

Castle Chess News:

Now in our 10th Year of Castle Chess we record that our numbers dropped a little in 2017. We have decided to reduce the number of Castle Chess Events to three in 2018. At the players review at Harrogate it was agreed that we will run the event in 2018 but without a guaranteed prize fund. Prizes will therefore be dependent on the number of entrants.

We are grateful to an independent sponsor for ensuring that a Castle Chess will happen in Harrogate for 2 years. Thank you to the sponsor who wishes to remain anonymous.

Entry Fee **£34** Tea / Coffee will be provided for a donation.

Castle Chess will endeavor 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 2018 Congress events (currently three are planned).

Castle Chess send all results to the ECF for grading.

Non ECF members are required to add £7 to their entry fee.

Anyone entering the 3 weekend Castle Chess events during 2018 events will be awarded a £15 loyalty voucher towards a 2019 Castle Chess event.

Castle Chess Harrogate Winners May 2017

Championship 1st= Stephen McQuillan (Scotland),
Jim Nicholson (York), Mark Whitehead (Rochdale)
Premier 1st= Stephen McQuillan (Scotland)
Mark Whitehead (Rochdale)
Major 1st George Ellames (Anwyck),
Bob Stephens (Clacton)
Intermediate 1st Michael Johnson (Harrogate),
Stanley Share (Willesden), William Egan (Scunthorpe)
Minor 1st Gerry Clayton (St Johns Norwich)
Challengers 1st Keven Lamb (Chandlers Ford),
Philip May (Limewood & Scarcroft)

Castle Chess Grand Prix ~FINAL 2017

1st= Alan Fraser (Beckenham & Bromley) 13 pts
Kevin Lamb (Chandlers Ford)
3rd Peter Dallas (Chichester) 9 pts

ACCOMMODATION AND VENUE:

The Old Swan Hotel: Swan Road
Harrogate, North Yorkshire. HG1 2SR
01423 500055

www.classiclodges.co.uk/theoldswan

Castle Chess invites chess players for a weekend's congress in a 4* hotel. The Old Swan Hotel is one of the most famous hotels in Harrogate. Set in spacious grounds, and just a short walk from the town centre, it combines Victorian elegance with contemporary luxury. Agatha Christie famously disappeared in 1926 and was found at the Swan Hotel.

All of the bedrooms at The Old Swan Hotel are furnished to a good standard. There is a large lounge area and a restaurant which offers fine dining as well as a good range of bar meals. You could take your Yorkshire afternoon tea in front of a log fire. You are respectfully asked not to bring any food into the hotel and to only eat food which has been purchased on the premises. Tea and Coffee are provided at the hotel but a donation towards cost is expected.

Wi-Fi internet access is available, without charge, in public areas, bedrooms and meeting rooms.

There is free parking on site for 100 cars. Beyond this there is a public car park costing £8 per day. Parking onsite is monitored by the council and you will need to get a permit from the hotel reception (guests and visitors).

BOOKING ACCOMMODATION: This should be done through Castle Chess to gain the best rates in this splendid hotel. There are 15 rooms reserved by us until 13th April. Early booking is advised. There are five single rooms available and 10 twin/double. There will be an extra charge of £15 per night for single occupancy of the twin/double rooms.

PACKAGE TYPES: (Entry Fee is included)

	DBB	(£24.50 is allowed on the a la carte menu)
"A"	Single	1 night £ 110
"B"	Single	2 nights £ 185
"C"	Single	3 nights £ 260
"D"	Twin/Double	1 night £ 100 per person
"E"	Twin/Double	2 nights £ 165 per person
"F"	Twin/Double	3 nights £ 230 per person

Single Supplement in a double room: £25 per night.
Non-Players may deduct £34 from the cost of their room.

Entry Fee only: £34



presents their

4th Harrogate Congress

in a hotel venue

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
11 - 13 May 2018

ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION
2017/18 Grand Prix Event

3 Sections - 6 Round Swiss

OPEN

including Premier U180
MAJOR - Under 155
including Intermediate U135
MINOR - Under 115
including Challengers U95

The Castle Controlling Team :
Marc Shaw, Tony Corfe (ECF Arbiter) Barbara Corfe

Non-Smoking Congress

CONGRESS - 6 round Swiss Tournament

PRIZES: Expected £180 per section - but not Guaranteed, plus at least one grading prize in each section. Prizes are dependent on entries.

ENTRY FEE - (without accommodation) - £34

CONGRESS DISCOUNTS - Junior (U18) £7.00

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 £7 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 unknown at the 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.

Players are eligible to win points in one, or more, of the "English Chess Federation 2017/18 Graded Grand Prix".

BOOKSTALL: A bookstall may be supplied by Tournament Chess Supplies. Please call 01707 661160 with specific requests.

PLAYING SCHEDULE

Friday (11th May) Saturday (12th May) Sunday (13th May)
Rd 1 19:30 to 23:00 Rd 2 09:30 to 13:00 Rd 5 09:30 to 13:00
Rd 3 14:00 to 17:30 Rd 6 13:45 to 17:15
*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.
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 661160 Mob: 07973 516718
email: tony@castlechess.co.uk or marc@castlechess.co.uk
or Marc Shaw 07947 813303

Please apply early. We expect to reach our capacity in this splendid hotel one month before the event.

Calendar of Castle Events 2018

10th Hereford 16 - 18 March Green Dragon
4th Harrogate 11 - 13 May Old Swan
13th Fareham 5 - 7 Oct Lysses House

visit our website: www. castlechess.co.uk

please note that a late fee applies 7 days before the event.



Corfe Castle, Swanage, Dorset

ENTRY FORM 4th Harrogate May 2018

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 £ 34 - 00
Accommodation PACKAGE TYPE
(which includes Entry Fee)_____ £
Accommodation: Arrival night _____
No of Nights _____
Discount:
Junior (U18) £7.00 £
DONATION
(to help defray expenses) £
NON ECF Silver/Gold Member ADD £7.00£
LATE FEE: ADD £7 after 1st May £
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 661160 (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

PAYMENT ONLINE:PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING CODE:

18HARR - first 4 letters of Surname - first 4 letters of First Name. eg: 18HARR-Corf-Tony
TSB: Sort Code: 30-16-64 Acct No. 00361605