Galway October Quads

One day FIDE- and ICU-rated Quad tournament: each person will play three games on the day at a 'fast classical' time rate (60 minutes per player for the game, plus a 30 second increment for each move).

Date: Saturday 24 October

Venue: Galway Bridge Centre, St Mary's Road, Galway H91 C2C3

Schedule: Players must **enter in advance [update:** entries are now closed], and register in person between 10.30 and 10.45 to confirm attendance. (Those who arrive after 10.45 are likely not to be included.)
Round 1: 11.00 a.m.
Round 2: 3 p.m. (or 20 minutes after the last game in round 1 finishes, whichever is the later)
Round 3: 7 p.m. (or 20 minutes after the last game in round 2 finishes, whichever is the later)

Format: Entries will be divided into groups of four, based on ICU rating (or FIDE rating if that is based on more games, at the organizer's discretion). Players will play their three games against the other three members of their group. The lowest group will have more than four players, and will be run with normal Swiss pairing. As a twist on the normal quad rules, if a player withdraws before playing all three games, the top player from the next highest group will be promoted; that ensures that everyone is certain to get three games - except in the lowest group if there are an odd number of entrants and there is no 'filler' available (and nothing can be done about that). (All players who wish to withdraw **must** inform the organizer before the end of the last round in which they play; anybody who, without a good reason, does not show up after being paired will not be allowed to enter future tournaments, as it is very disrespectful to one's opponent).

Fee: Entry is free to club members, and €20 to non-members, to be paid on arrival.

The standard FIDE rules of chess will apply. Thus players must keep a score of their game (score sheets will be provided - but you have to bring your own pen or pencil), and all mobile phones (and other devices capable of containing a chess programme and/or communicating with the outside world) must be switched off throughout the duration of the tournament - that applies also to spectators, such as parents.

This is an adult tournament. Mature children are welcome to play, but will remain the responsibility of their parent or guardian throughout the time they are on the premisses: we will not, and are not legally allowed to, provide a child-minding service.