

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 put your chess playing within a comfortable and friendly environment. We shall return to some of the hotels which Tony had previously sourced and in future years shall look for more hotels in diverse parts of the country.

Join us in our first venture. Portsmouth has been the home of large congresses in the past and we look forward to welcoming you to our scene.

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 Queen's Hotel: Clarence Parade
Osbourne Road, Southsea, PO5 3LJ
023 9282 2466

Castle Chess invites chess players for a weekend's congress in a superb playing venue. The Queen's, 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 mile from the hotel and Southsea town centre is half a mile away.

All of the bedrooms at the Queen's Hotel have been fully refurbished to a very high 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. Queen's Hotel has an excellent restaurant.

Wi-Fi internet access is available in public areas, bedrooms and meeting rooms at £4.95 for 1 hour or £9.95 for 24 hours. Ample free parking on-site.

BOOKING ACCOMMODATION: This should be done through **Castle Chess** to gain the best rates. There are 30 rooms reserved by us until 31st January. Early booking is advised.

PACKAGE TYPES: (Entry Fee is included)

			B&B	DBB
"A"	Single	1 night	£ 96	£108
"B"	Single	2 nights	£164	£188
"C"	Single	3 nights	£232	£268
"D"	Twin	1 night	£ 85	£ 97 per person
"E"	Twin	2 nights	£134	£158 per person
"F"	Twin	3 nights	£187	£223 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.



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1st Portsmouth Congress

formerly Pat McAvoy (30 yrs) and Spectrum Chess (2 yrs)
in a hotel venue

FRIDAY , SATURDAY & SUNDAY
20 - 22 February 2009

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

5 Sections - 6 Round Swiss

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

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

Non-Smoking Congress

Players are eligible to win points in one, or more, of the “English Chess Federation 2008 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) £3.00

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: 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 (20th Feb)		Saturday (21st Feb)	
Rd 1	19:30 to 22:30	Rd 2	09:15 to 12:45
*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.		*Players Review 13:45	
		Rd 3	14:00 to 17:30
		Rd 4	19:00 to 22:30
		Sunday (22nd Feb)	
		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:

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Calendar of Castle 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 18th February



Corfe Castle, Swanage, Dorset

ENTRY FORM Portsmouth Feb 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) _____ £
Accommodation:(BB or DBB?) _____

Discounts:
ECG Direct Member £3.00
Junior (U18) £5.00
£

DONATION
(to help defray expenses) £

LATE FEE: £5 after 18th Feb £

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 an additional fee of 5%. Tel: 01707 659080 (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.)