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EVEN MORE GRADING PRIZES!!

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**SCARBOROUGH
CHESS CONGRESS**

AT

THE OCEAN ROOM

SPA COMPLEX

SOUTH BAY

Scarborough

ON

OCT 23rd – 24th – 25th

2009

**OPEN, MAJOR, INTERMEDIATE, MINOR
AND FOUNDATION TOURNAMENTS**

2 BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING PLACES!

CONGRESS DIRECTOR: LARA BARNES

(International Arbiter, ECF Senior Arbiter)

ARBITERS: Alex McFarlane, (I.A. ECF & Chess Scotland Senior Arbiter)

Geoff Jones, (I.A. ECF Senior Arbiter)

+ 2 other qualified Arbiters

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Dear Chessplayers,

Welcome once again to the 2nd biggest weekend congress in Britain. You are almost certain to meet new opposition in this great event with over 300 players from all over the UK, and beyond.

As usual we will be in The Ocean Room, but with the added benefit of better lighting, organised by the Spa Centre for our event.

We have listened to you, the players, and have increased the prizes on offer, putting in grading prizes and junior prizes in each section.

We have decided not to make the Open FIDE rated as the Open players voted against this by quite a large majority.

Please bring your friends this year and let's make Scarborough as big as Blackpool!! I promise that any extra income will go straight into the prize fund or to make the congress more comfortable for all.

We don't need to tell most of you what a great venue Scarborough is and we hope you enjoy the great accommodation, restaurants, cafés and pubs as well as the parks and tourist attractions.

Any suggestions to improve things further are gratefully received. Scarborough International Chess Congress is a non-profit making organisation and will remain so while we run it.

Best wishes from the committee:

Lara Barnes, larabarnes@btinternet.com
Alex McFarlane
Andrew and Maggie Butterworth

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SECTIONS

OPEN

No Grading Limits
Entry Fee: £30
Prizes: 1st £500 2nd £250
3rd £150 4th £100
+ Grading Prizes - Under 190

MAJOR

For players graded **170 to 146**
Entry Fee: £30
Prizes: 1st £500 2nd £250
3rd £150 4th £100
+ Grading Prizes - Under 160

INTERMEDIATE

For players graded **145 to 126**
Entry Fee: £30
Prizes: 1st £500 2nd £250
3rd £150 4th £100
+ Grading Prizes - Under 140

MINOR

For players graded **125 to 106**
Entry Fee: £30
Prizes: 1st £500 2nd £250
3rd £150 4th £100
+ Grading Prizes - Under 120

FOUNDATION

For players graded **105 and below.**
Entry Fee: £30
Prizes: 1st £500 2nd £250
3rd £150 4th £100 + Grading Prizes Under 90
and £50 best ungraded.

In each section there will be a
Best Junior Prize of £50,
under 18 on 01.09.09

Please note that the grading prizes
are guaranteed at least £50 per section and may
increase, depending upon entry.

CONSIDERATION FOR ALL ENTRANTS

Any player who defaults without giving prior warning will be required to place a bond in future years and could face being barred altogether.

RATE OF PLAY

In all sections 40 moves in 1 hour 40 minutes then both clocks will be set back 20 minutes. All further moves will be made in the time remaining.

PLAYING SESSIONS

The congress will be opened at 6.45pm.

Friday 23rd October 7.00pm to 11.00pm.

Saturday 24th 9.30am to 1.30pm

2.15pm to 6.15pm

Sunday 25th 9.30am to 1.30pm

2.15pm to 6.15pm

Prize giving to follow as soon as possible

GRADING

The 2009 **New Grades*** ECF grading list will be used. Players not in possession of a current grade should state their last published grade and the year to which it applied. Players with no official grading are asked to give an estimate of their playing strength with evidence or a reference by a known player.

***New Grades** will have been inflated, hence the new Grading limits in the Major, Intermediate, Minor and Foundation sections.

In all matters the Arbiters decision is final

WITHDRAWALS AND BYES

Written notice must be received by 16th October 2009. A deduction of £5 will be made to cover administration costs. No refunds will be given for withdrawals after this date

A half-point bye will be accepted in any round if requested on the entry form. We reserve the right to move players into other sections should a particular tournament become full (grades permitting) however every effort will be made to honour a player's choice.

Here is a selection of welcoming hotels and guesthouses near to the venue. Please quote the congress when booking

Ellenby Hotel
95-97 Queen's Parade
YO12 7HY
01723 372916
www.theellenby.co.uk

Mansion House
45 Esplanade
South Cliff
YO11 2AY
01723 373930
www.mansionhousehotel.com

The Grand Hotel
St Nicholas Cliff
YO11 2ET
0871 702 9691
www.scarboroughgrandhotel.co.uk

The Redcliffe
18 Prince of Wales Terrace
YO11 2AL
01723 372310
www.theredcliffehotel.com

The Raincliffe Hotel
21 Valley Road
YO11 2LY
01723 373541
www.raincliffehotel.co.uk

The tourist information is friendly and very efficient.
Tel. 01723 383686

Scarborough Conference Bureau
Tel. 01723 357877

Enjoy your stay!

Entry Form

Entries to Mrs Maggie Butterworth
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Barnsley S71 5RL
Phone 01226 211501
Email scarboroughchess@googlemail.com

Cheques payable to
Scarborough Chess Congress

Cash and postal orders please send by
recorded delivery.

Name.....

Address.....
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Date of Birth.....
(Necessary for accurate grading)

email.....

Phone.....

Grade..... Club.....

ECF member number.....
(deduct £2 if desired)

Donation to the Congress £.....

Amount enclosed £..... I request a bye in round.....

I wish to enter the.....Section

I wish to play up regardless of grade.....

Please send a stamped addressed envelope if
acknowledgment of entry is required. Photocopies of the
entry form are accepted.

If you are ungraded please supply an estimate of your
strength based on previous grade or recent play.

We reserve the right to alter any and all prize money if entries
fall below the expected level.

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