



# 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](mailto:PtHuronChessClub@aol.com) or Website: <http://porthuronchessclub.yolasite.com>

## Avdic's inaugural simul nets him nearly a clean sweep

Club champion **Huso Avdic's** dream simultaneous exhibition bordered on perfection as the Bosnian expert reeled off an impressive 8.5/9 performance against fellow club members at the October 7th meeting at Palmer Park. The only "fly" in his ointment proved to be his draw against newcomer **Eric Rood**, who has been playing a significant amount of chess of late, with weekend sojourns to USCF rated quads in Troy, weekly tournament and club play at the PHCC, and daily online competition at *LiChess*.

Huso admitted that he was a bit nervous in his initial foray into exhibition chess, but settled in for an evening of collegial competition which featured participation with previously untested rivals, **Don Hugdahl**, and enthusiastic grandmother, **Colleen Frank's** grandson, **Carter**, both of whom welcomed the opportunity to challenge the PHCC's finest! The snap shots below more than adequately document the evening's events:



2021 Club Champion, Huso Avdic



L-R -Braeden Klaty, Trenton Klaty, Carter, Mark Schmidt, Eric Rood



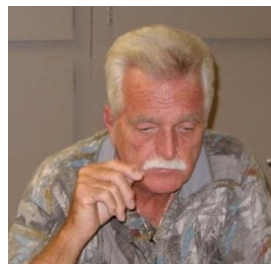
R-L- Bill Wingrove, Don Hugdahl, Brad Klaty, Alan Gregg



Colleen Frank



Carter



Don Hugdahl



"The Fly": Eric Rood

## Rood, Schmidt & Klaty Crew cash in on September DBL RR Quads

The final crosstables below clearly outline the story behind the twice rescheduled September Quads/Mini-Swiss results which took place on September 30th. Due to a building problem at our Palmer Park home. **Eric Rood** edged our **Braeden Klaty** for the first place prize money in the A section and **Mark Schmidt** and **Trenton Klaty** split the cash in the B section. It seems the only Klaty that came up empty, was dad, Brad, who funded the entire Klaty Klan endeavor, although I am certain that his son's shared their spoils, most likely to secure a ride home!! Since score sheets were not required, sadly as Lon discovered, the G/10 time control all but eliminated the possibility of have a record of the games. The most promising aspect of the event was that recently the interest in tournament play has finally manifested itself!!

### Section A

#	Name	Rating>Chg	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot
1	Eric Rood	1888>1882	WW4	WD3	WL2	4½
3	Braeden Klaty	1686>1719	WW2	DL1	WL4	3½
2	Lon Rutkofske	1738>1731	LL3	WW4	WL1	3
4	Bill Wingrove	1546>1534	LL1	LL2	WL3	1

### Section B

#	Name	Rating>Chg	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot
2	Trenton Klaty	1062>1171	WW4	WL3	WL1	4
3	Mark Schmidt	UNR>1216	WW1	WL2	WL4	4
1	Brad Klaty	1288>1222	LL3	WW4	WL2	3
4	Jacob Yager	UNR> 904	LL2	LL1	WL3	1

### Prize winners



**Eric Rood**

**Braeden Klaty**

**Mark Schmidt**

**Trenton Klaty**

# 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.

**Avdic,Huso (1971) - Klaty,Braeden (1583) [A33] Symmetrical English**

Huso Avdic Simul Port Huron (1), 07.10.2021

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.d4 0-0 7.Bg2 c5 8.0-0 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nc6 10.Bg5 Be6 11.Rc1 Bxc3 12.Rxc3 h6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Qc1 Bd7 16.e3 Rab8 17.b3 Rbc8 18.Rc5 Rc7 19.Qc3 Qxc3 20.Rxc3 Be6 21.Rfc1 Rfc8 22.Rc5 Kf8 23.Kf1 Ke7 24.Ke2 Kd6 25.Kd3 Rb7 26.e4 Rbc7 27.b4 dxe4+ 28.Bxe4 Bxa2 29.b5 cxb5 30.Rxc7 Rxc7 31.Ra1 Bc4+ 32.Kd4 Rb7 33.Bxb7 1-0

**Avdic,Huso (1971) - Schmidt,Mark (1216) [B33] Sicilian Defense**

Huso Avdic Simul Port Huron (1), 07.10.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.exd5 Nb8 9.c4 Be7 10.Qa4 Bd7 11.Qa3 Bf5 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 0-0 14.0-0 Na6 15.Be3 f5 16.f4 e4 17.Qd2 b6 18.Nd4 Nc7 19.Rac1 Qd7 20.Nc6 Bf6 21.b4 Na6 22.a3 Nb8 23.b5 a6 24.a4 Nxc6 25.dxc6 Qc7 26.Rfd1 Rfd8 27.Qd5+ Kh8 28.Qxf5 axb5 29.axb5 Rf8 30.Qd7 Rac8 31.Qxc7 Rxc7 32.Bxb6 Re7 33.Rxd6 e3 34.c7 Rfe8 35.Re1 e2 36.Kf2 g6 37.Bd4 Bxd4+ 38.Rxd4 Rxc7 39.Rxe2 Rxe2+ 40.Kxe2 Re7+ 41.Kd2 Kg7 42.Rd8 1-0

**Avdic,Huso (1971) - Klaty,Trenton (1171) [D85] Exchange Grunfeld**

Huso Avdic Simul Port Huron (1), 07.10.2021

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Qa4+ c6 8.Qa3 Nd7 9.Nf3 c5 10.Be2 b6 11.h4 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nf6 13.e5 Nd5 14.h5 Bg4 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.Rxh8+ Bxh8 17.Bg5 f6 18.Bd2 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 fxe5 20.Qa4+ Kf7 21.dxe5 Bxe5 22.Rd1 Rc8 23.Qe4 Ke6 24.Qxg6+ Nf6 25.Bg4+ 1-0

## **The Port Huron Area School District to resurrect the Phil Willard Memorial School tournament for Mar. 19, 2022!**

**Some welcomed news has surfaced in spite of the pandemic, and that happened when I received the following email:**

In a message dated 9/28/2021 8:50:40 AM Eastern Standard Time, kmcrobie@phasd.us writes:

Good Morning Lon,

I hope you are well! The PHASD is moving forward with enrichment activities for students this year and we are hoping to run the chess tournament again. I have been in contact with Jeff Willard and we are tentatively looking at March 19th, 2022 for a competition this year.

Would you and your volunteers be available this year to help with the tournament at Port Huron High School? If you think you could put us on your calendar that would be great and we would appreciate the help. Please let me know what you think. Thanks so much,

Kristen McRobie  
Enrichment and Summer Programs Coordinator  
Port Huron Area School District

**My response was immediate and very appreciative:**

Nice to meet you Kristen,

On behalf of the Port Huron Chess Club, we would be more than happy to assist you in any way in re-establishing the Willard Memorial Tournament. I will enter it on our club calendar for 2022 and wonder if you would send me the traditional flyer your department sends out prior to the event. I always publish this in Chess Chatter (our club newsletter) and on our website as well. I am certain we can field a team of at least 4 club members willing to help. It is gratifying to know that the district recognizes the value of this event, and in chess itself....

**I know that I speak for most in our club, that such welcome message would once again provide the PHCC with another opportunity to support chess in the area, so save this date on your 2022 calendar!**

## 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 10/4/21**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andy	2118
Avdic, Huso	2092
Bailey, Greg	2076
West, Tony	1967
Gregg, Alan	1918
Rood, Eric	1883
Morabito, Matt	1861
Wilkinson, Stu	1852
Rutkofske, Lon	1731
Klaty, Braeden	1719
Broyles, Tom	1692
Roome, Eric	1641
Bedy, Noel	1572
Boucher, Dave	1565
Jones, G. Avery	1561
Wingrove, Bill	1534
Heinrich, Charles	1508
Scholfield, Chris	1503
Muir, Josh	1450
Beneker, Gerrit	1380
Malburg, Drew	1348
Diachinsky, Robin	1300
DeFoy, Jay	1294
Klaty, Brad	1222
Schmidt, Mark	1216
Klaty, Trenton	1171
Kenny, Joshua	1063
Yager, Jacob	904

### **PHCC Blitz Ratings as of 10/4/21**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andy	2262
Avdic, Huso	2036
Gregg, Alan	1938
Wilkinson, Stu	1929
Rood, Eric	1888
Rutkofske, Lon	1879
Morabito, Matt	1797
Klaty, Braeden	1719
Broyles, Tom	1708
Muir, Josh	1667
Bedy, Noel	1599
Scholfield, Chris	1552
Wingrove, Bill	1538
Jones, G. Avery	1517
Diachinsky, Robin	1298
Klaty, Brad	1222
Schmidt, Mark	1216
Klaty, Trenton	1171
Kenny, Joshua	1113
Yager, Jacob	904
DeFoy, Jay	895

### **USCF Ratings as of 8/28/21**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andy	2082
Avdic, Huso	1971
Gregg, Alan	1970
Bailey, Greg	1927
West, Tony	1897
Wilkinson, Stu	1830
Rutkofske, Lon	1807
Morabito, Matt	1803
Broyles, Tom	1699
Muir, Joshua	1676
Klaty, Braeden	1583/P6
Wingrove, Bill	1545
Roome, Eric	1546
Bedy, Noel	1532
Jones, G. Avery	1514
Malburg, Drew	1471
Rood, Eric	1424
Boucher, Dave	1406
Klaty, Brad	1214/P6
Heinrich, Charles	1139
DeFoy, Jay	1111/P3
Kenny, Joshua	1063
Klaty, Trenton	1062/P6

### **USCF Quick/Action Ratings as of 8/28/21**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andy	2074
Avdic, Huso	2046
Morabito, Matt	1908/P
Gregg, Alan	1899
Klaty, Braeden	1836/P3
Bailey, Greg	1824
Broyles, Tom	1801/P
Wilkinson, Stu	1789/P
Rutkofske, Lon	1775
West, Tony	1774
Muir, Josh	1611
Bedy, Noel	1526
Jones, Avery	1545
Wingrove, Bill	1510
Roome, Eric	1509/P
Klaty, Trenton	1224/P3
Klaty, Brad	1214/P3
Rood, Eric	1127
Defoy, Jay	1108/P
Heinrich, Charles	1070/P

### **USCF Blitz Ratings as of 8/28/21**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andy	2152
Bailey, Greg	1868
Rutkofske, Lon	1860
Gregg, Alan	1846
Morabito, Matt	1732
Muir, Josh	1617
Bedy, Noel	1546
Jones, G. Avery	1359

## 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:

**October 14<sup>th</sup> PHCC Speed Championships** - The Port Huron Chess Club's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Speed Championship Tournament will be held on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>. (*Will be USCF rated if all entrants are USCF members.*)

**November 18<sup>th</sup>- 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**

## Feedback Needed:

In preparation for developing the schedule of events for 2022 the PHCC needs your feedback on the issue of online chess tournaments. Obviously the pandemic necessitated a change from in person to online chess. **Alan Gregg** and **Drew Malburg** sought to keep Thursday night chess alive by using the *LiChess* platform to host weekly tournaments. The issue now is: Should the PHCC continue to offer online events, and if so, on what days and times, types of events, free or not, length of event...would you like to see for the 2022 season? Please send your responses via email to the following email address before December 1, 2021: [pthuronchessclub@aol.com](mailto:pthuronchessclub@aol.com)