



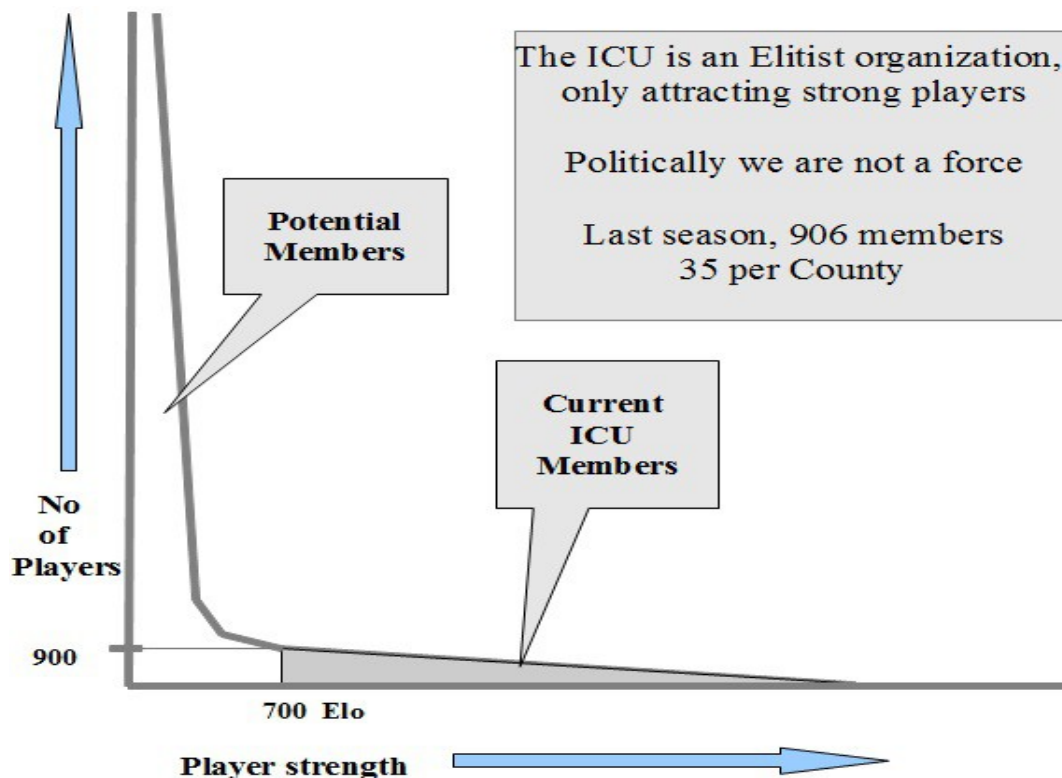
# John Alfred

is running for  
**ICU Chairman**

Apart from the usual jobs that the Chairman does, the following are on the top of my 'To do' list.....

## Double the membership

## Get a homegrown Grandmaster



## **My Chess history**

ICU Committee member for c 7 of the last 10 years  
Originally set up/run the largest Team league in Ireland  
ChessZ - over 1000 players  
Rescued the Schools CheckMate league in 2009  
Full time Chess organizer and Chess/Schools coach.

## **The ICU Committee structure:**

The ICU attracts many talented committee members who are limited under an inferior Constitution. For instance, Officer tenures are below the European norm at one year. Members are voted on as 'Independents' whose only duty is to perform the minimum job specified, discouraging no new long term policies or Innovations.

I developed the opinion over the last few years, that outside competition was needed to force the necessary changes. However, colleagues have since convinced me that I should try and become ICU Chairman, and effect change from within !

## **Publicity:**

This is a function which could be greatly expanded and increase public awareness of chess. The basic idea is to encourage local chess clubs to become more active in getting stories and photos into local newspapers.

## **My Management style:**

I'm a strong believer in full participation by all committee members in taking decisions. It's better to be over informed than under informed – and definitely 'no secret meetings', where some committee members are deliberately or otherwise left out of discussions.

May I have your vote on Sunday, 30-Sep-12, please !

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