

ENTRY

The Congress organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason.

LATE ARRIVAL AND RE-PAIRING

There will be a default time of 30 minutes for all games. Players without an opponent will be re-paired if possible.

DONATIONS

These are particularly welcome as they help maintain the high standard of the Southend Congress coupled with reasonable entry fees in relation to prizes.

SOUTHEND GUIDE / ACCOMMODATION LIST

Available without charge from Southend-on-Sea Visitor Information Centre, Western Esplanade, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 1EE. Tel: 01702 215620 or see www.visitsouthend.co.uk

CAR PARKING

There is a large car park adjoining the Civic Centre.

BOOKSTALL

By Tournament Chess Supplies, 51 Borough Way, Potters Bar, EN6 3HA. Tel 01707 659080

CONGRESS SECRETARY

Nigel Cook, 01702 218926 / nigelcook26@hotmail.com (Entries will not be accepted by phone or email)

ECF GRADING

The event is registered with the ECF under the Game Fee scheme and all eligible games will be submitted for grading.

In the event of a dispute, the decision of the tournament controller is final.

BLITZ TOURNAMENT

A blitz tournament (five minutes on the clock) will be held on Saturday April 7th commencing at 2pm. Open to all. There will be a prize fund of £50. Entry fee £1.

PRIZES

Where ties occur prize money will be shared. Ties for the Southend Open Championship will be resolved by the sum of progressive scores, then the sum of opponents' scores. A tie for the British Championship qualifying place will be resolved by the sum of progressive scores, then the average of opponents' grades.

DEREK FIELD MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Essex Junior with the highest percentage score in any tournament will hold this trophy for one year. The winner will also receive a permanent trophy and a prize of £75 donated by the David Wood Memorial Trust.

PRIZE GIVING

Easter Monday at 4pm. Please attend if you can.

RESULTS

The results from all events will be published on the Southend Club's website - www.southendchessclub.co.uk - shortly after completion of the Congress.

ANALYSIS

No analysis shall be allowed in the playing area. A separate area shall be provided for analysis.

REFRESHMENTS

Light refreshments will be on sale during the Congress.

WINNERS 2011

Southend Open: George O'Toole, Richard Pert, David Haydon, Richard Bates
Major: Graeme Jenkins, Alan Downham
Intermediate: Richard Desmedt
Minor: Len Whittaker

56th Southend EASTER CHESS CONGRESS

Good Friday April 6th 2012

to

Easter Monday April 9th 2012

Supported by



Further supported by a generous donation from a local chess player

To be held in the

**Civic Centre
Victoria Avenue
Southend-on-Sea
Essex, SS2 6EN**

Organised by

**Southend-on-Sea
Chess Club**

www.southendchessclub.co.uk



SOUTHEND OPEN

A 7 Round Swiss Tournament open to all.
An ECF Grand Prix and FIDE rated event

PRIZES

£500 ; £250 ; £150 ; £125

The first prize winner will also hold the MD Speigel Memorial trophy for one year.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION

The highest placed eligible player, not already qualified, will be awarded a place in the 2012 British Championship in North Shields. The cost of this place is the player's own responsibility.

GRADING PRIZES

A minimum of £300 to be split according to entries

JUNIOR PRIZE

£50 for the highest scoring player aged under 18 on 01/09/11.

ECF MEMBERSHIP

As this is a FIDE rated event, all English players must be members of the English Chess Federation.

ENTRY FEE

Adult £32 : Junior (Under 18 on 01/09/11) £22.

A £4 late fee is payable on entries postmarked (or otherwise sent) after 26/03/12 plus a further £4 for entries on 06/04/12.

BYES

One ½ point bye is available, this may be taken in any round (including the last) and must be requested on the entry form.

RATE OF PLAY

40 moves in 2 hours, then all remaining moves in 1 hour.

HOURS OF PLAY

Round 1	Friday	9:30am-3:30pm
2	Friday	4:30pm-10:30pm
3	Saturday	9:30am-3:30pm
4	Saturday	4:30pm-10:30pm
5	Sunday	9:30am-3:30pm
6	Sunday	4:30pm-10:30pm
7	Monday	9:30am-3:30pm

MAJOR / INTERMEDIATE / MINOR

Five round tournaments, playing from Saturday April 7th - Monday April 9th.
All events will be included in the ECF Grand Prix.

MAJOR (For players graded under 180)

Prizes: £150, £100, £50

Entry Fee: Adults £25, Junior £17

INTERMEDIATE (For players graded under 150)

Prizes: £100, £60, £40

Entry Fee: Adults £20, Junior £12

MINOR (For players graded under 120)

Prizes: £100, £60, £40

Entry Fee: Adults £20, Junior £12

NB. 'Junior' is a person under 18 on 01/09/11. A £4 late fee is payable on entries postmarked (or otherwise sent) after 26/03/12 plus a further £4 for entries on 07/04/12.

BYES

One ½ point bye is available, this may be taken in any round (including the last) and must be requested on the entry form.

RATE OF PLAY

40 moves in 2 hours, then remaining moves in 30 minutes.

HOURS OF PLAY

Round 1	Saturday	10:00am-3:00pm
2	Saturday	4:00pm-9:00pm
3	Sunday	10:00am-3:00pm
4	Sunday	4:00pm-9:00pm
5	Monday	10:00am-3:00pm

ESSEX CHAMPIONSHIP

The highest placed eligible player in the Open will be awarded the title of Essex Champion for 2011 - 2012

The highest placed eligible player in the Open graded under 160 will be awarded the title of Essex Under 160 Champion for 2011-2012

ENTRY FORM

Send to: John Chapman, 55 Wedgwood Way,
Rochford, Essex SS4 3AS. (Please make cheques payable to Southend-on-Sea Chess Congress)

Surname.....

Forename.....

Address.....

.....

.....Postcode.....

Email.....

Club.....

Date of Birth.....

Current ECF Grade FIDE Rating

(If not ECF graded or FIDE rated, give details of playing strength)

ECF Membership No

(Compulsory for English players in the Southend Open)

If ½ point bye required, state which round

I enclose entry for:

Southend Open £32 (Junior £22) £.....

(ECF Members may deduct £3)

Major £25 (Junior £17) £.....

(ECF Members may deduct £2)

Intermediate £20 (Junior £12) £.....

(ECF Members may deduct £2)

Minor £20 (Junior £12) £.....

(ECF Members may deduct £2)

Late entry fee £.....

(£4 after 26/03/12 plus an additional £4 for entries on the day)

Donation (Thank you) £.....

Total enclosed £.....

If a receipt is required please tick box and enclose s.a.e: