

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY (MS)
REPORT TO CHESS SCOTLAND (CS) AGM - 29 AUGUST 2010**

BACKGROUND

The MS role passed from George Anderson to me, Dick Heathwood, on 1 December. Tribute must be made to both Douglas, Chief Grader, and to Mac, Treasurer, for all their help and patience in ensuring that I understood the MS role.

I am very pleased that I was appointed as the MS; in particular I enjoy the contact with members.

MEMBERSHIP

It is traditional to report the membership statistics as at April, for completeness I have added the statistics as at 31 July.

Full	April 2009	Apr 2010	Jul 2010
Adult	156	153	148
Under 17	9	5	6
Under 14	13	11	11
Family Adult	20	28	28
Family Junior	2	2	4
Basic			
Adult	147	146	163
Under 17	12	8	5
Under 14	20	22	25
Family Adult	36	46	43
Family Junior	25	21	23
Patron & Life			
Patron	5	5	5
Life	131	109	108
Life magazine		29	29
TOTALS	576	585	598

In addition to the above, currently there are eight non members who subscribe to the magazine.

The above figures show a fairly stable membership base. Every effort is made to encourage members to renew. Between 1 Dec and 31 Jul, I have prepared 612 renewal request letters for members; 133 were distributed as magazine inserts, 278 were posted and 201 were sent by email. In the same period, 297 payments (cheque and PayPal) were received and processed.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

This year, greater use was made of email to encourage members to vote. I think it was a successful innovation, 211 votes were counted.

WEBSITE

I am not aware of any website issues which should be highlighted. Updates are implemented as promptly as possible.