



# MetroWest Chess Club

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## August 2008 Newsletter

### Highlights

#### MCC Independence Day Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	NM Denys Shmelov and NM Charles Riordan (4.0/5)
U2000	Neil Cousin (4.5/5)
U1700	George Goulding and Siddharth Arun (4.0/5)
U1400	Ken Ballou, Fred Harvey, and Pierre Fleurant (4.0/5)

#### Annotated Game Series

David Harris continues his series of annotated games from the 2008 MCC Club Championship. This time David features one of his own games, the Pellows-Harris encounter from round 3.

David and Ilya Krasik plan to continue their series on Basic Chess Endings before selected rounds. See the club website for the schedule.

Emanuel Raisin will have a large collection of chess books for sale during the first round.

#### Blitz Stars Battle GMs at Blackstone Chess Festival

The 2008 Blackstone Chess Festival features two top notch tournaments. The first is the New England Masters, where Grandmasters and Masters from ten different nations will compete. The Masters runs from Monday August 11, to Friday August 15, at Blackstone Chess Academy (the To Kalon Club), 26 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI. Live play by play will be shown in the lounge on the first floor, with master commentators.

Top seed is GM Leonid Kritz. Other top players include GM-elect Josh Friedel, GM Sergey Erenburg, GM Timur Gareev, GM Keith Arkell, IM Jacek Stopa, and Blitz All Stars Jorge Sammour-Hasbun and Denys Shmelov. Denys is also Metrowest and Massachusetts Champion. Two other local state champions will compete, Miro Reverby of RI and Braden Bournival of NH.

The opening ceremony is Monday Aug. 11, at 4 pm. Refreshments will be served. Round one of the New England Masters begins at 6pm. The Masters continues on Tuesday, and runs through Friday, with two rounds each day, one at 11 am, and one at 6pm. Time control is 40/90, followed by SD/30. Come watch the games and show your support for our local players vying for their IM and GM norms. The closing ceremony will be held Friday at 9pm.

Over the weekend players of all levels can take part in the Blackstone Chess Festival Open. This event is in two sections. The Open section is FIDE rated, and offers 50 Grand Prix points. It is open to players rated over 1600. The second section is U1900. Class prizes and youth prizes are offered in each section. The total prize fund is \$4000, \$3000 of which is guaranteed. Time control is 45/90, followed by SD/45.

The Festival Open takes place at the Comfort Inn, 2 George St., Pawtucket, RI, right off of I-95 exit 27. It is a 4 round Swiss. The schedule is: Sat. 11, 5, and Sun. 10:30, 4. Entry fee is \$75 in advance, \$85 at the door, IM/GM free.

For more details visit <http://blackstonechess.com> and <http://newenglandmasters.com>.

## Annotated Game Series – 2008 MCC Club Championship

This is the second installment of a series of annotated games from the 2008 MetroWest CC Championship, which took place April 1-29 in parallel with the 2008 MetroWest CC Class Championship tournament, as well as the regular 2008 April MetroWest CC tournament.

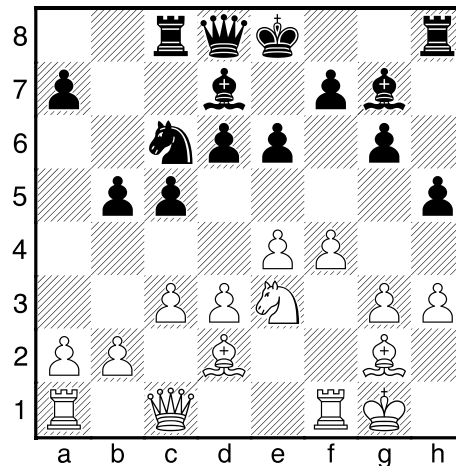
This month features the round 3 struggle between Bennet Pellows and David Harris. Annotations by David Harris.

### Pellows,Bennet – Harris,David [B25]

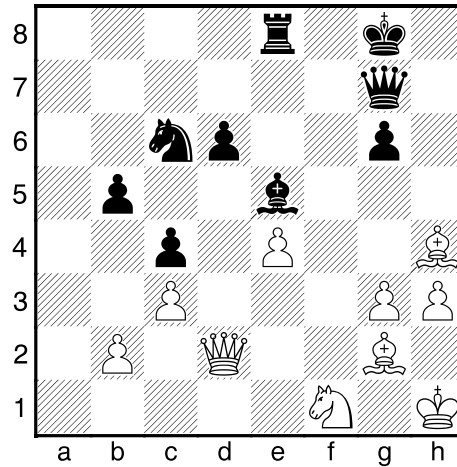
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[D.Harris]

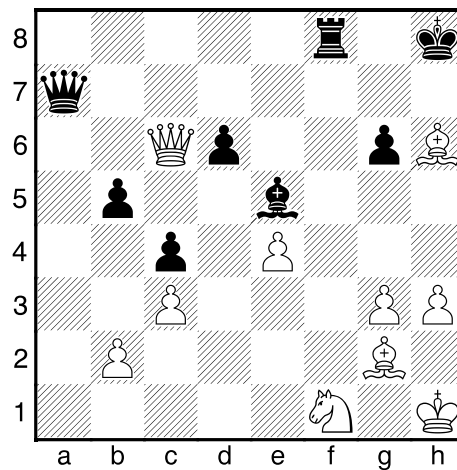
1.♘f3 d6 2.e4 ♘f6 The point of d6 is revealed! 3.♘c3 c5 4.g3 ♘c6 5.♙g2 ♙d7!? 6.d3 g6 7.♙e3 ♙g7 8.♚c1 ♘g4 9.♙d2 h5 Hoping to overwork the f3 Knight, which has to cover e5, d4, and now h4. 10.h3!? ♘ge5 11.♘xe5 ♘xe5 12.f4 ♘c6 13.♘d5!? ♙c8 [A better idea is 13...e6 14.♘e3 h4 15.g4 ♚e7 16.0-0 0-0-0 with a double edged position.] 14.c3 b5 15.0-0 e6 16.♘e3



16...f5?! [Black panics. But further advance of White's f-pawn is not dangerous due to Black's grip on the dark squares, and the lack of mobility by White's minor pieces. 16...0-0 17.f5 ♘e5 18.♚c2 ♚e7=] 17.♙e1 ♘f7!? [Better is 17...♘e7 ] 18.♚d1 ♚f6 19.a4!± a6 20.axb5 axb5 21.♚b3 ♙hd8 22.♙f3 fxe4 23.dxe4 c4 24.♚c2 ♘g8= Black has dodged the bullet 25.♙f1 ♙a8 26.♙g2 ♙xa1 27.♙xa1 ♘e7 28.♙a6 e5! 29.♘f1 h4 30.fxe5 ♚xe5 31.♙f4 ♚c5+ 32.♘h1 ♙e5 33.♙g5 ♙e8 34.♙xh4 ♚c8 35.♙a7 ♘c6 36.♙xd7!? ♚xd7 37.♚d2 ♚g7?!



Did Black just drop a piece? **38. ♖d5+ ♔h8?** [Black misses **38... ♕f8** **39. ♖xc6** g5 **40. ♗xg5 ♖xg5** **41. ♖xb5 ♖c1** and the game is even.] **39. ♖xc6+- ♜f8** **40. ♗g5 ♖a7** **41. ♗h6?**



It is not uncommon to blunder on the first move after the time control! **41... ♜xf1+!** **42. ♗xf1 ♖f2** **43. ♖e8+ ♔h7** **44. ♖e7+** [Dodging the draw comes close to losing **44. ♖f8!?** **♖xg3** **45. ♗f4** ♖xf4 **46. ♖xf4 ♗xf4=** **47. ♗g2 ♗c1** **48. e5 dxe5** **49. ♗c6=**] **44... ♔xh6** **45. ♖h4+ ♔g7** **46. ♖e7+ ♔g8** **47. ♖e8+ ♔g7** **48. ♖e7+ ♔h6**  
 Drawn by agreement. 1/2-1/2

## COMPETE: Next Tournament

### MCC Hot Summer Days Swiss

<b>When</b>	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm August 5, 12, 19, 26	
<b>Format</b>	4-SS, 40/90, SD/30	
<b>Sections</b>	Open, U1850, U1600, U1350	
<b>Prize Fund</b>	\$ 710 Guaranteed	
<b>Entry Fee</b>	Masters	Free
	MCC Members	\$15
	Others	\$20

#### Prizes

<b>Open</b>	\$ 160 - 100 - 60
<b>U1850</b>	\$ 100 - 60 - 40
<b>U1600</b>	\$ 60 - 40 - 20
<b>U1350</b>	\$ 40 - 20 - 10

#### Championship Points

<b>Open</b>	64 - 40 - 24 - 16
<b>U1850</b>	32 - 20 - 12
<b>U1650</b>	16 - 10 - 6

Checkout the [Possible Events of Interest](#) link on the Club homepage for other events in the area,

25% bonus for winning all games

15 point bonus for upset win/draw over an 1800+ player and 300/600 rating diff

## COMPETE: Club and Class Championship Qualification Standings Through July 2008

Except for Neil Cousin's rise from 9<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Class Championships qualification standings, only minor adjustments occurred in the Club and Class standings as a result of July's tournament. Neil was the only player in all four sections to score more than 4 out of 5 points in his victory in the U2000 section. Denys Shmelov and Charles Riordan shared 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Open section and each improved their positions with Charles pushing John Curdo out of the top-6.

The current 2009 championship qualification standings (in tie break order) are as follows:

### Club Championship Qualifying Points

1.	NM Denys Shmelov	259
2.	Ilya Krasik	174
3.	IM Igor Foygel	169
4.	Lior Rozhansky	162
5.	IM David Vigorito	143
6.	NM Charles Riordan	123
7.	FM John Curdo	86
8.	Greg Kaden	81
9.	David Harris	73
10.	Neil Cousin	65
11.	Derek Slater	52

### Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points

1.	Lior Rozhansky	162
2.	Neil Cousin	65
3.	Mika Brattain	50
4.	Edward Astrachan	48
5.	Jesse Nicholas	44
6.	Tim Bromley	32
7.	Leonard Gruenberg	27
8.	Mark McMahon	26
9.	Henry Clark	26
10.	Katherine Gasser	25
11.	Alexander Paphitis	25