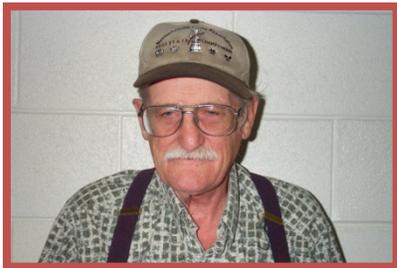




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Largest Chess Club in New England

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**MCC Memorial
Swiss:**
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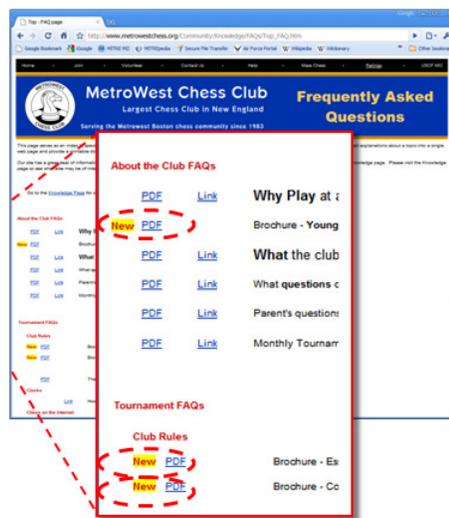
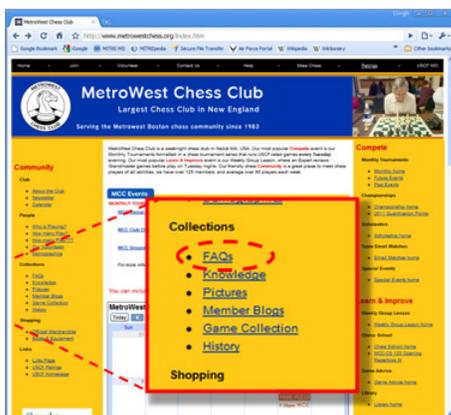
In memoriam:

Pictured starting top-center and going clockwise is: Stanley Crowe, Menno Koning, Al Schaefer, Lomar Cormier, Ed Lafferty, and Gus Gosselin



COMMUNITY: Club Brochures

There are three brochures to help new and experienced MetroWest CC players fully enjoy the Club and it's competitive events. From the MetroWest CC homepage, click on "FAQs" to bring you to the "Frequently Asked Questions" page. There you will find the three new brochures.



Each brochure is packaged as a PDF which can be printed as a single double-sided sheet and tri-folded. The three brochures are shown below with links to go directly to the PDFs.

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Essential Information for MCC Players

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7:20 PM Sharp

Call to request a bye before
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508 - 788 - 3641

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[Essential Information](#)

[Common Rules](#)

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COMMUNITY: Club on Social Media

MetroWest Chess Club has a rich website and a growing presence in popular social media. The website is at: <http://www.metrowestchess.org>

The most important feature on the website is the Google calendar depicted below. MetroWest Chess club uses Google calendar, so you can add it to your personal Google Calendar and be reminded of Club events. Directly below the calendar is the Google blog. The Google Calendar and Blog are both updated periodically, so check during a tournament to see if there are any newsworthy items.

The screenshot shows the MetroWest Chess Club website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like Home, Join, Volunteer, Contact Us, Help, Mass Chess, Ratings, and USCF MO. The main header features the club's logo and the text "MetroWest Chess Club - Largest Chess Club in New England - Serving the Metrowest Boston chess community since 1983".

Below the header, there are several sections:

- Community:** Includes links for Club (About the Club, Newsletter, Calendar), People (Who is Playing?, How many Players?, Our Volunteers, Demographics), Collections (FAQs, Knowledge, Rules, Member Blogs, Game Collection, History), and Shopping (Official Merchandise, Books & Equipment).
- Links:** Links to Links Page, USCF Ratings, and USCF homepage.
- Search:** A search bar with options to search WWW or MetroWestChess.
- Payment:** Acrobat Reader and PayPal logos with the text "Make the MCC your or just add it to".
- MCC News:** A section with a RSS feed icon and the text "Subscribe in MetroWest Chess Club".

The central focus is the **Google Calendar** for September 2010. It shows events for MetroWest Chess Club (MCC) and other local chess events. Key events include:

- September 7, 14, 21, 28: MCC Memorial Swiss
- September 12: MCC Hot Summer Days Swiss
- September 19: CCA - Green Mt. Open, VI
- September 26: CCA - Green

Annotations on the screenshot include:

- A black box labeled "Social Media" pointing to social media icons (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.) in the Community section.
- A black box labeled "Calendar" pointing to the Google Calendar widget.
- A black box labeled "Blog" pointing to the "MCC News" section.

In addition to the Google calendar and Google blog, MetroWest Chess Club is growing a presence on social media, such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. Click the Social Media link on the homepage for more information.

COMMUNITY: Call for Volunteers

MetroWest CC runs on volunteer energy!

We have a large crew of MetroWest CC members who give of their time, in “customer facing” as well as “back office roles”. This month we put out two calls for volunteers, followed by a spotlight of a current volunteer.

Registration Desk



Greg Cermak has been helping out at the registration desk for quite a while, and we appreciate all his help through the years! He will be moving out of the area, and won't be able to play or volunteer at the Club. We are looking for members who are interested in helping out on the registration desk, especially for Round 1.

Game Analysis and Database



David Harris has been helping with Game Analysis for quite a while. He is still with us, but we are looking for additional help for David in taking care of our game database, as well as expert level players who can lend a hand in analysis. We want to start a MetroWest CC game analysis blog soon – this will be a brand new addition to the Club features.

News Content and Blogging



Harvey Reed has and continues to manage the Monthly Newsletter, and Social Media activities. We are looking for volunteers who have talent and interest in creating social media content, and getting the word out via Blogs, Facebook, Twitter, etc. We need to continue the ongoing transition to timely and mobile-accessible web content, and eventually retire our monthly newsletter.

We have a volunteer spotlight on the next page. If you are a volunteer, and are interested in letting the Club know what you do, please contact Harvey or Mark. These spotlights are important as a means of recruiting additional volunteers and maintaining the Club vitality!

COMMUNITY: Volunteer Spotlight – Weekly Group Lesson



David Harris (left) and Felix Yang (below) have collaborated on Weekly Group Lessons for quite a while. This spotlight is on the Weekly Group Lessons from the perspective of Felix. Felix is now at BU Academy, with a focus on biology and neural studies. Felix is shown to the left in his most recent Facebook status picture. Very “debonair”! I asked Felix to summarize his volunteer experience, including collaborating with David Harris. His account is below:



Why I chose to volunteer for the MetroWest Chess Club:

Volunteering at the MetroWest Chess Club allows me to talk about a game that I enjoy, and sharing ideas and concepts with other players only makes it better. It's a great experience to listen to other players' opinions as it is to provide my own input. I love to talk chess with people, whether it is going over games, explaining positional maneuvers over the display board, or typing up lessons, and in this way, I feel I can help the MetroWest chess community. The MetroWest chess community always has a great amount of people with whom to discuss chess, and with that comes a great variety of chess minds.

How I balance chess and academics:

As a student, I find my time for my hobby limited, but the time I spend teaching at the MetroWest Chess Club allows me to keep in touch with the game. Teaching not only allows me to spread what I know, but also requires me to book up and make sure that I actually know what I am teaching. Aside from volunteering at the MetroWest Chess Club, I am also the captain of the Boston University Academy Chess team and leader/teacher of the school club. While I may be a student, it is important to me to keep in touch with the royal game.

What is my favorite lesson?

My favorite lesson was probably one I gave near Halloween 2009. It was titled “Trick or Treat” or something like that, and it featured several studies that simply blew my mind, such as Sam Loyd's famous “Excelsior” study. When I gave the lesson, I just wanted to show people what amazed me and hopefully amazed them as well. I don't always have something typed up for everyone, so sometimes I analyze games. Another one of my favorite lessons was a productive analysis session with a strong class B player. He maneuvered his pieces to obtain a sizeable advantage over his opponent, but was unsure how to press the advantage and instead agreed to a draw. I recalled a similar situation in one of Karpov's games and suggested a similar strategy, which eventually won in all lines.

My partnership with David Harris:

Mr. Harris is a witty and strong expert and I am excited to take on the responsibility of instructing the MetroWest Chess Club community with him. I sat in on one of his lessons one day, and he brought in a lesson on the English featuring an interesting game between Karpov and Yusupov. He took care to explain the details behind the position and explain the motives behind the moves.

Always open to more teachers:

I mentioned that teaching chess is a great way to improve one's game; the input from the audience as well as fact-checking is beneficial to chess. That said, we are also available for more volunteers. We don't even require you to be a constant teacher like Mr. Harris and I, but if you have a gem of chess wisdom that you are comfortable sharing with the MetroWest Chess Community, we encourage you to lead a teaching session!

Contact me at [felix_yang AT buacademy.org](mailto:felix_yang@buacademy.org) for details.

COMMUNITY: Natick Senior Center

Natick Senior Center is moving!

Announcement from the Senior Center:

During the construction of Natick's new community senior center, the Senior Center and the club will be temporarily relocating to a new location for about 14 to 18 months

Our temporary quarters will be at the former East School at 90 Oak Street, Natick:

It is on the westbound side of Route 9 opposite Scrub-a-Dub carwash.

The entrance is on Oak Street.

It was most recently occupied by Westgate Christian Academy—some people may have known where that was.

Currently the schedule calls for the move to occur “the first of the year”:

The move will most likely take place over a weekend and we should have at least two to three weeks notice prior to the move.

COMPETE: Results of Last Tournament

MCC Hot Summer Days Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	David Vigorito, Igor Foygel, Lawyer Times (4.0/5.0)
U2000	Neil Cousin, Robert Harvey (4.0/5.0)
U1700	Travis Nilsson (4.5/5.0)
U1400	Jeremiah Campanelli (4.5/5.0)

Perfect Scores



Not this month... check in next month

(below)

Last round excitement in Open section



Jim Rizzitano in “Buy, Try, Gain!” – he was here for a Round 2 book signing, and he will be back in October 12 (Round 2) to help people who purchased his book, analyze their Najdorf Sicilian games!



COMPETE: Next Tournament

MCC Memorial Swiss

When Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
September 7, 14, 21, 28 2010

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,

Bookseller and Weekly Group Lessons

Emanuel Rasin of “Books from Europe”



Weekly Group Lessons



The current championship qualification standings are available online at:

http://www.metrowestchess.org/Compete/Championships/2011/2011_Championship_Qualification_Points_List.pdf