



# MetroWest Chess Club

Largest Chess Club in New England

Serving the MetroWest Boston chess community since 1983

## June 2005 Newsletter

### Highlights

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners:

OPEN Igor Foygel  
U1750 Severine Wamala  
U1400 Kenneth Ballou

#### MetroWest Chess Club Summer Solstice Swiss

Say hello to summer (at last) by entering the Summer Solstice Swiss – 4 rounds and \$ 840 in prizes. Every Tuesday at 7:30 pm.

#### Register NOW

#### Chess School Starting June 9 – Opening Repertoire

This new course is based on *“The Chess Advantage in Black and White”*, by IM Larry Kaufman.

This month’s session will be led by IM Josh Friedel.

Register now at [Mark\\_LaRocca AT cca-int.com](http://www2.townonline.com/wellesley/schoolSports/view.bg?articleid=254423)

#### MetroWest CC Juniors Take Gold!

The combined team from the MetroWest CC and the Wellesley Middle School CC won the gold medal in the U14 age group of the Spring Team Challenge Open held in Newton last month. The event was sponsored by MACA Scholastics; the TD was Robert Messenger.

**Congratulations to Larry Zhu, Eli Kariv, Tomer Grossman, and Ofer Grossman!**

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#### From the Editor:

Hello, everyone. I’m a returning MCC member and have volunteered to help Harvey and Jim with the newsletter. We’d like to have still another volunteer to learn how it is produced and spread the work a little.

Do you know how to use MS Word? We work as a team and put the newsletter together each month from templates. It’s not hard. Please contact me ([kate AT thegassers.com](mailto:kate AT thegassers.com)) if you can volunteer 2–3 hours per month.

Kate Gasser  
Editor



## COMMUNITY:: Special 2005 Calendar Announcement

**Chess School**  
Second Thursdays  
at 7:00 PM, June-  
November

**Register NOW**

Class 1	Thurs. June 9	with <b>SM Josh Friedel !!</b>
Class 2	Thurs. July 14	
Class 3	Thurs. August 11	
Class 4	Thurs. September 8	
Class 5	Thurs. October 13	
Class 6	Thurs. November 10	with <b>IM James Rizzitano !!</b>

**US Chess League**  
Weds. at 7:30 p.m.  
Aug. 30 – Nov. 23



**Watch the “Boston Blitz” play at the Club!**

<http://www.uschessleague.com/index.html>

1. GM Larry Christiansen - 2596
2. IM Igor Foygel - 2490
3. FM Paul Mac Intyre - 2316
4. NM Charles Riordan - 2272
5. Ilya Krasik - 2123

**Summer  
Scholastics**

**John Bottini will TD 6 nights.**

The schedule is still under review for conflicts.

## COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Calendar

<b>Thursdays in June</b> 7:30 pm	<b>GWCC The Fifth Annual June Knights Event</b> June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2005 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">FLYER</a></li> </ul>
<b>Saturday, June 4</b>	<b>GWCC at The Whiz in Westboro</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">FLYER</a></li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, June 7</b> 7:30 pm	<b>Round 1 – Summer Solstice Swiss</b> Weekly group lesson. <b>Stateline Chess book &amp; equipment vendor</b>
<b>Thursday, June 9</b> 7:30 pm <b>Register NOW</b>	<b>Chess School, Session 1 with IM Josh Friedel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Josh achieved an outstanding result against a killer line-up at the HB Global Chess Challenge in Minnesota last month, scoring 6-3 overall, including 3-3 against 6 GM's (avg. rating 2688)! "Giant killer" Josh scored 2.5-1.5 against the 4 GMs rated between 2600 and 2700</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday, June 12</b>	<b>NorthEast Chess – ONE DAY – G/5 and G/55 and G/90</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">FLYER</a></li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, June 14</b> 7:30 pm	<b>Round 2 – Summer Solstice Swiss</b> Weekly group lesson Emanuel Rasin of <b>BooksFromEurope</b> will be coming to the club on the 2nd Tuesdays. Website: <a href="http://www.BooksFromEurope.com">www.BooksFromEurope.com</a> Email: <a href="mailto:Chess@BooksFromEurope.com">Chess@BooksFromEurope.com</a>
<b>Tuesday, June 21</b> 7:30 pm	<b>Round 3—Summer Solstice Swiss</b> Weekly group lesson
<b>Tuesday, June 28</b> 7:30 pm	<b>Round 4—Summer Solstice Swiss</b> Weekly group lesson
<b>Thursday, July 14</b> 7:30 pm	<b>Chess School, Session 2 with Mark LaRocca</b>
<b>Sunday, July 17</b>	<b>NorthEast Chess – ONE DAY – G/5 and G/55 and G/90</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">FLYER</a></li> </ul>

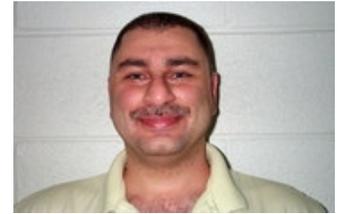
## COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Activities and Info

### CLUB

#### Board of Directors

To learn more about our governance, visit [http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/Club/Governance/Top\\_Governance.htm](http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/Club/Governance/Top_Governance.htm)

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### PARTNER

#### NorthEast Chess

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- 978-453-4342 (night)



### PARTNER

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- [www.chesspals.com](http://www.chesspals.com)



### PARTNER

#### Stateline Chess

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  - Email and PayPal™



## COMPETE:: MCC Summer Solstice Swiss

<b>When</b>	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm June 7, 14, 21, 28		<b>Prizes</b>
<b>Format</b>	4-SS, 40/90, SD/30	<b>Open</b>	\$200-120-80
<b>Sections:</b>	Open, U1900, U1650, U1350	<b>U1950</b>	\$110-70-40
<b>Prize Fund</b>	\$ 840 Guaranteed	<b>U1650</b>	\$60-40-30
<b>Entry Fees</b>	Masters                      Free	<b>U1350</b>	\$40-30-20
	MCC Members            \$15		
	Others                      \$20		
			<b>Championship Points</b>
		<b>Open</b>	64-32-16
		<b>U1900</b>	24-12
		<b>U1650</b>	8

## COMPETE :: Monthly and Championship Tournaments

Section results below – Print them and show your friends



Jim Krycka  
Monthly Tournaments  
Director



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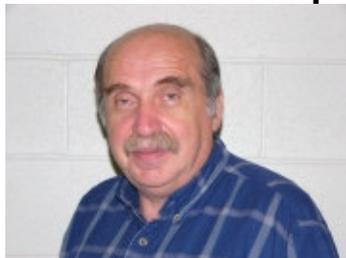
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**MAY 2005  
TOURNAMENT  
RESULTS**

**OPEN SECTION**

**1st Place 4.5 / 5 points**



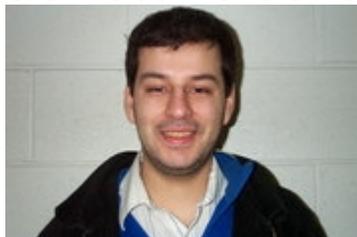
**IM Igor Foygel**

**2nd Place 4.0 / 5 points**



**FM John Curdo**

**3rd Place Tie 3.5 / 5 points**



**Ilya Krasik**



**David Harris**



**Mark La Rocca**

**Upsets over 200 points - None**



**MAY 2005  
TOURNAMENT  
RESULTS**

**U1750**

**1st Place 5.0 / 5 points**



**Severine Wamala**

**2nd Place 4.0 / 5 points**



**Yuval Grossman**

**3rd Place Tie 3.5 / 5 points**



**Calvin Hori**



**Chris Berg-Jones**



**Walter Champion**



**Jenshiang Hong**

**Upsets over 200 points**



**Plamen Krastov**



**Fred Harvey**



**Jenshiang Hong**



**Rafael Olaso**



**MAY 2005  
TOURNAMENT  
RESULTS**

**U1400**

**1st Place 4.0 / 5 points**



**Ken Ballou**

**2nd Place Tie 3.5 / 5 points**



**Stasik Popov**



**Sam Giler**

**Upsets over 200 Points -- None**

## **COMPETE:: Club and Class Championship Qualification – June 2005**

### **Club Championship Qualifying Points**

1.	IM Igor Foygel	299
2.	FM John Curdo	171
3.	Ilya Krasik	60
4.	IM James Rizzitano	60
5.	Niki Konovalchuk	50
6.	Charles Riordan	48
7.	David Harris	46
8.	Mark LaRocca	45
9.	Severine Wamala	45
10.	Matthew Phelps	42

### **Class Championship Qualifying Points**

1.	Niki Konovalchuk	50
2.	Severine Wamala	45
3.	Matthew Phelps	42
4.	Farzad Abdi	23
5.	John Stengrevics	23
6.	Calvin Hori	20
7.	Vishwa Krishnamurthy	18
8.	Neil Cousin	18
9.	Larry Eldridge	18
10.	Mark Fins	18

## LEARN and IMPROVE :: Chess School

### **NEW!** Developing an Opening Repertoire

**Please send email to Mark LaRocca if you want to signup for the class. We need to estimate the attendance. [Mark\\_LaRocca AT cca-int.com](mailto:Mark_LaRocca@cca-int.com)**

Of course, it is impossible to offer a concise repertoire that offers the advantage to White against every response, or, conversely, offers Black certain equality. But, striving towards that goal is, in itself, exceptionally challenging and useful in developing our chess understanding and knowledge. In this first series of six classes, we will begin the journey to solidify our opening play and perhaps, in the process, discover a suitable chess style that can serve us well throughout our amateur careers.

The basic text we will investigate is “*The Chess Advantage in Black and White*”, by IM Larry Kaufman. Noted chess authority John Watson in reviewing this best seller... “It is simply the best comprehensive repertoire book that I have ever read.” (See his review, #67 In the Beginning There Was Theory, at <http://www.chesscenter.com/twic/jwatsonbkrev67.html>). Watson considers this book suitable for players rated 1400 to 2100 and “even Grandmasters” could learn something from reading it. I will try to accommodate players rated a little lower and provide material of interest to those who aspire to Master level. Mr. Watson goes on to give legitimate criticism on specific variations. His analysis should prove useful in expanding our own study since in class we will delve more deeply into Mr. Kaufman’s ideas. The interested student should read this review carefully.

We cannot cover Mr. Kaufman’s entire 500 pages of analysis in just six classes; thus, my reference to this as the “First series”. Therefore, I have chosen to begin our study as outlined below. The first two classes will investigate a popular “anti-Sicilian”, 3.Bb5... system for White against most Black Sicilian defenses, and an alternate recommendation when 3.Bb5... is not appropriate. In the next four classes we will concentrate on Black’s response to 1.d4... 1.Nf3... 1.c4... or any non-e4 first move by White. The basis of Mr. Kaufman’s recommendation is the Semi-Slav defense; but, in reality, it goes well beyond just the scope of this defense.

In his book Mr. Kaufman advocates 1.e4 for white and 1...e5 against e4 with a Semi-Slav against 1.d4, more specifically, White: Spanish Exchange, Bb5 against the Sicilian, French Tarrasch and Caro Kann advance. For black, Berlin against the Spanish and a Semi Slav set up against 1.d4....

Whether or not you intend to play Mr. Kaufman’s system, a serious student of chess must understand the openings he recommends. If you play the English as white, you must understand the Semi-Slav setup. If you play the Sicilian, you must know how to combat 3.Bb5... systems. If you ever hope to accomplish anything in chess, you must grasp the basics of the Ruy Lopez. And, in general, you must understand the principles of classic chess Mr. Kaufman uses to help the student understand who has the advantage... two Bishops, pawn structure, and space. In this class we will offer expanded theory and instruction to be used as a starting point for further study. A detailed course outline is provided below.

**Class One:**

Introduction  
Researching Openings on the Web  
What are "Anti-Sicilians"  
White's 3.Bb5... System.  
    The Sicilian Moscow (1.e4,c5 2.Nf3,d6 3.Bb5+,...)  
Home assignments

**Class Two:**

1. Review of assignments
2. The Sicilian Rossolimo (1.e4,c5 2.Nf3,Nc6 3.Bb5,...)
3. Black avoids 3.Bb5...
  - a. Sicilian with 2. ...,e6
  - b. Others (2. ...,Nf6, or 2. ...,g6, others)
4. Home assignments

**Class Three:** A complete System against 1.d4,... or 1.Nf3,... or 1.c4,... and others  
(Where White doesn't play 1.e4,...)

1. Review of assignments
2. Introduction to the Semi-Slav
3. The Meran Defense (White keeps his/her queen's bishop behind the pawns)
4. Home assignments

**Class four:**

1. Review of assignments
2. The Anti-Meran systems
  - a. White employs early queen moves
  - b. The Botvinnik System (usually 5. Bg5,dc)
3. The Moscow variation (Black avoids the Botvinnik)
4. Home assignments

**Class five:**

1. Review of assignments
2. The Anti-Moscow Variation
3. The Marshal Gambit
4. The Exchange and Symmetric Variations
5. Home assignments

**Class six:**

1. Review of assignments
2. The Catalan
3. Queen Pawn games
4. Others (The English, The Reti, etc...)