

**MetroWest Chess Club** 

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## Monthly Event:

This month the new fee structures and prizes announced previously go into place:

- Members entry fee: \$35, Non-Members \$45
- Club Membership: \$50 no special discounts
- Prize fund increased to be \$730 for all events

This month's event is a five week tournament.

Due to the constraints placed upon us by our playing site, all events at our current location will be

G/60; d5 dual-rated

Registration closes at 7:20 pm. If you arrive after that you may not be paired. We will be more strict than usual in applying the deadline due to having to exit the building promptly at 10:00 pm.

# Extra Stress on our systems, players and staff:

While we remain at our current location of the Natick Community Center we are compelled to keep our events to the G/60 format as the longest time control we can fit into the strict 10:00 pm must be out of the building requirement. This time constraint has the following effects which differ from what we normally would see at the club.

- Very little time to correct issues that are detected both before and after the pairings are done.
  - If the round starts more than ten minutes late we have to give serious consideration to invoking the new policy we had to put in place to have everyone reduce the times on their clocks. The delay clocks can easily result in a long game that will end close to 9:45 pm leaving little room for a late start.
- At 9:45: PM we start warning people in the skittles room that they
  must leave the room at 9:55 so they can exit the building before 10:00
  pm. At 9:54 we become very emphatic that they must pack up "Right
  Now".

The pairing software though well established and used by most clubs and organizers in the country does have subtle issues that are uncovered on a fairly regular basis. Most of these involve pairings in some manner. We currently have one open issue that we have not been able to track down yet regarding Quick ratings being used for a small subset of players. What is interesting about this problem is that it is not possible to select quick rating for individuals in a regular rating event. In our April event six and only six of our players had quick ratings used instead of their regular rating.

We ask that you please realize that:

- We are committed to always doing things well and improving our process to provide well run and on time events.
- We do not dismiss things as not important enough to look into but we often do have to make quick decisions at the time.

• We are run by a small group of volunteers who do a lot of work who also wish to participate in the clubs events and have an enjoyable chess experience.

Please try to:

- Behave in a way the reduces pressure on the staff and the organization
- Be flexible and patient when things don't go as well as they should

# Club relocation status:

The lease agreement is now being reviewed by the lawyers. Until the lease is signed many things remain tentative. Planning and preparation must continue with the expectation that we will have a signed agreement.

Current projected move dates:

- August not likely but could happen
- September likely

# Program Expansion:

With the move to our own leased location we will be able to expend our program offerings. Our first focus will be to expand playing opportunities. Once we get ourselves established in our new location we will be looking at introducing lectures, classes and other programs.

Overview of our program offerings:

- Tuesday Night This is our long standing traditional event
- Saturday Swiss 2nd Saturdays of the month

- Saturday Scholastic The Saturday after the Saturday Swiss event
- Sunday Scholastic The Sunday a week after the Saturday Scholastic

Club tournament polices have been updated to accommodate the specific needs of each type of event.

The web site Future Events page shows a redesigned flyer with our "projected" events for 2015.

http://www.metrowestchess.org/Compete/Monthly/PDFs/MCC\_Future\_Events.pdf

Event Flyer

## Local Scholastic Chess Class:

RSM-MetroWest in Framingham announces enrollment for **Summer Chess Class**.

The Summer Chess class starts on July 6 and runs for 6 classes on Mondays through August 10.

The class is for students in elementary and middle school students, and is offered at two levels:

- Chess I for beginners
  - Mondays 4:30-6:00 PM
- Chess II for intermediate/advanced players
  - o Mondays 6:15-7:45
- o Admission into this class requires approval of a Chess Master

Instructor: Vadim Martirosov

The Cost for either class is \$235.

To enroll

- Please submit an application by following the ENROLL button at <u>www.metrowestschool.com</u>
- Please indicate the Chess Class you would like in the Comments field of the application

Web Site: <u>www.metrowestschool.com/chess.html</u> Email: <u>info@metrowestschool.com</u> Phone: **508-283-1355.** 

More detail, signup information and background of our Masters can be found at:

www.metrowestschool.com/chess.html

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