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89th HASTINGS INTERNATIONAL CHESS CONGRESS

28 DECEMBER 2013 to 5 JANUARY 2014

Sponsored by

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OPENING REMARKS AND FIRST MOVE

(Masters Tournament)

Saturday 28 December 2013 at 14.05

by

Councillor Jeremy Birch

Leader, Hastings Borough Council

Horntye Park Sports Complex, Bohemia Road, Hastings

PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONIES

Masters Tournament:

Saturday 5 January 2014: Approx. 21.15

attended by

Councillor Alan Roberts

Rt. Worshipful the Mayor of Hastings

and

Amber Rudd

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Christmas Tournament:

Sunday 29 December 2013: 19.00

New Year Morning Tournament:

Friday 3 January 2014: 15.00

New Year Afternoon Tournament:

Friday 3 January 2014: 19.00

Weekend Congress:

Sunday 5 January 2014: 19.00

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SPECIAL EVENTS AND PRIZE GIVINGS

(All events subject to change: watch for notices)

Sunday 29 December	19.00	Prizegiving for Christmas Tournament
Monday 30 December	20.30	Pairs Tournament at the White Rock Hotel
Thursday 2 January	20.30	Blitz Tournament White Rock Hotel
Friday 3 January	15.00	Prizegiving for New Year Morning
Friday 3 January	19.00	Prizegiving for New Year Afternoon Tournament
Sunday 5 January	19.00	Prizegiving for Weekend Tournament
	21.30	Prizegiving for Masters Tournament

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

Monday 30th December 2013
8.00 for 8.30pm

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 FIDE Rating will be used.

For players without a FIDE Rating.

$ELO = (ECF \text{ grade} \times 8) + 650$.

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

89th HASTINGS INTERNATIONAL CHESS CONGRESS

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THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

It again gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Hastings International Chess Congress. First held in 1895, it is the longest running chess congress in the world, and one of the best known.

It is truly open, and gives players of all abilities a chance to play at an international level, on a truly international stage.

I know that the Hastings Congress has an excellent name, and run extremely professionally. Perhaps less well known is the fact that it is organised by volunteers, and I must pay tribute to them. I would also like to publicly thank our sponsors. Without either the hard-working volunteers or these sponsors the Congress simply could not happen.

I do hope that you enjoy your visit and please do try and find the time to explore the rest of the town. We would love to see you back here, perhaps for one of the many other events we are famous for.

Alan

Cllr. Alan Roberts

PAST WINNERS OF PREMIER/MASTERS

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

PLAYERS IN THE HASTINGS MASTERS 2013-2014

		Fed.	title	awarded	rating	born	World rank	National rank
Mchedlishvili	Mikheil	GEO	GM	2002	2649	1979	105	2
Khenkin	Igor	GER	GM	1992	2598	1992	229	9
Ma	Qun	CHN	GM	2013	2595	1991	237	13
Tomczak	Jacek	POL	GM	2012	2569	1990	370	13
Paichadze	Luka	GEO	GM	2012	2568	1991	344	7
Hebden	Mark	ENG	GM	1992	2560	1958	382	7
Pert	Nick	ENG	GM	2001	2554	1981	420	8
Gordon	Stephen	ENG	GM	2009	2519	1986	624	11
Hawkins	Jonathan	ENG	IM	2010	2512	1983	680	12
Gormally	Daniel	ENG	GM	2005	2500	1976	784	13
Rahman	Ziaur	BAN	GM	2002	2496	1974	817	2
Flear	Glenn	ENG	GM	1987	2471	1959	1035	19
Williams	Simon	ENG	GM	2008	2461	1979	1142	21
Vakhidov	Jahongir	UZB	IM	2011	2452	1995	1266	8
Arkell	Keith	ENG	GM	1995	2438	1961	1437	26
Cherniaev	Alexander	RUS	GM	2004	2434	1969	1482	321
Wegerle	Joerg	GER	IM	2003	2431	1985	1532	131
Sarkar	Justin	USA	IM	2001	2425	1981	1634	66
Milliet	Sophie	FRA	IM	2008	2398	1983	2398	106

COMMENTS

In case you are wondering, all those statistics come from the FIDE Rating website. As of 7 December there were 74 entries to the Masters, but the penalty fee date is not until the 11th. This includes 14 grandmasters and 12 international masters, only some of whom have been listed above.

Mikheil had an exceptional result in the European Team Championship. Igor played under the Russian, then Israeli and now German flag. He found it hard going on top board in the recent World Team Championship, but ended up with a respectable score. Ma, Qun has made a rapid, steady improvement since 2009, quite often in leagues. Luka scored 8/11 in the Georgian Championship. Ziaur has been to England before, this time he is accompanied by his wife and 8 year old son. Jahongir scored 7/9 for a GM norm in the 3rd Central Asian Cup and 9/13 in the World Junior. His parents are also taken the opportunity to visit Britain. Alexander Cherniaev plays so frequently in Britain that he virtually has a season ticket. He scored 7/9 in the Gatwick Masters. Justin Sarkar plays most of his chess in the Americas, but I first met him in England when he was a teenager. Sophie is the leading woman player here. IM Ovidiu-Doru (ROM) is here with his wife Cristina-Adela, also an IM and daughter WIM Michaela-Veronica, who is a first year student at Imperial College. IM Daniel Fernandez (SIN) is also a student here. IMs Stephen Mannion (SCO), Vladimir Prosviriakov (USA), Petr Marusenko (UKR) are all making a welcome return.

The English challenge is led by Mark Hebden, who may be our most loyal participant. He scored 8/11 in the 100th British without loss. Nick Pert won the World U18 in his youth. He represented England in the last Olympiad. Stephen Gordon is here with his girlfriend Sophie. He too scored 8 in the British. We must hope Jonathan Hawkins will score his last GM norm here. He will have to meet a minimum of 4 non-English opponents. Danny Gormally scored 7½ in the British. He came 1st equal in the Scottish Open this year. Glenn Flear also scored 7½ in the British. Simon Williams' aggressive style is always popular with the spectators. He scored 6/9 in Reykjavik. Keith Arkell scored 7½ in the British. Robert Bellin makes a welcome return. His results have drifted down because he isn't very active. Perhaps he has lost confidence after managing only to scrape a draw against me in the 4NCL in 2009.

Stewart Reuben

CONGRESS DIARY - DATES AND PLAYING TIMES

	MASTERS	OTHER EVENTS
Sat 28 Dec	14.15 – finish	Christmas Round 1: 09.30 – 13.30 Round 2: 14.15 – 18.15
Sun 29 Dec	14.15 – finish	Christmas Round 3: 09.30 – 13.30 Round 4: 14.15 – 18.15
Mon 30 Dec	14.15 – finish	New Year Morning Round 1: 09.30 – 13.30 New Year Afternoon Round 1: 14.15 – 18.15
Tues 31 Dec	14.15 – finish	New Year Morning Round 2: 09.30 – 13.30 New Year Afternoon Round 2: 14.15 – 18.15
Wed 1 Jan	14.15 – finish	New Year Morning Round 3: 09.30 – 13.30 New Year Afternoon Round 3: 14.15 – 18.15
Thurs 2 Jan	14.15 – finish	New Year Morning Round 4: 09.30 – 13.30 New Year Afternoon Round 4: 14.15 – 18.15
Fri 3 Jan	14.15 – finish	New Year Morning Round 5: 09.30 – 13.30 New Year Afternoon Round 5: 14.15 – 18.15 Weekend Round 1: 19.00 – 23.00
Sat 4 Jan	14.15 – finish	Weekend Round 2: 09.30 – 13.30 Round 3: 14.15 – 18.15
Sun 5 Jan	14.15 – finish	Weekend Round 4: 09.30 – 13.30 Round 5: 14.15 – 18.15

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 30 December 2013. Voting will take place during the Congress after that date. See the congress website www.hastingschess.com 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.

RATES OF PLAY

Masters: 40 moves in 100 minutes, followed by 20 moves in 50 minutes, followed by all the moves in 15 minutes, with the addition of 30 seconds for each move from the start.

Christmas, Weekend Congress, New Year Morning and Afternoon: 40 moves in 100 minutes, followed by all the moves in 20 minutes.

PRIZE FUND

Masters

The winner of the Masters will hold the Golombek Trophy for one year.

Masters £2000, £1,200, £750, £500, £350, £250, £200 plus Horntye Park Brilliancy Prize + trophy.

Plus £200 each for:

The highest placed female player

The highest placed player who is neither a GM or IM

Best relative FIDE Rating Performance by a player rated under 2200

The 3 highest placed eligible players not already qualified will be entitled to play in the British Championship 2014.

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

Christmas (for each section)

£120, £75, £50 plus a grading prize of £30

New Year Morning, New Year Afternoon

£120, £75, £50 plus a grading prize of £30

Weekend Major – FIDE rated

£300, £200, £100 plus a grading prize of £50 for players below ECF 165

Weekend Minor

£300, £200, £100 plus a grading prize of £50 for players below ECF 135

Under-120 tournament

£100, £75, £50, £25 plus grading prizes of £25 for players graded below ECF 100 and 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

Thursday 2nd January 2014

The White Rock Hotel

From 8.30pm

Entry Fee: £2 if FIDE Rated
£5 not FIDE Rated

Prizes: All entry fees will returned as prizes.

Rate of play: All the moves in 3 minutes, add on 2 second per move from the first.

We are again mounting 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 who 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.

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.



The Trustees of Horntye Park are generously donating a "Best Game Prize" for the Masters Tournament.

The winner will receive £100 in addition to the trophy.



HASTINGS CONGRESS RESULTS 2012-2013

MASTERS; (players 10 rounds) G.Jones (ENG) 7.5, A.Sumets (UKR), K.Kulaots (EST), A. Vovk (UKR), S.Sulskis (LTU), D.Vocaturro (ITA), H.Gretarsson (ENG) J.Hawkins (ENG), R.Gao (CHI) 7

CHRISTMAS A: (5 rounds) A.Luaces (Hastings) 4, D.Cutmere (Wood Green), M.Cutmere (Wood Green), B.Morris (Watford) 3.5

CHRISTMAS B: (players 5 rounds) R.Goodfellow (Tunbridge Wells) 4, M.Bryant (Hastings), M.Murrell (Wanstead & Woodford) 3.5

CHRISTMAS C: (5 rounds) O.Namouk (Hastings), T.Crouch (Kings Head), H.Tassell (Tunbridge Wells) 4

CHRISTMAS D: (5 rounds) C.Gardner (Falmouth) 4.5, S.Chadwick (Brighton) 4, L.Bullock (Coulston), H.Anbukumar (Caterham), M.Woodhams (Hastings) 3.5

NEW YEAR MORNING A: (13 players 5 rounds) C.Howell (Redhill), V Griffiths (Northampton) 4, M.Bunn (Snodland) 3.5

NEW YEAR MORNING B: (14 players 5 rounds) J.Pink (Coventry) 5, C.Heath (Horsham) 3.5, M.Bryant (Hastings), M Reddie (Eastbourne) 3

NEW YEAR MORNING C: (14 players 5 rounds) P.Horlock (Godalming) 4, C.Fell (Reading), D.Fowler (Snodland), L.Rhodes (Eastbourne), M.Stone (Petts Wood Orpington) 3.5

NEW YEAR MORNING D: (14 players 5 rounds) J.Moore (Eastbourne) 4, L.Bullock (Coulston) H.Anbukumar (Caterham) 3.5

NEW YEAR AFTERNOON A: (18 players 5 rounds) B.Hasenohr (Switzerland) 4.5, D.Patrick (Halifax) 4, D.Onley (Wimborne) P.Batchelor (Brighton) 3.5

NEW YEAR AFTERNOON B: (18 players 5 rounds) D.Fowler (Snodland), D.Cosens (Hastings) 4 P.Wood (Hastings) P.Horlock (Godalming) 3.5

NEW AFTERNOON C: (20 players 5 rounds) A.Stanton (Hove) 4.5, S.Billett (Portsmouth) 4, M.Howell (Hastings) (3.5)

WEEKEND MAJOR: (31 players 5 rounds) M.Fogg (Ipswich) H.Hjort (Hastings) C.Sherwood (Morley College) 4

WEEKEND MINOR: (34 players 5 rounds) D.Badham (Brighton) 4.5, C.Costeloe (Muswell Hill), W.Drennan (Battersea) 4

WEEKEND U-120: (26 players 5 rounds) M.Woodhams (Hastings) 4.5, F.Coleman (Sussex Juniors) S.Larkin (Tynedale) 4, L.Brockwell (Sidcup) A.Fraser (Beckenham) J.Sowerby (Beckenham) G.Willson (Hastings) 3.5

OBITUARY

IGOR KURNOSOV (30th May 1985 to 8th August 2013)

This 28 year old Russian grandmaster has died at the tragically young age of 28 in a car crash. He won the Hastings Masters 2008-9 on his only appearance in England with 7.5/9. His last success was the 20th Abu Dhabi Masters which he won on tiebreak with 6.5/9.

At the time of his death he was rated 2662 and ranked 84th in the world you can see his fiery win against GM Marat Dzumaev in just 15 moves in the 2nd Agzamov Memorial –
<http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1508122>.

The chess games of such a player are his legacy. Our condolences to his family and many chess friends.

- *Stewart Reuben*

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Breakfast served 9am – 11am

Tea	£1.30
Capp/Latt./hot Chocolate	£1.60
Instant Coffee	£1.30
Fruit Juice	£1.30
Danish Pastry	£1.50
Croissant/Pain au Chocolate	£1.50
Toast, Butter & Jam	£2.50
Breakfast Bap (Choice of bacon, egg or sausage)	£3.10

HOT SNACKS SERVED 11am – 6pm

Vegetable Pastie	£1.55
Jumbo Sausage Roll	£1.55
Bacon & Cheese Turnover	£1.85
Meat Pie	£1.85
Beef Burger	£3.10
Bowl of Chips	£1.80
Cheesy Chips	£2.10
Soup & French Bread	£4.20
Jacket Potato filled with:-	£5.65
Cheese/Tuna/Prawn Mayo	

Cold Snacks Served 11am - 8pm

A selection of sandwiches, fruit & cakes will be available from the chilled display cabinet.

IMPORTANT: ONLY FOOD AND DRINK, INCLUDING ALCOHOL, PURCHASED ON THESE PREMISES MAY BE CONSUMED HERE

LUNCH SERVED 12.15pm – 2:45pm

A selection of the following will be available daily - please see "SPECIALS" board for details	
Fish, chips & peas	£6.95
Ham egg and chips	£6.50
Cottage Pie & Veg.	£6.95
Cheese & tomato quiche	£6.50
Chicken breast roast	£6.95
Cauliflower cheese	£6.50
Chicken curry	£6.95
Mediterranean Pizza	£6.50
Vegetable pasta & garlic bread	£6.50
Sausage & chips	£5.95
Liver & bacon	£6.95
Yorkshire pudding Sausage	£6.95
Lasagne chips & salad	£6.95

Evening Meal From 5pm >

A selection of the above will be available daily - please see "SPECIALS" board for details

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. 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.

Swiss System tournaments: All matters related to the running and drawing of rounds in these tournaments will be conducted in accordance with the rules and formulated by the English Chess Federation and applied in its own tournaments.

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.

English Chess Federation Grand Prix: All eligible results will count for the Grand Prix and other appropriate competitions.

International Rating: Results in the Masters tournament will be submitted to FIDE, with whom this tournament has been registered. The FIDE Rating List of December 2013 applies.

Tie-break, Masters Tournament: If needed to decide the places 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.

Smoking: Smoking is not allowed in the playing venue. Smokers may smoke only outside the Hornitye Park 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 re-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 organisers and, by contract to Chess & Bridge Ltd. Chess material may not otherwise be sold on the Congress premises.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Hastings Chess Congress operates an Equal Rights Opportunities Policy. It is open to all chess players regardless of gender, age, race, colour, ethnic or national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, HIV status, religious or political beliefs. The playing venue is accessible to wheelchair users.