

2016-10: Newsletter

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MetroWest Chess Club

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Monthly Event:

This month's event is a **four** week tournament.

- Round 1 is Tuesday October 4
- Sections with less than 8 players may be merged with another section

Due to the constraints of our playing site, all events at our current location are:

G/60; d5 dual-rated

Registration closes at 7:20 pm. If you arrive after that you may not be paired. We must be strict due to having to exit the building promptly at 10:00 pm.

Club Relocation Status:

Beginning in January of 2015 we began an aggressive search for a new location to play. This was prompted by the Natick Community Center where we are currently playing informing us that they were required to enforce the town regulations that do not permit renters to remain in the building after 10:00 pm. We wish to relocate so that we can return to our traditional format of slow chess with time controls of 40/90; SD/30 d5. A year and a half of playing G/60 has not resulted in the membership or the board wanting to stay where we are and playing G/60. In the first few months after our search began we did a very extensive search of places we could **rent** for Tuesday nights. Our requirement of needing to accommodate at least 80 cars for parking and being allowed to stay till midnight was the primary reason we eliminated over 80 locations. The few sites that passed this initial screening did not have the capacity for much more than 80 players and none had the necessary space that could be used for skittles and people waiting. After exhausting our search of regional places to rent we then began searching for a location to **lease**. Leasing would mean that we will have access to our space 24/7 but with it would come a very significant monthly rent. If we end up leasing a location the club will have to run events on weekends and seeking other renters so that we can afford the monthly rent.

Locations that might meet our criteria for leasing come and go all the time,

often with a great deal of time in-between occurrences.

In the near future you will be able to find the various reports and information about our search on the club web site. We are creating an archive so that we can reference the materials we have produced for both the present and future searches. Among the materials that will be posted are quick reference pages that list our screening criteria, informational pages we provide during cold-calls and follow ups that we make and reports that describe the factors that shape our thinking about relocating. Once the archive is created you will be able to following along with our search efforts more actively than the occasional newsletter status update.

Things Lost, Things found: Boards, Clocks, Pieces and more:

While the pens we provide seem to always be less by the end of the night, not so with chess pieces. If you find yourself short a piece or two we may have it. We also accumulate "un-named" chess bags and boards from time to time. We often find sweaters and lite jackets. After a few weeks of waiting for someone to ask for them we give them to the Community Center's lost and found as we can't be sure if it belongs to one of our players or not. We have very limited storage and cannot archive things for very long.

New players to the club often don't have their own chess set and clock yet so we keep a small number of sets and clocks on hand for them. As a chess player you should always have your equipment with you just like any other sport.

Please bring your own:

- Board
- Pieces
- Clock
- Score Sheets
- Writing implement

Please remember to:

- Put your name on your clock
- Put your name on your Score book
- Put your name in or on your chess bag
- Your initials on the bottom of your pieces !!!
- Take all your things home with you each week.

Please do not use:

- The Clubs Chronos clocks.
 - These are for use by the TDs for situations that may arise.
- The club's sets and pieces unless you do not own your own yet.
 - Bring your own equipment every week.



FALL Chess Classes(Scholastic Chess Classes)

RSM-MetroWest in Framingham is now enrolling for **FALL Chess Classes**. Fall Classes meet on Wednesdays 6:10 – 7:40 pm September through January

The class is for students in elementary and middle school students, and is offered at two levels:

- Chess I - for beginners
- Chess II - for intermediate/advanced players (requires approval of the Chess Master).

Instructors: Lou Mercuri and Vadim Martirosov

Dates, fees and other details at www.metrowestschool.com/chess.html

- Please submit an application by following the ENROLL button at www.metrowestschool.com
- Please indicate the Chess Class you would like in the Comments field of the application

Web

Site: www.metrowestschool.com/chess.html

Email: info@metrowestschool.com

Phone: **508-283-1355**.

More detail, signup information and background of our Masters can be found at:

www.metrowestschool.com/chess.html

Contact us at info@metrowestschool.com for questions and inquiries.



New England Chess School (Scholastic Chess Classes)

After school & Weekend chess classes

- Enriched after-school and weekend activity for elementary school aged children.
- All levels are welcome from beginners to already serious tournament player

For more information:

<http://www.chessne.com/>

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