



# MetroWest Chess Club

Largest Chess Club in New England

Serving the MetroWest Boston chess community since 1983

## April 2007 Newsletter

### Highlights

#### MCC March Forward Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	IM Igor Foygel, NM Charles Riordan, FM Chris Chase, and FM John Curdo (3.0/4)
U1900	Elizabeth Kellner (4.0/4)
U1650	Alexander Hu (4.0/4)
U1350	John McLaughlin (4.0/4)

#### MCC Spring Break Swiss – 4 Rounds

If you're not on spring break in a warm and sunny place, come join us this month for some chess.

Rounds on **April 3, 10, 17, 24** at 7:30 pm.  
Four sections: Open, U2000, U1700 & U1400.

Emanuel Raisin will have chess books for sale the first week – browsers welcome!

#### Games Collection Updated

Matt Phelps has updated the MCC games collection which has grown to 856 club games. The additions include 17 games annotated by David Harris.

We seek games from the upper two sections and any others that you think show interesting play. We encourage you to submit your games electronically if possible. As an alternate, you can drop off your score sheets in the slot near the posted pairings. Please email your games in ChessBase Archive format as a CBV file or in PGN text format to **GameArchive at MetroWestChess dot org**

#### The David Harris Lectures

David Harris will continue his lecture series this month. He will talk on "Gambits and Counter Gambits" at 6:30 pm before rounds 2 and 3 (**Tuesday, April 10 and 17**).

Listen and learn as David sheds some insights into a couple of risky topics. I'd like to thank David for his consistent help in making the club a better place.

#### From the Editor

Be sure to check The President's message concerning the Key chains in the Club Info section. Jim Krycka has a nice explanation of the Event Participation Awards below. Thanks to Mark and Jim for their untiring efforts.

If anyone at the club has something they would like to contribute please contact me at News\_Staff at MetroWestChess dot org.

*Joe Murphy*  
Newsletter Editor



## Event Participation Awards

The Board of Directors approved the distribution of buttons to players who have played in 10 or more events at the club since it was established in 1983. The buttons are 1.5 inches in diameter, sport the club colors, and have a large number in the center that signifies the recipient has played in at least 200, 175, 150, 125, 100, 75, 50, 25, or 10 events.

Mark Kaprielian proposed the event participation award, spearheaded the design of the button, purchased the button punching equipment, and fabricated the buttons. The data used to determine the number of events played was obtained from his recently completed four year effort to create a database containing all crosstables from club play spanning 24 years. Last but not least, Mark has written the software to mine the database for this and other purposes. Hats off to Mark for his initiative and effort on these projects !!!

From the first club event in 1983 through March 2007, a total of 1625 people have played at the club, 13 of whom have entered in at least 100 tournaments! At the start of the final round of last month's tournament, buttons were given to players who have played in 100 or more events, five of which were present to accept their awards. In April, players who have competed in 10 through 99 events will be given their buttons. In future months, players will be handed new buttons as they enter an event where they reach a new milestone, either their 10<sup>th</sup> event or a multiple of 25.

The complete list of all players who have participated in 100 or more club events are:

Menno Koning	–	205
Larry Eldridge	–	175
Bill Michael	–	163
Alan Schaefer	–	160
John Curdo	–	151
Mark Kaprielian	–	151
Alfred Ward	–	143
Jorge Godoy	–	137
Edward Epp	–	114
Tom Powers	–	114
John Chamberlain	–	105
Walt Champion	–	104
Donna Alarie	–	103



You can find the list of players and the events they have played in the Demographics area of the web site.

## COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Calendar

<b>Tuesday, April 3</b>	7:30 pm	<b>Round 1 – Spring Break Swiss</b> Books from Europe – Emanuel Rasin
<b>Tuesday, April 10</b>	7:30 pm	<b>Round 2 – Spring Break Swiss</b> Group Lesson at 6:30 – David Harris
<b>Tuesday, April 17</b>	7:30 pm	<b>Round 3 – Spring Break Swiss</b> Group Lesson at 6:30 – David Harris
<b>Thursday, April 19</b>	7:00 pm	<b>Chess School – Theme Blitz Tournament</b> All games begin with 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 g6!
<b>Tuesday, April 24</b>	7:30 pm	<b>Round 4 – Spring Break Swiss</b>

## COMMUNITY :: Club Info and Partner Activities

### CLUB

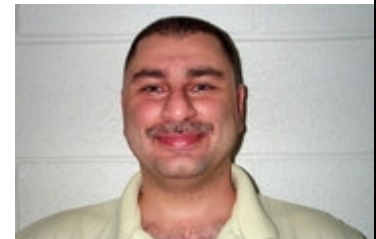
#### Board of Directors

To learn more about our governance, visit  
[http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/Club/Governance/Top\\_Governance.htm](http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/Club/Governance/Top_Governance.htm)

The Board of Directors approved the design and manufacture of member key chains to be given out FREE to all club members until at least the end of 2007. The key chains were distributed to all but two of the members who participated in the March event. Each month we will keep our eyes open at the club for any member who has not yet received their key chain so we can hand it to them.

Contact Mark (Kappy) Kaprielian, President

[MKaprielian at MetroWestChess dot org](mailto:MKaprielian@MetroWestChess.org)



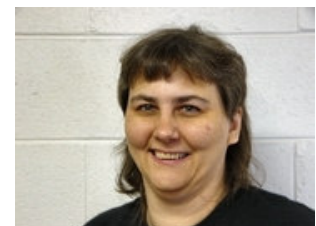
### PARTNER

#### Greater Worcester Chess Club

- Organizer Donna Alarie

[Donnachesspals at aol dot com](http://Donnachesspals.aol.com)

- 508-847-8574 (night)
- [www.chesspals.com](http://www.chesspals.com)



### PARTNER

#### Books from Europe – Round 1

- Proprietor Emanuel Rasin
- [www.BooksFromEurope.com](http://www.BooksFromEurope.com)



## COMPETE :: Next Tournament

### MCC Spring Break Swiss

<b>When</b>	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm April 3, 10, 17, 24	<b>Prizes</b>	
<b>Format</b>	4-SS, 40/90, SD/30	<b>Open</b>	\$160 - 100 - 60
<b>Sections</b>	Open, U2000, U1700, U1400	<b>U2000</b>	\$100 - 60 - 40
<b>Prize Fund</b>	\$ 710 Guaranteed	<b>U1700</b>	\$ 60 - 40 - 20
<b>Entry Fee</b>	Masters                      Free MCC Members              \$15 Others                         \$20	<b>U1400</b>	\$ 40 - 20 - 10
		<b>Championship Points</b>	
		<b>Open</b>	64 - 40 - 24 - 16
		<b>U2000</b>	32 - 20 - 12
		<b>U1700</b>	16 - 10 - 6
			25% bonus for winning all games
			15 point bonus for upset win/draw over an 1800+ player and 300/600 rating diff

## COMPETE :: Previous Tournament Results

Print the section results on the following pages and show them to your friends ☺



**James Krycka**  
Monthly Tournaments Director



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## March 2007 Tournament Results

### Open Section

#### 1st Place Tie 3.0 / 4 points



**IM Igor Foygel**



**NM Charles Riordan**



**FM Chris Chase**



**FM John Curdo**

#### Upsets over 200 points



**David Plotkin**



**Bennet Pellows**



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**March 2007  
Tournament  
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**U1900 Section**

**1st Place 4.0 / 4 points**



**Elizabeth Kellner**

**2nd Place 3.5 / 4 points**



**Tim Bormley**

**3rd Place 3.0 / 4 points**



**Michael Barry**

**Upsets over 200 points**



**Tim Bromley**



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**U1650 Section**

**1st Place 4.0 / 4 points**



**Alexander Hu**

**2nd Place 3.5 / 4 points**



**Vishrut Gupta**

**3rd Place Tie 3.0 / 4 points**



**Stephen Schnair**



**Michael Zhang**

**Upsets over 200 points**



**Michael Zhang**



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Results**

**U1350 Section**

**1st Place 4.0 / 4 points**



**John McLaughlin**

**2nd Place Tie 3.0 / 4 points**



**Edward Lafferty**

No picture on file

**Danny Angermeier**

**Upsets over 200 points**



**Thomas Lawrence**



**Jack Hulton**



**Siddharth Arun**



## COMPETE:: Club and Class Championship Qualification Standings Through March 2007

Newcomer Elizabeth Kellner swept the U1900 section in March to take the lead in the Class Championship race. Including her bonus points for all wins, she earned four more points than any of the four masters who tied for 1<sup>st</sup> in the Open section. Alexander Hu also won all of his games in the U1650 section as did John McLaughlin in the U1350 section who now has a 9 game winning streak.

The current 2008 championship qualification standings (in tie break order) are as follows:

### Club Championship Qualifying Points

1.	NM Charles Riordan	142
2.	IM Igor Foygel	90
3.	FM Chris Chase	90
4.	NM Vadim Martirosov	52
5.	FM John Curdo	41
6.	Elizabeth Kellner	40
7.	Mark Kaprielian	38
8.	Michael Barry	34
9.	Bennet Pellows	30
10.	NM Denys Shmelov	29

### Class Championship Qualifying Points

1.	Elizabeth Kellner	40
2.	Mark Kaprielian	38
3.	Michael Barry	34
4.	Bennet Pellows	30
5.	Bill Stein	26
6.	Alexander Hu	24
7.	Neil Cousin	22
8.	Paul Mishkin	22
9.	Tim Bromley	20
10.	Leonard Gruenberg	19

For the 2007 Club and Class Championships in May, the following players have accepted an invitation to compete. Other qualifiers are still considering whether they can commit to playing all of the rounds and have until April 3<sup>rd</sup> to decide. If any slots remain open, alternates will be invited.

### Club Championship

IM Igor Foygel  
 NM Denys Shmelov  
 David Harris  
 FM Chris Chase  
 Ilya Krasik

### Class Championship

Neil Cousin  
 Bill Michael  
 Larry Eldridge