



MetroWest Chess Club

Largest Chess Club in New England

Serving the MetroWest Boston chess community since 1983

April 2009 Newsletter

Highlights

MCC Vernal Equinox Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	Igor Foygel (4.0/5)
U2000	Alexander Paphitas (4.0/5)
U1700	David Rivera (4.5/5)
U1400	Pierre Fleurant, Laura Brisbois (4.5/5)

NOTE: **Special congratulations to Laura Brisbois** who had back to back huge upsets for the whole month!

Please Consider Volunteering!

MetroWest Chess Club is an all volunteer, unpaid position, organization. We all do it for the love of the Club :-). Currently we are looking to strengthen the following positions with one or more volunteers:

- Monthly Tournament Program Director
- Championship Program Director
- **Game Archive Program Director (FILLED!)**
- Weekly Group Lesson Program Director

If you are interested and able, please ask a Club volunteer how to get involved.

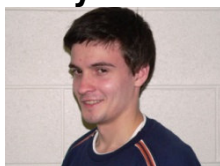
1st Round...

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

Congratulations! --- New 2009 MetroWest CC Champions!

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Denys Shmelov 5.0/6



**2009 MetroWest CC Club
Champion**

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Winston Huang 4.5/6



**2009 MetroWest CC Class
Champion**

COMPETE: Next Tournament

MCC April Fools Swiss

When Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
April 7, 14, 21, 28 2009

Format 4-SS, 40/90, SD/30

Sections Open, U2000, U1600, U1400

Prize Fund \$ 630 100% Guaranteed

Entry Fee

Masters	Free
MCC Members	\$20
Non-members	\$25

Prizes

Open	\$ 120 - 80 - 60
U2000	\$ 80 - 60 - 40
U1700	\$ 60 - 40 - 20
U1400	\$ 40 - 20 - 10

Championship Points

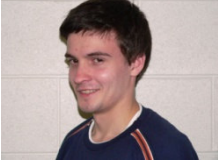




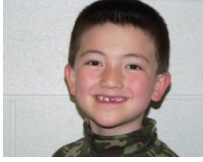


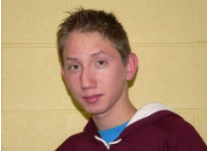



Open	64 - 40 - 24 - 16
U2000	32 - 20 - 12
U1600	16 - 10 - 6

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: 2009 Club and Class Championship Results

Place	MetroWest CC Club Championship	Place	MetroWest CC Class Championship
1	Denys Shmelov 5.0 	1	Winston Huang 4.5 
2	David Vigorito 3.5 	2	Jesse Nichols 4.0 
3	Charles Riordan 3.0 	3	Mika Brattain 3.0 
4	Ilya Krasik 2.5 	4	Neil Cousin 1.5 
5	Lior Rozhansky 1.0 	5	Jeffrey Hall 1.5 
6	Edward Astrachan 0.0 	6	Danny Angermeier 0.5 

COMPETE: 2010 Club and Class Championship Qualification Standings Through March 2009

The current 2010 championship qualification standings (in tie break order) are as follows:

Club Championship Qualifying Points

1.	IM David Vigorito	166
2.	NM Denys Shmelov	132
3.	NM Charles Riordan	82
4.	Winston Huang	72
5.	Mika Brattain	55
6.	GM Igor Foygel	50
7.	FM John Curdo	44
8.	GM Arthur Bisguier	40
9.	Danny Angermeier	32
10.	Alexander Paphitas	30

Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points

1.	Winston Huang	72
2.	Mika Brattain	55
3.	Danny Angermeier	32
4.	Alexander Paphitas	30
5.	Tian Rossi	26
6.	Dave Rivera	26
7.	Jesse Nicholas	25
8.	Neil Cousin	16
9.	Al Ward	16
10.	Henry Clark	16

The 2010 MCC Club and Class Championships

The 2010 MCC Club Championship and the MCC Class Championship (for U2000 players) will be held in March 2010 as separate 6-player 5-RR events run in parallel with the regular monthly sections.

Qualification for the 2010 MCC championships is based on performance in MCC regular time control events during 2009. The top 6 players from the Championship Points List (who accept the invitation) compete for the Club Championship. The remaining top 6 players rated U2000 (who accept the invitation) play for the Class Championship. The 2009 USCF Annual Rating List (published in December) is used to determine whether or not a player is eligible for the Class Championship.

Championship points are earned by placing 1st-2nd-3rd-4th in the Open section and 1st-2nd-3rd in the Upper and Middle Unnnn sections during the year. Points are awarded on a graduated scale. Also, a perfect score bonus is given for all wins and an upset bonus is granted for scoring a very large upset. In addition, to qualify for the championships a player must compete in at least 4 MCC regular time control tournaments during 2009 and must be a member of the club on December 31, 2009.

Championship Qualification Points List for 2010 - Current Standings

Player's Name	USCF Rating	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Point Total	Tmt Req	Ranking by Club/Class
IM David Vigorito	2413	52	64	50										166		1
NM Denys Shmelov	2435		32	100										132		2
NM Charles Riordan	2387	52		30										82		3
Winston Huang	1982		32	40										72		4
Mika Brattain	1875	40		15										55		5
GM Igor Foygel	2486			50										50		6
FM John Curdo	2247	20	4	20										44		7
GM Arthur Bisguier	2206	20		20										40		8
Danny Angermeier	1714		32											32		9
Alexander Paphitas	1756			30										30		10
Tian Rossi	1682		11	15										26		11
Dave Rivera	1616		11	15										26		12
Jesse Nicholas	1838			25										25		13
NM Lawyer Times	2244		4	20										24		14
NM Ilya Krasik	2196		4	20										24		15
Neil Cousin	1964	16												16		16
Al Ward	1839	16												16		17
Henry Clark	1621	16												16		18
Mark Fins	1815			15										15		19
Milad Afdasta	1708	15												15		20
Nikita Konovalchuk	1809		11											11		21
Larry Eldridge	1798		11											11		22
Warner Smith	1553		11											11		23
John Dorfman	1486		11											11		24
Walter Champion	1628			8										8		25
Leonard Gruenberg	1460			8										8		26
Alan Moyer	1571	6												6		27
Jenshiang Hong	1490	6												6		28
Robert Matthews	1409	6												6		29
Derek Slater	2109		4											4		30
Robert Harvey	1857		4											4		31

Column Notes:

Column **Tmt Req** states the number of tournaments played as "1", "2", "3", or "Met" (for 4 or more). If the 4-tournament requirement has not been met at year's end, the player is disqualified and "-X" is placed after the tournament count.

Column **Ranking by Club/Class** gives players' current rankings for the Club Championship and the Class Championship (if eligible). An U2000 player who qualifies for both championships can choose to play in either championship event. If a player qualifies but declines to play, the players ranked below are promoted. A player who accepts an invitation is identified by "-A" after the ranking and a player who declines an invitation is identified by "-D" after the ranking.

Point Allocation Rules:

Points are given for placing 1st-2nd-3rd-4th in the Open section and 1st-2nd-3rd in the Upper and Middle Unnnn sections:

- >> For 3-round events the usual allocation is: 48 - 30 - 18 - 12 / 24 - 15 - 9 / 12 - 8 - 4
- >> For 4-round events the usual allocation is: 64 - 40 - 24 - 16 / 32 - 20 - 12 / 16 - 10 - 6
- >> For 5-round events the usual allocation is: 80 - 50 - 30 - 20 / 40 - 25 - 15 / 20 - 12 - 8
- >> For 6-round events the usual allocation is: 96 - 60 - 36 - 24 / 48 - 30 - 18 / 24 - 15 - 9

However, during the month in which the Championships are held in parallel to the regular sections the allocation is less:

- >> For 5-round event in championship month: 50 - 30 - 20 - 10 / 30 - 20 - 10 / 15 - 10 - 5

The allocation may be different to accommodate special circumstances or it may be reduced if one or more rounds is cancelled (e.g., bad weather). Championship points are awarded only for events where 3 or more rounds are played.

Points are given for placing 1st-2nd-3rd-4th in the Club Championship and 1st-2nd-3rd in the Class Championship:

- >> For MCC Championship events the allocation is: 80 - 50 - 30 - 20 / 40 - 25 - 15

For a placement tie, the available points are divided equally among the players and rounded up to the next whole number. For example, if there is a 3-way tie for 1st in the Open section of a 5-round event, each player receives 54 points based on $(80 + 50 + 30) / 3 = 160 / 3 = 53.33$ which is 54 when round up to the next whole number.

In addition, a perfect score bonus of 25% of the points earned is awarded to any player who posts a win in each round. Note that forfeit wins and full point byes do not count; a player must play a game in each round and win each game. For example, a player who scores 4-0 in the Upper section of a 4-round event would earn $1.25 * 32 = 40$ points.

Also, an upset bonus of 15 points is awarded for a win against an 1800 or higher rated player where the winner is rated at least 300 points lower (or at least 600 points lower for a draw). Both players must be fully rated at the start of the event.

Tie Break Rules:

Most points earned in the Open and Club Championship sections combined.

Most points earned in the Upper and Class Championship sections combined.

Most events in which points were awarded.

Highest rating from the December USCF Annual Rating List; a full rating takes precedence over a provisional rating.

Coin toss.