

European Team Championship - Crete



The pool area outside the back of the hotel – life is tough!



The England team (without me) on the right against Finland. Adams (nearest) suffered a little in this game against Nyback (2565) after refraining from his usual Queen's Indian to play the increasingly popular Ragozin variation. Eventually he held for a draw and the rest of the team won, to comfortably see off a much weaker, but potentially dangerous team.



Morozevich and Grischuk, part of the Russian team who ran out comprehensive winners. They are obviously thinking about something else whilst their opponents deal with the morning's preparation!



Veselin Topalov, with his young prodigy Cheparinov in the background. Topalov only hung around for the first 4 rounds before disappearing to win another elite all play all event. The Bulgarians played well, but were never really going to challenge for the title without their star player.