



# MetroWest Chess Club

Largest Chess Club in New England

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## May 2009 Newsletter

### Highlights

#### MCC April Fools Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	Lawyer Times (3.5/4)
U2000	Tian Rossi (3.5/4)
U1600	Elliot Strassman (3.5/4)
U1400	Daniel Callahan (4.0/4)

NOTE: **Special congratulations to Charlie Yang** who had the largest upset of the month – 311 points – in round 3!

#### Please Consider Volunteering!

MetroWest Chess Club is an all volunteer, unpaid position, organization. We all do it for the love of the Club :-). Currently we are looking to strengthen the following positions with one or more volunteers:

- Monthly Tournament Program Director
- Championship Program Director
- Weekly Group Lesson Program Director

If you are interested and able, please ask a Club volunteer how to get involved.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Round...

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

## COMPETE: Next Tournament

### MCC 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Swiss

**When** Tuesdays at 7:30 pm  
May 5, 12, 19, 26 2009

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

**Sections** Open, U2000, U1700, U1400

**Prize Fund** \$ 630 100% 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: 2010 Club and Class Championship Qualification Standings Through April 2009**

The current 2010 championship qualification standings (in tie break order) are as follows:

### **Club Championship Qualifying Points**

1.	IM David Vigorito	166
2.	NM Denys Shmelov	132
3.	NM Lawyer Times	88
4.	NM Charles Riordan	82
5.	IM Igor Foygel	77
6.	Winston Huang	72
7.	Tian Rossi	58
8.	Mika Brattain	55
9.	FM John Curdo	44
10.	GM Arthur Bisguier	40

### **Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points**

1.	Tian Rossi	58
2.	Mika Brattain	55
3.	Al Ward	32
4.	Danny Angermeier	32
5.	Alexander Paphitas	30
6.	Dave Rivera	26
7.	Jesse Nicholas	25
8.	Warner Smith	19
9.	Neil Cousin	16
10.	Robert Holmgren	16

# The 2010 MCC Club and Class Championships

The 2010 MCC Club Championship and the MCC Class Championship (for U2000 players) will be held in March 2010 as separate 6-player 5-RR events run in parallel with the regular monthly sections.

Qualification for the 2010 MCC championships is based on performance in MCC regular time control events during 2009. The top 6 players from the Championship Points List (who accept the invitation) compete for the Club Championship. The remaining top 6 players rated U2000 (who accept the invitation) play for the Class Championship. The 2009 USCF Annual Rating List (published in December) is used to determine whether or not a player is eligible for the Class Championship.

Championship points are earned by placing 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> in the Open section and 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> in the Upper and Middle Unnnn sections during the year. Points are awarded on a graduated scale. Also, a perfect score bonus is given for all wins and an upset bonus is granted for scoring a very large upset. In addition, to qualify for the championships a player must compete in at least 4 MCC regular time control tournaments during 2009 and must be a member of the club on December 31, 2009.

## Championship Qualification Points List for 2010 - Current Standings

Player's Name	USCF Rating	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Point Total	Tmt Req	Ranking by Club/Class	
IM David Vigorito	2453	52	64	50										166	3	1	
NM Denys Shmelov	2442		32	100										132	2	2	
NM Lawyer Times	2245		4	20	64									88	Met	3	
NM Charles Riordan	2403	52		30										82	2	4	
IM Igor Foygel	2486			50	27									77	2	5	
Winston Huang	2011		32	40										72	3	6	
Tian Rossi	1745		11	15	32									58	Met	7	1
Mika Brattain	1969	40		15										55	Met	8	2
FM John Curdo	2248	20	4	20										44	Met	9	
GM Arthur Bisguier	2200	20		20										40	3	10	
Al Ward	1827	16			16									32	Met	11	3
Danny Angermeier	1786		32											32	3	12	4
Derek Slater	2111		4		27									31	3	13	
Alexander Paphitas	1732			30										30	Met	14	5
Rolf Wetzell	2003				27									27	3	15	
Dave Rivera	1627		11	15										26	2	16	6
Jesse Nicholas	1783			25										25	2	17	7
NM Ilya Krasik	2164		4	20										24	3	18	
Warner Smith	1553		11		8									19	Met	19	8
Neil Cousin	1959	16												16	Met	20	9
Robert Holmgren	1671				16									16	Met	21	10
Henry Clark	1609	16												16	3	22	11
Elliot Strassman	Prov.				16									16	1	23	12
Mark Fins	1796			15										15	3	24	13
Milad Afdasta	1708	15												15	2	25	14
Nikita Konovalchuk	1816		11											11	2	26	15
Larry Eldridge	1810		11											11	1	27	16
John Dorfman	1486		11											11	3	28	17
Walter Champion	1628			8										8	Met	29	18
Leonard Gruenberg	1460			8										8	3	30	19
Stephen Schnair	1370				8									8	Met	31	20
Alan Moyer	1571	6												6	1	32	21
Jensiang Hong	1491	6												6	Met	33	22
Robert Matthews	1409	6												6	1	34	23



**Column Notes:**

Column **Tmt Req** states the number of tournaments played as "1", "2", "3", or "Met" (for 4 or more). If the 4-tournament requirement has not been met at year's end, the player is disqualified and "-X" is placed after the tournament count.

Column **Ranking by Club/Class** gives players' current rankings for the Club Championship and the Class Championship (if eligible). An U2000 player who qualifies for both championships can choose to play in either championship event. If a player qualifies but declines to play, the players ranked below are promoted. A player who accepts an invitation is identified by "-A" after the ranking and a player who declines an invitation is identified by "-D" after the ranking.

**Point Allocation Rules:**

Points are given for placing 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> in the Open section and 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> in the Upper and Middle Unnnn sections:

- >> For 3-round events the usual allocation is: 48 - 30 - 18 - 12 / 24 - 15 - 9 / 12 - 8 - 4
- >> For 4-round events the usual allocation is: 64 - 40 - 24 - 16 / 32 - 20 - 12 / 16 - 10 - 6
- >> For 5-round events the usual allocation is: 80 - 50 - 30 - 20 / 40 - 25 - 15 / 20 - 12 - 8
- >> For 6-round events the usual allocation is: 96 - 60 - 36 - 24 / 48 - 30 - 18 / 24 - 15 - 9

However, during the month in which the Championships are held in parallel to the regular sections the allocation is less:

- >> For 5-round event in championship month: 50 - 30 - 20 - 10 / 30 - 20 - 10 / 15 - 10 - 5

The allocation may be different to accommodate special circumstances or it may be reduced if one or more rounds is cancelled (e.g., bad weather). Championship points are awarded only for events where 3 or more rounds are played.

Points are given for placing 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> in the Club Championship and 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> in the Class Championship:

- >> For MCC Championship events the allocation is: 80 - 50 - 30 - 20 / 40 - 25 - 15

For a placement tie, the available points are divided equally among the players and rounded up to the next whole number. For example, if there is a 3-way tie for 1<sup>st</sup> in the Open section of a 5-round event, each player receives 54 points based on  $(80 + 50 + 30) / 3 = 160 / 3 = 53.33$  which is 54 when round up to the next whole number.

In addition, a perfect score bonus of 25% of the points earned is awarded to any player who posts a win in each round. Note that forfeit wins and full point byes do not count; a player must play a game in each round and win each game. For example, a player who scores 4-0 in the Upper section of a 4-round event would earn  $1.25 * 32 = 40$  points.

Also, an upset bonus of 15 points is awarded for a win against an 1800 or higher rated player where the winner is rated at least 300 points lower (or at least 600 points lower for a draw). Both players must be fully rated at the start of the event.

**Tie Break Rules:**

Most points earned in the Open and Club Championship sections combined.

Most points earned in the Upper and Class Championship sections combined.

Most events in which points were awarded.

Highest rating from the December USCF Annual Rating List; a full rating takes precedence over a provisional rating.

Coin toss.

## Championship Points Earned for 2010 by Tournament in 2009

2009 Events	Open Section	Upper Section	Middle Section
<b>January 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. D.Vigorito (52), C.Riordan (52) 3. J.Curdo (20), A.Bisguier (20)	1. M.Brattain (32+8 PSB) 2. N.Cousin (16), A.Ward (16) + M.Afdasta (15 UWB)	1. H.Clark (16) 2. A.Moyer (6), J.Hong (6), R.Matthews (6)
<b>February 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. D.Vigorito (64) 2. D.Shmelov (32), W.Huang (32) 4. J.Curdo (4), L.Times (4), I.Krasik (4), D.Slater (4), R.Harvey (4)	1. D.Angermeier (32) 2. N.Konovalchuk (11), L.Eldridge (11), T.Rossi (11)	1. D.Rivera (11), W.Smith (11), J.Dorfman (11)
<b>March Club and Class Championships 5-RR</b> ChPts: 80-50-30-20 40-25-15	1. D. Smelov(80 + 20 PSB) 2. D. Vigorito (50) 3. C. Riordan (30) 4. I. Krasik (20)	1. W. Huang (40) 2. J. Nicholas(25) 3. M. Brattain (15)	
<b>March 5-SS</b> ChPts: 50-30-20-10 / 30-20-10 / 15-10-5	1. I. Foygel (50) 2. J. Curdo (20) 3. L. Times (20) 4. A. Bisguier (20)	1. A. Paphitis (30) 2. M. Finns (15) 3. T. Rossi (15)	1. D. Rivera (15) 2. W. Champion (8) 3. L. Gruenberg(8)
<b>April 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. L. Times (64) 2. I. Foygel (27) 3. D. Slater (27) 4. R. Wetzell (27)	1. T. Rossi (32) 2. A. Ward (16) 3. R. Holmgren (16)	1. E. Strassman (16) 2. W. Smith (8) 3. S. Schnair (8)
<b>May 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
<b>June 5-SS</b> ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
<b>July 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
<b>August 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
<b>September 5-SS</b> ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
<b>October 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
<b>November 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
<b>December 5-SS</b> ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.