

Castle Chess News:

As we end our 3rd Year of Castle Chess we record that 145 individuals have played in one or more of our events already this year. Tim Crouch and Ivor Kelly played in all four events in 2010 and were awarded a loyalty bonus of £25 for use at any of this year's Castle Chess events.

We look forward to improving these numbers in 2012.

Due to an individual donation the entry fee for this tournament has been reduced from £30 to £26.

Castle Chess endeavours 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 2011 Weekend Congress events. Final places and prizes will be decided in Dudley.

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

Anyone entering the 6 of the 7 weekend Castle Chess events during 2011 will be awarded a £30 loyalty voucher towards a 2012 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 Grand Prix Winners 2010

1st	Ivor Kelly (Camberley)	11.5 pts	(£45)
2nd	Tim Crouch (King's Head)	10 pts	(£25)
3rd	Andrew Farthing (Worcester City)	7.5 pts	(£17)

Castle Chess Grand Prix Leaders (after Potters Bar May 2011)

Brendan O'Gorman (DHSS)	10 pts
Matthew Chapman (Fareham)	6.5 pts
Marcus Butler (*Hampshire)	6 pts

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 Quality Hotel Dudley
Birmingham Road, Dudley, W Midlands. DY1 4RN
01384 458070

Castle Chess invites chess players for a weekend's congress in a good playing venue in the heart of the UK. The Quality Hotel in Dudley is 3*1

The hotel restaurant offers good basic catering for your cooked breakfast or evening meals.

There is plenty of on site parking.

BOOKING ACCOMMODATION: This should be done through Castle Chess to gain the best rates. There are 15 rooms reserved by us until 15th September. Early booking is advised, but do please enquire after this date if you received your entry form later.

PACKAGE TYPES:

(Entry Fee of £26 is included)

			B&B	Half-Board
"A"	Single	1 night	£ 66	£ 78
"B"	Single	2 nights	£ 103	£ 128
"C"	Single	3 nights	£ 139	£ 176
"D"	Twin	1 night	£ 64 per person	£ 76
"E"	Twin	2 nights	£ 99 per person	£ 124
"F"	Twin	3 nights	£136 per person	£ 172

Non-Players may deduct £26 from the cost of their room.

Entry Fee only : £26

(Subsidized by a generous private donation)

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



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1st Dudley Congress in a hotel venue

Saturday and Sunday
1st / 2nd October 2011

ECF Game Fee Registered
ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION
2011 Grand Prix Event

3 Sections - 5 Round Swiss

OPEN - Unrestricted
including Premier U180
MAJOR - Under 160
including Intermediate U140
MINOR - Under 120
including Challengers U100

The Castle Controlling Team :
Marc Shaw and Tony Corfe (ECF Arbiter)

Players are eligible to win points in one, or more, of the “English Chess Federation 2011 Graded Grand Prix”, sponsored by CCF, as well as the Junior Grand Prix.

CONGRESS - 5 round Swiss Tournament

PRIZES: £150 per section - Guaranteed, plus at least one grading prize (£70) in each sub-section.

ENTRY FEE - (without accommodation) - £26

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. All cash prizes will be shared, but players will only be eligible to win one prize.

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, or in another National list.

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 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 Tina Weddell 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 may be supplied by Tournament Chess Supplies. Please call 01707 659080 for specific requests.

PLAYING SCHEDULE

Saturday (1st Oct)

Rd 1 10:00 to 13:30
*Players Review 14:15
Rd 2 14:30 to 18:00
Rd 3 19:00 to 22:30

*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.

Sunday (2nd Oct)

Rd 4 10:00 to 13:30
Rd 5 14:15 to 17:45

Prize-Giving at 18.00

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** 2011

4th Potters Bar	30-31 July	Potters Bar URC
5th PBar(Chess 960)	3rd September	Potters Bar URC
1st Dudley	1-2 October	Quality Hotel
2012		
4th Portsmouth	17-19 February	Royal Beach Hotel
4th Hereford	24-25 March	Green Dragon Hotel
6th Potters Bar	5th & 7th May	Potters Bar URC
7th Potters Bar	28-29 July	Potters Bar URC
8th PBar(Chess 960)	1st September	Potters Bar URC
2nd Dudley	3-4 November	Quality Hotel

Visit our website at www.castlechess.co.uk

Late Fee applies 7 days before event



Corfe Castle, Swanage, Dorset

ENTRY FORM 1st Dudley October 2011

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)

Entry Fee £ 26 - 00

Discounts:

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

DONATION
(to help defray expenses) £

LATE FEE: £5 after 24th Sept £

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

Card payment accepted over the telephone
for a fee of 5%. Tel: 01707 659080 (9 a.m. to 9
p.m.) but only if booked before 30th September.