



MetroWest Chess Club

Largest Chess Club in New England

Serving the MetroWest Boston chess community since 1983

March 2009 Newsletter

Highlights

MCC New Year Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

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| OPEN | IM David Vigorito (3.5/4) |
| U2000 | Danny Angermeier (3.5/4) |
| U1600 | David Rivera, Warner Smith, John Dorfman (3.0/4) |
| U1400 | Daniel Perlov, Timothy Lavoie (3.5/4) |

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
- Game Archive Program Director
- Weekly Group Lesson Program Director

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

1st Round...

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

COMMUNITY: Volunteers

New Volunteer!

Warner Smith is in training with James Krycka and will assume the role of Championship Points manager, since James has recently taken a job in Maryland. Championship Points is an important duty as we all know. In fact, the Club and Class Championships begin this month, in parallel with our regular tournament, all on Tuesday nights. We want to thank James, who has served in various roles throughout the Club history, especially and most notably as the Monthly Tournament Program Manager including innovating the Monthly Tournament section breaks, as well as the MCC Championships, and Championship Points system.



James Krycka

Warner Smith is also assuming the role of Games Archive Director. Below is a message from Warner, introducing himself, and his plans for the Games Archive:

"Hello to my fellow club players. Over the course of many years, our chess club has provided and continues to provide a rich and robust history of games played by fellow club players, however, in recent months MCC has had a vacancy in this crucial role. Therefore, I am honored and happy to announce that I have been given the opportunity to fill this vital role as your Games Archive Director.

It is because I believe in the quality of MCC and the players that participate from month to month, that I have decided to help our common interest in furthering the vitality of our chess club. On that note, I would like to begin at a gradual pace and work our way up towards the continuation of a rich collection of club games.

Beginning in March, I will be requesting recorded games from the top boards of the final round from each of our top three sections going forward. Ideally, all Club and Class Championship games are submitted to the club's games archive. Our championship games reflect our best players and their best games and deserve the attention of being recorded for the sake of club and chess history.



Hey, you never know...your game could be famous some day! Of course, any club player can submit his/her game anytime to the Games Archive Library. Moreover, annotations are always welcomed, but not necessary.

I look forward to serving our club in this capacity. Therefore I come to you with outstretched arms; help me to help our club become a better club!"

Thanks!
Warner Smith

COMPETE: Next Tournament

MCC Vernal Equinox Swiss

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| When | Tuesdays at 7:30 pm March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | Prizes | | | | | | | |
| Format | 5-SS, 40/90, SD/30 | Open | \$ 120 - 80 - 60 | | | | | | |
| Sections | Open, U2000, U1700, U1400 | U2000 | \$ 90 - 60 - 40 | | | | | | |
| Prize Fund | \$ 700 100% Guaranteed | U1700 | \$ 70 - 50 - 30 | | | | | | |
| Entry Fee | <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Masters</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Free</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MCC Members</td> <td>\$25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-members</td> <td>\$30</td> </tr> </table> | Masters | Free | MCC Members | \$25 | Non-members | \$30 | U1400 | \$ 50 - 30 - 20 |
| Masters | Free | | | | | | | | |
| MCC Members | \$25 | | | | | | | | |
| Non-members | \$30 | | | | | | | | |
| | | Championship Points | | | | | | | |
| | | Open | 50 - 30 - 20 - 10 | | | | | | |
| | | U2000 | 30 - 20 - 10 | | | | | | |
| | | U1700 | 15 - 10 - 5 | | | | | | |
| | | | 25% bonus for winning all games | | | | | | |
| <p>Checkout the Possible Events of Interest link on the Club homepage for other events in the area,</p> | | | 15 point bonus for upset win/draw over an 1800+ player and 300/600 rating diff | | | | | | |

MCC Championships

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| When | Tuesdays at 7:30 pm March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | Prizes | | | | | |
| Format | 5-RR, 40/90, SD/30 | Club Ch | \$ 140 - 100 - 80 | | | | |
| Sections | Open, Class | Class Ch | \$ 100 - 80 - 40 | | | | |
| Prize Fund | \$ 540 100% Guaranteed | Championship Points | | | | | |
| Entry Fee (Invitation Only) | <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Club Championship</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Free</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Class Championship</td> <td>\$25</td> </tr> </table> | Club Championship | Free | Class Championship | \$25 | Club Ch | 80 - 50 - 30 - 20 |
| Club Championship | Free | | | | | | |
| Class Championship | \$25 | | | | | | |
| | | Class Ch | 40 - 25 - 15 | | | | |
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COMPETE: 2009 Club and Class Championship Lineup

Club Championship Player in seed order

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|----|--------------------|--|
| 1. | NM Charles Riordan | |
| 2. | Lior Rozhansky | |
| 3. | Ilya Krasik | |
| 4. | IM David Vigorito | |
| 5. | Denys Shmelov | |
| 6. | Ed Astrachan | |

Class (U2000) Championship Player in seed order

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|----|------------------|--|
| 1. | Jeffrey Hall | |
| 2. | Danny Angermeier | |
| 3. | Mika Brattain | |
| 4. | Jesse Nichols | |
| 5. | Winston Huang | |
| 6. | Neil Cousin | |

Both Championship sections will use the Crenshaw-Berger tables to determine pairings for this 5-RR tournament. The pairings are as follows, with numbers referring to the seeding number above:

round 1: 3-6 5-4 1-2

round 2: 2-6 4-1 3-5

round 3: 6-5 1-3 4-2

round 4: 6-4 5-1 2-3

round 5: 1-6 2-5 3-4

Players 1, 2, and 3 get three whites; players 4, 5, and 6, three blacks.

Ken Ballou presided over the lot# drawing for the seedings and selecting the Crenshaw-Berger tables.



COMPETE: 2010 Club and Class Championship Qualification Standings Through February 2009

Qualification for the 2010 Club and Class (U2000) Championships has begun with the January tournament.

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

Club Championship Qualifying Points

| | | |
|-----|--------------------|-----|
| 1. | IM David Vigorito | 116 |
| 2. | NM Charles Riordan | 52 |
| 3. | Mika Brattain | 40 |
| 4. | NM Denys Shmelov | 32 |
| 5. | Winston Huang | 32 |
| 6. | Danny Angermeier | 32 |
| 7. | FM John Curdo | 24 |
| 8. | GM Arthur Bisguier | 20 |
| 9. | Neil Cousin | 16 |
| 10. | Al Ward | 16 |

Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points

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|-----|--------------------|----|
| 1. | Mika Brattain | 40 |
| 2. | Winston Huang | 32 |
| 3. | Danny Angermeier | 32 |
| 4. | Neil Cousin | 16 |
| 5. | Al Ward | 16 |
| 6. | Henry Clark | 16 |
| 7. | Milad Afdasta | 15 |
| 8. | Nikita Konovalchuk | 11 |
| 9. | Larry Eldridge | 11 |
| 10. | Tian Rossi | 11 |