



# MetroWest Chess Club

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## July 2007 Newsletter

### Highlights

#### MCC Summer Solstice Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	NM Denys Shmelov, FM John Curdo, NM Vadim Martirosov, and Ilya Krasik (3.0/4)
U1900	Edward Astrachan and Ethan Thompson (3.5/4)
U1650	Dan Lang (4.0/4)
U1400	Siddharth Arun (4.0/4)

#### MCC Independence Day Swiss – 5 Rounds

Rounds on **July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** at 7:30 pm.  
Four sections: Open, U2000, U1700 & U1400.

#### 2007 MCC Summer Scholastics Program

**June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2** at 7:30 pm.  
Three sections, two time controls (G/60 and G/30).  
See the MCC website for [details](#).

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

#### Wanted: Your Games

Please consider contributing your games to the MCC games collection. We especially want games from the upper two sections and any others that you think show interesting play. We encourage you to submit your games electronically if possible. As an alternate, you can drop off your score sheets in the slot near the posted pairings. Please email your games in ChessBase Archive format as a CBV file or in PGN text format to

**GameArchive at MetroWestChess dot org**

#### Weekly Group Lesson

Thanks to Jorge Sammour-Hasbun for his two lectures on endgames last month.

Round 3 this month will feature IM David Vigorito who will present the game that won him the state championship at the Mass Open this year.

Topics for group lessons before rounds 2 and 4 in July are to be announced.

### From the Editor

Harvey Reed has been busy behind the scenes promoting the idea of a league for club vs club correspondence play using a web server. See his report on the following page.

*Joe Murphy*  
*Newsletter Editor*



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## Ready for a new Met League?

### **This is a follow-up to last month's article...**

There is much progress to report since last month. Folks in PA are locked and loaded for a Club vs Club match with our MetroWest Chess Club. The concept is evolving into a "Met League" ... with a new twist ... the match is in cyberspace using a web server. Still interested? Read on...

The format is 30 days per 10 moves, four Club members per Team, and the moves are recorded by the web server, so there is no bookkeeping to worry about. The players make a move when they have time, so we don't have to juggle schedules or drive long distances.

### **Who wants to sign up? – We need four members...**

We can start as soon as we have four players to field a team. Please send me an email or tell a TD if you are interested.

### **This is the start of something big...**

Our first match is with Punxsutawny PA Chess Club (suburb of Pittsburgh). The Punxsy Club is recruiting the Pittsburgh Chess Club folks to join us, and I'm talking with folks at Boylston, so a second round could be with the "big guys". Once Club players play in Met League teams via web server, and we determine regional and national champions, this will take off similar to USCL.

Harvey Reed, Clerk and Marketing Director

BLOG: <http://correspondence-chess-in-cyberspace.blogspot.com/>

## COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Calendar

Tuesday, July 3	7:30 pm	<b>Round 1 – Independence Day Swiss</b> Books from Europe – Emanuel Rasin
Tuesday, July 10	7:30 pm	<b>Round 2 – Independence Day Swiss</b> Group Lesson at 6:30 – topic to be announced
Tuesday, July 17	7:30 pm	<b>Round 3 – Independence Day Swiss</b> Group Lesson at 6:30 – topic to be announced
Tuesday, July 24	7:30 pm	<b>Round 4 – Independence Day Swiss</b>
Tuesday, July 31	7:30 pm	<b>Round 5 – Independence Day Swiss</b>

## 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](http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/Club/Governance/Top_Governance.htm)

The Board of Directors approved the design and manufacture of member key chains to be given out FREE to all club members until at least the end of 2007. Each month we will keep our eyes open at the club for any member who has not yet received their key chain.

Contact Mark (Kappy) Kaprielian, President

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### PARTNER

#### Greater Worcester Chess Club

- Organizer Donna Alarie

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- 508-847-8574 (night)
- [www.chesspals.com](http://www.chesspals.com)



### PARTNER

#### Books from Europe – Round 1

- Proprietor Emanuel Rasin
- [www.BooksFromEurope.com](http://www.BooksFromEurope.com)



## COMPETE :: Next Tournament

### MCC Independence Day Swiss

<b>When</b>	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	
<b>Format</b>	5-SS, 40/90, SD/30	
<b>Sections</b>	Open, U2000, U1700, U1400	
<b>Prize Fund</b>	\$ 900 Guaranteed	
<b>Entry Fee</b>	Masters	Free
	MCC Members	\$20
	Others	\$25

#### Prizes

<b>Open</b>	\$200 -120 - 80
<b>U2000</b>	\$120 - 80 - 40
<b>U1700</b>	\$ 80 - 50 - 30
<b>U1400</b>	\$ 50 - 30 - 20

#### Championship Points

<b>Open</b>	80 - 50 - 30 - 20
<b>U2000</b>	40 - 25 - 15
<b>U1700</b>	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 :: Previous Tournament Results

Print the section results on the following pages and show them to your friends 😊



**James Krycka**  
Monthly Tournaments Director



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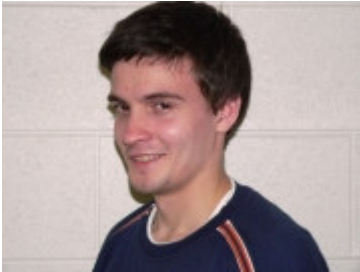
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## June 2007 Tournament Results

### Open Section

#### 1st Place Tie 3.0 / 4 points



**NM Denys Shmelov**



**FM John Curdo**



**NM Vadim Martirosov**



**Ilya Krasik**

#### Upsets over 200 points



**Mark LaRocca**



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## June 2007 Tournament Results

### U1900 Section

#### 1st Place Tie 3.5 / 4 points



Edward Astrachan



Ethan Thompson

#### 2nd Place Tie 3.0 / 4 points



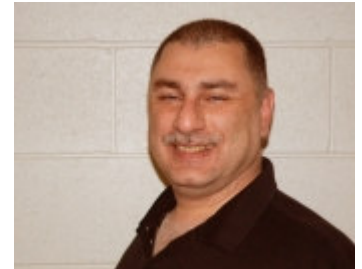
Joshua Haunstrup



Larry Pratt



Jesse Nicholas



Mark Kaprielian

#### Upsets over 200 points



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## June 2007 Tournament Results

### U1650 Section

#### 1st Place 4.0 / 4 points



Dan Lang

#### 2nd Place 3.5 / 5 points



Doug Thompson

#### 3rd Place Tie 3.0 / 4 points



David Harrington



John McLaughlin



Steve Wollkind



Alan Schaefer

#### Upsets over 200 points



Danny Angermeier (2)



James Jaillet



Alan Schaefer



Daniel Callahan



**Nelson Pang**





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**June 2007  
Tournament  
Results**

**U1400 Section**

**1st Place 4.0 / 4 points**



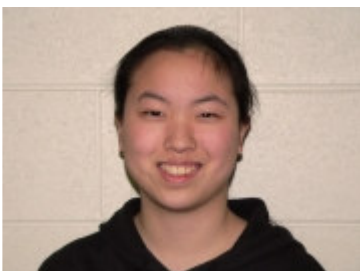
**Siddharth Arun**

**2nd Place 3.0 / 4 points**



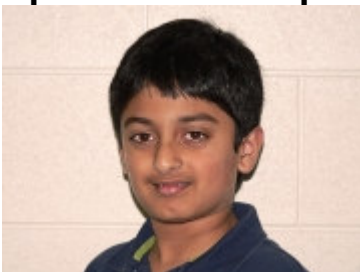
**Edward Lafferty**

**3rd Place 2.5 / 4 points**



**Alexandra Jiang**

**Upsets over 200 points**



**Siddharth Arun (2)**



**Laurie Chen**



**Jack Hulton**

## **COMPETE:: Club and Class Championship Qualification Standings Through June 2007**

As a result of a four-way tie for 1st in June's Open section Denys Shmelov moved into the lead of the 2008 Club Championship qualification standings, Ilya Krasik entered the top-10, and Vadim Martirosov and John Curdo improved their positions. Neil Cousin who leads the U2000 race continues to be the only non-master in the six qualifying spots for the Club Championship. By virtue of their two-way tie for 1st in the U1900 section, Ethan Thompson advanced to 4th place in the Class standings and Edward Astrachan broke into the top-10.

To date, 55 players have earned championship points. The complete list is available on the MCC website and will be posted at the club.

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

### **Club Championship Qualifying Points**

1.	NM Denys Shmelov	197
2.	IM Igor Foygel	162
3.	NM Charles Riordan	162
4.	FM Chris Chase	140
5.	NM Vadim Martirosov	138
6.	Neil Cousin	87
7.	FM John Curdo	77
8.	Ilya Krasik	72
9.	Elizabeth Kellner	70
10.	Bill Stein	61

### **Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points**

1.	Neil Cousin	87
2.	Elizabeth Kellner	70
3.	Bill Stein	61
4.	Ethan Thompson	59
5.	Mark Kaprielian	41
6.	Paul Mishkin	38
7.	Tim Bromley	35
8.	Michael Barry	34
9.	Edward Astrachan	26
10.	Alexander Hu	26