

2017-08: Newsletter

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Monthly Event:

This month's regular event is a **five** week tournament.

- Round 1 is Tuesday, **August 1st**, 2017
- Sections with less than 8 players may be merged with another section

Due to the constraints of our playing site, all events at our current location are:

G/60; d5 dual-rated

Registration closes at 7:20 pm. If you arrive after that you may not be paired. We must be strict due to having to exit the building promptly at 10:00 pm.

Please arrive early if possible.

If you think you can't arrive by 7:20, please call the club number **before 7:00 PM** and register by phone message.

MCC Group Classes:

Group Classes continue with a full slate for August. The following sessions will be run by John Chamberlain:

Week 2 - August 8, 2017

The Attack!

Der Angriff muss fortfahren werden! The attack must go on! We will show how to conduct the standard attacks, like the sacrifice on h7, and standard attacks out of the opening like the Velimirovic Attack. We will review the work of attack theorists like Vukovic and Spielmann. Part of strategic thinking is planning an attack. Learn how to assemble your forces for the assault on the king.

Week 3 - August 15, 2017

More Opening Traps and Miniatures

In July we just saw a few of the most famous opening traps. In this lecture we will look at key traps in common openings like the Ruy Lopez, the Sicilian, and the Queen's Gambit. This lecture will feature several famous miniature games by both unknowns and grandmasters.

Week 4 - August 22, 2017

The Lucena Position

Does the Lucena position still confuse you after the R+P lecture in June? Ever notice how books always show the position with a Knight pawn? What if its a Bishop pawn, or a Queen pawn? Does that make a difference? How come the Lucena position never seems to happen in my games? What if my pawn is only on the sixth rank and my king is in front of it? Is that always a win?

In this lecture we will delve into all the subtleties of the Lucena position and really get a thorough run through of how it works including the exceptions and variations. Master the single most important chess position!

Week 5 - August 29, 2017

The Eight Fundamental Mistakes

When coaching chess, I see the same basic kinds of mistakes made over and over. About 50% of all mistakes in chess, even by masters, can be categorized as one of eight different types; all of them easily avoidable--if you are aware of them. Everybody makes these classic errors (except me!) because they play with no training or preparation. The average player never sits down and thinks, "How can I not play that dumb kind of move again?" Bobby Fischer got to be the best player in the world by staying up until 3am every night trying to figure out exactly what he was doing wrong.

You have it easier than him: I will show you the 8 basic patterns that most of your errors fall into and how to watch yourself not to make them. Be your own psychologist, get these bugs out of your system!

Classes generally begin at around 6:30PM and run until pairings are read at 7:20. Arrive early, register, and then learn something new!



Fall Classes

Fall 2017 Chess Class Registration is now open.

Please visit www.metrowestschool.com/chess.html for more information.

Web Site: www.metrowestschool.com/chess.html

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More detail, signup information and background of our Masters can be found at: www.metrowestschool.com/chess.html

Contact us at info@metrowestschool.com for questions and inquiries.



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