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Hornbye Park Sports Complex, Bohemia Road, Hastings, TN34 1EX

28 DECEMBER 2017 to 7 JANUARY 2018

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(Masters Tournament)

COUNCILLOR PETER CHOWNEX
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Thursday 28 December 2017 at 14.05

PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONIES

Masters Tournament:

attended by

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Friday 5th January 2018: approx. 21.15

Christmas Morning Tournament
Monday 1 January 2018: 15.00

Christmas Afternoon Tournament
Monday 1 January 2018: 19.00

New Year Morning Tournament
Friday 5 January 2018: 15.00

New Year Afternoon Tournament
Friday 5 January 2018: 19.00

Weekend Congress

Sunday 7 January 2018: 19.00

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SPECIAL EVENTS

(All events are subject to change: watch for notices)

Saturday 30 December 20.30 Pairs Tournament at the White Rock Hotel

Wednesday 3 January 20.30 Blitz Tournament at the White Rock Hotel

APPEALS COMMITTEE

(this applies to all tournaments in the Congress)

Appeals may be made against an arbiter’s decision on the Laws of Chess or of administration. An appeal must be lodged in writing within one hour of the arbiter’s decision, accompanied by a £10 deposit (returnable if appeal is successful). The appeals committee will comprise an international arbiter not involved in the original decision and two players’ representatives of international status.

PAIRS TOURNAMENT AT THE WHITE ROCK HOTEL

Saturday 30th December 2017

20.00 for 20.30hrs

Each team consists of two players who play alternate moves without consultation.

The total Rating of the combined team must not exceed 4400.

The December 2017 FIDE rating will be used

For players without a FIDE rating

ELO = (ECF grade x 7.5) + 700.

Advice: success in such an event is more likely to depend on the playing strength of the weaker player not the stronger.

PRIZES

£80 £40 £20 Best team name: £20

Best score by a team of mixed gender: £10

Rate of Play: All the moves in five minutes, add on five seconds per move from the first. The higher rated player will make the first move for his/her team in the odd-numbered rounds.

Format: Five round Swiss

Decision of the arbiter will be final. Anyone arguing with the ref., or failing to follow his instructions, will be shown a yellow card and then a red card for a second offence. Such a team will then either be banned from the event or have two points deducted from its score.

This event is often oversubscribed – please enter early.

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THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

“Another year seems to have passed so quickly and we are here again for the 93rd Hastings International Chess Congress.

I would like to welcome everyone taking part in the event and hope you enjoy a successful stay in Hastings.

I hope to meet many of you at the presentation evening and would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year”.

Cllr Judy Rogers

Mayor of Hastings

PAST WINNERS OF PREMIER/MASTERS

1895	H.Pillsbury	1961	M.Botvinnik	1991	E.Bareev
1920	F.D.Yates	1962	A.Kotov	1992	E.Bareev
1921	B.Kostich		S.Gligoric		J.Polgar
1922	A.Rubinstein	1963	M.Tal	1993	J.D.M.Nunn
1923	M.Euwe	1964	P.Keres	1994	T.Luther
1924	G.Maroczy	1965	W.Uhlmann	1995	S.Conquest
1925	A.Alekhhine		B.Spassky		A.Khalifman
	M.Vidmar	1966	M.Botvinnik	1996	B.Lalic
1926	S.Tartakower		F.Gheorghiu		M.Hebden
1927	S.Tartakower	1967	S.Suetin		J.D.M.Nunn
1928	F.Marshall		L.Stein		E.Rozentalis
	E.Colle		V.Hort	1997	M.D.Sadler
1929	J.Capablanca	1968	V.Smyslov	1998	I.Sokolov
1930	M.Euwe	1969	L.Portisch	1999	E.Sutovsky
1931	S.Flohr	1970	L.Portisch	2000	S.Conquest
1932	S.Flohr	1971	V.Korchnoi		K.Sasikiran
1933	S.Flohr		A.Karpov	2001	A.Barsov
1934	Sir George Thomas	1972	B.Larsen		P.Harikrishna
	M.Euwe	1973	G.Kuzmin	2002	K.Sasikiran
1935	R.Fine		L.Szabo	2003	P.H.Nielsen
1936	A.Alekhhine		M.Tal		V.Kotromias
1937	S.Reshevsky		J.Timman	2004	I.Rowson
1938	L.Szabo	1974	V.Hort	2005	V.Belov
1939	F.Parr		D.Yanovsky	2006	V.Neverov
1945	S.Tartakower	1975	D.Bronstein		M.Gaganashvili
1946	C.H.O'D.Alexander		V.Hort	2007	V.Neverov
1947	L.Szabo	1976	W.Uhlmann		V.Malakhatko,
1948	N.Rossolimo	1977	O.Romanishin	2008	N.Mamedov,
1949	L.Szabo	1978	R.Dzindzhashvili	2009	V.Neverov
1950	W.Unzicker	1978	U.Andersson		I.Kurnosov
1951	S.Gligoric	1979	U.Andersson		R.Edouard
1952	A.Medina		J.D.M.Nunn		M.Hebden
	J.Penrose	1980	U.Andersson	2010	D.Howell
	H.Golombek	1981	V.Kupreichik		A.Istratescu
1953	D.Bronstein	1982	R.Vaganian	2011	D.Sengupta
	C.H.O'D.Alexander	1983	L.Karlsson	2012	A.Das
1954	V.Smyslov	1984	J.S.Spielman	2013	Y.Wang
	P.Keres	1985	E.Sveshnikov		G.Jones
1955	F.Olafsson	1986	M.Petursson		M.Mchedlishvili
	V.Korchnoi		M.G.Chandler		I.Khenkin
1956	S.Gligoric		S.Lputian		O.Ma
	B.Larsen	1987	B.Larsen	2014	J.Vakhidov
1957	P.Keres	1988	N.D.Short	2015	J.Sarkar
1958	W.Uhlmann	1989	N.D.Short		J.Radovanovic
1959	S.Gligoric	1990	S.Dolmatov		M.Hebden
1960	S.Gligoric		E.Bareev	2016	I.Zhao
					A.Mista
					J.Vakhidov
					D.Sengupta

PLAYERS IN THE HASTINGS MASTERS 2017 - 2018

Indian Grandmaster (GM) **Deep Sengupta** is returning to Hastings to defend the 'title' he won last year. He has had many successes in his career including the World Youth Championship in 2000 and the Commonwealth Championship, held in Glasgow, in 2014. He has travelled all over the world pursuing his chess career and is a regular at British tournaments. He first won at Hastings in 2010/11 when he finished ahead of his good friend IM Arghyadip Das on tie break. **Arghyadip** is also playing again at Hastings this year.

This year's top seed is **Maxim Turov** who is making his Hastings debut. Indeed the Russian GM has not played in Britain before. He has had a number of tournament successes including twice winning the Dutch Open. He has won Open tournaments in locations as diverse as Tashkent, Chennai, Nordhausen (Germany) and Elforie (Romania). He has also won the Oslo International GM tournament.

Returning to Hastings after missing last year is GM **Jahongir Vakhidov** from Uzbekistan. Jahongir first won Hastings in 2013/14 whilst still an International Master (IM). He won here again in 2015/16. He qualified for the World Cup this year but was knocked out by Peter Svidler. Can Jahongir continue his run of winning the Masters in alternate years?

Former Brazilian champion GM **Alexandr Fier** makes a return appearance. He has won 5 Gold medals at the Pan American Youth Chess Festival and is a three time winner of the South American Junior Champion. He has also won the Latin American Cup. He has qualified for the World Cup on two occasions. He is married to Women Grand Master **Nino Maisuradze**. Nino has represented France in a number of Olympiads and is a former French Champion. She too is competing at Hastings.

Bogdan Lalic is a Croatian GM who spends a great deal of time in England. He is a successful author and has had tournament victories in Pleven, Sarajevo and Cernatico.

Keith Arkell is a former European Seniors Champion who lost out on tie-break for the World Senior (50+) title. He has also been English Champion. Keith is a regular on the British Congress circuit. A hardened veteran Keith arrived in Dundee for an invitational event this year at 3am. He proceeded to win the Blitz event which took place that same morning!

Another congress regular is **Mark Hebden**. Mark's tournament successes include seven British Rapidplay titles and four Cappelle-la-Grande successes. Mark is a former winner of the Hastings tournament, sharing first place in 2009/10.

Another newcomer is the Chinese IM **Lou Yiping**. He has also competed in the World Cup, losing to Gata Kamsky in 2013.

Yet another first time competitor is **Jens Kristiansen**. He is a former World Senior Champion and three times Danish Champion

There are two Scottish IMs playing, **Stephen Mannion** and **Andy Muir**. Both play for Paisley Chess Club which won the Glasgow League this season. Another member of that successful team is one of the arbiters officiating. (It shouldn't be too hard to guess which one.)

Sadly, one of our regular IMs will be missing this year. It is with great regret we note the passing of IM **Vladimir Prosvirnikov**. A great loss.

Alex McFarlane

CONGRESS DIARY - DATES AND PLAYING TIMES

	MASTERS	OTHER EVENTS
Thurs 28 Dec	14.15 – finish	Christmas Afternoon Round 1: 14.15 – finish
Fri 29 Dec	14.15 – finish	Christmas Morning Round 1: 09.30 – finish Christmas Afternoon Round 2: 14.15 – finish
Sat 30 Dec	14.15 – finish	Christmas Morning Round 2: 09.30 – finish Christmas Afternoon Round 3: 14.15 – finish
Sun 31 Dec	14.15 – finish	Christmas Morning Round 3: 09.30 – finish Christmas Afternoon Round 4: 14.15 – finish
Mon 1 Jan	14.15 – finish	Christmas Morning Round 4: 09.30 – finish Christmas Afternoon Round 5: 14.15 – finish
Tue 2 Jan	14.15 – finish	New Year Morning Round 1: 09.30 – finish New Year Afternoon Round 1: 14.15 – finish
Wed 3 Jan	14.15 – finish	New Year Morning Round 2: 09.30 – finish New Year Afternoon Round 2: 14.15 – finish
Thurs 4 Jan	14.15 – finish	New Year Morning Round 3: 09.30 – finish New Year Afternoon Round 3: 14.15 – finish
Fri 5 Jan	14.15 – finish	New Year Morning Round 4: 09.30 – finish New Year Afternoon Round 4: 14.15 – finish
Sat 6 Jan		Weekend Open + Intermediate + Weekend U130 Round 1: 09.30 – finish Round 2: 14.00 – finish Round 3: 18.30 – finish
Sun 7 Jan		Round 4: 09.30 – finish Round 5: 14.00 – finish

PLAYERS' REPRESENTATIVE

The Hastings Chess Congress Committee includes a Players' Representative. Nominations are invited for this post for the forthcoming year. Nominees must have played in at least two of the last four Hastings Congresses including this one. Nominations may be made before the Congress in writing or by e-mail. These will be shown on the Congress website. Nominations may also be made at the Congress before 31st December 2017. Voting will take place during the Congress after that date. See the Congress website for further details.

CONGRESS WEBSITE www.hastingschess.com

A selection of Masters games will be shown as well as results (including final cross-tables) of all tournaments. Photographs taken during the Congress may also appear on the Congress website.

RATES OF PLAY

Masters: 40 moves in 100 minutes, followed by 50 minutes for all remaining moves with the addition of 30 seconds for each move from the start.

Christmas Morning and Afternoon and New Year Tournaments and Weekend Congress: all moves in 110 minutes, with an extra 10 seconds for each move. Each player must keep score until the time remaining on his clock has dropped below 5 minutes. Once a player has stopped scoring under this rule, he does not need to resume scoring if his time then increases to above 5 minutes.

Default time: Players arriving 30 minutes or more after the start of a session in any tournament shall lose by forfeit, unless the arbiter decides otherwise.

PRIZE FUND

Masters

The winner(s) of the Masters will hold the Golombek trophy for one year

Prizes: £2000, £1,200, £750, £500, £350, £250, £200, Hornbye "Winner of Best Game" prize + trophy.

Plus £200 each for:

- the highest placed female player
 - the highest placed player who is neither a GM nor IM
 - best relative FIDE rating performance by a player aged 65 or over on 28 December 2017
 - the CON POWER Prize for the best relative FIDE rating performance by a player aged under 18 on 28 December 2017
- No player may win both rating prizes.

Tradewise Insurance will award prizes for those, not already holding 3 norms, achieving GM/WGM or IM/WIM FIDE title norms which will be valid towards titles. GM/WGM norms (£200) IM/WIM norms (£100).

Hornbye Park will present a prize of £100 and a trophy for the "Best Game" prize winner.

Congress Director Alan Hustwayte will present a prize for best performance against rating. The highest eligible player not already qualified will be entitled to play in the 2018 British Championship.

GM Chris Ward will provide commentaries on the games in progress, starting at 14.45 each afternoon.

Christmas Tournament (for each section)
£130, £85, £60 plus a grading prize of £30

Christmas Afternoon (for each section)
£140, £90, £65 plus a grading prize of £30

New Year Morning Tournament and Afternoon Tournaments (for each section)
£130, £85, £60 plus a grading prize of £30.

WEEKEND OPEN (FIDE rated)
£500, £300, £150 plus a rating prize of £70 for those with a FIDE rating below 1900.

Weekend Intermediate
£400, £250, £100 plus a prize of £50 for players below ECF 160

Weekend Under-130
£200, £150, £100, plus grading prizes of £40 for players graded ECF 99-80 and below ECF 80.

Note: Only players with published current ECF grades may win grading prizes. No player may win more than one prize in any single tournament (this does not apply to the special £200 prizes in the Masters)

FIDE RATED BLITZ TOURNAMENT

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

The White Rock Hotel

20.30hrs

Entry Fee: £2 if FIDE rated

£5 if not FIDE rated

Prizes: All entry fees will be returned as prizes

Rate of Play: All the moves in 3 minutes, add on two seconds per move from the first.

Once again we are running an event where players can have a good time, unrated players can get a blitz rating in one evening and players can improve their rating.

The Standard Play ratings will not be affected by the blitz or rapid play results.

Where players are already FIDE rated but do not have a blitz rating, their Standard Play rating will be used initially.

The tournament will be a Swiss. Unrated players will be able to secure at least a partial FIDE blitz rating. All players must have a FIN (FIDE Identification number) if not ENG or SCO.

The K factor for all players will be 20. If a rated player plays more than 35 games in a monthly period, then his new rating will be his Tournament Rating Performance for that period.

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HASTINGS CONGRESS RESULTS 2016 - 2017

MASTERS (9 rounds 99 players) D. Sengupta (IND) 7, M. Galyas (HUN), R. Pragganandhaa (IND), B. Lalic (CRO), A. Das (IND), R. Haria (ENG) 6.5

CHRISTMAS "A" (5 rounds 16 players): J. Hickman (Reading) 4, T. Brown (Cardiff) 3.5, C. Howell (Redhill) 3, McAleenan (Athenaeum) C. Salmons (Brighton & Hove) 3.5

CHRISTMAS "B" (5 rounds 15 players): N. Chakraborty (IND) 4, C. Portman (Banbury) 3.5, G. Reid (ENG) 3.5, S. Blewitt (Hastings and St. Leonards) R. Wiltshir (Rushall) D. Heath (Maidstone) 3

CHRISTMAS "C" (5 rounds 13 players): A. Cload (Hastings & St. Leonards) 4.5, J. Hudson (Hastings & St. Leonards) 4, P. Wood (Hastings & St. Leonards) 3, A. Waldoock (Walton-on-Thames) M. Stone (Pets Wood & Orpington) L. Bullock (Hackney) D. Forbes (Gerrards Cross) 2.5

CHRISTMAS "D" (5 rounds 16 players): N. Thatte (Ealing) 5, P. Buswell (Hastings & St. Leonards) 4 D. Howes (CCF & Sth Norwood) J. Britnell (Lewes & Sussex Jms) Oyama Harunobu (Cambs City Chess Club) S. Oakman (Hastings & St. Leonards) D. Everitt (Haywards Heath) 3

NEW YEAR AM "A" (4 rounds 16 players): R. Hutchings (Woodpushers Sussex) 3.5, D. Fowler (Hamble Gosport) R. Goodfellow (Tunbridge Wells) M. Potter (Salisbury) 3, J. Stevenson (Celtic Tigers ANCL) 2.5"

NEW YEAR AM "B" (4 rounds 14 players): C. Rogal (Hendon) M. Bryant (Hastings & St. Leonards) A. Roberts (Wallasey) 3 R. Akya-Price (Coudsdon) D. Roebuck) 2.5

NEW YEAR AM "C" (4 rounds 14 players): M. Woodhams (Hastings & St. Leonards) 3.5, O. Namouk (Hastings & St. Leonards) D. Howes (CCF & Sth. Norwood) 3 S. Sellick (Bracknell) A. Fraser (Beckenham & Bromley) D. Everitt (Haywards Heath) 2.5

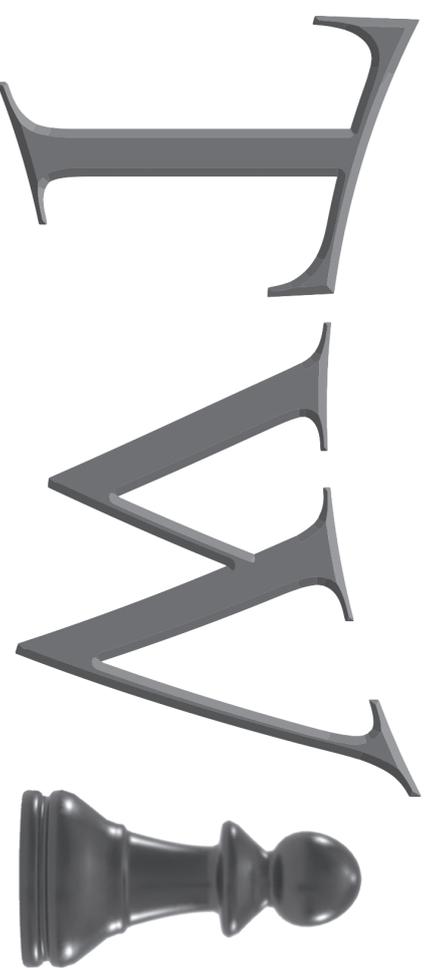
NEW YEAR PM "A" (4 rounds 18 players) M. Whitehead (Rochdale) 3.5, J. Amstead (Hastings & St. Leonards) A. Barton (Hastings & St. Leonards) J. Eckhart (Richmond and Twickenham) 3

NEW YEAR PM "B" (4 rounds 18 players) A. Stanton (Brighton & Hove) 3.5, A. Waldoock (Walton-on-Thames) J. Opedal (Trondheim), L. Bullock (Hackney) D. Harvey (Hastings & St. Leonards) 3

WEEKEND MAJOR (5 rounds 32 players): T. Stock (ENG) 4.5, J. McDonnell (IRL) H. Cove (ENG) 4 G. Batchelor (Brighton & Hove) H. Hjort (DEN) A. Ahluwalia (ENG) A. Anilkumar (ENG/KICA) C. Gartside (Clay Cross) 3.5

WEEKEND MINOR (5 rounds 20 players) G. Bishop (Chislehurst) M. Bryant (Hastings & St. Leonards) L. Bullock (Hackney) 4, H. Osborne (Eastbourne) 3.5 A. Waldoock (Walton-on-Thames) G. Willson (Hastings & St. Leonards) J. Limney (Suffolk) 3

WEEKEND U-120 (5 rounds 29 players) A. Fraser (Beckenham & Bromley) 4, D. Howes (CCF & Sth. Norwood) T. Allen (Battera) N. Lang (Chislehurst) P. Buswell (Hastings & St. Leonards) S. Chadwick (Brighton & Hove) W. Stock (Hastings & St. Leonards) B. Bodstein (Germany) 3.5



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Fruit Juice	£1.50	Half pizza with salad or chips	£4.50
Bottled Water	£1.00	Whole pizza	
Canned drinks	£1.00	(vegetarian or meat)	£4.50

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Egg on Toast	£2.50	Fish, Chips and Peas	
Beans on Toast	£2.50	Hann, Egg and Chips	
		Roast Chicken dinner or vegetarian option	

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With tea or coffee	£5.50	Curry with Rice or Jacket Potato –	
		Vegetarian option	
		Vegetable pasta & Garlic bread	
		Sausage, Chips, Beans or Egg	
		Yorkshire Pudding, Sausage & Mash	
		Lasagne, chips or Salad & Garlic bread	
		Cottage Pie & vegetables	
		Meat pie, Mashed potato & Peas	

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Cheese Pasty	£1.50		
Meat Pasty	£2.00		

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Bacon Burger	£4.00
Cheeseburger	£3.50

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GENERAL RULES AND NOTICES

Laws: Games are to be played according to the FIDE Laws of Chess except that “descriptive” notation is allowed in tournaments other than the Masters and Weekend Major. The English Chess Federation tournament rules may be used as a guide in cases not provided for in the FIDE Laws.

Default Time: Players arriving 30 minutes or more after the start of a session in any event shall lose by forfeit, unless the arbiter decides otherwise.

Times of Play: These may be varied only with the express permission of or by direction of the arbiters.

Score Sheets: In all tournaments each player must hand in the top copy to the arbiter immediately the game is finished.

Tradewise ECF Grand Prix: All eligible results will count for the Grand Prix and other appropriate competitions.

International Rating: Results in the Masters and Weekend Open tournaments will be submitted to FIDE, with whom these tournaments have been registered. The FIDE Rating List of December 2017 applies to the Masters and the List of January 2018 to the Weekend Open.

Tie-break, Masters’ Tournament: If needed to decide the place in the British Championship, tie-break will be (a) Sum of Progressive Scores and, if still necessary, (b) Sum of Opponents Scores, (c) the results between players involved in the tie, provided that they have all played each other.

Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices: During play, any electronic device should be left outside the playing venue or be completely switched off and placed in a bag in the playing area. The bag must then not be moved until a player’s game is over. The playing area for a player is the large hall. The playing venue extends to adjoining corridors, toilets, refreshment areas and smoking areas adjacent to the nearest exits of the building. During play, a player may not leave the playing venue at any time without the permission of an arbiter.

Smoking: Smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes, is not allowed in the playing venue. Smoking is only permitted outside the Horntye building.

Award of Prizes: Where players finish equal, cash prizes will be shared. However, if a player wins more than one cash prize they will receive the larger of the prizes. The smaller prize will be distributed to other players (in the case of level scores) or re-awarded to the next placed eligible player(s).

The application and any interpretation of this rule will be decided by the Director, whose decision shall be final. This rule does not apply to the special £200 prizes in the Masters.

Sale of Chess Material: The sole right to sell chess books and equipment at the Congress is reserved by the organizers and, by contract to Chess and Bridge Ltd. Chess material may not otherwise be sold on the Congress premises.

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