**Summer Quickplay Chess Tournament**

**Venue – Lancaster Brewery**

**Date – Sunday 5 September tarting at noon**

Hi all – following discussions with Lawrence and Phil Seery you are all invited to a face to face outdoor chess tournament. I am also approaching other clubs in the area. If I have missed anyone off the e-mail list do forward this to them. I moved to Lancaster just before the first lockdown so am unknown to most of you.

The format will be 15 mins each player – so 30 min games. To keep it simple we will divide into all play all groups. The winners of each group will then head to a play off to decide the overall winner. If we get a lot of entries we will revert to a Swiss system.

I have met the Brewery events organiser and agreed the outside area we will get and it will be free of charge and divided off. I will however need to let her know in advance the numbers and names of people we are expecting. The venue has parking space near buy and there are also buses. The 18 stops close to venue but they are quite rare. Otherwise its 100 to Bowerham Hotel and walk up Coulston Rd etc (about 15 mins)

Too add spice there will be a £5 entry fee collected when you arrive. All of this will be available as prize money. There will be two prizes. A prize of £20 for the best player graded under 130. The remaining cash will go to the overall winner. In the event of an under 130 player being the overall winner then the £20 will be awarded to the next best score by an under 130. Any ties will be decided by play offs.

**Please get back to me 29 August if you wish to compete and give the following details – name, grade, club, and e-mail address. Entries will not be accepted after that unless we have any drop outs.**

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I look forward to hearing from you.