



# MetroWest Chess Club

Largest Chess Club in New England

Serving Boston's MetroWest Chess Community Since 1983

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## Monthly Recap:

When we re-opened in July of 2023 we made a lot of changes with the MetroWest Chess club (MCC).

- Online Registration only
- Time Control from 40/90; SD/30 to G/90
- No prizes
- Minimal entry fee
- Change from four sections to three
- Change from 40 years of Tuesday night play to Wednesday night
- Re-working of a large portion of the website
- Move to a new location

These changes were based on:

- Our demographics pre-Covid
- Observing the other clubs in the region re-opening in late 2022 and early 2023.
- Locations we could find that had reasonable rent, capacity and parking.
- MCC attendance falling off in the year prior to closing due to Covid

Now that we have been up and running again since July, we can now take a look at the post-Covid activity for regional clubs and our own club. For the MCC we view the first 8 months or so a "settling in" period, allowing players in the area to adjust to having a new option for playing during the week.

To help us fine tune and be alert to improvements we can make in the MCC's programs, we have relaunched our Regional and Club demographics. We started with a look at all of 2023 for clubs in our region and for our six months of operation during 2023.

There are two pages on the website, [Club Demographics](#) and [Regional Demographics](#) which are found by way of our **History page**. The demographics are a work in progress but we do have a nice collection to start us off with.

The main headings to be found on the pages are:

- **Regional**
  - Area Clubs Monthly Attendance
  - Weekend Tournaments Attendance
  - Players who play at Two clubs
  - Players who play at MetroWest, Wachusett and Plainville, that meet on Wednesday nights
  - Players who play at the MetroWest CC and overlap with other Events or Organizers
- **Club**
  - Age Distribution
  - City Distribution
  - Which directions the players head home to

One concern we had when planning to re-open last year was the impact of the MCC playing on the same night as Wachusett and Plainville. We were hopeful that due to the distance between the clubs, only a few players would be likely to switch. Fortunately, this appears to have been the case.

The reports for "Players who play at Two clubs" shows a small number of players willing to travel to play more than once a week. The club attendance and "Weekend Tournaments Attendance" reports should be of interest to club and weekend organizers.

### **January Results:**

Congratulations to our 1st place finishers in November.

- **Open:**
  - Frank Cao
  - Fynn Jueppner
- **U1700:**
  - Dave Martin

Registration for our next event is open and play will begin the night of  
**Wednesday, February 7th, 2024..**  
Register early so you won't forget!

## **News:**

### **Helping parents get their children started in chess:**

The club often gets requests from parents on how to get their children started in chess. The questions are usually some variation of the following:

- My child is interested in chess, is your club a good place to get them started?
- My child can now beat me in chess, is the club a good next step?
- How do I get my child started in chess?
- Where can I get lessons for my child?

Our club is best suited for players who are ready to learn and improve from participating in competitive chess. We have no programs geared towards getting youth started and learning the game itself.

While we have several FAQs on the club website regarding playing at the club and a guide for parents of young players playing at the club, we currently do not have any guidelines on the broader topic of how to get started in chess, for either adults or youth. To help fill in this information gap we are now running two informational blocks in our newsletter; namely, the **RSM** (Russian School of Math) and **FMCA** (Future Masters Chess Academy). These can be found at the end of this newsletter.

We provide these informational blocks as a convenience to you should someone ask you, or you wish to advise someone about how to get their young players started in chess. The MACA website, linked from our page footers on our website, provides a comprehensive list of Scholastic tournaments along with regional events open to all USCF players.

## **Upcoming Regional Tournaments:**

### ***12th annual Boston Chess Congress***

- January 5-7 or 6-7, 2024
- Hyatt Regency, Boston Harbor, Boston MA.
- 5SS, 40/80, SD/30, d30
- <https://www.chesstour.com/bcc24.htm>

### Registering to play:

The **MCC home page** has links to all the things you need to know to start playing at the club. Please read the materials on the home page carefully.

If you forget the link or name of the online registration site, you can find it quickly by clicking the **Register Now** icon on the club home page.

- Remember to rejoin the **USCF** if you have expired
  - Do not leave it to the last minute as there have been multiple reports of **renewal issues** and needing several **days** to resolve them.
- Remember to **join the club before you enter the event** to get the member discount.
  - If you forget, you will only be offered the non-member entry fees.

<https://www.MetroWestChess.org>

### Standings and Projected Pairings:

You can follow along each week by looking at the standings and projected pairings on the NACHessHub site.

- Go to [NACHessHub.com](https://www.NACHessHub.com)
- Find the clubs event.
  - The **January** event is named: **MCC - 2024-01**
- Click on the **Pairing** Button to see the standings and projected pairings for each section.

Generally the standings and projected pairings will be posted on the site at the end of the night; If not, check back later the next day.

### Byes: How to Request or Change them

Once you are entered in an event you can Request or alter you Bye requests.

- Log into NACHessHub
- Find the event that you need to adjust your Byes for
- Go to the Roster page
- Find your name and click on the link in the Byes column for your name.
  - It will say either "Request" or have the round numbers that you have previously requested Byes for.

## Future Masters



### Classes for Youth - at Future Masters Chess Academy

- **Lexington**
- **Ashland**
- **Online**

We offer a Transformative, Educational and Fun approach to Chess.

Future Masters Chess Academy uses chess to promote better decision making in order to help youths become future masters not only on the chessboard, but more importantly in life.

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## RSM Chess Classes



### Chess Classes - at RSM-MetroWest in

#### Framingham

2023 - 2024 Chess Classes are now enrolling.

#### **Please visit**

<https://metrowestschool.com/chess/> **for more information** and background of our Master.

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