

Liverpool Chess Club History

Liverpool Chess Club is a diamond hidden deep in the history of the city of Liverpool today which was 19th century colossus in the world of chess.

Officially founded on 15th December 1837 in the Lyceum building in Bold Street by 49 founder members from the Liverpool upper classes, the club is one of the oldest existing chess club in the world. The Liverpool Mercury and other articles indicate the club was meeting at least as far back as 1813.

In 1892 Liverpool was seen to be the largest chess club in the world with 150 members most of whom were Liverpool's gentry, business men, doctors, lawyers, clergy and politicians. This 1880-1900 period was known as the "Golden age" of the club with many famous players including Amos Burn competing on the highest stages of world chess.

Amos Burn was ranked world number 2 in 1876 behind William Steinitz whilst Rev John Owen (Owens defence) famously played and defeated Paul Morphy. In more recent decades the likes of Gordon Crown, John Littlewood and Gerald Abrahams and many others were well known contenders throughout the highest chess circles.

Such has been the reputation of the club throughout its existence that it has managed to attract visits from many of the world's greatest names in chess from Harawitz, Steinitz, Blackburne, Bird, Lasker to Keres, Botvinnik, Spassky, Smyslov, Karpov and Tal.

There is so much more research to be undertaken on the famous Liverpool Chess Club library which continues to uncover fascinating facts and articles on historical events and individuals on a regular basis which we aim to investigate and publicise over the next few years.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with the vast amount of research to be undertaken, especially researchers who can competently read copperplate or calligraphy based materials and help us uncover more of the clubs history.

Join Liverpool Chess Club

Venue:

The Vines Public House

81 Lime Street

Liverpool

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The Vines (also known as The Big House) is located next to the Adelphi Hotel in the heart of Liverpool City Centre within 2 minute walk of Lime Street train station and 5 minutes from Queens Square Bus station.

Weekly Meetings

Tuesday evenings: 7.30pm Adults

6pm - 7.30pm Juniors (aged 7 - 18)

Online Meetings: (www.lichess.org)

www.lichess.org/team/liverpool-chess-club-and-friends

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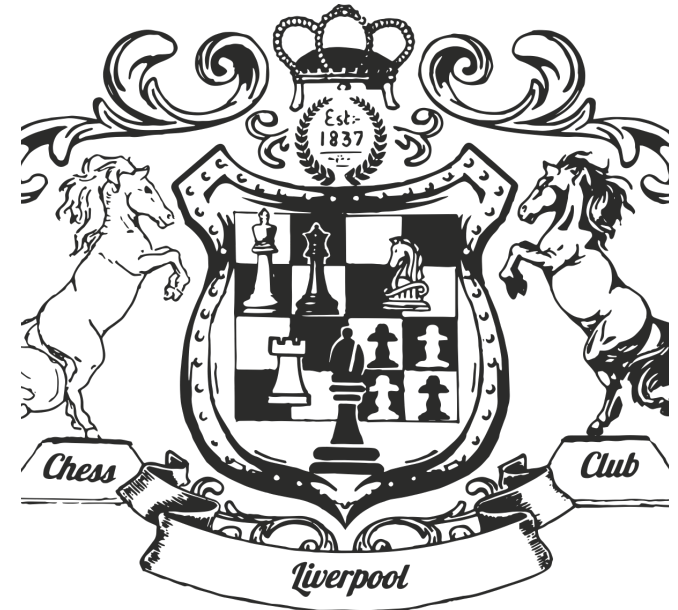


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Founded 1837

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Liverpool Chess Club is one of the most famous and historic chess clubs in the world. Founded in 1837 it is the oldest existing chess club in England.

The club welcomes players of all ages and all standards to join our thriving chess community and offers a variety of chess activities for those who want a casual game of chess to those who want to compete at the very highest level.

Liverpool adult and junior teams compete in leagues and tournaments locally, nationally and internationally both over the board and online.

Life in Liverpool Chess Club Today

Social Weekly Chess

Every Tuesday evening in the Vines the Juniors and adults meet up for social chess and informal coaching. The best club players will coach other members on improving their games.

Internal club tournaments have been run annually since 1892 such as the famous Liverpool Table Tournament and A, B, C, leagues and trophies awarded. Come and join us!



Competitive Chess Leagues

Liverpool has teams in every Division of the Merseyside Chess League, allowing players of all standards to represent Liverpool Chess Club in league chess. Players will soon be awarded individual chess grades by the ECF (English Chess Federation) based on their performances. Liverpool also competes in other national tournaments both "Over the Board" and Online.



Junior Chess

Liverpool Juniors meet weekly at the club to play and learn from each other and the coaching team. Players range from beginners to some of the best juniors in England and compete in national events.

Juniors receive regular coaching at the club and compete in internal club tournaments and the Merseyside Junior Chess League.

Above: Liverpool Junior Bashar Rovezi is seen meeting former World Chess Champion Gary Kasparov at the 2019 World Chess Final in London.



Club Events

The club puts on and attends many events including: -
Simultaneous Displays against chess masters
- Blitz tournaments
Trips to and from abroad to play other clubs
Trips to Chess tournaments and congresses

Above: Chess Masters Maria Rodrigo Yanguas and Gary Quillan take on Liverpool Juniors in Simul event

Below: Liverpool return trip to visit and play against Elche chess club in Spain in 2019

