

Castle Chess News:

As we embark on our 2nd Year of Castle Chess we record that 170 individuals played in one or more of our events during 2009. Tim Crouch played in all four events and was awarded a loyalty bonus of £25 for any 2010 Castle Chess event.

We look forward to improving these numbers in 2010.

Castle Chess will endeavour to find hotels with quality and a character of their own which will put your chess playing in a comfortable and friendly environment.

Castle Chess Grand Prix: 50p of each entry fee received will be put into the prize fund and awarded to **Castle Chess** players who earn the highest total of game points in our 2010 events.

Castle Chess will pay the game fee and send all results to the ECF for grading.

One of the **Castle Chess** events in 2010 will not be based in a hotel. You will need to find your own accommodation when you come to Potters Bar.

Anyone entering all **Castle Chess** 2010 events will be awarded a £25 loyalty voucher towards a 2011 **Castle Chess** event.

If you are a Direct Member of the English Chess Federation you may claim a discount of £2.50 for our 5 round events or £3 for our 6 round events

Castle Chess HEREFORD Winners 2009

OPEN:	Iolo Jones (Cardigan)
PREMIER:	Paul Evans (Blackpool)
MAJOR:	Joe Stewart (Ross-on-Wye)
MINOR:	Roger Greatorex (Llangollen)
CHALLENGERS	Keven Lamb (Eastleigh Railway)

Castle Chess Grand Prix Winners 2009

1st	Tim Crouch (King's Head)	8.5 pts (£70)
2nd	Keven Lamb (Eastleigh Railway)	7.5 pts (£50)
3rd	Keith Osborne (Lewes)	6.5 pts (£30)

Your enjoyment at a chess congress is our main concern.

Please ask and, if possible,
we shall do our best to make it happen.

ACCOMMODATION AND VENUE:

The Green Dragon Hotel
Broad Street, Hereford. HR4 9BG
01432 272506

Castle Chess invites chess players for a weekend's congress in a superb playing venue. The Green Dragon, is a 3* hotel, having a prime location in the centre of Hereford is ideal for visiting the Cathedral.

The Green Dragon is an historic coaching inn dating back to the 16th Century.

The hotel restaurant does not open until 7 pm, so if you are not taking a bye on Saturday evening you will have to enjoy one of the several restaurants local to the Green Dragon.

On site parking may be an issue. 43 spaces are available, but are not guaranteed for hotel guests. Local NCP rates are £7 per day..

BOOKING ACCOMMODATION: This should be done through **Castle Chess** to gain the best rates. There are 30 rooms reserved by us until 31st March. Early booking is advised.

PACKAGE TYPES: (Entry Fee of £30 is included)

			B&B
"A"	Single	1 night	£ 70
"B"	Single	2 nights	£110
"C"	Single	3 nights	£150
"D"	Twin	1 night	£ 65 per person
"E"	Twin	2 nights	£100 per person
"F"	Twin	3 nights	£135 per person

Non-Players may deduct £30 from the cost of their room.

Entry Fee only : £30

To obtain these rates your accommodation must be booked via Tony Corfe: contact details elsewhere.



2nd Hereford Congress

in a hotel venue
formerly a Spectrum Chess Event

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
24 - 25 April 2010

ECF Game Fee Registered
ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION
2009/10 Grand Prix Event
3 Sections - 5 Round Swiss

OPEN - Unrestricted
MAJOR - Under 160
MINOR - Under 120

The Castle Controlling Team :
Tony Corfe (ECF Arbiter) & Barbara Corfe

Non-Smoking Congress

Players are eligible to win points in one, or more, of the “English Chess Federation 2010 Graded Grand Prix”, sponsored by CCF, as well as the Junior Grand Prix.

CONGRESS - 5 round Swiss Tournament

PRIZES: £150 per section - Guaranteed.

ENTRY FEE - (without accommodation) - £30

CONGRESS DISCOUNTS - Junior (U18) £5.00

ECF Direct Member (Number supplied) £2.50

PRIZE CONDITIONS: Each section’s prize fund is guaranteed as long as we run the section. The overall fund will be increased if the total number of adult entrants exceeds 60 players. This will be awarded pro rata to each event based on their numbers.

UNGRADED players may only win 1/3 of any prize, in any section except in the OPEN!. A graded player will be in the ECF list (Standard or Rapidplay) with a code A to E.

WITHDRAWALS: A deduction of £5 will be made from any refund unless carried forward to a future **Castle Chess** event. Accommodation booked will have to be paid for unless at least 24 hours notice has been given.

LATE ARRIVALS: Players will be allowed 30 minutes on their clock, after the scheduled round start time, before being defaulted. Re-pairing will take place if at all possible.

ENTRY CONDITIONS: The organisers reserve the right to refuse an entry, without assigning a reason, or to cancel or merge sections.

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT THE EVENT may be used for publicity purposes. Players should advise the organisers if they wish not to have their photographs published. The ECF Data Protection Officer is Cynthia Gurney at time of going to press.

DISPUTES: Appeals against the Arbiter’s decisions will be resolved by an appeals committee. In all other matters the organiser’s decisions are final.

BOOKSTALL: A bookstall will be supplied by Tournament Chess Supplies. Please call 01707 659080 for specific requests.

PLAYING SCHEDULE

*The Players Review is an open forum that allows competitors to comment on the current congress and suggest any improvements for future **Castle Chess** events.

Saturday (24th April)

Rd 1 09:30 to 13:00

*Players Review 13:45

Rd 2 14:00 to 17:30

Rd 3 19:00 to 22:30

Sunday (25th April)

Rd 4 09:30 to 13:00

Rd 5 13:45 to 17:15

Prize-Giving at 17.30

RATE OF PLAY:

36 moves in 90 minutes plus 15 mins QPF.

EVENT ENQUIRIES:

Tony Corfe, 51 Borough Way, Potters Bar, Herts. EN6 3HA
Tel: 01707 659080 Fax: 01707 661160 Mob: 07973 516718
email: tony@tcs-chess.demon.co.uk

or Marc Shaw 07947 813303

Calendar of **Castle Chess**

2010

2nd Portsmouth	19-21 February	Queen’s Hotel
2nd Hereford	24-25 April	Green Dragon Hotel
2nd Potters Bar	22-23 May	Potters Bar
2nd Bideford	17-18 July	Tantons Hotel

Visit our website at www.castlechess.co.uk

Late Fee applies after 17 th April



Corfe Castle, Swanage, Dorset

ENTRY FORM Hereford 2010

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

ADDRESS

.....Post Code.....

Telephone:

email:.....

ECF GRADE ECF CODE

CLUB..... ECF Direct No

DATE OF BIRTH

SECTION ENTERED

Half Point Bye requested in Round(not Rd 5)

PACKAGE TYPE
(including Entry Fee) _____ £

Discounts:
ECG Direct Member £2.50
Junior (U18) £5.00
£

DONATION
(to help defray expenses) £

LATE FEE: £5 after 17th April £

TOTAL £

Cheques / PO payable to : “Castle Chess”

Please send completed entry form with fee to:
Castle Chess, 3 Greer Road, Harrow Weald, Harrow, HA3 6JF

We can accept payment by card over the telephone for a fee of 5%.
Tel: 01707 659080 (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.)