



# MetroWest Chess Club

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## July 2009 Newsletter

### Highlights

#### MCC 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

OPEN	Igor Foygel, Denys K Shmelov, Charles Riordan (4.0/5)
U2000	Neil Cousin (4.5/5)
U1600	Warner Smith (5.0/5)
U1400	Kenneth Ballou (5.0/5)

NOTE: **Special congratulations to Warner and Kenneth** who had perfect scores!

#### Please Consider Volunteering!

MetroWest Chess Club is an all volunteer, unpaid position, organization. We all do it for the love of the Club :-). There are many ways you can volunteer; some ways are in person at the club while others can be from behind the scenes.

To learn more about how to volunteer, click on the Volunteer link at the top of the club's website homepage.

If you are interested and able, please ask a Club volunteer how to get involved.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Round...

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

## COMPETE: Next Tournament

### MCC Independence Day Swiss

<b>When</b>	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm July 7, 14, 21, 28 2009	
<b>Format</b>	4-SS, 40/90, SD/30	
<b>Sections</b>	Open, U2000, U1700, U1400	
<b>Prize Fund</b>	\$ 630 100% Guaranteed	
<b>Entry Fee</b>	Masters	Free
	MCC Members	\$20
	Non-members	\$25

#### Prizes

<b>Open</b>	\$ 120 - 80 - 60
<b>U2000</b>	\$ 80 - 60 - 40
<b>U1700</b>	\$ 60 - 40 - 20
<b>U1400</b>	\$ 40 - 20 - 10

#### Championship Points

<b>Open</b>	64 - 40 - 24 - 16
<b>U2000</b>	32 - 20 - 12
<b>U1700</b>	16 - 10 - 6

25% bonus for winning all games

15 point bonus for upset win/draw over an 1800+ player and 300/600 rating diff

Checkout the [Possible Events of Interest](#) link on the Club homepage for other events in the area,

## **COMPETE: 2010 Club and Class Championship Qualification Standings Through June 2009**

The current 2010 championship qualification standings (in tie break order) are as follows:

### **Club Championship Qualifying Points**

1.	NM Denys Shmelov	250
2.	IM David Vigorito	186
3.	IM Igor Foygel	151
4.	NM Charles Riordan	136
5.	NM Lawyer Times	111
6.	Winston Huang	72
7.	Neil Cousin	72
8.	Tian Rossi	58
9.	Mika Brattain	55
10.	Warner Smith	52

### **Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points**

1.	Neil Cousin	72
2.	Tian Rossi	58
3.	Mika Brattain	55
4.	Warner Smith	52
5.	Ethan Thompson	40
6.	Jenshiang Hong	38
7.	Al Ward	32
8.	Danny Angermeier	32
9.	Mark Fins	31
10.	Alexander Paphitis	30

# The 2010 MCC Club and Class Championships

The 2010 MCC Club Championship and the MCC Class Championship (for U2000 players) will be held in March 2010 as separate 6-player 5-RR events run in parallel with the regular monthly sections.

Qualification for the 2010 MCC championships is based on performance in MCC regular time control events during 2009. The top 6 players from the Championship Points List (who accept the invitation) compete for the Club Championship. The remaining top 6 players rated U2000 (who accept the invitation) play for the Class Championship. The 2009 USCF Annual Rating List (published in December) is used to determine whether or not a player is eligible for the Class Championship.

Championship points are earned by placing 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> in the Open section and 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> in the Upper and Middle Unnnn sections during the year. Points are awarded on a graduated scale. Also, a perfect score bonus is given for all wins and an upset bonus is granted for scoring a very large upset. In addition, to qualify for the championships a player must compete in at least 4 MCC regular time control tournaments during 2009 and must be a member of the club on December 31, 2009.

## Championship Qualification Points List for 2010 - Current Standings

Player's Name	USCF Rating	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Point Total	Tmt Req	Ranking by Club/Class	
NM Denys Shmelov	2485		32	100		64	54							250	Met	1	
IM David Vigorito	2484	52	64	50		20								186	Met	2	
IM Igor Foygel	2493			50	27	20	54							151	Met	3	
FM Charles Riordan	2413	52		30			54							136	3	4	
NM Lawyer Times	2253		4	20	64	20	3							111	Met	5	
Winston Huang	2041		32	40										72	Met	6	
Neil Cousin	1921	16				16	40							72	Met	7	1
Tian Rossi	1811		11	15	32									58	Met	8	2
Mika Brattain	1964	40		15										55	Met	9	3
Warner Smith	1562		11		8	8	25							52	Met	10	4
FM John Curdo	2257	20	4	20			3							47	Met	11	
GM Arthur Bisguier	2228	20		20										40	3	12	
Ethan Thompson	1673					40								40	3	13	5
Jensiang Hong	1454	6				20	12							38	Met	14	6
Al Ward	1836	16			16									32	Met	15	7
Danny Angermeier	1776		32											32	Met	16	8
CM Derek Slater	2132		4		27									31	Met	17	
Mark Fins	1809			15		16								31	Met	18	9
Alexander Paphitis	1775			30										30	Met	19	10
NM Ilya Krasik	2188		4	20			3							27	Met	20	
Rolf Wetzell	2030				27									27	Met	21	
Jesse Nicholas	1853			25			3							27	Met	22	11
Dave Rivera	1699		11	15										26	2	23	12
Calvin Hori	1682						25							25	Met	24	13
John Chamberlain	2045					20								20	Met	25	
Robert Holmgren	1735				16									16	Met	26	14
Henry Clark	1580	16												16	Met	27	15
Elliot Strassman	Prov.				16									16	3	28	16
Milad Afdasta	1701	15												15	2	29	17
Charlie Fauman	1612						15							15	Met	30	18
Nikita Konovalchuk	1803		11											11	2	31	19
Larry Eldridge	1783		11											11	1	32	20
Leonard Gruenberg	1530			8			3							11	Met	33	21
John Dorfman	1502		11											11	3	34	22



**Column Notes:**

Column **Tmt Req** states the number of tournaments played as "1", "2", "3", or "Met" (for 4 or more). If the 4-tournament requirement has not been met at year's end, the player is disqualified and "-X" is placed after the tournament count.

Column **Ranking by Club/Class** gives players' current rankings for the Club Championship and the Class Championship (if eligible). An U2000 player who qualifies for both championships can choose to play in either championship event. If a player qualifies but declines to play, the players ranked below are promoted. A player who accepts an invitation is identified by "-A" after the ranking and a player who declines an invitation is identified by "-D" after the ranking.

**Point Allocation Rules:**

Points are given for placing 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> in the Open section and 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> in the Upper and Middle Unnnn sections:

- >> For 3-round events the usual allocation is: 48 - 30 - 18 - 12 / 24 - 15 - 9 / 12 - 8 - 4
- >> For 4-round events the usual allocation is: 64 - 40 - 24 - 16 / 32 - 20 - 12 / 16 - 10 - 6
- >> For 5-round events the usual allocation is: 80 - 50 - 30 - 20 / 40 - 25 - 15 / 20 - 12 - 8
- >> For 6-round events the usual allocation is: 96 - 60 - 36 - 24 / 48 - 30 - 18 / 24 - 15 - 9

However, during the month in which the Championships are held in parallel to the regular sections the allocation is less:

- >> For 5-round event in championship month: 50 - 30 - 20 - 10 / 30 - 20 - 10 / 15 - 10 - 5

The allocation may be different to accommodate special circumstances or it may be reduced if one or more rounds is cancelled (e.g., bad weather). Championship points are awarded only for events where 3 or more rounds are played.

Points are given for placing 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> in the Club Championship and 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> in the Class Championship:

- >> For MCC Championship events the allocation is: 80 - 50 - 30 - 20 / 40 - 25 - 15

For a placement tie, the available points are divided equally among the players and rounded up to the next whole number. For example, if there is a 3-way tie for 1<sup>st</sup> in the Open section of a 5-round event, each player receives 54 points based on  $(80 + 50 + 30) / 3 = 160 / 3 = 53.33$  which is 54 when round up to the next whole number.

In addition, a perfect score bonus (PSB) of 25% of the points earned is awarded to any player who posts a win in each round.

Note that forfeit wins and full point byes do not count; a player must play a game in each round and win each game. For example, a player who scores 4-0 in the Upper section of a 4-round event would earn  $1.25 * 32 = 40$  points.

Also, an upset bonus (UWB) of 15 points is awarded for a win against an 1800 or higher rated player where the winner is rated at least 300 points lower (or at least 600 points lower for a draw). Both players must be fully rated at the start of the event.

**Tie Break Rules:**

Most points earned in the Open and Club Championship sections combined.

Most points earned in the Upper and Class Championship sections combined.

Most events in which points were awarded.

Highest rating from the December USCF Annual Rating List; full rating takes precedence over a provisional rating.

Coin toss.

## Championship Points Earned for 2010 by Tournament in 2009

2009 Events	Open Section	Upper Section	Middle Section
<b>January 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. D.Vigorito (52), C.Riordan (52) 3. J.Curdo (20), A.Bisguier (20)	1. M.Brattain (32+8 PSB) 2. N.Cousin (16), A.Ward (16) + M.Afdasta (15 UWB)	1. H.Clark (16) 2. A.Moyer (6), J.Hong (6), R.Matthews (6)
<b>February 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. D.Vigorito (64) 2. D.Shmelov (32), W.Huang (32) 4. J.Curdo (4), L.Times (4), I.Krasik (4), D.Slater (4), R.Harvey (4)	1. D.Angermeier (32) 2. N.Konovvalchuk (11), L.Eldridge (11), T.Rossi (11)	1. D.Rivera (11), W.Smith (11), J.Dorfman (11)
<b>March Club and Class Championships 5-RR</b> ChPts: 80-50-30-20 40-25-15	1. D. Smelov(80 + 20 PSB) 2. D. Vigorito (50) 3. C. Riordan (30) 4. I. Krasik (20)	1. W. Huang (40) 2. J. Nicholas(25) 3. M. Brattain (15)	
<b>March 5-SS</b> ChPts: 50-30-20-10 / 30-20-10 / 15-10-5	1. I. Foygel (50) 2. J. Curdo (20) L. Times (20) A. Bisguier (20)	1. A. Paphitis (30) 2. M. Finns (15) T. Rossi (15)	1. D. Rivera (15) 2. W. Champion (8) L. Gruenberg(8)
<b>April 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. L. Times (64) 2. I. Foygel (27) D. Slater (27) R. Wetzell (27)	1. T. Rossi (32) 2. A. Ward (16) R. Holmgren (16)	1. E. Strassman (16) 2. W. Smith (8) S. Schnair (8)
<b>May 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. D. Shmelov (64) 2. I. Foygel (20) D. Vigorito (20) L. Times (20) J. Chamberlain (20)	1. E. Thompson (32 + 8 PSB) 2. N. Cousin (16) M. Fins (16)	1. J. Hong (16 + 4 PSB) 2. W. Stein (8) W. Smith (8)
<b>June 5-SS</b> ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8	1. I. Foygel (54) D. Shmelov (54) C. Riordan (54) 4. J. Curdo (3) L. Times (3) I. Krasik (3) E. Astrachan (3) F. Yang (3) J. Fauman (3) J. Nicholas (3)	1. N. Cousin (40) 2. C. Hori (25) 3. C. Fauman (15)	1. W. Smith (20 + 5PSB) 2. J. Hong (12) 3. L. Gruenberg (3) D. Thompson (3) P. Fleurant (3)
<b>July 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
<b>August 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
<b>September 5-SS</b> ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
<b>October 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
<b>November 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
<b>December 5-SS</b> ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.

