



# Schacksällskapet Manhem

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Interested in chess? If so, Manhem is for you! This leaflet answers some questions. If you want to know more, talk to a club official or email [info@ssmanhem.se](mailto:info@ssmanhem.se). The club's website [www.ssmanhem.se](http://www.ssmanhem.se) also has a lot of information. If you want to become a member, fill out the form at [www.ssmanhem.se/bli-medlem](http://www.ssmanhem.se/bli-medlem)

## 1. Manhem - The Broad Club

SS Manhem, founded in 1906, has long been Gothenburg's largest chess club by far, with over 300 members of all ages in the past year. With a dozen teams in the Swedish league system, everyone who wants to has an opportunity to play against other clubs alongside friendly teammates. For many years, we have also focused on teaching chess to adult players - the New to Chess course. This runs twice a year and has been an integral part of our activities since 2000. In the club's tournaments during autumn and spring, there is always a group specifically for less experienced players and new members, the "small" group, which at times has actually been the largest. When needed, another group is also organized for the least experienced.

The club also has a growing women's chess program, participates with the most teams of any club in the Women's League, and holds special training for the women's group once a week. There are also opportunities to participate in other women's and girls' competitions together with others in the club.

## Manhem Youth Club

The youth program is a very important part of Manhem. Since the junior initiative was launched in 1976, the club's young players have won a long series of Swedish Championship titles. In the Junior League, the most prestigious team competition in Sweden for a junior club, Manhem has three Swedish Championship titles, and in the Cadet League, the equivalent for 16-year-old juniors, the club has won two. In the club, we usually have about ten groups of different ages and levels, from beginners to talented club players. Trained coaches provide guidance using individually adapted training materials. Of course, there are also a couple of beginner groups. Everyone is welcome as soon as we have space in a group! For those who want, there are also good opportunities to participate in the many chess competitions for children and youth that are regularly organized - of course without any pressure. We often organize chess trips to other parts of the country for the youth.

# Manhem Elite Club

During the 1980s, Manhem grew to become one of the country's strongest chess clubs. The club holds a high position in the Elite League's marathon table. The club's representative team usually consists of players who have been nurtured in its own ranks. Players who develop strongly are gradually moved up to the club's teams. The large number of chess players that Manhem has nurtured is shown not least by the fact that the second team has won the second division three times. Every summer, the club organizes its chess week; normally with a GM or IM tournament as the flagship event. There, the club's own talents get a chance to develop by playing against the international elite!

## 4. Manhem the Organizer. What happens at the club and elsewhere?

During the autumn, activities are concentrated around our most important competition, the annual club championship, which usually gathers well over 50 participants. A guarantee that everyone can get suitable opponents. New members can play in the "small group" for unranked or lower-ranked players. The concept of the small group is also repeated in Manhem's Spring Championship, which is always played during the latter part of spring. In addition, shorter competitions are organized from time to time over an evening or a weekend, along with lectures and training sessions. Something for those who don't have time to play on weekday evenings.

Annual major events include:

- Manhem's chess days at Nordstadstorget, which kick off the year. The annual chess week in August with several high-quality tournaments, where our own top players get to measure their strength against the international elite.
- The recent addition to the Gothenburg tournament flora, Kvibergspelen, which is played early in the autumn and is part of the national federation's Grand Prix series for weekend tournaments.
- The District Championships where local talents measure their strength in both team and individual competitions.
- The Swedish Chess Championship, with hundreds of participants, always including a number of Manhem players.

