Galway Chess Congress

Friday 10th to Sunday 12th March 2017

GALWAY
Chess Club

Venue: Menlo Park Hotel, Galway

Prize fund: €2500

Sections and Prizes

	Masters	Major	Minor
Rating Band	1800+	1200-1799	U-1200
1st	€500	€300	€150
2nd	€250	€150	€100
3rd	€150	€100	€50
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 Menlo Park Hotel and

Blackthorne INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT

Playing Schedule

Round No.	Time	Day	Date
Round 1	8 p.m.	Friday	10 March
Round 2	10 a.m.	Saturday	11 March
Round 3	2.30 p.m.	Saturday	11 March
Round 4	7 p.m.	Saturday	11 March
Round 5	10 a.m.	Sunday	12 March
Round 6	2.15 p.m.	Sunday	12 March

Time limit: 90 minutes for the game, plus increment of 10 seconds from move 1 (15 secs. in Masters). (**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 2017 British Chess Championship, with some financial assistance also provided by the ICU.

Further information and Enquiries

Further information about the tournament rules can be found on our web-site: **http://www.galwaychess.com/galway-congress-2017/.** 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.

The submission of an entry will be taken as indicating an agreement to accept and abide by the tournament rules.

Enquiries are welcomed to **GalwayChess@gmail.com** (preferably),
or to Fiona Cormican on 087 2369387

Accommodation

Tournament Venue: Menlo Park Hotel, Galway
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.

See our website (**http://www.galwaychess.com/galway-congress-2017/**) for the rates we have secured for the congress weekend. To book at this reduced rate
phone (+353) (0)91 761122 (ask for Room Reservations) or
email reservations@menloparkhotel.com, mentioning the Chess Congress.
Rooms are being held for us until 26 February, so please book by then.

For other accommodation within walking distance see the list on our web-site under "Accommodation".

Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Email: _____

Club: _____

Rating: _____ ICU No: _____

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

The Section I would like to enter: _____

Entry Fees

Payment can now be made via Pay Pal. See our website for information

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

All Competitions:	€40
Student, retired, under 16, unemployed:	€35

A discount of €10 applies **if entry fee received** on or before 26 February.

A discount of €20 applies for players rated 2000-2199 (ICU) **if entry fee received** on or before 10 February. Players rated 2200 or over (ICU) can enter for **free** if entry received on or before 10 February.

A surcharge of €15 applies to entries received on the day of the tournament.

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

Entries via PayPal on **http://www.galwaychess.com/galway-congress-2017/**
or by post to: Pete Morriss, Glann, Oughterard, Co. Galway

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