



# MetroWest Chess Club

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## January 2008 Newsletter

### Highlights

#### MCC Stanley Crowe Memorial Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	IM Igor Foygel (4.5/6)
U2000	Robert Harvey, Jesse Nicholas, and Vikas Shiva (5.0/6)
U1700	Nikolay Popov, Stasik Popov, and Doug Thompson (5.0/6)
U1400	Jeremiah Campanelli (5.0/5)

#### MCC Quick Brown Fox Swiss Results

The run-away winners of this G/10 event were:

OPEN	NM Denys Shmelov (7.0/7)
U2000	Nikolay Popov and Stasik Popov (6.5/7)

David Harris and Ilya Krasik plan to continue their series on Basic Chess Endings before selected rounds. See the club website for the schedule.

Emanuel Raisin will have a large collection of chess books for sale during the first round.

### COMPETE :: Next Tournament

#### MCC New Year Swiss

<b>When</b>	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm January 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	
<b>Format</b>	5-SS, 40/90, SD/30	
<b>Sections</b>	Open, U2000, U1700, U1450	
<b>Prize Fund</b>	\$ 900 Guaranteed	
<b>Entry Fee</b>	Masters	Free
	MCC Members	\$20
	Others	\$25

#### Prizes

<b>Open</b>	\$ 200 - 120 - 80
<b>U2000</b>	\$ 120 - 80 - 40
<b>U1700</b>	\$ 80 - 50 - 30
<b>U1450</b>	\$ 50 - 30 - 20

#### Championship Points

<b>Open</b>	80 - 50 - 30 - 20
<b>U2000</b>	40 - 25 - 15
<b>U1700</b>	20 - 12 - 8

Checkout the [Possible Events of Interest](#) link on the Club homepage for other events in the area.

25% bonus for winning all games

15 point bonus for upset win/draw over an 1800+ player and 300/600 rating diff

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

The Stanley Crowe Memorial completed the year long qualification cycle for the 2008 Club and Class Championships. The first 6 placements in each group automatically qualify for the championships that will be held in April 2008 as 5-RR (all play all) events. The defending Club champion NM Denys Shmelov and defending Class co-champions Neil Cousin and Ethan Thompson all qualified for the 2008 championships.

Last month, IM Igor Foygel's clear win propelled him into 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Club standings and FM John Curdo moved into 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Another placement for David Harris enabled him to edge out Bennet Pellows for 8<sup>th</sup> place on a tie break – Harris earned points in 4 events as compared to 3 for Pellows. Edward Astrachan held on to 7<sup>th</sup> place and is the highest non-master in the list.

In the Class standings the top 5 placements were unchanged by the latest tournament with Edward Astrachan leading by a wide margin. However, the next 5 spots saw 3 players drop out of the top-10. Strong play throughout the fall enabled Vikas Shiva and Doug Thompson take over 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> place and Jesse Nicholas jumped into 9<sup>th</sup> place. If any of the qualifiers for the Club championship decline the invitation, Astrachan would be next in line, and if he should accept everyone in the Class invitation list would move up one notch. This would allow for the possibility of a father-son duo (the Thompsons) in the Class championship.

Of note, both IM Igor Foygel and FM John Curdo earned championship points in 7 events. NM Charles Riordan and FM Chris Chase scored in 6 events. And both NM Denys Shmelov and Edward Astrachan gained points in 5 events,

This year an upset win bonus was instituted whereby a player earns 15 championship points for beating an 1800+ player who is rated at least 300 points higher. Similarly, the same bonus is offered to a player who draws an 1800+ opponent who is rated at least 600 points higher. This year the following players collected an upset win bonus: Bennet Pellows (twice in the same event!), Greg Kaden, and David Harris. James Lung scored the only upset draw bonus.

A total of 79 players earned championship points, however 14 were disqualified because they played in less than 4 events during the year. The complete list is posted on the MCC website and at the club.

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

### Club Championship Qualifying Points

1.	IM Igor Foygel	323
2.	FM John Curdo	281
3.	NM Charles Riordan	271
4.	FM Chris Chase	203
5.	NM Denys Shmelov	197
6.	NM Vadim Martirosov	138
7.	Edward Astrachan	136
8.	David Harris	125
9.	Bennet Pellows	125
10.	Neil Cousin	87

### Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points

1.	Edward Astrachan	136
2.	Neil Cousin	87
3.	Ethan Thompson	67
4.	Bill Stein	61
5.	Mika Brattain	56
6.	Vikas Shiva	55
7.	Doug Thompson	49
8.	Bill Michael	48
9.	Jesse Nicholas	45
10.	James Williams	44