

Castle Chess News:

Embarking on our 3rd Year of Castle Chess we record that 205 individuals played in one or more of our events during 2011.

We look forward to improving these numbers in 2012.

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 2012 Weekend Congress events.

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

The **Castle Chess** events held in Potters Bar during 2012 will not be based in a hotel. We are able to nominate Bed & Breakfast hospitality or offer guidance on our local hotels, all at reasonable rates.

Anyone entering the 5 weekend **Castle Chess** events during 2012 events will be awarded a £30 loyalty voucher towards a 2013 **Castle Chess** event.

If you are a Direct Member of the English Chess Federation you may claim a discount of £3.00 for our 5 round events or £3.50 for our 6 round events

Castle Chess Hereford Winners 2011

OPEN: Henry Brockbank (Olton),
Steven Rooney (Church Stretton)
MAJOR: Michael Stinton-Brownbridge (Plymouth)
MINOR: Derek Brent (Urmston), Kieran Lappin (Hereford)

Castle Chess Grand Prix Winners 2011

1st	Brendan O’Gorman (DHSS)	13 pst	(£60)
2nd	Matthew Chapman (Fareham)	9 pts	(£40)
3rd	Richard Desmedt (Wombwell)	7.5 pts	(£17)

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 15 rooms reserved by us until 24th February. Early booking is advised.

PACKAGE TYPES: (Entry Fee of £32 is included)

			B&B	Sgle in Twin B&B
“A”	Single	1 night	£ 70	£ 82
“B”	Single	2 nights	£108	£ 128
“C”	Single	3 nights	£146	£ 176
“D”	Twin	1 night	£ 65 per person	
“E”	Twin	2 nights	£102 per person	
“F”	Twin	3 nights	£139 per person	

Non-Players may deduct £32 from the cost of their room.

Entry Fee only : £32

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



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4th Hereford Congress

in a hotel venue
SATURDAY & SUNDAY
24 - 25 March 2012

ECF Game Fee Registered
ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION
2011/12 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 :
Tony Corfe (ECF Arbiter), Marc Shaw
Barbara Corfe

Non-Smoking Congress

Players are eligible to win points in one, or more, of the “English Chess Federation 2012 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 in each section.

ENTRY FEE - (without accommodation) - £32

CONGRESS DISCOUNTS - Junior (U18) £5.00
ECF Direct Member (Number supplied) £3.00

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.

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 organizers 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 organizers if they wish not to have their photographs published. The ECF Data Protection Officer is Tina Weddell at the 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 (24th Mar)

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

*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 (25th Mar)

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** 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 Potters Bar Rapid	1st September	Potters Bar URC
2nd Dudley	6-7 October	Quality Hotel

Visit our website at www.castlechess.co.uk

Late Fee applies 7 days before event



Corfe Castle, Swanage, Dorset

ENTRY FORM Hereford March 2012

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) _____ £

Accommodation:(BB) _____

Arrival night _____ No of Nights _____

Discounts:

ECG Direct Member £3.00

Junior (U18) £5.00

£

DONATION

(to help defray expenses) £

LATE FEE: £5 after 17th Mar £

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 after 25th January
for a fee of 5%. Tel: 01707 659080 (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.)