



MetroWest Chess Club

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Serving the MetroWest Boston chess community since 1983

September 2004 Newsletter

November 2004 will be the 2nd anniversary of this MetroWest CC monthly newsletter. It has gone thru many improvements, seeking to better serve the membership. This month's improvements:

- Available in PDF, suitable for you to print and show your friends ☺.
- Delivered as a URL link, so we don't clog your inbox
- More news, more pictures, less boilerplate.
- No more links that go stale, instead we tell you the links to follow from the homepage.
- No more email "@". We fight SPAM. Email addresses use " at " instead of "@".

Be sure to check out the new Chess School "openings" course, there are only eight slots left.

Harvey Reed, Editor




COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Calendar

Tuesday September 7	Round 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly group lesson • Stateline Chess book & equipment vendor
Tuesday September 14	Round 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly group lesson
Sunday September 19	NorthEast Chess, G/55, G/90, Marlboro Radisson
Tuesday September 21	Round 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly group lesson
Tuesday September 28	Round 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly group lesson
Sunday October 10	NorthEast Chess, G/55, G/90, Marlboro Radisson
Saturday October 30	Stateline Chess, A special one day workshop/training event IM Jim Rizzatano (For flyer go to homepage news)
Friday-Sunday November 19-21	NorthEast Chess, Summer Getaway, Marlboro Radisson → entry 3-day: \$89 by 9/18: \$99 by 11/05: \$120 cash at site → \$69 hotel room

COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Activities and Info

Club	Partner
<p>Board of Directors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To learn more about our governance, visit the Governance page (home→ About→ Governance) You can locate the minutes from past Board meetings and the Agenda for the next meeting 	<p>NorthEast Chess</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizer Severine Wamala swamala at hotmail.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email and PayPal™ 219 Central St Lowell, MA 01852 978-453-4342 (night) <p>See Club and Partner Calendar for upcoming event dates. Visit our homepage news for flyers.</p>
<p>Seeking Volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library (see Matt Phelps) Chess School (see Harvey Reed) Mentoring (see Harvey Reed) 	<p>Stateline Chess</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proprietor Randi Malcuit statelinechess at hotmail.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email and PayPal™ <p>See Club and Partner Calendar for upcoming event dates. Visit our homepage news for flyers.</p>
<p>Please Remember!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renew your USCF membership with Mark Kaprielian. He will donate "USCF Member Appreciation" prize money to the Club. Register early, by 7:15pm, there will be shorter lines and better parking Additional parking in rear of building, first left as you turn into the Senior Center 	
<p>Official Merchandise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have a number of items in stock for sale, T-shirts, Polo shirts and caps that can be purchased on Tuesdays. To view our complete line of merchandise, home → Official Merchandise. Everything can be ordered online, securely, via Pay Pal, or with a paper form available at the Club. 	

COMPETE :: Monthly Tournaments











What	Fall Swiss	
When	September 7-14-21-28, 2004	
Format	4-SS, 40/90, SD/30	
Prizes	\$ 800, 100% G	
Sections	Open: \$ 200-120-80 U1900: \$ 100-60-30 U1600: \$ 60-40-20 U1300: \$ 40-30-20	
Entry Fee (all sections)	Masters (2200 and over) Free MCC Members \$ 15 Others \$ 20	
Championship Points Available	Open (64-32-16), U1900 (24-12), U1600 (8) plus 50% bonus for perfect score of all wins	
Previous Tournament		
Results	Congratulations to the winners of the Late Summer Swiss!	
	Open:  Igor Foygel (5.0/5) Clear first; perfect score; 9 game win streak	
	U1800:  Hadrian Zbarcea (4.5/5) Clear first; 9 game win streak	U1450:  Genesis Lung (5.0/5) Clear first; perfect score; 7 game win streak

Commentary	Players with upsets over 200 points:	
	Round 5	Matthew Cater John Bottini Justin Grimes
	Round 4	Andrew Wang David Law
	Round 3	Jacob Wamala Douglas Thompson Cam Vicars
	Round 2	Ames Abbot Alex Stothert Cam Vicars
	Round 1	David Plotkin Plamen Krastev John Za Perrotta
	Players with multiple upsets over 200 points:	
	(no picture available) Cam Vicars (2)	
Cross tables and Ratings	The USCF rated May 2004, June 2004, and July 2004 cross-tables are posted. August is not rated yet.	
Errata	n/a	

COMPETE :: Club Championship

The 2005 Club Championship qualification cycle is two-thirds complete. For the fourth time this year, Igor Foygel has posted a perfect score in the Open section to increase his insurmountable lead in the standings. Bijan Haririan, who took clear second this month in the Open section, has moved into 8th place and John Curdo has moved up a notch to 4th place. Although Alexander Ivanov is holding 2nd place, he needs to participate in 3 more events to qualify. A total of 48 players have earned qualification points. The leaders based on eight months of play are as follows:

1.	IM Igor Foygel		536
2.	GM Alexander Ivanov		150

3.	John Chamberlain		138
4.	FM John Curdo		135
5.	Ilya Krasik		130
6.	Robert Powell		96
7.	Trevor de Koekkoek		72
8.	Bijan Haririan		53
9.	Alexander Paphitis		48
10.	NM Charles Riordan		40
11.	Calvin Hori		40
12.	Navan Ruthramoorthy		32

The 2005 championship event will be held in March 2005 as a closed 5-RR section run in parallel with the other sections. The six participants will be the top six club members on the championship points list (who accept the invitation). Players earn points during the previous calendar year by placing 1st-2nd-3rd in the Open section, 1st-2nd in the Upper section, and

1st in the next highest section on a graduated scale based on the section level and number of rounds. In addition, bonus points are awarded for a perfect score. To qualify for the championship, players have to be club members and need to play in at least 4 events during the year.

COMPETE :: Scholastics

The Scholastic Tournament tournaments for summer 2004 are complete, and standings are posted. If you are interested in volunteering for next year, let me know!

For more info, contact John Bottini → JBottini at MetroWestChess.org



COMPETE :: Team Email Match

For the third year in a row, MetroWest CC is engaged in an email match against the International Email Correspondence Club. The IECC is truly an international organization with well over 3000 members. In 2002 and 2003, the MetroWest CC teams split their two matches against the IECC. This year a MetroWest CC team of 5 palyers (Michael Barry, Eric Berkey, James Krycka, Jack Appelmans, and Jason Krienke) is playing an IECC team of ten players from 9 different countries (Australia, Brazil (2), France, Hong Kong, Italy, Netherlands, Peru, Poland, and USA). Each MetroWest CC player is pitted against one IECC player as white and one player as black.

The match started in June with a maximum time limit of 11 months. The IECC currently leads us one game to none. You can view the games (minus the last three moves for those in progress) home → Team Email Match → MCC-03 v IECC-84. The games will be updated this month.

For more info, contact Eric Berkey, Team Captain → BESENI57 at aol.com



LEARN & IMPROVE :: Weekly Group Lesson

Week 1: Casual Q&A and personal help, Round 1 registration, Book & Equipment vendor

Week 2:

Week 3:
Week 4:
Week 5: n/a

Contact John Chamberlain for more info.



LEARN & IMPROVE :: Chess School

Overview of MetroWest Chess Club -- Chess School

MetroWest CC Chess School is a member-only benefit that offers instructional courses on Thursday nights. These courses complement the competitive over the board play of Tuesday nights, by providing learning as well as socializing. These courses are ideal for the serious student of the game who wants some structure, good feedback, and lots of fun!

Our Fall 2003 Member's Survey found that the opening is an area that many people want to learn more about. We created the Fall 2004 Chess School opening course with this idea in mind. Please sign up on any Tuesday night to register. If you can't sign up in person then send an email to Mark Kaprielian or Harvey Reed.

We are also seeking volunteers to help with future Chess School courses.



Howard Goldowsky
Chess School Program Director



Mark LaRocca
Chess School Instructor

Fall 2004 -- Planning and Strategy from the Opening

The Fall 2004 semester of the MCC Chess School is: **PLANNING AND STRATEGY FROM THE OPENING**. There are three class nights for the course. **Tuition for this course is \$15, and limited to the first ten (10) members who sign up.** We are limiting class size this time to provide more individualized instruction than in previous classes/lectures. The instructor for this course is the strong expert Mark LaRocca. Classes last 2.5 hours (until 9:30pm), and are targeted for players with ratings between 1000 and 1600.

Thursday October 7 @ 7:00pm -- General Principles: the ideas behind the opening

1. Bishops vs. Knights
2. Rooks and files

3. Queens
4. The King
5. Opening illustrations
 - a. Ruy Lopez
 - b. Nimzo Indian

Thursday November 4 @ 7:00pm – Survey of Opening Pawn Structures

1. Weak, hanging, or isolated pawns
2. Doubled Pawns
3. Pawn Majorities
4. Pawn chains
5. Opening illustrations
 - a. Caro-Kann
 - b. French Defense
 - c. Queens Gambit

Thursday December 2 @ 7:00 pm -- Creating favorable imbalances

1. The purpose of the Opening
 - a. To create favorable imbalances
 - b. To acquire temporary or permanent advantages
2. Using your knowledge of General Principles
 - a. Transitioning to the middle game
 - b. Don't be afraid of the endgame
3. Planning and Strategy
4. Opening Illustrations

Games to be determined by classes' opening preferences

LEARN & IMPROVE :: Game Advice

We are currently recruiting a mentoring volunteer to help new members get acquainted, and to coordinate getting their first games run thru "Game Advice".

Contact Harvey Reed → HReed at MetroWestChess.org if you wish to volunteer.



LEARN & IMPROVE :: Library

We are currently recruiting a library volunteer. The Library is in good shape, and taking care of it is light duty. However, this is a key position, since it gets quite a bit of use from the lower sections.

Contact Matt Phelps → Library at MetroWestChess.org if you wish to volunteer.

