

EUROPEAN CHESS SOLVING CHAMPIONSHIP (ECSC) 2010

The British Chess Problem Society is staging the 2010 ECSC and we would like to welcome all solvers and others interested in attending to join us at Sunningdale for what we hope will be a very enjoyable weekend.

Venue: DeVere Sunningdale Park Hotel, Larch Avenue, Sunningdale, Berks SL5 0QE (www.deverevenues.co.uk)

Dates: Friday 9th April (arrive) – Monday 12th April 2010 (depart)

Single Room (bed & breakfast, per day): £54.05 (incl. VAT at 17.5%)
Double Room (bed & breakfast, per day): £72.85 (incl. VAT at 17.5%)

(The British Government has increased the VAT rate to 17.5% for 2010)

Booking Arrangements: The above room charges are a special rate; to obtain them, you should call the hotel direct (0844 980 2318), quoting “Paul Valois, British Chess Problem Society”. The special rate is NOT available through the website. You can book by email to Jegelton@deverevenues.co.uk ; this is Jo Egelton, a member of the reservations staff who knows about our event. Alternatively, you can ask me to book a room for you (paulvalois@yahoo.co.uk . Payment is to the hotel on departure. Meals are available in the restaurant: Buffet Lunch (£8.00), Buffet Dinner (£10.00), or if you like you can ask for a Packed Lunch (£5.00). To all of these, 17.5% Value Added Tax is added. Rooms are reserved for us; please book early!

DeVere Sunningdale is a very pleasant venue, set in a park, with modern buildings – conference centre, restaurant and residential block (hotel), all very close together. The venue is also known as the National School of Government. It should be possible for individuals to stay an extra day before and after the event at the same prices.

London Heathrow Airport is about 20 kilometres away. However, taxis from Heathrow to Sunningdale are very expensive. It will cost less if you get the hotel to book you a taxi (both to and from the airport); there will be more information about this on the website nearer the time. An alternative way of getting to the hotel from the airport is to take the bus to Feltham Station (bus 285 from Heathrow Terminals 1,2,3; bus 490 from Heathrow Terminals 4 and 5 – both are frequent). From Feltham Station there is a half-hourly train service to Sunningdale Station. At certain times there is a free shuttle bus from the station to the hotel. Sunningdale Station is also 45 minutes by train from Waterloo; and this is the best way to get to central London if you wish to do so during the weekend.

The ECSC will be directed by Dr Pavel Kamenik (Czech Republic). It will take place in the Sharp Suite of the conference centre, on Saturday morning and Sunday morning. Other events are planned for evenings and afternoons. Prizегiving will be on the Sunday evening.

Updated information will be on the website. We look forward to seeing you in Sunningdale!

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