



# MetroWest Chess Club

Largest Chess Club in New England

Serving the MetroWest Boston chess community since 1983

## February 2006 Newsletter

### Highlights

#### MCC Winter Warmer Results

Congratulations to the winners:

Open IM Igor Foygel (5.0/5)  
U1800 Larry Eldridge (4.5/5)  
U1450 Matthew Cater (5.0/5)

#### MCC Valentine Swiss

Please do not get carried away and give out over-the-board Valentines to your opponents this month in our Valentine Swiss..

Tuesdays in February at 7:30 pm. Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28. 4 sections: Open, U1900, U1650, U1350.

#### HARRY NELSON PILLSBURY HISTORICAL GRAVE MARKER

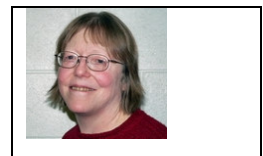
The year 2006 marks the 100th anniversary of the death of the famous American player Harry Nelson Pillsbury. To commemorate this occasion, the Massachusetts Chess Association (MACA) has plans to place an historical marker on the grave of Pillsbury in Laurel Hill Cemetery in Reading, where the family plot is located. The grave site is an obelisk in the rear of the cemetery and has remained without care for many, many years. MACA would like to identify this grave site as the final resting place of Pillsbury, who was born Dec. 5, 1872, in Somerville, MA, and died June 17, 1906, in Philadelphia. He was the "Hero of Hastings" in 1895 and U.S. champion from 1897 until his untimely death at age 33. Funds are needed to pay for this grave marker and MACA wishes to solicit the members of the MetroWest Chess Club, without a doubt the largest and most successful club in New England -- if not the country -- to contribute toward this project. A ceremony unveiling of this grave marker in Laurel Hill Cemetery will take place on Saturday, June 17, at a time to be announced on the MACA Web site. Tax-deductible contributions may be made payable to MACA and sent to the Harry Nelson Pillsbury Historical Grave Marker Project, c/o Robert Messenger, MACA Treasurer, 4 Hamlett Dr, Apt. 12, Nashua, NH 03062. In addition, anyone donating at least \$35 can place Pillsbury's name on the list of individuals in the Living Memorial Chess Fund, which furnishes free chess sets to schools, libraries and junior chess clubs.

#### From the Editor

The very high number of upsets this month indicates rapid improvement of many players. Congratulations and keep it up!

Happy Valentine's Day to all!

Kate Gasser  
Newsletter Editor



## COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Calendar

<b>Tuesday, February 7</b> 7:30 pm	<b>Round 1 – MCC Valentine Swiss</b> <b>Weekly group lesson at 6:30–</b> John Chamberlain on basic tactics. Emanuel Rasin with <b>Books from Europe.</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 14</b> 7:30 pm	<b>Round 2 – MCC Valentine Swiss</b> <b>Weekly group lesson at 6:30–</b> John Chamberlain on basic tactics.
<b>Tuesday, February 21</b> 7:30 pm	<b>Round 3 – MCC Valentine Swiss</b> <b>Weekly group lesson at 6:30–</b> John Chamberlain on basic tactics.
<b>Tuesday, February 28</b> 7:30 pm	<b>Round 4 – MCC Valentine Swiss</b> <b>Weekly group lesson at 6:30–</b> John Chamberlain on basic tactics.

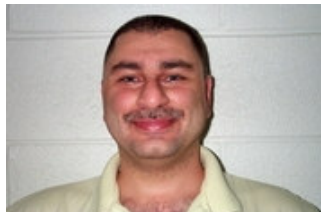
## COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Activities and Info

### CLUB

#### Board of Directors

To learn more about our governance, visit  
[http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/Club/Governance/Top\\_Governance.htm](http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/Club/Governance/Top_Governance.htm)

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### PARTNER

#### Books from Europe – Round 1

- Proprietor Emanuel Rasin
- [www.BooksFromEurope.com](http://www.BooksFromEurope.com)



## COMPETE :: MCC Valentine Swiss

### NEXT TOURNAMENT!

<b>When</b>	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm February 7, 14, 21, 28		<b>Prizes</b>
<b>Format</b>	4-SS, 40/90, SD/30	<b>Open</b>	\$150-100-50
<b>Sections</b>	Open, U1900, U1650, U1350	<b>U1900</b>	\$90-60-30
<b>Prize Fund</b>	\$ 670 Guaranteed	<b>U1650</b>	\$60-40-20
<b>Entry Fees</b>	Masters                      Free MCC Members                \$15 Others                            \$20	<b>U1350</b>	\$40-20-10
			<b>Championship Points</b>
		<b>Open</b>	64-32-16
		<b>U1900</b>	24-12
		<b>U1650</b>	8
			50% bonus for perfect score

## COMPETE :: Monthly and Championship Tournaments

Section results below – Print them and show your friends 😊



Jim Krycka  
Monthly Tournaments Director



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## JANUARY 2006 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### OPEN SECTION

#### 1st Place 5.0 / 5 points



**IM Igor Foygel**

#### 2nd Place 4.0 / 5 points



**FM John Curdo**

#### 3rd Place Tie 3.5 / 5 points



**Edward Epp**



**Sebastian Gueler**

#### Upsets over 200 points



**Bennet Pellows**



**JANUARY 2006  
TOURNAMENT  
RESULTS**

**U1800 SECTION**

**1st Place 4.5 / 5 points**



**Larry Eldridge**

**2nd Place Tie 3.5 / 5 points**



**Bill Michael**

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**Bill Stein**



**Jerry Williams**



**Thomas Simon**

**Upsets over 200 points**



**Thomas Simon (2)**



**Tim Bromley**



**JANUARY 2006  
TOURNAMENT  
RESULTS**

**U1450 SECTION**

**1st Place 5.0 / 5 points**



**Matthew Cater**

**2nd Place 4.0 / 5 points**



**Stasik Popov**

**3rd Place Tie 3.5 / 5 points**



**Alexander Hu**



**James Klinkenberg**



**Branislav Cenanovic**



**Upsets over 200 points**



**Ralph Campanelli (2)**



**Ziv Scully (2)**



**Alexander Hu (2)**

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**Ilya Polishchuck**



**Michael Wang**



**Jeremiah Campanelli**



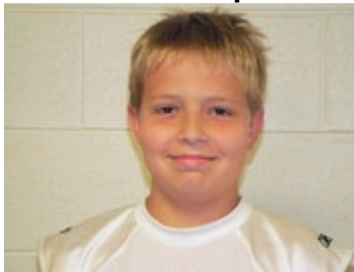
**Tyler Cichowlas**



**Vishrut Gupta**



**Franklin Li**



**Sasha Parfenov**



## **COMPETE:: Club and Class Championship Qualification As of End of January 2006**

The January tournament kicked off the 2007 club and class championship qualification cycles. IM Igor Foygel and Larry Eldridge have the early lead in the two races.

Reviewing the last three qualification cycles, the average number of points needed to clinch 6<sup>th</sup> place for the club championship (and thus be guaranteed an invitation to the championship event) was 69. The actual numbers for 2004 through 2006 were 72, 60, and 74 points. To be in the top 6 for the U2000 class championship during the last two years required an average of 40 points as the 6<sup>th</sup> place finishers earned 39 and 40 points for these qualification cycles.

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

<b>Club Championship Qualifying Points</b>			<b>Class Championship Qualifying Points</b>		
1.	IM Igor Foygel	120	1.	Larry Eldridge	30
2.	FM John Curdo	40	2.	Matthew Cater	15
3.	Larry Eldridge	30	3.	Sebastian Gueler	10
4.	Matthew Cater	15	4.	Bill Michael	4
5.	Edward Epp	10	5.	Bill Stein	4
6.	Sebastian Gueler	10	6.	Jerry Williams	4
7.	Bill Michael	4	7.	Thomas Simon	4
8.	Bill Stein	4	8.		
9.	Jerry Williams	4	9.		
10.	Thomas Simon	4	10.		