

THE CONGRESS

Cornwall Spring Congress is holding it's 6th tournament in the ever beautiful and popular playing venue at The Falmouth Hotel in it's Terrace Rooms with superb playing conditions and magnificent views across Falmouth Bay.

With thanks to the Cornwall Chess Trust for its generous contribution towards the continued running costs of the congress.

Full details, along with current entries received can be found on the congress website;

<https://www.congress.org.uk/congress/733/home>

Capacity for the congress is limited to 80 entrants. Once this figure has been reached players can add their name to a reserves list.

ACCOMMODATION

To stay at The Falmouth Hotel telephone 01326 312671 or visit www.falmouthhotel.co.uk for rates.

There are plenty of hotels, guesthouses and self-catering accommodation within walking distance. Falmouth Visitor Information Centre; visit www.falmouth.co.uk/falmouth-accommodation/ or call 01326 741194.

Early booking may be advisable for this popular time of the year.

HOW TO GET TO THE CONGRESS

If coming by car, leave the M5 J31 take the A30 exit to Bodmin/Okehampton (for approximately 80 miles). Then at roundabout follow the A39 signposted Truro then signposted Falmouth. Follow signs at Falmouth for Seafront and The Falmouth Hotel can be found on the seafront at the Castle end.

If coming by train, alight at Truro and take the connecting Truro to

6th Cornwall Spring Congress

1st, 2nd & 3rd May 2026



**The Falmouth Hotel, Castle Beach,
Falmouth, Cornwall, TR11 4NZ**

**3 Sections Open, U-1800 & U-1500
Five Round Seeded Swiss Tournament**

Arbiter: John Constable

Capacity limited to 80 entrants

ENQUIRIES:

Mrs Rebecca Gardiner, 18 May Gardens, Lanner, Redruth, Cornwall TR16 6AR

Email: cornwallcongress@gmail.com

Telephone: 01209 217210 (calls before 9pm please)

TOURNAMENT SECTIONS

OPEN Emigrant Cup
MAJOR ratings under 1800 Falmouth Cup
MINOR ratings under 1500 Penwith Cup

The ECF March 2026 rating list will be used for entries.

The highest placed Cornish player will receive the cup to hold for a year.

PRIZES

All sections; 1st £125, 2nd £80, 3rd £60, 2 Grading Prizes £30, Junior £30 and a trophy winners prize £40. Ungraded players can only receive half the value of their prize except in the Open and are not eligible to receive any grading prizes.

ENTRY FEES

£30 for all sections to ECF members Gold or above.

ECF Bronze members and non ECF members must pay an additional 'pay to play' fee of £16.

Discount for Juniors (under 18 on 31st August 2025) may deduct £5.

TIMETABLE FOR PLAYING SECTIONS

Round 1: Friday 19:00 Round 4: Sunday 10:00

Round 2: Saturday 10:00 Round 5: Sunday 14:30

Round 3: Saturday 14:30

DEFAULT & REPAIRING: 30 minutes after the scheduled start times.

RATE OF PLAY: All moves in 75 minutes plus 30 second increment per move.

BYES: Except for round 5, players may request one half point bye.

ENTRY & PAYMENT

Entries can be made by post or by using the online form

https://www.cognitofirms.com/None3558/_6thCornwallSpringCongress

Payment to be made with a cheque payable to **Cornwall County Chess Association**

or Bank Transfer; **Cornwall County Chess Association**, Sort Code: **20-87-94**,

Account Number: **70948624**. Please reference your name.

Entries and a list of Congress rules can be found on the congress website.

<https://www.congress.org.uk/congress/733/home>

Entries will be received on a first come, first served basis with early entry

Advised.

ENTRY FORM-SPRING CONGRESS

Entries to:

Mrs Rebecca Gardiner, 18 May Gardens, Lanner, Redruth, Cornwall TR16 6AR

I wish to enter the OPEN/ MAJOR/ MNOR Tournament

(Please circle)

Full name: Date of Birth.....

Address

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Telephone:

Email address:

Club: ½ point bye in round.....

ECF Grade Code: ECF Rating:

(Ungraded players must give evidence of previous grades and recent performances in other competitions on a separate sheet)

ECF Membership Number:

Membership Level: PLATINUM/ GOLD/ BRONZE/ SUPPORTER (please circle)

If you have any special requirements, please attach them separately.

Entry Fee (£30 All Sections) £.....

Junior Discount (deduct £5) £.....

ECF Bronze member and non ECF members (add £16) £.....

Donation to Congress (Thank You!) £.....

Enclosed: Cheque (payable to **Cornwall County Chess Association**) £.....

(We will send an email acknowledgement if an email address is provided. If a paper receipt is required please enclose a SAE.)

Bank transfer: **Cornwall County Chess Association**; Sort Code: **20-87-94**, Account number: **70948624**, Reference your name.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have given is correct. I accept the entry conditions stated on www.cornwallchess.org.uk.

Signature: Date: