The Royal Beacon Hotel is situated on the old cliff top overlooking Exmouth promenade, Torbay and Lyme Bay. It was developed as a posthouse when Exmouth became a popular watering hole for the gentry in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, and Lady Nelson and Lady Byron lived in neighbouring properties.

This event will be an ideal opportunity to make a complete week's chess holiday before the rigours of Christmas set in.

The hotel is fully self-contained, with restaurant, bar etc. and there is no necessity to leave the building. However, Exmouth is well provided with restaurants, cafes and public houses, and is a good base for exploring the rural charms of East Devon and the Jurassic Coast, a World Heritage site.

Exmouth is easily reached, being just 8 miles from the M5 and having its own rail station. Trains depart to and from Exeter every 30 minutes, and buses every 15 minutes, free with a bus pass.

Rates at the hotel on request (2: 01395-264886) and a discount may be available to chessplayers (enquire on booking). If required, a full list of nearby hotels can be obtained from the local Tourist Information Centre on 2 01395-222299.

Do not delay entry unnecessarily as entries regularly approach the maximum.



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#### Other Autumn 2017 Westcountry Events.

**66<sup>th</sup> Paignton Congress** Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Enquiries only: A. Crickmore, 550, Budshead Rd., Whitleigh, Plymouth. PL5 4DG (01752-768206 or e-mail: plymouthchess@btinternet.com.

**51<sup>st</sup> Torbay Congress** at Torquay Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> November. Contact: Phil McConnell, The Keep, 17, Mount Boone, Dartmouth, TQ6 9PB. e-mail: secretary@torbaycongress.com. ☎ 01803 834135 (before 10pm)

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### The 18<sup>th</sup> Royal Beacon Seniors Chess Congress

\*\*\* To be held at the Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth \*\*\*

From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Open to all players aged 65+ on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017

1<sup>st</sup> prize £100 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £50 plus grading prizes of £50

Also <u>"Junior Section"</u> open to players aged between 50 yrs and the lower age limit of the Seniors section. (age on 05.11.17.)

"Junior" prizes according to entry.

Entry fee for either section £28 less discount for ECF Members.

To ensure pristine playing conditions, entries will be restricted to the first 90. Luxurious accommodation at this \*\*\* hotel Air conditioning in the playing hall.

Rate of play: 40 moves in 2 hours followed by 1 hr each to finish. Schedule: Mon. – Thurs. **1** p.m. – 7 p.m. Friday <u>**10** a.m</u>. – 4 p.m.

An ECF Grand Prix & ECF registered Game Fee event.



- Comfortable accommodation and playing conditions.
- C Leisurely time control.
- N.B. This event is followed <u>within hours</u> by the Torbay Congress in nearby Torquay. Why not make it a full week's chess?!

# The Seniors Section is open only to chessplayers aged $\underline{65+}$ on $5^{\text{th}}$ November 2017.

A "Junior" Section has been successfully introduced to encourage more overall entries, but there is no choice as to which section a player may enter – age alone determines which. "Juniors" must be aged between 50 and 64 on  $5^{\text{th}}$  Nov. 2017.

Grading prizes will ensure that all classes of competitor will have something to play for. The precise format will depend on entry numbers.

Limited to 90 players max to ensure maximum comfort of playing conditions. Ask at reception about possible discounts on room rates for chess players.

We appreciate the hotel management's support in providing the playing room at reasonable rates which enables us to keep the entry fee low, and it is hoped players will return that by using hotel facilities wherever possible.

## Only refreshments obtained at the hotel may be consumed on their premises.

**Late entries:** Entries received after Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 will be accepted, if space permits, at an additional charge of £2.

Byes: A half point bye may be claimed in any one round except the last.

If any player qualifies for more than one prize he/she shall be awarded only the higher amount and the lower amount redistributed.

If any player is 30+ minutes late for the scheduled start, they will be defaulted and their opponent re-paired where possible.



Entries to: R. H. Jones,

Keverel Lodge, 40, Phillipps Ave., Exmouth, EX8 3HZ

2 01395 - 223340 e-mail: jones\_r53@sky.com

18<sup>th</sup> Royal Beacon Seniors Congress

Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017

#### **Entry Form**

I wish to enter the SENIOR / "JUNIOR" Section (delete accordingly)

| Name: |
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| Postcode:   |
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| 畲 ()) Club:<br>e-mail address:  |
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| Grade: Ungraded players must supply details of recent results and a realistic estimate of grade from a club official.                         |
| Request for bye in Rd (not Rd. 5). Date of birth:   |
| Are you an ECF Member? YES / NO. (please circle as appropriate)<br>If YES, please indicate at which level: Bronze / Silver / Gold / Platinum. |
| ECF Code No: ECF Membership No:   |
| Entry fee: £ 28.00<br>Discount: £ (£6 for ECF Silver level membership or above)<br>Late fee: £  |
| Donation: £ (Thanks in anticipation)<br>TOTAL £   |
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Cheques / POs should be payable to Keverel Chess N.B: If a receipt is required, please enclose a S.A.E.

I agree to abide by the congress decisions as detailed in the programme and those of the Arbiter.

Signed: ..... Date: .....