



MetroWest Chess Club

Largest Chess Club in New England

Serving the MetroWest Boston chess community since 1983

May 2005 Newsletter

Highlights

April Results

Congratulations to the winners of the Spring Swiss:

- IM Igor Foygel and Charles Riordan in the Open section
- Larry Eldridge and Mark Fins (U1850)
- Greg Sciliano (U1600)
- Ofer Grossman (U1300)

New Chess Course – Opening Repertoire

See the article at the end of this newsletter for a new class being developed around *“The Chess Advantage in Black and White”*, by **IM Larry Kaufman**. Noted chess authority John Watson in reviewing this best seller... “It is simply the best comprehensive repertoire book that I have ever read.” (See his review, #67 In the Beginning There Was Theory, at <http://www.chesscenter.com/twic/jwatsonbkrev67.html>).

MetroWest Chess Club 22nd Anniversary

Join us in celebrating the club’s 22nd birthday by entering the May tournament – 5 rounds and \$1000 in prizes.

Stateline Chess (bookseller Partner)

I’ll be there for round 1 – Randi Malcuit -- See the special event on Sunday May 22 with IM James Rizzitano!

Harvard Open is back!

See the calendar below, flyers on our home page.

Family Teams

Family teams can now "avoid pairings" in all sections except the Open section!

From the Editor:

I’m still traveling. James Krycka is still helping, and we still need a volunteer that knows how to operate MS Word, and can help put it together each month, from templates.

It’s not hard, and we’ll work as a team. Please contact me if you can volunteer 2-3 hours per month.

Harvey Reed
Editor

SPECIAL 2005 CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT

<p>Chess School</p>	<p><u>Developing an Opening Repertoire</u> Mark_LaRocca AT cca-int.com – instructor/ taking registration</p> <p>The basic text we will investigate is “<i>The Chess Advantage in Black and White</i>”, by IM Larry Kaufman. Noted chess authority John Watson in reviewing this best seller... “It is simply the best comprehensive repertoire book that I have ever read.”</p> <p>Complete write-up at end of newsletter</p> <p>Class 1 – Thursday June 9 @ 7:00 pm -- SM Josh Friedel !!</p> <p>Class 2 – Thursday July 14 @ 7:00 pm Class 3 – Thursday August 11 @ 7:00 pm Class 4 – Thursday September 8 @ 7:00 pm Class 5 – Thursday October 13 @ 7:00 pm</p> <p>Class 6 – Thursday November 10 @ 7:00 pm -- IM James Rizzitano !!</p>
<p>US Chess League</p>	<p>http://www.uschessleague.com/index.html</p> <p>This league will meet every Wednesday night @ 7:30pm from August 31 to November 23, 2005</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Watch the “Boston Blitz” play at the Club!</p>
<p>Summer Scholastics</p>	<p>John Bottini will TD 6 nights. The schedule is still under review for conflicts.</p>

COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Calendar

Tuesday May 3	<p>Round 1 -- Stateline Chess book & equipment vendor</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">What</td> <td>22nd Anniversary Swiss</td> </tr> <tr> <td>When</td> <td>May 3-10-17-24-31, 2005</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Format</td> <td>5-SS, 40/90, SD/30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prizes</td> <td>\$ 1000, 100% G</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sections</td> <td>Open: \$ 250-150-100 U1750: \$ 150-100-50 U1400: \$ 100-60-40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Entry Fee (all sections)</td> <td>Masters (2200 and over): Free MCC Members: \$ 20 Others: \$ 25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Championship Points Available</td> <td>Open (80-40-20), U1750 (30-15), U1400 (10) plus 50% bonus for perfect score of all wins</td> </tr> </table>	What	22nd Anniversary Swiss	When	May 3-10-17-24-31, 2005	Format	5-SS, 40/90, SD/30	Prizes	\$ 1000, 100% G	Sections	Open: \$ 250-150-100 U1750: \$ 150-100-50 U1400: \$ 100-60-40	Entry Fee (all sections)	Masters (2200 and over): Free MCC Members: \$ 20 Others: \$ 25	Championship Points Available	Open (80-40-20), U1750 (30-15), U1400 (10) plus 50% bonus for perfect score of all wins
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Thursdays	<p>GWCC The Merry May Meet May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2005 - Thursday Evenings 7:30 p.m Sacred Heart CCD Center, 6 Sheridan Street, Worcester, MA 01610 (508) 847-8574 Donna Alarie (night) --- click for FLYER</p>														
Saturday-Sunday May 7-8	<p>Harvard Open (and Reserve) See flyer on our home page or go to http://www.harvardchess.com/</p>														
Tuesday May 10	<p>Round 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly group lesson • Emanuel Rasin of BooksFromEurope will be coming to the club on the 2nd Tuesdays www.BooksFromEurope.com Chess@BooksFromEurope.com 														
Saturday May 14	<p>GWCC Gameboro Beginners Open #2 May 14, 2005 – Saturday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Gameboro, 70 James Street (Side Entrance), Worcester, MA 01603 (www.gameboro.net) (508) 756-2666 --- FLYER</p>														
Tuesday May 17	<p>Round 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly group lesson 														
Sunday May 22	<p>Stateline Chess Lecture & Simul Series -- IM James Rizzitano Registration at 11:45, Lecture at 12:00, Simul at 2:30, and Blitz at 5:00 Trainside Galeria, 62 Wingate Street, Haverhill, MA --- click for FLYER</p>														
Tuesday May 24	<p>Round 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly group lesson 														
Tuesday May 31	<p>Round 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly group lesson 														
Sunday June 12	<p>NorthEast Chess – ONE DAY – G/5 and G/55 and G/90 Marlboro Radisson Hotel</p>														
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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) <p>Contact Mark (Kappy) Kaprielian, President MKaprielian AT MetroWestChess.org</p> 	<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>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>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>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 every Tuesday. Visit (home page → Official Merchandise). Everything can be securely ordered online via Pay Pal, or with a paper form available at the Club. 	

Club Programs

COMPETE :: Scholastic

The Scholastic Tournament tournaments for summer 2005 are coming. Details next month.

For more info, contact John Bottini
[JBottini AT MetroWestChess.org](mailto:JBottini@MetroWestChess.org)



LEARN and 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.



COMPETE :: Team Email Matches

The match is winding down. The IECC currently leads us 8.5 – 0.5 with one game 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](mailto:BESENJI57@aol.com)



LEARN and IMPROVE :: Chess School

We are considering a class on repertoire, see article below in this newsletter.



Howard Goldowsky
Program Director



Mark LaRocca
Instructor

LEARN and IMPROVE :: Game Advice

We need 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](mailto:HReed@MetroWestChess.org)



LEARN and IMPROVE :: Library

We need 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](mailto:Library@MetroWestChess.org)



COMPETE :: Monthly and Championship Tournaments

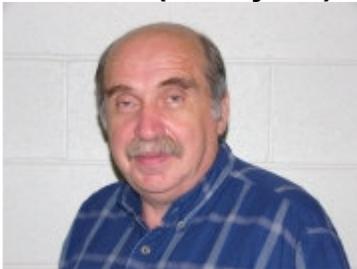
Section results below – Print them and show your friends ☺



**April 2005
Event Winners**

OPEN

1st Prize (2-way tie)



IM Igor Foygel (3.5/4)



NM Charles Riordan
(3.5/4)

3rd Prize



David Harris (3.0/4)

U2000 Class Contenders

None

Upsets over 200 points



Paul Mishkin



Michael Kaye



April 2005 Event Winners

U1850

1st Prize (2-way tie)



Larry Eldridge (3.5/4)



Mark Fins (3.5/4)

3rd Prize



Ames Abbot (3.0/4)

Upsets over 200 points



Lior Rozhansky (2)

1st Prize

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Greg Siciliano (3.5/4)

2nd Prize (5-way tie)



David Martin (3.0/4)



James Krycka (3.0/4)



Steve Eddins (3.0/4)



Alan Schaefer (3.0/4)



Max Abugov (3.0/4)

Upsets over 200 points



Justin Grimes



Fred Harvey

1st Prize (2-way tie)



Ofer Grossman

2nd Prize (3-way tie)



John McLaughlin (3.0/4)



Eli Kariv (3.0/4)



Michael Wang (3.0/4)

Upsets over 200 points



Ofer Grossman (2)



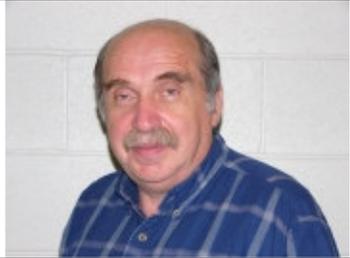
Michael Wang



Franklin Li

COMPETE :: Club Championship

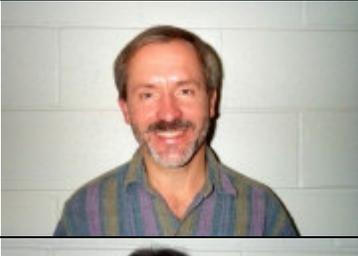
Charles Riordan and David Harris have moved into the top 10. Igor Foygel and John Curdo continue to sit atop the standings, but there is a close race for the 3rd to 10th spots. After four events, the leaders of the 2006 Club championship qualification point standings are as follows:

1.	IM Igor Foygel		219
2.	FM John Curdo		131
3.	IM James Rizzitano		60
4.	Ilya Krasik		53
5.	Niki Konovalchuk		50
6.	NM Charles Riordan		48

7.	Matthew Phelps		42
8.	John Chamberlain		40
9.	David Harris		39
10.	Mark La Rocca		38

COMPETE :: Class Championship

There was no change in the first 8 positions this month. Larry Eldridge and Mark Fins moved into 9th and 10th place after splitting first place in the U1850 section. Only 5 points separate placements 4 through 10. After four months of play, the leaders of the 2006 Class (U2000) championship qualification point standings are as follows:

1.	Niki Konovalchuk		50
2.	Matthew Phelps		42
3.	Tarmo Saar		35
4.	Farzad Abdi		23
5.	John Stengrevics		23
6.	Calvin Hori		20

7.	Vishwa Krishnamurthy		18 (by tie break)
8.	Neil Cousin		18 (by tie break)
9.	Larry Eldridge		18 (by tie break)
10.	Mark Fins		18 (by tie break)

LEARN and IMPROVE :: Chess School

NEW! Developing an Opening Repertoire

(details about dates, etc. still being developed by Howard Goldowsky and Mark LaRocca)

Please send email to Mark LaRocca if you want to signup for the class. We need to estimate the attendance. [Mark_LaRocca AT cca-int.com](mailto:Mark_LaRocca@cca-int.com)

Of course, it is impossible to offer a concise repertoire that offers the advantage to White against every response, or, conversely, offers Black certain equality. But, striving towards that goal is, in itself, exceptionally challenging and useful in developing our chess understanding and knowledge. In this first series of six classes, we will begin the journey to solidify our opening play and perhaps, in the process, discover a suitable chess style that can serve us well throughout our amateur careers.

The basic text we will investigate is “*The Chess Advantage in Black and White*”, by IM Larry Kaufman. Noted chess authority John Watson in reviewing this best seller... “It is simply the best comprehensive repertoire book that I have ever read.” (See his review, #67 In the Beginning There Was Theory, at <http://www.chesscenter.com/twic/jwatsonbkrev67.html>) Watson considers this book suitable for players rated 1400 to 2100 and “even Grandmasters” could learn something from reading it. I will try to accommodate players rated a little lower and provide material of interest to those who aspire to Master level. Mr. Watson goes on to give legitimate criticism on specific variations. His analysis should prove useful in expanding our own study since in class we will delve more deeply into Mr. Kaufman’s ideas. The interested student should read this review carefully.

We cannot cover Mr. Kaufman’s entire 500 pages of analysis in just six classes; thus, my reference to this as the “First series”. Therefore, I have chosen to begin our study as outlined below. The first two classes will investigate a popular “anti-Sicilian”, 3.Bb5... system for White against most Black Sicilian defenses, and an alternate recommendation when 3.Bb5... is not appropriate. In the next four classes we will concentrate on Black’s response to 1.d4... 1.Nf3... 1.c4... or any non-e4 first move by White. The basis of Mr. Kaufman’s recommendation is the Semi-Slav defense; but, in reality, it goes well beyond just the scope of this defense.

In his book Mr. Kaufman advocates 1.e4 for white and 1...e5 against e4 with a Semi-Slav against 1.d4, more specifically, White: Spanish Exchange, Bb5 against the Sicilian, French Tarrasch and Caro Kann advance. For black, Berlin against the Spanish and a Semi Slav set up against 1.d4....

Whether or not you intend to play Mr. Kaufman’s system, a serious student of chess must understand the openings he recommends. If you play the English as white, you must understand the Semi-Slav setup. If you play the Sicilian, you must know how to combat 3.Bb5... systems. If you ever hope to accomplish anything in chess, you must grasp the basics of the Ruy Lopez. And, in general, you must understand the principles of classic chess Mr. Kaufman uses to help the student understand who has the advantage... two Bishops, pawn structure, and space. In this class we will offer expanded theory and instruction to be used as a starting point for further study. A detailed course outline is provided below.

Guest Appearances

SM Josh Friedel

Thursday, June 9th – Class 1 – Anti-Sicilian opening 3.Bb5 for White

Bio:

Senior Master Josh Friedel, USCF rating 2502, is, at age 18, one of the New England areas up-and-coming young players. He achieved the National Master rating at age 13. His tournament victories are many, including the 2001 Pan Am Open, and the 2005 Queen City Open, and most recently, Josh gained an IM norm at the 2005 Foxwoods Open.

IM James Rizzitano

Thursday, November 10th – Class 6

Bio:

International Master James Rizzitano is the author of the forthcoming Gambit Publications book "How to Beat 1 d4" and the author of the bestselling Gambit Publications book "Understanding Your Chess". Winner of five international tournaments including the 1985 Windy City International, 1983 Chicago International and 1982 Continental Chess Summer International.

Other notable results include: 1988 National Open Co-Champion, two-time New England Open Champion, four-time Massachusetts Open Champion and 1980 United States Open Speed Champion. Former National High School (1979) and National Junior High School (1976) Champion. Mid-1980's trainer of Grandmaster Ilya Gurevich.

Class One:

Introduction
Researching Openings on the Web
What are "Anti-Sicilians"
White's 3.Bb5... System.
 The Sicilian Moscow (1.e4,c5 2.Nf3,d6 3.Bb5+,...)
Home assignments

Class Two:

1. Review of assignments
2. The Sicilian Rossolimo (1.e4,c5 2.Nf3,Nc6 3.Bb5,...)
3. Black avoids 3.Bb5...
 - a. Sicilian with 2. ...,e6
 - b. Others (2. ...,Nf6, or 2. ...,g6, others)
4. Home assignments

Class Three: A complete System against 1.d4,... or 1.Nf3,... or 1.c4,... and others
(Where White doesn't play 1.e4,...)

1. Review of assignments
2. Introduction to the Semi-Slav
3. The Meran Defense (White keeps his/her queen's bishop behind the pawns)
4. Home assignments

Class four:

1. Review of assignments
2. The Anti-Meran systems
 - a. White employs early queen moves
 - b. The Botvinnik System (usually 5. Bg5,dc)
3. The Moscow variation (Black avoids the Botvinnik)
4. Home assignments

Class five:

1. Review of assignments
2. The Anti-Moscow Variation
3. The Marshal Gambit
4. The Exchange and Symmetric Variations
5. Home assignments

Class six:

1. Review of assignments
2. The Catalan
3. Queen Pawn games
4. Others (The English, The Reti, etc...)