



MetroWest Chess Club

MCC Monthly Newsletter
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New England
USA!

USCF Club of the Year for
2002!

Round 5 - "Stan Crowe Memorial"

Tuesday December 3, 2002 is Round 5 of the "Stan Crowe Memorial" tournament, our largest event of the year. This tournament is the annual MCC homecoming event.

MCC Elections

This year's election was uncontested. Per MCC Bylaws and Policies & Procedures, no formal vote is required in an uncontested election. MCC's next board of directors are: John Bottini, John Chamberlain, Mark Kaprielian, Jim Krycka, Robert Powell, Harvey Reed, (with one vacancy).

MCC is now MetroWest Chess, Inc.

MCC is now incorporated as MetroWest Chess, Inc. In the process we updated our Bylaws to conform to Massachusetts law and recommended practice from our legal council. Members are asked to ratify the Bylaws at the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting: The MCC Annual Meeting of members will be Tuesday, January 21, 2003 at 6:00 pm.

Officers: Per updated Bylaws, new officers are determined at the first Board meeting after the Annual Meeting. Tentatively Mark Kaprielian is volunteering to be President, John Chamberlain Treasurer, and Harvey Reed Clerk.

MCC is expanding

MCC is now open on the 3rd Thursday every month for the MCC Chess School. Check out the link on the right, and the article below for more detail.

We are envisioning Thursdays as providing opportunity to run chess events that would otherwise conflict with the Tuesday evening Monthly Tournaments. One Thursday event in progress is the Endgame course in the MCC Chess School. Other possibilities are matches, simulms and other specialty events.

MCC Web and Marketing Efforts

People playing in the Stan Crowe Monthly Tournament have noticed updated logo designs on display on the TD desk prior to the round. As part of the incorporation process we are updating our logo, and will be re-launching the website in January 2003.

Over the next few months you will see many improvements, and some new traditions in the making. One new tradition in the making is this new MCC Monthly Newsletter Please be patient as we improve our communications and content.

We'll keep you posted through this newsletter.

North East Chess -- Fall Getaway Results

Once again, MetroWest Chess Club has won the club prize, but only narrowly this time. Boylston was within a couple of points this time. Make sure to remember to register as MCC next time you play. This time all the MCC club members got a club prize of \$23 distributed back to them. Very cool!

A big congratulations to Alexander Ivanov who tied for FIRST PLACE in the OPEN section. Very cool! His otherwise perfect performance was nicked by Alek Wojtkiewicz GM for a draw in the last round. Certainly a performance he and the rest of MCC can be proud of!

Special recognition and congratulations goes to Paul Felker, who got a PERFECT score in the U1700 section. The only other PERFECT score was in U2100 by Roza Eynullayeva (unaffiliated). The fact that she is from Baku, Azerbaizhan by Russia is purely coincidental :-)

Again, thanks to all the MCC members who played in this event. We are already looking forward to the next Getaway in Feb 2003.

The complete MCC results for the Fall Getaway 2002 are below. Complete results are available by clicking here.

OPEN

02 Alexander Ivanov GM	4½
13 John A Curdo FM	2½
26 Alexander Beider	withdrew

U2100

09 Robert L Harvey	3½
28 Robert Huntington	2
29 Paul A Mishkin	2
40 John W Martin	½
41 William Michael	½

U1700

01 Paul Felker	5
06 Lomer J Cormier	4
08 Mark Kaprielian	3½
18 Harvey G Reed	3
39 Harry Henriques	1½

U1300

11 Jenshiang Hong	3
12 John J Bottini	3

Severine Wamala is North East Chess! He is one of MCC's most famous Tournament Directors and he organizes one of New England's best run and largest prize weekend tournaments, 4 times a year (plus smaller monthly tournaments). The next quarterly getaway is the Winter Getaway. The next monthly tournament is December 8th. Complete North East Chess info is here. As a convenience for you, you may drop off your registration with Severine or Mark K at the club Tuesday night.

MCC Monthly Tournament :: Holiday Season

The Stan Crowe Memorial has two rounds to go with tough competition for the top slots. See for yourself on the website "Current Tournament" results. Better yet, come down and see for yourself. The Stan Crowe Memorial always brings a large crowd and serves as a MCC Homecoming!

For the rest of December we have:

Dec 3, 10: Round 5 & 6 of **Stan Crowe Memorial**

Dec 17: **MCC Take One**, 6-8S, G/10 event. MCC Members FREE, others \$10.

The sections with prizes are:

Upper	\$40-20
Lower	\$40-20

Dec 24, 31: **CLOSED** for Holiday Season

January 2003 MCC Winter Warmer Swiss. MCC Members \$15, others \$20. Players with ELO 2200 or higher have free entry. If you are skipping round 1, wait until the round you will play in, to register.

The sections with prizes are:

Open	\$200-100-50
U1800	\$80-50-30
U1450	\$50-30-20

Format and Logistics:

Unless otherwise specified, all time controls are 40/90, SD/30.

If you don't arrive in time to register you may have to play a mismatched side game and get a half point for the first round. Please arrive early to register and relax before the round starts. Registration ends at 7:25. If you're not in line at that time, you're too late. The club opens up at approximately 6:30 PM. There are a number of places to eat nearby so you can arrive early to register and then get a bite to eat.

Other Chess Close to Home

On December 12 and 13, 2002, MACA is running the Pillsbury Memorial at our site, the Natick Senior Center. Its a two day event with a time control slower than our Tuesday night events. For details, click here. As a convenience for you, you may drop off your registration at the club to lock in the advance entry rate.

Book and Equipment Vendor

On December 3, 2002, before Round 5 of Stan Crowe Memorial, the book and equipment vendor [Randy Malcuit \(Chess21@Att.net\)](mailto:Randy.Malcuit@att.net) will be here. He accepts check or cash.

MCC Weekly Group Lesson (was Study Group)

Before the round each week, relax and limber up in the MCC Weekly Group Lesson! Remember, no food please!

We are focusing on the games of Fischer for Rounds 5 and 6 of Stan Crowe Memorial. No Weekly Group Lesson for Dec 17. Weekly Group Lessons resume in January 2003.

MCC Chess School

The first class of the Endgame Course was held on Thursday, November 21 from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm. We covered the first half of pawn endings. This is for MCC Members only. It's not too late to jump in, send an email to [Howard Goldowsky](mailto:Howard.Goldowsky) for details.

The next class is Thursday, December 19 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. We will cover the second half of pawn endings. NM Lou Mercuri will be here between 7:30 pm and 8:30 pm to lecture, teach, and coach!

Help the newbies!

Please bring your own sets and clocks. We have a limited number available for use by those new to the game without their own equipment yet.

Comments, questions, critiques: info@metrowestchess.org

Be fully prepared to play each round! Limber up with the:

[MCC Weekly Group Lesson](#)

Don't lose that point! Squeeze points out of your opponents with the:

["Endgame Course" at MCC Chess School](#)

Put your game in focus! Ask an Expert for advice... literally with the:

[MCC Game Advice](#)

Need to save money by borrowing a book or video for a couple of weeks? You can, with the:

[MCC Library](#)

Do you want to sharpen your deep analysis skills via email correspondence chess? In an MCC Team environment? And bring those skills back to your MCC Monthly Tournament games?

[MCC Team Email Matches](#)

Ever wonder what other MCC members play for their opening? Wonder no more!

[MCC Game Collection](#)