




Loughton & Linford Scrabble Club

Milton Keynes Winter Matchplay 2017

Holiday Inn, Saxon Gate West,
Central Milton Keynes MK9 2HQ
Weekend 18-19 November 2017

- ☞ **27th Winter Matchplay** the longest running  rated tournament at the same venue!
- ☞ **ABSP/WESPA RATED** Division A: 17 games open 155+ All other divisions: 17 game round robins or Swiss @ 25 min per person – places decided on wins then spread.
- ☞ **Cash prizes** for the top three places in each division
- ☞ Winners of A,B & C: Free accom & meals next year (donated by the Holiday Inn) *
- ☞ **MODERN FOUR-STAR HOTEL:**
 - ☞ Impressive atrium above bar area
 - ☞ Comfortable playing area with dedicated staff and portage
 - ☞ Health club with swimming pool, gym equipment etc
- ☞ **CHRISTMAS SHOPPING** in the nearby Milton Keynes shopping centre
- ☞ **SPECIAL RATES** to extend your stay at the hotel 🚗 🏠
- ☞ **EASY ACCESS** by rail and road and good parking

The entrance fee includes: Tournament entry; ABSP/WESPA rating levy; Saturday dinner, Sunday lunch; tea, coffee and biscuits at refreshment breaks. Sunday breakfast (residents only, non residents can buy breakfast on the day). Swimming pool and health club (residents only). Saturday lunch not included (bar meals available to buy).

🚗 **Extend your stay: Friday or Sunday nights B&B only £62.00 pp single (or £40.00 pp sharing double/twin).**

* Free accommodation and meals at next year's tournament. Full details of this valuable prize on request.

Closing date: Sat 28 Oct 2017

	Number	Cost	Total
Sharing twin or double room		@ £145 =	
Single occupancy		@ £165 =	
Non-resident (not including parking, £6 per car payable at the event)		@ £90 =	
Non-playing guest (sharing twin or double room)		@ £100 =	

Discount offered to a player who wishes to act as stand-by player. Contact organiser.

SUPPLEMENTS

Non-ABSP member (waived if overseas or first tournament)**	@	£5.00 =
PayPal supplement	@	£5.00 =
Fri or Sun B&B per person, single occupancy	@	£62.00 =
Fri or Sun B&B pp, couple sharing twin/double room	@	£40.00 =

DISCOUNT

Player under 13	@	-£15.00 =
Early-bird discount (entries received before 4 Sept 2017)	@	-£5.00 =

Pay by bank transfer or cheque payable to: 'MJ Willis'

**Join the ABSP for £15. If joining for the first time after 31 Oct 2017, membership for the remainder of 2017 and the whole of 2018 will be included. For further information about the ABSP, please write to the membership secretary or visit www.absp.org.uk

Sue Bowman, 12 Convey Close, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, BS10 5DD Or visit the ABSP website: <http://www.absp.org.uk>

Winter Matchplay 2017

Saturday 18 November			Sunday 19 November		
	1000-1100	Arrival	from	0730	Breakfast (residents)
	1115	Computer admin		0900	Game 10
	1130	Game 1		1005	Game 11
	1235	Game 2	from	1045	refreshments/check-out
	1340	Game 3		1120	Game 12
from	1415	light lunch/check-in		1225	Game 13
	1515	Game 4	from	1310	lunch
	1620	Game 5		1410	Game 14
	1725	Game 6		1515	Game 15
from	1800	dinner		1620	Game 16
	1920	Game 7	from	1700	refreshments
	2025	Game 8		1730	Game 17
	2130	Game 9		1830	Presentations (approx)

Keep this timetable and listen out for alterations: hotel **01908 698500** or MW **07976 256554** if delayed.
It's the player's responsibility to be at their table on time!

Tick the register (in the playing area foyer) before 11:15 so we can get the tournament under way promptly

Division A is planned to be Swiss-paired + KOTH for players rated 155 or above, 5pt Challenge with WESPA and ABSP rating. Other divisions will be free challenge and are planned to be Round Robin. Please note that the playing format of **all** divisions could change depending on entry and at the discretion of the Tournament Organiser and/or Director. Players above approx. 145 can ask to play in division A if places available but players rated above 155 must play in A. We'll try to place boundary rated players according to their wishes.

Closing date: **Sat 28 October 2017** Entries received after this date may be put on a reserve list in order.

Bank transfer to: 'MJ Willis' Santander, sort 09-01-26 # 05762757 ref 'WM 2017' and either scan the form or email details to yshin@btconnect.com Acknowledgement will be by email otherwise send SAE if paying by cheque. PayPal to ebay@willis.clara.net with a fee of £5pp resident or £3pp non-resident.

Cancellation up to 4 weeks before the event: full refund. No refunds after that unless a replacement player can be found. In exceptional circumstances (eg serious illness) we'll do our best to secure a refund from the hotel but this isn't guaranteed. No refund for no-shows on the day except as above.. This applies also to non-residents. Contact organiser if booking separately with hotel as this complicates our booking arrangements. Payment in cash on the day is possible in exceptional circumstances but is subject to ABSP sanctions if no show. Resident parking £3 overnight. Non-resident £5. Drivers must register number-plate on arrival. Non-hotel parking is available by machine
Organiser: Mike Willis 07976 256554 willis@clara.net Entry admin: Shin yshin@btconnect.com

Contact name, address phone number and email
Tel _____

Player Name and Club (or guest/steward etc.)	Current rating U = step up to A if possible (only for rating 150+)	Room (bracket room sharers)
1		
2		
3		
4		
Please give address/phone number of additional player(s) and/or details (eg vegetarian, ages of children, disability)		Single Twin Double or Non-res + Fri/Sun
Disabled guests please contact the organiser well before the event to confirm an adapted room is available.		

Send form (if paying by cheque, payable to 'MJ Willis') with SAE if paper directions needed to:
Mr Y Shin, 26 Kemble Court, Downhead Park, Milton Keynes, Bucks. MK15 9AX