Albania Reflections Ten (10) by Dr Lyndon Bouah



Venue: The 5-star Grand Blue Fafa Resort



1. **Chess Results**

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2. Senior 65+ Final Ranking

Final Ranking after 9 Rounds

Rk.	SNo	FED	Team	Group	Games	+	=	-	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4	TB5
1	1	GER	Germany - Lasker SGK	Open S65	9	6	3	0	15	22,5	0	168,5	186,5
2	8	ITA	Italy	Open S65	9	6	2	1	14	24	0	165,5	181,5
3	3	ISL	Iceland	Open S65	9	5	3	1	13	23,5	0	170	188,5
4	2	ENG	England - 1	Open S65	9	5	3	1	13	22	0	168	186,5
5	7	ISR	Israel	Open S65	9	5	3	1	13	21,5	0	172	190,5
6	6	FRA	France - 1	Open S65	9	6	1	2	13	20,5	0	169	186
7	4	MNE	Montenegro	Open S65	9	6	0	3	12	25	0	153	170
8	5	FID	FIDE	Open S65	9	4	4	1	12	22	0	170	188
9	9	SVK	Slovakia	Open S65	9	5	2	2	12	21,5	0	166	178
10	10	ENG	England - 2	Open S65	9	6	0	3	12	21	0	157,5	171
11	19	FRA	France - 2	Open S65	9	5	1	3	11	20,5	0	159,5	173,5
12	11	GER	Germany	Open S65	9	4	3	2	11	19,5	0	170,5	187
13	14	GER	Germany - Saxonia	Open S65	9	5	1	3	11	18,5	0	166,5	183,5
14	18	ALB	Albania	Open S65	9	4	3	2	11	18	0	152,5	168,5
15	13	FIN	Finland - 1	Open S65	9	4	2	3	10	22	0	155,5	172,5
16	20	NED	Netherlands - Orange	Open S65	9	4	2	3	10	21	0	155	167
17	12	KAZ	Kazakhstan	Open S65	9	4	2	3	10	20,5	0	153,5	167,5
18	22	FID	FIDE (W)	Women S65	9	3	4	2	10	19	1	151,5	163,5
19	30	POL	Polish Amateurs 65	Open S65	9	4	2	3	10	19	1	149	161
20	16	ENG	England - 3	Open S65	9	5	0	4	10	18,5	0	165	182
21	26	GER	Germany - SC Kreuzberg	Open S65	9	3	4	2	10	18,5	0	159	172,5
22	15	SWE	Sweden - 1	Open S65	9	4	2	3	10	18,5	0	151	165,5
23	32	GER	Germany (W)	Women S65	9	4	2	3	10	18,5	0	146	159,5
24	27	KOS	Kosovo	Open S65	9	4	2	3	10	18	1	150	164
25	28	ENG	England - 4	Open S65	9	4	2	3	10	18	1	148,5	162,5
26	25	SWE	Sweden - 2	Open S65	9	4	2	3	10	17,5	0	147,5	161,5
27	17	NOR	Norway - Norge-OSS	Open S65	9	4	1	4	9	20	0	158,5	170,5
28	34	LAT	Latvia - RCS (W)	Women S65	9	4	1	4	9	18,5	0	144,5	159
29	23	BEL	Belgium	Open S65	9	3	3	3	9	18	0	146,5	161
30	37	NOR	Norway - Golden Oldies	Open S65	9	4	1	4	9	13,5	0	140	154
31	29	AUT	Austria	Open S65	9	3	2	4	8	19	0	135,5	147,5
32	45	USA	United States of America - 2	Open S65	9	3	2	4	8	18,5	0	127	137
33	43	SWE	Sweden - 3	Open S65	9	4	0	5	8	18	0	133	143
34	40	BRA	Brazil	Open S65	9	3	2	4	8	17,5	2	141,5	153,5
35	47	WLS	Wales - Demetae	Open S65	9	4	0	5	8	17,5	0	132,5	142,5
36	33	IRL	Ireland - 1	Open S65	9	4	0	5	8	17	0	153,5	168
37	46	ENG	England - 5	Open S65	9	3	2	4	8	17	0	145	158,5
38	35	WLS	Wales - Ordovices	Open S65	9	3	2	4	8	17	0	142	156
39	38	FRA	France - 3	Open S65	9	4	0	5	8	16,5	0	141,5	151,5
40	21	SCO	Scotland	Open S65	9	3	2	4	8	16	0	139,5	153,5
41	39	DEN	Denmark - 3	Open S65	9	3	2	4	8	14	0	149	163
42	31	DEN	Denmark - 2	Open S65	9	3	1	5	7	17	0	139,5	151,5
43	41	FIN	Finland - 3	Open S65	9	2	3	4	7	17	0	136	149,5
44	44	NZL	New Zealand	Open S65	9	3	1	5	7	15	0	144	158,5
45	24	FIN	Finland - 2	Open S65	9	3	0	6	6	16,5	0	138	154,5
46	48	FIN	Finland - Turku	Open S65	9	2	2	5	6	15	0	132	144
47	42	SWE	Sweden - Skane	Open S65	9	3	0	6	6	14,5	0	140	153,5
48	49	IRL	Ireland - 2	Open S65	9	2	2	5	6	12	0	130,5	142,5
49	54	USA	United States of America - 1	Open S65	9	1	3	5	5	14	0	128	138
50	53	ENG	England - 6	Open S65	9	1	3	5	5	13,5	0	120	130
51	36	DEN	Denmark - SK 2012	Open S65	9	2	1	6	5	12	0	147	159
52	50	POL	Poland (W)	Women S65	9	1	2	6	4	14,5	0	120	130
53	52	CRO	Croatia - Mursko Sredisce	Open S65	9	1	2	6	4	14	0	127,5	137,5
54	51	FIN	Finland - 4	Open S65	9	0	1	8	1	10	0	129,5	143

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3. Analysis of Senior 65+ Final Ranking

In third place in the Open section was Iceland. Iceland is said to have the highest number of grandmasters per population. Chess is very popular. They had three grandmasters playing on the top three boards. They were GM Helgi Olafsson, GM Margeir Petursson and GM Jon Arnason. All these grandmasters have tremendous international experience. They only lost to Italy. Iceland clinched third third place on tiebreak.



Iceland

Italy ended second in the event and fielded two grandmasters. They are GM Carlos Garcia Palermo and GM Levy Ortega. They lost to Israel.



Italy

In first place was Germany – Lasker, who fielded four grandmasters and was led on board one by the former World No.3 Artur Yusupov. He played 8 games and scored 8 draws. The German team in round 6 decisively beat England which meant that England ended outside of the medal placing.



Germany

In the women's section the FIDE Women team came first, Germany Women second and Latvia third.



Latvia women bronze in Over 65



Germany women silver in Over 65



Fide women gold in Over 65

4. Senior 50+ Final Ranking

Final Ranking after 9 Rounds

Rk.	SNo	FED	Team	Group	Games	+	=	-	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4	TB5
1	1	USA	United States of America - 1	Open S50	9	6	3	0	15	25,5	0	178,5	197
2	4	ITA	Italy	Open S50	9	6	3	0	15	23	0	179,5	196,5
3	3	KAZ	Kazakhstan	Open S50	9	6	2	1	14	27	0	164,5	180,5
4	2	ENG	England - 1	Open S50	9	6	1	2	13	24	0	175	191
5	5	ISL	Iceland	Open S50	9	5	2	2	12	23,5	0	167	184
6	7	HUN	Hungary	Open S50	9	5	1	3	11	21,5	0	167,5	183
7	12	ENG	England - 3	Open S50	9	5	1	3	11	18,5	0	163,5	178
8	10	ENG	England - 2	Open S50	9	3	4	2	10	20,5	0	153	168,5
9	6	MKD	Alkaloid Chess Club	Open S50	9	4	2	3	10	20	2	169	183,5
10	15	ESP	Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya	Open S50	9	4	2	3	10	20	0	140	154,5
11	17	BRA	Brazil - 1	Open S50	9	4	2	3	10	19,5	0	139,5	145,5
12	9	CAN	Canada - Quebec	Open S50	9	4	2	3	10	19	2	162	178
13	19	FRA	France - Philidor Brothers	Open S50	9	4	2	3	10	19	0	152	167,5
14	8	NOR	Norway - Oslo Schakselskap	Open S50	9	4	2	3	10	18,5	0	168	184
15	16	USA	United States of America (W)	Women S50	9	4	2	3	10	16,5	0	151,5	166
16	11	ISL	Iceland - Vestfirdir	Open S50	9	3	4	2	10	16	0	163,5	181,5
17	22	CZE	Czech Republic (W)	Women S50	9	4	1	4	9	19,5	0	146,5	160
18	20	CZE	Czech Republic	Open S50	9	2	5	2	9	19	0	146	161
19	23	FIN	Finland - Northern Lights	Open S50	9	3	3	3	9	18	0	146,5	161,5
20	13	SCO	Scotland - 1	Open S50	9	4	1	4	9	17	0	158,5	172
21	26	KAZ	Kazakhstan (W)	Women S50	9	4	1	4	9	16,5	0	140,5	146,5
22	18	ENG	England - 4	Open S50	9	3	2	4	8	18	0	149	158,5
23	28	RSA	South Africa	Open S50	9	3	2	4	8	18	0	143,5	157
24	14	GER	Germany - Bielefeld	Open S50	9	2	4	3	8	18	0	143	157,5
25	29	ALB	Albania	Open S50	9	2	4	3	8	18	0	137	143
26	27	CAN	Canada - Toronto	Open S50	9	2	4	3	8	17	1	140,5	150
27	34	ENG	England - 5	Open S50	9	3	2	4	8	17	1	120	126
28	21	ENG	England (W)	Women S50	9	1	6	2	8	16	0	155,5	170,5
29	24	NED	Netherlands - Zuid-Limburg	Open S50	9	3	2	4	8	14,5	0	146,5	161
30	25	USA	United States of Amerixa - Six Brothers	Open S50	9	2	3	4	7	15,5	0	143,5	158
31	30	SCO	Scotland - 2	Open S50	9	3	1	5	7	15,5	0	132	138
32	32	IRL	Ireland	Open S50	9	3	1	5	7	15	0	124	130
33	31	GCI	Guernsey	Open S50	9	2	2	5	6	13,5	0	131	137
34	33	WLS	Wales - Silures	Open S50	9	2	0	7	4	14,5	0	126	132
35	36	BRA	Brazil - 2	Open S50	9	1	1	7	3	9,5	0	128,5	134,5
36	35	LIE	Liechtenstein	Open S50	9	0	0	9	0	6	0	129,5	139

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5. Analysis of Senior 50+ Final Ranking

In the final round USA 1 drew quickly with Iceland thus securing first place. They have now won the last 7 of eight editions.



USA

Italy pressed hard against Norway on board two and ultimately won the encounter to give them second place. Despite catching the leaders on matchpoints, Italy finished behind the USA on tiebreak's (game points)



Kazakhstan beat Iceland 4 nil to clinch bronze.



In the women's section the USA Women came first again ahead of the Czech Republic and Kazakhstan who took the bronze medal.



Kazakhstan women came 3rd in the Open over 50 section



Czech Republic women came 2nd in the Open over 50 section



USA women came 1st in the Open over 50 section

6. **South Africa Team Composition with Round Results**

23. South Africa (RtgAvg:1958, Captain: Bouah, Lyndon / TB1: 8 / TB2: 18)

Bo.		Name	Rtg	FED	FideID	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Pts.	Games	RtgAvg
1	CM	Bouah, Lyndon	2071	RSA	14300052	0	½	½	0	½	½	1	0	0	3	9	2158
2	FM	Bhawoodien, Shabir Hussain	2026	RSA	14300770	0	0	1	½	1	0	1	1	0	4,5	9	2000
3	CM	Goosen, Anton	1924	RSA	14301709	0	1	0	0	1	½	1	½	½	4,5	9	1950
4		Schutte, Andre	1810	RSA	14306000	0	½	½	1	1	½	1	1	½	6	9	1922

Player info

Bouah Lyndon CM 2071 RSA Rp:2033

Rd.	SNo		Name	Rtg	FED	Pts.	Res.	Bo.
1	44	FM	Dishman Stephen	2230	ENG	6,5	w 0	1
2	74		Olivier Pierre	2096	FRA	2,5	s ½	1
3	98	IM	Barron Michael	2028	CAN	5,5	w ½	1
4	58	WGM	Belakovskaia Anjelina	2167	USA	4	s 0	1
5	68	FM	Zeidler Sven P.	2118	WLS	7	w ½	1
6	49	CM	Lindner Daniel	2196	ENG	2,5	s ½	1
7	51	FM	Rama Lorenc	2194	ALB	5,5	w 1	1
8	82		Holland Christopher	2065	GCI	5	s 0	1
9	29	IM	Lacasa Diaz Josep Anton	2330	ESP	5	w 0	1

Bhawoodien Shabir Hussain FM 2026 RSA Rp:2000

Rd.	SNo		Name	Rtg	FED	Pts.	Res.	Bo.
1	33	FM	Clark Gary M	2301	ENG	4,5	s 0	2
2	77	CM	Kirszenberg Marc	2081	FRA	4,5	w 0	2
3	138	AFM	Oancea Nicolae	1877	CAN	1	s 1	2
4	85	WIM	Marinello Beatriz	2061	USA	4	w ½	2
5	154		White Chris R	1785	WLS	2	s 1	2
6	88		Rasalingam Haran	2053	ENG	5	w 0	2
7	134		Masha Rexhep	1900	ALB	6	s 1	2
8	137	CM	Rowe Peter	1880	GCI	4	w 1	2
9	84		Tornay Gomez Josu	2064	ESP	4	s 0	2

Goosen Anton CM 1924 RSA Rp:1950

Rd.	SNo		Name	Rtg	FED	Pts.	Res.	Bo.
1	53	FM	Duncan Chris R	2185	ENG	4	w 0	3
2	109		Guiot Dorel Jerome	1999	FRA	3,5	s 1	3
3	130		Bluvshtein Ilia	1918	CAN	6	w 0	3
4	76	WFM	Sagalchik Olga	2084	USA	4,5	s 0	3
5	159		Howells S Wyn	1689	WLS	2,5	w 1	3
6	106		Noyce Robert C	2013	ENG	4	s ½	3
7	153		Konesha Rruzhdi	1786	ALB	2	w 1	3
8	148	CM	Morgan Jamie	1831	GCI	2,5	s ½	3
9	92		Gardela Batlle Jordi	2047	ESP	5	w ½	3

Schutte Andre 1810 RSA Rp:2047

Rd.	SNo		Name	Rtg	FED	Pts.	Res.	Bo.
1	67		Crocker Philip J	2121	ENG	5,5	s 0	4
2	113		Keller Christophe	1993	FRA	4	w ½	4
3	139		Nazareno Merlin	1875	CAN	4,5	s ½	4
4	101	WFM	Jezierska Ivona	2027	USA	1	w 1	4
5	156		Morgan David	1722	WLS	3	s 1	4
6	112		Benjamin Martin J	1994	ENG	4	w ½	4
7	140		Cani Armando	1873	ALB	3,5	s 1	4
8	158		Goman Colin	1690	GCI	2	w 1	4
9	111		Perez Pastora Evarist	1999	ESP	6	s ½	4

7. **South Africa Board Pairings**

Round 1 on 2026/04/19 at 15:00										
Bo.	28	South Africa		Rtg -	10	England - 2		Rtg	0 : 4	PGN
10.1	CM	□ Bouah, Lyndon		2071 -	FM	■ Dishman, Stephen		2230	0 - 1	
10.2	FM	■ Bhawoodien, Shabir Hussain		2026 -	FM	□ Clark, Gary M		2301	0 - 1	
10.3	CM	□ Goosen, Anton		1924 -	FM	■ Duncan, Chris R		2185	0 - 1	
10.4		■ Schutte, Andre		1810 -		□ Crocker, Philip J		2121	0 - 1	
Round 2 on 2026/04/20 at 15:00										
Bo.	19	France - Philidor Brothers		Rtg -	28	South Africa		Rtg	2 : 2	PGN
11.1		□ Olivier, Pierre		2096 -	CM	■ Bouah, Lyndon		2071	½ - ½	
11.2	CM	■ Kirszenberg, Marc		2081 -	FM	□ Bhawoodien, Shabir Hussain		2026	1 - 0	
11.3		□ Guiot Dorel, Jerome		1999 -	CM	■ Goosen, Anton		1924	0 - 1	
11.4		■ Keller, Christophe		1993 -		□ Schutte, Andre		1810	½ - ½	
Round 3 on 2026/04/21 at 15:00										
Bo.	28	South Africa		Rtg -	27	Canada - Toronto		Rtg	2 : 2	PGN
13.1	CM	□ Bouah, Lyndon		2071 -	IM	■ Barron, Michael		2028	½ - ½	
13.2	FM	■ Bhawoodien, Shabir Hussain		2026 -	AFM	□ Oancea, Nicolae		1877	1 - 0	
13.3	CM	□ Goosen, Anton		1924 -		■ Bluvshtein, Ilia		1918	0 - 1	
13.4		■ Schutte, Andre		1810 -		□ Nazareno, Merlin		1875	½ - ½	
Round 4 on 2026/04/22 at 15:00										
Bo.	16	United States of America (W)		Rtg -	28	South Africa		Rtg	2½:1½	PGN
12.1	WGM	□ Belakovskaia, Anjelina		2167 -	CM	■ Bouah, Lyndon		2071	1 - 0	
12.2	WIM	■ Marinello, Beatriz		2061 -	FM	□ Bhawoodien, Shabir Hussain		2026	½ - ½	
12.3	WFM	□ Sagalchik, Olga		2084 -	CM	■ Goosen, Anton		1924	1 - 0	
12.4	WFM	■ Jezierska, Ivona		2027 -		□ Schutte, Andre		1810	0 - 1	
Round 5 on 2026/04/23 at 15:00										
Bo.	28	South Africa		Rtg -	33	Wales - Silures		Rtg	3½: ½	PGN
16.1	CM	□ Bouah, Lyndon		2071 -	FM	■ Zeidler, Sven P.		2118	½ - ½	
16.2	FM	■ Bhawoodien, Shabir Hussain		2026 -		□ White, Chris R		1785	1 - 0	
16.3	CM	□ Goosen, Anton		1924 -		■ Howells, S Wyn		1689	1 - 0	
16.4		■ Schutte, Andre		1810 -		□ Morgan, David		1722	1 - 0	
Round 6 on 2026/04/25 at 15:00										
Bo.	18	England - 4		Rtg -	28	South Africa		Rtg	2½:1½	PGN
13.1	CM	□ Lindner, Daniel		2196 -	CM	■ Bouah, Lyndon		2071	½ - ½	
13.2		■ Rasalingam, Haran		2053 -	FM	□ Bhawoodien, Shabir Hussain		2026	1 - 0	
13.3		□ Noyce, Robert C		2013 -	CM	■ Goosen, Anton		1924	½ - ½	
13.4		■ Benjamin, Martin J		1994 -		□ Schutte, Andre		1810	½ - ½	
Round 7 on 2026/04/26 at 15:00										
Bo.	28	South Africa		Rtg -	29	Albania		Rtg	4 : 0	PGN
15.1	CM	□ Bouah, Lyndon		2071 -	FM	■ Rama, Lorenc		2194	1 - 0	
15.2	FM	■ Bhawoodien, Shabir Hussain		2026 -		□ Masha, Rexhep		1900	1 - 0	
15.3	CM	□ Goosen, Anton		1924 -		■ Konesha, Rruzhdi		1786	1 - 0	
15.4		■ Schutte, Andre		1810 -		□ Cani, Armando		1873	1 - 0	
Round 8 on 2026/04/27 at 15:00										
Bo.	31	Guernsey		Rtg -	28	South Africa		Rtg	1½:2½	PGN
15.1		□ Holland, Christopher		2065 -	CM	■ Bouah, Lyndon		2071	1 - 0	
15.2	CM	■ Rowe, Peter		1880 -	FM	□ Bhawoodien, Shabir Hussain		2026	0 - 1	
15.3	CM	□ Morgan, Jamie		1831 -	CM	■ Goosen, Anton		1924	½ - ½	
15.4		■ Goman, Colin		1690 -		□ Schutte, Andre		1810	0 - 1	
Round 9 on 2026/04/28 at 14:00										
Bo.	28	South Africa		Rtg -	15	Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya		Rtg	1 : 3	PGN
10.1	CM	□ Bouah, Lyndon		2071 -	IM	■ Lacasa Diaz, Josep Anton		2330	0 - 1	
10.2	FM	■ Bhawoodien, Shabir Hussain		2026 -		□ Tornay Gomez, Josu		2064	0 - 1	
10.3	CM	□ Goosen, Anton		1924 -		■ Gardela Batlle, Jordi		2047	½ - ½	
10.4		■ Schutte, Andre		1810 -		□ Perez Pastora, Evarist		1999	½ - ½	

8. **Analysis of South Africa**

1. South Africa was originally seeded 28th out of 36 teams.
2. We ended in 23rd position ultimately.
3. After round 8 we were standing as high as joint eighth position.
4. We won three matches against Wales, Albania and Guernsey.
5. We lost four matches against England 2, England 4. USA Women and Spain
6. We drew against France and Canada.
7. The players we prepared against appear to play many events where their average opponents are over 2000.
8. Players also seem to compete in their country Senior Champs as well as European and American senior Championships on a regular basis.
9. The circuit in Europe seems to be well developed.
10. Even some of the older players we competed against still play many events in the hometown and elsewhere.
11. SA played hard in each match.
12. Each match was hard fought with no easy draws offered or given.
13. Many games went the distance as players tried to bring in points.
14. SA should in my opinion send an Over- 65 team and perhaps even consider a second Over- 50 team.



Our flag was also in attendance!

9. **South African Players**



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Name	Bouah, Lyndon
Title	CM
Starting rank	81
Rating	2071
Rating national	0
Rating international	2071
Performance rating	2033
FIDE rtg +/-	-9,4
Points	3
Rank	125
Federation	RSA
Ident-Number	0
Fide-ID	14300052
Year of birth	1973

Dr Lyndon Bouah had a tough tournament with only one opponent rated below him. He had a rating performance of 2033 and lost nine points. There was at least one game where the drawn game should have been a win.

Name	Bhawoodien, Shabir Hussain
Title	FM
Starting rank	102
Rating	2026
Rating national	0
Rating international	2026
Performance rating	2000
FIDE rtg +/-	-6,4
Points	4,5
Rank	58
Federation	RSA
Ident-Number	0
Fide-ID	14300770
Year of birth	1963

A solid fifty percent by Dr Bhawoodien. He lost 6 rating points and knows that he could have picked up at least another point. His games were always exciting.

Name	Goosen, Anton
Title	CM
Starting rank	128
Rating	1924
Rating national	0
Rating international	1924
Performance rating	1950
FIDE rtg +/-	6
Points	4,5
Rank	61
Federation	RSA
Ident-Number	0
Fide-ID	14301709
Year of birth	1961

Anton Goosen had a solid appearance with 4.5/9. He played his heart out.

Name	Schutte, Andre
Starting rank	150
Rating	1810
Rating national	0
Rating international	1810
Performance rating	2047
FIDE rtg +/-	55,4
Points	6
Rank	11
Federation	RSA
Ident-Number	0
Fide-ID	14306000
Year of birth	1965

The big winner was Andre Schutte. He took his chances and only lost one game. His six points is a fantastic score and equals Lyndon Bouah's of two years ago. He gained 55 rating points.

10. Statistics of Seniors 65+

Federation statistics

No.	FED	Federation	Count
1	ALB	Albania	5
2	AUT	Austria	5
3	BEL	Belgium	4
4	BRA	Brazil	5
5	CRO	Croatia	4
6	DEN	Denmark	14
7	ENG	England	27
8	FID	FIDE	10
9	FIN	Finland	22
10	FRA	France	14
11	GER	Germany	24
12	IRL	Ireland	8
13	ISL	Iceland	5
14	ISR	Israel	4
15	ITA	Italy	5
16	KAZ	Kazakhstan	5
17	KOS	Kosovo	5
18	LAT	Latvia	5
19	MNE	Montenegro	5
20	NED	Netherlands	5
21	NOR	Norway	9
22	NZL	New Zealand	5
23	POL	Poland	9
24	SCO	Scotland	5
25	SVK	Slovakia	4
26	SWE	Sweden	16
27	USA	United States of America	8
28	WLS	Wales	8
Total			245

Title statistics

Title	Count
GM	21
WGM	5
IM	29
WIM	3
FM	40
WFM	6
CM	9
Total	113

Game statistics

Round	White wins	Draws	Black wins	Forfeits	Total
1	40	34	34	0	108
2	35	47	26	0	108
3	37	40	31	0	108
4	35	49	24	0	108
5	30	53	25	0	108
6	29	52	26	1	108
7	24	58	22	4	108
8	34	55	18	1	108
9	23	60	24	1	108
Total	287	448	230	7	972

11. **Statistics of Seniors 50+**

Federation statistics

No.	FED	Federation	Count
1	ALB	Albania	5
2	BRA	Brazil	9
3	CAN	Canada	10
4	CZE	Czech Republic	10
5	ENG	England	29
6	ESP	Spain	4
7	FIN	Finland	5
8	FRA	France	5
9	GCI	Guernsey	4
10	GER	Germany	4
11	HUN	Hungary	5
12	IRL	Ireland	4
13	ISL	Iceland	9
14	ITA	Italy	5
15	KAZ	Kazakhstan	10
16	LIE	Liechtenstein	5
17	MKD	North Macedonia	5
18	NED	Netherlands	5
19	NOR	Norway	5
20	RSA	South Africa	4
21	SCO	Scotland	10
22	USA	United States of America	14
23	WLS	Wales	5
Total			171

Title statistics

Title	Count
GM	25
WGM	4
IM	16
WIM	4
FM	19
WFM	12
CM	12
Total	92

Game statistics

Round	White wins	Draws	Black wins	Forfeits	Total
1	35	11	26	0	72
2	20	30	22	0	72
3	18	38	16	0	72
4	24	36	12	0	72
5	19	26	27	0	72
6	23	36	13	0	72
7	14	44	13	1	72
8	21	37	13	1	72
9	22	27	20	3	72
Total	196	285	162	5	648

Thank you to all the readers, family members, colleagues and friends who kindly sent suggestions along the way. Thank you Leon De Jager and Shaheed Tobias who assisted me with the compilation and distribution of the reflections.

I still have some photos to show but will do that on another occasion.

For now, I must sign off as work is calling me.

I have enjoyed sharing the journey with all of you.

Regards

CM Dr Lyndon Bouah

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USA Open and Women won their respective sections in the Over 50 section