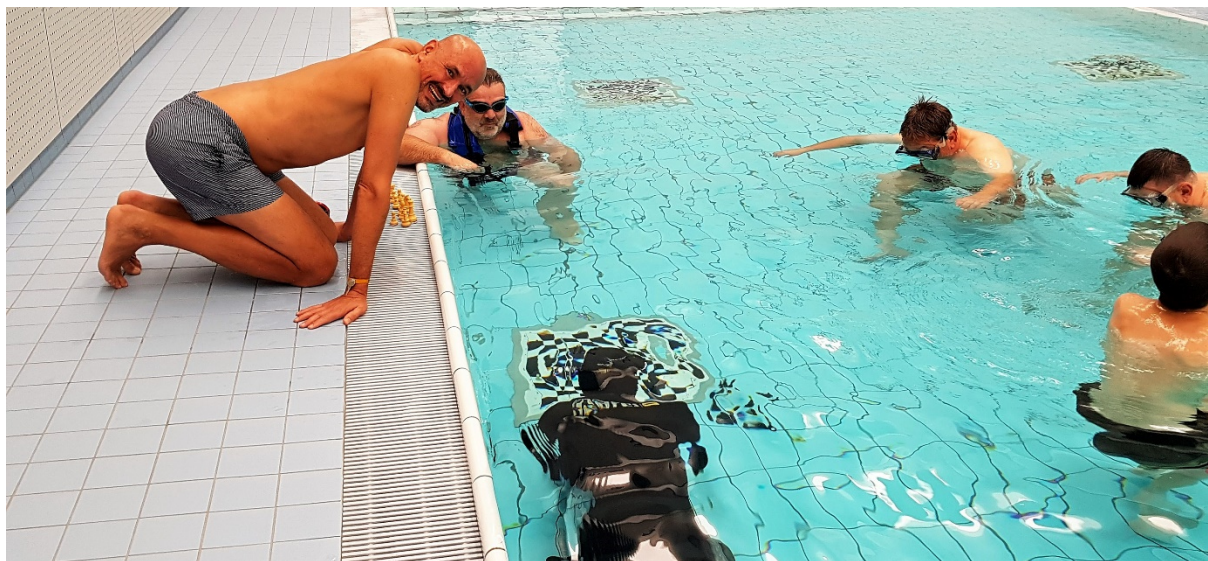


## Apnoea divers meet Bundesliga players

### Diving chess at the Bundessportleistungszentrum Südstadt



Under the leadership of the **Österreichischen Betriebssportverbandes**, 23 athletes met at the FederalSports Centre Südstadt - including 3 Bundesliga players and 2 apnoea divers. The conditions were ideal for the new diving chess competition.

The game was played on chess boards and pieces optimised for water. The rules are simple: A move lasts as long as you can hold your breath. If you don't make a move under water that conforms to the rules, you lose the game. For the apnoea divers, of course, this is no problem. They can easily stay under water for five minutes and more (and dive up to 40 metres deep, but that didn't matter much in the 1-metre 30cm pool) Otherwise, the rules of the classic chess game remain the same.

"We are planning and implementing innovative forms of exercise. Chess is a traditional sport, which we want to revive with a fun sport like diving chess and, in particular, also attract numerous new chess players," says ÖBSV Secretary General, Florian Ram, pleased about the tournament, which took place in Austria for the second time.

The level of the championship was high. Among others, the multiple state champion WIM Veronika Exler and the international champion Harald Schneider-Zinner took part. Both shared places 1-3 with the Bundesliga player Friedrich Krumphals.

Many thanks to Secretary General Florian Ram (ÖBSV) for the great organisation and to the BSFZ Südstadt for the wonderful location.



In addition, there was a rapid chess tournament for all those who did not want to get wet. Leo Smounig was a wonderful referee.

Results Diving Chess: <https://chess-results.com/tnr679051.aspx?lan=0&art=1> Results

Rapid Chess: <https://chess-results.com/tnr672964.aspx?lan=10>

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