



MetroWest Chess Club

Largest Chess Club in New England

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January 2009 Newsletter

Highlights

MCC Holiday Cheer Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	IM Igor Foygel (4.0/5)
U1900	Mark McMahon, Jeffrey Hall, Mark Fins (4.0/5)
U1600	Milad Afdasta (5.0/5))
U1400	Ken Ballou, Tom Iversen (4.5/5)

Boston Blitz Takes 2nd Place in USCL Championship

Congratulations to the Boston Blitz for another successful season and exciting chess! For the second year in a row the Boston Blitz played in the US Chess League Championship game against the Dallas Destiny. And for the second year in a row they played to a 2-2 tie and lost the championship on tie breaks! You just can't get any closer than that... See <http://boston-blitz.com> for details of the playoffs and very good articles and commentary by Matt Phelps, Ilya Krasik, Mark La Rocca, and Chris Bird.

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

FNN Documentary on hold

The South Korean TV documentary on American culture, which was including a spot on MetroWest CC is on hold. The person who was leading the documentary effort had an emergency, so the rest of the effort, including our spot is on hold, and hasn't been rescheduled yet. We'll keep you posted if the effort resumes.

Searching for Newsletter Editor, Tournament Program Manager volunteers

Jim Krycka and Harvey Reed work a lot in the Wash DC area, and need help, so if you can volunteer a few hours each month for an exciting role ... ☺

Tournament Program Manager is responsible for creating annual set of monthly tournaments including section breaks, prize money, etc. as well as summarizing end of month results for the newsletter. Newsletter Editor is responsible for assembling end of month results (from Tournament Manager), advertising the next month tournament, plus any user contributed articles into an MS Word newsletter template.

Please contact us at:
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COMPETE: Next Tournament

MCC New Year Swiss

When Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
January 6, 13, 20, 27

Format 4-SS, 40/90, SD/30

Sections Open, U2000, U1700, U1400

Prize Fund \$ 630 Guaranteed

Entry Fee

Masters	Free
MCC Members	\$20
Non-members	\$25

Prizes

Open	\$ 120 - 80 - 60
U2000	\$ 80 - 60 - 40
U1700	\$ 60 - 40 - 20
U1400	\$ 40 - 20 - 10

Championship Points

Open	64 - 40 - 24 - 16
U2000	32 - 20 - 12
U1700	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

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

COMPETE: Club and Class Championship Qualification Standings Through December 2008

The qualification cycle for the 2009 Club and Class U2000) Championships has concluded with the December event. Congratulations to IM Igor Foygel and Mika Brattain who were the high scores in each category! Note that the published ratings on December 1, 2008 are used to determine whether a player is rated below 2000 and thus is eligible for the U2000 Championship.

The 2009 Championships will be held in March 2009 as 5-RR events run in parallel with the normal monthly sections. The first six players in each of the Club and Class standings automatically qualify for the championship events. However, every player who qualifies may not be able to commit to playing in all five rounds in the championship month, so players ranked 7th and below may have a shot at qualifying if players above them in the standings decline.

This year, 77 players earned championship points! Six players were awarded upset bonus points for defeating/drawing an A or higher player who was rated at least 300/600 points higher. The complete list is available from the MetroWestChess.org home page on the right panel and will be posted at the club.

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

Club Championship Qualifying Points

1.	IM Igor Foygel	449
2.	Lior Rozhansky	263
3.	NM Denys Shmelov	259
4.	IM David Vigorito	223
5.	Ilya Krasik	217
6.	FM John Curdo	186
7.	NM Charles Riordan	166
8.	Mika Brattain	114
9.	Ed Astrachan	104
10.	Greg Kaden	81
11.	David Harris	80
12.	Jeffrey Hall	75
13.	Winston Huang	74
14.	Jesse Nicholas	73
15.	Neil Cousin	65
16.	Derek Slater	56
17.	Mark McMahon	56
18.	Danny Angermeier	46
19.	Vikas Shiva	39
20.	Jacob Fauman	36

Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points

1.	Mika Brattain	114
2.	Edward Astrachan	104
3.	Jeffrey Hall	75
4.	Winston Huang	74
5.	Jesse Nicholas	73
6.	Neil Cousin	65
7.	Mark McMahon	56
8.	Danny Angermeier	46
9.	Vikas Shiva	39
10.	Jacob Fauman	36
11.	Henry Clark	34
12.	James Williams	34
13.	Ames Abbot	33
14.	Milad Afdasta	33
15.	Shrirangnath Havale	32
16.	Tim Bromley	32
17.	Alexander Hu	31
18.	Charlie Fauman	31
19.	Larry Eldridge	29
20.	Siddharth Arun	29