ANNOUNCEMENT

The Dun Laoghaire Club with the support of the Irish Chess Union and Dun Laoghaire and Rathdown County Council are proud to announce International Grandmaster and International Masters Chess tournaments to be held at the Dun Laoghaire Club 3, Eblana Terrace, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin from 20th August 2010 to 29th august 2010.

These events are organised to give Irish players an opportunity to record qualification "norms," with a view to achieving international titles.

The following players have been invited and agreed to compete:-

Grandmaster Tournament:

Name	Title	Country	Rating
Alexander Baburin	Grandmaster	Ireland	2549
Mark Hebden	Grandmaster	England	2556
Klaus Bischoff	Grandmaster	Germany	2553
Mark Quinn	International Master	Ireland	2377
Mark Heidenfeld	International Master	Ireland	2360
Yury Rochev		Russia	2395
Sam Collins	International Master	Ireland	2408
Valery Atlas	International Master	Austria	2440
Federico Manca	International Master	Italy	2356
Alex Lopez		Ireland	2367

The rating average is 2436 and the IM standard is 5 points while the Grandmaster standard is 6 points.

Master Tournament:

Name	Title	Country	Rating
Simon Ansell	International Master	England	2398
A N Other		Overseas	Awaiting Acceptance
Pavel Cech	International Master	Czech	2410
Ryan Rhys Griffith		Ireland	2249
David Fitzsimons		Ireland	2263
Rafael Rodriguez Lopez	International Master	Spain	2312
Stephen Brady		Ireland	2376
Colm Daly		Ireland	2322
Joe Ryan		Ireland	2302
Philip Short		Ireland	2296

The rating average is 2325 and the IM standard is 6 points.

These events are the highlights of the Dun Laoghaire Chess Festival being run at the same time. A copy of the Programme is attached.

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