



# MetroWest Chess Club

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## November 2008 Newsletter

### Highlights

#### MCC Stanley Crowe Memorial Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	IM Igor Foygel, FM John Curdo, Winston Huang, Lior Rozhansky (3.0/4)
U1900	Jeffrey Hall (3.5/4)
U1600	James Williams (4.0/4)
U1400	Gregory Cermak (4.0/4)

#### Boston Blitz

The Boston Blitz of the U.S. Chess League ended their regular season in October with a 6-4-0 record and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the Eastern Division. This qualifies them for the playoffs which will start on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Check out <http://boston-blitz.com> for lively commentary, interesting articles, and game scores. In particular, there is detailed analysis of Ilya Krasik's win last week. The team includes MCC players IM David Vigorito, NM Denys Shmelov, NM Charles Riordan, and Ilya Krasik. Matt Phelps is team manager and Mark La Rocca is assistant manager.

There are no weekly group lessons scheduled for this month.

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

## COMPETE: Next Tournament

### MCC Thanksgiving Swiss

<b>When</b>	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm November 4, 11, 18, 25	
<b>Format</b>	4-SS, 40/90, SD/30	
<b>Sections</b>	Open, U2000, U1700, U1500	
<b>Prize Fund</b>	\$ 630 Guaranteed	
<b>Entry Fee</b>	Masters	Free
	MCC Members	\$20
	Non-members	\$25

#### Prizes

<b>Open</b>	\$ 120 - 80 - 60
<b>U2000</b>	\$ 80 - 60 - 40
<b>U1700</b>	\$ 60 - 40 - 20
<b>U1500</b>	\$ 40 - 20 - 10

#### Championship Points

<b>Open</b>	64 - 40 - 24 - 16
<b>U2000</b>	32 - 20 - 12
<b>U1700</b>	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 October 2008

The October tournament resulted in several changes to the standings for the 2009 Club and Class Championships. Due to their 4-way tie for 1<sup>st</sup> in the Open section, Igor Foygel forged back into the lead of the Club standings, Lior Rozhansky advanced to 2<sup>nd</sup> place, John Curdo re-entered the top-6, and Winston Huang moved into the top-6 of the Class Championship race. Jeffrey Hall advanced to 5<sup>th</sup> place in the Class standings and James Williams broke into the top-10 by virtue of their wins in the U1900 and U1600 sections, respectively. Finally, Lior Rozhansky increased his rating past 2000 allowing Mika Brattain to claim the lead in the qualification list for the Class Championship.

Everyone in the standings below, except David Vigorito, have met the 4-tournament rule. The current 2009 championship qualification standings (in tie break order) are as follows:

### Club Championship Qualifying Points

1.	IM Igor Foygel	289
2.	Lior Rozhansky	263
3.	NM Denys Shmelov	259
4.	Ilya Krasik	217
5.	NM Charles Riordan	166
6.	FM John Curdo	165
7.	IM David Vigorito	143
8.	Greg Kaden	81
9.	Mika Brattain	74
10.	David Harris	73
11.	Neil Cousin	65
12.	Ed Astrachan	64

### Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points

1.	Mika Brattain	74
2.	Neil Cousin	65
3.	Edward Astrachan	64
4.	Winston Huang	60
5.	Jeffrey Hall	48
6.	Danny Angermeier	46
7.	Jesse Nicholas	44
8.	Vikas Shiva	39
9.	Henry Clark	34
10.	James Williams	34
11.	Tim Bromley	32
12.	Charlie Fauman	31