### **Christopher Skulte**

ECF Bronze Member - 002913

I am a 34 year old Chartered Accountant, who has lived and worked in 3 different countries. (England, Australia, and Switzerland). Everywhere I have travelled, I love how chess brings people together, I've seen how new ideas, and many different views can really create a positive impact in the chess world.

## So how am I currently involved in chess

- \* Club & Committee member for Hammersmith chess club (London), playing in 4 different leagues.
- \* Captain of the Celtic Tigers 4NCL team, qualifying for European Club Cup
- \* Casually playing in pubs around London.
- \* Play casually online, though nothing compares to over the board chess.

# Why I think I will be a great representative

- \* I am a big believer in Grassroots (the club player), I have worked with Hammersmith Chess Club as a player and committee member. A club which has grown from 20 to over 100 members over the previous years by delivering a whole range of offerings. (many who converted from online chess to over the board chess)
- \* I have worked in sport with a number of big name clients (Olympics, The FA, etc). and have seen many of the initiatives run that helped drive positive change within their communities.
- \* I am quite sociable, and have met many people from many clubs, and having an open mind, it would be great to drive some positive change in the sport.

#### What I believe in

- \* It's important to ensure that grassroot members are well represented.
- \* It's important that initiatives are focused on bringing new players into clubs, and the ECF.
- \* It's important that Clubs, Leagues and Counties feel supported
- \* It's important that it's not my views being pushed forward, but the views of the bronze membership, which I can channel through ideas from my experiences.
- \* It's important the ECF provides guidance to players and clubs in this ever changing environment.

## Other notes

I would like voters to consider Aga Milewska as one of your two votes, as I believe that our two styles will work well to properly represent the full depth of views within the Bronze member base.