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The **PCW Microcomputer Chess Championship** was held six times from 1978 to 1983 as part of the [Personal Computer World](#) exhibition in [London, United Kingdom](#). The third event was declared the [First World Microcomputer Chess Championship](#), as well as the First European Microcomputer Chess Championship (inofficial). The remaining three PCW events were further subsequently declared [European Microcomputer Chess Championship](#). [David Levy](#) remarks in his 1978 report that he is beginning to prefer computer chess to competing in international tournaments ^[1].

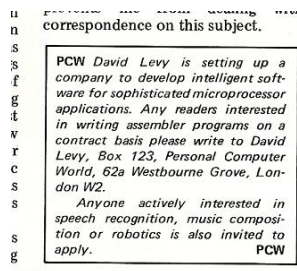
Editions

Edition	Event	Participants	Champion
1st	PCW-MCC 1978	6	Mike
2nd	PCW-MCC 1979	9	Sargon
3rd	PCW-MCC 1980	14	Chess Challenger
4th	PCW-MCC 1981	12	Cyrus
5th	PCW-MCC 1982	12	Advance 2.4
6th	PCW-MCC 1983	14	Advance 3.0

Recruiting Ground

[Mike Watters](#) in *Chess Computer UK* ^[2] :

PCW tournaments were to provide [Levy](#) and [O'Connell](#) with a fertile recruiting ground for proven chess programmers. For the time being though other avenues were explored. At the bottom of his article entitled 'Chess Programming: Before You Begin' published in the May 1979 edition of *Personal Computer World*, David Levy added an advertisement for programmers. At this point the [Philidor Software](#) company was born.



See also

- [World Microcomputer Chess Championship](#)
- [European Microcomputer Chess Championship](#)

External Links

- [Third PCW Exhibition \(ICGA Tournaments\)](#)
- [PCW Micro-Computer Chess Championships](#), old [CSVN](#) site
- [Chess Computers - The UK Story](#) by [Mike Watters](#)

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