

# 2012 Prestwick Airport Chess Congress Incorporating The West of Scotland Championships

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2012

Venue - Aviator Suite, Glasgow Prestwick International Airport,  
Prestwick, Ayrshire, KA9 2PL

## TOURNAMENTS

**OPEN** - Open to all players

**GM SARUNAS SULSKIS (LITHUANIA) FIDE RATED 2595 WILL BE PLAYING IN THE OPEN.**

**MAJOR** - Under 1850 (ECF Under 167)

**MINOR** - Under 1450 (ECF Under 127)

**JUNIOR SATURDAY** - Open to any Junior (under 16 at 4<sup>th</sup> May 2012) with a grade below 1000



**Rate of play:** Two hours per player to make all moves. There will be no quickplay finishes.

**All Events:** Five round Swiss tournaments played under the rules of Chess Scotland.

### Arbiter Team

Donald Wilson (Senior Arbiter)

Andy Howie (FIDE Arbiter) John McNicoll Paul MacDonald

## The Venue

A quality venue, in a seaside resort. The venue has great on-site amenities, including bars, cafes and shops.

Already considered by many to have the best transport links of any congress in the UK, let alone Scotland. The Prestwick Airport Congress has to be one of the most easily accessible venues, whether you are travelling by private or public transport.

Prestwick international airport is a short distance from Prestwick Town and 9 minutes by train from Ayr both of which have a good selection of cafes, bars, restaurants and shops and a vast range of accommodation.

The Aviator suite is located on the first floor. The Aviator Suite is located on the first floor of the main terminal building on the right hand side. The tournament area consists of the main comfortable playing room and a large reception suite which is utilised for the bookstall, analysis area, notice boards and between game relaxation.

There is no restriction on players bringing their own food and drink. However, no alcohol will be allowed in the tournament area. Smoking is not permitted anywhere within the terminal building. There are clearly signed, designated smoking areas outside the front and side of the terminal which should be used for smoking.

## HOW TO GET THERE

### BY RAIL

Significant savings can be made on return rail fares by those able to book in advance.

Glasgow Prestwick is the only airport in Scotland served by its own railway station. The station is on the main Glasgow to Ayr line. Trains run every half hour. Journey time from Glasgow approx. 1 hour.

### BY ROAD

The M77 road link means that Glasgow city centre is only a 32 mile drive on motorway.

From Glasgow (Edinburgh and North)  
West on M8, South on M77, A77, A78, A79

From Dumfries (Carlisle and the South)  
North on A76 (A74), A70, A77, North on A78, South A79

**PARKING :** Parking at the airport will be at the special rate of £2.50 per stay. Alternatively, there is free parking directly adjacent to Prestwick Town train station. Competitors can then take the 2 minute train journey to Prestwick Airport station.

### BY BUS

X77 from Glasgow Buchanan Street X16 from Hamilton, East Kilbride and Kilmarnock

585 from Greenock and Irvine 04 and 4a from Glasgow Buchanan Street

For timetables [www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com)

<http://www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables.aspx?serviceid=&locationid=0&from=glasgow&to=prestwick%20airport>

### Accommodation

The area has a vast array of accommodation available from budget bed and breakfast to luxury hotels. Check [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com) for up-to-date rates. Whilst there is a multitude of accommodation on offer in the area competitors are advised to book as early as possible to ensure their preferred choice at the best rates.

### PARKSTONE HOTEL - PREFERENTIAL ROOM RATES TO CONGRESS PARTICIPATORS

In addition to their generous offer of free use of their ballroom for the Saturday night event, the Parkstone Hotel are also offering reduced rates for those participating in the congress.

The Hotel is ideally situated for Prestwick Airport, Rail Station, Town Centre and is adjacent to Prestwick Golf Club and St Nicholas Golf Club. The Airport is within walking distance of the hotel and only 3 minutes by taxi or car - the Rail Station and Town Centre are just a 5 minute walk away. With its seafront location, stunning views of the Isle of Arran and Firth of Clyde the hotel is the perfect place to relax - have a drink in the Lounge Bar or enjoy a meal in their award-winning restaurant.

From the Lounge Bar there is direct access out onto the front lawns and the traffic-free promenade. The Hotel is also well equipped for wheelchairs and has dedicated rooms for those guests with special requirements. **Free WiFi and internet facilities available.**

The hotel celebrated its 75th year in business in March 2008. Owned and managed by the same family during this time, the Hotel has committed itself to providing quality facilities and services whilst endeavouring to retain its traditional Scottish atmosphere - why not experience it for yourself?

The special room rates for the tournament are Single room - £52 per night including breakfast and Double room - £72 per night including breakfast. Family rooms are also available at preferential rates.

Further details on the hotel can be found on the hotel website at [www.parkstonehotel.co.uk](http://www.parkstonehotel.co.uk)

#### **SATURDAY NIGHT EVENT AT THE PARKSTONE HOTEL, PRESTWICK**

Lithuanian GM Sarunas Sulskis will be the main attraction at a Saturday night social event, to be held in the function suite, at the Parkstone Hotel in Prestwick, where he will give a talk drawn from his experiences over two decades of playing at the top, before a number of lucky players will get the chance to take on Lithuania's number one, at the same time, in a relaxed atmosphere, simultaneous chess event.

Places in the simultaneous event will be limited and a number of these places will be reserved for congress participants. There will be a small charge of £10 for the unique opportunity to play GM Sulskis, who is currently rated 2595. We expect that there will be more interested players than places and therefore a draw will take place before the start of the simul event to determine who will have the chance to play. Only those successful in the draw will be asked to pay the £10.

There will still be much on offer, for those who are not fortunate enough to secure one of the simul places. Apart from the opportunity to hear the experiences of an Eastern European GM, we intend to hold a blitz tournament which will take place at the same time as the simultaneous event. This will possibly have a small entry fee and small prizes and could also be FIDE rated if there is an interest. Additionally, a free buffet will be laid on for all during the evening, although we are politely suggesting an optional donation of around £5 as a contribution to the cost. The function suite bar will be open for refreshments, alcoholic and non-alcoholic.

As it's a social event we don't mind if you don't want to participate in the chess and just want to come along, listen to Sarunas and then relax and enjoy a few refreshments and some food with some old friends and perhaps make some new ones. Juniors, partners and friends are all welcome to come along.

#### **Online coaching by GM Sarunas Sulskis**

Lithuanian Grand Master Sarunas Sulskis trained at the Botvinnik/Kasparov school and has acted as a second to Vassily Ivanchuk. Born in 1972, GM Sulskis achieved his Grand Master title in 1996 and has consistently maintained a FIDE grading of around or above 2500. In the January 2012 FIDE ratings Sarunas reached a new career high of 2595 and he is the number one rated player in Lithuania.

GM Sulskis has participated in 3 of FIDE's World Chess "Knock Out" Championships. In 1997 in Groningen he was knocked out in the first round, but in both 2001 in Moscow, and in 2004 in Tripoli he made the second round after beating GM Graf in 2001 and GM Macieja in 2004.

He is the current Lithuanian Chess Champion and has won the title on six occasions: in 1991, 1994, 1998 (shared with Vidmantas Mališauskas), 2007, 2009 and 2011. Sarunas played for Lithuania in the Chess Olympiads of 1994, 1996, 1998, 2002, 2004, 2008 and 2010 and in the European Team Chess Championships of 1997, 2005, 2007, 2009 and 2011. At Goodricke Calcutta, in 2002, he scored 8.5 of 11 possible points (77%) against 2555-rated opposition, for a performance rating of 2697. In 2006, he tied for 2nd-9th in the 2nd EU Individual Open Chess Championship in Liverpool. In 2011 he won the Guernsey International Chess Festival.

In addition to being one of the top players Sarunas is also a top level coach and is already providing online coaching to players in Scotland.

The Saturday night social event will give all who attend a flavour of his coaching technique and skills. Anyone interested in being coached online by GM Sulskis should contact Robin Moore at the congress or via the Coach List page on the Chess Scotland website <http://www.chessscotland.com/membership/CoachList.htm>

#### **Open. Major and Minor**

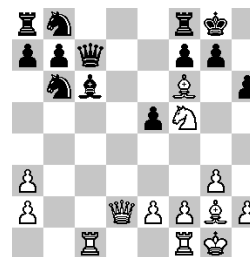
**Entries should be received by Wednesday 2nd May 2012.**

#### **ENTRY FEES**

<b>TITLED (GM, IM, WGM, FM, WIM, WFM)</b>	<b>FREE If entry received before 27<sup>th</sup> April 2012</b>
<b>TITLED (GM, IM, WGM, FM, WIM, WFM)</b>	<b>£22</b>
<b>JUNIORS (under 17 at 04/05/2012)</b>	<b>£11</b>
<b>ADULTS</b>	<b>£22</b>

**Free entry for Trophy winners – The four winners of the 2011 trophies are entitled to free entry for 2012. 2012 trophy winners will receive the same courtesy in 2013.**

#### **PRIZE DRAW COMPETITION FOR EARLY ENTRIES**



Early Entry Chess Problem Competition - If your answer is correct and your entry for the tournament is received before Monday April 23rd, 2012, your name will be entered in a draw for a prize of £25. The draw will be made on Saturday 5th May just before the start of round three. Entries by post, telephone, email or any other form of entry can enter the prize draw, simply include your answer when making your entry.

White to play and force checkmate in the fewest moves possible. What does white play? If you're stuck keep visiting the website, as there may be clues.

#### **DISCOUNTS**

**Chess Scotland Members – Adults members may deduct £3, junior members under 17 at 4<sup>th</sup> May 2012 may deduct £5. Details of Chess Scotland membership and Chess Scotland fees can be found on the Chess Scotland website [www.chessscotland.com](http://www.chessscotland.com) . Members of other Chess Associations may deduct £2.**

**We want to reward loyalty, encourage junior participation, see more females playing, get new players taking part and bring those who have drifted away from the game back. To achieve these aims we are offering a series of incentives which we hope will result in those who played in previous years returning and those who didn't joining the fun.**

**Loyalty Reward – £2 entry fee deduction, for those who played the previous year. This is in addition to any other deductions players may be eligible to take. The intention is for £2 to be added to the loyalty reward for every consecutive year a player takes part.**

**Newcomer's and missing player's incentive – Half price entry for any adult entrant that has never played a weekend congress before. Half price entry for any adult entrant that hasn't played a weekend congress since 1st May 2011.**

## PLAYING SESSIONS

Round 1 - Friday	6.30pm to 10.30pm
Round 2 - Saturday	9.45am to 1.45pm
Round 3 - Saturday	2.30pm to 6.30pm
Round 4 - Sunday	9.45am to 1.45pm
Round 5 - Sunday	2.30pm to 6.30pm

Players without opponents will be repaired after 30 minutes where possible. A ½ point bye may be taken in any round, provided it is done so before the congress starts.

## PRIZES

### Open

1<sup>st</sup> - £150, Phyllis Anderson Cup & Gold Medal. Free entry to 2013 Prestwick Congress.

2<sup>nd</sup> - £100 & Silver Medal  
3<sup>rd</sup> - £50 & Bronze Medal

West of Scotland Champion – £50 & Trophy

Grading Prize – £25

### Major

1<sup>st</sup> - £150, George Congalton Cup & Gold Medal. Free entry to 2013 Prestwick Congress.

2<sup>nd</sup> - £100 & Silver Medal  
3<sup>rd</sup> - £50 & Bronze Medal

West of Scotland Under 1850 Champion – £50 & Trophy

Grading Prize 1 - £25  
Grading Prize 2 – £25

### Minor

1<sup>st</sup> - £150, Catharine Orrock Cup & Gold Medal. Free entry to 2013 Prestwick Congress.

2<sup>nd</sup> - £100 & Silver Medal  
3<sup>rd</sup> - £50 & Bronze Medal

West of Scotland Under 1450 Champion – £50 & Trophy

Grading Prize 1 – £25  
Grading Prize 2 – £25

### Iain Fraser Junior Cup

1<sup>st</sup> - £75, Iain Fraser Cup & Gold Medal. Free entry to 2013 Prestwick Congress.  
2<sup>nd</sup> - £50 & Silver Medal  
3<sup>rd</sup> - £25 & Bronze Medal

Open to all graded juniors under 17 at 4<sup>th</sup> May 2012, regardless of section. Placings will be determined by tournament performance against live grade as given on the CS grading database at the start of the tournament.

### Women's Competition

1<sup>st</sup> - £50 & Trophy. Free entry to 2013 Prestwick Congress.

Open to all graded females, regardless of section. The winner will be determined by tournament performance against live grade as given on the CS grading database at the start of the tournament.

Prize Giving will begin as soon as possible after the completion of round 5.

Advertised prizes are based in a similar entry as 2011, when there were a total of 91 entrants. Prize money for the West of Scotland Champions, the junior and the women's competitions has been funded by personal donations specifically for those awards and has not been drawn from entry fees. The West of Scotland major and minor trophies and the women's trophies have also been funded from personal donations specifically for those awards.

## JUNIOR SATURDAY

Open to any Junior aged under 16 at 4<sup>th</sup> May 2012 with a grade under 1000 or who is ungraded. The format of this new event will depend on the number of entries.

Trophies and medals will be awarded for the best performances.

Entry fee for the Junior Saturday event will be £5 per person. Chess Scotland members may deduct £2.

Play will be on a continuous basis between 10.30am and 4.30pm with a break for lunch.

## WEBSITE

All the latest news on the congress at

[www.ayrshirechesscongress.co.uk](http://www.ayrshirechesscongress.co.uk)

## BOOKSTALL

Chess Suppliers Scotland Ltd will be at the event on Saturday only.

[www.chesssuppliers.co.uk](http://www.chesssuppliers.co.uk)

## GRAND PRIX EVENTS

Events will form part of the ChessBase Grand Prix and (where appropriate) the Walter Munn Junior Grand Prix organised by Chess Scotland

## CONDITIONS

The organisers reserve the right to:

- Increase or decrease prize money. Advertised prizes based on 125 total entrants.
- Transfer entrants between events.
- Split or merge events depending on numbers.
- Withhold prizes from ungraded players if they play in events below their known strength.
- The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry without assigning a reason.
- Take any other measures deemed necessary to ensure the smooth running of the congress.



### 2011 Event

The 2011 Arc Training Chess Congress held at Prestwick Airport was a great success, attracting 91 players from across the United Kingdom and a large number of local players. The competition in all three sections was intense and the eventual placings not decided until the very last minutes of the event.

In the Open Section, International Chess Master Stephen Burns-Mannion of East Kilbride's four and a half points was enough to win the Phyllis Anderson Cup and the gold medal. Elliot Frew of Greenwood secured a win in his final game to finish second and Mike Surtees from Bolton rounded off the top three.

The Major section was hard fought and at the end of play four players were tied for first place. After a tie-break Phil Thomas of East Kilbride was awarded the gold medal and the trophy, Jamie Malkin of Kilmarnock Chess Club took the silver medal, while his club mate Jim Kleboe took third place and the bronze, ahead of John Calder of Troon.

The top 3 places in the Minor went to Brian Bonnyman of Giffnock, Andrew McCusker and Bernard Cassidy, both of Hamilton Chess Club, in that order. Ayrshire players battled hard but only Zak Roy of Carrick Chess Club managed a prize. Zak won the Minor grading prize and also finished second in the Iain Fraser Cup for the best performance by a Junior behind Anna Milton of Bon Accord Chess Club and narrowly ahead of Andrew McCusker.

## ENTRY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Pnum: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB (if under 20): \_\_\_\_\_

Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Half Point Bye Required YES/NO Round \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee: £ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation (Thank You): £ \_\_\_\_\_

Deduction Chess Scotland Member/  
 Member of other Chess Association £ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Deduction – Loyalty,  
 missing player etc. £ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total:** £ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be entered into the draw for the Sarunas Sulskis Simultaneous event on the Saturday night (£10 to those successfully drawn). YES/NO

Attending the Saturday night event? (Free though if attending, suggested donation of £5 to contribute towards buffet costs would be appreciated) YES/NO

Please return completed forms to:

David Congalton  
 12F Townhead  
 Irvine  
 Ayrshire  
 KA12 0BE

Tel - 01294 273114 Between 6pm and 10pm weekdays and 10am to 10pm at weekends. If no answer, please leave a message on answer machine and I'll return your call. No calls after 10pm please.

E-Mail – [davidcongalton@ayrshirechesscongress.co.uk](mailto:davidcongalton@ayrshirechesscongress.co.uk)

Entries by email MUST include a postal address.

Please make cheques payable to Ayrshire and Arran Chess Fellowship

Please enclose SAE if you require a receipt.