



## MetroWest Chess Club

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### Monthly Event:

This month's regular event is a **four** week tournament.

- Round 1 is Tuesday, **December 5th**, 2017
- Sections with less than 8 players may be merged with another section

Due to the constraints of our playing site, all events at our current location are:

G/60; d5 dual-rated

Registration closes at 7:20 pm. If you arrive after that you may not be paired. We must be strict due to having to exit the building promptly at 10:00 pm.

**Please arrive early if possible.**

If you think you can't arrive by 7:20, please call the club number **before 7:00 PM** and register by phone message.

#### **MCC Group Classes:**

Group Classes Continue in December:

National Master Rob King will continue leading group classes this month beginning before round 2, December 12th. The topics and complete schedule are to be determined. Listen for further information during club announcements before round one.

Classes begin at approximately 6:30 and run until the round begins at 7:30.

**MCC 2018 Championship qualification down to last month**

The MCC 2018 Club (open) and Class (Under 2000) Championship will be held in May 2018. Both tournaments are invitation-only six player round robins. Invitations go to the top Championship Point earners throughout the 2017 season.

The latest standings are at [this link](#). There are only 25 points separating third from tenth place in the Club standings, with only 36 points between first and tenth for the entire Class field!

The December Holiday Swiss tournament is the last opportunity of the year to gain points for our club's championships.

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### **Does Your Chronos Clock Battery Need Replacing? - Revisited**

-By Mark Kaprielian

In the May 2012 Newsletter I was interviewed about my experience with the Chronos clock and batteries. See:

[http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/History/News/2011-2020/2012/2012-05\\_Newsletter.pdf](http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/History/News/2011-2020/2012/2012-05_Newsletter.pdf) The article concluded with “Oh well, we’ll just have to wait for the next battery change.”, well, that time’s arrived.

- 04-01- 02 game 0723
- 01-13- 07 games 0724 – 1189 (465 games since previous battery)

change)

- 04-26- 12 games 1190 – 1664 (474 games since previous battery change)
- 11-29- 17 games 1665 – 2509 (855 games (529 not G/30) since previous battery change)

While I have almost doubled my games played since the last battery change, at least 326 (38%) of those games were at G/30 using another clock leaving about 529 at time controls and conditions similar to the earlier data.

Normally the LCD displays continue to fade until they become unreadable. This usually took at least 10 hours of running time, and generally longer before it would reach that point. This time around I was in the middle of a game and the clock reset to the pre-programmed setting! It was then that I noticed some fading has started but it was not readily noticeable. I thought, maybe my clock was now “unusable”. I’ve had it for at least fifteen years and while the LCDs have never bled or died which I’ve seen on other Chronos clocks, maybe it’s electronics have had it.

The next day I opened it up to change the batteries in the hope that the clock will still work and much to my pleasant surprise, one of the three batteries was corroded at one end. I cleaned up the contacts, put in new batteries and the LCD looks great.

Based on the data I’ve collected it may be more of a case of how long the batteries have been in the clock rather than the amount of games or run time. Still the game count is pretty consistent, 465, 474 and 529.

I’ll get back to you with the next data point which is likely to be in 2022. In the meantime though, better check the newsletter each month till then to see if

there's a change in the pattern.

Note: You can change the batteries and not lose your settings.



## Winter-Spring Classes at RSM-MetroWest in Framingham

**WINTER-SPRING Chess Class Registration is now open, and are offered at two levels (Chess I is for novice and Chess II) . Classes start on January 24 and end on May 16.**

**Please visit [www.metrowestschool.com/chess.html](http://www.metrowestschool.com/chess.html) for more information.**

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More detail, signup information and background of our Masters can be found at: [www.metrowestschool.com/chess.html](http://www.metrowestschool.com/chess.html)

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## New England Chess School (Scholastic Chess Classes)

After school & Weekend chess classes

- Enriched after-school and weekend activity for elementary school aged children.
- All levels are welcome from beginners to already serious tournament player

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