Frodsham Congress 2016

This year's congress took place at Frodsham Community Centre on 5th -7th February, with 99 players. Mike Surtees (Great Lever) was again in first place in the Under 210 section, as he had been in 2011, 2013 and 2015, but this time had to share it with Oliver Jackson (no club) and Nugith Jayawarna (Heywood).

First place in the Under 160 section went to Robert Furness (Culcheth & Lymm), with Tom Carroll (Hoylake), John Cawston (Yorkshire Copper Works), Mark Cromwell (Frodsham) and Robert Dean (Undercliffe) all sharing second place. There was an unusually large entry in this section and an extra grading prize was awarded.

Tony Jinks (Heywood) won the Under 120 section with 4.5 points. Second place was a tie between two Formby players, John Grady, and Edward Patten.

The Formby team of Michael Barooah, John Grady and Edward Patten also ran off with the team prize of a DGT 3000 clock with (10.5/15), two and a half a point ahead of Chester A.

The Congress was ably controlled by Alex Holowczak, flying in from arbiting in Gibraltar, and Jim McPhillips.

Under 210 (13 players)

1st = Oliver Jackson (no club), Nugith Jayawarna (Heywood), Mike Surtees (Great Lever) 3.5. Grading Prize (Under 170): Andy Barber (Buckley/Mold) 3. Others on 3: Chris Doran (Chester), Paul Evans (Lytham Ex-Servicemen).

Under 160 (51 players)

1st Robert Furness (Culcheth & Lymm) 4.5.

2nd = Tom Carroll (Hoylake), John Cawston (Yorkshire Copper Works),

Mark Cromwell (Frodsham), Robert Dean (Undercliffe) 4.

Grading Prizes (Under 150): Richard Clissold (Winwick),

Anita Somton (West Nottingham) 3.5.

Grading Prizes (Under 135): Michael Barooah (Formby), Seth Collinson (Chester),

Sam Davies (Tiger Chess), Joe Nemcek (Chester), George Scattergood (Holmes Chapel), Colin White (Chester) 2.5.

On 3: David Ashton (Pensby), Reg Clucas (Altrincham & Hale),

Richard Desmedt (Wombwell), Barry Hymer (Lancaster),

Colin Procter (Yorkshire Copper Works), Ian Stephens (Liverpool), Chris Vassiliou (Chorlton), Mike Whale (Colwyn Bay).

Under 120 (35 players)

1st Tony Jinks (Heywood) 4.5.

2nd = John Grady (Formby), Edward Patten (Formby) 4.

Grading Prizes (Under 105): James Babington (Rhyl & Prestatyn),

Dominic Taylor (Cheddleton & Leek) 3.5.

Others on 3.5: Andrew De Santos (Preston/Crusaders), Steve Rush (no club),

David Scorer (Clitheroe), Steve Szwajkun (Telford).

On 3: Brian Clarke (Hoylake), Keith Hodgson (East Cheshire), Paul Jackson (Morecambe), Ifan Rathbone-Jones (Buckley/Mold).

The full cross-tables are at http://www.kisekigo.com/frodsham.html.