



MetroWest Chess Club

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October 2007 Newsletter

Highlights

MCC Back to School Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	FM John Curdo (3.5/4)
U2000	Edward Astrachan (4.0/4)
U1700	James Williams (4.0/4)
U1400	Ken Ballou, Edward Lafferty, John McLaughlin, and Gregory Cermak (3.5/4)

Weekly Group Lesson

David Harris and Ilya Krasik plan to continue their series on Basic Chess Endings before rounds 2 and 3 from 6:30 to 7:25 pm.

Emanuel Raisin will have a large collection of chess books for sale during the first round.

COMPETE :: Next Tournament

MCC Trick or Treat Swiss

When	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	
Format	5-SS, 40/90, SD/30	
Sections	Open, U1900, U1650, U1350	
Prize Fund	\$ 900 Guaranteed	
Entry Fee	Masters	Free
	MCC Members	\$20
	Others	\$25

Prizes

Open	\$200 - 120 - 80
U1900	\$120 - 80 - 40
U1650	\$ 80 - 50 - 30
U1350	\$ 50 - 30 - 20

Championship Points

Open	80 - 50 - 30 - 20
U1900	40 - 25 - 15
U1650	20 - 12 - 8

25% bonus for winning all games

15 point bonus for upset win/draw over an 1800+ player and 300/600 rating diff

COMPETE:: Club and Class Championship Qualification Standings Through September 2007

We're entering the home stretch for the 2008 Club and Class Championship qualification cycle. Only two events remain on this year's calendar: the 5-rounder in October and the 6-round Stanley Crowe Memorial that will span November and December. There's still a chance for anyone who scores really well in these last two events to earn one of the 6 qualifying placements, especially if they have earned some points already.

This past month John Curdo, Edward Astrachan, and David Harris have moved up in the Club standings. Astrachan has been on a tear. Since June he has won the U2000/U1900 section 3 times and tied for 2nd in the Open section. He's currently on a 17-game unbeaten streak at MCC with 12 wins and 5 draws!

To date, 72 players have earned championship points. The complete list is available on the MCC website and will be posted at the club. Everyone in the top-10 lists below except Elizabeth Kellner has played in at least four events this year and thus has met the 4-tournament requirement to be eligible for next year's championships.

The current 2008 championship qualification standings (in tie break order) are as follows:

Club Championship Qualifying Points

1.	NM Charles Riordan	271
2.	IM Igor Foygel	227
3.	NM Denys Shmelov	197
4.	FM Chris Chase	193
5.	FM John Curdo	161
6.	NM Vadim Martirosov	138
7.	Edward Astrachan	126
8.	Neil Cousin	87
9.	Bennet Pellows	75
10.	David Harris	75

Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points

1.	Edward Astrachan	126
2.	Neil Cousin	87
3.	Elizabeth Kellner	70
4.	Ethan Thompson	67
5.	Bill Stein	61
6.	Bill Michael	48
7.	Tim Bromley	43
8.	Mark Kaprielian	41
9.	James Lung	40
10.	Paul Mishkin	38