

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 HEREFORD 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.

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

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 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 HEREFORD Winners 2017

Championship / Premier U175

1st Ray Ilett (Peterborough)

Major / Intermediate U135

1st Roy Watson (Kenilworth)

Minor 1st Alan Fraser (Beckenham & Bromley)

Challengers 1st= Keven Lamb (Chandlers Ford),

Michael Henbury (Chandlers Ford)

Castle Chess Grand Prix ~FINAL 2017

1st= Alan Fraser (Beckenham & Bromley)

Kevin Lamb (Chandlers Ford) 13 pts

3rd Peter Dallas (Chichester) 9 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 16th February. Early booking is advised but do enquire in March.

PACKAGE TYPES: (Entry Fee of £34 is included)

			B&B	Sgle in Twin B&B
"A"	Single	1 night	£ 80	£ 95
"B"	Single	2 nights	£125	£ 155
"C"	Single	3 nights	£170	£ 205
"D"	Twin	1 night	£ 70 per person	
"E"	Twin	2 nights	£105 per person	
"F"	Twin	3 nights	£140 per person	

Non-Players may deduct £34 from the cost of their room.

Entry Fee only : £34

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



presents their

10th Hereford Congress

in a hotel venue

FRIDAY & SATURDAY & SUNDAY

16 - 18 March 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 (16th 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 (17th 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 (18th 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 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



Corfe Castle, Swanage, Dorset

ENTRY FORM Hereford March 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 9th March £

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:

18HERE - first 4 letters of Surname - first 4 letters of First Name.
eg: 18HERE-Corf-Tony

TSB: Sort Code: 30-16-64 Acct No. 00361605 *** email your entry details to tony@castlechess.co.uk