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Chess School 2007 presents the opening course MCC-CS-122

DATES: Jan 18 2007 – Mar 15 2007 (3 classes - 3rd Thursday of the month)

INSTRUCTORS: Mark LaRocca and Ilya Krasik

BOOK: “Chess Openings for Black, Explained” (GM Lev Alburt, GM Roman Dzindzichashvili, and GM Eugene Perelshteyn)

SYLLABUS and PGN: Available online

“Developing an Opening Repertoire part Deux”

Every chess player should have a solid and repeatable defense to White's 1.e4. Yet, there are so many options. Where and how does the novice or intermediate player begin to focus his attention? I'm sure all of us have struggled to develop a "system" that we can use to survive the opening against strong players. This second class in our series will turn its attention to this dilemma.

GM Lev Alburt, GM Roman Dzindzichashvili, and Massachusetts native and newly crowned GM Eugene Perelshteyn have come to our rescue and offer us “Chess Openings for Black, Explained” . This newly published book will be used as the basis for this series of three classes. Look no further for answers... Black will play 1.e4 c5 and in response to almost any White second move, he will continue 2... g6. The accelerated or Hyper-accelerated Dragon.

Now, I know what you are feeling... What, me play the Dragon? Doesn't Black just lose in twelve moves or so? Didn't Fischer say “sac, sac, mate!” was his system against the Dragon? Calm yourselves... I too had some fears. But, after reading through their analysis, I can honestly say, I am a convert. There is a positional basis for this defense and, for the most part, the tactics involved are a far cry from the classical Dragon. Their solution is to avoid White's bullying and direct the game to more quiet and drawish lines that still maintain enough of an edge to play for a win if White slips up.

Even if you don't want to play this system, you will want to know how to play against it. So, take a deep breath, swallow once, and let's get started.

Guest Lecturers are to be determined.