

Frodsham Congress 2011

There were 100 players, the same as last year, at this year's Frodsham Congress, which took place on 11th-13th February. This year, following Leek, Fischer time control was in use. Mike Surtees (Bolton) improved on his second place in 2010 by winning the Major, conceding just one draw, to Henry Broadley (Chorley). The Minor was very closely contested, with four players sharing first place. The results were:

Major (U210, 29 players)

1st Mike Surtees (Bolton) 4.5/5
2nd Steven Jones (Padgate) 4
3= Claudio Mangione (Lincoln), Noel McLaughlin (Northwich), Liam Rabitte (Heywood), Craig Whitfield (Cheddleton and Leek) 3.5
Grading prize (U169): Nathan Talbot (Wigan Knights) 3
Others on 3: Mitchell Burke (3C's), Chris Doran (Chester), Peter Jowett (Preston), Dominic Rabitte (Heywood).

Intermediate (U150, 33 players)

1st Stephen Lloyd (Chester) 4.5
2nd Arnolds Kozlovskis (Blackburn) 4
3= Martin Coles (Runcorn), Graham Hughes (Chorley), Neil Lister (Whitstable), Joe Nemcek (Chester), Ian Stephens (Liverpool), 3.5
Grading prizes (U140): Marvin Hayes (Penyffordd), Paul Talbot (Wigan Knights), Michael Wood (Pensby) 3.
Others on 3: David Buckell (Pendle), Mark Cromwell (Frodsham), Matthew Fanning (Atherton), Damian McCarthy (Padgate).

Minor (U125, 38 players)

1= Huw Davies (Bangor), Tim Hilton (3C's), Conrad Jowett (Stockport), John Simmons (Rhyl) 4
Grading prizes (U110) Angelica Dean (3C's) 3.5
Others on 3.5: Jeremy Hunt (Prescott and Knotty Ash), Nigel Jowett (Glasgow), David Scorer (Pendle).
On 3: Patrick Coleman (Lytham ex-Servicemen), Paul Horman (Morecombe), Tom Lawton (Atticus), Celeste McCrann (Wrexham), Asoke Nandi (Pensby), Richard Swajkun (Newport).

The Team Prize (a digital clock) was won by Chester A (11/15) for the third year running ahead of Padgate (10).

The Congress was again expertly controlled by Roger Edwards, Ian Campbell, Robert Milner and Jim McPhillips, and refreshments raised £270 for the Canal Boat Adventure Project.