



# MetroWest Chess Club

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## August 2009 Newsletter

### Highlights

#### MCC Independence Day Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	Igor Foygel, Denys K Shmelov (3.5/4)
U2000	Neil Cousin, Alfred Ward (3.5/4)
U1700	Richard Han (4.0/4)
U1400	Kenneth Ballou (4.0/4)

NOTE: **Special congratulations to Richard and Kenneth** who had perfect scores!

P.S. Soon Kenneth will be over 1400 :-)

#### 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:

- Weekly Group Lesson Program Director

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

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Round...

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

## COMPETE: Next Tournament

### MCC Hot Summer Days Swiss

**When** Tuesdays at 7:30 pm  
August 4, 11, 18, 25 2009

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

**Sections** Open, U2000, U1700, 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

**U1700** 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

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 July 2009

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

### Club Championship Qualifying Points

1.	NM Denys Shmelov	302
2.	IM Igor Foygel	203
3.	IM David Vigorito	186
4.	FM Charles Riordan	146
5.	NM Lawyer Times	121
6.	Neil Cousin	98
7.	Winston Huang	72
8.	Tian Rossi	58
9.	Al Ward	58
10.	Mika Brattain	55

### Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points

1.	Neil Cousin	98
2.	Tian Rossi	58
3.	Al Ward	58
4.	Mika Brattain	55
5.	Warner Smith	52
6.	Ethan Thompson	40
7.	Jenshiang Hong	38
8.	Mark Fins	35
9.	Calvin Hori	35
10.	Danny Angermeier	32

# 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 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> in the Open section and 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> in the Upper and Middle 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	2481		32	100		64	54	52						302	Met	1	
IM Igor Foygel	2489			50	27	20	54	52						203	Met	2	
IM David Vigorito	2484	52	64	50		20								186	Met	3	
FM Charles Riordan	2398	52		30			54	10						146	Met	4	
NM Lawyer Times	2233		4	20	64	20	3	10						121	Met	5	
Neil Cousin	1931	16				16	40	26						98	Met	6	1
Winston Huang	2038		32	40										72	Met	7	
Tian Rossi	1811		11	15	32									58	Met	8	2
Al Ward	1800	16			16			26						58	Met	9	3
Mika Brattain	1981	40		15										55	Met	10	4
Warner Smith	1574		11		8	8	25							52	Met	11	5
FM John Curdo	2213	20	4	20			3							47	Met	12	
GM Arthur Bisguier	2228	20		20										40	3	13	
Ethan Thompson	1790					40								40	Met	14	6
Jenshiang Hong	1611	6				20	12							38	Met	15	7
Mark Fins	1827			15		16		4						35	Met	16	8
Calvin Hori	1680						25	10						35	Met	17	9
Danny Angermeier	1807		32											32	Met	18	10
CM Derek Slater	2128		4		27									31	Met	19	
Alexander Paphitis	1731			30										30	Met	20	11
NM Ilya Krasik	2205		4	20			3							27	Met	21	
Rolf Wetzell	2021				27									27	Met	22	
Jesse Nicholas	1866			25			3							27	Met	23	12
Dave Rivera	1699		11	15										26	2	24	13
John Chamberlain	2069					20								20	Met	25	
Richard Han	1626							20						20	1	26	14
Robert Holmgren	1741				16									16	Met	27	15
Henry Clark	1618	16												16	Met	28	16
Elliot Strassman	Prov.				16									16	Met	29	17
Milad Afdasta	1701	15												15	2	30	18
Charlie Fauman	1657						15							15	Met	31	19
Nikita Konovalchuk	1859		11											11	2	32	20
Larry Eldridge	1822		11											11	2	33	21
Leonard Gruenberg	1529			8			3							11	Met	34	22
John Dorfman	1502		11											11	3	35	23
Joseph Perl	2085							10						10	2	36	
Grant Xu	1852							10						10	1	37	24
William Stein	1654					8		2						10	Met	38	25
Walter Champion	1600			8										8	Met	39	26



**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 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> in the Open section and 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> in the Club Championship and 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (PSB) 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
<b>January 4-SS</b> 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)
<b>February 4-SS</b> 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.Konvalchuk (11), L.Eldridge (11), T.Rossi (11)	1. D.Rivera (11), W.Smith (11), J.Dorfman (11)
<b>March Club and Class Championships 5-RR</b> 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)	
<b>March 5-SS</b> 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)
<b>April 4-SS</b> 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)
<b>May 4-SS</b> 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)
<b>June 5-SS</b> ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8	1. I. Foygel (54) D. Shmelov (54) C. Riordan (54) 4. J. Curdo (3) L. Times (3) I. Krasik (3) E. Astrachan (3) F. Yang (3) J. Fauman (3) J. Nicholas (3)	1. N. Cousin (40) 2. C. Hori (25) 3. C. Fauman (15)	1. W. Smith (20 + 5PSB) 2. J. Hong (12) 3. L. Gruenberg (3) D. Thompson (3) P. Fleurant (3)
<b>July 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. I. Foygel (52) D. Shmelov (52) 3. C. Riordan (10) L. Times (10) J. Perl (10) G. Xu (10)	1. N. Cousin (26) A. Ward (26) 3. M. Fins(4) A. Hu (4) G. Goulding(4)	1. R. Han (16 + 4PSB) 2. C. Hori (10) 3. W. Stein (2) R. King (2) C. Neogy (2)
<b>August 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
<b>September 5-SS</b> ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
<b>October 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
<b>November 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.

<b>December 5-SS</b> ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
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