



MetroWest Chess Club

Largest Chess Club in New England

Serving the MetroWest Boston chess community since 1983

January 2005 Newsletter

- **Family Teams** → Family teams can now "avoid pairings" in all sections except Open section! This is a big step to making the Club even friendlier to families. We appreciate the direct and important impact that participating families had in making their case to the Board. The Board accepted the proposal unanimously. This change is effective immediately with the January 2005 "Winter Warmer" Swiss. Thank you!
- **Weekly Group Lesson** → Chamberlain is back – this time with a look at the dynamics of strategy. Here is a look at this month, starting at Round 2 – 6:15 PM:
 - Do your games have that plodding feeling? Tense maneuvering in closed positions? This month we explore how you can control the strategic dynamics of the position to match your piece placement. If you have bishops you want an open or hybrid center. If you have knights you want a symmetrical center. If you have an advantage you will often need to create an open file or two to exploit it. This series is about recognizing and achieving those goals.
 - (remember, Round 1 is the book & equipment vendor)
 - Round 2: Pawn structure and piece play
 - Round 3: Open and semi-open files
 - Round 4: Choosing between static versus dynamic positions
 - Round 5: Strategy and structure for king attacks
- **On-Time** → Weekly Group Lesson will start at 6:15 PM to allow for a full hour, ending promptly at 7:15 PM. Registration will close promptly at 7:20 pm so we can read pairings before 7:30 PM. We will start the clocks at 7:30 PM
- **Championship** → Qualification Points for both Club and Class Championships posted in the Championships page
- **Director elections** → Kaprielian, Reed, Bottini, Chamberlain, Krycka, Phelps, Todhunter are nominated to the slate of Directors. The Director election is uncontested, so there is no further nomination action required on behalf of members. Contact Mark Kaprielian for more info.
- **Officer elections** → The annual officer election, performed by the recently elected Directors, is Tuesday January 18, 2005, at 6:30pm.

From the Editor:

I am very serious about needing help with this newsletter. If you know how to use Microsoft Word™ then you can help assemble it. And again, thanks to James Krycka who feeds me the monthly results and Championship updates!

Harvey Reed
Editor

COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Calendar

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Tuesday January 14	Round 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly group lesson 														
Monday January	Round 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly group lesson 														
Friday-Sunday January 21-23	NorthEast Chess, Winter Getaway , Marlboro Radisson → entry 3-day: \$99 by 01/05: \$120 cash at site → \$69 hotel room – book now														
Tuesday January 28	Round 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly group lesson 														
Friday-Sunday April 29-May 1	NorthEast Chess, Spring Getaway , Marlboro Radisson														

COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Activities and Info

Club	Partner
<p>Board of Directors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To learn more about our governance, visit the Governance page (home→ About→ Governance) You can locate the minutes from past Board meetings and the Agenda for the next meeting 	<p>NorthEast Chess</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizer Severine Wamala swamala AT hotmail.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email and PayPal™ 219 Central St Lowell, MA 01852 978-453-4342 (night) <p>See Club and Partner Calendar for upcoming event dates. Visit our homepage news for flyers.</p>
<p>Seeking Volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library (see Matt Phelps) Chess School (see Harvey Reed) Mentoring (see Harvey Reed) Newsletter (see Harvey Reed) 	<p>Stateline Chess</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proprietor Randi Malcuit statelinechess AT hotmail.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email and PayPal™ <p>See Club and Partner Calendar for upcoming event dates. Visit our homepage news for flyers.</p>
<p>Please Remember!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renew your USCF membership with Mark Kaprielian. He will donate "USCF Member Appreciation" prize money to the Club. Register early, by 7:15pm, there will be shorter lines and better parking Additional parking in rear of building, first left as you turn into the Senior Center 	<p>Greater Worcester Chess Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizer Donna Alarie Donnachesspals AT aol.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email 508-847-8574 (night) www.chesspals.com <p>See Club and Partner Calendar for upcoming event dates. Visit our homepage news for flyers.</p>
<p>Official Merchandise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have a number of items in stock for sale, T-shirts, Polo shirts and caps that can be purchased on Tuesdays. To view our complete line of merchandise, home → Official Merchandise. Everything can be ordered online, securely, via Pay Pal, or with a paper form available at the Club. 	

COMPETE :: Monthly Tournaments

Section results below –

Print them and show your friends 😊



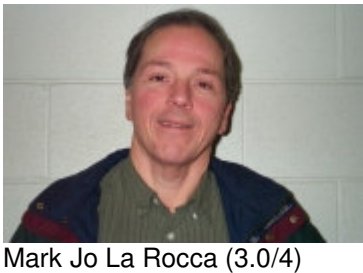
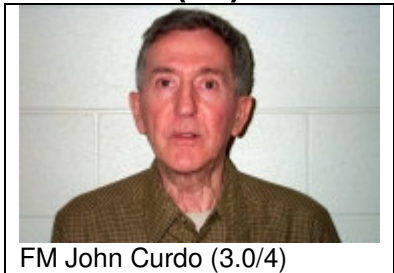
December 2004 Event Winners

OPEN

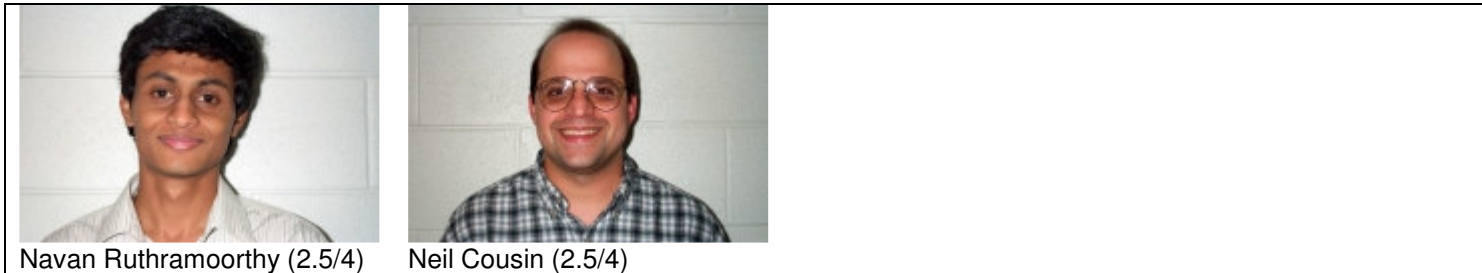
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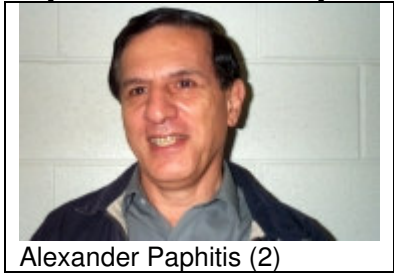
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U2000 Class Contenders



Upsets over 200 points





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U1800

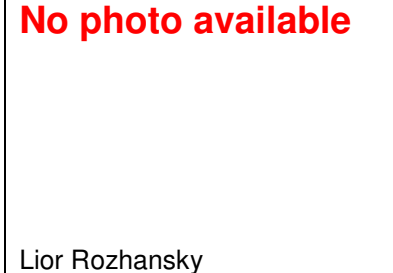
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2nd Prize (tie)



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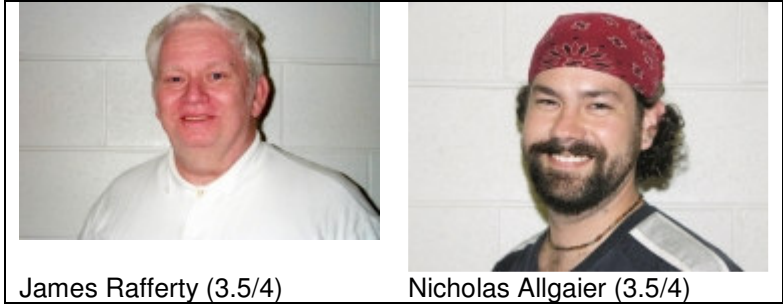




**December 2004
Event Winners**

U1500

1st Prize (tie)



James Rafferty (3.5/4)

Nicholas Allgaier (3.5/4)

3rd Prize (tie)



Jenshiang Hong (3.0/4)

Douglas Thompson (3.0/4)

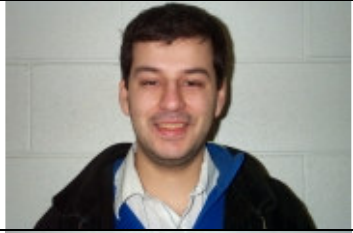

George Duval (3.0/4)






Upsets over 200 points

None

COMPETE :: Club Championship






The qualification cycle for the 2005 MCC Club Championship is now complete. IM Igor Foygel, who placed in 10 of this year's 12 events, has nearly quadruple-lapped the field with an amazing 756 points! Ilya Krasik with 6 placements, FM John Curdo with 9 placements, and John Chamberlain with 4 scoring events follow, each earning over 100 points. Trevor de Koekkoek and Alexander Paphitis nailed down the last two spots. Both are also eligible for the U2000 Class Championships and they may choose to play in either event. Bijan Haririan and Navan Ruthramoorthy are the first two alternates should any of the first 6 qualifiers decline to play in the Club Championship. Paphitis tied for 2nd place in the December Open section to move up two places into the final spot. He is the only qualifier to earn points in both Open and Class sections. Also of note was Mark Jo La Rocca's consistent performance in the Open section, placing 4 times. The top-10 qualifiers for the 2005 Club championship are as follows:





1.	IM Igor Foygel		756
2.	Ilya Krasik		197
3.	FM John Curdo		163
4.	John Chamberlain		138
5.	Trevor de Koekkoek		72

6.	Alexander Paphitis		60
7.	Bijan Haririan		53
8.	Navan Ruthramoorthy		48
9.	Joseph Francis		45
10.	Mark Jo La Rocca		42

COMPETE :: Class Championship

Trevor de Koekkoek, the 2004 Class Champion, sits atop the final 2005 MCC Class Championship qualification standings. Runner-up is Alexander Paphitis. Both players also qualified for the Club Championship and they can choose to play in either event. Navan Ruthramoorthy, Joseph Francis, Calvin Hori, and George Goulding round out the top-6 places. Niki Konolvalchuk's sweep of the December U1800 section earned him 7th place. The other alternates are Matthew Phelps, Hadrian Zbarcea, and Walter Champion in a very close race with only 6 points separating all four alternates. The top-10 qualifiers for the 2005 Class Championship are as follows:

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5.	Calvin Hori		40

6.	George Goulding		39
7.	Niki Konovalchuk		36
8.	Matthew Phelps		35
9.	Hadrian Zbarcea		34
10.	Walter Champion		30

COMPETE :: Club and Class Championship Full details

The 2005 MCC Club Championship and the MCC Class Championship qualification details are now posted on the Club website on the Championships page (look in the right menu of home page).

COMPETE :: Scholastics

The Scholastic Tournament tournaments for summer 2004 are complete, and standings are posted. If you are interested in volunteering for next year, let me know!

For more info, contact John Bottini → JBottini at MetroWestChess.org



COMPETE :: Team Email Match

The match is winding down. **The IECC currently leads us 5.5 – 0.5.** You can view the games (minus the last three moves for those in progress) home → Team Email Match → MCC-03 v IECC-84. The games will be updated this month.

For more info, contact Eric Berkey, Team Captain → BESENJ157 at aol.com



LEARN & IMPROVE :: Weekly Group Lesson

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Contact John Chamberlain for more info.



LEARN & IMPROVE :: Chess School

Overview of MetroWest Chess Club -- Chess School

MetroWest CC Chess School is a member-only benefit that offers instructional courses on Thursday nights. These courses complement the competitive over the board play of Tuesday nights, by providing learning as well as socializing. These courses are ideal for the serious student of the game who wants some structure, good feedback, and lots of fun!

The last class on openings concluded Thursday December 2, 2004 and was a success. We are considering future class formats and topics.

We are seeking volunteers to help with future Chess School courses.



Howard Goldowsky
Chess School Program Director



Mark LaRocca
Chess School Instructor

LEARN & IMPROVE :: Game Advice

We are currently recruiting a mentoring volunteer to help new members get acquainted, and to coordinate getting their first games run thru "Game Advice".

Contact Harvey Reed → HReed at MetroWestChess.org if you wish to volunteer.



LEARN & IMPROVE :: Library

We are currently recruiting a library volunteer. The Library is in good shape, and taking care of it is light duty. However, this is a key position, since it gets quite a bit of use from the lower sections.

Contact Matt Phelps → Library at MetroWestChess.org if you wish to volunteer.

