

Castle Chess News:

Embarking on our 5th Year of Castle Chess we record that 210 individuals played in one or more of our events during 2012.

We look forward to improving these numbers in 2013.

Due to a marvelous anonymous individual donation the entry fees for this tournament have been reduced from £36 to £32.

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 2014 Congress events.

Castle Chess send all results to the ECF for grading.

Under rules of the English Chess Federation all players must become Silver or higher members of the Federation to enjoy the full benefits of Congress Discounts. These Silver or Gold members will be able to claim a £6 discount for this congress.

Anyone entering all 6 weekend **Castle Chess** events during 2013 will be awarded a £30 loyalty voucher towards a 2014 **Castle Chess** event.

Castle Chess Dudley Winners October 2012

OPEN: Pavel Besedin (South Birmingham)
PREMIER: Raymond Ilett (Peterborough)
Nathanael Paul (Newport)
MAJOR: Mike Edwards (Southampton)
INTER: Andrew Wiggins (Redditch)
James Galloway (Patchway)
MINOR: Jackie Barber-Lafon (Newton Abbott)
CHALLENGER: Shayanna Sivarasingan (Cardiff),
Mark McLeod (Bracknell)

Castle Chess Grand Prix Leaders end March 2013

1st	Colin Gardiner (Newmarket)	9.5pts
2nd	Brian Macreamoinn (Salisbury)	8 pts
3rd=	Jenny Goldsmith (Harrow)	6.5pts
	Alec Samuels (Southampton)	6.5pts
	Ashraf Syed (Southampton Univ)	6.5pts

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 star.

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 14th September. Early booking is advised, but do please enquire after this date if you received your entry form later.

PACKAGE TYPES:

(Entry Fee of £32 is included)

			B&B	Half-Board
"A"	Single	1 night	£ 74	£ 84
"B"	Single	2 nights	£ 116	£ 134
"C"	Single	3 nights	£ 158	£ 182
"D"	Twin	1 night	£ 65 per person	£ 85
"E"	Twin	2 nights	£ 105 per person	£ 125
"F"	Twin	3 nights	£ 142 per person	£ 172

NonePlayers may deduct £32 from the cost of their room.

Entry Fee only : £32

Entry Fee reduced by £6.00 for ECF Silver or Gold members.

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



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4th Dudley Congress
in a hotel venue

Saturday and Sunday
22nd / 23rd February 2014

Registered for ECF Grading
ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION
2014/15 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 2014 Graded Grand Prix”.

CONGRESS - 5 round Swiss Tournament

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

ENTRY FEE - £32

CONGRESS DISCOUNTS - Junior (U18) £6.00
ECF Silver (or higher) Member (Number supplied) £6.00

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.

GRADES: Following the publication of a new ECF grading list the organisers may exercise discretion to allow a player to participate in a section with a maximum grading limit below the player’s newly published grade. Usually no more than 5 points. 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 other national list.

WITHDRAWALS: A deduction of £6 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 from 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 <u>Castle Chess</u> events.	Saturday (22nd Feb)		
	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
		Sunday (23rd Feb)	
	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:
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email: tony@tcs-chess.demon.co.uk

or Marc Shaw 07947 813303		
Calendar of Castle Events 2013		
8th Potters Bar	29 - 30 June	Potters Bar URC
3rd Dudley	21 - 22 September	Quality Hotel
Calendar of Castle Events 2014		
2nd Winchester (6 rnds)	3 - 5 January	Holiday Inn
4th Dudley	22-23 February	Quality Hotel
6th Hereford (6 rnds)	14-16 March	Green Dragon
9th Potters Bar	24 & 26 May	Potters Bar URC
10th Potters Bar	28-29 June	Potters Bar URC
6th Portsmouth(6 rnds)	5- 7 September	Royal Beach Hotel
NOTE THE NEW MONTHS		
for the Portsmouth and Dudley Congresses in 2014		

Visit our website at www.castlechess.co.uk
Late Fee applies 7 days before event



ENTRY FORM 4th Dudley February 2014

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

ADDRESS
.....Post Code.....

Telephone:

email:.....

ECF GRADE..... ECF CODE

CLUB..... ECF Membership Type
ECF Membership Number

DATE OF BIRTH

SECTION ENTERED

Half Point Bye requested in Round(not Rd 5)
Entry Fee Only £ 32 - 00

Accommodation PACKAGE TYPE
(which includes Entry Fee)_____ £

Accommodation:(BB or HB) _____

Arrival night_____ No of Nights _____

Discounts:
ECF Silver/Gold Member £6.00
Junior (U18) £6.00 £

DONATION
(to help defray expenses) £

LATE FEE: £6 after 15th 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.) but only if
booked before 21st September.