



MetroWest Chess Club

Largest Chess Club in New England

Serving the MetroWest Boston chess community since 1983

June 2007 Newsletter

Highlights

MCC 24th Anniversary Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	NM Vadim Martirosov (4.0/5)
U1900	Elizabeth Kellner (4.5/5)
U1600	Doug Thompson (4.0/5)
U1350	Robert Matthews (4.5/5)

MCC Summer Solstice Swiss – 4 Rounds

Rounds on **June 5, 12, 19, 26** at 7:30 pm.
Four sections: Open, U1900, U1650 & U1400.

2007 MCC Summer Scholastics Program

June 28 through **August 3**

Three sections, two time controls (G/60 and G/30).
See the MCC website for [details](#).

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

Club and Class Championship Results

Congratulations to NM Denys Shmelov, the new Club Champion. He defeated runner-up FM Chris Chase in round 1 and drew against IM Igor Foygel in round 3. The Class Championship was up for grabs going into the final round with 4 payers tied for 1st. Neil Cousin and Ethan Thompson emerged as co-champions with wins in the last round and they drew each other in their round 2 encounter.

CLUB	NM Denys Shmelov (4.5/5)
CLASS (U2000)	Neil Cousin and Ethan Thompson (3.5/5)

The David Harris Lectures

David Harris will continue his lecture series this month. He will talk on “Gambits and Counter Gambits” at 6:30 pm before rounds 2 and 3 (**Tuesday, June 12 and 19**).

Listen and learn as David sheds some insights into a couple of risky topics. I'd like to thank David for his consistent help in making the club a better place.

From the Editor

In the following pages, there is a contribution from Harvey Reed that talks about starting a web server correspondence chess club followed by the announcement of Howard Goldowsky's new book; *Engaging Pieces Interviews and Prose for the Chess Fan*. Howard was nice enough to offer a special discount to club members.

Joe Murphy
Newsletter Editor



The following is a contribution from Harvey Reed:

Are You an OTB Club Player Interested in a Club vs. Club Team Match?

I am told that long ago, it was common to have OTB clubs compete via road trips, “met leagues” and similar venues. The format was simple – several club members pile into a car, go somewhere, play face-to-face against members of another club, a winner was declared – and some “met area” TD announced the results. Weekend chess and other innovations decreased the need for this type of competition, for the purpose of getting more games, and this type of Club vs. Club competition has all but died off.

Fast forward to today, and we see a rich mix of playing opportunities including Club, online, weekend, team, and correspondence. In addition we see the very fast expansion of the US Chess League (USCL) which uses Internet Chess Club (ICC) as the playing hall.

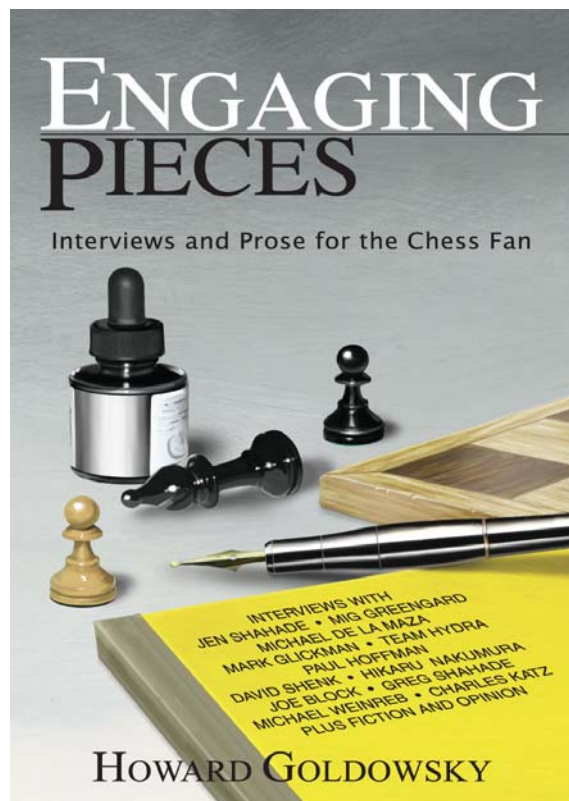
But there is still no widely organized Club vs. Club competition.

QUESTION TO THE READERS:

Are there OTB Club players who would be interested in participating in Club vs. Club Team Matches via web server correspondence chess?

To learn more about this idea [click here](#) to learn more about the background of this topic and to find the link to my blog on the subject.

Announcing a new Chess book and message from Howard Goldowsky:



I'd like to personally offer club members a special discount of 45% off retail. If any club member wants to order *Engaging Pieces* directly, I'll accept PayPal (at w_rox@yahoo.com), and I'll mail them a copy ASAP. The cost would be \$13.50 (\$11.50 + \$2.00 S&H) per book.

The book can also be purchased at Amazon.com, and, eventually, at other chess bookstores like Chess Café.

Thanks,
Howard

You can read more about Howard's book on the Boylston Chess Club Blog at [this link](#)

COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Calendar

Tuesday, June 5	7:30 pm	Round 1 – Summer Solstice Swiss Books from Europe – Emanuel Rasin
Tuesday, June 12	7:30 pm	Round 2 – Summer Solstice Swiss Group Lesson at 6:30 – David Harris
Tuesday, June 19	7:30 pm	Round 3 – Summer Solstice Swiss Group Lesson at 6:30 – David Harris
Tuesday, June 26	7:30 pm	Round 4 – Summer Solstice Swiss

COMMUNITY :: Club Info and Partner Activities

CLUB

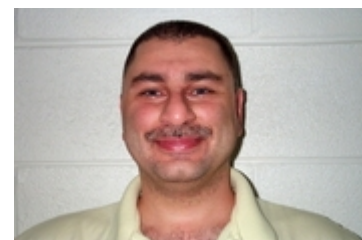
Board of Directors

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

The Board of Directors approved the design and manufacture of member key chains to be given out FREE to all club members until at least the end of 2007. Each month we will keep our eyes open at the club for any member who has not yet received their key chain.

Contact Mark (Kappy) Kaprielian, President

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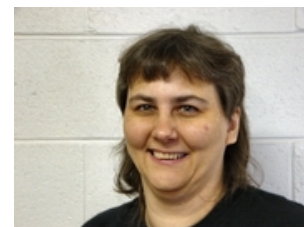
PARTNER

Greater Worcester Chess Club

- Organizer Donna Alarie

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PARTNER

Books from Europe – Round 1

- Proprietor Emanuel Rasin
- www.BooksFromEurope.com



COMPETE :: Next Tournament

MCC Summer Solstice Swiss

When	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm June 5, 12, 19, 26	Prizes	
Format	4-SS, 40/90, SD/30	Open	\$160 - 100 - 60
Sections	Open, U1900, U1650, U1400	U1900	\$100 - 60 - 40
Prize Fund	\$ 710 Guaranteed	U1650	\$ 60 - 40 - 20
Entry Fee	Masters Free MCC Members \$15 Others \$20	U1400	\$ 40 - 20 - 10
		Championship Points	
		Open	64 - 40 - 24 - 16
		U1900	32 - 20 - 12
		U1650	16 - 10 - 6
			25% bonus for winning all games
			15 point bonus for upset win/draw over an 1800+ player and 300/600 rating diff

COMPETE :: Previous Tournament Results

Print the section results on the following pages and show them to your friends ☺



James Krycka
Monthly Tournaments Director



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2007 Club Championship Results

1st Place 4.5 / 5 points 2007 Club Champion



NM Denys Shmelov

2nd Place 4.0 / 5 points



FM Chris Chase

3rd Place 3.0 / 5 points



Ilya Krasik

Upsets over 200 points - None



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2007 Class (U2000) Championship Results

1st Place Tie 3.5 / 5 points 2007 Class Co-Champions



Neil Cousin



Ethan Thompson

3rd Place Tie 2.5 / 5 points



Robert Harvey



Larry Eldridge

Upsets over 200 points - None



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May 2007 Tournament Results

Open Section

1st Place 4.0 / 5 points



NM Vadim Martirosov

2nd Place Tie 3.5 / 5 points



NM Charles Riordan



IM James Rizzitano



Greg Kaden

Upsets over 200 points



Greg Kaden



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May 2007 Tournament Results

U1900 Section

1st Place 4.5 / 5 points



Elizabeth Kellner

2nd Place Tie 4.0 / 5 points



Tim Bromley

No picture on file

Bill Stein

Upsets over 200 points



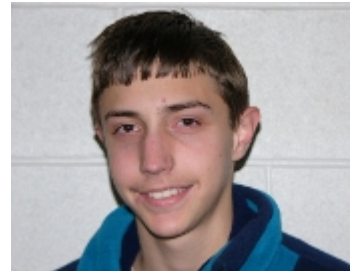
Michael Wang



Jeffrey Yao



Alexander Hu



Travis Nilsson



Matt Phelps



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May 2007 Tournament Results

U1600 Section

1st Place 4.0 / 5 points



Doug Thompson

2nd Place Tie 3.5 / 5 points



Plamen Krastev



Larry Zhu



John Bottini

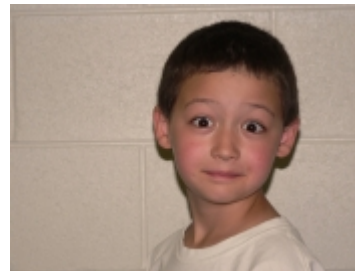
Upsets over 200 points



Nelson Pang (2)



John Bottini



Danny Angermeier



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**May 2007
Tournament
Results**

U1350 Section

1st Place 4.5 / 5 points



Robert Matthews

2nd Place 4.0 / 5 points



Edward Lafferty

3rd Place 3.5 / 5 points

No picture on file

Varun Palnati

Upsets over 200 points - None

COMPETE:: Club and Class Championship Qualification Standings Through May 2007

During the championship month with the two extra championship sections, more championship points are awarded than in any other month. This past month 19 players earned points bringing the total to 49 players for the year. Effectively we're at the half way point for the 2008 qualification cycle.

The Club Championship race is about as tight as you can get. Denys Shmelov unseated Igor Foygel as the overall club champion and moved to 3rd on the list just one point behind co-leaders Igor Foygel and Charles Riordan with Chris Chase and Vadim Martirosov not far behind. Neil Cousin is the first non-master on the list in 6th place as he successfully defended (though tied by Ethan Thompson) his class championship title.

In the Class Championship standings, Neil Cousin, Elizabeth Kellner, and Bill Stein all earned points in May to solidify their top three placements. Ethan Thompson is the only new player to break into the top 10.

Greg Kaden scored a major upset win in the Open section to earn 15 bonus points. He is the third person this year to qualify under the new upset bonus rule joining Bennet Pellows (who did it twice) and James Lung as previous recipients.

The current 2008 championship qualification standings (in tie break order) are as follows:

Club Championship Qualifying Points			Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points		
1.	IM Igor Foygel	162	1.	Neil Cousin	87
2.	NM Charles Riordan	162	2.	Elizabeth Kellner	70
3.	NM Denys Shmelov	161	3.	Bill Stein	61
4.	FM Chris Chase	140	4.	Paul Mishkin	38
5.	NM Vadim Martirosov	102	5.	Mark Kaprielian	38
6.	Neil Cousin	87	6.	Tim Bromley	35
7.	Elizabeth Kellner	70	7.	Michael Barry	34
8.	Bill Stein	61	8.	Ethan Thompson	33
9.	FM John Curdo	41	9.	Alexander Hu	26
10.	Paul Mishkin	38	10.	Leonard Gruenberg	19
11.	Mark Kaprielian	38			