



MetroWest Chess Club

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June 2008 Newsletter

Highlights

MCC 25th Anniversary Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	NM Denys Shmelov (4.0/4)
U2000	Lior Rozhansky (4.0/4)
U1700	Henry Clark (3.5/4)
U1400	Charlie Fauman and Srikanth Singam (3.5/4)

Annotated Game Series

Starting this issue, David Harris will present a series of annotated games from the 2008 MCC Club Championship. This month, the Shmelov-Martirosov game is featured annotated by Shmelov and Harris.

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.

Lior Rozhansky's Extends His Win Streak to 20 Games at the Club !!

For the fourth consecutive month, Lior Rozhansky has swept the U2000 or U1900 section. His win streak at the club started in the 3rd round of the January tournament and now has reached 20 consecutive wins! In round 2 of the May event, Lior was in severe time trouble against Ethan Thompson having 6 seconds on this clock (plus time delay) to make 7 moves to reach the move-40 time control. The position required accurate defensive play, but Lior managed to hold the position and went on to win the game. The last player to win or draw against Lior was Mika Brattain who won their encounter on January 8, 2008.

Marshall Chess Club Hosts the New York International Tournament

The Marshall Chess Club, one of the oldest and most renowned chess clubs in the United States, will be holding the New York International Tournament from June 21st to 25th. This is an all-master tournament and will be one of the strongest and most exciting tournaments held in many decades at Marshall Chess Club - an event that harkens back to the days when Bobby Fischer played his Game of the Century in their Great Hall.

For more information:

Marshall CC: <http://www.marshallchessclub.org/>

Flyer: http://www.marshallchessclub.org/Events/080621_NY_International_2008.pdf

Register: http://www.marshallchessclub.org/Events/080621_MccNYIntlOnlineEntry.html

COMPETE: Next Tournament

MCC Summer Solstice Swiss

When	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm June 3, 10, 17, 24	
Format	4-SS, 40/90, SD/30	
Sections	Open, U1900, U1650, U1350	
Prize Fund	\$ 710 Guaranteed	
Entry Fee	Masters	Free
	MCC Members	\$15
	Others	\$20

Prizes

Open	\$ 160 - 100 - 60
U1900	\$ 100 - 60 - 40
U1650	\$ 60 - 40 - 20
U1350	\$ 40 - 20 - 10

Championship Points

Open	64 - 40 - 24 - 16
U1900	32 - 20 - 12
U1650	16 - 10 - 6

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

Annotated Game Series – 2008 MCC Club Championship

This is the first installment of a series of annotated games from the 2008 MetroWest CC Championship, which took place April 1-29 in parallel with the 2008 MetroWest CC Class Championship tournament, as well as the regular April MCC tournament. The crosstable for the 2008 Club Championship is shown below.

#	Name	ID	Rating	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	Denys K Shmelov	13433622	2405	2414	W6	D2	W4	W5	W3	4.5
2	Charles R Riordan	12611870	2334	2335	W4	D1	D5	D3	W6	3.5
3	David Harris	12489241	2050	2048	L5	W4	D6	D2	L1	2.0
4	Edward Astrachan	12430870	1937	1946	L2	L3	L1	X6	W5	2.0
5	Vadim Martirosov	12690122	2255	2235	W3	L6	D2	L1	L4	1.5
6	Bennet Pellows	12758853	2120	2125	L1	W5	D3	F4	L2	1.5

This month features the round 4 struggle between NM Denys Shmelov and NM Vadim Martirosov. Shmelov emerged with a Queen for two Rooks, but his superior activity led him effortlessly to victory, and the lead in the championship.

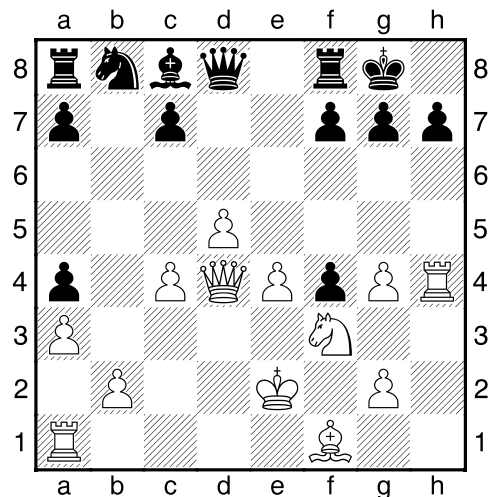
Annotations by Denys Shmelov and David Harris.

Shmelov, Denys – Martirosov, Vadim [E20]

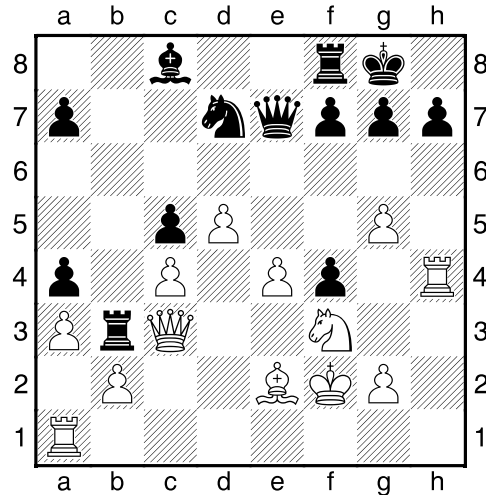
MetroWest CC Championship Natick MA (4), 22.04.2008

[D.Harris, D.Shmelov]

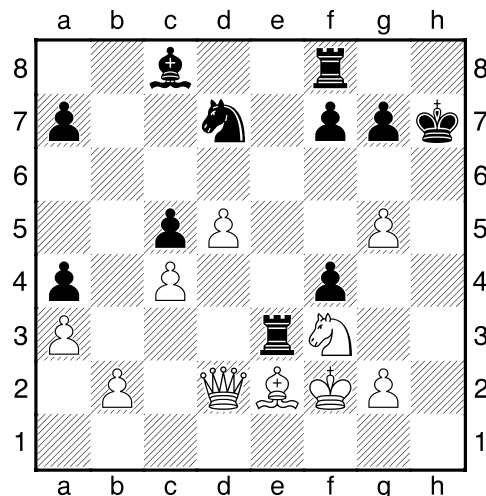
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 ♘b4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 ♘e7 6.e4 dxe4 7.fxe4 e5 8.d5 ♘c5 9.♗f3 ♗g4 A very sharp theoretical line with plenty of chances for both sides to go wrong. **10.♗a4 ♘f2+ 11.♖e2 b5!?** **12.h3 bxa4 13.hxg4 ♘g3** [13...♘c5 is a slightly inferior option.] **14.♖h3 ♘f4** **15.♗xf4 exf4 16.♗d4 0-0 17.♖h4**



17...♘d7 [17...g5?! 18.♖h6 ♕xg4 19.♔f2 f6 20.e5 ♖g7 (20...♘d7? 21.e6!±) 21.♖h2 ♕xf3 22.gxf3 fxe5 23.♗e4! is quite bad for black; 17...f6, trying to establish an outpost on e5, is advocated by Yuri Yakovich.]
18.g5 ♗e7 19.♔f2 [Now might be the time to pinch the pup: 19.♖xf4 ♖e8 20.♔f2 c5!? 21.♗d2 ♘e5 22.d6±]
19...c5!? 20.♗c3 [20.♗d2 might be more precise (avoiding Ra8–b8–b3). 20...♘e5 21.d6] **20...♖b8 21.♕e2**
 [Interesting, yet insufficient is 21.♕d3!? ♖b3 22.♖ah1 h6 23.gxh6 ♖xc3 24.hxg7= leading to a perpetual.
 24...♖xd3 25.♖h8+ ♔xg7 26.♖8h7+ ♔g8 27.♖h8+] **21...♖b3**



22.♖ah1! ♗xe4 White was expecting only the sheepish [22...h6 23.♗c2! ♘e5 (23...♖xf3+? 24.gxf3!+-) 24.gxh6 g5□ 25.♖h5±; 22...♖xc3?? 23.♖xh7 mates!] **23.♗d2?!** Not the best reaction, but I wasn't sure what to do. [Not 23.♕d3? ♗e3+ 24.♔f1 f5!-+; Rybka unravels the riddle with 23.♘d2! ♗e3+ 24.♗xe3 fxe3+ 25.♔g1± utilizing the h-file battery.] **23...♖e3?** [Significantly better was 23...♗e3+ forcing 24.♔e1 (24.♗xe3 fxe3+ 25.♔f1 allows black to parry the attack with 25...f6) 24...h6 25.gxh6 ♘f6 when it's still anyone's game(or 25...g6)] **24.♖xh7! ♗xh7** [Just as futile is 24...f6 25.gxf6 gxf6 26.♕d1!+-] **25.♖xh7 ♔xh7**



26.g3! The nail in the coffin. The f-pawn is picked off, and the rooks are no match for the lady. **26...♖fe8 27.♕d3+ g6 28.gxf4+- ♖3e7 29.♕c2 ♘b6 30.♘e5 ♖xe5** desperation **31.fxe5 ♘xc4 32.♗f4 ♘xe5 33.♔g3 ♔g8 34.♕xa4 ♘d3 35.♗d2 ♖e4 36.♗xd3 ♖xa4 37.♗b5 ♖g4+ 38.♔f3 ♕f5 39.♗b8+ ♔g7 40.♗xa7 ♖xg5 41.♗xc5 ♖h5 42.♗d4+ ♔f8 43.d6 ♔e8 44.♗a7 ♖h3+ 45.♔g2 ♔f8 46.♗e7+ 1-0**

COMPETE: Club and Class Championship Qualification Standings Through May 2008

The qualification cycle for the 2009 Club and Class Championships is almost halfway complete. NM Denys Shmelov regained 1st place in the Club standings with a sweep of the May Open section. Meanwhile Lior Rozhansky continued his dominance of the upper Class section by winning all of his games for the 4th consecutive time! He is in 3rd place in the Club race and of course way ahead in the Class standings. However, his rating is getting close to 2000 and if he crosses that threshold he won't be competing for a spot in the Class championship.

The current 2009 championship qualification standings (in tie break order) are as follows:

Club Championship Qualifying Points

1.	NM Denys Shmelov	194
2.	Ilya Krasik	174
3.	Lior Rozhansky	162
4.	IM David Vigorito	143
5.	IM Igor Foygel	92
6.	Greg Kaden	81
7.	FM John Curdo	78
8.	David Harris	65
9.	NM Charles Riordan	50
10.	Jesse Nicholas	44
11.	Mika Brattain	44

Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points

1.	Lior Rozhansky	162
2.	Jesse Nicholas	44
3.	Mika Brattain	44
4.	Edward Astrachan	40
5.	Leonard Gruenberg	27
6.	Neil Cousin	25
7.	Alexander Paphitis	25
8.	Ames Abbot	22
9.	Larry Eldridge	21
10.	Four-way tie	20