



MetroWest Chess Club

Largest Chess Club in New England

Serving the MetroWest Boston chess community since 1983

December 2006 Newsletter

Highlights

MCC Thanksgiving Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	NM Denys Shmelov (4.0/4)
U1900	Neil Cousin, Robert Harvey, Ames Abbot, Larry Pratt, and Plamen Krastev (3.0/4)
U1650	Bill Stein (4.0/4)
U1350	Michael Zhang (3.5/4)

MCC Holiday Swiss – 4 Rounds

Join us for the Holidays and come and play Chess.

Rounds on **Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26** at 7:30 pm.
Four sections: Open, U1850, U1600 & U1300.

Emanuel Raisin will have chess books for sale the first week – browsers welcome!

Wanted: Your Games

The MCC games collection, maintained by Steve Eddins, now has almost 800 club games. We especially want games from the upper two sections and any others that you think show interesting play. Please drop off your score sheets in the slot near the pairings or send them electronically (preferred as it greatly reduces processing time). You can email your games in CBV format (generated by Fritz or ChessBase), in PGN format, or as a text file. Send your games to **Games at MetroWestChess dot Org**

The David Harris Lectures

David Harris will continue his lecture series this month. He will talk on "Knight Moves" at 6:30 pm before the 3rd round (**Tuesday, Dec. 19**).

Listen and learn as David performs his best Bob Seger impression. Hope you can make it as he shares his knowledge on his favorite subject.

From the Editor

Did You Know: *What points are at risk when you play a rated game?*

Check out the following link to see this answer.

http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/Knowledge/Ratings/Ratings_Risk_and_Odds.htm

Too see many more interesting tid-bits regarding ratings and a whole bunch of other stuff, explore the Knowledge pages which is linked from the club's home page.

If anyone at the club has something they would like to contribute please contact me at News_Staff at MetroWest.org.

Joe Murphy
Newsletter Editor



COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Calendar

<p>Tuesday, December 5 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Round 1 – Holiday Swiss Books from Europe – Emanuel Rasin</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 12 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Round 2 – Holiday Swiss Group Lesson at 6:30 – Ed Quintall on Opening Tactics</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 19 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Round 3 – Holiday Swiss Group Lesson at 6:30 – David Harris on Knight Moves.</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 26 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Round 4 – Holiday Swiss Group Lesson at 6:30 – Ed Quintall on Endgames</p>

COMMUNITY :: Club Info and Partner Activities

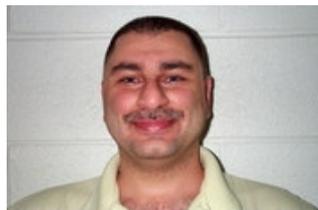
CLUB

Board of Directors

To learn more about our governance, visit
http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/Club/Governance/Top_Governance.htm

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PARTNER

Greater Worcester Chess Club

- Organizer Donna Alarie

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- www.chesspals.com



PARTNER

Books from Europe – Round 1

- Proprietor Emanuel Rasin
- www.BooksFromEurope.com



COMPETE :: Next Tournament

MCC Holiday Swiss

When	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm December 5, 12, 19, 26		Prizes
Format	4-SS, 40/90, SD/30	Open	\$150-100-50
Sections	Open, U1850, U1600, U1300	U1850	\$90-60-30
Prize Fund	\$ 670 Guaranteed	U1600	\$60-40-20
Entry Fees	Masters Free MCC Members \$15 Others \$20	U1300	\$40-20-10
			Championship Points
		Open	64-32-16
		U1850	24-12
		U1600	8
			50% bonus for perfect score

COMPETE :: Monthly and Championship Tournaments

Section results below – Print them and show your friends 😊



Jim Krycka
Monthly Tournaments Director



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**November 2006
Tournament
Results**

Open Section

1st Place 4.0 / 4 points



NM Denys Shmelov

2nd Place 3.0 / 4 points



NM Charles Riordan

3rd Place Tie 2.5 / 4 points



FM John Curdo



David Harris



Mark LaRocca



Greg Kaden

Upsets over 200 points



NM Denys Shmelov



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November 2006 Tournament Results

U1900 Section

1st Place Tie 3.0 / 4 points



Neil Cousin



Robert Harvey



Ames Abbot



Larry Pratt



Plamen Krastev

Upsets over 200 points



Ralph Scully



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**November 2006
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Results**

U1650 Section

1st Place 4.0 / 4 points

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Bill Stein

2nd Place Tie 3.0 / 4 points



Mark McMahon



Alan Schaefer



Fred Harvey



Michael Wang

Upsets over 200 points



Michael Wang (2)



Gregory Cermak



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**November 2006
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Results**

U1350 Section

1st Place 3.5 / 4 points



Michael Zhang

2nd Place Tie 3.0 / 4 points



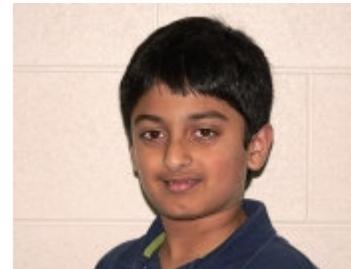
Daniel Callahan



Lawrence Durfee



Steve Wollkind



Siddharth Arun

Upsets over 200 points



Sabrina Zhang (2)



Siddharth Arun



Steve Wollkind

COMPETE:: Club and Class Championship Qualification Standings Through November 2006

The December tournament is the final event in the qualification cycle for the 2007 Club and Class Championships. The top six qualifiers in the club and class championship standings (who accept the invitation) will compete in the 2007 championships to be held in May 2007. The two championship events will be played in separate sections using a 5-RR format (all play all). An U2000 player who qualifies for the club championship has the option of playing in either the club or class championship.

For the second consecutive month, Denys Shmelov swept the Open section and currently has a nine game winning streak including three wins over international masters! Neil Cousin has moved into the 6th slot in the club championship standings.

As a reminder, you have to play in at least 4 tournaments during the year to qualify. Players with an "(n)" after their name in the standings have played in only n-events this year. All others have met the four-tournament requirement. The notation "(moved)" means the player has moved out of the area.

The current 2007 championship qualification standings (in tie break order) are as follows:

Club Championship Qualifying Points			Class Championship Qualifying Points		
1.	IM Igor Foygel	438	1.	Neil Cousin	83
2.	NM Denys Shmelov	336	2.	Hadrian Zbarcea (moved)	69
3.	FM John Curdo	280	3.	Bill Michael	52
4.	David Harris	152	4.	Robert Harvey	50
5.	Ilya Krasik	86	5.	Genesis Lung	45
6.	Neil Cousin	83	6.	Ethan Thompson	39
7.	Hadrian Zbarcea (moved)	69	7.	Larry Eldridge	38
8.	FM Chris Chase (3)	64	8.	Nikita Konovalchuk	36
9.	Jacob Wamala	63	9.	Severine Wamala	25
10.	Bill Michael	52	10.	Winston Huang	24
11.	Robert Harvey	50	11.	Chris Garos	24

IM Petr Jirovsky (90 points) is ineligible because he played in less than 4 tournaments during the year.