



Chess Chatter

Newsletter of the Port Huron Chess Club

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The **Port Huron Chess Club** meets Thursdays, except holidays, from 6:30-10:00 PM, at Palmer Park Recreation Center, 2829 Armour Street, (NE corner of Garfield Street and Gratiot Ave...1 mile North of the Blue Water Bridge) Port Huron, Michigan. Everyone is welcome. All equipment provided. Email: PtHuronChessClub@aol.com or Website: <http://porthuronchessclub.yolasite.com>

Avdic continues his undefeated streak in PHCC August

Mini-Swiss

Huso Avdic, fresh from his trip to native Bosnia, held on to his untarnished string of victories by upending newcomer **Eric Rood** in a hard fought 3rd round struggle which turned out to be the pivotal game of club's inaugural mini-Swiss of the season. Despite having the Black pieces against his two highest rated opponents, the "Bosnian Brawler" bested a battle-bent bunch who had set their sights on upending the current club champion. Initially, the tournament looked like an 8 player field, until Noel Bedy received a broken vehicle distress call from his wife, and Bill Wingrove decided to bow out in order to eliminate odd numbered byes. As it turned out, the staunch support of Sanilac County's "Klaty Bunch" (*Brad, Braeden and Trenton*) saved the tournament from complete collapse rounding out the field to six. Many thanks to those participants! The tournament cross-table and complete games are provided in the **Members' Game** section beginning on page 2.

In an aside following the tournament, "**victor Huso**" graciously donated his winnings back to the club and indicated that he would like to fulfill a life-long chess dream of giving a simultaneous exhibition for members of the club by taking on all comers one Thursday evening in September. Lon and other bystanders thought it would be a great challenge for both Huso and those who desired to get a chance to test his meddle. Lon applauded Huso's offer of this free event that might be a very positive way of attracting more players and perhaps feeding the "revenge factor" for those that Huso has made a habit of defeating during his tenure at the PHCC. Tentatively, Lon has identified September 23rd as the target date, for "Huso's Magnificent Adventure"! If you are interested in participating, please contact Lon so that arrangements can be made to have the playing site "ready to rumble".

Members' Games



Please send me what you consider your best games, annotated or not, so that I might be able to showcase them. The following games represent contests that have been available at the time of this printing. Email them to me or give them to me personally, if you wish. Majority of analyses is done by Fritz 12, unless otherwise indicated. [This a reminder of the change in policy in the PHCC Challenge rules: # 14 - Games can be rated by the USCF, provided both players are members in good standing with the USCF and agree to have it rated by paying in advance to the TD (Lon Rutkofske, or other club official with a valid TD certification card.) of \$1.50@ to cover rating costs.] Updated Challenge rules will follow below:

Format and rules for PHCC Challenge System

- I. Purpose: to provide club members the opportunity to challenge higher rated players on a regular basis to improve and test their skills in over the board non-tournament competition.
- II. Regulations: (Effective 11-8-2018)
 - a. Challenges may be made by any club member on the PHCC rating list under the following circumstances:
 1. Can only be made only by a lower rated player.
 2. Can only be made during club hours and cannot be made after 8:00PM.
 3. Must be played on the same day as the challenge was made, so there can be no advanced challenges.
 4. Both players must be present.
 5. Only one challenge may be made per meeting.
 6. Challenger can only challenge a player that is rated less than 400 points above him on the rating list.
 7. All challenges must be accepted.
 8. No challenge may be made while a participant is involved in a tournament or challenge game.
 9. A clock must be used with the time control of G/60 with 5 second delay; must be recorded by both players and submitted to the rating director upon completion of the game. **(See Sample Score Sheet on page 2)**
 10. All challenge games must comply with current tournament rules of chess as established by the US Chess Federation.
 11. No challenge game may be adjourned, but if an unusual circumstance arises, the club rating director may adjudicate.
 12. No member may be challenged more than one consecutive time by the same challenger. This means that the lower rated player cannot challenge the same player two times in a row. He/she must play another match before this can take place, but this also means that the higher rated player may be challenged by the same rated player consecutively if he has not participated in a match in between challenges within a six-week period. Abuse (I.E: Constant challenges and re-challenges or other annoying or inconsiderate behavior) must be reported to the Director and he has the option of suspending the violator indefinitely from participation in the Challenge system. Disputes will be adjudicated by the ratings director, with the advice of other players as he so wishes.
 13. Challenges can take place on the first Thursday of each month, or at any time there is no other tournament or event scheduled.
 14. **Games can be rated by the USCF**, provided both players are members in good standing with the USCF and agree to have it rated by paying in advance to the TD (Lon Rutkofske, or other club official with a valid TD certification card.) of \$1.50@ to cover rating costs.
 15. Results will be rated by the PHCC (Using the USCF rating system.) using current PHCC ratings posted at the club and will be adjusted as necessary by the club rating director. Changes will also be posted on the club website.

Klaty,Braeden (1685) - Morabito,Matthew (1891) B30 Sicilian Defense

Challenge Match Port Huron Chess Club (1), 23.07.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Qxd4 a6 8.Be2 Qc7 9.c4 Nc6 10.Qd1 g6 11.Nc3 Bg7 12.Be3 Rb8 13.Rc1 0-0 14.Qc2 Nd4 15.Qd2 Nxe2+ 16.Qxe2 b6 17.Rfd1 Bb7 18.Bd4 Rbc8 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.b3 Qc6 21.f3 Rc7 22.Qd3 Rfc8 23.Ne2 Qc5+ 24.Qd4+ Qxd4+ 25.Rxd4 b5 26.Rc3 d5 27.exd5 exd5 28.Nf4 dxc4 29.bxc4 Rxc4 30.Rdxc4 Rxc4 31.Rxc4 bxc4 32.Ne2 Kf6 33.Kf2 Ke5 34.Ke3 a5 35.a3 f5 36.f4+ Kd5 37.g3 Kc5 38.Nc3 Bc6 39.Ne2 Be4 40.Nc3 Bc2 41.Kd2 Bb3 42.Ke3 h6 43.h4 Bc2 44.Ne2 Be4 45.Nc3 Bg2 46.Na4+ ½-½

Games from 2021 August Mini-Swiss

Klaty,Braeden - Avdic,Huso (1960) [B31] Sicilian Defense

2021 PHCC August Mini-Swiss Port Huron (1), 13.08.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 d6 9.h3 a6 10.Bd3 b5 11.a3 Bb7 12.Nc3 Rc8 13.Be3 Na5 14.b3 Rxc3 15.b4 Nc4 16.Bc1 Nb6 17.Bb2 Rc8 18.Rc1 Rxc1 19.Qxc1 Nc4 20.Bxc4 bxc4 21.d5 Qc7 22.Nd2 Rc8 23.Re3 e6 24.dxe6 fxe6 25.Rc3 d5 26.exd5 exd5 27.Rc2 Ne4 28.Bxg7 Qxg7 29.Nxe4 dxe4 30.Rxc4 Rxc4 31.Qxc4+ Kh8 32.Qb3 h5 33.b5 Qa1+ 34.Kh2 Qe5+ 35.Kg1 axb5 36.Qf7 Qa1+ 37.Kh2 Qg7 38.Qe8+ Kh7 39.Qxb5 Qc7+ 40.Kg1 Qc6 41.Qb4 e3 42.Qe7+ Kg8 43.Qg5 Qxg2+ 44.Qxg2 Bxg2 45.fxe3 Bxh3 46.a4 Kf7 47.a5 Bc8 48.Kg2 Ke6 49.Kg3 g5 50.Kf2 Ba6 0-1

Klaty,Trenton - Rood,Eric (1379) [D30] QGD

2021 PHCC August Mini-Swiss Port Huron (1), 12.08.2021

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Nbd7 5.a3 b6 6.Nc3 Bb7 7.Be2 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Be7 9.0-0 h6 10.Re1 0-0 11.Qd3 Bxf3 12.gxf3 c5 13.Kf1 cxd4 14.exd4 Qc7 15.Ke2 Rfd8 16.Rg1 Ne5 17.Nb5 Qxc4 18.Qxc4 Nxc4 19.Bxh6 g6 20.Rg2 a6 21.Rag1 axb5 22.Rxg6+ fxg6 23.Rxg6+ Kh7 24.Rg7+ Kxh6 0-1

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1811) - Klaty,Bradley [A20] English Opening

2021 PHCC August Mini-Swiss Port Huron (1), 13.08.2021

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Bc5 4.d3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nc3 Be6 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.d4 Nxc3 10.bxc3 exd4 11.Nxd4 c6 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.Qb3 Kh8 14.Be3 Qf6 15.Rad1 Bc7 16.Qxb7 Na6 17.Qxa6 Bb6 18.Bxb6 axb6 19.Qc4 Rac8 20.Rd6 Qe5 21.Rxe6 Qa5 22.Rxc6 Qf5 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Qh4 g6 25.Bh3 1-0

Avdic,Huso (1960) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1811) [A21] English Opening

2021 PHCC August Mini-Swiss Port Huron (2), 19.08.2021

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 f5 3.e4 Nf6 4.Nf3 d6 5.d4 Be7 6.dxe5 dxe5 7.Qxd8+ Bxd8 8.Nxe5 0-0 9.Be3 Be6 10.Bd3 fxe4 11.Nxe4 Re8 12.Ng5 Nbd7 13.Nxd7 Bxd7 14.0-0-0 g6 15.c5 Kf8 16.Bd4 Kg7 17.h4 h6 18.Rhe1 Bf5 19.Rxe8 1-0

Rood,Eric (1379) - Klaty,Braeden [A45] Trompowski Attack

2021 PHCC August Mini-Swiss Port Huron (2), 19.08.2021

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 h6 3.Bxf6 exf6 4.e4 b6 5.Nf3 Bb7 6.Nbd2 d5 7.exd5 Bxd5 8.Bb5+ Nd7 9.0-0 Be7 10.c4 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 0-0 12.Nb3 a6 13.Bc6 Ra7 14.Rfe1 Nb8 15.Be4 Re8 16.Re3 Nd7 17.Qf5 g6 18.Rg3 Nf8 19.Bc6 Bd6 20.Rg4 Kh7 21.Qd5 Re7 22.c5 bxc5 23.dxc5 f5 24.cxd6 Re6 25.Rd4 cxd6 26.Nc5 Rf6 27.Nb7 Qe7 28.Kf1 Ne6 29.Re1 Qc7 30.Qxd6 Rxb7 31.Bxb7 Qxb7 32.Rb4 Qc8 33.Rb6 Qc4+ 34.Kg1 Qxa2 35.b4 Qb2 36.Rxa6 Qc3 37.Rea1 f4 38.h4 Rf5 39.Ra8 Rh5 40.Qb8 Qg7 41.R1a7 1-0

Klaty,Brad - Klaty,Trenton [B50] Sicilian Defense

2021 PHCC August Mini-Swiss Port Huron (2), 19.08.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nf3 a6 4.Bc4 Nc6 5.0-0 Bg4 6.Bxf7+ Kxf7 7.Ng5+ Ke8 8.Qxg4 Nf6 9.Qh3 h6 10.Nd5 Qd7 11.Nxf6+ exf6 12.Qh5+ Ke7 13.Nf3 Qe8 14.Qg4 Qd7 15.Qg6 Qe8 16.Qg4 Qd7 17.Qf4 Kd8 18.c3 Kc7 19.d4 b6 20.Be3 Re8 21.dxc5 bxc5 22.Bxc5 Kc8 23.Ba3 g5 24.Qd2 Rxe4 25.Nd4 d5 26.b4 Bd6 27.Rfe1

Rhe8 28.Rxe4 Rxe4 29.Re1 Rxe1+ 30.Qxe1 Ne5 31.Qe2 Qa7 32.Bc1 Bf8 33.Be3 Qb7 34.Ne6 Be7 35.Nc5 Qc6 36.Bd4 Bd6 37.Qh5 Bf8 38.a4 Bg7 39.Bxe5 fxe5 40.Qf7 Qc7 41.Qe6+ Kd8 42.Qg8+ Ke7 43.Qxg7+ Kd6 44.Qf6# 1-0

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1811) - Klaty,Trenton [A32] Symmetrical English

2021 PHCC August Mini-Swiss Port Huron (3), 26.08.2021

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.Bg5 c5 5.Nf3 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Nc6 7.e3 Be7 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 a6 10.a3 Qd6 11.Rc1 Rd8 12.b4 Bd7 13.c5 Qc7 14.f4 Kh8 15.Nf3 Be8 16.Nd4 b5 17.Bg4 Nxg4 18.Qxg4 Bxg5 19.Nxc6 Bxc6 20.fxg5 Rd7 21.Ne2 Qe5 22.Qf4 Qb2 23.Nd4 Rc8 24.Nxc6 Qxa3 25.Ne5 Rdc7 26.Ra1 Qc3 27.Rxa6 Rg8 28.Nxf7+ Rxf7 29.Qxf7 Qxe3+ 30.Kh1 Qxg5 31.Qxg8+ 1-0

Rood,Eric (1379) - Avdic,Huso (1960) [D00] QP Game

2021 PHCC August Mini-Swiss Port Huron (3), 26.08.2021

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 d5 3.e3 Bf5 4.c4 e6 5.Qb3 b6 6.Nf3 Bd6 7.Ne5 0-0 8.Nc3 a6 9.Rc1 c6 10.Be2 Ne4 11.f3 Nxc3 12.bxc3 f6 13.Ng4 Bxf4 14.exf4 Qc7 15.g3 b5 16.c5 Nd7 17.Ne3 Bg6 18.Qd1 e5 19.f5 Bf7 20.Bd3 exd4 21.cxd4 Rfe8 22.Kf2 Re7 23.Qd2 Rae8 24.Rhe1 a5 25.a3 Nf8 26.Nc2 g5 27.Rxe7 Rxe7 28.Re1 Rxe1 29.Qxe1 h5 30.Kg2 Nh7 31.Na1[31.Qa5?] Kf8 32.Nb3 a4 33.Na1 Be8 34.g4 hxg4 35.fxg4 Qf4 36.h3 Qxd4 0-1

(Eric wrote in his analysis: " [The] Game was mostly drawn, although I was winning for a little bit in the middle. I gave away my advantage, but [it] was still basically drawn right up until I blundered.... But right before I blundered, Black was only at -0.6 according to Stockfish. [The] Game was better than I thought for me. We both missed some opportunities. [A] Disappointing outcome, but I enjoyed the game!" I have invited both players to annotate the game above so readers can compare insights into the thinking of both contestants. - editor

Klaty,Braeden - Klaty,Brad [C48] Sour Knights Game

2021 PHCC August Mini-Swiss Port Huron (3), 26.08.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Bc5 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Nxe5 Re8 8.Nf3 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Rxe4 10.d3 Re6 11.h3 b5 12.Re1 Be7 13.Bf4 Bb7 14.Rxe6 fxe6 15.Qe2 Bc8 16.Ne5 Bb7 17.Re1 Qf8 18.Nxc6 Bxc6 19.Qxe6+ Qf7 20.Qxe7 Qxf4 21.Qe6+ Kf8 22.Qxc6 Rd8 23.Qxb5 h6 24.Qe5 Qb4 25.Re4 Qb8 26.Qf5+ Kg8 27.Re7 Rf8 28.Qe5 1-0

2021 PHCC August Mini-Swiss

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3
1	Huso Avdic	1960	B 4	W 3	B 2
			1	2	3
2	Eric Rood	1739	B 6	W 4	W 1
			1	2	2
3	Lonnie Rutkofske	1811	W 5	B 1	W 6
			1	1	2
4	Braeden Klaty	unr	W 1	B 2	W 5
			0	0	1
5	Brad Klaty	unr	B 3	W 6	B 4
			0	1	1
6	Trenton Klaty	unr	W 2	B 5	B 3
			0	0	0

Ratings:

The following list represents only current members of the Port Huron Chess Club. Current USCF ratings were used for members that had them, in order to establish the initial club rating list. The USCF rating format is used as the basis for calculating our club rating list. Members that had no USCF ratings are given a provisional rating based on their performances against regular club members who had USCF ratings. Club rated events will use these ratings for pairing purposes.

PHCC Ratings as of 8/27/21

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2118
Avdic, Huso	2092
Bailey, Greg	2076
West, Tony	1967
Gregg, Alan	1918
Rood, Eric	1888
Morabito, Matt	1861
Wilkinson, Stu	1852
Rutkofske, Lon	1738
Klaty, Braeden	1686
Broyles, Tom	1692
Roome, Eric	1641
Bedy, Noel	1572
Boucher, Dave	1565
Jones, G. Avery	1561
Wingrove, Bill	1546
Heinrich, Charles	1508
Scholfield, Chris	1503
Muir, Josh	1450
Malburg, Drew	1348
Diachinsky, Robin	1300
DeFoy, Jay	1294
Klaty, Brad	1288
Kenny, Joshua	1063
Klaty, Trenton	737

USCF Ratings as of 8/8/21

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2098
Gregg, Alan	1970
Avdic, Huso	1960
Bailey, Greg	1927
West, Tony	1897
Wilkinson, Stu	1830
Rutkofske, Lon	1811
Morabito, Matt	1780
Klaty, Braeden	1754/P3
Broyles, Tom	1699
Muir, Joshua	1661
Wingrove, Bill	1558
Roome, Eric	1546
Bedy, Noel	1513
Jones, G. Avery	1506
Malburg, Drew	1471/P5
Boucher, Dave	1406
Rood, Eric	1379
Klaty, Brad	11.69/P3
Klaty, Trenton	1147/P3
Heinrich, Charles	1139
DeFoy, Jay	1111/P3
Kenny, Joshua	1063

PHCC Blitz Ratings as of 8/27/21

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2262
Avdic, Huso	2036
Gregg, Alan	1938
Wilkinson, Stu	1929
Rood, Eric	1888
Rutkofske, Lon	1879
Morabito, Matt	1797
Broyles, Tom	1708
Muir, Josh	1667
Bedy, Noel	1599
Scholfield, Chris	1552
Wingrove, Bill	1538
Jones, G. Avery	1517
Diachinsky, Robin	1298
Kenny, Joshua	1113
Klaty, Braeden	978
DeFoy, Jay	895
Klaty, Brad	831
Klaty, Trenton	740

USCF Quick/Action Ratings as of 8/8/21

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2125/P13
Avdic, Huso	2036
Gregg, Alan	1909
Morabito, Matt	1908/P17
Klaty, Braeden	1836/P3
Bailey, Greg	1824
Broyles, Tom	1801/23
Wilkinson, Stu	1782/P16
West, Tony	1774
Rutkofske, Lon	1756
Muir, Josh	1686
Bedy, Noel	1523
Jones, Avery	1514
Roome, Eric	1509P
Wingrove, Bill	1507
Klaty, Trenton	1224/P3
Klaty, Brad	1214/P3
Rood, Eric	1127
DeFoy, Jay	1103/P8
Kenny, Joshua	1102/P8
Heinrich, Charles	1070P

USCF Blitz Ratings as of 8/8/21

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bailey, Greg	1936
Gregg, Alan	1935
Rutkofske, Lon	1932
Morabito, Matt	1727
Muir, Josh	1617
Bedy, Noel	1606
Jones, G. Avery	1200

Dues News:

While dues are not required for anyone interested in playing at the club, they are required for those competing in tournament play. Annual Dues are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for those under 19. Dues funds are used to offset miscellaneous expenses not funded by the Recreation Department. United States Chess Federation memberships are available through the club.

Calendar of Events:

First Thursday of Each Month: Free Chess Clinics – 6:30 to 7:00 PM; **Private Lessons** can be arranged @ \$15/person per hour; **Open play:** 7:00 until 10:00 PM. Players wishing to play Challenge matches with longer time controls of G/60 with 5 sec delay can choose to play match games if they so desire. Participants will be required to follow the rules and regulations for **Challenge Play** (As outlined in **Chess Chatter**, our website under "Club Member Ratings Lists", or posted at the club.) and colors will be selected by lot. PHCC club ratings will be used. Players should turn their game scores into Lon, so he can adjust ratings appropriately and showcase the games in **Chess Chatter**. **Monthly Tournaments** will be held, **usually** on the third Thursday of the month - See the events schedule below for specifics!

2021 Events Schedule:

September 16th- PHCC Rated Action Quads (or Mini-Swiss depending on registration) G/10 EF: \$5.00 ...Prizes based on entries. A minimum of 4 participants will be necessary to hold the event. Please contact Lon via phone or email if you plan to register. Onsite registration 6:30-7:00PM - Play begins at 7:00 PM. Prizes: if Quad: 1st = \$15; if Mini-Swiss: Based on entries! (Recording games is optional, for players that wish to keep score, neither player is required to keep score if either has 5 minutes or less on their clock.)

September 23rd – Simultaneous Exhibition by Huso Avdic – open to all at no charge. Play slated to begin at 7:30pm – possible prize to anyone drawing or defeating our club champion during simultaneous play. If interested, please contact Lon Rutkofske

October 14th PHCC Speed Championships - The Port Huron Chess Club's 40th Annual Speed Championship Tournament will be held on Thursday, October 14th beginning at 7:00 PM. Registrations will determine the number of rounds and prizes. PHCC membership required. Entry fee will be \$5.00. Please contact Lon if you plan to play. There will be no registrations on-site. If you intend to play, contact Lon before October 14th. (*Will be USCF rated if all entrants are USCF members.*)

November 18th- PHCC Rated Action Quads (or Mini-Swiss depending on registration) G/10 EF: \$5.00 ...Prizes based on entries. A minimum of 4 participants will be necessary to hold the event. Please contact Lon via phone or email if you plan to register. Onsite registration 6:30-7:00PM - Play begins at 7:00 PM. Prizes: if Quad: 1st = \$15; if Mini-Swiss: Based on entries! (Recording games is optional, for players that wish to keep score, neither player is required to keep score if either has 5 minutes or less on their clock.)

December – NO TOURNAMENTS