

ACCOMMODATION

Tourist Information Centres Tel. 0191 384 3720

HOW TO GET THERE:

Durham Masonic Hall is situated close to Durham City Centre, within walking distance of the bus and railway stations.

(About 10 minutes' walk at average pace.)

Call the organiser for directions and/or map if necessary.

Or www.multimap.com and type in post code DH13HN

Car parking, on Saturday it is recommended that you use one of the nearby pay and display car parks or the excellent park and ride service. Sunday, on street parking is free and plentiful.

ENTRY FORM

Name:

Address:

Tel. No.:

e-mail address:

Club (if any):

Grade: (if estimated, tick here)

Section: Open £23 (£28) Major £18 (£23) Minor £18 (£23)

Half point bye required: Rd.1 Rd.2 Rd.3

Please make cheques payable to:
DURHAM COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION

NMS/ECF Members: state membership no. _____

Durham County Chess Association

29th COUNTY DURHAM OPEN CHESS CONGRESS

At

**DURHAM MASONIC HALL,
36 OLD ELVET,
DURHAM CITY
DH1 3HN**

Friday 25th to Sunday 27th April 2008

**Bookstall kindly supplied by
CHESS DIRECT LIMITED**

**Controllers:
Lara Barnes & John Turnock**

CLOSING DATE: Thursday 24th April 2008

PLAYING SCHEDULE:

Friday	25th April	Round 1	7.00 pm. to	10.30 p.m.
Saturday	26th April	Round 2	10.00 a.m. to	1.30 p.m.
		Round 3	2.30 p.m. to	6.00 p.m.
Sunday	9th April	Round 4	10.00 a.m. to	1.30 p.m.
		Round 5	2.30 p.m. to	6.00 p.m.

Presentations will be made as soon as possible following completion of the final round on the Sunday evening.

RATE OF PLAY:

36 moves in 1½ hours, after which each player has 15 minutes to finish the game.

CATEGORIES:

Open, Major (under 151) and Minor (under 111).

PRIZES:

Open: 1st £200, 2nd £100, 3rd £50

British Championship Qualifying place to the highest ranked Durham registered player.

Major: 1st £150, 2nd £ 75, 3rd £40

Minor: 1st £150, 2nd £ 75, 3rd £40

Grading Prizes: U125 £50; U95 £50; U80 £50

(Prizes may be adjusted upwards or downwards according to total income from entry fees in each section and donations, after deducting tournament overheads).

Details will be displayed on the Saturday.

CONTROLLERS:

Lara Barnes and John Turnock have kindly agreed to officiate once again this year.

HALF POINT BYES:

Are available in Rounds 1, 2 and 3 ONLY if notified in advance on the Entry Form.

ENTRY FEES:

NMS/ECF Members

Open £23 Major £18 Minor £18

NONE NMS/ECF Members

Open £28 Major £23 Minor £23

See below regarding late entry surcharge.

ENQUIRIES & COMPLETED FORMS TO:

Graham Marshall c/o 14 Jones Rd., Hartlepool,
Cleveland, TS24 9BD.

Tel. 01429 426374 e-mail: congress@dcca.org.uk

CLOSING DATE:

Thursday 24th April 2008. Late entries, if accepted, are subject to an additional fee of £5.

The organisers reserve the right to transfer any player to another section, or to refuse entry.

BOOKSTALL:

CHESS DIRECT have again kindly agreed to supply their extensive bookstall for our event. If there is something you specifically require, why not call them on 01709-890565 to order it for the Congress?

Or try their website: www.chessdirect.co.uk

NO SMOKING PLAYING AREA:

Please note that smoking is not allowed in any of the areas. Smokers can partake, in the smoking area of the bar, or in the grounds.

REFRESHMENTS:

Meals will be available at lunch times each day and a wide variety of snacks and refreshments throughout the congress. Bar facilities will also be available at suitable times.