



MetroWest Chess Club

Largest Chess Club in New England

Serving the MetroWest Boston chess community since 1983

October 2005 Newsletter

Highlights

Fall Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners:

| | |
|-------|----------------------------------|
| Open | David Harris and Jacob Wamala |
| U1900 | Neil Cousin and Edward Astrachan |
| U1650 | George Goulding and James Krycka |
| U1350 | Anirudh Arun |

MCC Halloween Swiss This Month

It's no trick! Treat yourself to a month of fun in the MCC Halloween Swiss. Tuesdays in October at 7:30 pm. Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25.

4 sections: Open, U1850, U1600, U1300

Guest Lecturers at Weekly Group Lesson

Our thanks again to **Joe Perl** (Oct. 4) and **George Mirijanian** (Oct. 25), who will speak again this month at the club. Joe will continue his theme of piece activity and development and also talk about calculation. George will present another game of John Curdo's from the club archives.

US Chess League Needs Volunteers!:

Our own Boston Blitz compete at the club every Wednesday night in October. After the first 5 matches, we have an even score and are in 3rd place in the Eastern Division. We play teams from around the country via computer, and **we need your help** to relay the moves. Come to help and to watch our top players in action.

Chess School Session 5 Coming Up...

on Thursday, October 13 at 7:00 pm.

Curdo's Swindle:

Dunning-Curdo, 1979, as presented by George Mirijanian at the club in September, appears in **Kibbitzes** (now accepting ChessBase format).

Skittles Email Group...

Is an email chess forum for club members. To sign up, email to [info AT MetroWestChess.org](mailto:info@MetroWestChess.org) and request to join.

Once signed up, you can send email to [Skittles AT MetroWestChess.org](mailto:Skittles@MetroWestChess.org).

Your email will go to every Skittles member, and replies will go to the whole group.

To reply just to a particular person, put his email address in the "To:" field instead.

Skittles Email Group Guidelines

The "Subject" line should reflect your discussion topic.

Skittles email is not for entries or byes.

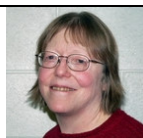
Please be courteous.

Please stay away from non-chess topics.

From the Editor

Volunteer opportunity! ☺ If you would like to help with the newsletter, please email [News_Staff AT MetroWestChess.org](mailto:News_Staff@MetroWestChess.org).

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Newsletter Editor



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Fred Harvey



Nick Konovalchuk

Newsletter Staff

Curdo's Swindle

Annotated by George Mirijanian

Dunning, J – Curdo, J [A04]

Central New England Open Leominster, MA, 01.04.1979

1.Nf3 f5 2.e4 fxe4 3.Ng5 e5 4.d3 e3 5.Bxe3 Nc6 6.Be2 Nf6 7.0-0 Be7 8.f4 Nd5?? 9.Bh5+ g6 10.Nxh7! Kf7 (Diagram 1)

Curdo, in his book, *Forty Years at the Top*, wrote: "White has to be winning at this point. I'm not sure what he missed; I'll leave it to the reader to find." What White misses is 11. Qg4!, which should win in short order.

11...Nxe3 12.fxg6+ Ke6 13.Qf3 Nxf1 (Diagram 2)

14.Qf7+ Stronger seems 14.Nc3.

14...Kd6 15.Nc3 Nb4 (Diagram 3)

16.a3?! Better seems to be

16.Rxf1 -- followed by 17.a3

16...Ne3 17.axb4 c6 18.g7 Rg8

19.Ne4+ Kc7 20.Nef6 Rxc7

21.Qxg7 Nxc2 22.Rf1 Nxb4

23.Ne8+ Kb6 24.Qxe5 Nxd3

25.Qg3 Bc5+ 26.Kh1 Nb4!

(Diagram 4)

27.Nhf6 Curdo: "White speedily mobilizes his h-pawn, but aids the Black camp. Maybe he should have tried 27. Nd6!?"

27...d5 28.Bg4 a5 29.h4 Bd4

30.Bxc8 Rxc8 31.h5 Bxf6

32.Nxf6 Qh8 33.Qg6 d4 34.h6 d3

35.Qg7 d2 36.Rd1 Nd5!

37.Nxd5+ cxd5 38.Rxd2 Qxg7

39.hxg7 Rg8 40.Rxd5 ½-½

Curdo wrote that this has to be the most amusing game he ever played. He said that it rates high on his list of swindles.

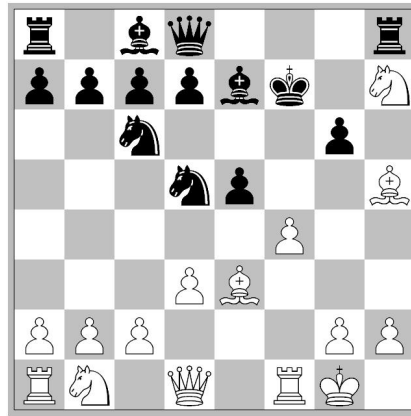


Diagram 1. After 10...Kf7

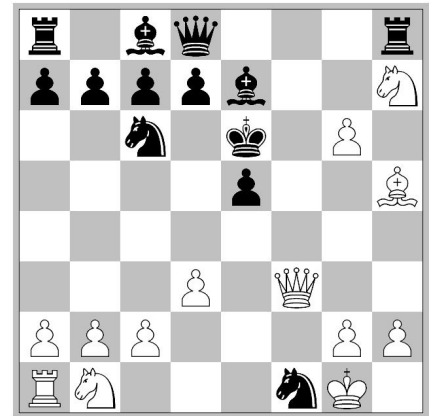


Diagram 2. After 13...Nxf1

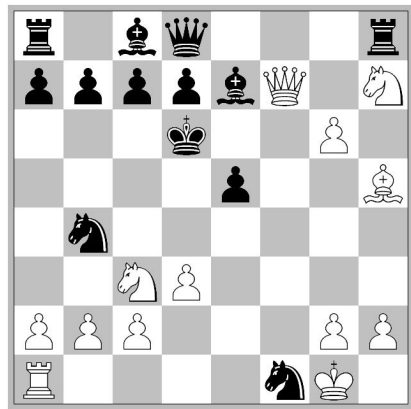


Diagram 3. After 15...Nb4

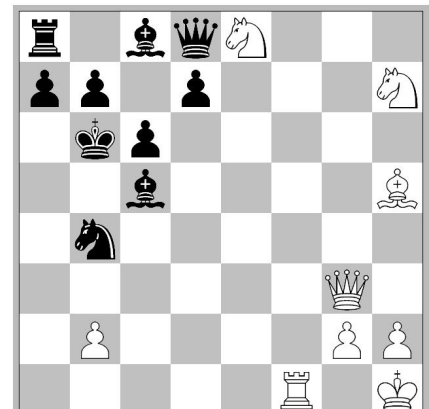


Diagram 4. After 26...Nb4

COMMUNITY :: K**♙**bitzes

Recent MCC Website Member Contributions

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|------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|----------------------|
| George Duval | Two essays | NEW | link |
| Howard Goldowsky | Two book reviews | | link |
| Ilya Krasik | Three position analyses | | link |
| Derek Slater | Twenty annotated games | | link |
| Mark Kaprielian | Links to categories of contributions | NEW | link |

Note to Readers: How to contribute annotated games & positions; essays; letter to editor.

Contributions to Kibitzes Email to News_Staff AT MetroWestChess.org.
Must in MS Word or Chessbase format **Deadline for November newsletter: Oct 18**

Letters to Editor Email to News_Staff AT MetroWestChess.org.
We want your feedback! **Deadline for November newsletter: Oct. 25**

Contributions to Website (MCC members only) Email to Games AT MetroWestChess.org

COMMUNITY :: Special 2005 Calendar Announcement

Chess School

Second Thursdays
at 7:00 PM, June-
November

Class 5 Thurs. October 13

Class 6 Thurs. November 10 with **IM James Rizzitano !!**

Register NOW –
it's never too late!
Mark_LaRocca AT
cca-int.com

US Chess League

Wednesday
evenings
Aug. 30 – Nov. 17
(Start times vary,
see schedule)



**Volunteers needed
to relay moves
and cheer on our
team!**

Watch the "Boston Blitz" play at the Club!

Team

1. GM Larry Christiansen - 2633
2. IM Eugene Perelshteyn - 2592
3. IM Igor Foygel – 2536
4. IM (elect) Josh Friedel – 2491
5. FM William Kelleher - 2392
6. FM Paul Mac Intyre - 2342
7. NM Charles Riordan - 2271
8. Ilya Krasik - 2185

Schedule

- 10/5 Miami Sharks **7:30 pm**
10/12 New York Knights **7:00 pm**
10/19 Dallas Destiny **8:00 pm**
10/26 Philadelphia Masterminds
7:00 pm
11/2 Baltimore Kingfishers
11/9 Divisional Playoffs
11/16 League Championship Rd 1
11/17 League Championship Rd 2

The first season of the US Chess League is in full swing! Come witness history as the Boston Blitz play their matches at the MetroWest Chess Club via the Internet Chess Club. Show your support for your local team and watch some exciting, world-class chess.

We also need volunteers to act as "movers." If you have ever used a computer program to play chess or to enter moves into a database, you can help. Familiarity with the interface for the Internet Chess Club would be even better. "Movers" typically sit across from the team player and play his opponent's move as soon as it's displayed on the computer. Then, they enter the response of the Boston player when he executes it on the board. As a "mover," you'll be an almost integral part of a game between Masters. Think of what such participation could do for your own game! If you'd like to volunteer, please contact "info at metrowestchess.org."

Schedules, latest results and game analysis at
www.uschessleague.com

COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Calendar

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|---|---|
| <p>Tuesday, October 4 7:30 pm</p> | <p>Round 1 – MCC Halloween Swiss Weekly group lesson at 6:30– Joe Perl on piece activity and development, and calculation</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, October 5 7:30 pm</p> | <p>Round 6-- US Chess League Boston Blitz vs. Miami Sharks Come and boost our team!</p> |
| <p>Wednesdays in October 6:30 pm</p> | <p>GWCC October's Original Swiss October 5, 12, 19, 26 For information, click here</p> |
| <p>Sunday, October 9</p> | <p>NorthEast Chess One-Day G/5, G/55, G/90 Radisson Hotel, Marlboro More info.</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, October 11 7:30 pm</p> | <p>Round 2 – MCC Halloween Swiss Weekly group lesson at 6:30– John Chamberlain on basic tactics BooksFromEurope Proprietor Emanuel Rasin</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, October 12 7:00 pm</p> | <p>Round 7-- US Chess League Boston Blitz vs. New York Knights Come and boost our team!</p> |
| <p>Thursday, October 13 7:00 pm</p> | <p>Chess School, Opening Repertoire, Class 5 With Mark LaRocca</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, October 18 7:30 pm</p> | <p>Round 3 – MCC Halloween Swiss Weekly group lesson at 6:30 – John Chamberlain on basic tactics</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, October 19 8:00 pm</p> | <p>Round 8-- US Chess League Boston Blitz vs. Dallas Destiny Come and boost our team!</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, October 26 7:30 pm</p> | <p>Round 4 – MCC Halloween Swiss Weekly group lesson at 6:30– George Mirijanian presents a game from club archives.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, October 27 7:00 pm</p> | <p>Round 9-- US Chess League Boston Blitz vs. Philadelphia Masterminds Come and boost our team!</p> |

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

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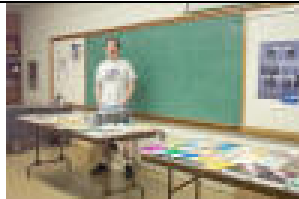
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COMPETE :: MCC Halloween Swiss

NEXT TOURNAMENT!

| | | | |
|-------------------|--|--------------|-----------------------------|
| When | Tuesdays at 7:30 pm October 4, 11, 18, 25 | | 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 |
| | | U1300 | 50% bonus for perfect score |

COMPETE :: Monthly and Championship Tournaments

Section results below – Print them and show your friends 😊



Jim Krycka
Monthly Tournaments Director



September 2005
TOURNAMENT
RESULTS

OPEN SECTION

1st Place Tie 3.0 / 4 points



David Harris



Jacob Wamala

3rd Place Tie 2.5 / 4 points



IM James Rizzitano



John Chamberlain



Edward Epp

Upsets over 200 points



Jacob Wamala



**September 2005
TOURNAMENT
RESULTS**

U1900 SECTION

1st Place Tie 3.5 / 4 points



Neil Cousin



Edward Astrachan

3rd Place Tie 3.0 / 4 points

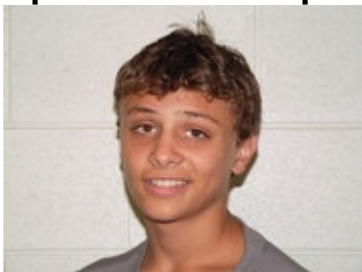


Ethan Thompson



George Duval

Upsets over 200 points



Jason Stoll (2 times)



George Duval



Plamen Krastev



Lior Rozhansky



**September 2005
TOURNAMENT
RESULTS**

U1650 SECTION

1st Place Tie 3.5 / 4 points



George Goulding



James Krycka

3rd Place Tie 3.0 / 4 points



Walter Champion



Matt Gosselin



Winston Huang



Tim Bromley

Upsets over 200 points



Tim Bromley (3 times)

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Yutaka Seki



**September 2005
TOURNAMENT
RESULTS**

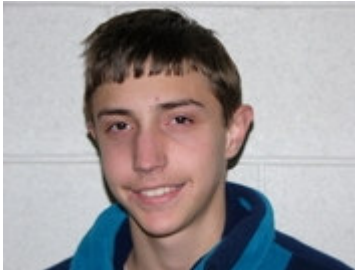
U1350 SECTION

1st Place 4.0 / 4 points



Anirudh Arun

2nd Place Tie 3.0 / 4 points



Travis Nilsson

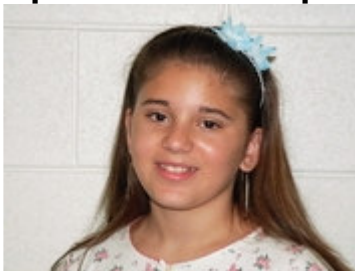


Alexander Hu

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David Harrington

Upsets over 200 points



Ama Zbarcea



Franklin Li



Alexander Hu



Travis Nilsson

COMPETE:: Club and Class Championship Qualification As of End of September 2005

Three tournaments remain in the qualification cycle for the 2006 Club and Class Championships. The tie between David Harris and Jacob Wamala for 1st place in the September Open section moved Harris up two places to 4th on the club championship list and Wamala took over the 6th spot. This pushed James Rizzitano down two rungs to 7th place despite having gained a few points in the event. For the class championship, Neil Cousin's share of 1st place in September vaulted him into 5th place on the qualification list on tie breaks. The current standings (in tie break order) are as follows:

| Club Championship Qualifying Points | Class Championship Qualifying Points |
|--|---|
| 1. IM Igor Foygel 475 | 1. Severine Wamala 53 |
| 2. FM John Curdo 259 | 2. Nick Konovalchuk 50 |
| 3. John Chamberlain 142 | 3. Calvin Hori 42 |
| 4. David Harris 102 | 4. Matthew Phelps 42 |
| 5. Ilya Krasik 76 | 5. Neil Cousin 36 |
| 6. Jacob Wamala 74 | 6. Larry Eldridge 36 |
| 7. IM James Rizzitano (2) 66 | 7. William Michael 36 |
| 8. Severine Wamala 53 | 8. Tarmo Saar 35 |
| 9. Nick Konovalchuk 50 | 9. Robert Harvey 30 |
| 10. Charles Riordan (1) 48 | 10. Farzad Abdi (1) 23 |
| | 11. John Stengrevics (3) 23 |

Everyone listed above has met the 4-tournament qualifying rule except for those marked as having played in one (1), two (2), or three (3) tournaments this year.