



MetroWest Chess Club

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November 2007 Newsletter

Highlights

MCC Trick or Treat Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	FM John Curdo (4.5/5)
U1900	Mika Brattain (4.0/5)
U1650	Dave Rivera, James Williams, Doug Thompson, Jensiang Hong, and Michael Zhang (4.0/4)
U1350	Fred Harvey (5.0/5)

Book Signing

IM James Rizzitano will be at the club to present his new book *Chess Explained: The Queen's Gambit Declined*. The book signing is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 20, from 6:30-7:25. This is his 4th chess publication. You can read about it at www.gambitbooks.com/books/ceggd.html

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 Stanley Crowe Memorial (6 rounds spanning November and December!)

When	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11	Prizes	
Format	6-SS, 40/90, SD/30	Open	\$ 300 - 200 - 120
Sections	Open, U2000, U1700, U1400	U2000	\$ 200 - 120 - 80
Prize Fund	\$ 1420 Guaranteed	U1700	\$ 130 - 80 - 50
Entry Fee	Masters Free MCC Members \$25 Others \$30	U1400	\$ 70 - 40 - 30
		Championship Points	
		Open	96 - 60 - 36 - 24
		U2000	48 - 30 - 18
		U1700	24 - 15 - 9

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 October 2007

There is only one more event, the 6-round Stanley Crowe Memorial, that counts towards qualification for the 2008 Club and Class Championships. Being the longest tournament of the year it will offer more championship points than any other event. The first six places in each division will automatically qualify for the championships that will be held in April 2008.

This past month there was more movement in the standings than is normally the case this late in the year. John Curdo with two clear Open wins in a row, Edward Astrachan having placed in the last 5 events, and Bennet Pellows scoring a clear second all have moved up in the Club standings. In the Class standings Mika Brattain and James Williams have entered the top-10 with Mika occupying the 5th qualifying slot.

To date, 77 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 Charles Riordan	271
2.	FM John Curdo	241
3.	IM Igor Foygel	227
4.	FM Chris Chase	203
5.	NM Denys Shmelov	197
6.	NM Vadim Martirosov	138
7.	Edward Astrachan	136
8.	Bennet Pellows	125
9.	Neil Cousin	87
10.	David Harris	85

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.	Bill Michael	48
7.	James Williams	44
8.	Tim Bromley	43
9.	Mark Kaprielian	41
10.	James Lung	40

All players listed above have met the 4-tournament requirement.

Elizabeth Kellner (70 points) is ineligible because she played in less than 4 tournaments during the year.