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# **MetroWest Chess Club**

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#### News:

## Helping parents get their children started in chess:

The club often gets requests from parents on how to get their children started in chess. The questions are usually some variation of the following:

- My child is interested in chess, is your club a good place to get them started?
- My child can now beat me in chess, is the club a good next step?
- How do I get my child started in chess?
- Where can I get lessons for my child?

Our club is best suited for players who are ready to learn and improve from participating in competitive chess. We have no programs geared towards getting youth started and learning the game itself.

While we have several FAQs on the club website regarding playing at the club and a guide for parents of young players playing at the club, we currently do not have any guidelines on the broader topic of how to get started in chess, for either adults or youth. To help fill in this information gap we are now running two informational blocks in our newsletter; namely, the **RSM** (Russian School of Math) and **FMCA** (Future Masters Chess Academy). These can be found at the end of this newsletter.

We provide these informational blocks as a convenience to you should someone ask you, or you wish to advise someone about how to get their young players started in chess. The MACA website, linked from our page footers on our website, provides a comprehensive list of Scholastic tournaments along with regional events open to all USCF players.

## **Upcoming Regional Tournaments:**

#### Harry Nelson Pillsbury Memorial

- Sunday, December 10, 2023
- Westford Regency Inn & Conference Center
- 4SS; G/60; d5
- <u>http://www.masschess.org/default.aspx</u>

## 12th annual Boston Chess Congress

- January 5-7 or 6-7, 2024
- Hyatt Regency, Boston Harbor, Boston MA.
- 5SS, 40/80, SD/30, d30
- <u>https://www.chesstour.com/bcc24.htm</u>

#### **Monthly Recap:**

Our October event had 46 players. For the six months we've been re-opened, our average attendance is 45 players

Congratulations to our 1st place finishers in November.

- **Open**: 6-way tie:
  - Charles Riordan
  - Ed Chisam
  - Fred Pearson
  - Sergey Malinin
  - Jacob Wu
- **U1700**: Clear 1st:
  - o Dave Martin
- **U1400**: Clear 1st:
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  - David Kruger Perfect Score of 5.0

Registration for our next event is open and play will begin the night of **Wednesday**, **December 6th**.

Register early so you won't forget!

#### **Registering to play:**

The **MCC home page** has links to all the things you need to know to start playing at the club. Please read the materials on the home page carefully.

If you forget the link or name of the online registration site, you can find it quickly by clicking the **Register Now** icon on the club home page.

- Remember to rejoin the **USCF** if you have expired
  - Do not leave it to the last minute as there have been multiple reports of **renewal issues** and needing several **days** to resolve them.
- Remember to **join the club before you enter the event** to get the member discount.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  If you forget, you will only be offered the non-member entry fees.

https://www.MetroWestChess.org

### **Standings and Projected Pairings:**

You can follow along each week by looking at the standings and projected pairings on the NAChessHub site.

- Go to NAChessHub.com
- Find the clubs event.
  - The November event is named: MCC 2023-11
- Click on the **Pairing** Button to see the standings and projected pairings for each section.

Generally the standings and projected pairings will be posted on the site at the end of the night; If not, check back later the next day.

## Byes: How to Request or Change them

Once you are entered in an event you can Request or alter you Bye requests.

- Log into NAChessHub
- Find the event that you need to adjust your Byes for
- Go to the Roster page
- Find your name and click on the link in the Byes column for your name.
  - It will say either "Request" or have the round numbers that you have previously requested Byes for.





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