

MetroWest Chess Club

MCC News Flash - January 12, 2003

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Foygel and Ivanov stand very well in the 2003 US Championship after 3 rounds!

Details below.

MCC Annual Membership Meeting Tuesday January 21, 2003

The Board of Directors will be asking the membership to ratify recent changes to incorporate MCC as MetroWest Chess Club, Inc. Please attend, and please vote yes!

MCC Volunteer list updates

In our January 2003 MCC Newsletter, we omitted Larry Eldridge's name. Larry has been a long time MCC volunteer, giving his time to make sure we have round by round commentary in the weekly tournament results, as well as lively Club commentary in MACA's Chess Horizon Club News, Larry's MCC commentary is found by clicking on the commentary link in the weekly tournament results.

We found our Program Director for the Library! Matt Phelps who is a System Administrator at the Computation Facility of the Harvard - Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics stepped up to do the job. He brings with him extensive database experience. Thank you Matt.

Lastly, if you are handy with the "PERL" programming language, please let us know via email at: info@metrowestchess.org. We are looking for a way to automatically "parse" the USCF crosstables for input into our MS Access tournament result database. If you can understand what we just said, you may be the person we are looking for:-)

MCC Chess School - Endgame Class - update (by Howard Goldowsky) Thursday January 16 at 6:30 PM

January and February we are covering Knight endgames. The next class is Thursday January 16 at 6:30 PM, we catch up and socialize until 7:00 PM. This class we cover Knights against Pawns, with some cool drawing and winning techniques! This class is open to MCC members. You can still jump in, email Howard and ask how!

Round 2 of the MCC Winter Warmer Swiss (by James Krycka) Tuesday, January 14, 2003

Jumping in for the next 3 rounds of the January MCC Monthly Tournament can serve as a warm up for the next big regional event, NE Chess' Weekend Getaway on Feb 7-9 (below).

NE Chess -- Winter Getaway

February 7-9, 2003

Severine Wamala, one of MCC's TDs, has another NE Chess Getaway Weekend in February 2003!

Severine's events are very well attended, with great competition from Novice to Master level. The hotel conditions are great, he gets very low hotel room rates, and he actively surveys players to find how to improve each tournament.

When you register, please be sure to indicate the club you want to be representing (of course we hope it is the MCC :-). Also, you can pre-register online using PayPal. If you already purchase things over the net with a credit card, opening a Pay Pal account with your credit card is easy and free. Directions for how to set up a PayPal account is on the registration page which you get to from the event flyer on the Maca site, www.MassChess.org

We hope you'll support Severine's effort to be the premier organizer in the North East and help MCC win the club prize again !!

Foygel and Ivanov tied for 3rd, in 7-25th place in the 2003 US Championships! (2 out of 3 points after 3 rounds) January 9-18, 2003

Foygel is a regular player and coach at the MCC. Ivanov and Kudrin are occasional players at MCC. They are in great company with 19 other Masters and Grandmasters tied for 3rd with 2 points in the 2003 US Championships. Full ranking below.

You can <u>watch the games as their being played starting at 4:30 PM our time or download all the games after every</u> round.

NOTE: We referred to the US Championships website for the background on players to double check where they lived. Apologies in advance if we omitted anyone local to MCC.

red = plays at MCC blue = local to area

1 Kaidanov 3

2 Gulko, Shabalov, Akobian, Lapshun, Perelshteyn 2½

7 Seirawan, Benjamin, De Firmian, Stripunsky, Christiansen, Yermolinsky, Finegold, Ivanov, Nakamura, Zaitshik, Kreiman, Browne, Gurevich, Foygel, Ashley, Kraai, Paschall, Muhammad, Sarkar 2

26 Goldin, Serper, Kudrin, Fedorowicz, Fishbein, Enkhbat, Lein, Kaufman, Baginskaite, Krush, Watson, J. Shahade , Pruess 11/2

39 Mulyar, G. Shahade, Pixton, Kriventsov, Ippolito, Burnett, E. Donaldson, Battsetseg, Hahn, Epstein, Sagalchik, Shiber

51 J. Donaldson, Bennett, Ross, Groberman 1/2

55 Markzon, Esserman, Tsai, Levina 0

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