

# TOLSTOJ (Martin Jakob)

Top Game Boy Tetris Player (Switzerland) – *World Ranking: #15*

*Classic Tetris Competitor | Game Boy Developer |  
Event Organizer | Community Contributor*

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## Profile

Enthusiastic and accomplished Classic Tetris competitor with a global ranking in Game Boy Tetris. Active contributor to the international Tetris community through tournaments, development, and educational content. Specialized in Game Boy development, reverse engineering, and community tool creation.

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## Community Memberships

- **CTG** – Classic Tetris Germany
- **CTEC** – Classic Tetris European Championships
- **CTWC GB** – Classic Tetris World Championship (Game Boy)
- **Swisstris** – Swiss Classic Tetris Community

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## Exhibitions & Conventions

**Gamescom** – Cologne, Germany (with CTG)

- Organized tournaments
- Showcased original Game Boy developments

**Playcon** – Trier, Germany (with CTG)

- Tournament organization

**Fantasy Basel** – Basel, Switzerland (with Level 1-1)

- Tournament organization
- Game development presentation

**Popcon** – Zürich, Switzerland (with Level 1-1)

- Tournament organization
- Game development and public presentations

## National Tournaments

### **CTWC France** – Paris, France

- Event organization (Game Boy)
- Top 8 – NES & Game Boy

### **CTWC Austria** – Vienna, Austria

- Top 16 – NES (NTSC)

### **CTG** – Berlin, Germany

- Top 16 – NES (PAL)

### **CTGC** – Krefeld, Germany

- Event organization (Game Boy)
- Top 16 – NES (PAL)

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## Organizational Contributions

- **CTUK** – Game development
- **CTG** – Tournament organization, game development, and illustrative work
- **DM-i-Tetris** – Game development
- **Tetris Suomi** – Reverse engineering, statistical analysis
- **CTF (France)** – Tournament organization, game development

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## Collaborations

- [Chris Higgins \(USA\)](#) – German translation of documentary
- [Christian Haupt \(Germany\)](#) – Game development (Chris & Triss)
- [Sebastian Staacks](#) / [DiconX \(Germany\)](#) – GB Interceptor hardware
- **Pascal Zaugg & Anton Brucherseifer** – Tournament and tool development

## Media Presence

- Featured on **Swiss National TV (SRF)** – [10vor10](#) and [podcast](#) appearances
- German Translations “**Best-of-Five**” **Documentary** (Blu-ray & Streaming)
- Coverage in [German newspaper](#)
- Active [YouTube Channel](#) – content creation
- Cameos in many videos

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## Ongoing Projects

- **The Tetris Bible** – 100+ page in-depth book
- **TREP** – Game Boy Tetris modification toolkit
- **Minimal Disassembly** – ROM patching foundation
- “**This is Game Boy Tetris**” – YouTube video series
- **Game Boy Assembly Course** – Educational series
- **2-Player Online OCR Tool** – Match digitization tool
- **Tolstoj Website** – Hub for projects and releases

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## Major Event appearances

### CTWC

- Portland, OR, USA @Portland Retro Gaming Expo (PRGE) – Did not qualify
- Pasadena, CA, USA @SoCal Retro Gaming Expo – Bronze Bracket

### CTEC – Copenhagen, Denmark @Enigma

- Top-8 Game Boy
- Top-64 NES Tetris (PAL)
- Main Organization (Team Game Boy)
- Illustrative Work
- Game Development

### CTWC-DAS – Cologne, Germany @Experion

- Top-48 NES Tetris (NTSC, DAS)

### CTWC GB (Online Tournament)

- Top-16 Game Boy Tetris

## Glossar

**PAL** = Phase Alternating Line (European TV standard, 50 Hz, 25 FPS)

**NTSC** = National Television Standard Committee (North american TV standard, 60 Hz, 30 FPS)

**CTWC** = Classic Tetris World Championships (NTSC, open playstyle)

**CTWC-DAS** = ... in the DAS Playstyle (NTSC, DAS-only)

**CTWC GB** = ... in Game Boy Tetris (1-Player)

**CTEC** = Classic Tetris European Championships (PAL & Game Boy 2-Player)

**CTGC** = Classic Tetris German Championships (PAL, open playstyle)

**CTFC** = Classic Tetris Finland Championships (PAL, open playstyle)

**CTG** = Classic Tetris Germany / Classic Tetromino-Games Germany e.V.

**CTGC** = Classic Tetris German Championships

**CTUK** = Classic Tetris United Kingdom

**DM-i-Tetris** = Danish Tetris Community and Championships

**Tetris Suomi** = Finnish Tetris Community

**Swisstris** = Swiss Classic Tetris Community

**CTF** = Classic Tetris France

## List of Discord Servers

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## Highlights

- Met [Alexey Pajitnov](#) and [Henk Rogers](#), creators of Tetris