

# **Galway Chess Congress**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2013



**GALWAY**  
Chess Club

**Venue:** Menlo Park Hotel, Galway  
(Please note: new venue)

**Prize fund:** €3300

## Sections and Prizes

	<b>Masters</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Minor</b>
Rating Band	1800+	1200-1799	U-1200
1st	€700	€450	€250
2nd	€350	€250	€150
3rd	€200	€100	€100
Grading	€250	€250	€250

We allow some flexibility on these rating bands; see our web-site for full details.

The amount awarded in grading prizes may be slightly altered (up or down) depending on the number of entries.

We are grateful for financial support from Blackthorne International,



Menlo Park Hotel, and the Irish Chess Union.

## Playing Schedule

<b>Round No.</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>
Round 1	8 pm	Friday	Oct 4
Round 2	10 am	Saturday	Oct 5
Round 3	2.30 pm	Saturday	Oct 5
Round 4	7 pm	Saturday	Oct 5
Round 5	10 am	Sunday	Oct 6
Round 6	2.15 pm	Sunday	Oct 6

**Time limit:** 90 minutes for the game, plus an increment of 10 seconds from move 1. (**Note:** this depends on us being able to source enough clocks. Please check our web-site for updates.)

We hope to be able to provide both sets and clocks, but it would be a help if you could bring a set and clock, in case we are overwhelmed by late entries.

## Connaught Chess Championship

The Galway congress will incorporate the Connaught Chess Championship; the title of Champion will be awarded to the highest placed player in the Masters who was either born in Connaught, or who has lived in Connaught for the past 12 months. (Proof of qualification may be required.) The Connaught Champion will receive the Connaught Chess Champion trophy, and will be nominated by the Irish Chess Union for entry to the 2014 British Chess Championship, with some financial assistance also provided by the ICU.

## Further information and Enquiries

Further information about the tournament rules and conditions can be found on our web-site: <http://www.galwaychess.com/galway-chess-congress-2013>. If the information on the web-site differs from that here, then the web-site takes precedence – but we will do our absolute best to avoid late alterations.

Enquiries are welcomed to [GalwayChess@gmail.com](mailto:GalwayChess@gmail.com) (preferably), or to Fiona Cormican on 087 2369387

## Accommodation

Tournament Venue: Menlo Park Hotel, Galway  
[www.menloparkhotel.com](http://www.menloparkhotel.com) 091-761122

Menlo Park Hotel is a modern 4-star hotel providing good accommodation, bars, restaurant, and has ample free parking.

The hotel is located just off the Galway ring road, so it is very easy to get to. It is within walking distance of Galway city centre.

We have secured the following B&B rates for the congress weekend

€180.00 for Friday and Saturday night for a Double / Twin Room

€140.00 for Friday and Saturday night for a Single Room

To book at this reduced rate **phone** (+353) (0)91 761122 (ask for Room Reservations) or **email** [reservations@menloparkhotel.com](mailto:reservations@menloparkhotel.com), mentioning the Chess Congress. Rooms are being held for us until 20 September, so please book by then.

For other accommodation within walking distance see the list on our web-site ([www.galwaychess.com/galway-chess-congress-2013](http://www.galwaychess.com/galway-chess-congress-2013)) under “Accommodation”.

# Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Rating: \_\_\_\_\_ ICU No: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (if not registered with the ICU): \_\_\_\_\_

The Section I would like to enter: \_\_\_\_\_

## Entry Fees

(If you are paying at a reduced rate, please indicate which category you are in)

All Competitions: €45

Student, retired: €40

Under 16, unemployed: €35

A discount of €10 applies **if entry fee received** on or before 23 September 2013.

A surcharge of €5 applies to entries received on the day of the tournament.

Please make all cheques payable to "Galway Chess Club".

All entrants resident in Ireland have to be a member of the Irish Chess Union;  
to join, see <http://www.icu.ie/icu/join.php>

**Entries to:** Pete Morriss, Glann, Oughterard, Co. Galway  
or **GalwayChess@gmail.com**

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