



MetroWest Chess Club

MCC Monthly Newsletter
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Largest Chess Club
in
New England
USA!

USCF Club of the Year for
2002!

Round 1 - "MCC Short Month Swiss" Tuesday February 4, 2003

Round 1 of the "Short Month Swiss". For details, see below.

MCC is 20 years old in June 2003!

We will start planning for a summer celebration of our 20 year anniversary. If you have ideas for how we can make our 20 year celebration fun for everyone, please send your ideas to info@metrowestchess.org.

We are also collecting club history and pre-history. **If you played at Framingham Chess Club, which is now MetroWest Chess Club, Inc. anytime from June 1983 (start) to the present**, we want to record the history, from your point of view. Fred Harvey will be setting up interviews, please [contact Fred via email](#).

MCC Annual Membership Meeting Tuesday January 21, 2003

The meeting was very brief with President Mark Kaprielian calling for a vote to ratify the actions of the Board for the last year which was then approved without no dissent by the membership. Mark then answered general questions such as parking being available in the back of the building should the front parking be filled and possible other activities that may be planned for Thursday nights which is now reserved by the Senior Center in addition to Tuesdays nights for MCC activities.

MCC Library (by Matt Phelps)

Greetings from your new MCC Library Program Director! A few things are underway currently, and soon I hope to begin some new initiatives to make the MCC Library an even more outstanding resource for club members.

We are evaluating new software to re-catalog our existing collection. In light of this, if you have books or videos checked out from the library that you are not actively using, please return them ASAP. It is important for us to get a good inventory of what we have so we know how we can improve the collection.

There are already several new titles geared for novices. This will help club volunteers and members who get queries like "How do I get started playing chess?"

A new email address, Library@MetroWestChess.org has been set up. Please feel free to send suggestions, questions, or requests directly to that address, or see me on Tuesday nights!

Coaches/Teachers! (new)

MCC will be adding an MCC coaches page to our new website. This is an MCC Member benefit, and the requirements to be listed are:

1. Coaches who are MCC members AND have played at MCC in the last six months, and/or
2. Coaches who have at least one current student who is an MCC member AND that student has played at MCC in the last six months.

It's as simple as that! If you qualify, please send the following to info@metrowestchess.org:

1. A picture (GIF or JPG format)
2. Name and contact info (phone, email, website)
3. Target skill level of prospective student
4. Summary of your teaching or coaching method
5. Success stories

Weekly Group Lesson (by John Chamberlain) Tuesdays in February 2003

FM Igor Foygel returns to club play this month after participating in the US Championships last month in Seattle. He will be speaking at the Round 1 class with the theme of "Looking inside the Event". He may also be discussing several positions/situations from several of the games at the event.

The Weekly Group Lessons will start again in Round 2.

Chess School (by Howard Goldowsky) Thursday February 20, 2003

Thursday January 16 was the third meeting of the Chess School. Attendance was down from the previous two classes, including only one new student, but the eleven or twelve students who attended were all in attendance at least one other class, forming a core group of participants.

Previous classes had about fourteen to sixteen participants.

NM Lou Mercuri lectured again last night, covering N vs P endings from the basics of how to stop a single passed pawn with just a knight to more complex subtleties of knight vs. pawn endings. I think that many of the lower rated players are getting a lot out of the course, as many comment on how they had not previously thought about the principles and ideas that we're covering. Next month Lou will not be lecturing, and we will be covering N+P vs N+P endings, probably one of the most difficult topics of the course. It will be interesting to see if attendance is down again next month. It would be interesting to understand what effects attendance: difficulty of material, presence of Lou, cold weather, pizza, etc.

Team Email Match (by Harvey Reed)

MCC is still ...

If you are interested in a deep-think, no-computer, email match as part of an MCC Team, let me know. I've already had verbal requests. Please [send me email](#), so I can start keeping track.

North East Chess & Getaway! (by Severine Wamala)

The Winter Getaway is a little over a week away. The MCC still has a lead in the club prize attendance numbers so far but the MCC is the club everyone is trying to beat so help support the MCC and have a great weekend chess experience with the opportunity for some great prizes and fun for yourself.

New! Added for those of you who can only play one day on the weekend, **Two, 1-day events** are being offered. Same format, same time, same prizes, one on Saturday, the other on Sunday.

See the flyers on the [Maca web site](#) for details

See you there!

Book & Equipment Vendor Tuesday February 4, 2003

Randy Malcuit will be at the Club before Round 1 and during play for your shopping convenience!

He will have the new Fritz 8 and 1 copy of the new Shredder 7 and will also have some digital clocks that he hasn't carried before so come check those out. He is offering a deal on the new Roman Lab 10 video set, \$225. There is only 1 set left so contact him now if you want it. First come first serve.

Please [email Randy](#) if you need him to bring a particular book or piece of equipment. (Note, he has a new address)

Open Section, we are collecting your games!

Plamen Krastev is our game archivist. If you are in the open section, please use the 'carbonless score sheets' that we provide, and leave the duplicate sheet at the TD desk when you are done with your game.

Round 1 - "MCC Short Month Swiss" (by James Krycka) Tuesday February 4, 2003

February 4, 11, 18, 25 2003 **4-SS 40/90, SD/30**

Total prizes \$610, 100% G

Open \$ 200 - 100 - 50 (we are collecting game scores)

U1750 \$ 80 - 50 - 30

U1400 \$ 50 - 30 - 20

EF all sections: Masters>2200 Free, MCC \$ 15, Others \$ 20

Help the newbies!

Please bring your own sets and clocks. We have a limited number available for use by those new to the game without their own equipment yet.

Notes From Program Directors

Please put notes here, then the editor will incorporate

Comments, questions, critiques: info@metrowestchess.org

Be fully prepared to play each round! Limer up with the:

[MCC Weekly Group Lesson](#)

Don't lose that point! Squeeze points out of your opponents with the:

["Endgame Course" at MCC Chess School](#)

Put your game in focus! Ask an Expert for advice... literally with the:

[MCC Game Advice](#)

Need to save money by borrowing a book or video for a couple of weeks? You can, with the:

[MCC Library](#)

Do you want to sharpen your deep analysis skills via email correspondence chess? In an MCC Team environment? And bring those skills back to your MCC Monthly Tournament games?

[MCC Team Email Matches](#)

Ever wonder what other MCC members play for their opening? Wonder no more!

[MCC Game Collection](#)