

Greater London Chess Club



Christmas Tournament at odds ❄️❄️❄️

6.45pm Tuesday 17th December 2019

Upper Vestry House, St George's Bloomsbury



Five-round, single section, Swiss tournament, played at 19th century odds, with set openings:

Grade difference	Higher graded player's colour	Odds	Set '1887' Opening
0 – 20	Black (same grade, toss for colours)	None	Evans Gambit (1. e4 e5; 2. Nf3 Nc6; 3. Bc4 Bc5; 4. b4)
21 – 30	White	Playing the Steinitz Gambit	Steinitz Gambit (1. e4 e5; 2. Nc3 Nc6; 3. f4 ef; 4. d4 Qh4+; 5. Ke2)
31 – 40	Black	Exchange (remove Black QR & White QN)	Ruy Lopez Schliemann Defence (1.e4 e5; 2. Nf3 Nc6; 3. Bb5 f5)
41 – 50	Black	Pawn and Two Moves (remove Black KBP)	White moves twice at the start of the game: 1. e4 ... ; 2. d4 e6
51 – 80	White	Knight (remove White QN)	Ponziani Opening (1. e4 e5; 2. Nf3 Nc6; 3. c3)
81 – 120	White	Rook (remove White QR, QRP at a3)	King's Knight Gambit (1. e4 e5; 2. f4 ef; 3. Nf3)
121 or more	White	Queen (remove White Q)	King's Bishop Gambit (1. e4 e5; 2. f4 ef; 3. Bc4)

Estimated grades will be assigned to players without formal grades.

Rate of play - 15 minutes per player per game. FIDE Laws of Chess apply.

Prizes

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd chess-themed prizes; highest placed club member will hold the Phil Jeffries Trophy for one year

Christmas Buffet - Wine, beer, soft drinks and Christmas food will be available.

Entries

Entry fee (includes buffet): £10.00 for GLCC members; £15 for non-members. Entry fees to be paid on the day by cheque (to 'Greater London Chess Club') or cash, but let me know by **Sunday 15th December** if you'd like to play, so that the buffet can be arranged.

Nigel Blades, Tournament Organiser

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