



MetroWest Chess Club

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October 2008 Newsletter

Highlights

MCC Stanley Crowe Memorial Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	IM Igor Foygel (4.5/5)
U2000	Edward Astrachan, Vikas Shiva, Mika Brattain, Robert Holmgren, Jacob Fauman (3.5/5)
U1700	Steve Eddins, Charlie Fauman, James Williams (3.5/5)
U1500	Oleg Poliannikov (5.0/5)

Boston Blitz

The Boston Blitz of the U.S. Chess League ended September with a record of 3 wins and 3 losses with 4 matches left in the regular season. They are currently in 4th place in their division and are still in contention for a playoff spot.

The team includes MCC players IM David Vigorito, NM Denys Shmelov, NM Charles Riordan, and Ilya Krasik. Matt Phelps is team manager and Mark La Rocca is assistant manager. Check out <http://boston-blitz.com> for lively commentary, interesting articles, and game scores.

There are no weekly group lessons scheduled for this month.

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

The Newsletter Needs Your Help!

by James Krycka, acting editor

This newsletter has not had an editor for over a year. I've been acting editor and have provided basic content while David Harris, Harvey Reed, and Mark Kaprielian have contributed to articles or helped edit material in recent months. Last month I started a new job in Maryland and will gradually phase out most of my activities at the club though I'll try to help out in some capacity such as the club championship.

The newsletter has the potential for being great vehicle for keeping club members informed, for individuals to contribute game analysis or other chess related stories, and for creating a sense of community for the 200+ players who play at the club each year. *But it cannot happen without your help.* We need volunteers to provide basic content, to write short news items, to write occasional feature articles, and to edit, proofread, and assemble the material in a Word document for distribution.

The newsletter is in dire need of someone to take on the role of editor and a few other volunteers to provide content. Please consider helping out. If you can spend as little as an hour or two each month on one of the tasks it would make a big difference. And you may even surprise yourself and have fun doing it!

If you have an interest in working in some capacity on the newsletter, please talk to Mark Kaprielian or a TD at the club. Or send an email to [news_staff AT metrowestchess.org](mailto:news_staff@metrowestchess.org) with your questions and suggestions.

COMPETE: Next Tournament

MCC Trick or Treat Swiss

When Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
October 7, 14, 21, 28

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

Sections Open, U1900, U1600, U1400

Prize Fund \$ 630 Guaranteed

Entry Fee

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

Prizes

Open	\$ 120 - 80 - 60
U1900	\$ 80 - 60 - 40
U1600	\$ 60 - 40 - 20
U1400	\$ 40 - 20 - 10

Championship Points

Open	64 - 40 - 24 - 16
U1900	32 - 20 - 12
U1600	16 - 10 - 6

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

25% bonus for winning all games

15 point bonus for upset win/draw over an 1800+ player and 300/600 rating diff

COMPETE: Club and Class Championship Qualification Standings Through September 2008

Three more events remain on the calendar to qualify for the 2009 Club and Class Championships. Lior Rozhansky scored a clear 2nd in the Open section and earned bonus points for a large upset win to move into 3rd place the Club Championship standings. With Neil Cousin crossing over the 2000 rating threshold and Lior and Ed Astrachan threatening to surpass that line, the U2000 standings may see significant changes if they all become ineligible for the Club Championship next year due to their rating successes.

Everyone in the standings below, except David Vigorito, have met the 4-tournament rule. The current 2009 championship qualification standings (in tie break order) are as follows:

Club Championship Qualifying Points

1.	NM Denys Shmelov	259
2.	IM Igor Foygel	252
3.	Lior Rozhansky	227
4.	Ilya Krasik	217
5.	NM Charles Riordan	166
6.	IM David Vigorito	143
7.	FM John Curdo	129
8.	Greg Kaden	81
9.	David Harris	73
10.	Mika Brattain	66
11.	Neil Cousin	65
12.	Ed Astrachan	64

Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points

1.	Lior Rozhansky	227
2.	Mika Brattain	66
3.	Edward Astrachan	64
4.	Danny Angermeier	46
5.	Jesse Nicholas	44
6.	Tim Bromley	32
7.	Vikas Shiva	31
8.	Charlie Fauman	31
9.	Mark McMahon	29
10.	Leonard Gruenberg	27
11.	Bill Michael	26
12.	Henry Clark	26