

## TOURNAMENTS

### 5 Round Swiss Tournaments

Eligibility determined by grade on 23/3/2017

#### Open

Entry Fee £32

No grade limits

Prizes £340 £170 £85  
Grading Prize for players below 185 £75

#### Challengers

Entry Fee £28

For players graded 180 and below

Prizes £300 £150 £75  
Grading Prize for players below 165 £70

#### Major

Entry Fee £28

For players graded 160 and below

Prizes £300 £150 £75  
Grading Prize for players below 145 £70

#### Intermediate

Entry Fee £28

For players graded 140 and below

Prizes £300 £150 £75  
Grading Prize for players below 125 £70

#### Minor

Entry Fee £28

For players graded 120 and below

Prizes £300 £150 £75  
Grading Prize for players below 105 £70  
Grading Prize for players below 85 £70

**\*\* £5 DISCOUNT FOR PLAYERS UNDER 18 \*\***

#### Other Prizes

For best performance by a junior under 14 £70  
Veterans Prize (age over 65) £70  
Age on 31.8.2016 determines qualification.

## RULES

### Times of play

Saturday R1. 10:00 R2. 14:30 R3. 18:30

Sunday R4. 10.00 R5. 14:30

Prize giving ASAP after the end of round 5

### Rate of play

36 moves in 90 minutes, followed by 15 minutes quick-play finish.

### ECF "Pay to Play" Fees

This is a registered ECF Game Fee event. Players who are not current ECF Members at Silver, Gold or Platinum level on the date of entry will have £7 (£5 for Juniors) added to their entry fee.

Bronze ECF members should note that their membership will be upgraded to Silver by the ECF following processing of the congress results for grading. Upgrading prior to the congress – online or via the ECF office – is recommended.

### General Information

1. The Chief organiser is Ray Claret. The organisers reserve the right to refuse entries, transfer entries, and to revise prize money, according to circumstances.
2. If your opponent has not arrived 30 minutes after the start of a round s/he is defaulted and you should report to the Controller's desk.
3. A ½ point bye may be requested in advance, except in round 5.
4. Refunds will not be granted for non-appearance.
5. Except in the OPEN, no ungraded player may win more than a maximum of £60. However, to be eligible for this prize money they must have provided written evidence of their playing strength, before Sunday 25th March 2017.
6. No smoking is allowed in the school, or its grounds.
7. The Arbiter's decision in all matters is final.

## ENTRY FORM

You can enter the Congress online, at [www.stalbanscongress.com](http://www.stalbanscongress.com). Alternatively, fill in the postal entry form below.

Full Name.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Home Tel. No.....

Email.....

Current ECF Grade.....ECF Code.....

ECF Membership No.....Level.....

Date of Birth (for juniors or veterans).....

Club/School.....

Tournament entered.....

½ point bye in round? (not in round 5).....

Entry fee £.....

£5 discount for players u18 on 31/8/2016 £.....

ECF "pay to play" fee (£7, or £5 u18) £.....

Additional fees £.....

- Late fee - £5 (for entries postmarked after 24/3/2017)
- Entry on the day - £10 (before 9.15am)

Donation, thank you £.....

Total amount due £.....

Please make cheques payable to "St Albans Chess Congress".

Please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope if a reply is required for (tick as appropriate):

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This space could be used for your advert. Contact the team at [stalbancongress@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stalbancongress@yahoo.co.uk)

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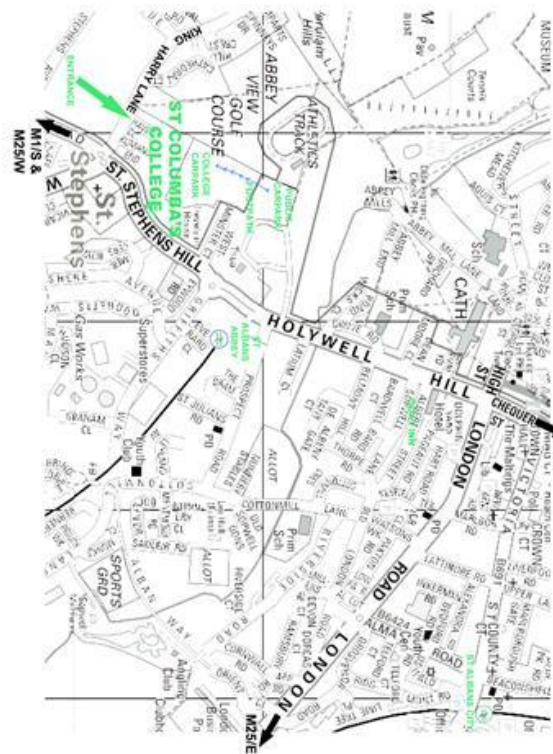
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St Albans Chess Club welcomes players of all ages and playing strength

We meet on Mondays at the County Club,  
29 Ridgmont Road, St Albans, AL1 3AG,  
just a short walk from St Albans City railway station.

Early Knights Juniors from 6.15 to 7.15pm  
Seniors from 7.30pm onwards

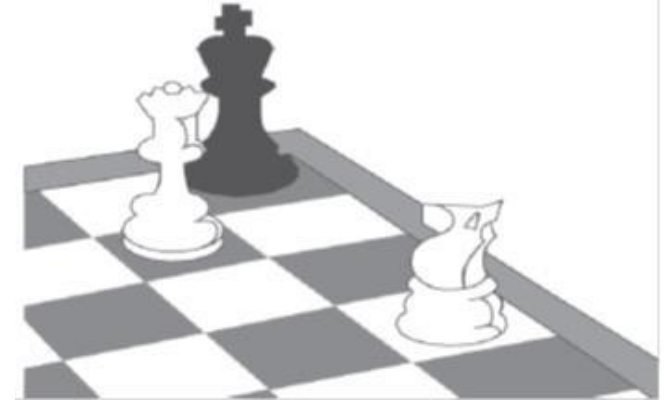
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