



MetroWest Chess Club

MCC Monthly Newsletter
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Largest Chess Club
in
New England
USA!

USCF Club of the Year
for 2002!

Round 1 - "MCC Forward March Swiss" Tuesday March 4, 2003

Round 1 of the "Forward March Swiss". For details, see below.

\$50 limit for USCF UNRATED players in non-Open sections Effective April 2003

The MCC Board of Directors voted in a new policy concerning USCF unrated players. We continue to have no restriction on what section a USCF unrated player can play in, but we will cap prize money at \$50 for any section except for Open. In the Open section there is no cap, and the USCF unrated player will collect the full prize money that is due.

MCC Juniors in Scholastic News! (by John Bottini) March 2, 2003

As we go to press, several MCC "Scholastic Veterans" are scheduled to compete in the Massachusetts Scholastic Championships this March 2. They include:

Jack Rice
Aaron Klein
Calvin Bohn
Anabel Bacon

In addition, other MCC attendees (present and former) will be playing: Niki Konovalchuk, Max Enkin, and Noah Pang. Wish them luck!

USCF Crosstables Posted for January 2003

USCF Crosstables are posted for January 2003 in the usual place:

MCC home --> tournament archive --> Jan 2003 --> USCF X-table

MCC Board Meeting (by Mark Kaprielian) Thursday February 27, 2003

In the new incorporated MCC, members elect Directors, and Directors then elect Officers at the first following Board meeting. The Offices to be filled are President, Clerk, and Treasurer.

There was an uncontested election for Directors under the new incorporation earlier this year. The MCC held its first Board meeting after election on **Thursday February 27, 2003**. This was a regularly scheduled quarterly meeting as the new corporation. The 1st draft of the minutes is available on this page:

http://www.metrowestchess.org/Organization_Archive/Top_Topic_Archive.htm

Minutes are posted as drafts while the Board members and Guests check it for accuracy and submit suggested corrections. Draft minutes become final after approving them at the next Board meeting.

The results of the election of Officers are as follows:

President	Mark Kaprielian
Clerk	Harvey Reed
Treasurer	John Chamberlain

In addition, there were appointments. The results of these appointments are as follows:

Harvey Reed	Director of Marketing
John Chamberlain	Program Director, Weekly Chess Lesson
John Bottini	Program Director, Scholastic Tournaments
Jim Krycka	Program Director, Monthly Tournaments
Howard Goldowsky	Program Director, Chess School
Joe Kelly	Program Director, Game Advice
Plamen Krastev	Program Director, Games Archivist
Matthew Phelps	Program Director, Library
Robert Powell	Program Director, Website

MCC Scholastic Tournaments (by John Bottini) Thursdays from June 19 --> August 21 (except July 3)

Time for planning the fourth MCC Summer Scholastic Program has begun. With a few minor changes, we will follow the format used in the summer of 2002. The fun will begin **Thursday, June 19**, and we will meet **Thursday evenings at the Kennedy Senior Center through August 21, with the exception of July 3**. We will play two rounds per evening. Players should arrive around 7:00-7:15 for registration the first night. I expect to start the first round as close to 7:30 as possible. Most players (especially the younger ones) will be finished with both games by 8:30-8:45, and I expect everyone will be done by 9:15.

The program will be open to all players age 14 and younger as of June 19 (it's OK if you turn 15 during the summer). Depending on attendance, I will run three or four sections. By running several sections, I expect that players will be matched against suitable competition.

[Promotional flyer \(Word\) available here](#). For more info, contact me at info@metrowestchess.org.

MCC Library (by Matt Phelps)

The club has purchased software to greatly help with taking inventory of the current collection, and it will also make future acquisitions easy to add and track. Once again, if you have any materials from the library that you are not using, please return them ASAP. In a few weeks we'll start sending out emails to those who have items that have been checked out for more than six months.

After all items have been cataloged, we'll begin publishing web reports of the library's items. Please feel free to email Library@MetroWestChess.org with any suggestions of what you'd like to see on the web pages!

Coaches/Teachers! (new)

MCC will be adding an MCC coaches page to our new website. This is an MCC Member benefit, and the requirements to be listed are:

1. Coaches who are MCC members AND have played at MCC in the last six months, and/or
2. Coaches who have at least one current student who is an MCC member AND that student has played at MCC in the last six months.

It's as simple as that! If you qualify, please send the following to info@metrowestchess.org:

1. A picture (GIF or JPG format)
2. Name and contact info (phone, email, website)
3. Target skill level of prospective student
4. Summary of your teaching or coaching method
5. Success stories

Weekly Group Lesson (by John Chamberlain) Tuesdays in March 2003

The Weekly Group Lessons will start again at Round 1 of the March Forward Monthly Tournament.

Chess School (by Howard Goldowsky) Thursday March 20, 2003

Thursday February 20th was the fourth meeting of the chess school. Eight students attended, split into two study groups. We covered the most difficult of all endings, **N+P vs. N+P**. There was no lecturing this month, (formal by Lou Mercuri or informal lead by study groups), due to the difficult nature of the subject and general lethargy. The eight of us took it easy, some even playing some casual games. The next class will be Thursday, March 20, where we will cover basic bishop and pawn endings, a more manageable topic. No doubt the class will welcome this new subject with vigor and excitement, the same way we will welcome the approaching Spring (which begins the next day). NM Lou Mercuri will also present for an hour on March 20th.

Hope to see you there!

Team Email Match (by Harvey Reed)

MCC is almost done with it's first ever Team Email Match. We are now recruiting people for a second match. If you are interested, please [send me email](#), so I can form a team.

North East Chess & Getaway! (by Severine Wamaka)

Time for more weekend competition! We are maintaining the single-day monthly format, with big full weekend getaways every quarter. Here are the next dates:

March 16 (Sunday) for the 2003 March NorthEast Chess

April 13 (Sunday) for the 2003 April NorthEast Chess

May 2-4 (big 3-day weekend) for the 2003 NorthEast Chess Spring Getaway

Congratulations to the Boylston CC, they edged out MetroWest CC to take the top Club prize in the Feb 2003 Winter Getaway!

All you MetroWest CC players, come if you can to the next big Getaway to battle it out and try to reclaim the top Club prize!

Book & Equipment Vendor (by Randi Malcuit) Tuesday February 4, 2003

I will be at the Club before Round 1 and during play for your shopping convenience!

I will have the recently published book 2010 Chess Oddities \$18. I will also have the reprinted and long awaited Grandmaster Secrets Endings \$25.00. I possibly could have the almost finished book Purdy on the Endgame \$22. I will also have the following 3 books on sale:

- The Chess Analyst full price \$19.95 my price \$12.00 **40% off**
- GM-Ram Essential Grandmaster Knowledge full price \$18.95 my price \$12.00 **37% off**
- Winning With Reverse Chess Strategy full price \$19.95 my price \$12.00 **40% off**

Please [email me](#) if you need me to bring a particular book or piece of equipment. (Note, I have a new address)

Open Section, we are collecting your games!

Plamen Krastev is our game archivist. If you are in the open section, please use the 'carbonless score sheets' that we provide, and leave the duplicate sheet at the TD desk when you are done with your game.

Round 1 - "MCC Forward March Swiss" (by James Krycka) Tuesday March 4, 2003

March 4, 11, 18, 25 2003 **4-SS 40:00, SD:30**

Total prizes \$610, 100% G

Open \$ 200 - 100 - 50 (we are collecting game scores)

U1700 \$ 80 - 50 - 30

U1400 \$ 50 - 30 - 20

EF all sections: Masters>2200 Free, MCC \$ 15, Others \$ 20

Help the newbies!

Please bring your own sets and clocks. We have a limited number available for use by those new to the game without their own equipment yet.

Comments, questions, critiques: info@metrowestchess.org

Be fully prepared to play each round!
Limber up with the:

[MCC Weekly Group Lesson](#)

Don't lose that point!
Squeeze points out of your opponents with the:

["Endgame Course" at MCC Chess School](#)

Put your game in focus! Ask an Expert for advice... literally with the:

[MCC Game Advice](#)

Need to save money by borrowing a book or video for a couple of weeks? You can, with the:

[MCC Library](#)

Do you want to sharpen your deep analysis skills via email correspondence chess? In an MCC Team environment? And bring those skills back to your MCC Monthly Tournament games?

[MCC Team Email Matches](#)

Ever wonder what other MCC members play for their opening? Wonder no more!

[MCC Game Collection](#)