



MetroWest Chess Club

Largest Chess Club in New England

Serving the MetroWest Boston chess community since 1983

January 2007 Newsletter

Highlights

MCC Holiday Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	IM Igor Foygel and FM Chris Chase (3.5/4)
U1850	Steve Eddins (3.5/4)
U1600	Bill Stein (4.0/4)
U1300	Steve Wollkind (4.0/4)

MCC Winter Warmer – 5 Rounds

Start the New Year off right and come play Chess. Rounds on **Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** at 7:30 pm. Three sections: Open, U1800, and U1450.

Emanuel Raisin will have chess books for sale the first week – browsers welcome!

Wanted: Your Games

The MCC games collection, maintained by Steve Eddins, now has almost 800 club games. We especially want games from the upper two sections and any others that you think show interesting play. Please drop off your score sheets in the slot near the pairings or send them electronically (preferred as it greatly reduces processing time). You can email your games in CBV format (generated by Fritz or ChessBase), in PGN format, or as a text file. Send your games to **Games at MetroWestChess dot Org**

The David Harris Lectures

David Harris will continue his lecture series this month. He will talk on “Knight Moves” at 6:30 pm before the 3rd round (**Tuesday, Jan. 9**).

Listen and learn as David performs his best Bob Seger impression. Hope you can make it as he shares his knowledge on his favorite subject.

From the Editor

Did You Know: *That there are some pretty neat articles on the Members Contributions pages?*

Check out the following link.

http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/MemberContributions/Top_MemberContributions.htm

Too see many more interesting tid-bits regarding ratings and a whole bunch of other stuff, explore the Knowledge pages which is linked from the club’s home page.

If anyone at the club has something they would like to contribute please contact me at News_Staff at MetroWest.org.

Joe Murphy
Newsletter Editor



COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Calendar

Tuesday, January 2	7:30 pm	Round 1 – Winter Warmer Swiss Books from Europe – Emanuel Rasin
Tuesday, January 9	7:30 pm	Round 2 – Winter Warmer Swiss Group Lesson at 6:30 – Ed Quintall
Tuesday, January 16	7:30 pm	Round 3 – Winter Warmer Swiss Group Lesson at 6:30 – David Harris
Tuesday, January 23	7:30 pm	Round 4 – Winter Warmer Swiss Group Lesson at 6:30 – Ed Quintall
Tuesday, January 30	7:30 pm	Round 5 – Winter Warmer Swiss

COMMUNITY :: Club Info and Partner Activities

CLUB

Board of Directors

To learn more about our governance, visit
http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/Club/Governance/Top_Governance.htm

Contact Mark (Kappy) Kaprielian, President

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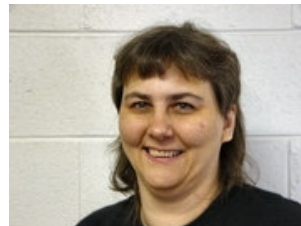
PARTNER

Greater Worcester Chess Club

- Organizer Donna Alarie

[Donnachesspals at aol dot com](#)

- 508-847-8574 (night)
- www.chesspals.com



PARTNER

Books from Europe – Round 1

- Proprietor Emanuel Rasin
- www.BooksFromEurope.com



COMPETE :: Next Tournament

MCC Winter Warmer Swiss

When	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30		Prizes
Format	5-SS, 40/90, SD/30	Open	\$200-120-80
Sections	Open, U1800, U1450	U1800	\$120-80-40
Prize Fund	\$ 800 Guaranteed	U1450	\$80-50-30
Entry Fees	Masters Free MCC Members \$20 Others \$25		Championship Points
		Open	80-40-20
		U1800	30-15
		U1450	10
			50% bonus for perfect score

COMPETE :: Monthly and Championship Tournaments

Section results below – Print them and show your friends 😊



Jim Krycka
Monthly Tournaments Director



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**December 2006
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Open Section

1st Place Tie 3.5 / 4 points



IM Igor Foygel



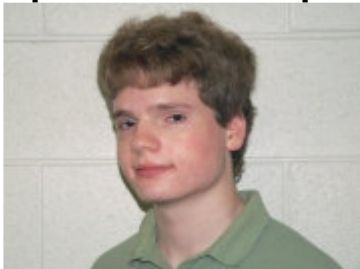
FM Chris Chase

3rd Place 3.0 / 4 points



NM Charles Riordan

Upsets over 200 points



Michael Kaye



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December 2006 Tournament Results

U1850 Section

1st Place 3.5 / 4 points



Steve Eddins

2nd Place Tie 3.0 / 4 points



Larry Pratt



Mark Kaprielian



Calvin Hori



Anirudth Arun



Vikas Shiva



Ralph Scully

Upsets over 200 points



Ralph Scully (2)



Calvin Hori



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December 2006 Tournament Results

U1600 Section

1st Place 4.0 / 4 points

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Bill Stein

2nd Place Tie 3.0 / 4 points



Jenshiang Hong



Fred Harvey



Doug Thompson



Gregory Cermak

Upsets over 200 points



Michael Zhang (2)



Gregory Cermak (2)



Daniel Callahan (2)



Jeffrey Yao



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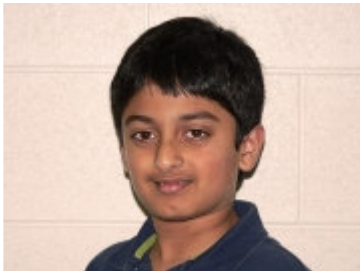
U1300 Section

1st Place0 4.0 / 4 points



Steve Wollkind

2nd Place Tie 3.0 / 4 points



Siddharth Arun



Sabrina Zhang

Upsets over 200 points



Sabrina Zhang



Jack Hulton

COMPETE:: Club and Class Championship Qualification Standings Through December 2006

The December tournament concluded the qualification cycle for the 2007 Club and Class Championships resulting in the following changes in the standings. Chris Chase advanced three places to secure 5th place in the Club race and moved Neil Cousin to first alternate status in 7th place. In the Class (U2000) race, Steve Eddins and Bill Stein vaulted into the 9th and 10th positions. Had Steve won his last game instead of drawing it, he would have received enough bonus points to finish 7th in the standings. 7th place, held by Larry Eldridge, is significant in the Class Championship race because Hadrian Zbarcea moved out of the area and is not expected to be able to participate in the championship contest..

The current MCC Club and Class champions, Igor Foygel and Neil Cousin, finished at the top of Club and Class standings, so they appear to be in good form to defend their titles next year. With four very strong masters and two strong experts holding down the top-6 slots for the Club Championship, we have the makings for a very competitive championship event in May.

The results of the twelve monthly MCC tournaments in 2006 serve as the qualification vehicle for the 2007 Club and Class Championships. The top six qualifiers in the club and class championship standings (who accept the invitation) will complete in the 2007 championships to be held in May 2007. The two championship events will be played in separate sections in a 5-RR format (all play all). An U2000 player who qualifies for the club championship has the option of playing in either the club or class championship.

The final 2007 championship qualification standings (in tie break order) are as follows:

Club Championship Qualifying Points			Class Championship Qualifying Points		
1.	IM Igor Foygel	486	1.	Neil Cousin	83
2.	NM Denys Shmelov	336	2.	Hadrian Zbarcea (moved)	69
3.	FM John Curdo	280	3.	Bill Michael	52
4.	David Harris	152	4.	Robert Harvey	50
5.	FM Chris Chase	112	5.	Genesis Lung	45
6.	Ilya Krasik	86	6.	Ethan Thompson	39
7.	Neil Cousin	83	7.	Larry Eldridge	38
8.	Hadrian Zbarcea (moved)	69	8.	Nikita Konovalchuk	36
9.	Jacob Wamala	63	9.	Steve Eddins	28
10.	Bill Michael	52	10.	Bill Stein	27

IM Petr Jirovsky (90 points) is ineligible because he played in less than 4 tournaments during the year.

The notation "(moved)" means the player has moved out of the area.