



MetroWest Chess Club

Largest Chess Club in New England

Serving the MetroWest Boston chess community since 1983

June 2006 Newsletter

Highlights

MCC Club Championship

Congratulations to Igor Foygel! Igor retained his MetroWest Club Championship title, winning by 1.5 points over runner-up Ilya Krasik, who held Igor to a draw in their encounter.

MCC Summer Solstice Swiss

Beat the heat by playing cool chess in June. Tuesdays at 7:30 pm. June 6, 13, 20, 27. 4-SS, 4 sections: Open, U1850, U1600, U1300.

MCC Class Championship

Congratulations to new Class Champion Neil Cousin, who won all 5 games for a 2 point margin over 2nd place finishers Bill Michael and Severine Wamala.

Mark Kaprielian State U1750 Champion

Over Memorial Day weekend, Mark Kaprielian went undefeated, scoring 4 wins and 2 draws to claim the U1750 Massachusetts State Championship. Congratulations, Mark!

MCC May Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners:

Open IM Petr Jirovsky (5.0/5)
U1700 Hadrian Zbarcea (5.0/5)
U1400 William Luff (4.5/5)

A special congrats to Hadrian, who has won all 12 of his games at the club this year!

Summer Scholastics Coming Up!

MCC will hold several scholastic tournaments on Thursday nights from June 29 to August 4. Details will be available soon on the club website.

Lung Brothers' Team National Champs

MCC's James and Timothy Lung and their team from the Harrington School in Lexington have won the K-5 Division of the USCF 2006 National Elementary Chess Championship held in Denver, Colo. James is the current Mass. Elementary Singles Co-champion. Congratulations to James, Timothy, and Harrington Elementary School!

Club Challenge Match – MetroWest CC Defeats Boylston Chess Foundation, 5.5-2.5

On Sunday, May 7, teams from the MetroWest Chess Club and the Boylston Chess Foundation locked horns in a friendly inter-club match held at the BCF in Somerville. The BCF was a very generous host. They laid a nice table of refreshments and also decided not to collect the announced \$10 per player fee. Maybe their mood was a little too generous, as the MCC team won the match by a score of 6-2 (including one forfeit). Hopefully there will be a rematch, since this one was very enjoyable.

Mark LaRocca, Alex Stothert, Philip Nutzman, Kate Gasser, Plamen Krastev and Gregory Cermak scored wins for MCC. Jesse Nicholas lost to an opponent rated more than 100 points higher.

Thanks to Mike Griffin (BCF) for volunteering to TD, to Jon Lee (BCF) for spearheading the match, and to MCC President Mark Kaprielian for his publicity assistance.

From the Editor

Jim Krycka gave me significant help with the Highlights section this month, and also has taken over the "Next Tournament" section, in addition to his usual work on the complete tournament results pages and the qualification points update, not to mention catching my errors. Thank you, Jim!! You're a pal.



Kate Gasser
Newsletter Editor

Letters

A Witness to History

Marc LaRocca in the April 2006 Newsletter referred to Bobby Fischer's revival of the exchange variation of the Ruy Lopez. Fischer sprang the exchange variation for the first time on Lajos Portisch on November 10, 1966 at the 17th Olympiad held in Havana, Cuba. It turns out that I happened to be in the same room as Fischer during at least part of his preparation.

The occasion was that I was in the Manhattan Chess Club in New York City on a quiet afternoon in the mid 1960s. At that time the Club was located in the Henry Hudson Hotel on West 57th Street. When I entered the Club to play some off-hand 7 minute games I saw the well-acquainted Fischer (he was dressed in a fine suit and tie) intensely studying some old books taken from the usually-locked glass cabinet which housed such books. It turned out that he had asked Hans Kmoch, the Secretary of the Club, for the key to the cabinet. Curious, I asked Kmoch what was the reason for Fischer's somewhat unusual and rare appearance at the Club. Kmoch said that Fischer was interested in some old games of Steinitz and Lasker. It was later confirmed that Fischer's research on the exchange variation was partly done there on that afternoon.

Using the exchange variation Fischer defeated not only Portisch but also Gligorich and Jimenez at that Olympiad.

Mark asks what Fischer might have had prepared in response to

5. ... Bg4. I guess we'll never know because in his annotations to the Gligorich game in his "60 Memorable Games," after 6. h3 Fischer only discusses the reply 6. ... h5!

Respectfully submitted,

Edward R. Epp

(Thanks, Ed, for this fascinating glimpse into chess history. – Editor)

COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Calendar

<p>Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 7:30 pm</p>	<p>GWCC's 6th annual June Knights Event. 5SS/G120 GWCC at Sacred Heart CCD Center, Worcester, MA. See more info.</p>
<p>Tuesday, June 6 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Round 1 – Summer Solstice Swiss Weekly group lesson – No teacher available Emanuel Rasin with Books from Europe.</p>
<p>Tuesday, June 13 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Round 2 – Summer Solstice Swiss Weekly group lesson at 6:30 – No teacher available.</p>
<p>Sunday, June 18 7:30 pm</p>	<p>NorthEast Chess G5 And G55 And G90 Hotel Marlborough, Marlborough, MA. See details.</p>
<p>Tuesday, June 20 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Round 3 – Summer Solstice Swiss Weekly group lesson at 6:30– No teacher available.</p>
<p>Tuesday, 27 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Round 4 – Summer Solstice Swiss Weekly group lesson at 6:30– No teacher available.</p>
<p>Thursday June 29 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Summer Scholastics begin – See link on our home page for details and registration</p>

COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Activities and Info

CLUB

Board of Directors

To learn more about our governance, visit http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/Club/Governance/Top_Governance.htm

A message from Kappy:

"If you enjoy playing at the Club, we'd appreciate your sharing your thoughts about the Club with others who may be interested in playing but want to know more about what it's like. Send us an email so we may post it for visitors to our Club website to read."

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Books from Europe – Round 1

- Proprietor Emanuel Rasin
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COMPETE :: MCC Summer Solstice Swiss

NEXT TOURNAMENT!

When	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm June 6, 13, 20, 27		Prizes
Format	4-SS, 40/90, SD/30	Open	\$150-100-50
Sections	Open, U1850, U1600, U1300	U1850	\$90-60-30
Prize Fund	\$ 670 Guaranteed	U1600	\$60-40-20
Entry Fees	Masters Free MCC Members \$15 Others \$20	U1300	\$40-20-10
			Championship Points
		Open	64-32-16
		U1850	24-12
		U1600	8
			50% bonus for perfect score

COMPETE :: Monthly and Championship Tournaments

Section results below – Print them and show your friends 😊



Jim Krycka
Monthly Tournaments Director



**MAY 2006
TOURNAMENT
RESULTS**

**CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIP**

1st Place 4.5 / 5 points



IM Igor Foygel

2nd Place 3.0 / 5 points



Ilya Krasik

3rd Place 2.5 / 5 points



David Harris

Upsets over 200 points - None



**MAY 2006
TOURNAMENT
RESULTS**

**CLASS (U2000)
CHAMPIONSHIP**

1st Place 5.0 / 5 points



Neil Cousin

2nd Place 3.0 / 5 points



Bill Michael



Severine Wamala

Upsets over 200 points - None



**MAY 2006
TOURNAMENT
RESULTS**

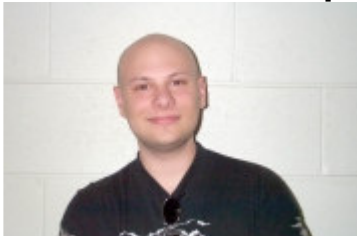
OPEN SECTION

1st Place 5.0 / 5 points



IM Petr Jirovsky

2nd Place 4.0 / 5 points



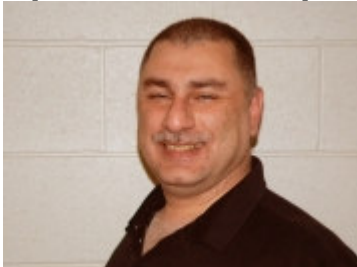
Benjamin Goldberg

3rd Place 3.5 / 5 points



Derek Slater

Upsets over 200 points



Mark Kaprielian (2)



George Duval (2)



Alexander Paphitis



**MAY 2006
TOURNAMENT
RESULTS**

U1700 SECTION

1st Place 5.0 / 5 points



Hadrian Zbarcea

2nd Place Tie 4.0 / 5 points



Plamen Krastev



Alexander Hu

Upsets over 200 points



Vikas Shiva (3)



Tyler Cichowlas (2)



Fred Harvey



John McLaughlin



Jenshiang Hong



Chris Garos



Branislav Cenanovic



**MAY 2006
TOURNAMENT
RESULTS**

U1400 SECTION

1st Place 4.5 / 5 points



William Luff

2nd Place 4.0 / 5 points



Ken Ballou

3rd Place 3.5 / 5 points



Jeremiah Campanelli

Upsets over 200 points



William Luff

COMPETE:: Club and Class Championship Qualification Standings Through May 2006

Last month's two championship sections and the three regular sections offered more championship qualifying points than any other month this year. 16 players earned points, 11 of which were new entries to the qualification list. In addition, IM Petr Jirovsky, Neil Cousin, and Hadrian Zbarcea scored 5-0 in their sections and thus earned bonus points. Needless to say, the standings have changed quite a bit since last month and there are now 35 players on the full list.

The current 2007 championship qualification standings (in tie break order) are as follows:

Club Championship Qualifying Points

1.	IM Igor Foygel	344
2.	FM John Curdo	164
3.	IM Petr Jirovsky	90
4.	David Harris	84
5.	Neil Cousin	75
6.	Hadrian Zbarcea	69
7.	Jacob Wamala	63
8.	Ilya Krasik	60
9.	Nikita Konovalchuk	36
10.	Benjamin Goldberg	30
11.	Larry Eldridge	30

Class Championship Qualifying Points

1.	Neil Cousin	75
2.	Hadrian Zbarcea	69
3.	Nikita Konovalchuk	36
4.	Larry Eldridge	30
5.	Bill Michael	29
6.	Severine Wamala	25
7.	Robert Harvey	24
8.	Lior Rozhansky	18
9.	Victor Herrera	18
10.	Matthew Cater	15