

## Castle Chess News:

Now in our 11th Year of **Castle**. We have decided to increase the number of **Castle Chess** Events to six in 2019. At the players review at **HEREFORD** it was agreed that we will run the event in 2019 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 to be awarded to **Castle Chess** players who earn the highest total of game points in our 2019 Congress events.

**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 5 or more weekend **Castle Chess** events during 2019 events will be awarded a £25 loyalty voucher towards a 2020 **Castle Chess** event.

### **Castle Chess HEREFORD Winners 2018**

Championship	1st	Stephen Berry	
Premier	1st	Alan Crombleholme	
Major	1st	Richard Desmedt, Barry Kocan	
Intermediate	1st	Barry Kocan	
Minor	1st	Paul Silverman	
Challengers	1st	Richard Bohm	

### **Castle Chess Grand Prix ~ FINAL 2018**

1st=	Richard Desmedt (Doncaster)	
	Kevin Lamb (Chandlers Ford)	8 pts
3rd=	Dan Rugman (Hammersmith)	
	Gary Wickett (Midlands Police)	6 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 20th February. Early booking is advised but do enquire in March.

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

			B&B	Sgls in Twin B&B
"A"	Single	1 night	£ 80	£ 95
"B"	Single	2 nights	£130	£ 160
"C"	Single	3 nights	£180	£ 225
"D"	Twin	1 night	£ 75 per person	
"E"	Twin	2 nights	£115 per person	
"F"	Twin	3 nights	£155 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.



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## 11th Hereford Congress

in a hotel venue

FRIDAY & SATURDAY & SUNDAY

**22 - 24 March 2019**

ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION  
2018/19 Tradewise 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 Tradewise 2018/19 Grand Prix".

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

PLAYING SCHEDULE

Friday (22nd 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 (23rd 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 (24th 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@mrcorfe.co.uk](mailto:tony@mrcorfe.co.uk) or [marc.shaw.chess@gmail.com](mailto:marc.shaw.chess@gmail.com)

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 2019

14th Fareham (6rnds)	18th - 20th Jan	Lysses Hotel (Fareham)
6th Dudley (6rnds)	8th - 10th Feb	Quality Hotel
11th Hereford (6rnds)	22nd - 24th Mar	Green Dragon
5th Harrogate (6rnds)	10th - 12th May	Old Swan Hotel
15th Fareham (6rnds)	4th - 6th Oct	Lysses Hotel (Fareham)
7th Dudley (6rnds)	22nd - 24th Nov	Quality Hotel

visit our website: [www.castlechess.co.uk](http://www.castlechess.co.uk)

DATA PROTECTION REGULATION 2018:

Castle Chess holds the personal data of players who have provided it to us. We will only use it to contact you with regard to the marketing of Castle Chess or other chess related activities. In normal circumstances we will make contact by email or occasionally telephone / mobile.



Corfe Castle, Swanage, Dorset

ENTRY FORM Hereford March 2019

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 15th 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: USE THE FOLLOWING CODE:

19HERE - first 4 letters of Surname - first 4 letters of First Name.  
eg: 19HERE-Corf-Tony

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW ACCOUNT DETAILS  
TSB: Sort Code: 30-16-64 Acct No. 00001021  
Acct Name: Castle Chess