

Directions :

By Car : Approaching from Manchester on the A666, leave the dual carriageway at the slip road signposted Bury A579 (A58).

Turn right, towards Bury, then right at the next junction, into Castle St. The Ukrainian Social club is 50 yards along, on the left.

There is a small car park and on street parking.

By Train: Turn left from the railway station, down the hill. Cross over Manchester Road, pass the Bolton Travelodge and the A666 junction. Castle Street is the next major junction. Turn right and the venue is 50 yards along, on the left. It is a ten to fifteen minute walk.

A Busy Persons Congress is designed to give you the excitement of a congress in just half a day. It is particularly designed for players who can only spend half a day at their favourite game. It is also the ideal first event for both junior and adult players. Everyone plays in the same section. Rounds 1-7 are played continuously. As soon as you finish your game you will be re-paired. It is designed to be fast, furious, and above all fun.

MAIN PRIZEWINNERS 2017

FIDE Open

1st Joseph McPhillips (Bolton) 4.5pts
2nd= Steve Jones (Widnes), Martin Mitchell (Spirit of Atticus) 4pts

Major

1st Martin Burns (Stockport) 4.5pts
2nd= Clive Davies (Rose Forgrove), Paul Colburn (Braunston)
& Damien McCarthy (Widnes) 4pts

Knights

1st Michael Fisher (Oldham) 5pts
2nd= Steve Rush (Rhyl & Prestatyn) & Gareth Griffiths 4pts

Busy Persons Blitz

1st Andrew Horton (3Cs) 7.5pts/8
2nd= Velislav Kukov (Stoke area) & Ali Jaunooby (Denton) 6.5pts

ECF Membership

Game fee of £7.50 is not payable by Silver, Gold and Platinum ECF members. The £7.50 extra paid by ECF basic **BRONZE** competitors will be passed on to the ECF to upgrade their membership category to **SILVER**, thus enabling them to enter subsequent events and claim the discount. Entry to the Open is only available to Gold/Platinum members or players with foreign FIDE registrations.

THE 2018 BOLTON EASTER CHESS CONGRESS

Incorporating an afternoon Busy Persons Blitz.
£1780 in Prizes

DATE : Friday March 30th – Sunday April 1st
Busy Persons : Saturday March 31st
VENUE : Ukrainian Social Club
99 Castle St, BOLTON, BL2 1JP

TOURNAMENTS

THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Prizes. £300, £150, £75 Under 2000 £75
Entry Fee : £32 (Juniors £30)

FIDE rated: All English competitors must be ECF Gold/Pt. members
ELO ratings or conversions to be used in this section.

BOLTON MAJOR: For players graded below 170

Prizes : £240, £120, £60 Under 150 : £60
Entry Fee : £33.50 (Juniors £31.50)

BOLTON KNIGHTS: For players graded below 135

Prizes : £220, £110, £50 U120 : £50, U100: £50
Entry Fee : £33.50 (Juniors £31.50)

BUSY PERSONS : Open to all. Prizes: £220

Entry Fee : £6 (£8 on the day)

Discounts for ECF Silver/Gold/Pt Members in the Major & Knights
Part of the ECF and MCCU Grand Prix
British Championship Qualifier

Chess Direct Bookstall

Po Box 18, Mexborough, S64 9AR.
Tel: 01709 890565 www.chessdirect.co.uk

TIMETABLE

Friday	Round 1	12.30pm - 4.30pm
	Round 2	5.20pm - 9.20pm
Saturday	Round 3	9.45am - 1.45pm
	Busy Persons	from 2.35pm
Sunday	Round 4	9.45am - 1.45pm
	Round 5	2.35pm - 6.35pm

RATE OF PLAY

40 moves in 100 minutes. After Black's 40th move both clocks will be put back 20 minutes and the game finished in the time remaining. Re-pairings will take place after 30 minutes, for players without opponents.

BUSY PERSONS. 8 rapidplay games of chess.

Each player has ten minutes to complete the game.

Timetable : **Saturday March 31st**

Rounds 1 - 7 2.35pm - 5.20 pm

Round 8 (approx) 5.45pm - 6.05 pm

Prize-giving 6.20 pm

Prizes 1st £60 2nd £40 6 Grading prizes of £20 each.

185-166; 165-146; 145-126; 125-106; 105-85; u85

ECF longplay grades will be used.

Ukrainian Sports and Social Club.

The venue for the event is in the function room of the Ukrainian Social club. The venue offers excellent playing conditions. There will be tea and coffee on sale and a bar, open from 12 noon.

ACCOMMODATION

The nearest accommodation is the Bolton Travelodge. They offer cheap accommodation, *if booked well in advance*.

There is one place available at the British Championships for the highest scoring player in the Open, who is not already qualified.

ENTRIES

The closing date for entries is **Friday March 23rd**

Entry can only be effected by payment of the appropriate fee. Late entries will be accepted subject to a late fee of **£2**. For entries on the day the late fee is **£5**. ECF Silver members and above entering the **Major** or **Knights** may deduct **£7.50** from the main congress entry fee.

Competitors entering the Easter Congress may deduct **£1** off the Busy Persons entry fee, if entering before the day.

Send entries to :- Chess Congress, R Middleton, 97 Dovedale Rd, Brightmet, BOLTON BL2 5HS with cheques made payable to 'BOLTON CHESS CONGRESS'.

Competitors must quote their current ECF or ELO grade on entry.

Competitors with no ECF grade must quote any other current grade or Internet rating. Ungraded players must indicate on the entry form any recent tournament results and an indication of their playing strength. Competitors may claim a half point bye on entering.

The organiser's decision is final in all disputes. The organiser reserves the right to move competitors to appropriate sections.

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BOLTON EASTER 2018 - ENTRY FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name Club

Address

Post Code Tel No

email

Section Grade inlist

Busy Persons Entry: Yes / No HPB round:

Date of Birth(if junior or Open section)

ECF Membership no. Category

FIDE no.....

I enclose £ comprising £ entry fee(s),

£ late fee and a donation of £

Signed Date