

## **ANDY BARUCH**



Andy Baruch was born in 1952 and spent most of his childhood in various parts of Scotland. In 1966 he arrived in Dundee where the indefatigable Nancy Elder ran various junior chess schemes. Andy learned to play and was soon in his school team.

Successes for Andy have often been as part of a team; his Dundee High School team won the 'Sunday Times' tournament in 1969, the first Scottish school to do so. He has won the Dundee League with Dundee Chess Club; the Manchester League with Sale Chess Club; and the Coventry League many times with Whoberley Chess Club. Individually he has won any number of prizes in weekend Swiss tournaments, starting with winning the Dundee Easter Congress in '71 and more recently

sharing second place at the Wrekin 2011.

Andy has served a couple of stints as Warwickshire 1<sup>st</sup> team captain, and now manages and plays for Warwickshire Select in the Four Nations Chess League.

Andy is an ECF Regional Master, his ECF grade peaking somewhere north of 200 for a few years from the early 80's.

Andy's non chess career has been in IT, and he now works as a freelancer specialising in IT Audit and information security management. When he's not working, playing chess or tearing what remains of his hair out trying to raise a chess team, he is normally to be found playing his 'cello in a string quartet or some other chamber music ensemble.