



MetroWest Chess Club

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April 2008 Newsletter

Highlights

MCC Vernal Equinox Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	IM David Vigorito (4.0/4)
U2000	Lior Rozhansky (4.0/4)
U1700	Larry Zhu (3.5/4)
U1400	Schuyler Crawford (4.0/4)

MCC Chess School

Mark LaRocca has organized a Chess School session on defending against the English Opening. Classes will be held the 2nd Thursday in March, April, May, and June. See the club website for details. It's not too late to sign-up.

Ilya Krasik will be the featured speaker on April 10.

Before the Round Activities

David Harris and Ilya Krasik will continue their Weekly Group lessons before selected rounds. See the club website for the schedule.

Emanuel Raisin will have a large collection of chess books for sale during the first round.

2008 Club and Class Championships

The 2008 Club and Class Championships will be held as 5-RR events in parallel with the April monthly tournaments. Entry is by invitation only through a qualification system based on 2007 tournament results.

NM Denys Shmelov will defend his 2007 Club Championship title while Neil Cousin tries for a "three-peat" of his Class (U2000) title.

Wanted: Your Games

The MCC games collection now contains 856 club games. We especially want games from the upper two sections and any others that you think show interesting play. Please drop off your score sheets in the slot near the pairings or send them electronically (preferred). You can email your games in CBV format (generated by Fritz or ChessBase), in PGN format, or as a text file. Send your games to **GamesArchive at MetroWestChess dot org**

COMPETE: Next Tournament

MCC April Fools Swiss

When	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Prizes	
Format	5-SS, 40/90, SD/30	Open	\$ 160 - 100 - 60
Sections	Open, U1900, U1600, U1350	U1900	\$ 110 - 70 - 40
Prize Fund	\$ 800 Guaranteed	U1600	\$ 80 - 50 - 30
Entry Fee	Masters Free MCC Members \$20 Others \$25	U1350	\$ 50 - 30 - 20
		Championship Points	
		Open	50 - 30 - 20 - 10
		U1900	30 - 20 - 10
		U1600	15 - 10 - 5
Checkout the Possible Events of Interest link on the Club homepage for other events in the area,		25% bonus for winning all games	
		15 point bonus for upset win/draw over an 1800+ player and 300/600 rating diff	

MCC Club and Class (U2000) Championships for 2008

When	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Prizes	
Format	5-RR, 40/90, SD/30	Club	\$220 - 140 - 80
Sections	Club Championship, Class (U2000) Championship	Class	\$130 - 80 - 50
Prize Fund	\$ 700 Guaranteed	Championship Points	
Entry Fee	Club Free Class \$20 Entry is by qualification only	Club	80 - 50 - 30 - 20
		Class	40 - 25 - 15
		25% bonus for winning all games	
		15 point bonus for upset win/draw over an 1800+ player and 300/600 rating diff	

COMPETE: Club and Class Championship Qualification Standings Through March 2008

After three months of play counting towards the qualification cycle for the 2009 Club and Class Championships, Ilya Krasik is atop the Club standings with four players not far behind. David Vigorito returned to club play after a several month absence to sweep the Open section in March and jump into contention.

Lior Rozhansky is on a rampage. He swept the upper class section that last two months and has extended his winning streak at the club to 11 games! Needless to say, he leads the Class qualification standings by a wide margin. He's also moved into 3rd place in the Club qualification standings.

In April, the 2008 Club and Class Championships will be held along with the normal monthly events. More championship points will be offered in April than any other month during the year. With 12 of the top players competing in the championship sections, this may be a great opportunity for you to earn points towards next year's championships!

The current 2009 championship qualification standings (in tie break order) are as follows:

Club Championship Qualifying Points

1.	Ilya Krasik	104
2.	IM Igor Foygel	90
3.	Lior Rozhansky	84
4.	Greg Kaden	81
5.	IM David Vigorito	80
6.	FM John Curdo	44
7.	Mika Brattain	44
8.	NM Denys Shmelov	34
9.	Bennet Pellows	32
10.	David Harris	26

Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points

1.	Lior Rozhansky	84
2.	Mika Brattain	44
3.	Alexander Paphitis	25
4.	Ames Abbot	20
5.	Mark McMahon	20
6.	Jeffrey Yao	20
7.	Danny Angermeier	20
8.	Larry Zhu	16
9.	Walt Champion	12
10.	Michael Wang	12
11.	Leonard Gruenberg	12

The 2008 MCC Club and Class (U2000) Championships will be contested in parallel with the April Fools Swiss in April. The championships will be run as 6-player 5-RR events with no half-point byes allowed.

After the pairings were posted, two players had to withdraw due to unforeseen circumstances that will prevent them from playing in all rounds. Bennet Pellows will replace Igor Foygel in the Club Championship and James Williams will substitute for Mika Brattain in the Class Championship.

In order of qualification, the participants for the 2008 Club Championship are: NM Charles Riordan, NM Denys Shmelov (defending champion), NM Vadim Martirosov, Edward Astrachan, David Harris, and Bennet Pellows.

In order of qualification, the participants for the 2008 Class (U2000) Championship are: Neil Cousin (defending co-champion), Ethan Thompson (defending co-champion), Vikas Shiva, Doug Thompson, Jesse Nicholas, and James Williams.