**45th Blackpool Chess Conference**

**The Imperial Hotel, Blackpool**

**North Promenade, Blackpool FY1 2HB**

**Tel. 01253 623971**

**Friday 11th - Sunday 13th March 2022**

**£6700 in Prizes**

**Five Sections**

Congress Director: Bill O’Rourke

Chief Controller: Alex McFarlane, ECF Arbiter

email: blackpoolchessconference@virginmedia.com

**www.blackpoolchess.org.uk**

**See inside front cover for conditions of entry.**

**For your comfort entry will be limited to 400 players**



**RATE OF PLAY**

In all sections. All moves in 110 minutes with 10 second increment added with each move.

**GRADINGS**

The January 2022 ECF grading list will be used unless players without a grade in this list have a grade in the August 2021 list.

Grading history and other sources may be used to place a player in a higher section. Players without a current grade must give their last published grade and the year of publication. Failure to disclose will result in disqualification.

The highest published grade must be used for Yorkshire / Non-English players, ECF ‘F’ grades have a lower priority.

Adult players (over 18 years of age) without a grade/history may only enter the Open section. Ungraded Juniors must give a full indication of their strength.

Players with grades/ratings that are not in the public domain must supply a signed photo-copy of their grading/rating.

The Director reserves the right to place any entry whose grade cannot be verified into the section of his choice.

It is a condition of entry that players agree to their grading information being published on the ECF Website. Players not wishing to have their details published on the ECF Website should contact the ECF Office directly. All results will be sent to the ECF for grading in the ECF Grading List.

The last date for entry is Wednesday March 9th 2022. Players should check the website to confirm entry. No entries accepted after this date. No telephone entries accepted at any time.

**REFUNDS**

Players who withdraw and request a refund must do so in writing before 28 February 2022. If a refund is approved by the organisers, the entry fee may be returned less a £5 administration fee. Withdrawals after this date will not be eligible for a refund.

**ENTRY FEES**

**ECF Silver Members or above may claim a £7.00 discount (£5.00 for juniors).**

The following discount can be claimed but only on entries received before 7/3/2022 Junior £2.

A late entry fee of £5 will be charged on entries received after 6/3/2022

**INTERNET ENTRIES**

For internet entries please see our website.

**www.blackpoolchess.org.uk**

TELEPHONE ENTRIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

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| **Lancashire Open**  **1st Prize £700**  **2nd Prize £400**  **3rd Prize £200**  **3 Grading Prizes of £100**  **Best Veteran £100**  **Best Junior £30**  Entry Fee £45 | **The Imperial Major**  For players graded below 2050  **1st Prize £500**  **2nd Prize £300**  **5 Grading Prizes of £100**  **Best Veteran £100**  **Best Junior £30**  Entry Fee £42 |
| **The Intermediate**  For players graded below 1850  **1st Prize £500**  **2nd Prize £200**  **4 Grading Prizes of £100**  **Best Veteran £100**  **Best Junior £30**  Entry Fee £40 | **The Minor**  For players graded below 1700  **1st Prize £500**  **2nd Prize £200**  **4 Grading Prizes of £100**  **Best Veteran £100**  **Best Junior £30**  Entry Fee £40 |
| **The Standard**  For players graded below 1550  **1st Prize £400**  **2nd Prize £200**  **3rd Prize £100**  **4 Grading Prizes of £50**  **Best Veteran £50**  **Best Junior £30**  Entry Fee £37 | **The Admin Team**    **Arbiters: Alex McFarlane, Peter Purland, Fiona Green, Glynis Purland.**  **Backroom: David Clayton**  **Bookstall: Chess Direct** |
| **All Cash Prizes will be posted out after the tournament and must be claimed within 6 months from the end of the tournament** | |
| **TIMETABLE**  **Friday:** Opening Ceremony - 6.55 p.m.  Round 1 - 7.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.  **Saturday & Sunday:** Rounds 2 & 4 - 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.  Rounds 3 & 5 - 2.15 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.  30 minutes after the start of each round, a new pairing may be made for any player whose opponent has not arrived or for any player who was initially awarded a bye.  Missing players will be defaulted after 30 minutes. FIDE Pairing Rules will be used. | |

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| Latest Imperial picture.jpg | Situated on the resort’s quieter North Promenade, this traditional Victorian hotel offers spectacular views over the beaches to the Irish Sea, yet is only minutes from all the local attractions. The Imperial Hotel is Blackpool’s most prestigious, historic and well known hotel and regularly hosts celebrities from the stage & screen and hosts one of the largest weekend chess competitions in Britain. | |
| **The Blackpool Chess Conference**  **at The Imperial Hotel** | | |
|  | | * **In the heart of Britain’s capital of fun** * **Less than one mile from the train station** * **180 comfortable bedrooms including a selection of double, twin and family accommodation. Supplements apply for sea-view rooms.** * **A well -equipped Health & Leisure Club with a gym, swimming pool, spa pool, steam room and sauna.** * **A great destination and hotel for families ….the kids will love the play rooms** |

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| **The Imperial Hotel**  Rates for the 2022 Blackpool Chess Conference.  **Friday 11th & Saturday 12th March 2022**  Bed & Breakfast Single £85.00 pp per night  Bed & Breakfast Double / Twin Occupancy at £95.00 per room per night  **Thursday 10th & Sunday 13th March 2022**  Bed & Breakfast Single £72.00 pp per night  Bed & Breakfast Double / Twin Occupancy at £82.00 per room per night  Add £20.00 per person per night to include Dinner.  All rates are inclusive of VAT at 20%  **Car Parking complimentary for people staying at the Imperial. Parking for people not staying at the Imperial is £7 per day.** |

To book your room at the Imperial please dial 01253 623971 and follow Option 1 to speak to the Reservations Team

Lines are open 9.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday

and 9.00am to 5.30pm at weekends.

You MUST state that you are attending at the Blackpool Chess Conference to obtain the rates agreed with the hotel.

To qualify for the £10.00 Blackpool Entry Discount you must be staying at the Imperial Hotel for two nights. No one night reservations will be accepted. The discount is per room and not per person. Bookings via other websites do not qualify for the discount. **To claim your £10.00 Blackpool Entry Discount note your Booking Reference and enter this on the Blackpool Entry Form.**

**ENTRY FORM FOR THE PERSON BOOKING A ROOM AT THE IMPERIAL - \*\*SPECIAL RATES APPLY**

Surname: ....................................................................................... First Name: .....................................................................................

Address: ..................................................................................................................................................................................................................

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Section: ....................................... ECF FIDE Grade: ...................................... Grade No. ........................................

Other (please specify): ......................................................................................................

Clubs: ........................................................................................................................................................................................................................

Email address: ................................................................................................... Tel: .......................................................................

ECF Membership No. ......................................................... (Expiry Date.............................................................)

Date of Birth if Under 18 on 1/9/21 or Veteran (on or over 60 at start of congress): ........................

BYE REQUIRED? If so, Round 1 2 3 4 Female? Y / N

Disabled? Y/N Special Requirements .........................................................................................................................

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**A £10.00 discount can be claimed - one discount per room booked at the Imperial Hotel.**

**When stopping for 2 nights**

**Imperial Hotel Booking Reference Name of person booking room**

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**The Imperial Hotel - Tel. 01253 623971**

**Entry Fee with Imperial Discount £**

Before Monday 7/3/22

**Late Entry Fee** **£** ..................................................................

After Sunday 6/3/22

**Total Discounts** **£** ..................................................................

Before Monday7/3/22 ECF, Junior

**Donation** **£** ..................................................................

**TOTAL** **£** ..................................................................

Cheque/PO made payable to Blackpool Chess Congress please

Please tick this box if you have read our Data Protection Policy and do not wish your address to be stored on a computer database. Please note that if you tick the box you will not receive LCA Congress Entry Forms, including next year’s Blackpool Chess Conference.

**Entry Form Address:**

**Blackpool Chess Congress, 101 Queens Park Road, Heywood, Lancashire OL10 4JR**

**ENTRY FORM - For use when not booking a room at the Imperial**

Surname: ....................................................................................... First Name: .....................................................................................

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Section: ....................................... ECF FIDE/National Grade: ......................................

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A late entry fee of £5 will be charged on entries received after Sunday 6/3/22.

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| **Entry Fee** | **£** .................................................................. |
| See Entry Fee notes for reductions |  |
| **Reduction** | **£** .................................................................. |
| Before Monday 7/3/22 ( Juniors) |  |
| **No reduction for Late Entry** |  |
| **Late Fee** After Sunday 6/3/22 | **£**.................................................................... |
| **Donation** | **£** .................................................................. |
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| **TOTAL** | **£** .................................................................. |

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**DATA PROTECTION POLICY**

Your contact details will be held on a computer database for future mailing

purposes for a period of three years. This mailing list will ONLY be used for the

distribution of chess activities and promotional material associated with Lancashire

Chess Association events. Your contact details will only be used if the organisers have a need to make contact with you regards Lancashire chess events. The entry form will be destroyed within six months of the congress.

Data will not be supplied to any third party.

**DONATIONS**

We thank you for previous year’s donations which have been used to fund veteran prizes. All donations from this year’s event will be used to provide veteran prizes at the next Blackpool Chess Conference.

**IN ALL CASES THE CONGRESS DIRECTOR’S DECISION IS FINAL**

The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry without stating a reason or to transfer any entry from one section to another. They also reserve the right to re-distribute in whole or in part any other prize won by a competitor who has won or shared a main prize. The Lancashire Chess Association reserves the right to reduce the prize fund or cancel the event in the event of a low number of entries.

***No food or drink to be taken into the premises. The Imperial is offering special reduced prices on food and drink in our areas of the hotel.***

**There is a £7.00 a day car parking charge for using the Imperial Car Park for people not staying at the Imperial.**

**ENTRY FEES**

**Open Section £45**

**Major Section £42**

**Inter/Minor Section £40**

**Standard Section £37**

**No entries on the day!**

**JUNIOR PRIZES**

The highest scoring junior in each section (under 18 at commencement of congress) will receive £30

**SHARON FURLONG TROPHY**

The highest scoring lady overall will receive the

SHARON FURLONG TROPHY.

**VETERAN PRIZES**

The highest scoring Veteran in the Open, Major, Intermediate, and Minor will receive £100, and in the Standard £50.

(at or over 60 years of age at the start of the competition)

**THE MIKE O’HARA MEMORIAL TROPHY**

To be awarded to the best performance by a Junior in the Open as determined

by the congress organiser.

**OTHER TROPHIES**

The Jack Wolstenholme Trophy - presented to the winner of the Open

The Eric Wandless-Renton Memorial Trophy - presented to the winner of the Major. The Michael Stokes Trophy - presented to the winner of the Minor



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**CATERING OPTIONS FOR THE CONGRESS**

Following on from constructive comments made by players last year.

To make life easier all round regarding ordering lunches, the Imperial will have a few lunch options available, one of which will be packed lunches.

The Hotel will have an order point available at which the players can place their orders in advance. So, order Friday for Saturday and on Saturday for Sunday – no problem if a player wants to order Friday for both days.

The Hotel will take payments from the players at the time of ordering.

The menu offered will be arranged closer to the event. If you provide an email with your entry this can be emailed out to you before the congress.

***IMPORTANT: No food or drink to be taken into the premises.***

**44th BLACKPOOL CHESS CONFERENCE RESULTS**

**Number of Competitors: 276** **Number of Tournaments: 5**

**The Lancashire Woodcock Open**

**1st** Martin Mitchell

**2nd =** Antanas Zapolskis, Alan Tate

**GP 1** Mike Surtees

**GP 2=** Tom Leah, Neil Thomson, Leo Keely

**GP 3** Jonathan Collins

**Veteran**: Mike Surtees

**Mike O' Hara Trophy:** Tom Leah

**The Imperial Major**

**1st** David Ireland

**2nd =** Luke Boumphrey, Edison Figueroa, Phillip Zabrocki, Neil Jones

**GP 1=** Paul Kelly, John Wareing

**GP 2** RichardHardy

**GP 3** Neil Jones

**GP 4** Edison Figueroa

**Veteran:** Paul Kelly

**Junior:** Joe Hirst

**The Intermediate**

**1st** Robert Clegg

**2nd =** Brendan O’Gorman**,** Keith Aitchison, Max Parkhouse, Zak Tomlinson, Neil Coward, William Clinton

**GP 1** Zak Tomlinson

**GP 2 =** Robert Taylor, Kevin Winter, Richard Harris

**GP 3** Ben Fearnhead, Geoffrey Bishop

**GP 4** Neal Fisher, Michael Farthing

**Veteran** William Clinton

**Junior** Max Parkhouse

**The Minor**

**1st =** Ter Gevorkian Edouardos, Luke Maher

**3rd**  Will Vout

**GP 1=** Ian Blencowe, Andy Kelly

**GP 2** Will Vout

**GP 3** = David Price, Barbara Novak

**GP 4** Paul Fearnhead

**Veteran=** David Barnes, Malcolm Roberts, Con Carey

**Junior** Luke Maher

**The Standard**

**1st**  James McKay

**2nd =** Edward Patten, Katie Ord

**GP 1** Andrew Jones

**GP 2 =** Lawrence Harold, Eric Davies, Arthur Ryder, Rob Haseman, Dave Thorp

**GP 3=** Christopher Lysons, James Holyhead

**GP 4=** Peter Hanks, Philip Wright, Juris Kirilenkovs

**Veteran** Andre Coltman

**Junior:** Hunain Malik

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**The BLACKPOOL CHESS CONFERENCE gratefully acknowledges the support of**

**Lancashire Chess Association The Imperial Hotel**

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**plus the arbiters, the many helpers and all the regular players who support the congress**

**Further possible Lancashire chess events in 2022**

Heywood congress June 2022 Bill O’Rourke worchess@ntlworld.com

Leyland Congress August 2022 Dave Clayton   [dgclayton@btinternet.com](mailto:dgclayton@btinternet.com)

Preston Congress Nov/Dec 2022 Malcolm Peacock malcolm@popmalc.org.uk

**BLACKPOOL VISITOR CENTRE**

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