

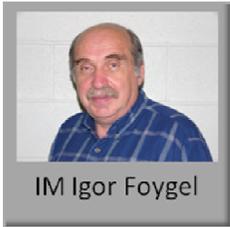


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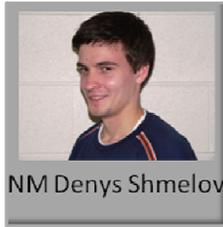
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Current 2010 Club Championship qualification standings



IM Igor Foygel



NM Denys Shmelov



NM Ilya Krasik



IM David Vigorito



NM Lawyer Times



FM Charles Riordan



Neil Cousin



Calvin Hori



Winston Huang



Ethan Thompson



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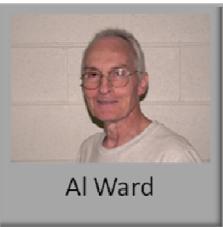
Ethan Thompson



Warner Smith



Tian Rossi



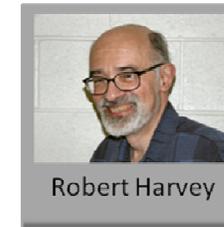
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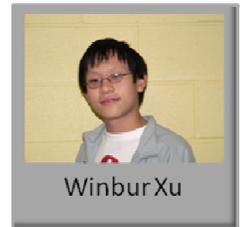
Nikita Konovalchuk



Mika Brattain



Robert Harvey



Winbur Xu

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February 2010 Newsletter

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](http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/Knowledge/FAQs/About%20the%20Club/FAQ%20New%20MC%20C%20Players%20Essential%20Information.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

New Year Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

- OPEN Denys K Shmelov (4.0/4.0)
- U2000 Ethan Thompson (4.0/4.0)
- U1700 Steve Wollkind (4.0/4.0)
- U1400 John Mc Laughlin (4.0/4.0)

Wow !

All perfect scores this month



Denys K Shmelov Ethan Thompson



Steve Wollkind John Mc Laughlin



COMMUNITY : ChessCafe.com Seeks Product Reviewers

ChessCafe.com is seeking talented chess players to write product reviews. An example review from Jan 27, 2010 is shown below. Compensation is a free copy of the product, plus your name on the web review for all chess players around the world to read 😊

For more information, please contact ChessCafe.com directly:

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Harvey Reed
 Clerk and
 Marketing Director

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://www.chesscafe.com/Reviews/books.htm>. The page features a navigation menu with links for HOME, BOOK REVIEWS, ENDGAME STUDIES, SKITTLES ROOM, and BOOKSTORE & EMPORIUM. The main content area displays a review for the book "Beware the Bishop!" by Steve Goldberg. The review includes a small image of a chess knight and a promotional box for "Chess Theatre" DGT Game Viewer. To the right, there are advertisements for books "The Moment of Zuke" and "Zuke Em" by David Rudel, each with a corresponding book cover image. A search bar and a checkbox for "Only Search ChessCafe.com" are also visible.

COMPETE: Next Tournament

MCC Groundhog Day Swiss

When Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
February 2, 9, 16, 23 2010

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

Sections Open, U2000, U1700, U1400

Prize Fund \$ 630 100% Guaranteed

Entry Fee

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

Prizes

Open	\$ 120-80-60
U2000	\$ 80-60-40
U1700	\$ 60-40-20
U1400	\$ 40-20-10

Championship Points

Open	64-40-24-16
U2000	32-20-12
U1700	16-10-6

25% bonus for winning all games

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

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

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Bookseller and Weekly Group Lessons

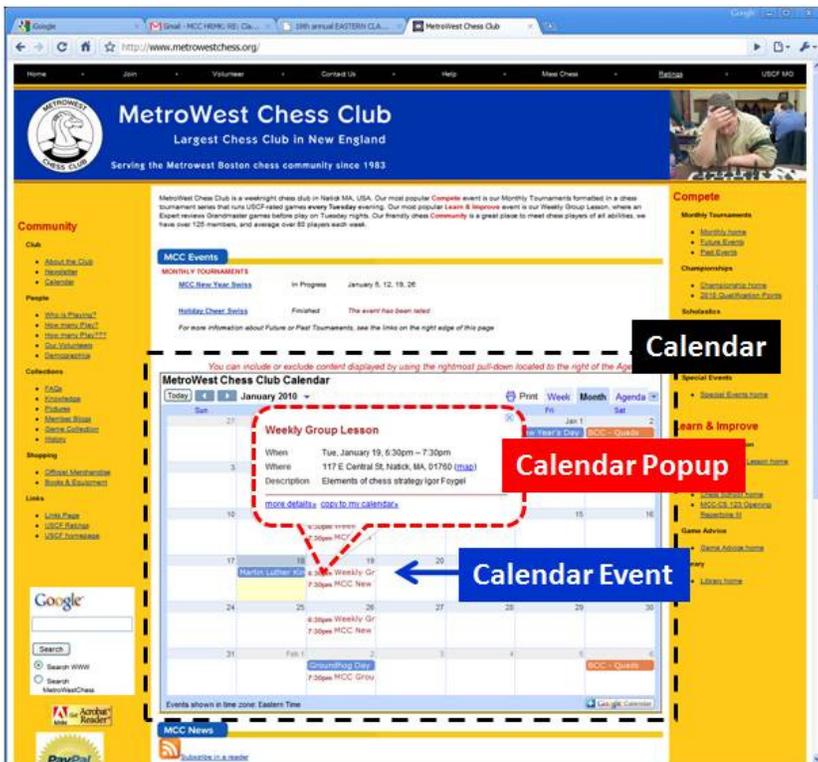
Emanuel Raisin of "Books from Europe"



Top MetroWest CC players teach Weekly Group Lessons



Use the MetroWest CC Calendar to find out about when the bookseller will be here, and when Weekly Group Lessons are planned



COMPETE: 2011 Club and Class Championship Qualification Standings Through January 2010

The current 2011 championship qualification standings (in tie break order) are as follows:

Club Championship Qualifying Points Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points

1. Denys Shmelov	80	1. Ethan Thompson	40
2. Ethan Thomson	40	2. Steven Wollkind	20
3. Arthur Bisguier	27	3. Jacob Fauman	15
4. John Curdo	27	4. Matt Phelps	15
5. Derek Slater	27	5. Winbur Xu	11
6. Steven Wollkind	20	6. Oleg Poliannikov	11
7. Jacob Fauman	15	7. William Michael	11
8. Matt Phelps	15	8. Larry Kleine	8
9. Winbur Xu	11	9. Walter Champion	8
10. Oleg Poliannikov	11	10.	

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:

1. Most points earned in the Open and Club Championship sections combined.
2. Most points earned in the Upper and Class Championship sections combined.
3. Most events in which points were awarded.
4. Highest rating from the December USCF Annual Rating List; full rating takes precedence over a provisional rating.
5. Coin toss.

Championship Points Earned for 2011 by Tournament in 2010

2010 Events	Open Section	Upper Section	Middle Section
January 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. Denys Shmelov (80) 2-3. Arthur Bisguier (27) John Curdo (27) Derek Slater (27) Upset: Jacob Fauman (15)	1. Ethan Thompson (40) 2-3. Winbur Xu (11) Oleg Poliannikov (11) William Michael (11) Upset: Matt Phelps (15)	1. Steve Wollkind (20) 2-3. Larry Kleine (8) Walter Champion (8)
February 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6			
March Club and Class Championships 5-RR ChPts: 80-50-30-20 40-25-15			
March 5-SS ChPts: 50-30-20-10 / 30-20-10 / 15-10-5			
April 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6			
May 5-SS ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8			
June 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6			
July 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6			
August 5-SS ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8			
September 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6			
October 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 /			

32-20-12 / 16-10-6			
November 5-SS ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8			
December 5-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6			