



# MetroWest Chess Club

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## September 2009 Newsletter



This month we remember MetroWest Chess Club members in memoriam with the Stanley Crowe Memorial tournament.

Pictured above, starting top-left and going clockwise is Gus Gosselin, Menno Koning, Al Schaefer, Lomar Cormier, Ed Lafferty, with Stanley Crowe in the center.

## Highlights

### Hot Summer Day Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	Igor Foygel, Denys K Shmelov (3.5/4)
U2000	Ethan Thompson (3.5/4)
U1700	William Stein (3.5/4)
U1400	John McLaughlin, Alex Fauman, Neal Bruce (3.5/4)

NOTE: No perfect scores this month...

P.S. Kenneth is 1495 and plays in the U1700 now :-)

### National Chess Day – Oct 9, 2009

On Oct 9, 1976, as part of the bicentennial, Gerald Ford proclaimed that day “National Chess Day”.

Chess.com:

<http://www.chessmaniac.com/2006/12/president-gerald-ford-who-declared.php>

Deseret News (Salt Lake) Sept 17, 1976:

<http://news.google.com/newspapers?id=a0MOA AAAI BAJ&sjid=Y38DAAA A I BAJ&pg=6863,4634445&dq=national+chess+day+gerald+ford>

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

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

## Stanley Crowe - May 5 1935 – April 2, 1995



The Stanley Crowe Memorial (September 2009 tournament) is named for Stanley Crowe, a Club member, from way back when MetroWest CC was named Framingham CC.

*“...Stan used to say that he was an average blue collar worker with simple needs and desires. He felt that anything that he wanted or needed was just what the average person wanted or needed, and as such he was always the first to put faith in other people. And, although we know what he meant by average, to us he was extraordinary...”*

*...But by far his favorite hobby was chess. It was always on his mind. He played chess every chance he got. He played a lot at lunch hour with coworkers. Stan would play chess in his den at night on the computer and also worked out chess moves from his books, and games he had played, on his board. He played competitively on weekends. Stan would talk about chess moves to anyone who would listen.*

*Chess was Stan Crowe’s passion.”*

by Stan Crowe’s family, November 8, 2003

Full Stanley Crowe bio:

[http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/History/History\\_WriteUps/Stan\\_Crowe\\_Bio.pdf](http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/History/History_WriteUps/Stan_Crowe_Bio.pdf)

## COMPETE: Next Tournament

### MCC Stanley Crowe Memorial Swiss

**When** Tuesdays at 7:30 pm  
Sept 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 2009

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

**Sections** Open, U2000, U1700, U1400

**Prize Fund** \$ 730 100% Guaranteed

**Entry Fee**

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

#### Prizes

**Open** \$ 140 - 100 - 80

**U2000** \$ 100 - 80 - 40

**U1700** \$ 60 - 40 - 20

**U1400** \$ 40 - 20 - 10

#### Championship Points

**Open** 80 - 50 - 30 - 20

**U2000** 40 - 25 - 15

**U1700** 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 August 2009**

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

### **Club Championship Qualifying Points**

1.	NM Denys Shmelov	354
2.	IM Igor Foygel	255
3.	IM David Vigorito	186
4.	FM Charles Riordan	160
5.	NM Lawyer Times	121
6.	Neil Cousin	98
7.	Winston Huang	72
8.	Ethan Thompson	72
9.	Tian Rossi	58
10.	Al Ward	58

### **Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points**

1.	Neil Cousin	98
2.	Ethan Thompson	72
3.	Tian Rossi	58
4.	Al Ward	58
5.	Mika Brattain	55
6.	Warner Smith	52
7.	Calvin Hori	51
8.	Jenshiang Hong	38
9.	Mark Fins	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	2474		32	100		64	54	52	52					354	Met	1	
IM Igor Foygel	2492			50	27	20	54	52	52					255	Met	2	
IM David Vigorito	2482	52	64	50		20								186	Met	3	
FM Charles Riordan	2391	52		30			54	10	14					160	Met	4	
NM Lawyer Times	2261		4	20	64	20	3	10						121	Met	5	
Neil Cousin	1956	16				16	40	26						98	Met	6	1
Winston Huang	2096		32	40										72	Met	7	
Ethan Thompson	1752					40			32					72	Met	8	2
Tian Rossi	1820		11	15	32									58	Met	9	3
Al Ward	1811	16			16			26						58	Met	10	4
Mika Brattain	1989	40		15										55	Met	11	5
Warner Smith	1673		11		8	8	25							52	Met	12	6
Calvin Hori	1783						25	10	16					51	Met	13	7
FM John Curdo	2218	20	4	20			3							47	Met	14	
GM Arthur Bisguier	2228	20		20										40	Met	15	
Jenshiang Hong	1623	6				20	12							38	Met	16	8
Mark Fins	1828			15		16		4						35	Met	17	9
Danny Angermeier	1779		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	2252		4	20			3							27	Met	21	
Rolf Wetzell	2007				27									27	Met	22	
Jesse Nicholas	1935			25			3							27	Met	23	12
Dave Rivera	1699		11	15										26	2	24	13
William Stein	1694					8		2	16					26	Met	25	14
John Chamberlain	2071					20								20	Met	26	
Richard Han	1626							20						20	1	27	15
Leonard Gruenberg	1524			8			3		6					17	Met	28	16
Larry Pratt	1777								16					16	Met	29	17
Robert Holmgren	1720				16									16	Met	30	18
Elliot Strassman	1670				16									16	Met	31	19
Henry Clark	1618	16												16	Met	32	20
Charlie Fauman	1710						15							15	Met	33	21
Milad Afdasta	1701	15												15	2	34	22
NM Alex Cherniack	2323								14					14	1	35	
David Plotkin	2087								14					14	1	36	
Nikita Konovalchuk	1859		11											11	2	37	23
Larry Eldridge	1788		11											11	2	38	24
John Dorfman	1502		11											11	Met	39	25



**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.Konovalchuk (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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