



MetroWest Chess Club

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Serving the MetroWest Boston chess community since 1983

SPECIAL EDITION – USATE, DGT GAMES, CHAMPIONSHIP



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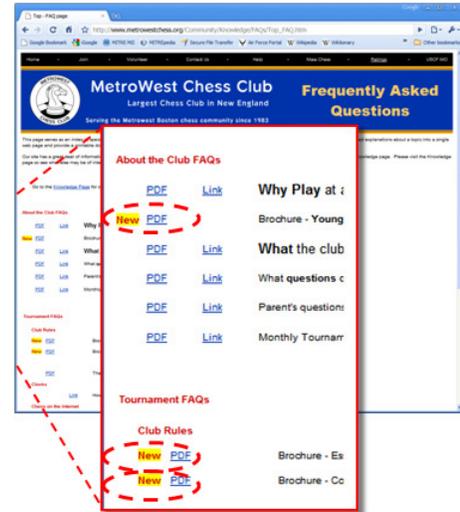
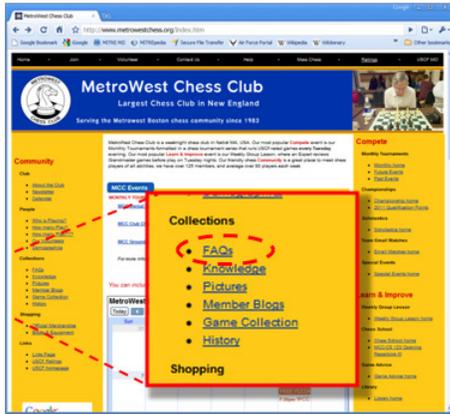


**New location: 90 Oak St, Natick
See inside for details**

April 2011 Newsletter – EXTRA!

COMMUNITY: Club Brochures

There are three brochures to help new and experienced MetroWest CC players fully enjoy the Club and its competitive events. From the MetroWest CC homepage, click on "FAQs" to bring you to the "Frequently Asked Questions" page. There you will find the three new brochures.



Each brochure is packaged as a PDF which can be printed as a single double-sided sheet and tri-folded. The three brochures are shown below with links to go directly to the PDFs.

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Young Players at the MCC

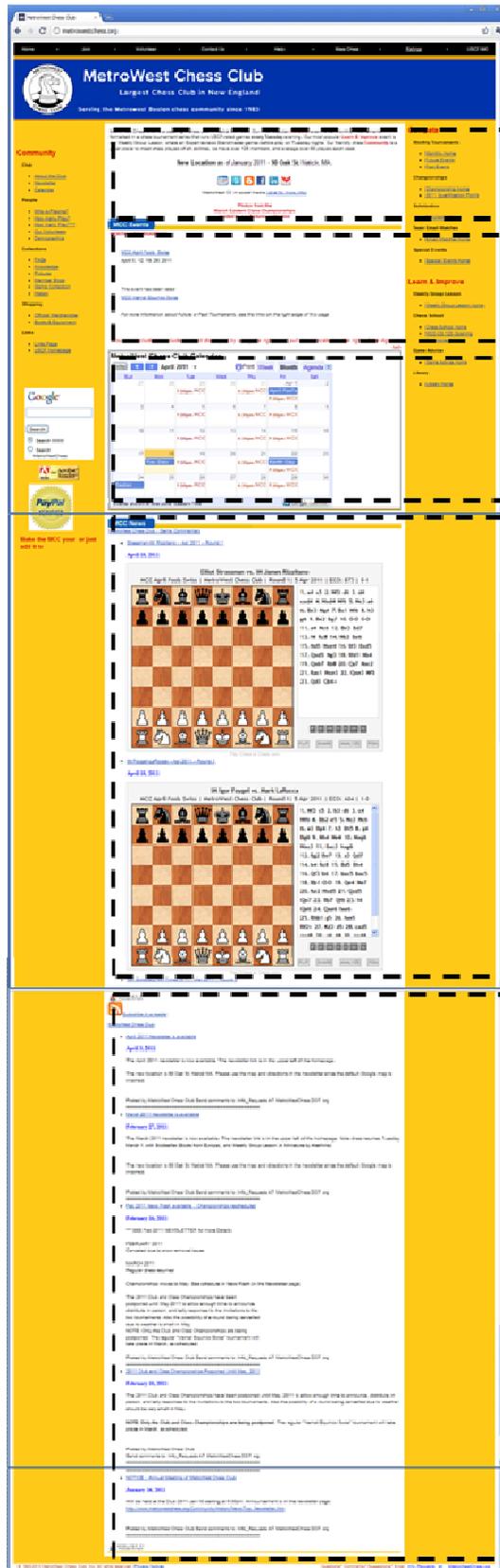
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COMMUNITY: Website Homepage



Social Media

Tournaments

Calendar

Game Blog

News Blog

COMMUNITY: Natick Senior Center

Natick Senior Center has moved!

Announcement from the Senior Center:

During the construction of Natick's new community senior center, the Senior Center and the club is temporarily in a new location for about 14 to 18 months

Our temporary quarters are at the former East School at 90 Oak Street, Natick:

It is on the westbound side of Route 9 opposite Scrub-a-Dub carwash. The entrance is on Oak Street. It was most recently occupied by Westgate Christian Academy—some people may have known where that was. See map below.



COMMUNITY: Special Edition

This is a special edition of the MetroWest Chess Club newsletter.

Due to time constraints, the content below could not make it into the April 2011 monthly newsletter. Since the May 2011 newsletter will be focusing on the Club and Class Championships, we are devoting a special edition to these topics:

- USATE
- Website improvements
- DGT Games

USATE

MetroWest Chess Club fielded players in two notable USATE Teams. USATE is the U.S. Amateur Team East annual competition, sponsored by the New Jersey State Chess Federation (NJSCF):

- NJSCF: <http://njscf.org/>
- USATE Crosstable: http://main.uschess.org/assets/msa_joomla/XtblMain.php?201102218361-10019702
- The two teams are “Lady Ga Ga Googles Gruenfeld”, and the “Forklifters”

If there are other teams where MetroWest CC players made significant contributions, please let me know.

Website improvements

There have been a number of website improvements over the past year. We'll give you an overview, including where you can play through the latest “top board” DGT games (HINT: It is on the homepage).

DGT Games

Thanks to generous MetroWest CC members we can now use DGT boards for the top two boards each week. We'll tell you a bit more about how we do this, and how you can play through games.

Championships

Matt Phelps, our Championship Program Director recently confirmed the final rosters. The full story inside.

COMMUNITY: USATE 2011

“Lady Ga Ga Googles Gruenfeld” – wins Senior Prize



By Dr. Ed Epp

At the recent team tournament held in Parsippany, New Jersey, Grandmaster Arthur Bisguier led a team to win the Senior Prize by winning 5 team matches out of 6.

- On board 1, the undefeated Bisguier had a great run scoring 4.5/6 with 3 wins and 3 draws. In the final critical round, Bisguier convincingly defeated Grandmaster Alex Fishbein rated at 2582 with a crushing Kingside attack on the White side of a Closed Sicilian.
- Denis Strenzwilk (2200) from Maryland on board 2 scored 4-2 with 3 wins, 1 loss, and 2 draws.
- Ed Epp on board 3 had an identical score to Strenzwilk.
- Bill Michael had a great performance on Board 4 winning more games than anyone else on the team, also scoring 4-2 with 4 wins and 2 losses.

“Fork Lifters” – wins 5th place overall

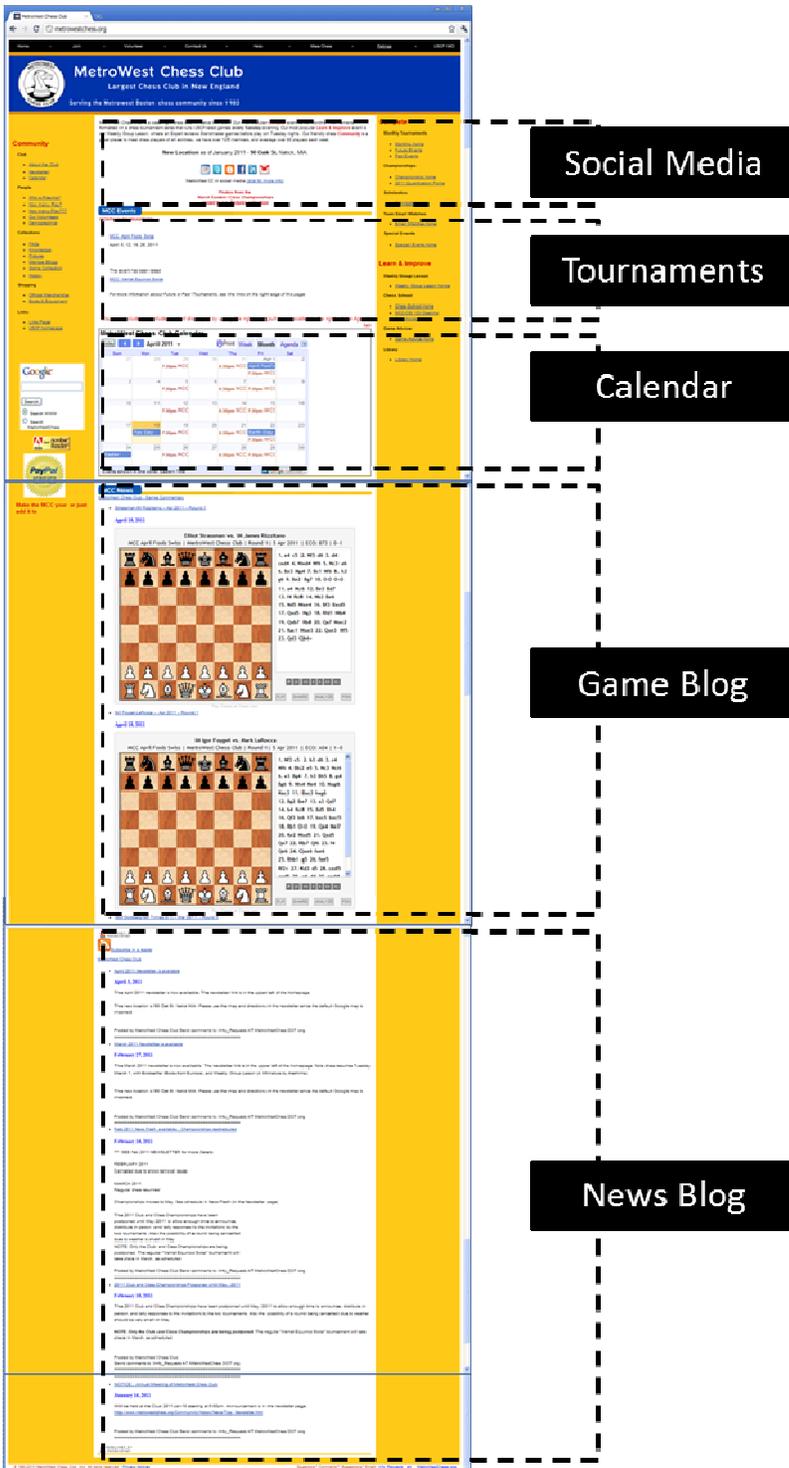


By NM Ben Goldberg

USATE was an excellent tournament for my team, THE FORK LIFTERS. We scored 5/6, a good score, but our individual scores in the tournament was what secured us 5th place.

- On board 1, Chris Williams (2194 -> 2197) had some difficult games, and scored 3.5/6, getting 322nd place individually. Though he had a couple of tough losses, but fought back and beat a 2300+ player. Board 1 is always tough.
- On board 2, I, Ben Goldberg (2200 -> 2222) scored 5.5/6, getting 18th place in the tournament individually.
- On board 3, David Plotkin (2180 -> 2189) also scored 5.5/6, getting 22nd place in the tournament individually.
- On board 4, Peter Chubinsky (2000 -> 2000) scored 4.5/6, getting 120th place individually, a strong showing considering he had not played in a year and a half.

COMMUNITY: Web Site Improvements



Over the past year, MetroWest CC has taken big steps to assure that our players and members have access to MetroWest CC info via the latest tools:

- **Social Media** – At the top of the homepage is a link to our social media page which describes our presence in:
 - Google Calendar
 - Twitter
 - Blogs
 - Facebook
 - LinkedIn
 - Email
- **Tournaments** – Links to the current tournament and the last tournament
- **Google Calendar** – You can link to this, so that the MetroWest CC calendar is included in your calendar.
- **Game Blog** – Featured “top board” games are posted to our game blog, and posted after each round. Play the game on the homepage, or click the links to go to the game blog.
- **News Blog** – Featured news posted to our news blog. Read it there, or click the link to go to the news blog.

COMPETE: Game Collection and DGT Boards

MetroWest Chess Club members have made two DGT Boards available for use at the Club in order to capture games of interest

DGT (Digital Game Technology) is a company that sells wood boards and pieces with sensors so that the chess game moves can be recorded. The Club is using the DGT boards with Bluetooth so we can collect the chess game moves wirelessly, and unobtrusively:

<http://digitalgametechnology.com/site/index.php/Electronic-Boards/dgt-bluetooth-wireless-e-board.html>



DGT Board from DGT website



Two laptops at Club collecting moves



DGT used in Foygel-Chamerlain, Rd 2 Nov 9, 2010

Currently we are displaying the games in an interactive game viewer, on the homepage, below the calendar.

We will periodically add the games to the club game collection.

In addition, we are seeking a web coder volunteer for the Club to enable this and other game related capabilities.



COMMUNITY: Game Player

[MetroWest Chess Club - Game Commentary](#)

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• [Strassman-IM Rizzitano -- Apr 2011 -- Round 1](#)

April 18, 2011

Elliot Strassman vs. IM James Rizzitano
MCC April Fools Swiss | MetroWest Chess Club | Round 1 | 5 Apr 2011 | ECO: B73 | 0-1

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be3 Ng4 7. Bc1 Nf6 8. h3 g6 9. Be2 Bg7 10. O-O O-O 11. a4 Nc6 12. Be3 Bd7 13. f4 Rc8 14. Nb3 Be6 15. Nd5 Nxe4 16. Bf3 Bxd5 17. Qxd5 Ng3 18. Rfd1 Nb4 19. Qxb7 Rb8 20. Qa7 Nxc2 21. Rac1 Nxe3 22. Qxe3 Nf5 23. Qd3 Qb6+

FLIP SHARE ANALYZE PGN

MetroWest CC is currently using the game player from CHESS.com. MetroWest CC has an account on CHESS.com, and posts games on the site. Then we export the player to a conventional blog which we pipe through Feedburner into our homepage. The result is that you can play through top games captured by our DGT boards

shortly after each round. We strive for posting the next day, similar to crosstable and pairing, but we are still working out our processes.

Read below for how to get the most from the player, which is compatible in IE, Firefox, and Chrome:

1. You can click on the blog link for the game, or the link for the entire blog. Once there, you can comment on the game, and share your thoughts.
2. At the top of the game player is the game data, including players, event, date, result, etc.
3. Window for the game scoresheet. You can click on any move to go directly to that move.
4. "VCR" style controls to go forward or backward in the game. Below the VCR controls are four buttons:
 - a. Flip – this rotates the board to flip colors
 - b. Share – Click this and "embeddable code" appears in the scoresheet window. Use this if you want to embed this in your own blog. To go back to the scoresheet, click again.
 - c. Analyze – Click this, and a new CHESS.com analyze board will pop up if you want to enter new variations to consider. This is private to you, and will not affect the game. Close the analyze window when done.
 - d. PGN – Click this, and the PGN will appear in the scoresheet window. You can copy the PGN if you want to put it into your own viewer, Fritz, Chessbase, RYbka, etc. To go back to the scoresheet, click again.

COMPETE: Championships

MetroWest CC holds annual Club and Class Championships in the Spring. The Championships were originally scheduled for March. Due to unusually heavy snow, and moving into temporary locations the month before, the Championships were rescheduled for May. The players for the Club and Class Championships are invited to play. The invitations are based on the accumulation of points throughout the year, plus maintaining membership in MetroWest CC. The latest Qualifying Points list is here:

http://metrowestchess.org/Compete/Championships/2011/2011_Championship_Qualification_Points_List.pdf

On Wednesday April 20, 2011 the rosters for both the Club and Class Championships were finalized. On Tuesday April 26 (Round 4 April 2011) prior to the start of the round, we will draw for seedings. The pairings for all rounds of the five round robin Championship will be posted later that night, and posted on the website the next day. This will give all Championship players a full week to prepare! Below are the rosters, with ratings from "Active Player List", updated March 14, 2011:

Club Championship			Class Championship		
Player	Picture	Rating	Player	Picture	Rating
IM Igor Foygel		2505	Neil Cousin		1969
NM Lawyer Times		2257	Larry Pratt		1913
GM Arthur Bisguier		2222	Robert Harvey		1873
Edward Astrachan		2026	Oleg Poliannikov		1839
Ethan Thompson		1928	Mark Kaprielian		1823
Charlie Fauman		1899	Matt Phelps		1764