

# 52<sup>nd</sup> Berks & Bucks Chess Congress

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016

St Piran's School, Gringer Hill, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7LZ

*A British Championship Qualifying Event*

*An ECF Grand Prix Event*

**Six round graded sections 12 to 16 players**

CHAMPIONSHIP AND CHALLENGERS

FIDE Rated Prizes £60 £48 £36

RESERVES (Not FIDE Rated)

Several sections Prizes £60 £48 £36

#### Timetable

Saturday, Sunday and Monday	Rounds
10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. (approx)	1, 3 & 5
3.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. (approx)	2, 4 & 6

Smoking is not permitted on the school site.

## Sections

Players will play in sections according to their latest ECF grade. All sections will be ECF graded. The Championship and Challengers sections will be FIDE Rated. The FIDE-rated sections are open to all rated players and to unrated players with ECF grades of 150 or above. The Reserves sections are open to all unrated players and to rated players with ratings below 1900. Players eligible for both the rated sections and the Reserves are asked to specify which section they would prefer to play in.

The organisers reserve the right to merge the Championship and Challengers sections, depending on the number of entries.

## Entry details

The entry fee for all sections is £25. Players in the Reserves sections who are not ECF Platinum, Gold, or Silver members will be required to pay a £7 surcharge (under 18s £5). All English players in the Championship and Challengers sections must be Gold or Platinum members of the ECF, and new players must give their date of birth. Players may join the ECF online via their website [www.englishchess.org.uk](http://www.englishchess.org.uk).

Entries postmarked after Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August are subject to a £3 late entry fee. Entries will not be accepted on the day.

## Playing in Every Round

No ½ point byes will be permitted. Entry is a commitment to play in every round, and the committee reserves the right to refuse entries for any reason, including future entries from players who default without good reason. Players for whom this rule poses difficulties should contact the congress secretary.

## Congress Problem



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For solution, see the congress website, [www.berksandbuckschess.com](http://www.berksandbuckschess.com)

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**Rate of Play and Default Time**

The rate of play in all tournaments is 100 minutes for 40 moves, then an additional 20 minutes for the rest of the game with a 30 second cumulative increment for each move starting from move one. Players arriving more than one hour late will be defaulted.

**British Championship Qualifying Place**

Assuming that twenty or more players enter the rated sections, then the highest-placed eligible player in the Championship who has not already qualified for the 2017 British Chess Championship will receive an unfunded qualifying place.

**Berkshire Individual Championship**

The Congress incorporates the Berkshire Individual Championship, and the highest-placed Berkshire player in the Championship section will receive the title of Berkshire Individual Champion, subject to the rules of the Berkshire Chess Association.

**Trophies**

Trophies will be provided to most prizewinners. For details, see the congress website.

**Refreshments**

Refreshments will be provided by Hacketts of Witney, who will have breakfast pastries freshly baked each morning, sausage rolls, Cornish pasties, sandwiches, baguettes, wraps and toasted Panini. Snacks will include crisps, chocolate bars, cakes and fruit. Drinks will include tea and coffee, hot chocolate, peppermint, green, and rooibos teas, and soft drinks, orange and apple juice.

**Bookstall**

A bookstall, provided by Francis Bowers Chess Supplies, will be available.

**Travel and Accommodation**

For links to relevant travel and accommodation details, please see the congress website, [www.berksandbuckschess.com](http://www.berksandbuckschess.com), or contact the congress secretary.

**Donations**

Thanks to all those who made donations in 2015. These totalled £159.00.

**Congress Secretary, Treasurer and Arbiters**

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Name:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Chess Club (if any):

Latest ECF Grade:.....

Latest FIDE Rating:.....

ECF Membership Number:.....

Date of Birth:.....

£

Entry Fee (all sections): £25 .....

ECF Surcharge: £7 (£5 juniors) .....

Late Entry Fee (after 22/08/2016) £3 .....

Donation: .....

**Total enclosed:**

**Preferred Section for those who have a choice**

See "Sections"

Please indicate: - FIDE Rated Section / Reserves

Please make cheques payable to Berks & Bucks Chess Congress. Receipts will be sent if an SAE is enclosed.

Entries to: Liam Varnam, 7 Garry Drive, Cambridge, CB4 2PD