



MetroWest Chess Club

Largest Chess Club in New England

Serving the MetroWest Boston chess community since 1983

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COMMUNITY

check out the MetroWest CC social media page (above) for more details.

Social Media



The MetroWest CC social media page has been updated. The biggest change is that Facebook is changing how groups are handled, so

MetroWest CC has a new Facebook page. The old MetroWest CC Group will be retired.

The new **MetroWest CC Facebook page** is here:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/MetroWest-Chess-Club/164738746955775>

Please visit our MetroWest CC Facebook page and “Like” us! Also visit **MetroWest CC social media page:**
http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/Social_Media/Top_Social_media.htm

Weekly Group Lessons

MetroWest CC is taking steps to strengthen the Weekly Group Lesson program. Plamen Krastev is working with candidate instructors to find a balance to achieve a few high quality lessons per month. This comes after Felix Yang left for school earlier last year. Please check this newsletter for more info, and our calendar for scheduled lessons. The last lesson was “Conjuring up Counterplay against Queen Pawn Openings”, delivered by David Harris on Jan 24.

Game Commentary

After a brief gap, we are back on track publishing games of top boards. Please check the MetroWest CC MetroWest CC Facebook page, Twitter feeds, and news blog for announcements of newly posted games. Please

Event Participation Awards

We plan on resuming the awarding of Event Participation Awards prior to rounds starting during select rounds in 2012. We will announce which rounds the prior month.

Natick Senior Center

Announcement from the Senior Center:

During the construction of Natick’s new community senior center, the Senior Center and the club is temporarily in a new location for about 14 to 18 months

Our temporary quarters are at the former East School at 90 Oak Street, Natick:

It is on the westbound side of Route 9 opposite Scrub-a-Dub carwash. The entrance is on Oak Street. It was most recently occupied by Westgate Christian Academy—some people may have known where that was. See map below.



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Policy Update

Policy refinement: **Masters who are members of MetroWest CC get free entry**

FIDE Events Offered

Update by Ken Ballou

The first FIDE rated tournament at MCC had 17 players in the open section, of whom 9 were FIDE rated.

Notable accomplishments:

1. Ilya Krasik played three games against FIDE rated opponents. As he already had partial results from six games, Ilya will have a published FIDE rating of 2172 as of the next FIDE rating list (March, 2012).
2. Mika Brattain faced four FIDE rated opponents, drawing against Christopher Bird and defeating Miro Reverby. As a result, Mika has obtained his first ratable FIDE performance. All his future ratable FIDE performance. All his future ratable FIDE performance will count toward his first published FIDE rating.
3. Tian Rossi played two games against FIDE rated opponents. Previously, Tian had a ratable performance based on three games (at the 2011 New England Open). He now has five games toward the nine required for an initial FIDE rating.
4. Jeff Hall played three games against FIDE rated opponents. Previously, Jeff

had a ratable performance based on three games (at the 2010 Blackstone Chess Festival). He now has six games toward the nine required for an initial FIDE rating.

Other statistics: Number of FIDE ratable games played by the FIDE rated players in the open section:

IM Igor Foygel 3

IM Jonathan Yedidia 3

Vadim Martirosov 3

Lawyer Times 2

Benjamin Goldberg 4

GM Arthur Bisguier 2

David Harris 3

Miro Reverby 0

Chris Bird 0

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Last Tournament

"MCC New Year Swiss"

Congratulations to the Winners!

OPEN	IM Jonathan Yedidia	4.0 / 5.0
U2000	Larry Eldridge	5.0 / 5.0
U1700	Henry Liu	5.0 / 5.0
U1400	David J Flanagan, Nicholas Woodman	4.0 / 4.0



Perfect Scores



Larry Eldridge

Henry Liu



Photos From Around the Club



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Next Tournament

Weekly Group Lessons

“MCC Groundhog Day Swiss”



Check calendar on homepage for availability.

When	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm February 7, 14, 21, 28 2012
Format	4 - SS 40/90, SD/30
Sections	Open, U2000, U1700, U1400 Open section FIDE rated
Prize Fund	\$ 630 100% Guaranteed
Entry Fee	Club Masters Free MCC Members \$20 Non-members \$25
Prizes	Open \$ 120 - 80 - 60 U2000 \$ 80 - 60 - 40 U1700 \$ 60 - 40 - 20 U1400 \$ 40 - 20 - 10
Championship Points	Open 64 - 40 - 24 - 16 U2000 32 - 20 - 12 U1700 16 - 10 - 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% bonus for winning all games • 15 point bonus for upset win/draw over an 1800+ player and 300/600 rating diff
Forfeit Rule	Players may be re-paired after 30 min
Additional Events	Checkout the Possible Events of Interest link on the Club homepage for other events in the area

Bookseller



Emanuel Rasin of “Books from Europe. Check calendar on homepage for availability.

The current championship qualification standings are available online at:

http://www.metrowestchess.org/Compete/Championships/2012/2012_Championship_Qualification_Points_List.pdf