



MetroWest Chess Club

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February 2008 Newsletter

Highlights

New Year Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	IM Igor Foygel (4.0/5)
U2000	Mika Brattain (4.5/5)
U1700	Jeffrey Yao (4.5/5)
U1450	Fred Harvey and John McLaughlin (4.0/5)

As a tribute to Bobby Fischer, who passed away in Iceland in January, Igor Foygel presented a couple of Bobby's games before a standing room only crowd in the skittles room. Thank you very much Igor!

David Harris and Ilya Krasik plan to continue their series on Basic Chess Endings before selected rounds. See the club website for the schedule.

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

COMPETE: Next Tournament

MCC Leap Year Swiss

When	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm February 5, 12, 19, 26 4-SS, 40/90, SD/30	
Format	Open, U1900, U1650, U1400	
Sections	\$ 710 Guaranteed	
Prize Fund	Masters Free MCC Members \$15 Others \$20	

Prizes

Open	\$ 160 - 100 - 60
U1900	\$ 100 - 60 - 40
U1650	\$ 60 - 40 - 20
U1400	\$ 40 - 20 - 10

Championship Points

Open	64 - 40 - 24 - 16
U2000	32 - 20 - 12
U1700	16 - 10 - 6

Checkout the [Possible Events of Interest](#) link on the Club homepage for other events in the area,

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 January 2008

The January tournament began the year long qualification cycle for the 2009 Club and Class Championships. Starting the year in the top-10 are Mika Brattain and Jeffrey Yao with clear wins in the U2000 and U1700 sections along with Alexander Paphitis and Leonard Gruenberg who scored clear seconds in those sections.

The current 2009 championship qualification standings (in tie break order) are as follows:

Club Championship Qualifying Points

1.	IM Igor Foygel	80
2.	Mika Brattain	40
3.	NM Denys Shmelov	34
4.	FM John Curdo	34
5.	Greg Kaden	34
6.	Alexander Paphitis	25
7.	Jeffrey Yao	20
8.	Leonard Gruenberg	12
9.	4-way tie	4

Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points

1.	Mika Brattain	40
2.	Alexander Paphitis	25
3.	Jeffrey Yao	20
4.	Leonard Gruenberg	12
5.	Lior Rozhansky	4
6.	Jesse Nicholas	4
7.	Michael Barry	4
8.	Mark Kaprielian	4
9.	T. J. Martin	3
10.	Homer Franck	3
11.	Alan Moyer	3

For the 2008 Club and Class Championships in April, the following players have qualified to compete in the 5-RR events based on their finish in each category. Invitations will be sent out to qualifiers and alternates in February.

Club Championship Qualifying Points

1.	IM Igor Foygel	323
2.	FM John Curdo	281
3.	NM Charles Riordan	271
4.	FM Chris Chase	203
5.	NM Denys Shmelov	197
6.	NM Vadim Martirosov	138
7.	Edward Astrachan	136
8.	David Harris	125
9.	Bennet Pellows	125
10.	Neil Cousin	87

Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points

1.	Edward Astrachan	136
2.	Neil Cousin	87
3.	Ethan Thompson	67
4.	Bill Stein	61
5.	Mika Brattain	56
6.	Vikas Shiva	55
7.	Doug Thompson	49
8.	Bill Michael	48
9.	Jesse Nicholas	45
10.	James Williams	44