

Frodsham Congress 2012

There were 101 players at this year's Frodsham Congress, which took place on 10th-12th February. The Major was won by Andrej Stancak (Atticus), conceding just one draw, half a point ahead of Oliver Jackson. There was a three-way tie for first place in the Intermediate, Carl Gartside(Buxton), Ian Stephens (Liverpool) and Ray Williams (Chester) sharing the honours. Brian Crompton (Pensby) was the outright winner of the Minor, with four players sharing second place.

Major (U210, 24 players)

1st Andrej Stancak (Atticus) 4.5/5.
2nd Oliver Jackson (No Club) 4.
3= Peter Jowett (Preston), Silvio Ueti (Brazil) 3.5.
Grading prize (U160): Brendan Kane (Aigburth) 3.
Others on 3: Steve Jones (Padgate), John Reed (East Cheshire),
Mike Surtees (Bolton).

Intermediate (U150, 32 players)

1= Carl Gartside (Buxton), Ian Stephens (Liverpool), Ray Williams (Chester) 4.
Grading prizes (U135): Ben Scattergood (Holmes Chapel) 3.5.
Others on 3.5: Martin Coles (Runcorn), Graham Shepherd (Church Stretton).
On 3: David Buckell (Pendle), Nick Darlington (Frodsham),
Conrad Green (Newcastle-under-Lyme), Joe Nemcek (Chester),
Tony Roberts (Wallasey), Ben Roberts (Rhyl & Prestatyn).

Minor (U125, 45 players)

1st Brian Crompton (Pensby) 4.5.
2= Andrew De Santos (Preston), Bill Egan (Scunthorpe), Mike Lee (Colwyn Bay),
Richard Szwajkun (Shifnal & Telford) 4.
Grading prizes (U106): Chris Fraser (West Bridgford),
David Price (Holmes Chapel) 3.5.
Others on 3.5: Paul Jackson (Morecambe).
On 3: Jacob Boswell (Cheddleton & Leek), Derek Brent (Urmston),
Alex Cartlidge (Cheddleton & Leek), Conrad Jowett (No Club),
Eliot Green (Newcastle-under-Lyme), Jeremy Hunt (Prescot & Knotty Ash),
David Scorer (Pendle), Jim Waddington (Bolton).

The Team Prize (a digital clock) was won by Chester (9.5/15) for the fourth year running, ahead of Cheddleton & Leek, Holmes Chapel and Priorslee Lions (8.5).

The Congress was again expertly controlled by Roger Edwards, Robert Milner and Jim McPhillips. The Congress in 2013 will take place 8th-10th February.