



MetroWest Chess Club

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September 2008 Newsletter

Highlights

MCC Hot Summer Days Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	Charles Riordan, John Curdo, Ilya Krasik (3.0/4)
U1850	Danny Angermeier, Bill Michael (3.5/4)
U1600	Tian Rossi (4.0/4)
U1350	Oleg Poliannikov (4.0/4)

Boston Blitz Opens Their Fourth Season

The Boston Blitz of the U.S. Chess League began the season with a convincing win (3-1) over their arch rivals, the New Your Knights. This year the league has expanded to 14 teams and each play 10 regular season matches, followed by playoffs. The team includes MCC players IM David Vigorito, NM Denys Shmelov, NM Charles Riordan, and Ilya Krasik. Matt Phelps is team manager and Mark La Rocca is assistant manager. Check out <http://boston-blitz.com> for lots of commentary, many interesting articles, and game scores. Chris Bird does an outstanding job of writing about the team.

David Harris 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.

Entry Fee, Prize, and Section Break Changes

Starting in September entry fees, prizes, and section breaks have been adjusted for the coming year. The Natick Senior Center has recently changed their policy regarding the use of their facilities by outside organizations. They are now charging rent based on the number of hours used. The net effect to the Club is that the cost of holding a monthly tournament will substantially increase. To keep the club operating on sound financial footing a decision has been made to increase the tournament entry fee by \$5 and to reduce the total prize fund for most events by approximately 11%. Please note that:

- This is the first increase in entry fees in over 14 years!
- Prizes have been adjusted both up and down over the years to keep the balance sheet healthy.
- The cost of club membership is not changing and members will continue to get \$5 off each entry.
- The adjustments were made with the goal of keeping the overall dynamics of how the club operates and appears to the players as stable as possible.

Unrelated to the rental increase, minor tweaks have been made to the section breaks. This is done periodically to help balance the sections. The main change this time is to raise the lowest section break.

COMPETE: Next Tournament

MCC Stanley Crowe Memorial

When	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm September 2, 9,16,23,30	
Format	5-SS, 40/90, SD/30	
Sections	Open, U2000, U1700, U1500	
Prize Fund	\$ 800 Guaranteed	
Entry Fee	Masters	Free
	MCC Members	\$25
	Non-members	\$30

Prizes

Open	\$ 140 - 100 - 80
U2000	\$ 100 - 80 - 40
U1700	\$ 80 - 50 - 30
U1500	\$ 50 - 30 - 20

Championship Points

Open	80 - 50 - 30 - 20
U2000	40 - 25 - 15
U1700	20 - 12 - 8

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 August 2008

Four more events remain on the calendar to qualify for the 2009 Club and Class Championships. As a result of their tie for 1st in the U1850 section, Danny Angermeier and Bill Michael made the top-10 list for the Class Championship. Otherwise, there were only minor place changes in the Club and Class races with Denys Shmelov and Lior Rozhansky continuing to lead their respective sections.

Everyone in the standings below, except David Vigorito, have met the 4-tournament rule. 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	217
3.	IM Igor Foygel	173
4.	NM Charles Riordan	166
5.	Lior Rozhansky	162
6.	IM David Vigorito	143
7.	FM John Curdo	129
8.	Greg Kaden	81
9.	David Harris	73
10.	Neil Cousin	65
11.	Derek Slater	56

Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points

1.	Lior Rozhansky	162
2.	Neil Cousin	65
3.	Mika Brattain	50
4.	Edward Astrachan	48
5.	Danny Angermeier	46
6.	Jesse Nicholas	44
7.	Tim Bromley	32
8.	Mark McMahon	29
9.	Leonard Gruenberg	27
10.	Bill Michael	26
11.	Henry Clark	26