



MetroWest Chess Club

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This month we celebrate Winter Holiday with the Holiday Cheer Swiss monthly tournament.

December 2009 Newsletter

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COMMUNITY: About the Club

About the MetroWest Chess Club

MetroWest Chess Club is a 501(c)7 club incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on November 20, 2002. MetroWest Chess Club is a continuation of Framingham Chess Club started on May 3, 1983.

- Web address: www.MetroWestChess.org
- Street address: Natick Senior Center, 117 E. Central St. (Rt. 135), Natick MA 01760
- Phone number: 508 – 788 – 3641
- Email address: Info_Requests AT MetroWestChess DOT org

Playing at MetroWest Chess Club

- Remember, we are guests at the Natick Senior Center, please keep the facility safe and clean.
- Play starts at 7:30pm every Tuesday night. A new tournament starts every month, Round 1 on the 1st Tuesday. Arrive early! Onsite registration ends at 7:20 PM sharp. Register on the round you will start playing.
- Both Players are responsible to make sure that their game result is recorded on the pairing sheet. If we do not have your result, you may not be paired the next round.
- A **BYE** can be requested ONLY by (a) Request in advance on paper (see a TD), or (b) Call **508-788-3641** before 7:00pm on the night in question. After 7:00pm we cannot check messages and you will forfeit.
- A **FORFEIT** is if you are paired, and you do not request a BYE, and you do not play. A forfeit results in immediate withdrawal from the tournament until the fine is paid. The fine must be paid before end of registration (7:20pm) on the night you want to play again. Fine for 1st forfeit = \$10. Multiple forfeits results in serious fines. See the pamphlet below.
- A tri-fold 2-sided pamphlet “New MCC Players Essential Information” is at: http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/Knowledge/FAQs/About_the_Club/FAQ_New_MC_C_Players_Essential_Information.pdf
- Club & Class Championships are explained in detail, including the current standings at the end of every newsletter.

About the MetroWest Chess Club Newsletter

- This newsletter is published monthly and posted on the MetroWest CC website, by following the “Newsletter” link. The MetroWest CC newsletter has been published continuously since November 2002, coinciding with incorporation.
- Older newsletters, historical flyers, articles, simuls and more, dating back to the opening night of Framingham CC in May 3, 1983, are available on the MetroWest CC website, by following the “History” link

COMPETE: Results of Last Tournament

Trick or Treat Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN Igor Foygel, Lawyer Times
(3.5/4.0)

U2000 Edward Astrachan,
Nikita Konovalchuk,
Ames Abbot, Michael Barry,
Charlie D Fauman
(3.0/4.0)

U1700 Christopher Berg-Jones
(3.5/4.0)

U1400 Rohan Shankar
(4.0/4.0)



**Perfect score of the month
Rohan Shankar,
U1400**



COMMUNITY : Game Collection

We have made the first step in major updates to the MetroWest CC game collection. On the Game Collection page on our website, we now have **938** games! In addition to games I have entered, David Harris has entered games from the 2008 Championship, and these are featured in their own link on both the Game Collection page, and the Championship page. If you have any games which should be included, please send them to gamearchive AT MetroWestChess DOT org.



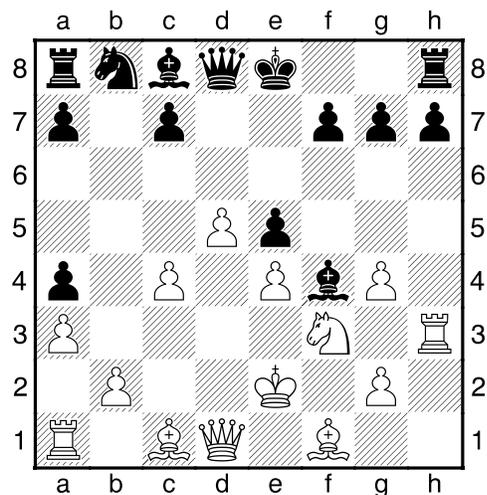
Warner Smith
Program Manager,
Games Collection

Below is game #926 from the 2008 MetroWest CC Championship between Denys Shmelov and Vadim Martirosov. The game is annotated by David Harris and Denys Shmelov.

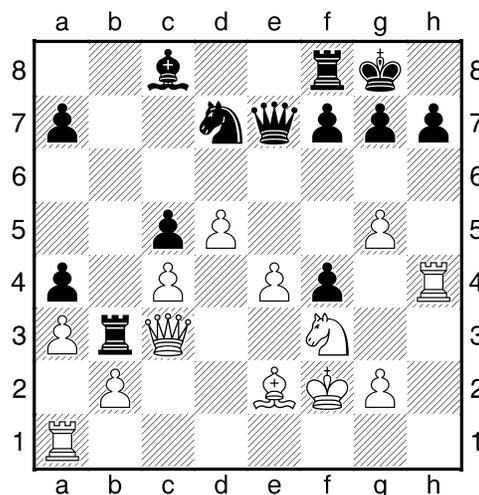
(926) Shmelov, Denys (2405) – Martirosov, Vadim (2255) [E20]

MCC Championship Natick MA (3), 15.04.2008
[D.Harris, D.Shmelov]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 ♘b4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 ♙e7 6.e4 dxe4 7.fxe4 e5 8.d5 ♙c5 9.♗f3 ♗g4 A very sharp theoretical line with plenty of chances for both sides to go wrong. 10.♗a4 ♙f2+ 11.♙e2 b5!? 12.h3 bxa4 13.hxg4 ♙g3 [13...♙c5 is a slightly inferior option.] 14.♖h3 ♙f4



15.♙xf4 exf4 16.♖d4 0-0 17.♖h4 ♗d7 [17...g5?! 18.♖h6 ♙xg4 19.♙f2 f6 20.e5 ♗g7 (20...♗d7? 21.e6!±) 21.♖h2 ♙xf3 22.gxf3 fxe5 23.♖e4! is quite bad for black; 17...f6, trying to establish an outpost on e5, is advocated by Yuri Yakovich.] 18.g5 ♖e7 19.♙f2 [Now might be the time to pinch the pup: 19.♖xf4 ♖e8 20.♙f2 c5!? 21.♖d2 ♗e5 22.d6±] 19...c5!? 20.♖c3 [20.♖d2 might be more precise (avoiding Ra8-b8-b3). 20...♗e5 21.d6] 20...♖b8 21.♙e2 [Interesting, yet insufficient is 21.♙d3!? ♖b3 22.♖ah1 h6 23.gxh6 ♖xc3 24.hxg7= leading to a perpetual. 24...♖xd3 25.♖h8+ ♗xg7 26.♖h7+ ♗g8 27.♖h8+] 21...♖b3



22.♖ah1! ♖xe4 White was expecting only the sheepish [22...h6 23.♖c2! ♗e5 (23...♖xf3+? 24.gxf3!+-) 24.gxh6 g5 25.♖h5±; 22...♖xc3?? 23.♖xh7 mates!] 23.♖d2?! Not the best reaction, but I wasn't sure what to do. [Not 23.♙d3? ♖e3+ 24.♙f1 f5!-; Rybka unravels the riddle with 23.♗d2! ♖e3+ 24.♖xe3 fxe3+ 25.♙g1± utilizing the h-file battery.] 23...♖e3? [Significantly better was 23...♖e3+ forcing 24.♙e1 (24.♖xe3 fxe3+ 25.♙f1 allows black to parry the attack with 25...f6) 24...h6 25.gxh6 ♗f6 when it's still anyone's game(or 25...g6)] 24.♖xh7! ♖xh7 [Just as futile is 24...f6 25.gxf6 gxf6 26.♙d1!+-] 25.♖xh7 ♗xh7 26.g3! The nail in the coffin. The f-pawn is picked off, and the rooks are no match for the lady. 26...♖fe8 27.♙d3+ g6 28.gxf4+- ♖3e7 29.♙c2 ♗b6 30.♗e5 ♖xe5 desperation 31.fxe5 ♗xc4 32.♖f4 ♗xe5 33.♙g3 ♙g8 34.♙xa4 ♗d3 35.♖d2 ♖e4 36.♖xd3 ♖xa4 37.♖b5 ♖g4+ 38.♙f3 ♙f5 39.♖b8+ ♙g7 40.♖xa7 ♖xg5 41.♖xc5 ♖h5 42.♖d4+ ♙f8 43.d6 ♙e8 44.♖a7 ♖h3+ 45.♙g2 ♙f8 46.♖e7+

COMPETE: Next Tournament

MCC Trick or Treat Swiss

When	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 2009	Prizes										
Format	5-SS, 40/90, SD/30	Open	\$ 140 - 100 - 80									
Sections	Open, U2000, U1700, U1400	U2000	\$ 100 - 80 - 40									
Prize Fund	\$ 730 100% Guaranteed	U1700	\$ 60 - 40 - 20									
Entry Fee	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Masters</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Free</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>MCC Members</td> <td>\$25</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-members</td> <td>\$30</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Masters	Free		MCC Members	\$25		Non-members	\$30		Championship Points	
Masters	Free											
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Non-members	\$30											
		Open	80 - 50 - 30 - 20									
		U2000	40 - 25 - 15									
		U1700	20 - 12 - 8									
<p style="color: green;">Checkout the Possible Events of Interest link on the Club homepage for other events in the area,</p>		<p>25% bonus for winning all games</p> <p>15 point bonus for upset win/draw over an 1800+ player and 300/600 rating diff</p>										

Bookseller

Emanuel Raisin will have a large collection of chess books for sale during Round 1.

Weekly Group Lessons

Topic	Instructor	Date
TBD	TBD	Round 1, Dec 1
TBD	TBD	Round 2, Dec 8
TBD	TBD	Round 3, Dec 15
TBD	TBD	Round 4, Dec 22
TBD	TBD	Round 5, Dec 29

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

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

Club Championship Qualifying Points

1.	IM Igor Foygel	436
2.	NM Denys Shmelov	354
3.	IM David Vigorito	206
4.	NM Lawyer Times	198
5.	FM Charles Riordan	160
6.	NM Ilya Krasik	132
7.	Neil Cousin	120
8.	Calvin Hori	73
9.	Winston Huang	72
10.	Ethan Thompson	72

Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points

1.	Neil Cousin	120
2.	Calvin Hori	73
3.	Ethan Thompson	72
4.	Warner Smith	59
5.	Tian Rossi	58
6.	Al Ward	58
7.	Mika Brattain	55
8.	Jenshiang Hong	38
9.	Robert Harvey	37
10.	Alexander Hu	37

The 2010 MCC Club and Class Championships

The 2010 MCC Club Championship and the MCC Class Championship (for U2000 players) will be held in March 2010 as separate 6-player 5-RR events run in parallel with the regular monthly sections.

Qualification for the 2010 MCC championships is based on performance in MCC regular time control events during 2009. The top 6 players from the Championship Points List (who accept the invitation) compete for the Club Championship. The remaining top 6 players rated U2000 (who accept the invitation) play for the Class Championship. The 2009 USCF Annual Rating List (published in December) is used to determine whether or not a player is eligible for the Class Championship.

Championship points are earned by placing 1st-2nd-3rd-4th in the Open section and 1st-2nd-3rd in the Upper and Middle sections during the year. Points are awarded on a graduated scale. Also, a perfect score bonus is given for all wins and an upset bonus is granted for scoring a very large upset. In addition, to qualify for the championships a player must compete in at least 4 MCC regular time control tournaments during 2009 and must be a member of the club on December 31, 2009.

Championship Qualification Points List for 2010 - Current Standings

Player's Name	USCF Rating	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Point Total	Tmt Req	Ranking by Club/Class	
IM Igor Foygel	2528			50	27	20	54	52	52	65	64	52		436	Met	1	
NM Denys Shmelov	2492		32	100		64	54	52	52					354	Met	2	
IM David Vigorito	2477	52	64	50		20					20			206	Met	3	
NM Lawyer Times	2313		4	20	64	20	3	10		25		52		198	Met	4	
FM Charles Riordan	2400	52		30			54	10	14					160	Met	5	
NM Ilya Krasik	2269		4	20			3			65	20	20		132	Met	6	
Neil Cousin	1967	16				16	40	26			22			120	Met	7	1
Calvin Hori	1810						25	10	16		22			73	Met	8	2
Winston Huang	2086		32	40										72	Met	9	
Ethan Thompson	1802					40			32					72	Met	10	3
John Chamberlain	2088					20				25	20			65	Met	11	
Warner Smith	1669		11		8	8	25			7				59	Met	12	4
Tian Rossi	1845		11	15	32									58	Met	14	5
Al Ward	1825	16			16			26						58	Met	13	6
Mika Brattain	1989	40		15										55	Met	15	7
FM John Curdo	2221	20	4	20			3							47	Met	16	
GM Arthur Bisguier	2218	20		20										40	Met	17	
Jenshiang Hong	1567	6				20	12							38	Met	18	8
Robert Harvey	1885		4							33				37	Met	19	9
Alexander Hu	1867							4		33				37	Met	20	10
Mark Fins	1849			15		16		4						35	Met	21	11
Danny Angermeier	1853		32											32	Met	22	12
CM Derek Slater	2138		4		27									31	Met	23	
Alexander Paphitis	1740			30										30	Met	24	13
Charlie Fauman	1614						15					13		28	Met	25	14
Rolf Wetzell	2012				27									27	Met	26	
Jesse Nicholas	1932			25			3							27	Met	27	15
William Stein	1711					8		2	16					26	Met	28	16
Dave Rivera	1699		11	15										26	2-X	29	17
Nikita Konovalchuk	1859		11									13		24	3	30	18
Elliot Strassman	1763				16					8				24	Met	31	19
Ross Eldridge	1838										22			22	1-X	32	20
Patrick Sciacca	2171										20			20	1-X	33	
Todd Chase	2022											20		20	Met	34	
Richard Han	1726							20						20	1-X	35	21
Alexander Jones	1525									20				20	Met	36	22
Leonard Gruenberg	1479			8			3		6					17	Met	37	23
Edward Astrachan	1995						3					13		16	Met	38	24
Larry Pratt	1799								16					16	Met	39	25

Column Notes:

Column **Tmt Req** states the number of tournaments played as “1”, “2”, “3”, or “Met” (for 4 or more). If the 4-tournament requirement has not been met at year’s end, the player is disqualified and “-X” is placed after the tournament count.

Column **Ranking by Club/Class** gives players’ current rankings for the Club Championship and the Class Championship (if eligible). An U2000 player who qualifies for both championships can choose to play in either championship event. If a player qualifies but declines to play, the players ranked below are promoted. A player who accepts an invitation is identified by “-A” after the ranking and a player who declines an invitation is identified by “-D” after the ranking.

Point Allocation Rules:

Points are given for placing 1st-2nd-3rd-4th in the Open section and 1st-2nd-3rd in the Upper and Middle Unnnn sections:

- >> For 3-round events the usual allocation is: 48 - 30 - 18 - 12 / 24 - 15 - 9 / 12 - 8 - 4
- >> For 4-round events the usual allocation is: 64 - 40 - 24 - 16 / 32 - 20 - 12 / 16 - 10 - 6
- >> For 5-round events the usual allocation is: 80 - 50 - 30 - 20 / 40 - 25 - 15 / 20 - 12 - 8
- >> For 6-round events the usual allocation is: 96 - 60 - 36 - 24 / 48 - 30 - 18 / 24 - 15 - 9

However, during the month in which the Championships are held in parallel to the regular sections the allocation is less:

- >> For 5-round event in championship month: 50 - 30 - 20 - 10 / 30 - 20 - 10 / 15 - 10 - 5

The allocation may be different to accommodate special circumstances or it may be reduced if one or more rounds is cancelled (e.g., bad weather). Championship points are awarded only for events where 3 or more rounds are played.

Points are given for placing 1st-2nd-3rd-4th in the Club Championship and 1st-2nd-3rd in the Class Championship:

- >> For MCC Championship events the allocation is: 80 - 50 - 30 - 20 / 40 - 25 - 15

For a placement tie, the available points are divided equally among the players and rounded up to the next whole number. For example, if there is a 3-way tie for 1st in the Open section of a 5-round event, each player receives 54 points based on $(80 + 50 + 30) / 3 = 160 / 3 = 53.33$ which is 54 when round up to the next whole number.

In addition, a perfect score bonus (PSB) of 25% of the points earned is awarded to any player who posts a win in each round. Note that forfeit wins and full point byes do not count; a player must play a game in each round and win each game. For example, a player who scores 4-0 in the Upper section of a 4-round event would earn $1.25 * 32 = 40$ points.

Also, an upset bonus (UWB) of 15 points is awarded for a win against an 1800 or higher rated player where the winner is rated at least 300 points lower (or at least 600 points lower for a draw). Both players must be fully rated at the start of the event.

Tie Break Rules:

Most points earned in the Open and Club Championship sections combined.

Most points earned in the Upper and Class Championship sections combined.

Most events in which points were awarded.

Highest rating from the December USCF Annual Rating List; full rating takes precedence over a provisional rating.

Coin toss.

Championship Points Earned for 2010 by Tournament in 2009

2009 Events	Open Section	Upper Section	Middle Section
January 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. D.Vigorito (52), C.Riordan (52) 3. J.Curdo (20), A.Bisguier (20)	1. M.Brattain (32+8 PSB) 2. N.Cousin (16), A.Ward (16) + M.Afdasta (15 UWB)	1. H.Clark (16) 2. A.Moyer (6), J.Hong (6), R.Matthews (6)
February 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. D.Vigorito (64) 2. D.Shmelov (32), W.Huang (32) 4. J.Curdo (4), L.Times (4), I.Krasik (4), D.Slater (4), R.Harvey (4)	1. D.Angermeier (32) 2. N.Konovalchuk (11), L.Eldridge (11), T.Rossi (11)	1. D.Rivera (11), W.Smith (11), J.Dorfman (11)
March Club and Class Championships 5-RR ChPts: 80-50-30-20 40-25-15	1. D. Smelov(80 + 20 PSB) 2. D. Vigorito (50) 3. C. Riordan (30) 4. I. Krasik (20)	1. W. Huang (40) 2. J. Nicholas(25) 3. M. Brattain (15)	
March 5-SS ChPts: 50-30-20-10 / 30-20-10 / 15-10-5	1. I. Foygel (50) 2. J. Curdo (20) L. Times (20) A. Bisguier (20)	1. A. Paphitis (30) 2. M. Finns (15) T. Rossi (15)	1. D. Rivera (15) 2. W. Champion (8) L. Gruenberg(8)
April 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. L. Times (64) 2. I. Foygel (27) D. Slater (27) R. Wetzell (27)	1. T. Rossi (32) 2. A. Ward (16) R. Holmgren (16)	1. E. Strassman (16) 2. W. Smith (8) S. Schnair (8)
May 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. D. Shmelov (64) 2. I. Foygel (20) D. Vigorito (20) L. Times (20) J. Chamberlain (20)	1. E. Thompson (32 + 8 PSB) 2. N. Cousin (16) M. Fins (16)	1. J. Hong (16 + 4 PSB) 2. W. Stein (8) W. Smith (8)
June 5-SS ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8	1. I. Foygel (54) D. Shmelov (54) C. Riordan (54) 4. J. Curdo (3) L. Times (3) I. Krasik (3) E. Astrachan (3) F. Yang (3) J. Fauman (3) J. Nicholas (3)	1. N. Cousin (40) 2. C. Hori (25) 3. C. Fauman (15)	1. W. Smith (20 + 5PSB) 2. J. Hong (12) 3. L. Gruenberg (3) D. Thompson (3) P. Fleurant (3)
July 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. I. Foygel (52) D. Shmelov (52) 3. C. Riordan (10) L. Times (10) J. Perl (10) G. Xu (10)	1. N. Cousin (26) A. Ward (26) 3. M. Fins(4) A. Hu (4) G. Goulding(4)	1. R. Han (16 + 4PSB) 2. C. Hori (10) 3. W. Stein (2) R. King (2) C. Neogy (2)
August 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. I. Foygel (52) D. Shmelov (52) 3. C. Riordan (14) A. Cherniack (14) D. Plotkin (14)	1. E. Thompson (32) 2. C. Hori (16) L. Pratt (16)	1. W. Stein (16) 2. L. Gruenberg (6) D. Thompson (6) B. Abelis (6)
September 5-SS ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8	1. I Foygel (65) I. Krasik (65) 3. L. Times (25) J. Chamberlain (25)	1. R. Harvey (33) A. Hu (33) 3. W. Xu (8) E. Stassman (8)	1. A. Jones (20) 2. W. Smith (7) A. Sorets (7) S. Rangan (7)
October 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. I. Foygel (64) 2. D. Vigorito (20) I. Krasik (20) P. Scaccia (20)	1. N. Cousin (22) C. Hori (22) R. Eldridge (22)	1. P. Krastev (16) 2. W. Champion (8) S. Wollkind (8)
November 4-SS	1. I. Foygel (52)	1. E. Astrachan (13)	1. C. Berg-Jones (16)

ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	L. Times (52) 2. I. Krasik (20) T. Chase (20)	N. Konovalchuk (13) A. Abbot (13) M. Barry (13) C. Fauman (13)	2. D. Callahan (8) 3. N. Bruce (8)
December 5-SS ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.