



JOHN GORMAN



John Gorman was inspired to take up chess when he was 13 years old after his father took him to watch a simultaneous display by the Yugoslav grandmaster, Svetozar Gligoric. Three months later, he won his first tournament at the Liverpool Junior Easter Congress, the world's largest chess congress at the time.

He returned to the city 43 years later to win a prize at the 2006 European Union Individual Championship. In the intervening years he won many other tournaments including two County Championship titles.

After retiring from his career in accountancy and tax, John began teaching chess in schools 5 years ago, after his daughter became interested in the game. His pupils have won many County Junior titles.

Apart from chess, he plays bridge, and cricket in the North Wales League.