

Castle Chess News:

Embarking on our 4th 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.

Due to a marvelous anonymous individual donation the entry fees for this tournament have been reduced from £32 to £28.

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 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 PORTSMOUTH Winners 2011

OPEN: Steven Payne(Salisbury) (also Best U180)
James Poulton (Aylesbury)
MAJOR: Richard Desmedt (Wombwell)
INTERMEDIATE Peter Manning (New Milton)
Tom Slater (Southampton Univ)
MINOR: Marcus Butler (Portsmouth)
Brian Cochrane (Portsmouth)

Castle Chess Grand Prix Winners 2011

1st	Brendan O’Gorman (DHSS)	13 pt	(£60)
2nd	Matthew Chapman (Fareham)	9 pts	(£40)
3rd	Richard Desmedt (Wombwell)	7.5 pts	(£21.50)

Your enjoyment at a chess congress is our main concern.

ACCOMMODATION AND VENUE:
The Royal Beach Hotel: St Helen’s Parade
Southsea, Portsmouth. PO4 0RN
023 92 731281

Castle Chess invites chess players for a weekend’s congress in a superb playing venue. The Royal Beach, is a 3* hotel, which has a prime location on Southsea's seafront looking out across the Solent to the Isle of Wight. The centre of historic Portsmouth is just a short distance from the hotel and Southsea town centre is half a mile away.

All of the bedrooms at the Royal Beach Hotel are furnished to a good standard and sea-facing rooms have spectacular views. A wealth of attractions surround this Portsmouth hotel which is just two miles from the Isle of Wight ferry terminal and less than half a mile from the hovercraft terminal. The Royal Beach Hotel has an excellent restaurant.

Wi-Fi internet access is available, but charged, in public areas, bedrooms and meeting rooms.

There is ample free parking on-site.

BOOKING ACCOMMODATION: This should be done through **Castle Chess** to gain the best rates in this splendid hotel. There are 30 rooms reserved by us until 27th January. Early booking is advised.

PACKAGE TYPES: (Entry Fee is included)

			B&B	DBB
“A”	Single	1 night	£ 91	£110
“B”	Single	2 nights	£150	£188
“C”	Single	3 nights	£210	£265
“D”	Twin	1 night	£ 75	£ 95 per person
“E”	Twin	2 nights	£118	£158 per person
“F”	Twin	3 nights	£160	£220 per person

Single Supplement in a double room: £25 per night.
Non-Players may deduct £28 from the cost of their room.

Entry Fee only: £28
(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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4th Portsmouth Congress in a hotel venue

FRIDAY , SATURDAY & SUNDAY
17 - 19 February 2012

ECF Game Fee Registered
ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION
2011/12 Grand Prix Event

3 Sections - 6 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), Barbara Corfe
Marc Shaw

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 - 6 round Swiss Tournament

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

ENTRY FEE - (without accommodation) - £28

CONGRESS DISCOUNTS - Junior (U18) £5.00
ECF Direct Member (Number supplied) £3.50

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.

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

Friday (17th Feb)

Rd 1 19:30 to 23:00

*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 (18th Feb)

Rd 2 09:30 to 13:00

*Players Review 13:45

Rd 3 14:00 to 17:30

Rd 4 19:00 to 22:30

Sunday (19th Feb)

Rd 5 09:30 to 13:00

Rd 6 13:45 to 17:15

RATE OF PLAY:

Prize-Giving at 17.30

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 Events 2012

4th Portsmouth	17-19 February	Royal Beach Hotel
4th Hereford	24-25 March	Green Dragon Hotel
5th Potters Bar	5th & 7th May	Potters Bar URC
6th Potters Bar	28 - 29 July	Potters Bar URC
7th 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 Portsmouth Feb 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 6)

PACKAGE TYPE

(including Entry Fee) _____ £

Accommodation:(BB or DBB?) _____

Arrival night _____ No of Nights _____

Discounts:

ECG Direct Member £3.00

Junior (U18) £5.00

£

DONATION

(to help defray expenses) £

LATE FEE: £5 after 10th Feb £

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.)