



MetroWest Chess Club

Largest Chess Club in New England

Serving the MetroWest Boston chess community since 1983

June 2009 Newsletter

Highlights

MCC 26th Anniversary Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	Denys K Shmelov (3.5/4)
U2000	Ethan Thompson (4.0/4)
U1700	Jenshiang Hong (4.0/4)
U1400	Pierre A Fleurant (4.0/4)

NOTE: **Special congratulations to Ethan, Jenshiang, and Pierre** who had perfect scores!

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
- 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.

Starting in 2nd Round...

Felix Yang will lead the Weekly Group Lessons, starting second round, Tuesday June 9. Thank you Felix!

COMPETE: Next Tournament

MCC Solstice Swiss

When Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 2009

Format 5-SS, 40/90, SD/30

Sections Open, U2000, U1600, U1400

Prize Fund \$ 800 100% Guaranteed

Entry Fee

Masters	Free
MCC Members	\$25
Non-members	\$30

Prizes

Open \$ 140 - 100 - 80

U2000 \$ 100 - 80 - 40

U1600 \$ 80 - 50 - 30

U1400 \$ 50 - 30 - 20

Championship Points

Open 80 - 50 - 30 - 20

U2000 40 - 25 - 15

U1600 20 - 12 - 8

25% bonus for winning all games

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

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

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

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

Club Championship Qualifying Points

1.	NM Denys Shmelov	196
2.	IM David Vigorito	186
3.	NM Lawyer Times	108
4.	IM Igor Foygel	97
5.	NM Charles Riordan	82
6.	Winston Huang	72
7.	Tian Rossi	58
8.	Mika Brattain	55
9.	FM John Curdo	44
10.	GM Arthur Bisguier	40

Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points

1.	Tian Rossi	58
2.	Mika Brattain	55
3.	Ethan Thompson	40
4.	Neil Cousin	32
5.	Al Ward	32
6.	Danny Angermeier	32
7.	Mark Fins	31
8.	Alexander Paphitas	30
9.	Warner Smith	27
10.	Dave Rivera	26

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	
NM Denys Shmelov	2473		32	100		64								196	3	1	
IM David Vigorito	2445	52	64	50		20								186	Met	2	
NM Lawyer Times	2234		4	20	64	20								108	Met	3	
IM Igor Foygel	2490			50	27	20								97	3	4	
NM Charles Riordan	2396	52		30										82	2	5	
Winston Huang	2046		32	40										72	Met	6	
Tian Rossi	1762		11	15	32									58	Met	7	1
Mika Brattain	1960	40		15										55	Met	8	2
FM John Curdo	2248	20	4	20										44	Met	9	
GM Arthur Bisguier	2212	20		20										40	3	10	
Ethan Thompson	1673					40								40	2	11	3
Neil Cousin	1932	16				16								32	Met	12	4
Al Ward	1828	16			16									32	Met	13	5
Danny Angermeier	1739		32											32	Met	14	6
Derek Slater	2114		4		27									31	Met	15	
Mark Fins	1845			15		16								31	Met	16	7
Alexander Paphitas	1784			30										30	Met	17	8
Rolf Wetzell	2011				27									27	Met	18	
Warner Smith	1579		11		8	8								27	Met	19	9
Dave Rivera	1699		11	15										26	2	20	10
Jensiang Hong	1461	6				20								26	Met	21	11
Jesse Nicholas	1866			25										25	3	22	12
NM Ilya Krasik	2178		4	20										24	Met	23	
John Chamberlain	2045					20								20	3	24	
Robert Holmgren	1667				16									16	Met	25	13
Henry Clark	1580	16												16	Met	26	14
Elliot Strassman	Prov.				16									16	2	27	15
Milad Afdasta	1701	15												15	2	28	16
Nikita Konovalchuk	1816		11											11	2	29	17
Larry Eldridge	1783		11											11	1	30	18
John Dorfman	1486		11											11	3	31	19
Walter Champion	1646			8										8	Met	32	20
William Stein	1642					8								8	3	33	21
Leonard Gruenberg	1528			8										8	Met	34	22

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 (PSB) 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 (UWB) 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; full rating takes precedence over a provisional rating.

Coin toss.

Championship Points Earned for 2010 by Tournament in 2009

2009 Events	Open Section	Upper Section	Middle Section
January 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. D.Vigorito (52), C.Riordan (52) 3. J.Curdo (20), A.Bisguier (20)	1. M.Brattain (32+8 PSB) 2. N.Cousin (16), A.Ward (16) + M.Afdasta (15 UWB)	1. H.Clark (16) 2. A.Moyer (6), J.Hong (6), R.Matthews (6)
February 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. D.Vigorito (64) 2. D.Shmelov (32), W.Huang (32) 4. J.Curdo (4), L.Times (4), I.Krasik (4), D.Slater (4), R.Harvey (4)	1. D.Angermeier (32) 2. N.Konovlchuk (11), L.Eldridge (11), T.Rossi (11)	1. D.Rivera (11), W.Smith (11), J.Dorfman (11)
March Club and Class Championships 5-RR ChPts: 80-50-30-20 40-25-15	1. D. Smelov(80 + 20 PSB) 2. D. Vigorito (50) 3. C. Riordan (30) 4. I. Krasik (20)	1. W. Huang (40) 2. J. Nicholas(25) 3. M. Brattain (15)	
March 5-SS ChPts: 50-30-20-10 / 30-20-10 / 15-10-5	1. I. Foygel (50) 2. J. Curdo (20) L. Times (20) A. Bisguier (20)	1. A. Paphitis (30) 2. M. Finns (15) T. Rossi (15)	1. D. Rivera (15) 2. W. Champion (8) L. Gruenberg(8)
April 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. L. Times (64) 2. I. Foygel (27) D. Slater (27) R. Wetzell (27)	1. T. Rossi (32) 2. A. Ward (16) R. Holmgren (16)	1. E. Strassman (16) 2. W. Smith (8) S. Schnair (8)
May 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. D. Shmelov (64) 2. I. Foygel (20) D. Vigorito (20) L. Times (20) J. Chamberlain (20)	1. E. Thompson (32 + 8 PSB) 2. N. Cousin (16) M. Fins (16)	1. J. Hong (16 + 4 PSB) 2. W. Stein (8) W. Smith (8)
June 5-SS ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
July 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
August 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
September 5-SS ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
October 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
November 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
December 5-SS ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.