

Presidents Reports

I am now approaching the half-way point in my presidency, it is incredible how fast time flies. There is still so much to do and so many new exciting initiatives on the horizon.

One area that is gaining a lot of press time at the moment is FIDE's Chess in Schools. Both Andy and I met with Geoffrey Borg in the summer and we discussed how we can implement this in Scotland. Andy will cover this more in his report but we still have a lot of work to do to get us to the stage that we can start putting pressure on the government about this.

I am pleased to see the numbers of tournaments increasing. Some congresses are reporting that numbers are increasing. Chess is a sport that is "cheap as chips". When you consider the cost for a football match, taking into consideration, pies, programmes etc, you are paying out close to £40 for 90 minutes entertainment. £20 for 5 rounds at a weekend congress is value for money.

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