

Home Director Report to March Council Meeting

In my time as home tournament director I have focussed on cooperation with Alex McFarlane in the preparation of the Scottish Championship in Edinburgh 2009. At the moment it looks as if we will have five Scottish Grandmasters in the tournament and a few foreign ones. We have printed 3100 leaflets that will be sent to tournaments and chess shops all over Europe. Alex and Donald Wilson will distribute them in the UK. We are hoping for a total of 110 participants, when the tournament might give a small plus, after 5000 pounds and a free venue have been donated by the City of Edinburgh Council.

Quality Chess will sponsor the event with 1000 pounds and assistance in the promotion of the event. Some of the promotional expenses will be paid directly by QC, some funds will be added to the prize fund.

SJC offered to organise the West of Scotland Championship, which I approved of.

Sam Collins have continued organising various events.

I will not be running for director next year for the same reason that I will not be playing in Edinburgh. In the summer Anne and I will have our second child and I will be putting my family first, second and third.

Already now we need action on the 2010 Championship. Under my current family circumstances I will not be able to assist in this respect. The council needs to find a new home director now – and he needs to begin organising the 2010 Championship now!

Jacob Aagaard