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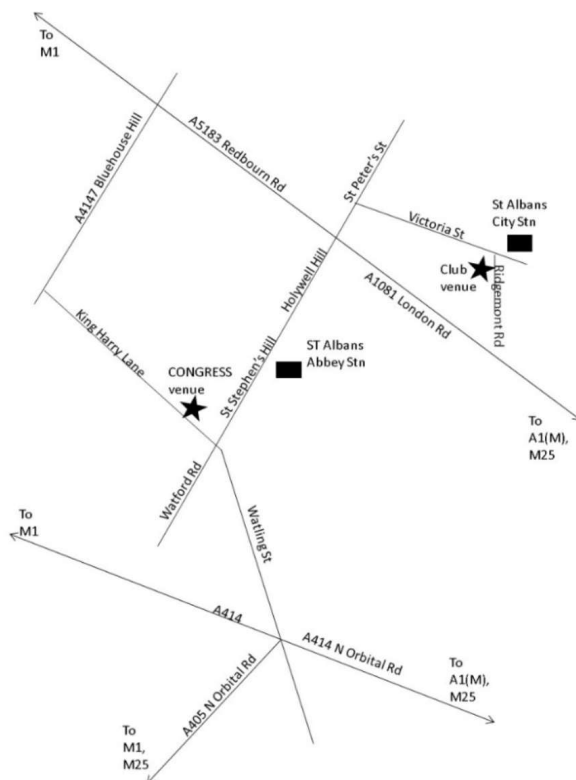
St Albans Chess Club welcomes players  
of all ages and playing strength

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

For full details contact the secretary Robert Collopy:

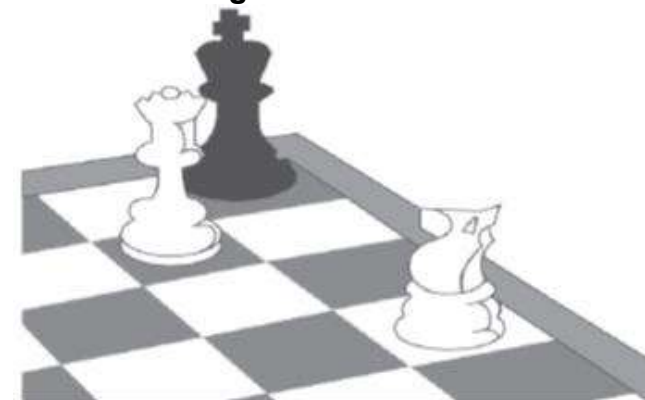
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**38th St Albans  
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Saturday 18th – Sunday 19th April

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## TOURNAMENTS

### 5 Round Swiss Tournaments

Eligibility determined by grade on 31/3/2020

#### Open

Entry Fee £30

No grade limits

Prizes	£320	£160	£80
Grading Prize for players below 205			£80
Grading Prize for players below 185			£80

#### Challengers

Entry Fee £30

For players graded 180 and below

Prizes	£320	£160	£80
Grading Prize for players below 165			£80

#### Major

Entry Fee 30

For players graded 160 and below

Prizes	£320	£160	£80
Grading Prize for players below 145			£80

#### Intermediate

Entry Fee £30

For players graded 140 and below

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Grading Prize for players below 125			£80

#### Minor

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For players graded 120 and below

Prizes	£320	£160	£80
Grading Prize for players below 105			£80
Grading Prize for players below 85			£80

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

#### Other Prizes

For best performance by a junior under 14	£80
Veterans Prize (age over 65)	£80

Age on 31.8.2019 determines qualification.

## RULES

### Times of play

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

Sunday R4. 10.00 R5. 14:30

Prizes will be paid by cheque or bank transfer on the following Monday

### Rate of play

Fischer timing. All moves in 90 minutes, plus 10 seconds per move from first move.

### 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 £9.00 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 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 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020.
6. Smoking is not permitted in the school grounds.
7. The Arbiter's is decision in all matters is final.
8. To contact the organisers during the congress, e.g. in case of travel delays before round 1 or round 4, call **07802 419545**

## 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.....

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.....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 31/8/2019 £.....

ECF “pay to play” fee (£9.00) £.....

Additional fees £.....

- Late fee for postal entries postmarked after 11/4/2020 £ 5
- telephone entry fee, after 15/4/2020 £ 5

**\* NO ENTRY AFTER 9 pm on THU 16/4/20 \***

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):

Receipt of entry [ ] Accommodation list [ ]