

Castle Chess News:

Now in our 8th Year of Castle Chess we record that 190 individuals played in one or more of our events during 2015.

We look forward to improving these numbers in 2016.

Castle Chess will endeavour to find venues 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 2016 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 Gold members of the Federation to enjoy the full benefits of Congress Discounts. These Silver or Gold members will be able to claim a £7 discount for this congress.

Anyone entering all 6 weekend Castle Chess events during 2016 events will be awarded a £30 loyalty voucher towards a 2017 Castle Chess event.

Castle Chess HEREFORD Winners 2014

OPEN: Alex Bullen (Wycombe & Hazelmere)
PREMIER: Ray Ilett (Peterborough)
MAJOR: Ian Burr ridge (Newark),
Richard Desmedt (Wombell)
INTERMEDIATE Ian Burr ridge (Newark)
MINOR: Tim Allen (Battersea),
Jennifer Goldsmith (Harrow),
Stanley Share (Willesden & Brent)
CHALLENGER: Alan Bloom (Willesden & Brent)

Castle Chess Grand Prix RESULTS Sept 2015

1st Colin Gardiner (Newmarket) 18.5 pts
2nd Jennifer Goldsmith (Harrow) 16 pts
3rd Timothy Woodward (Trowbridge) 15 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 £8.20 per day.

BOOKING ACCOMMODATION: This should be done through Castle Chess to gain the best rates. There are 15 rooms reserved by us until 12th February. Early booking is advised.

PACKAGE TYPES: (Entry Fee of £38 is included)

			B&B	Sgls in Twin B&B
"A"	Single	1 night	£ 78	£ 93
"B"	Single	2 nights	£116	£ 146
"C"	Single	3 nights	£154	£ 199
"D"	Twin	1 night	£ 74 per person	
"E"	Twin	2 nights	£110 per person	
"F"	Twin	3 nights	£146 per person	

Non-Players may deduct £38 from the cost of their room.

Entry Fee only : £38

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



presents their

8th Hereford Congress

in a hotel venue

FRIDAY & SATURDAY & SUNDAY

11 - 13 March 2016

ECF Game Fee Registered
ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION
2015/16 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 2015/16 Graded Grand Prix".

CONGRESS - 6 round Swiss Tournament

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

ENTRY FEE - £38 Includes Tea/Coffee

CONGRESS DISCOUNTS - Junior (U18) £6.00
ECF Silver (or higher) Member (Number supplied) £7.00

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 F, 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 Controller is John Philpott 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. Many super price reductions. Please call 01707 659080 for specific requests.

PLAYING SCHEDULE

Friday (11th Mar)

Rd 1 : 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.

Saturday (12th Mar)

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 (13th 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@castlechess.co.uk

or Marc Shaw 07947 813303

Calendar of Castle Events 2016

8 - 10 January Holiday Inn

4th Winchester Congress (6 rnds)

1st Winchester DRAUGHTS event

1st Winchester Chess Training for Juniors & Adults

9th Portsmouth (Fareham)(6 rnds) 19-21 February Lysses Hotel

8th Hereford (6 rnds) 11-13 March Green Dragon

12th Potters Bar FIDE 28 - 30 May Potters Bar

12th Potters Bar Minor U120 28- 30 May Potters Bar

2nd Potters Bar Jnr Rapid (6 rnds) Fri 3 June Potters Bar

2nd Potters Bar Adult Rapid(6 rnds) Sat 4 June Potters Bar

2nd Harrogate (6 rnds) 30 Sep - 2nd Oct Old Swan Hotel

10th Portsmouth (Fareham) (6 Rnds) 14-16 Oct Lysses Hotel

8th Dudley (6 rnds) 11-13 Nov Quality Hotel

visit our website: www.castlechess.co.uk



Corfe Castle, Swanage, Dorset

ENTRY FORM Hereford March 2016

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

ADDRESS

.....Post Code.....

Telephone:

email:.....

ECF GRADE..... ECF CODE

CLUB.....

ECF Membership Type

DATE OF BIRTH

SECTION ENTERED

Half Point Bye requested in Round(s)(not Rd 6)

Entry Fee Only £ 38 - 00

Accommodation PACKAGE TYPE
(which includes Entry Fee)_____ £

Accommodation: Arrival night _____

No of Nights _____

Discounts:
ECF Silver/Gold Member £7.00
Junior (U18) £6.00 £

DONATION
(to help defray expenses) £

LATE FEE: £6 after 4th MAR £

TOTAL £

Cheques / PO payable to : "Castle Chess"

If not paying online, 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.)

PAYMENT ONLINE: PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING CODE:

16HERE - first 4 letters of Surname - first 4 letters of First Name.
eg: **16HERE-Corf-Tony**

TSB: Sort Code: 30-16-64 Acct No. 00361605

***** email your entry details to tony@castlechess.co.uk**