



MetroWest Chess Club

Largest Chess Club in New England

Serving the MetroWest Boston chess community since 1983



This month we celebrate Fall with the Thanksgiving Swiss monthly tournament.

November 2009 Newsletter

COMMUNITY: About the Club

About the MetroWest Chess Club

MetroWest Chess Club is a 501(c)7 club incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on November 20, 2002. MetroWest Chess Club is a continuation of Framingham Chess Club started on May 3, 1983.

- Web address: www.MetroWestChess.org
- Street address: Natick Senior Center, 117 E. Central St. (Rt. 135), Natick MA 01760
- Phone number: 508 – 788 – 3641
- Email address: Info_Requests AT MetroWestChess DOT org

Playing at MetroWest Chess Club

- Remember, we are guests at the Natick Senior Center, please keep the facility safe and clean.
- Play starts at 7:30pm every Tuesday night. A new tournament starts every month, Round 1 on the 1st Tuesday. Arrive early! Onsite registration ends at 7:20 PM sharp. Register on the round you will start playing.
- Both Players are responsible to make sure that their game result is recorded on the pairing sheet. If we do not have your result, you may not be paired the next round.
- A **BYE** can be requested ONLY by (a) Request in advance on paper (see a TD), or (b) Call **508-788-3641** before 7:00pm on the night in question. After 7:00pm we cannot check messages and you will forfeit.
- A **FORFEIT** is if you are paired, and you do not request a BYE, and you do not play. A forfeit results in immediate withdrawal from the tournament until the fine is paid. The fine must be paid before end of registration (7:20pm) on the night you want to play again. Fine for 1st forfeit = \$10. Multiple forfeits results in serious fines. See the pamphlet below.
- A tri-fold 2-sided pamphlet “New MCC Players Essential Information” is at: http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/Knowledge/FAQs/About_the_Club/FAQ_New_MC_C_Players_Essential_Information.pdf
- Club & Class Championships are explained in detail, including the current standings at the end of every newsletter.

About the MetroWest Chess Club Newsletter

- This newsletter is published monthly and posted on the MetroWest CC website, by following the “Newsletter” link. The MetroWest CC newsletter has been published continuously since November 2002, coinciding with incorporation.
- Older newsletters, historical flyers, articles, simuls and more, dating back to the opening night of Framingham CC in May 3, 1983, are available on the MetroWest CC website, by following the “History” link

COMPETE: Results of Last Tournament

Trick or Treat Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

- OPEN Igor Foygel
(4.0/4.0)
- U2000 Neil Cousin,
Ross Eldridge,
Calvin Hori
(3.5/4.0)
- U1700 Plamen Krastev
(3.5/4.0)
- U1400 Fred Harvey
(3.5/4.0)



**Perfect score of the month
Igor Foygel,
Open**



COMMUNITY : Game Collection

We have made the first step in major updates to the MetroWest CC game collection. On the Game Collection page on our website, we now have **938** games! In addition to games I have entered, David Harris has entered games from the 2008 Championship, and these are featured in their own link on both the Game Collection page, and the Championship page. If you have any games which should be included, please send them to gamearchive AT MetroWestChess DOT org.



Warner Smith
Program Manager,
Games Collection

Below is an example of a hard fought game from the 1998 MetroWest CC Championship between Joel Johnson and Ron Birnbaum. The game is annotated by both players.

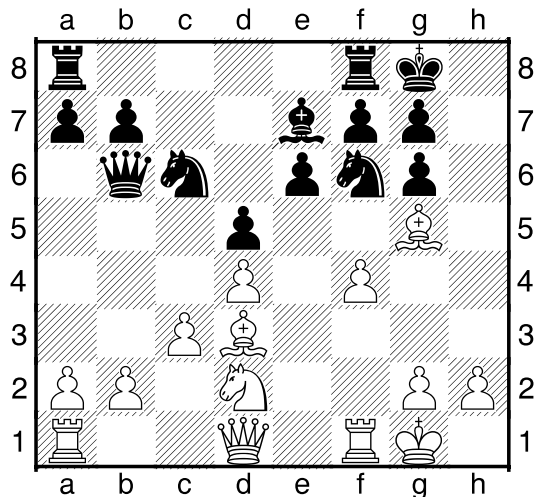
Johnson,Joel (2243) – Birnbaum,Ron (1995)

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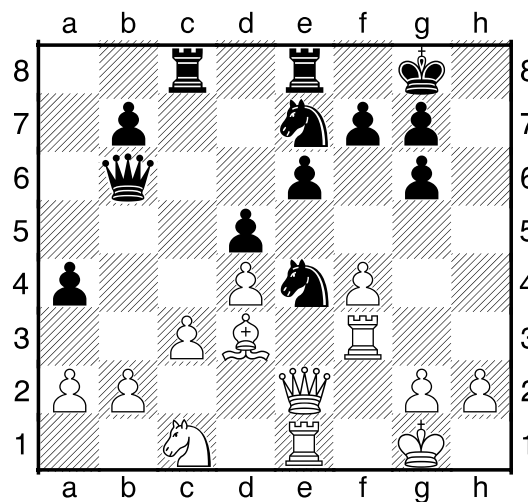
MCC Championship Metrowest Chess Club (3), 21.04.1998

[J Johnson/R Birnbaum]

B13: Caro–Kann Defense: Exchange Variation **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Nf6 6.Ne2!?** RB: Customary is Bf4 which leads to a solid but a bit cramped game for black. Usually White wants this knight to go to f3 where it can end up on e5. Perhaps Joel wanted to leave the main lines. **6...Bg4 7.0-0 e6 8.Bg5 Be7** RB: Too passive. Better is 8...Bd6. **9.Nd2 0-0 10.f3 Bh5 11.Nf4 Bg6 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.f4 Qb6**



RB: In positions such as these where White has a space advantage on the Kingside, Black must initiate counter-play on the Q-side as soon as possible. 13..Qc7 may be better so the b-pawn is free to move, but on b6 the d4 pawn is pinned and ...Nxe4 can be played in some variations. **14.Nb3 Rac8 15.Qe2 Rfe8 16.Rae1 a5 17.Rf3 a4 18.Nc1 Ne4!** RB: This move can be followed up by f5 or Nf5–d6. Now the game looks balanced. **19.Bxe7 Nxe7** Diagram



20.Rh3?? JJ: With 20.a3 white stops black's counterplay and then attacks on the King Side – White is controls the important squares and is better. RB: On 20.a3, black can play f5 followed by Kf7 and contest the h-file with Rh8. **20...a3!** RB: Attacking the pawn chain at the base in classical fashion. Now black's game is superior. [Johnson] After 20...a3!, white's position is in shambles. The pawn structure is wrecked, and the immediate threats leave White in no position to attack. **21.Bxe4 dxe4 22.b3 Nd5 23.Qxe4 Rxc3 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Rxb3 26.gxh3 Qb4 27.Rc1 Qd2 28.Rc2 Qd1+ 29.Kf2 Nxf4 30.Nxb7 Rxd4 31.Rc8+ Kh7 32.Qf3 Rd2+!** RB: After 33.Kg3 Qg1+!! it is mate in 2. **0-1**

COMPETE: Next Tournament

MCC Trick or Treat Swiss

When	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm November 3, 10, 17, 24 2009	Prizes										
Format	4-SS, 40/90, SD/30	Open	\$ 120 - 80 - 60									
Sections	Open, U2000, U1700, U1400	U2000	\$ 80 - 60 - 40									
Prize Fund	\$ 630 100% Guaranteed	U1700	\$ 60 - 40 - 20									
Entry Fee	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Masters</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Free</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>MCC Members</td> <td>\$20</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-members</td> <td>\$25</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Masters	Free		MCC Members	\$20		Non-members	\$25		Championship Points	
Masters	Free											
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		Open	64 - 40 - 24 - 16									
		U2000	32 - 20 - 12									
		U1700	16 - 10 - 6									
<p style="color: green;">Checkout the Possible Events of Interest link on the Club homepage for other events in the area,</p>		<p>25% bonus for winning all games</p> <p>15 point bonus for upset win/draw over an 1800+ player and 300/600 rating diff</p>										

Bookseller

Emanuel Raisin will have a large collection of chess books for sale during Round 1.

Weekly Group Lessons

Topic	Instructor	Date
Back to Basics: Tactics	Felix Yang	Round 1, Nov 3
Back to Basics: Endings	Felix Yang	Round 2, Nov 10
The Caro Kann	Felix Yang	Round 3, Nov 17
TBD	TBD	Round 4, Nov 24

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

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

Club Championship Qualifying Points

1.	IM Igor Foygel	384
2.	NM Denys Shmelov	354
3.	IM David Vigorito	206
4.	FM Charles Riordan	160
5.	NM Lawyer Times	146
6.	Neil Cousin	120
7.	NM Ilya Krasik	112
8.	Calvin Hori	73
9.	Winston Huang	72
10.	Ethan Thompson	72

Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points

1.	Neil Cousin	120
2.	Calvin Hori	73
3.	Ethan Thompson	72
4.	Warner Smith	59
5.	Tian Rossi	58
6.	Al Ward	58
7.	Mika Brattain	55
8.	Jenshiang Hong	38
9.	Robert Harvey	37
10.	Alexander Hu	37

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 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 Igor Foygel	2500			50	27	20	54	52	52	65	64			384	Met	1	
NM Denys Shmelov	2492		32	100		64	54	52	52					354	Met	2	
IM David Vigorito	2466	52	64	50		20					20			206	Met	3	
FM Charles Riordan	2397	52		30			54	10	14					160	Met	4	
NM Lawyer Times	2292		4	20	64	20	3	10		25				146	Met	5	
Neil Cousin	1966	16				16	40	26			22			120	Met	6	1
NM Ilya Krasik	2251		4	20			3			65	20			112	Met	7	
Calvin Hori	1818						25	10	16		22			73	Met	8	2
Winston Huang	2084		32	40										72	Met	9	
Ethan Thompson	1795					40			32					72	Met	10	3
John Chamberlain	2076					20				25	20			65	Met	11	
Warner Smith	1657		11		8	8	25			7				59	Met	12	4
Tian Rossi	1850		11	15	32									58	Met	14	5
Al Ward	1829	16			16			26						58	Met	13	6
Mika Brattain	1989	40		15										55	Met	15	7
FM John Curdo	2227	20	4	20			3							47	Met	16	
GM Arthur Bisguier	2227	20		20										40	Met	17	
Jenshiang Hong	1605	6				20	12							38	Met	18	8
Robert Harvey	1847		4							33				37	Met	19	9
Alexander Hu	1812							4		33				37	Met	20	10
Mark Fins	1848			15		16		4						35	Met	21	11
Danny Angermeier	1854		32											32	Met	22	12
CM Derek Slater	2132		4		27									31	Met	23	
Alexander Paphitis	1731			30										30	Met	24	13
Rolf Wetzell	2009				27									27	Met	25	
Jesse Nicholas	1894			25			3							27	Met	26	14
William Stein	1720					8		2	16					26	Met	27	15
Dave Rivera	1699		11	15										26	2	28	16
Elliot Strassman	1715				16					8				24	Met	29	17
Ross Eldridge	1844										22			22	1	30	18
Patrick Sciacca	2168										20			20	1	31	
Richard Han	1726							20						20	1	32	19
Alexander Jones	1465									20				20	Met	33	20
Leonard Gruenberg	1551			8			3		6					17	Met	34	21
Larry Pratt	1801								16					16	Met	35	22
Robert Holmgren	1731				16									16	Met	36	23
Plamen Krastev	1616										16			16	Met	37	24
Walter Champion	1600			8							8			16	Met	38	25
Henry Clark	1467	16												16	Met	39	26

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 (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
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.Konovalchuk (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. 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)
July 4-SS 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)
August 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. I. Foygel (52) D. Shmelov (52) 3. C. Riordan (14) A. Cherniack (14) D. Plotkin (14)	1. E. Thompson (32) 2. C. Hori (16) L. Pratt (16)	1. W. Stein (16) 2. L. Gruenberg (6) D. Thompson (6) B. Abelis (6)
September 5-SS ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8	1. I Foygel (65) I. Krasik (65) 3. L. Times (25) J. Chamberlain (25)	1. R. Harvey (33) A. Hu (33) 3. W. Xu (8) E. Stassman (8)	1. A. Jones (20) 2. W. Smith (7) A. Sorets (7) S. Rangan (7)
October 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. I. Foygel (64) 2. D. Vigorito (20) I. Krasik (20) P. Scaccia (20)	1. N. Cousin (22) C. Hori (22) R. Eldridge (22)	1. P. Krastev (16) 2. W. Champion (8) S. Wollkind (8)
November 4-SS	1.	1.	1.

ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	2. 3. 4.	2. 3.	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.