

Castle Chess News:

Embarking on our 6th Year of Castle Chess we record that 171 individuals played in one or more of our events during 2013.

We look forward to improving these numbers in 2014.

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 the rules of the English Chess Federation all players must become Silver or Gold 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 2014 events will be awarded a £30 loyalty voucher towards a 2015 **Castle Chess** event.

Castle Chess HEREFORD Winners 2013

OPEN: Richard Bryant (Chester),
Paul Evans (Blackpool),
Christopher Purry (Frome)
Steven Rooney (Church Stretton)

MAJOR: Neil Coward (Blackpool),

INTERMEDIATE Brian Macreamoinn (Salisbury)

MINOR: Stephen Crockett (Redditch)

CHALLENGER: Paul Davies (Stratford),
Nigel Purry (Southbourne),
Alan Riddle (Leeds)

Castle Chess Grand Prix Winners 2013

1st	Stephen Crockett (Redditch)	13.5 pts
2nd=	Brian Macreamoinn (Salisbury)	12.5 pts
2nd=	Jenny Goldsmith (Harrow)	12.5 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 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, a 3* hotel, has a prime location in the centre of Hereford and is ideal for visiting the Cathedral.

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

The hotel's John Spicer 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 all hotel guests. Local NCP rates are £6 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	Sggle in Twin B&B
"A"	Single	1 night	£ 73	£ 85
"B"	Single	2 nights	£114	£ 144
"C"	Single	3 nights	£150	£ 195
"D"	Twin	1 night	£ 68 per person	
"E"	Twin	2 nights	£104 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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6th Hereford Congress

in a hotel venue
FRIDAY & SATURDAY & SUNDAY
14 - 16 March 2014

ECF Game Fee Registered
ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION
2013/14 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), Marc Shaw
Barbara Corfe
Non-Smoking Congress

Players are eligible to win points in one, or more, of the “English Chess Federation 2013/14 Graded Grand Prix”.

CONGRESS - 6 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

Friday (14th Mar)		Saturday (15th Mar)	
Rd 1 : 19:00 to 22:30		Rd 2 09:30 to 13:00	*Players Review 13:45
*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.		Rd 3 14:00 to 17:30	
		Rd 4 19:00 to 22:30	
		Sunday (16th Mar)	
		Rd 5 09:30 to 13:00	
		Rd 6 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 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



Corfe Castle, Swanage, Dorset

ENTRY FORM Hereford Mar 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 6)

Entry Fee Only £ 32 - 00

Accommodation PACKAGE TYPE
(which includes Entry Fee)_____ £

Accommodation:(BB) _____

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 8th March £

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.)