

## Castle Chess News:

Tony Corfe has been involved in organising chess events large and small for more than 30 years. Following his recent experiences with his friend, Norman Went, in Spectrum Chess he has decided to branch out into his own brand of weekend chess within the hotel environment.

**Castle Chess** will endeavour to find hotels with quality and a character of their own which will place your chess playing in a comfortable and friendly environment. We shall return to some of the hotels which Tony was involved in sourcing and in future years shall look for more hotels in diverse parts of the country.

Join us in our venture. We look forward to welcoming you to our second event.

**Castle Chess** will be running its own Grand Prix. 50p of each entry fee received will be put into the prize fund to be awarded to **Castle Chess** players who earn the highest total of game points in our 2009 events.

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

One of the **Castle Chess** events in 2009 will not be based in a hotel. You will need to find your own accommodation when you come to Potters Bar.

Anyone who enters all of the **Castle Chess** events in 2009 will be entitled to a £25 loyalty voucher to use at a 2010 **Castle Chess** event.

If you are a Direct Member of the English Chess Federation we shall give you a discount of £2.50 for our 5 round events or £3 for our 6 round events

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 30 rooms reserved by us until 31st March. Early booking is advised.

**PACKAGE TYPES:** (Entry Fee of £28 is included)

			B&B
"A"	Single	1 night	£ 80
"B"	Single	2 nights	£128
"C"	Single	3 nights	£170
"D"	Twin	1 night	£ 75 per person
"E"	Twin	2 nights	£118 per person
"F"	Twin	3 nights	£160 per person

Non-Players may deduct £28 from the cost of their room.

Entry Fee Only      £28

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



## 1st Hereford Congress

in a hotel venue  
formerly a Spectrum Chess Event

SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
25 - 26 April 2009

ECF Game Fee Registered  
ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION  
2008/9 Grand Prix Event

5 Sections - 5 Round Swiss

OPEN - Unrestricted  
PREMIER - Under 175  
MAJOR - Under 150  
MINOR - Under 125  
CHALLENGERS - Under 100

The Castle Controlling Team :  
Tony Corfe (ECF Arbiter) & Barbara Corfe

Non-Smoking Congress

Players are eligible to win points in one, or more, of the “English Chess Federation 2008/09 Graded Grand Prix”, sponsored by CCF, as well as the Junior Grand Prix.

**CONGRESS** - 6 round Swiss Tournament

**PRIZES:** £150 per section - Guaranteed.

**ENTRY FEE** - (without accommodation) - £28

**CONGRESS DISCOUNTS** - Junior (U18) £5.00  
ECF Direct Member (Number supplied) £2.50

**PRIZE CONDITIONS:** Each section’s prize fund is guaranteed as long as we run the section. Numbers may dictate that we merge tournaments. 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.

**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 (Normal 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 at least 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.

**DISPUTES:** Appeal against the Arbiter’s decision 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

\*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 (25th April)

Rd 1 09:15 to 12:45  
\*Players Review 13:45  
Rd 2 14:00 to 17:30  
Rd 3 19:00 to 22:30

### Sunday (26th April)

Rd 5 09:15 to 12:45  
Rd 6 13:30 to 17:00

**Prize-Giving at 17.15**

## RATE OF PLAY:

36 moves in 90 minutes plus 15 mins QPF.

## EVENT EQUIRIES:

Tony Corfe, 51 Borough Way, Potters Bar, Herts. EN6 3HA  
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email: enquiries@castlechess.co.uk

## Calendar of Castle Chess Events

2009

1st Portsmouth	20-22 February	Queen’s Hotel
1st Hereford	25-26 April	Green Dragon Hotel
2nd Potters Bar	30-31 May	Potters Bar
1st Bideford	26-27 September	Tantons Hotel
1st Derbyshire	14-15 November	Izaak Walton Hotel

We have no website at present, but are working on it.

Late Fee applies after 17th April



Corfe Castle, Swanage, Dorset

## ENTRY FORM Hereford 2009

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) \_\_\_\_\_ £ .....

Discounts:  
ECG Direct Member £2.50  
Junior (U18) £5.00  
£ .....

DONATION  
(to help defray expenses) £ .....

LATE FEE: £5 after 17th April £ .....

TOTAL £ .....

Cheques / PO payable to : “Castle Chess”

Please send completed entry form with fee to:  
Castle Chess, 51 Borough Way, Potters Bar, Herts. EN6 3HA.

We can accept payment by card over the telephone for a fee of 5%.  
Tel: 01707 659080 (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.)