



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 captures 2021 Speed Crown

Huso Avdic made it a clean sweep, garnering first place honors in each of the PHCC's Championship series contests: the Over the Board Club Championship; the Online Club Championship and the Speed Championship, losing only a single game in this 2021 trifecta! As a well-established expert in tournament play, you can probably find Huso in the early morning hours testing his prowess in quick chess matches on **LiChess**. His play can best be characterized as "solid, yet opportunistic", with an uncanny ability to quickly and accurately pinpoint and exploit weaknesses in his opponents' positions or tactical miscalculations. The Chesterfield Township native has been a boon to the club's playing strength, but by far it is his pleasant demeanor and willingness to contribute and support club activities have been the most welcomed additions in moving the club forward throughout its struggles during the darkest days of the pandemic. On behalf of membership of the PHCC congratulations and thank you for your contributions to the PHCC!

As you can tell by the cross table below there are many new faces joining in the club's monthly tournament activities. The 40th Speed Championships featured 6 new United States Chess Federation members competing in their first rated rapid tournament. Hopefully this trend will not only provide them with avenues to participate in nationally rated chess events but may prove to be a jumping off point to enjoy other USCF rated events going forward!

2021 PHCC Speed Championships Standings

#	Name	USCF Ratings: Pre>Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
2	Huso Avdic	unr>2012	WW6	WW5	WW4	WD3	WW8	WW1	WW7	13½
1	Lonnie Rutkofske	1860>1833	WW7	WL6	WW5	WW4	WW3	LL2	WL8	10
3	Braeden Klaty	unr>1609	WW5	WW4	WL8	DL2	LL1	WW7	LL6	7½
6	Joshua C. Muir	1617>1600	LL2	WL1	WW7	DL8	LL5	WW4	WW3	7½
8	Eric Rood	unr>1657	WL4	WL7	WL3	WD6	LL2	WW5	WL1	7½
5	Trenton Klaty	unr>1309	LL3	LL2	LL1	WW7	WW6	LL8	WL4	5
4	Brad Klaty	unr>1290	WL8	LL3	LL2	LL1	WW7	LL6	WL5	4
7	Drew Malburg	unr>1206	LL1	WL8	LL6	LL5	LL4	LL3	LL2	1

2021 PHCC Speed Championship Winners:



Huso Avdic
Club Champion

Lon Rutkofske
Runner -up

Braeden Klaty
Top/Under 19

A Pictorial History of the 40th PHCC Speed Championships



Photos by Brandon Byrne

PHCC gets some “love” from unlikely source!

On Friday morning October 15th, I opened my email to find the following remarkable and extremely gratifying note:

From: ewilliams@hamptonpubliclibrary.com
To: PtHuronchessclub@aol.com
Sent: 10/15/2021 9:15:33 AM Eastern Standard Time
Subject: Port Huron Chess Club, thank you

Good Morning Port Huron Chess Club members,

I would just like to say a quick word of thanks! As a youth services librarian, I've been able to get some great use out of your club's chess resource links list as I'm running a fun educational project on the game of chess for a small group of 10-14 year olds during these times of remote learning. We were even able to use some of this information for our group project! Thanks so much for sharing!

I hope you don't mind, one of our youngest, Anna has also asked me if I could share a piece that she and her mother found together on A Kid's Guide to Playing Chess, which includes a great breakdown on chessboard set up, special moves, strategy, how to begin and end a game, etc. I've included it below if you'd like to review!

We noticed you don't have this one listed, but Anna was actually the one to bring up that this could be something you might like to include for any other students and families who may also have an interest in learning how to play during their down time, like Anna!

If you find you are able to use this one, would you please let me know? We're meeting Monday virtually, and I would absolutely love to surprise Anna and the group if you're able to do so - I'm hoping to keep spirits up despite the past year's events and I think it would make her proud to see she was able to pay it forward and maybe even show her mother her contribution if it ends up being included! michiganchessnews.yolasite.com/links.php / porthuronchessclub.yolasite.com/links.php

Thanks again for all your help here,
Evelyn Williams

<https://www.playgroundequipment.com/a-kids-guide-to-playing-chess/>

It seems as though the Hampton Virginia youth services librarian wished to thank the Port Huron Chess Club for providing her and her group with a number of links to information that enhanced its search for chess information related to class activities. In a remarkable gratifying communication, librarian Evelyn Williams took the time to express its gratitude to the club for our efforts, as well as, providing the PHCC website with another link for promoting youth chess. I proceeded to contact **Alan Gregg**, the real architect of our website, and asked him to include this new link to our website and he quickly and graciously did so. Additionally, I have discovered recently that many of our new members have accessed our website to get more information that enabled and encouraged them to drop by the PHCC to take a firsthand look at what we provide. It has been a win-win for the PHCC and we can thank Alan for promoting our club via the internet!



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.

The Port Huron Area School District to resurrect the Phil Willard Memorial School tournament for Mar. 19, 2022! – PHCC volunteers needed!

Games from PHCC members:

Rutkofske, Lonnie (1738) - Klaty, Braeden (1686) [A17] English Opening

PHCC September Quads G/10 Port Huron (1), 30.09.2021

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.a3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.d4 h6 6.Bf4 c5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.h3 Be7 9.e3 a6
10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 Re8 12.Rc1 Be6 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.b4 Be7 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.exd4
a5 17.Nb5 Rc8 18.Rxc8 Bxc8 19.Bc7 Qd7 20.Bxa5 Qc6 21.Na7 [flagfall] 0-1

Muir, Josh (1676) - Rutkofske, Lonnie (1804) [B54] Sicilian Defense

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1900 Ann Arbor (1), 02.10.2021

1.e4 e6 2.c4 c5 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.d4 Be7 6.Be3 a6 7.Be2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nf6 9.0-0 0-0 10.f3
Qc7 11.Rc1 e5 12.Nb3 Qd8 13.Qd2 Be6 14.Nd5 h6 15.Bb6 Qd7 16.Rfd1 Bd8 17.Nxf6+ Bxf6
18.Qxd6 Nd4 19.Rxd4 exd4 20.Qxd7 Bxd7 21.Nxd4 Rac8 22.b3 Rfe8 23.Rd1 Bd8 24.Bxd8
Rexd8 25.Nc2 Be6 26.Ne3 Rxd1+ 27.Bxd1 b5 28.Be2 Kf8 29.Kf2 bxc4 30.Nxc4 Bxc4 31.Bxc4 a5
32.a4 Ke7 33.Ke3 f6 34.h4 Rc5 35.g4 Kd6 36.Kd4 g5 ½-½

Rutkofske, Lonnie (1804) - Yassine, Walid (1798) [A11] English Opening

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1900 Ann Arbor (2), 02.10.2021

1.c4 g6 2.g3 c6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 e6 5.e4 Ne7 6.Nge2 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.d4 dxc4 9.Be3 Nd7 10.Qc2
Nb6 11.Rad1 f5 12.Bg5 fxe4 13.Bxe4 Nbd5 14.h4 Qc7 15.h5 Nf5 16.hxg6 h6 17.Bc1 b5 18.Bf4
Nxf4 19.gxf4 Bb7 20.Bxf5 Rxf5 21.Qe4 Re8 22.Qg2 c5 23.f3 cxd4 24.Ne4 d3 25.N4g3 dxe2
26.Nxf5 exf1Q+ 27.Qxf1 0-1

Muir, Joshua (1676) - Segal, Leonardo (1642) B10 Caro-Kann

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1900 Ann Arbor (3), 03.10.2021

1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.cxd5 Qxd5 5.Nc3 Qa5 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.d4 g6 8.Bc4 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0
10.Qb3 a6 11.Nd5 Nc6 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Bh6 Bg7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.d5 Nd8 16.Rfe1 b5 17.Bd3
e6 18.Rac1 exd5 19.Qxd5 Bb7 20.Qd4+ Kg8 21.Ng5 h6 22.Re3 hxg5 23.Rh3 f6 24.Bxg6 Rc8
25.Bh7+ Kg7 26.Rd1 Qc7 27.Qd3 Qf7 28.Qf5 Rc7 29.Rg3 Rh8 30.h4 Rxh7 31.hxg5 Rh1+ 32.Kxh1
Qh5+ 33.Rh3 Qxd1+ 34.Kh2 Qd6+ 35.f4 Kg8 36.Qg6+ Rg7 37.Qe8+ Qf8 38.Rh8+ Kxh8 39.Qxf8+
Kh7 40.Qxd8 fxg5 41.f5 Be4 42.f6 Rf7 43.Qe8 Bg6 44.Qe5 Kh6 45.Kg3 Bc2 46.Kf2 Kg6 47.Qc3
Rxf6+ 48.Kg1 Be4 49.g4 Rf4 50.Qc8 Rf6 51.Qe8+ Kh6 52.Qxe4 Rd6 53.Qe3 Rf6 54.Qe5 Kg6
55.Qe4+ Kh6 56.b3 Rd6 57.a4 bxa4 58.bxa4 Rf6 59.Qd4 Kg6 60.Qe4+ Kh6 61.Qh1+ Kg6 [And
white wins a few moves later!] 1-0

Kauffman, Andrew (1615) - Rutkofske, Lonnie (1804) [B27] Sicilian Defense

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1900 Ann Arbor (4), 03.10.2021

1.Nf3 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.d4 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Na3 d6 6.Bb5+ Nd7 7.0-0 Nh6 8.Qd3 0-0 9.h4 d5
10.exd5 Nf6 11.dxc5 Qxc5 12.Be3 Qxd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Bc5 Nf5 15.Rad1 Be6 16.Ng5 Bf6
17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Bd7 Kf7 19.Rfe1 Nc7 20.Nb5 Nxb5 21.Bxb5 Rfc8 22.Ba3 Rd8 23.Bd7 Bxh4
24.Bxe6+ Ke8 25.g3 Bf6 26.Bd5 Rab8 27.Bc5 b6 28.Ba3 Ng7 29.g4 h5 30.f3 h4 31.f4 g5 32.fxg5
Bxg5 33.Rf1 e6 1-0

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 10/15/21

<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
Bryne, Brandon	1294
Klaty, Brad	1222
Schmidt, Mark	1216
Klaty, Trenton	1171
Kenny, Joshua	1063
Yager, Jacob	904

PHCC Blitz Ratings as of 10/16/21

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andy	2262
Avdic, Huso	2056
Gregg, Alan	1938
Wilkinson, Stu	1929
Rutkofske, Lon	1868
Rood, Eric	1825
Morabito, Matt	1797
Broyles, Tom	1708
Klaty, Braeden	1699
Muir, Josh	1662
Bedy, Noel	1599
Scholfield, Chris	1552
Wingrove, Bill	1538
Jones, G. Avery	1517
Bryne, Brandon	1327
Diachinsky, Robin	1298
Klaty, Trenton	1294
Klaty, Brad	1259
Schmidt, Mark	1216
Kenny, Joshua	1113
Malburg, Drew	1021
Yager, Jacob	904
DeFoy, Jay	895

USCF Ratings as of 10/15/21

<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
Byrne, Brandon	1283
Klaty, Brad	1214/P6
Heinrich, Charles	1139
DeFoy, Jay	1111/P3
Kenny, Joshua	1063
Klaty, Trenton	1062/P6

USCF Quick/Action Ratings as of 10/15/21

<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	1509P
Klaty, Trenton	1224/P3
Klaty, Brad	1214/P3
Bryne, Brandon	1202
Rood, Eric	1127
Defoy, Jay	1108/P
Heinrich, Charles	1070/P
Kenny, Joshua	1102/P

USCF Blitz Ratings as of 10/16/21

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andy	2152
Avdic, Huso	2012
Bailey, Greg	1868
Gregg, Alan	1846
Rutkofske, Lon	1833
Morabito, Matt	1732
Rood, Eric	1657
Klaty, Braeden	1609
Muir, Josh	1600
Bedy, Noel	1546
Jones, G. Avery	1359
Klaty, Trenton	1309
Klaty, Brad	1290
Malburg, Drew	1208

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:

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

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

A good read! from club member Don Hugdahl

One of our newest players suggested I read a chess biography/memoir entitled: ***All the Wrong Moves; A memoir about chess, love and ruining - Everything*** by Sasha Chapin. You can get the Kindle version on Amazon for a mere \$5.99 and for chess players, hilariously exemplifies the trials and tribulations that a love affair with the game of chess can bring. It's worth the read...thanks Don! (**Caution: Mature Content!**)