



MetroWest Chess Club

Largest Chess Club in New England

Serving the MetroWest Boston chess community since 1983

March 2005 Newsletter

- **Club and Class (U2000) Championships** → This month we celebrate the accomplishments of the players who have qualified for the 2005 MCC Club and Class (U2000) championships through their excellent play during 2004 MCC events. These championships are separate 5 Round-Robin events run in parallel with the normal Open, U1700, and U1400 sections. Each event is by invitation only. The top-6 players from the club and class qualification point lists (who accepted the invitation) will play.

The current 2004 Club Champion is GM Alexander Ivanov who did not qualify this year due to insufficient tournament appearances. This month IM Igor Foygel, Ilya Krasik, FM John Curdo, John Chamberlain, Alexander Paphitis, and Navan Ruthramoorthy will vie for the title.

The current 2004 Class (U2000) Champion is Trevor de Koekkoek who qualified but declined the invitation to defend his championship (or to play in the Club championship for which he also qualified). The following players will compete for the 2005 title: Calvin Hori, Niki Konovalchuk, George Goulding, Matt Phelps, Hadrian Zbarcea, and Walter Champion.

- **More on the Championships** → Pairings for all 5 rounds of the 2005 Club and Class Championships are posted on the Championships page. Current qualification point standings for the 2006 championships as well as final qualification point standings for both the 2004 and 2005 championships are also posted.
- **Family Teams** → Family teams can now "avoid pairings" in all sections except the Open section! This is a big step to making the Club even friendlier to families. We appreciate the direct and important impact that participating families had in making their case to the Board. The Board accepted the proposal unanimously. This change went into effect for the January 2005 event.
- **On-Time** → Weekly Group Lesson will start at 6:15 PM to allow for a full hour, ending promptly at 7:15 PM. Registration will close promptly at 7:20 pm so we can read pairings before 7:30 PM. We will start the clocks at 7:30 PM

From the Editor:

Due to extensive business travel and other commitments, I was unable to publish the February newsletter. My apologies go to the readership. James Krycka is substituting as editor for the March newsletter. He has also published the January tournament results in an abbreviated February newsletter on the Newsletter page.

Harvey Reed
Editor

COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Calendar

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Tuesday March 8	<p>Round 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly group lesson 																												
Sunday March 13	NorthEast Chess G/5 and G/55 and G/90, Marlboro Radisson Hotel																												
Tuesday March 15	<p>Round 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly group lesson 																												
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COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Activities and Info

Club	Partner
<p>Board of Directors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To learn more about our governance, visit the Governance page (home→ About→ Governance) You can locate the minutes from past Board meetings and the Agenda for the next meeting 	<p>NorthEast Chess</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizer Severine Wamala swamala AT hotmail.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email and PayPal™ 219 Central St Lowell, MA 01852 978-453-4342 (night) <p>See Club and Partner Calendar for upcoming event dates. Visit our homepage news for flyers.</p>
<p>Seeking Volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library (see Matt Phelps) Chess School (see Harvey Reed) Mentoring (see Harvey Reed) Newsletter (see Harvey Reed) 	<p>Stateline Chess</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proprietor Randi Malcuit statelinechess AT hotmail.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email and PayPal™ <p>See Club and Partner Calendar for upcoming event dates. Visit our homepage news for flyers.</p>
<p>Please Remember!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renew your USCF membership with Mark Kaprielian. He will donate "USCF Member Appreciation" prize money to the Club. Register early, by 7:15pm, there will be shorter lines and better parking Additional parking in rear of building, first left as you turn into the Senior Center 	<p>Greater Worcester Chess Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizer Donna Alarie Donnachesspals AT aol.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email 508-847-8574 (night) www.chesspals.com <p>See Club and Partner Calendar for upcoming event dates. Visit our homepage news for flyers.</p>
<p>Official Merchandise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have a number of items in stock for sale, T-shirts, Polo shirts, and caps that can be purchased on Tuesdays. To view our complete line of merchandise, visit (home → Official Merchandise). Everything can be ordered online, securely, via Pay Pal, or with a paper form available at the Club. 	

COMPETE :: Monthly Tournaments

Section results below –

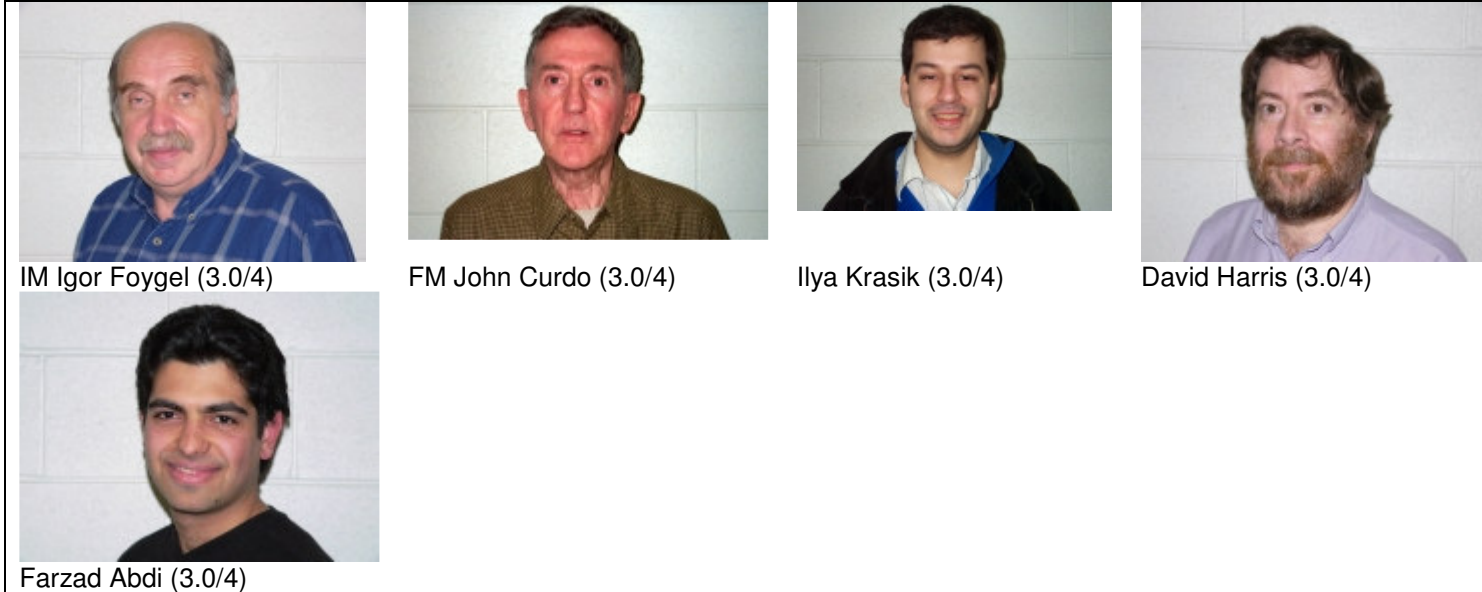
Print them and show your friends 😊



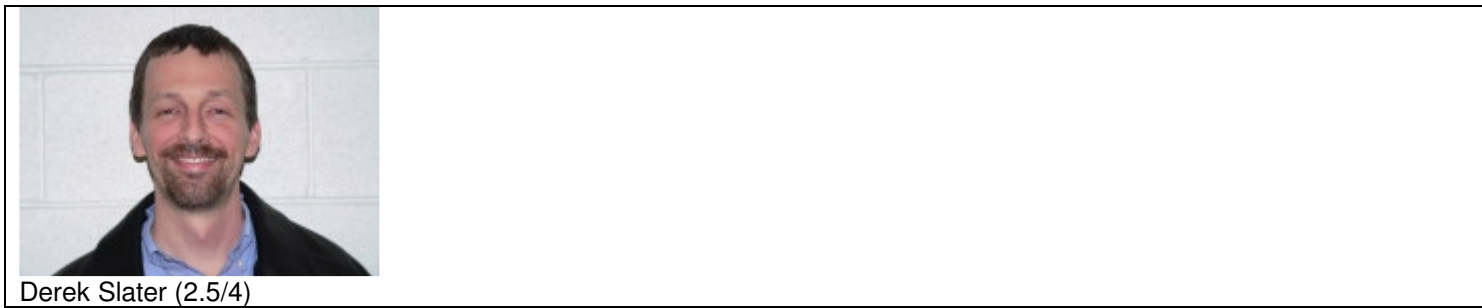
February 2005 Event Winners

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1st Prize (5-way tie)



U2000 Class Contenders



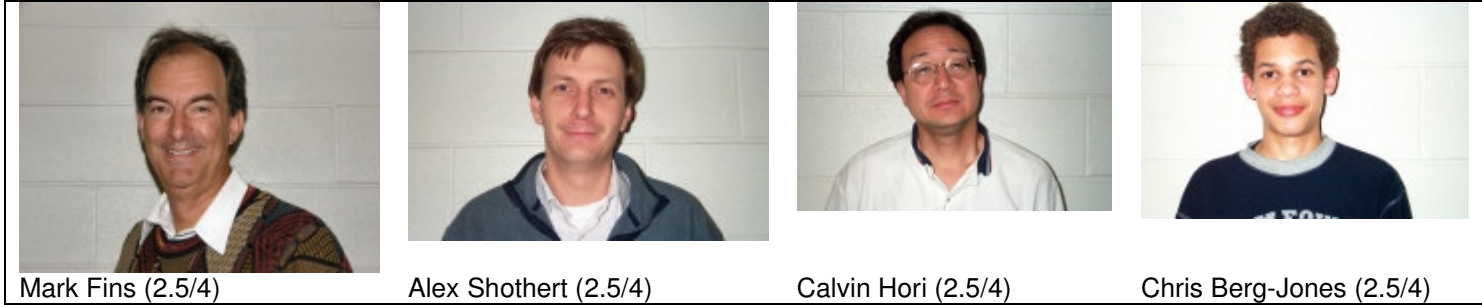
Upsets over 200 points



1st Prize (2-way tie)



3rd Prize (4-way tie)



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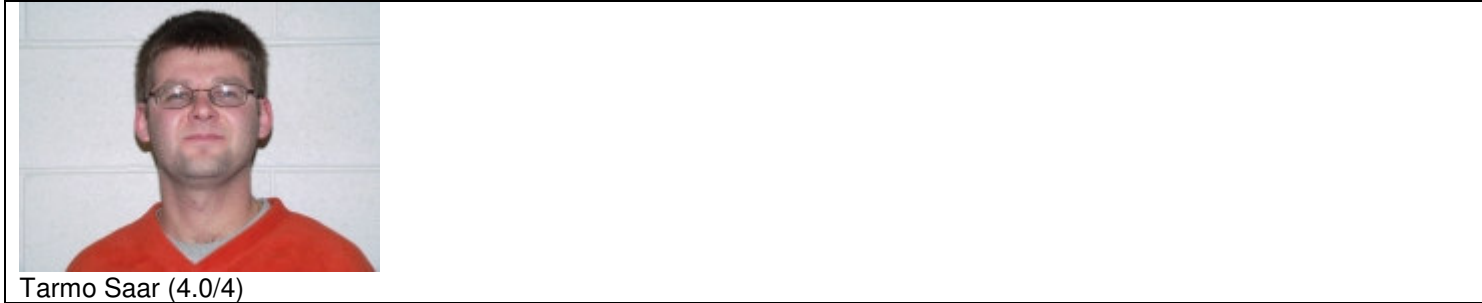




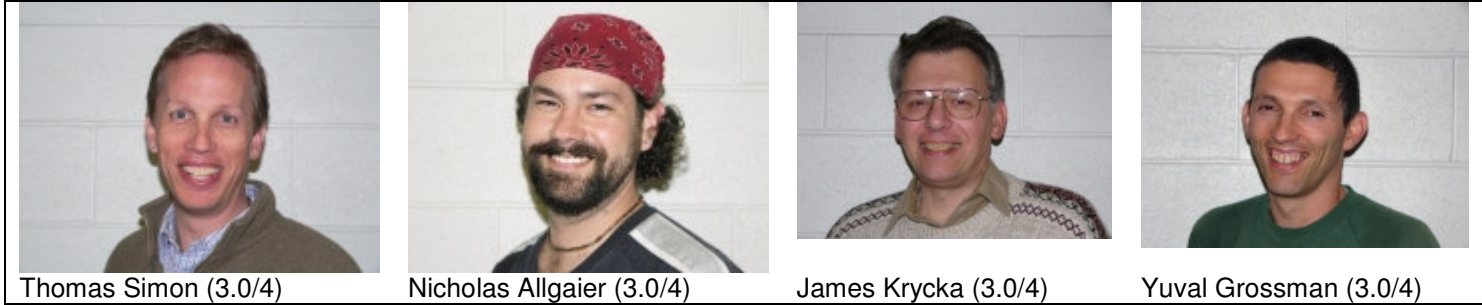
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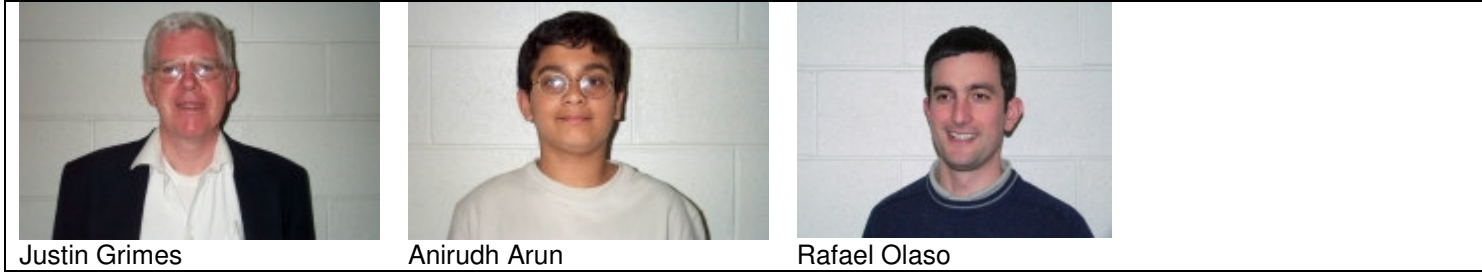
1st Prize



2nd Prize (4-way tie)





Upsets over 200 points



1st Prize (2-way tie)

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<p>Branislav Cenanovic (3.5/4)</p>	<p>Winston Huang (3.5/4)</p>

3rd Prize (2-way tie)







	
<p>Gregory Cermak(2.5/4)</p>	<p>Tomer Grossman (2.5/4)</p>


Upsets over 200 points

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<p>Winston Huang (3)</p>	<p>Franklin Li</p>

COMPETE :: Club Championship







After two events, the leaders of the 2006 Club championship qualification point standings are as follows:

1.	IM Igor Foygel		71
2.	FM John Curdo		71
3.	Ilya Krasik		23
4.	David Harris		23
5.	Farzad Abdi		23
6.	Neil Cousin		18

7.	Vishwa Krishnamurthy	 A portrait of a man with dark hair, a mustache, and glasses, wearing a dark shirt. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.	18
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COMPETE :: Class Championship

After two months of play, the leaders of the 2006 Class (U2000) championship qualification point standings are as follows:

1.	Farzad Abdi		23
2.	Neil Cousin		18
3.	Vishwa Krishnamurthy		18
4.	Reilly Nathans		12
5.	Matt Phelps		12
6.	Ethan Thompson		12

7.	Nikolay Popov		12
8.	Tarmo Saar		12

COMPETE :: Scholastics

The Scholastic Tournament tournaments for summer 2004 are complete, and standings are posted. If you are interested in volunteering for next year, let me know!

For more info, contact John Bottini → JBottini AT MetroWestChess.org



COMPETE :: Team Email Match

The match is winding down. **The IECC currently leads us 7.5 – 0.5 with two games in play.** You can view the games (minus the last three moves for those in progress) home → Team Email Match → MCC-03 v IECC-84.

For more info, contact Eric Berkey, Team Captain → BESENJI57 AT aol.com



LEARN & IMPROVE :: Weekly Group Lesson

Informal instruction will be provided before rounds 2-5 (round 1 is the book vendor).

Contact John Chamberlain for more info.



LEARN & IMPROVE :: Chess School

Overview of MetroWest Chess Club -- Chess School

MetroWest CC Chess School is a member-only benefit that offers instructional courses on Thursday nights. These courses complement the competitive over the board play of Tuesday nights, by providing learning as well as socializing. These courses are ideal for the serious student of the game who wants some structure, good feedback, and lots of fun!

The last class on openings concluded on Thursday December 2, 2004, and was a success. We are considering future class formats and topics.

We are seeking volunteers to help with future Chess School courses.



Howard Goldowsky
Chess School Program Director



Mark LaRocca
Chess School Instructor

LEARN & IMPROVE :: Game Advice

We are currently recruiting a mentoring volunteer to help new members to get acquainted, and to coordinate getting their first games run thru "Game Advice".

Contact Harvey Reed → HReed AT MetroWestChess.org if you wish to volunteer.



LEARN & IMPROVE :: Library

We are currently recruiting a library volunteer. The Library is in good shape, and taking care of it is light duty. However, this is a key position, since it gets quite a bit of use from the lower sections.

Contact Matt Phelps → [Library AT MetroWestChess.org](http://LibraryATMetroWestChess.org) if you wish to volunteer.

