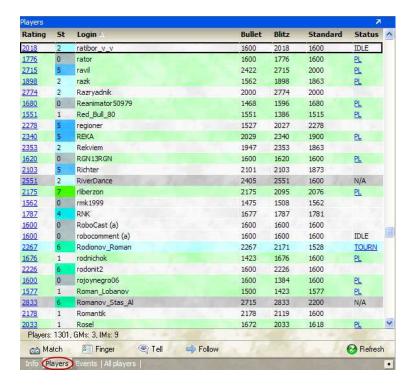
5.2. Info panel

Click the *Info* tab in the bottom of the *Players list window* to see the information and news



5.3.Players window

Here are the list of all players, currently logged in and their status (the status is coded with color). Click on a player and use the local menu to perform the following actions, both for the selected player only or for all the players list:

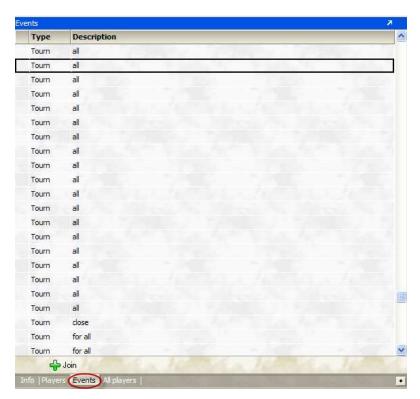


- Ping ping your opponent, in case he or she answers slowly
- Finger shows information about the player
- Match make an addressed challenge
- Unmatch cancel all challenges for this player

- Private Chat send private messages for this player in a separate window (it won't be visible to anyone but you two)
- Tell send a message to this player using the common console (it will be visible for all users)
- Observe lets you watch the current game of this player
- Follow you will automatically observe any game of this player
- Send letter creates an email for this player
- Assess an evaluation of the potential rating changes after a game with this player
- Add to friends add the player to the friend's list
- History the program finds the last 20 games of the player and lists it in the Server games window
- **Search games** the program finds all the games of the player and lists it in the Server games window
- Formula Shows the formula of the player, if it exists
- Setup Filter Sorts player by rating and registration type
- Auto-refresh Refreshes the list automatically from time to time
- Refresh Refreshes the list instantly
- **Request Skype call** suggest a player to call you in Skype, if you have entered your Skype login in the registration form and if your partner has done the same.

5.4. Events window

Click Events tab in the bottom of the first (upper left) frame. The Events window will be opened



Here you can find information about current, past and future events in the Zone. Here are always shown the best three games (ELO rating sum of the players) being played now, and all the tournaments in which you can take part.

5.5.Challenges window

Here are listed all the opened challenges, that are not accepted yet, and all the information about each of them, such as time control, game type, rated or not, etc. Click the column header to sort descending by this parameter. If you click on time panel, it will be sorted by the length of the game. To sort ascending, click the header twice.



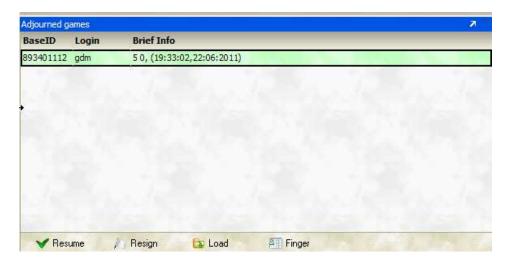
5.6.Seek diagram tab

In this tab (bottom part of the *Challenges* window) all the seeks are presented as dots on the plot. Vertical axis is time control, horizontal – player rating. Additional data of the seek is presented in the pop-up hint.

Local menu lets you create seeks from this tab and accept or decline challenges. For more information, see 2.5. Using Seek diagram

5.7.Adjourned games tab

Here are listed adjourned games that you have begun to play and postponed using *Adjourn* button in the *Game* mode *Ribbon*. You can activate this tab in the *Challenges* window, or using **Object panel**.



Click the selected game, the buttons



become active. The button *Resume* is active only if your opponent is logged in now. The same options are available from the local menu.

- **Resume** send an invitation to resume a game. The color of the line changes.
- **Resign** resign a game without replaying. It will vanish from this list and appears in History as a loss. Your opponent gets a message, that you have lost and he or she has won a game.
- Load view a game without replaying.
- **Finger** click this button to view main information about your opponent.

5.8.Console window

In the Playing Room the Console window is situated in the top right frame together with

Channels/Groups tab. Activate it by using Console tab

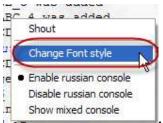




Object panel button

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Knock-out tournament 2250DE 1 was added
Swiss tournament 0145aABCDE 1 was added
Swiss tournament 0145aABCDE 1 was added
Starting game ...
Swiss tournament 2305CDE 3 was added
Swiss tournament 2120aABCDE 1+1 was added
[19:14] EWg63 shouts: PëPrPë C,C < PI P¶PsPïCr,
Swiss tournament 2115aABCDE 1+1 was added
Swiss tournament 2115aABCDE 3 was added
Swiss tournament 2315AB 1 was added
Round tournament 2320CDE 1-1 was added
Swiss tournament 2320C 3 was added
Swiss tournament 2325DE 3 was added
Swiss tournament 2330ABC_4 was added
Swiss tournament 2335CDE 4 was added
[19:42] Igor' Torgaev shouts: Нужен игрок! Доска на выбор!
Round tournament 2340CDE 1-1 was added
Your friend user2 logged in.
Your seeking ad is #36
HMR accepts your seeking ad.
User got is not logged in.
User gdm is not logged in.
(None)
Console Channels/groups Foreign console
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The *Console* is used to exchange messages through players. Here you can post your messages to everyone or to a selected player, post advertisements with hyperlinks and so on. You can set it up using



Change Font Style button in the local menu ...

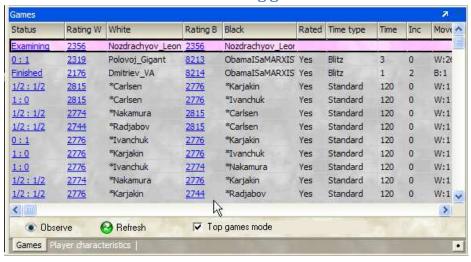
5.9. Channels / groups

This tab is in the same window with the Console.



You can join a channel or create your private group.

5.10. Games window. Observing games



Here are listed all the games, currently being played. You can get the widest information about the game without observing it. There are time control, players' rating, time used by both players, number of moves. Click the header to sort by the selected column. You can also filter columns from the local menu.

5.10.1. Observing games

If you have found an interesting game and want to observe it, go the *Players* tab, find a player whose

game you want to observe and click **Follow** in the local menu or below the panel Note, that now all the games of this player are being followed. If you want to stop following him or her, click



Also you can find an interesting game in the list of games on the *Games* window, and double-click it or press the *Observe* button Vou can observe several games at a time.

All the events on board are refreshed automatically, including cases when someone is demonstrating a game or giving a lection. All the comments and markers are also displayed and visible for everyone.

5.11. Communication in the Playing Zone

5.11.1. Talking via Console

The main place of talking in the Playing Zone is the *Console*. It supports message exchange between the players and the server.

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Swiss tournament 2315AB 1 was added
Round tournament 2320CDE 1-1 was added
Swiss tournament 2320C 3 was added
Swiss tournament 2325DE 3 was added
Swiss tournament 2330ABC 4 was added
Swiss tournament 2335CDE_4 was added
[19:42] Igor' Torgaev shouts: Hymen urpow! Доска на выбор!
Round tournament 2340CDE 1-1 was added
Your friend user2 logged in.
Your seeking ad is #36
HMR accepts your seeking ad.
User gon is not logged in.
User gdm is not logged in.
(None)
Console Channels/groups | Foreign console |
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In the upper part the messages from players are situated – advertisements, tournaments and just remarks. The messages can be general, for everyone (marked black) and personal (marked blue). Personal messages are seen only by the sender and recipient. Many of the messages are hyperlink and are activated by mouse-click. Also, you can change message style, by clicking *Change font style* in the



You enter the commands and text in the bottom part of the window. Commands are special notifications that are used to distinguish different types of messages. You can either type them or choose from the list-box.



Note that you can click on the player's remark in the *Console* and your message will be sent for him, that is, you reply him. The text of the message is written beneath the command line.



5.11.2. Main console commands



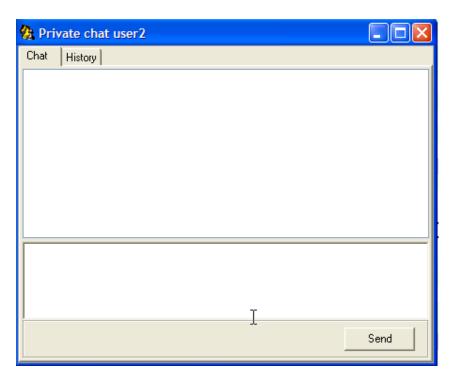
- *Tell* send a message to someone. In the message line, type the name and the text.
- Shout make a message to everyone
- ShoutRus create a message for everyone in Russian
- Ping check network connection with someone, type the name of the recipient in the message line
- Finger View the player information, type the name of the player in the message line
- Chat Invite other player in the private chat
- *TellChannel* create a message for everyone in the current channel.
- Follow follow someone's game, type his name in the message line.

5.11.3. Private chat

You can speak with someone tête-a-tête, using Chat command

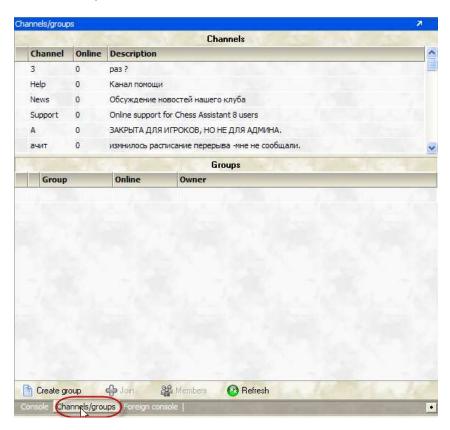


Then a window, similar to classic ICQ or Jabber message window appears.



5.11.4. Channels and Groups

Our Zone has channels for private chat for a group of people. The information can be found in the *Channels/Groups tab.*



Channel is used as a general chat for all members of a Channel. There're a fixed number of Channels in the system and the Channel exists notwithstanding the number of people joined to it.

For every Channel in a list there's Channel name, number of players currently in it and a short description. Use the *Refresh* button to get up-to-date information about a Channel.

Use the **Join** button to start watching the Channel. You will see an icon left from the name of the Channel, and the conversations are held in the special window. To leave the Channel, close the window.

Beneath the *Channel* panel there is the *Group* panel. There is the information about the current groups. The Groups, unlike Channels, are created by users and vanish as soon as the last member leaves.

To create a Group, press the *Create Group* button. Check the *Authorization* box to limit access to the group, it means, you need to verify any user who want to connect.

After you have created a group, it appears in the list of the Groups. Also, in the bottom *Command* line appears the new command – *Group* <groupname> to send commands for the Group.

When you write such a message, a new window appears, same as for *Private chat*.

There are 2 tabs: *Chat* and *History*. All the messages are written in the *Chat* window and doubled in the *History* window (used for long conversations). The text is typed in the bottom part of the window. Press *Send* or [Ctrl+Enter] to send a message.

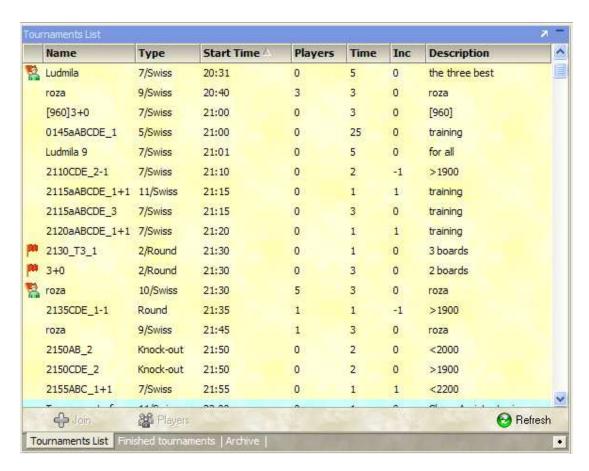
You can view the members of the group, using *Members* button



To join an existing group, select it in the window *Groups* and then click *Join* . To leave the group, close the dialog window.

6. Tournament mode

Pressing the *Tournament* button in the **Object panel**, you come to the *Tournament* mode. There are four frames and ten windows; the *Ribbon* is blank. In the first frame you will see the list of the tournaments, currently played or announced (*Tournaments list tab*):



6.1.Tournament list

Click the tournament you are interested in, and you will see three buttons beneath:

- Join use the button to take part in the tournament
- Players view the list of the registered participants of the tournament



- Leave leave the tournament, cease to be a participant. Note that you should confirm your decision.
- **Refresh** use this button to refresh the list of the tournaments and to use chat. Every round, automatically, you will be chosen an opponent, and the game will start. Also you can track results of the games using the Results/Timetable window

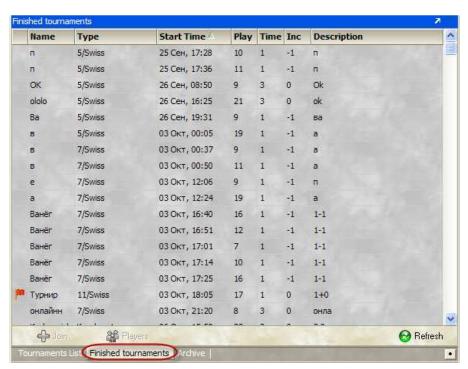
Tell Judge Tell players Update

Every line stands for a game. In the local menu you can do the following actions:

- Tell judge private chat with the judge
- Tell players private chat with the two players
- Update update the table

After the tournament all the played games are saved to the server base and players' histories.

The active tournaments are marked green, the ones that will start soon – yellow. In the same frame there is the second window, *Finished tournaments*. There is the list of recently finished tournaments, they are marked gray:

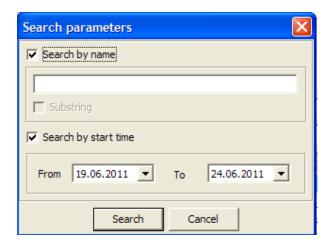


You can only view the list of the players in these tournaments.

The third tab, *Archive*, stores all the tournaments ever played.



You can click the *Get last* button to see the last 50 tournaments, and *Players* button to see the list of the participants. *Search* button is used to find tournaments either by time of the tournament or by name



To go through the list of the tournaments, use the **Previous page** and **Next page** buttons.

6.2.Console

The second frame, rightmost top, stores two *Consoles* – main console and foreign console. It works the same as in the *Playing Room*, but for the foreign console, that is used to show messages in the foreign language (Russian or English). Use *Options* – *Language* menu to set this consoles up.

6.3.Table



The *Table* window is situated in the leftmost bottom frame and is used to show the results of the tournaments. It has three tabs: *Results, Schedule*, and *Boards*.

The *Results* tab is opened by default and shows the results of the selected tournament in a special table. You can find the results of the games there, total sum of points, Berger coefficients, and place in the tournament.

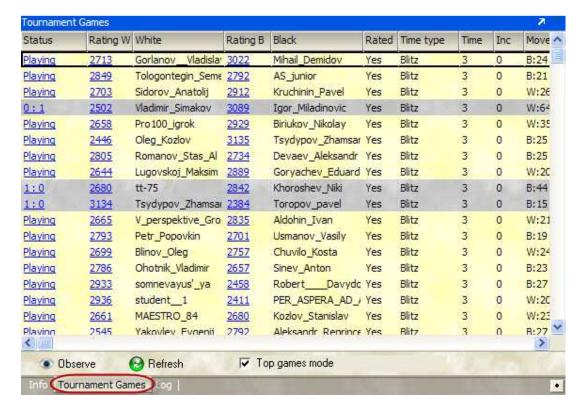
The Schedule tab shows the same information, but with more details.

The **Boards** tab is available only for the certain tournaments and shows the information, about on which board which game took place



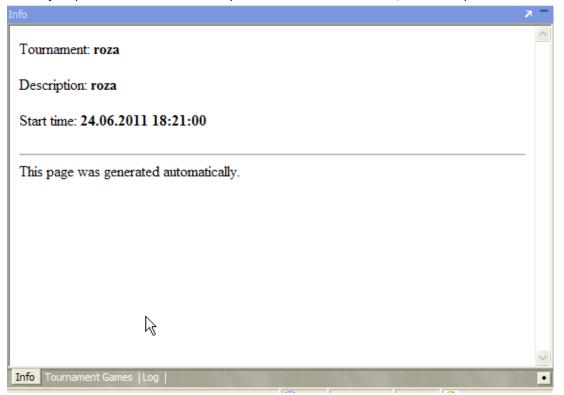
6.4. Tournament games

The last frame stores the last three windows: *Tournament games*, *Info* and *Log*.



Tournaments game tab works only for the active tournaments and shows the detailed information about the game. You can observe the game using the corresponding button games mode to sort the game by the players' rating sum.

The Info pane stores the description of the tournament, filled by its administration





7. Database mode

Our server supports different types of databases that let view games played while the user was away. It is all available in the *Database* mode in the *Object panel*.

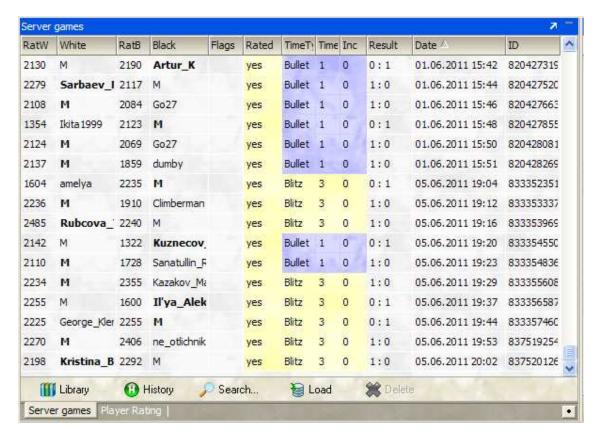
Usually the games that are being viewed have no sport result and are demonstrated during lessons, exercises and other teaching activities. An observer (the one who was first to open the game) can add there remarks, comments in the *Notation* and markers on *Board*.

You have access to the following databases:

- 1) **Server base**. It is hosted on our server and is aimed to store all the played and demonstrated games. Any player has access to read them online.
- 2) History this base stores your last 20 games
- 3) **Library** the part of the server base, where up to 1024 games are stored; you can add games there yourself. Other players, though have access to the Library, cannot edit them.
- 4) Last commented games since August 2004, all the games of the high-rated chess players are automatically commented and saved on server. This list is constantly updated.

7.1.Server base

The *Server base* stores all the games, played in ChessOk Playing Zone, and it is accessible for everyone. You can perform a number there, all them available from the toolbar below the *Server base* panel (top left window). Here is the description of them:



• **Search** – after you press this button, the **Search** dialog appears. There you can find games played by certain players. Note that you can search them in black and white, only in white or a pair of players, notwithstanding the color they played. For example, find all the games between you and your friend.

Now you will see the list of games, fitting in your query.

- You can click on any game, press Load and edit it. Note, that you cannot delete the loaded game. It is available from the local menu too. You can save it to your Personal Library or to the local base.
- The next button is *History*. Here we store games that you have already played; when you click *History* button below the *Server base* window, your last 20 games appear in the list. Same as for *Server* base games, you can edit them after you have loaded them from server.
 When you load a game, it appears in the *Object panel* as *Stored*. Note, that you cannot save your modifications in the same game, you need to create another one using *Save* or *To Lib* buttons.
- Library button is used to view the games of your Personal Library

7.2.Commented games

The Tournament games of the high-rated chess players have been being commented automatically since August 2004. This is a part of *Server base*. The *Last Commented game* window is in the rightmost top frame on main screen.

In the bottom part of the window there are 2 buttons — **Load** and **Update**When you click Update, the list is instantly updated. As usual, you can choose a game and load it for commenting and revising. The revised game is saved as a new one into the **Local base** or **Personal Library**.

7.3.Local base. Operations with the Local base

This is the unique base, stored on your PC in the \CBases folder. Of course, it is private. You can add games there when you save any in the *Edit* mode – after you have played a game, or edited any of the *Server base* games. Also you can save blank games and fully entered games there, using *File – New game* option.

Local games list is situated in the leftmost bottom frame of the screen.



As always, you can load any game from the list into the *Edit* mode. Note, that now you can save the game, after it is edited, into the same game from which it was loaded. Also, you can delete games from this base, using the *Delete* button. Although it is deleted, it is still in the list of games, but marked gray:



To stop viewing such games, click *Hide deleted* button. The same button will make the hidden games reappear, using *Undelete* button. All these functions are available from local menu too.

7.4.Personal Library

The *Personal Library* is a subset of the *Server base*, where the selected 1024 bases are stored. It is a subset, from where you can delete, add and edit games in any way you want, unlike the general *Server base*. Other Club members though have access to your *Library*, have no rights to delete or edit games there.

You can save a game into the *Library* using *To Lib* button in the *Edit* mode. To view the games, use *Library* button below the *Server base* window (leftmost top frame).

You can load the game from the *Library* to your PC, edit and save, or delete any game. Of course, it will be edited and deleted ONLY in the *Library*, you can find it as it is in the *Server base*.

7.5.Contest games

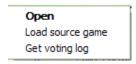
There is a kind of weekly rating of games. You can vote for the best game of the week. The games are listed in the rightmost bottom part of the screen. Double-click on a game will open it in the Edit mode,



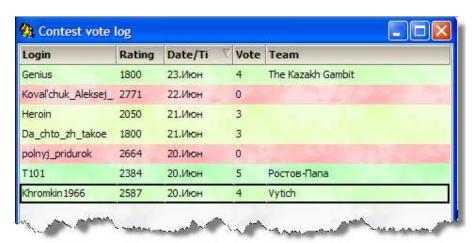
but there will be one new button – **Vote** Vote Click it to add your vote for the selected game.

When you vote, you can give a game a mark, from 0 to 5. Use the **Source** button to return to the classical view of the game.

In the local menu of each game you can do two more actions (apart from *Open*):



You can view the game without voting toolbar, by pressing *Load source game* (open the game as usual) and also Get voting log - list of players with their marks for the game.



8. Lectures

To load *Lectures mode*, select it in the **Object panel**

In this mode we have 4 frames with windows:

8.1.Lectures window

If you are interested in a lection, click it with mouse. Below will appear **Enroll** information about your financial status. If you want to take part in the lecture, click Enroll. A YES-NO dialog with lecture price will appear; confirm your participation.

There are two types of lectures: opened and closed. If a lecture is opened, you will become a participant as soon as you enroll; otherwise it will happen after you are authorized.

25 seconds before a lecture you are enrolled to the *Lectures* window will open.

8.2.Lectors window

In the *Lectors* window (leftmost bottom) you can see the list of lectors and perform the following actions:



- Schedule view the Schedules of the lector.
- Subscription buy subscription to this lector
- Letter send a letter to this lector
- Tell chat with lector, if he or she is online at the moment.

8.3.Lecture info window

This window (rightmost top frame) is used to view information about a selected lecture.

8.4.Lector info window

The window (rightmost bottom frame) views information about a selected lector or about the lector of a selected lecture. You can use *Lecture Info*, *Schedule* and *Subscription* tabs same as with *Lectors* window.

8.5. Participating in a lecture

If you have enrolled to a lecture, the corresponding window will open 25 seconds before it starts:

If you are late for the beginning or want to enroll to a lecture after it has begun, you can do it through Playing Room – Games window: select the lecture from the list of the games and click Observe in the

local menu. Also you can do it in the *Players* window, by following (*Follow* button) the lector.

During a lecture, you can either look at the moves of the lector or move yourself. In the first case, the *Lecture* button on the *Ribbon* is pressed; when you begin to move yourself, it becomes active and you can press it to return to the lecture.

The lector can give you tasks, usually – find the best move from the given positions, and give you marks. In the *Observers* window you can see the list of "students" and their marks sum for the tasks.

A Lector can put colored markers in the important part of game. Positions with markers have red triangle in the *Notation*.

Console is also available in the lecture, and all the commands are the same as in *Playing Room*. Same, *Tree* window with opening book is available.

The lecture can be, as usual, saved into the *Local base* and is always saved on *Server base*, in order to load in future.

9. Association mode: Forum, Mail

Association mode combines Forum and Mail modes, that's why they are united in the Objects panel:



The *Forum* mode supports interactive online chess conference about many chess aspects. The *Mail* mode is a unique mail service that is specially designed to send letters with chess data, using the embedded RVF redactor.

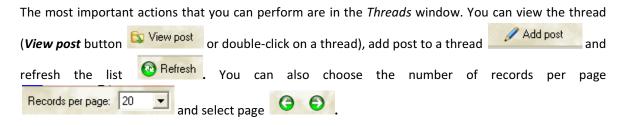
Note, that these modes are available only for registered users, not for guests.

9.1.Association: Forum mode

The mode has three windows: *Forums sections, Forum threads* and *Voting polls*. In the *Sections* window you can see the whole tree of the forums, such as General ChessPlanet, General ChessAssistant and so on. Every leaf of this tree is a subforum, in which there are topics. The topics of each forum are listed in the *Threads* window



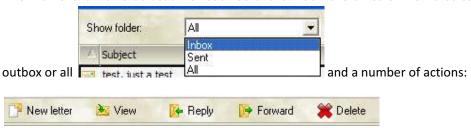
The last window, *Polls*, is used to create voting. The topic can be any – quality of the connection, interesting games, time of the lag, etc. Note, that only administration can create them, the users can only vote, using the *Vote* button below.



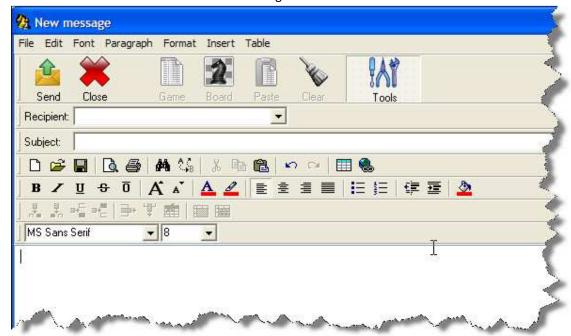
You cannot edit the Sections window, so the only button available is Refresh

9.2. Association: Mail mode

This mail client works as usual for such software. You have a list of mail that can be filtered: inbox,



• New letter – creates a new letter in a new dialog:



Enter recipient name (friends are listed in the dropdown box) and mail subject. Then type the letter body. You can use the upper Ribbon to change fonts, paragraph formatting, insert Board and so on.

- View view the received or send letter.
- Reply answer to the letter.
- Forward send the received letter to another recipient.
- Delete delete message

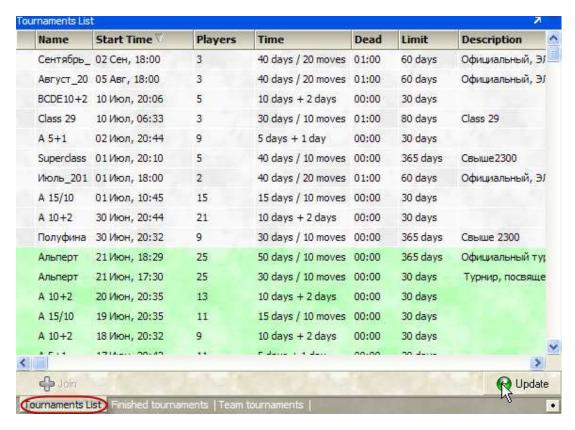
10. Correspondence mode

This mode is designed for the correspondence play. Note, that there are only tournaments. It has 2 submodes – *Playing Room* and *Person*. The first is used to manage tournaments, the second – to view the detailed information about a player.

10.1. Correspondence: Playing Room

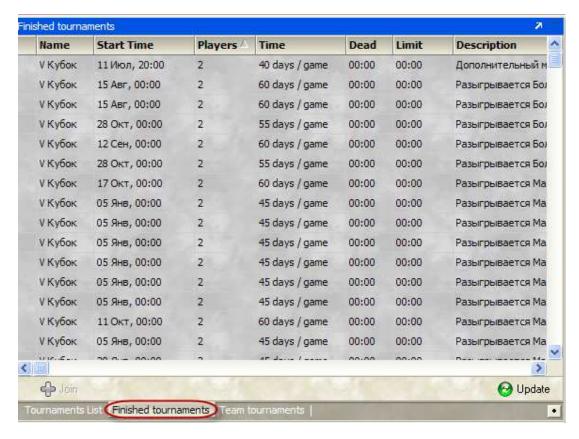
This mode has, as usual, four frames and 12 windows, grouped in these 4 frames. Note, that there is no *Ribbon*!

The first (leftmost top) frame stores 3 windows: *Tournaments list, Finished tournaments*, and *Team tournaments*.



Tournaments list is the list of all the tournaments, active, finished and announced. Use the **Join** button to take part in the tournament. The **Update** button refreshed the list of the tournaments. Note, that there are many of them and it may take much time to refresh the list.

Active tournaments are green, announced – white. The finished tournaments are marked gray and listed in a separate tab *Finished Tournaments*



The third tab is *Team Tournaments* (or *Cups*, see *Teams*). Only the members of a certain team can take part in such tournaments. In the list the team ones are marked with the red flag ; they are not listed in the big *Tournaments list*.

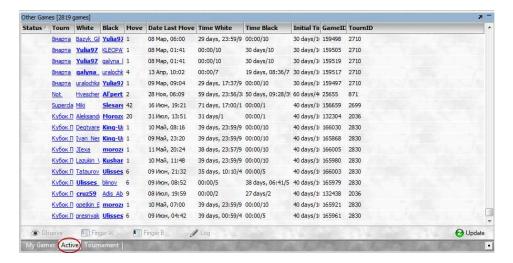


The second (rightmost top) frame is used to store games. It also has three tabs – *My games, Active* and *Tournament*.

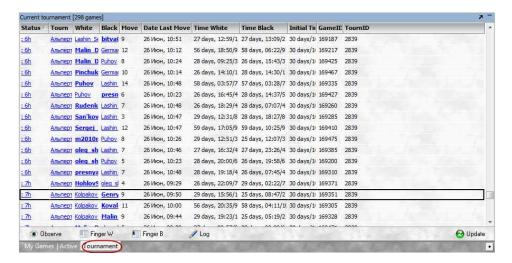
The first tab, *My games*, lists all the games in which you play or have played. There is also written the name of the tournament, the name of the opponent, the date of the last move, time left for each player and so on.



The second pane, *Active*, shows all the games that are played at a moment. There are VERY many of them and that's why it takes very much time to load all of them.



The last tab, *Tournament*, is used to view all the games of the selected tournament (for the tournament, selected in the first frame).



The toolbar below has the following options:



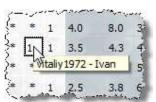
- Observe the game— opens the game in the Edit mode
- Finger W fetch the information about the White player
- Finger B fetch the information about the Black player
- Log see game log

The third frame (leftmost bottom) is used to store the results of the tournaments. In any moment of time, it displays the results of the tournament, selected in the first frame.

There we have two windows, controlled by two tabs: *Players* and *Table*. The default tab is *Table*; there the results of the games, in the table.



The equal sign stays for draw, nil for lose, one for win. A star stays for the game, being played now. The third column from the end contains the points, gained for the tournament, the second one – the Berger coefficient for the round tournaments (the Buchholz coefficient for the Swiss games) and the last one – place in the rating of the tournament.



Also, move the cursor over a field with mark, like this names in the hint.

to see the players'

You can sort the table differently: by the place (default), by name, performance, rating or join order.

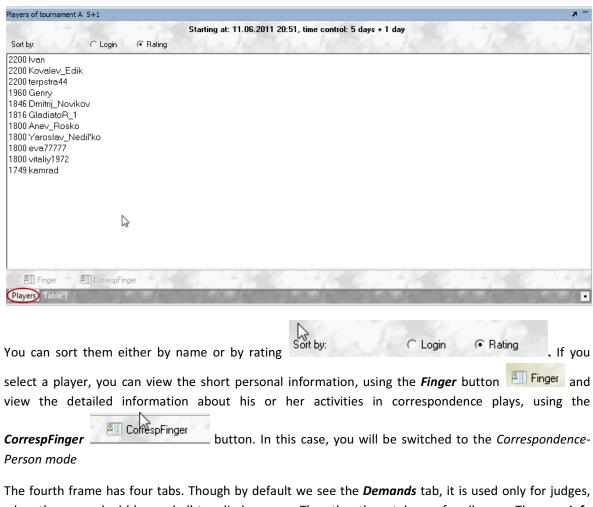
There are only two buttons here - **Show me** (shows the line where you results are written)



In this tab you can also select a subtab – *Results*, described above, and *Schedule*. It hosts the same information, but with more details:



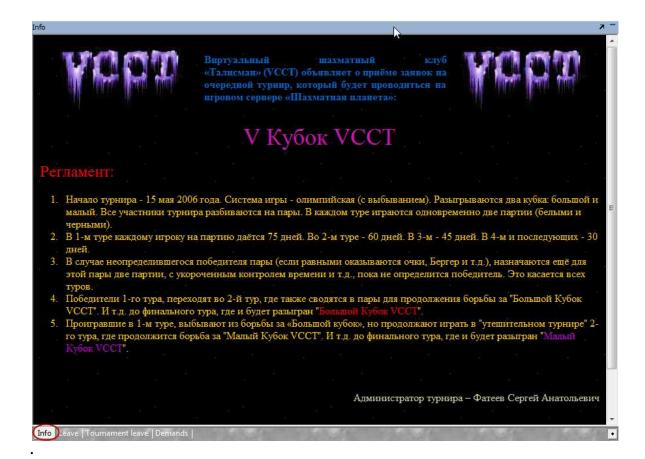
The second tab is *Players*. It displays the list of the participants of the selected tournament.



when they are asked (demanded) to adjudge game. The other three tabs are for all users. They are Info

Info Leave Tournament leave | Demands Leave, and Tournament Leave

Info just stores the additional information about the tournament, if there is any . This is the field, filled when a tournament organizer announces a tournament, but often it is not filled at all, like this



Leave is vacations. Every correspondence player has right to ask for one-month vacations once a year. This tab is used to manage your leaves (see Person).



Tournament leave is also vacations manager, but the leave is valid only for the selected tournament.

10.2. Correspondence: Person mode

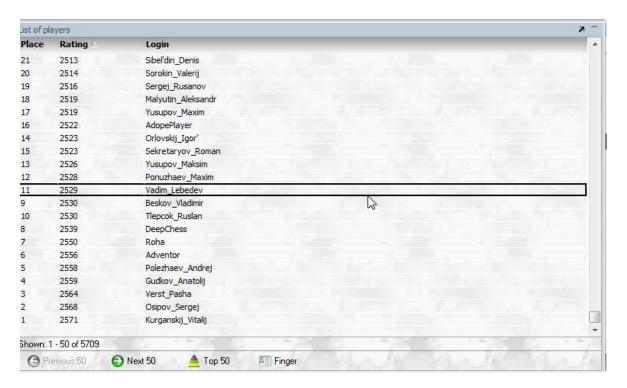
This mode is used to show information about the correspondence player. Here for four frames we have nine windows.



The first frame stores only one window – personal information about the selected player – **Personal info**.



You can select the player form the *Correspondence player list* that is situated in the bottom left frame (the third one).



In this frame we have one window only, with the list of players. The list has 3 columns: *Place, Rating* and *Login*. As long as this is the list of all correspondence players, only 50 of them are displayed at a time, and they are selected so, that the selected player (whose info we see in the first frame) is the best of

them. You can use the Navigation buttons

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Normally the players are sorted descending by rating, but you can both change direction



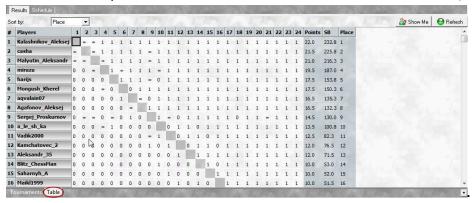
by clicking the header of the column and the column to sort -

the same way.

When you select a player, his or her tournaments are displayed in the second, rightmost top, frame, in the *Tournaments* tab. It is just the list of the tournaments where a player took or takes part. The finished ones are, as usual, gray, the active are green.

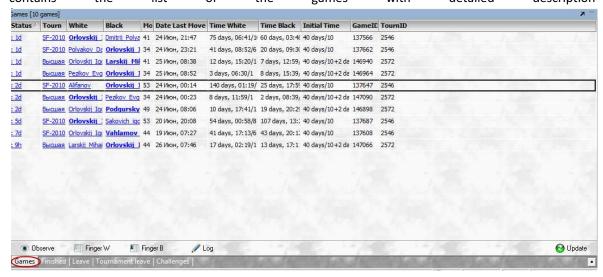


From this frame you can also see the results of the selected tournament, using the Table tab



It has the same appearance, as the Table window in the Playing Room mode.

The fourth frame is used to store your correspondence seeks and challenges. The first tab, *Games*, contains the list of the games with detailed description



As in the same tab of the *Playing Room* mode, you can *Observe* games, *Finger Black* and *White* and view game *log*.

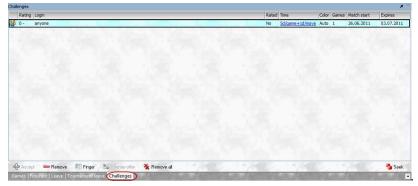
The second tab stores the same about the *finished games*, and it is called correspondingly Games Finished Leave | Tournament leave | Challenges |

The third tab, Leave, lets you create your leave. Select days you want to leave for vacations.



The fourth tab, *Tournament leave*, does the same for the selected tournament.

The last tab, *Challenges*, stores the list of the challenges that you got



Select the challenge; you can do the following actions:

• Accept - accept the challenge

- Decline Decline decline the challenge
 Finger view the opponent's information
- Counter-offer suggest another challenge to the same player
- Remove all
 Remove all
 Remove all
 Remove all
- **Seek** create a new seek for the correspondence game. The Seek dialog lets you set up the following parameters: color to play, number of games, players rating and whether it is rated or not.

11. Teams

Team is a group of people that want to play together. What is this needed for? There are a number of club events, e.g. tournaments and correspondence tournaments that are announced for teams only, and only team member can take part in them.



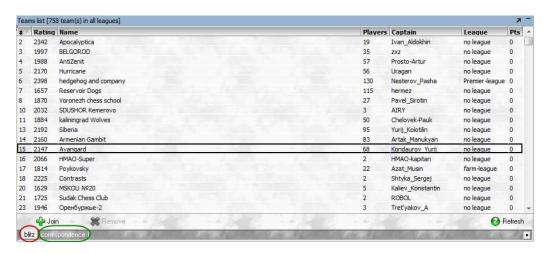
Every team has a <u>captain</u> and <u>vice-captain</u>. The vice-captain can invite players to a team, edit team description and team news, join the team tournaments and change players during the tournaments. The captain can all this too, but also they can remove players from teams, leave tournaments, appoint and relieve vice-captains and give captains rights to an another team member. There can be only one captain in a team.

11.1. Frames

Instead of the usual four frames, here you will see five of them, and five windows.

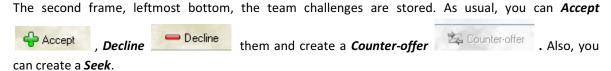


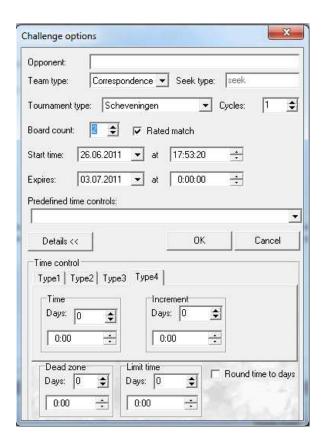
Teams list – stores the list of teams. There are two types of them – <u>blitz</u> and <u>correspondence</u>, for "normal" games and correspondence ones. Note, that you can participate only in one team of each type that means in one blitz and one correspondence.



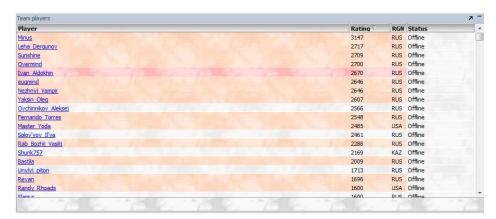
You can join the team, using the *Join* button *Remove* button.





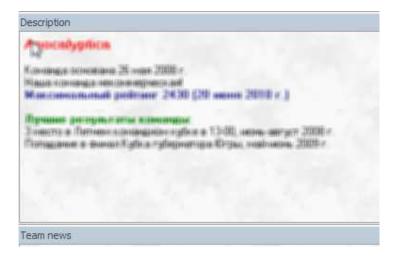


The third frame, rightmost top, is *Team players*.



Select the team and there you will see all its members. There are 4 columns in the list – Player Name, Rating, Region (RGN) and Online Status. You can click on the Player name to see his or her personal information.

Below you will find the *Team Description* window. Sometimes the team captain has left the field blank, but normally there is some description



Also, captain and vice-captain can create team new, but most teams neglect this. Nevertheless, there is such an opportunity, and it has interesting information. The news are stored in the last, rightmost bottom, frame.

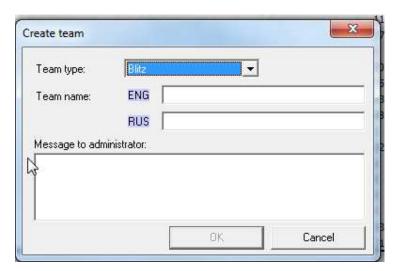
11.2. The Ribbon

There are 5 buttons on the Ribbon:



- Create creates a new team
- Formula create a usual seek formula to sort team challenges
- Descr edit team description
- News create team news
- Greeting edit text, shown to the members of the team in a chat after the news
- **Examine** used to demonstrate a game to the members of the team, such a way of team analysis

When you click *Create*, you will see the following dialog:



Select the team type, create its name (add Russian name for a Russian team), and you can also add a message to an administrator, to describe your team; he or she will make the final decision. You will become captain. Note, that it costs some money; you need to have positive balance.

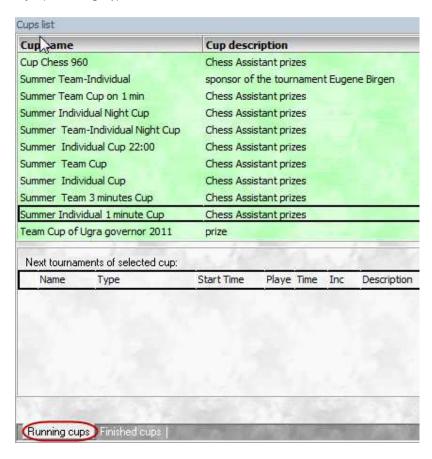
12. Bank

The last mode, *Bank*, is used to coordinate your finances. There are a number of events, called *Cups* that have money prizes; a *Cup* is a kind of tournament. Of course, the money is virtual, used to pay for the ChessOk Playing Zone events and activities (e.g. for creating a team). The *Bank* mode is used to watch such financial things.

There are, as usual, four frames and five windows.



The first frame is used to list cups. It stores two windows— *Running cups* (marked green) and *Finished cups* (marked gray).

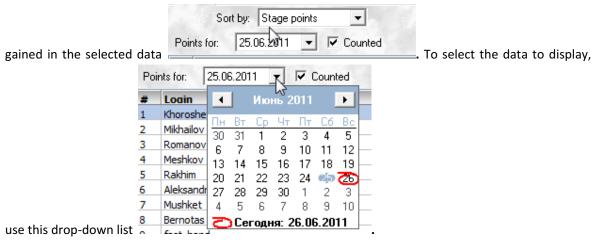


In the *Running Cup* list there are 3 columns – *Cup name, Cup description* and the *time* of the next tournament, or stage, if announced. If it is so, in the panel below appears the tournament information, like this:

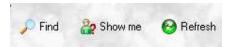


There you can find the name and type of the event, start time, description of the tournament and other important information: number of players, and time control: start time and increment in seconds

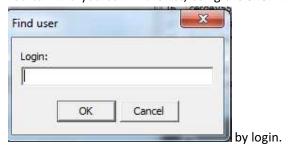
The second (top right) frame stores the cup results data, for players and for teams Players Teams. In the *Players* tab you can find the list of players, their region, points for the current stage of the cup, total points for all stages, points, gained today and points, gained the selected day. You can sort the list differently, by default it is stage points, but you can also sort by total points, today points and points



The *Counted* tick is used to show the sum of points for all dates if it is present and for the current stage otherwise.



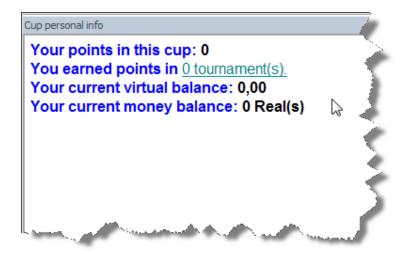
You can find yourself in the list, using the **Show Me** button and any other player, using the **Find** dialog



In the same frame there is the *Team* tab, where you can find the similar table for the teams. The difference is that you can sort this table only by the team name or the points.

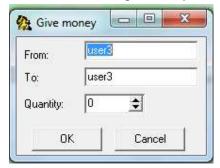
In the third frame we have two windows – *Cup personal info* and *Money Transfer*Cup personal info Money Transfers

The first one stores the most important information about money, gained in the selected tournament:



The second tab is used to transfer money to the other players. You see the list of transfers there; click the **Add** button to create a new transfer.

The transfer dialog is very simple: sender, recipient, and quantity of money to send:



The last frame should store the detailed cup information, filled by the cup administration. Unfortunately, they often forget to fill the data.