



MetroWest Chess Club

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Monthly Events:

All Monthly In-Person Events Canceled Until Further Notice

See "News & Reminders" below for details on the club's future. We continue to have opportunities to play and connect online.

Stay safe and healthy everyone!

News & Reminders;

Statement From Matt Phelps

I have resigned as the MetroWest Chess Club President, and from my position on the Board, effective May 14th.

Even in the months before the Covid-19 Pandemic, I felt the time for me to move on from President (and the Club's Board) was fast approaching. We had transitioned to our new site at St. Paul's and had returned to the long sought after "old" time control. Thus we were back to offering one night a week of "slow" chess which had been the bedrock of the Club for decades. Though we were certainly disappointed at our lack of attendance growth, I felt we had established a solid future with a steady site, and club growth was only a matter of time.

Then, the Pandemic hit.

It is clear that the future of the Club will be radically different, and I feel it should be up to others to chart its course.

I will continue to serve the Club as a TD and FIDE Arbiter when we eventually return to over-the-board play.

Thanks, it's been a pleasure to serve for 3+ years as the president, and I look forward to seeing you all again sometime soon.

-Matt

MCC Board Elects Mark Kaprielian President and he Publishes Report on Club's Future

The club's board of directors has elected Mark Kaprielian as the club's new President.

The Board has voted to go into indefinite "hibernation" and dissolve our multi-year agreement with St. Paul's Church.

Mark has prepared a Presidents report that discusses the past, present and future of the club. The link is provided here and on the Home page of the web site.

[May 2020 President's Report](#) (PDF)

Weekly Blitz on Chess.com; Social Media Accounts

We are still holding Weekly "Blitz Arena" tournaments every Tuesday night at 7:30PM until we can return to in-person play.

The events are two hour Blitz "Arena Tournament" on Chess.com. If you don't already have an account there, you can sign up for free at <https://www.chess.com/register>. You will also need to join the MetroWest Chess Club group at <https://www.chess.com/club/metrowest-chess-club-group>. Only members of that group can enter, see notices of upcoming tournaments, and watch the games without having to join the tournament. Please indicate who you are, and your connection to the club, when requesting to join. We aren't requiring paid MCC members only at this time, but we do want you to have some connection to the club.

The time control will be 5+2 (five minutes with a two second increment). An "arena" tournament means players will be randomly paired with whoever is available at any given time and the player with the most points at the end of the two hours will win. Players get extra points for winning streaks. You can join in at any time, play as many or as few games as you like, and leave whenever you want without penalty. It will be rated on [chess.com](https://www.chess.com) only.

If you didn't know already, we also have accounts on [Twitter](#), and a page on [Facebook](#). Follow us there also to keep apprised of club operations.

MCC Group Classes:

Obviously Group Classes are on hold until we return to on-site club play.

We are always on the lookout for instructors! Please contact us if you would like to do a 45 minute lecture/class.

Check out our [Chess.com Group](#), and social media accounts noted above for any possible online presentations.

[RSM-MetroWest in Framingham](#)

Now Enrolling for **Summer** Chess. This class starts on June 22nd and runs on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 PM – 7:30 PM for 6 weeks.

In view of the current situation this class will be offered through Zoom.

Please visit www.metrowestschool.com/chess.html **for more information** and background of our Masters.

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