



Chess Chatter

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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 and Gregg continue to hold the early lead in 2022 PHCC Championships

Dates: 1/13 1/20 1/27 2/10 2/17 2/24 3/10 3/17 3/24

#	Name/Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Rd 9	Totals
1	Huso Avdic	B 9	W 8	B 7	W 6	B 5	W 4	B 3	W 2	W 10	
	2092	1	1	1	1						4
2	Alan Gregg	B 8	W 7	B 6	W 5	B 4	W 3	W 10	B 1	W 9	
	1918	1	1	1	1						4
3	Eric Rood	B 7	W 6	B 5	W 4	W 10	B 2	W 1	B 9	W 8	
	1883	1		0.5	0.5						2
4	Matt Morabito	B 6	W 5	W 10	B 3	W 2	B 1	W 9	B 8	W 7	
	1861	0.5	0.5	1	0.5						2.5
5	Lon Rutkofske	W 10	B 4	W 3	B 2	W 1	B 9	W 8	B 7	W 6	
	1731	1	0.5	0.5	0						2
6	Braeden Klaty	W 4	B 3	W 2	B 1	W 9	B 8	W 7	B 10	B 5	
	1719	0.5		0	0						0.5
7	Bill Wingrove	W 3	B 2	W 1	B 9	W 8	B 10	B 6	W 5	B 4	
	1534	0	0	0	1						1
8	Drew Malburg	W 2	B 1	W 9	B 10	B 7	W 6	B 5	W 4	B 3	
	1348	0	0	1	0						1
9	Brad Klaty	W 1	B 10	B 8	W 7	B 6	W 5	B 4	W 3	B 2	
	1222	0		0	0						0
10	Trenton Klaty	B 5	W 9	B 4	W 8	B 3	W 7	B 2	W 6	B 1	
	1171	0		0	1						1

The race is on, as both **Huso Avdic** and **Alan Gregg's** records remain untarnished moving into the mid-way point of this year's club championships! Alan's timely win over Lon and Huso's triumph over Braeden highlighted 4th round play, as both **Bill Wingrove** and **Trenton Klaty** also delivered convincing victories.

Both Huso and Alan have been nearly unbeatable as they remained unscathed in games against the lower half of the draw, but things look to become more challenging as both face higher rated foes in the next two contests, with **Matt Morabito** lurking in the bushes in hopes of posting an upset against the front-runners! Unfortunately, Lon's prospects took a tragic turn by spending too much time in the middle game to pull out a victory or even a draw against Alan. Be sure to take a peek at the games from the last couple of rounds in the Members' Games section.

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



Phil Willard Memorial Chess Tournament



Saturday, March 19, 2022

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Port Huron High School Cafeteria

Registration will take place from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED

5 Round Tournament

Round 1 - 9:00 a.m.

Round 2 - 9:45 a.m.

Round 3 - 10:30 a.m.

Round 4 - 11:15 a.m.

Round 5 - 12:00 p.m.

Tournament and trophy presentation will conclude by 1:00 p.m.

**Open Tournament—FREE to all students currently attending
Port Huron Schools in grades Kindergarten through 12th
Time limit 15 minutes per player per round (Game in 30 minutes)**

Prizes will be awarded according to the following grade classifications:

K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

**(Grade classifications without a minimum of 6 players will be paired
in the next highest grade classification)**

CHESS SETS WILL BE PROVIDED

- ♦ Parents are responsible for the transportation and supervision of their children.
- ♦ Participants may bring their own refreshments.

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.

Games from the 2022 PHCC Championships

Round 3 Games

Rutkofske, Lonnie (1731) -

Rood, Eric (1883) [B01]

Scandinavian Defense 2022 PHCC
Championships Port Huron (3),
27.01.2022

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8
4.Bc4 c5 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.0-0 e6 7.Re1
Be7 8.d3 a6 9.a4 0-0 10.Qe2 Nc6
11.Rb1 h6 12.h3 Kh8 13.Bf4 Nd4
14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.Ne4 Bd7 16.Nxf6
Bxf6 17.Ra1 Bc6 18.Qd2 Bg5 19.Re5
Qf6 20.Bxg5 Qxe5 21.Be7 Rfe8
22.Bh4 Qf5 23.Re1 Bxa4 24.Re4 e5
25.Rg4 Bd7 26.Bd5 Bc6 27.Be4 Bxe4
28.dxe4 Qd7 29.Bf6 Qxg4 30.hxg4
gxf6 31.Qxh6+ Kg8 32.Qxf6 Re6
33.Qg5+ Kh7 34.Qf5+ Kg7 35.Qg5+
Kh7 36.Qf5+ ½-½

Wingrove, William (1534) -

Avdic, Huso (2092) [B66] Sicilian

Defense: Richter-Rauzer

2022 PHCC Championships Port
Huron (3), 27.01.2022

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6
8.0-0-0 Qc7 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.h4 h5
11.Kb1 b5 12.Nxc6 Qxc6 13.Bd3 Rb8
14.f3 b4 15.Ne2 a5 16.Nd4 Qc5
17.Rhe1 Bd7 18.Ne2 a4 19.Ng3 a3
20.b3 Qe5 21.c3 Qxg3 22.cxb4 Bh6
23.Qe2 Qe5 24.Qf2 Rg8 25.Re2
Rxb4 26.Rc2 Qd4 27.Qxd4 Rxd4
28.Be2 Rxd1+ 29.Bxd1 f5 30.exf5
exf5 31.Re2+ Be6 32.Bc2 Kd7
33.Bd3 Rc8 34.Bb5+ Kd8 35.Rc2 Rc5
36.Be2 Kc7 37.Rxc5+ dxc5 38.Kc2
Kd6 39.Kc3 Bg7+ 40.Kd3 Bxb3 0-1

Klaty, Braedan (1719) - Gregg, Alan

(1918) [B22] Sicilian Defense

2022 PHCC Championships Port
Huron (3), 27.01.2022

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5
5.Bc4 d6 6.d4 cxd4 7.cxd4 Nc6 8.0-
0 Nb6 9.Bb3 d5 10.Nc3 Be7 11.Be3
0-0 12.Rc1 Bd7 13.Na4 Nxa4
14.Bxa4 a6 15.a3 b5 16.Bc2 b4
17.axb4 Nxb4 18.Ba4 Rb8 19.Rb1 a5
20.Bxd7 Qxd7 21.Ra1 Qb5 22.Qa4
Qxa4 23.Rxa4 Rb5 24.Rfa1 Ra8
25.Bd2 Nc6 26.Bc3 f6 27.Kf1 Kf7
28.Ke2 Rab8 29.Ke3 Bd8 30.R1a2 h6
31.h3 Bb6 32.Ke2 fxe5 33.Nxe5+
Nxe5 34.dxe5 g5 35.g3 Kg6 36.f4
Rf8 37.Kf3 gxf4 38.Rxf4 Rxf4+
39.gxf4 Kf5 40.Ra4 d4 41.Bxd4 Bxd4
42.Rxd4 Rb3+ 43.Kg2 Rxb2+ 44.Kg3

Rb3+ 45.Kg2 Rb4 46.Rd1 Kxf4
47.Ra1 a4 48.Ra3 Kxe5 49.Re3+ Kd5
50.Rd3+ Rd4 51.Ra3 e5 52.Re3 e4
0-1

Malburg,Drew (1348) - Klaty,Brad
(1222) [B80] Sicilian: Scheveningen
2022 PHCC Championships Port
Huron (3), 27.01.2022
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 Nc6 7.f3 e6
8.Qd2 Be7 9.0-0-0 Nxd4 10.Qxd4
e5 11.Qd2 0-0 12.g4 b5 13.g5 Nd7
14.Nd5 Re8 15.Nxe7+ Rxe7 16.Qxd6
Re6 17.Qd5 Rb8 18.h4 Qe7 19.Bh3
Rg6 20.Bxd7 Bb7 21.Bc5 Qd8
22.Qxe5 Ra8 23.Bf5 Qa5 24.Kb1 Rc6
25.Rd7 f6 26.gxf6 gxf6 27.Rg1+ Kh8
28.Qe7 1-0

Morabito,Matthew (1861) -
Klaty,Trenton (1171) [D78]
Fianchetto Grunfeld 2022 PHCC
Championships Port Huron (3),
27.01.2022
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Bg7
5.c4 c6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 Bf5 8.Qb3
Qb6 9.Qxb6 axb6 10.cxd5 cxd5
11.Ne5 Be6 12.Bg5 Rd8 13.Nd3 Na6
14.Nf4 Nc7 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Bf4
Rac8 17.Bh3 Kf7 18.Rfe1 Nh5
19.Bxc7 Rxc7 20.e3 Bf6 21.Rac1
Rdc8 22.e4 Bxd4 23.exd5 Ng7
24.Bxe6+ Nxe6 25.Rxe6 b5 26.Rd1
Bxc3 27.bxc3 Rxc3 28.Rb6 R8c7
29.Rxb5 Ra3 30.Rd2 Rd7 31.Rdb2
b6 32.Re2 Rd6 33.Kg2 Rd3 34.Reb2
R6xd5 35.Rxd5 Rxd5 36.Rxb6 Ra5
37.Rb2 Ra3 38.Re2 e5 39.Kh3 Kf6
40.Kg2 Kf7 41.Kf1 e4 42.Ke1 Kf6
43.Kd1 Kf5 44.Kc1 h5 45.Kb2 Ra8
46.a3 Rb8+ 47.Kc3 Rc8+ 48.Kb4
Rb8+ 49.Kc5 Rc8+ 50.Kd6 Rd8+
51.Kc7 Ra8 52.Ra2 Ra4 53.Kc6 Kg4
54.Kb5 Ra8 55.a4 Kf3 56.a5 Rb8+
57.Kc5 Rc8+ 58.Kd5 Rd8+ 59.Ke5 g5
60.a6 h4 61.a7 Ra8 62.Kf5 hxg3
63.hxg3 g4 64.Ra3+ Kxf2 65.Kxe4
Re8+ 66.Kf5 Rf8+ 67.Kxg4 Rg8+
68.Kf5 Rf8+ 69.Ke6 Re8+ 70.Kf7 Ra8
71.g4 Ke2 72.g5 Kd2 73.g6 Kc2
74.g7 Kb2 75.Ra6 Kc3 76.g8R Rxa7+
77.Rxa7 Kd4 78.Re8 Kd5 79.Rd7+
Kc6 80.Ke6 Kb6 81.Rc8 Ka5 82.Rd1
Kb6 83.Rb1+ Ka7 84.Rc2 Ka8
85.Ra2# 1-0

Round 4 games

Gregg,Alan (1918) -
Rutkofske,Lonnie (1731) [A01]
Larsen-Nimzovich Opening 2022

PHCC Championships Port Huron
(4), 10.02.2022
1.b3 Nf6 2.Bb2 b6 3.c4 Bb7 4.d4 e6
5.Nf3 Bb4+ 6.Bc3 Bxc3+ 7.Nxc3 Ne4
8.Qc2 Nxc3 9.Qxc3 0-0 10.e3 f5
11.Be2 Qf6 12.0-0 a5 13.Rac1 d6
14.c5 Rf7 15.a3 g5 16.Nd2 d5 17.f4
g4 18.g3 Qd8 19.b4 c6 20.cxb6 Qxb6
21.Rb1 a4 22.Rfc1 Qd8 23.Rb2 Rc7
24.Rbc2 Nd7 25.Nf1 Rcc8 26.Qe1
Qf8 27.Bd3 Kf7 28.Qe2 Qd8 29.h4
h5 30.Rc3 Qb6 31.Qc2 Ke7 32.Kh2
Kf6 33.Nd2 Kg6 34.Qd1 Kf6 35.Qe2
Ke7 36.Nb1 Kd6 37.R3c2 Ke7
38.Nc3 Qa7 39.Rb2 Nb6 40.Nb1
Nd7 41.Qc2 Qb6 42.Nc3 Qa7
43.Nd1 Kf6 44.Qd2 Ke7 45.Rbc2
Qb6 46.Nf2 Kf6 47.Bf1 Ke7 48.Rc3
Kf6 49.Nd3 Ke7 50.Qb2 Ba6 51.Nc5
Bxf1 52.Rxf1 Qb5 53.Rfc1 Nb6
54.Qa2 Kd6 55.Kg2 Ra7 56.Kf2 Re7
57.Nd3 Rec7 58.Qc2 Ke7 59.Nc5
Ra8 60.Nd3 Nc4 61.Qe2 Rac8
62.Ne5 Nd6 63.Qxb5 Nxb5 64.Rd3
Kd6 65.Ke2 Ra8 66.Kd2 Ra6 67.Kc2
Rb7 68.Kb2 Rc7 69.Rd2 Rb6 70.Rdc2
Na7 71.Nd3 Nc8 72.Ka2 Rb5 73.Nc5
Nb6 74.Rc3 Ra7 75.Nd3 Nc4 76.Ne5
Ra6 77.Nxc4+ dxc4 78.Rxc4 Kd5
79.Rc5+ Ke4 80.Rxc6 Rxc6 81.Rxc6
Kxe3 82.Rxe6+ Kf3 83.Re5 Kxg3
84.Rxb5 1-0

Klaty,Brad (1222) -
Wingrove,William (1534) [B50]
Sicilian Defense 2022 PHCC
Championships Port Huron (4),
10.02.2022
1.e4 c5 2.b3 d6 3.Bb2 Nc6 4.Nf3 Nf6
5.Nc3 g6 6.Bc4 Bg7 7.Ng5 e6 8.Rb1
0-0 9.0-0 a6 10.Ne2 b5 11.Bd3 Ne5
12.Bxe5 dxe5 13.Ng3 Bb7 14.Qe2
h6 15.Nf3 Qc7 16.c4 b4 17.Ra1 Rfd8
18.Rfd1 f4 19.a3 a5 20.a4 f5
21.Rac1 f4 22.Nf1 Nf6 23.Bc2 g5
24.h3 Nh7 25.d3 Qe7 26.N3h2 Nf6
27.Rd2 h5 28.Bd1 Bh6 29.g4 fxg3
30.fxg3 g4 31.Ne3 gxh3 32.Rb2 Qg7
33.Qe1 Rxd3 34.Re2 Nxe4 35.g4
Bxe3+ 36.Rxe3 Rxe3 37.Qxe3 Qg5
38.Qxg5+ Nxg5 39.gxh5 Rd8 40.Ng4
Bf3 41.Ne3 Bxd1 42.Nxd1 Rd2
43.Ne3 Nf3+ 44.Kh1 Rh2# 0-1

Klaty,Trenton (1171) -
Malburg,Drew (1348) [E94]
Classical King's Indian Defense
2022 PHCC Championships Port
Huron (4), 10.02.2022
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.d5
Nc5 9.Qc2 Ne8 10.b4 Na6 11.a3 f5
12.Na4 fxe4 13.Qxe4 Bf5 14.Qe3 e4

15.Nd4 Nf6 16.Ra2 Bd7 17.Nc3 Qe7
18.f3 Rae8 19.fxe4 Nxe4 20.Rxf8+
Kxf8 21.Qf4+ Kg8 22.Qe3 c5 23.dxc6
bxc6 24.Nd1 Qe5 25.Nf3 Qf6 26.Bb2
Qf5 27.Bxg7 Kxg7 28.Bd3 Nc7
29.Qxa7 Rc8 30.Qd4+ Qf6 31.Bxe4
Qxd4+ 32.Nxd4 Re8 33.Nc3 c5
34.Nf3 Be6 35.Nd5 Nxd5 36.Bxd5
Bxd5 37.cxd5 cxb4 38.axb4 Rb8
39.Rb2 Rb5 40.Kf2 Kf6 41.Ke3 Rb8
42.b5 Ke7 43.b6 Kd7 44.b7 Kc7
45.Ke4 Rxb7 46.Rxb7+ Kxb7 47.Ng5
h6 48.Nf7 Kc7 49.Nxh6 Kd7 50.g4
Ke7 51.h4 Kf8 52.g5 Ke7 53.Kd4 Kd7
54.Kc4 Kc7 55.Kb5 Kd7 56.Kb6 Kd8
57.h5 1-0

Avdic,Huso (2092) - Klaty,Braeden
(1719) [E20] Nimzo-Indian Defense
2022 PHCC Championships Port
Huron (4), 11.02.2022
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4 4.g3 0-
0 5.Bg2 d5 6.d4 Nbd7 7.cxd5 exd5
8.0-0 Re8 9.Bd2 c5 10.dxc5 Nxc5
11.a3 Bxc3 12.Bxc3 Nce4 13.Bd4
Be6 14.Rc1 Nd6 15.b3 Nb5 16.Bb2
Rc8 17.Qd3 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 Nd6
19.Nd4 Qd7 20.e3 Rc8 21.Rxc8+
Qxc8 22.f3 Nf5 23.Kf2 Nxd4 24.Bxd4
Bf5 25.Qc3 Qxc3 26.Bxc3 Nd7
27.Bd4 b6 28.b4 f6 29.f4 Be4 30.Bf1
Kf7 31.g4 Nf8 32.Bb5 Ne6 33.Bc3
Ke7 34.a4 Nc7 35.Bf1 Ke6 36.h4 g6
37.Ke2 Ne8 38.Kd2 Nd6 39.Bd4 Bf3
40.g5 f5 41.a5 bxa5 42.bxa5 Nb7
43.a6 Nd6 44.Bxa7 Ne4+ 45.Kc2 Nf2
46.Bd4 Bd1+ 47.Kc3 Ba4 48.Kb4 Bc6
49.Kc5 Kd7 50.Kb6 Ne4 51.a7 Ba8
52.Bb5+ Kd8 53.Bc6 Nd6 54.Bxa8
Nc8+ 55.Ka6 1-0

Rood,Eric (1883) -
Morabito,Matthew (1861)
[A48]London System 2022 PHCC
Championships Port Huron (4),
10.02.2022
1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 d6 3.Nf3 g6 4.e3 Bg7
5.Nbd2 0-0 6.Bd3 Nbd7 7.c3 Re8
8.Qc2 e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Bg5 Nc5
11.Be2 e4 12.Nd4 Nd3+ 13.Kf1 c5
14.Nxe4 Nxf2 15.Nxf2 cxd4 16.exd4
Qd5 17.h4 Bf5 18.Qb3 Qxb3
19.axb3 h6 20.Bf4 Nd5 21.Bd2 Ne3+
22.Bxe3 Rxe3 23.Bb5 a6 24.g4 Bc2
25.b4 Rd8 26.Ba4 Bxa4 27.Rxa4
Rde8 28.Rh3 Re1+ 29.Kg2 R8e2
30.b5 Rxb2 31.bxa6 bxa6 32.Rxa6
Re4 33.g5 hxg5 34.hxg5 Rg4+
35.Rg3 Rxg3+ 36.Kxg3 Rb3 37.Ra8+
Kh7 38.Ne4 Bxd4 39.Rc8 Kg7 40.Kg4
Be5 41.c4 Rb8 42.Rxb8 Bxb8 43.Kf3
Be5 44.Ke3 f5 45.gxf6+ Bxf6
46.Nxf6 ½-½

Analysis by our own!

Dr. Jason Morris:



has been a long-time Michigan chess player and USCF rated expert and PHCC Member.

Houghton, Ezekiel (1844) - Avdic, Huso (1949) [C09] French Tarrasch2022 Michigan M/E/C Tnmt Class A Lansing (1), 08. 01. 2022

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. c3 e6 4. d4 d5 [5. e5 now would lead to a position from the Advance Variation of the French Defense, which is the most popular line. White offers to play an isolated queen pawn middlegame instead by trading e-pawns, which Black obliges.] **5. exd5 exd5 6. Bb5 Bd6 7. dxc5 Bxc5 8. 0-0 Nge7 9. Nbd2 0-0 10. Nb3 Bb6** [So far, so book. The alternative is 10. .. Bd6. Timman – Andersson, Venice 1974, continued peacefully with 7. O-O Ne7 8. dxc5 Bxc5 9. Nb3 Bd6 10. c3 O-O 11. Nbd4 Bg4 12. Qa4 Qd7 1/2-1/2.] **11. h3** [Centralizing with 11.Re1 is better.] **Qd6 12. Nbd4 Bd7** [Van Foreest (2688) – Korobov (2683), GCT Blitz Croatia 2021, continued 12. .. Nxd4 13. Nxd4 Nf5 14. Nf3 h6 15. Bd3 Bd7 16. Qc2 Qf6 17. Re1 Rae8 18. Bf4 Nh4 19. Nxh4 Qxf4 20. Nf5 g6 21. Ne7+ Rxe7 22. Rxe7 Bxh3 23. Rxb7 Bc8 24. Re7 Bc5 25. Ree1 h5 26. b4 Bb6 27. Qe2 Bg4 28. Qf1 h4 29. Re7 h3 30. Rae1 Bxf2+ 31. Kh1 hxg2+ 0-1] **13. Ba4 a6** [Black wants the B+Q battery on the b8-h2 diagonal without being bothered by Nb5.] **14. Ne2** [White wants to counter Bc7 with Bf4, but just developing a piece with 14. Be3 and strengthening the blockade on d4 was better.] **Ng6 15. Bb3 Be6 16. Ned4 Nce5?** [This is a mistake that

allows White a tighter grip on d4. After 17. Nxe5! Nxe5 18. Bf4! Black is in some trouble as the Ne5 is pinned and Re1 is threatened. On 17. .. Qxe5 there is 18. Re1 Qf6 19. Be3 Rae8 20. Qd2 followed by Rad1 and White has a solid positional advantage. Instead, White plays the inaccurate...] **17. Ng5? h6 18. Ngxe6 fxe6 19. Nxe6??** [Apparently winning a pawn, since 19. .. Qxe6 is met with 20. Bxd5. It was not too late to play the simple and solid 19. Be3 instead. Black's reply must have come as a shock.] **Nf3+!! 20. gxf3** [The knight must be taken on pain of mate at h2.] **Qg3+** [The f-pawn is pinned and White is without a defense.] **21. Kh1 Qxh3+ 22. Kg1 Nh4 0-1** [Mate is unavoidable. A brilliant finish by Black.

Alan Gregg :



A PHCC club member since 2009 and has been 9-time club champion.

Gregg, Alan (1918) - Rutkofske, Lonnie (1731) [A01] Larsen-Nimzovich Opening 2022 PHCC Championships Port Huron (4), 10.02.2022

1.b3 Nf6 2.Bb2 b6 3.c4 Bb7 4.d4 e6 5.Nf3 Bb4+ 6.Bc3 Bxc3+ 7.Nxc3 Ne4 8.Qc2 Nxc3 9.Qxc3 0-0 10.e3 f5 11.Be2 Qf6 12.0-0 a5 13.Rac1 d6 14.c5 Rf7 15.a3 g5 16.Nd2 d5 17.f4 [17.Nf3] 17...g4 18.g3 Qd8 19.b4 c6 20.cxb6 Qxb6 21.Rb1 a4 22.Rfc1 Qd8 [22...Ba6] 23.Rb2 Rc7 24.Rbc2 Nd7 25.Nf1 Rcc8 26.Qe1 Qf8 27.Bd3 Kf7 28.Qe2 Qd8 29.h4 [29.Nd2] 29...h5 30.Rc3 Qb6 31.Qc2 Ke7 [31...Ba6 Equal.] 32.Kh2 Kf6 33.Nd2 Kg6 34.Qd1

Kf6 35.Qe2 Ke7 36.Nb1 Kd6 37.R3c2 Ke7 38.Nc3 Qa7 39.Rb2 Nb6 40.Nb1 [40.e4 fxe4 41.Nxe4 dxe4 42.Qxe4 According to the computer. White is winning, but nothing is clear and good moves are a hard to find.] **40...Nd7 41.Qc2 Qb6 42.Nc3 Qa7 43.Nd1** [43.Bxf5 exf5 44.Qxf5] **43...Kf6 44.Qd2 Ke7 45.Rbc2 Qb6 46.Nf2 Kf6 47.Bf1 Ke7 48.Rc3 Kf6 49.Nd3 Ke7 50.Qb2 Ba6 51.Nc5** [51.Qc2] **51...Bxf1 52.Rxf1 Qb5 53.Rfc1 Nb6 54.Qa2 Kd6 55.Kg2** [55.e4 fxe4 56.f5 exf5 (56...Kc7 57.Qf2) 57.Qf2 White is winning.] **55...Ra7 56.Kf2 Re7 57.Nd3 Rec7 58.Qc2 Ke7 59.Nc5** [59.Rc5 Qa6 60.b5 Qa8 61.Ne5 Nd7 62.Rxc6 Rxc6 63.Nxc6+ Ke8] **59...Ra8 60.Nd3 Nc4 61.Qe2 Rac8 62.Ne5 Nd6 63.Qxb5 Nxb5 64.Rd3 Kd6 65.Ke2 Ra8 66.Kd2 Ra6 67.Kc2 Rb7 68.Kb2 Rc7 69.Rd2 Rb6 70.Rdc2 Na7 71.Nd3 Nc8 [71...Nb5] 72.Ka2 Rb5 [72...Na7] 73.Nc5 Nb6 74.Rc3 Ra7 [74...Nc4] 75.Nd3 Nc4 76.Ne5 Ra6 77.Nxc4+ dxc4 78.Rxc4 Kd5 79.Rc5+ [The losing move!]? [79.Kb2 the winning move!] 79...Ke4 80.Rxc6 [80.R5c3 Kf3 81.e4+ Kxe4 82.Kb2] 80...Rxc6 81.Rxc6 Kxe3 82.Rxe6+ Kf3 83.Re5 [Black is winning!] 83...Kxg3 [White is winning!] 84.Rxb5 [After playing an okay game throughout, but missing winning chances, I should have lost. Time was a factor for Lonnie, but I had lots of time. (I had just 1:52 left when I blundered my rook, but I would not have had enough time to win, even if I moved 83...Rb8!-LWR)] **1-0****

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. Memberships expiring as of March 1, 2022: **Jay DeFoy**

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!

Tentative 2022 Events Schedule:

May 19th - 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.)

June 23rd - 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.)

July 21st - USCF/PHCC Rated Action Quads (or Mini-Swiss depending on registration) G/25 with 3 sec. delay 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.)

August 11, 18, 25 – USCF/PHCC Rated Mini-Swiss (or Quads based on entries) 3 Round- USCF Rated Mini-Swiss. Game/90 minutes with/5 sec. delay. USCF and PHCC membership required. One game per night (August 11, 18 & 25)! Play will begin at 7:00PM. EF: \$5.00 Play will begin at 7:00PM. A minimum of 4 participants are required. Prizes: based on entries. Please register in advance by contacting Lon Rutkofske by August 4th so he can determine if there are enough entries to hold the event.

September 22nd – PHCC Rated Thematic tournament: G/25 with 3 sec. delay 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.) Players with the white pieces will be playing a game with a predetermined opening sequence such as the Ruy Lopez, or KI Attack based on one of the openings drawn at random by the TD. The game will begin from that opening position.

October 20th PHCC Speed Championships - The Port Huron Chess Club's 40th Annual Speed Championship Tournament will be held on Thursday, October 20th 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 17th – PHCC Rated Quick Tournament DRR Game/15 PHCC Rated Action Quads (or Mini-Swiss depending on registration) 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 TOURNAMENT

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 2/17/22

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, 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
Jones, G. Avery	1561
Wingrove, Bill	1534
Heinrich, Charles	1508
Scholfield, Chris	1503
Muir, Josh	1450
Ledsworth, Brian	1400
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 as of 2/17/22

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2262
Avdic, Huso	2065
Gregg, Alan	1997
Wilkinson, Stu	1929
Rood, Eric	1824
Rutkofske, Lon	1810
Morabito, Matt	1797
Klaty, Braeden	1715
Broyles, Tom	1708
Muir, Josh	1662
Bedy, Noel	1599
Scholfield, Chris	1552
Wingrove, Bill	1518
Jones, G. Avery	1517
Bryne, Brandon	1327
Ledsworth, Brian	1317
Klaty, Trenton	1312
Diachinsky, Robin	1298
Klaty, Brad	1267
Schmidt, Mark	1216
Kenny, Joshua	1113
Malburg, Drew	1021
Yager, Jacob	904
DeFoy, Jay	895

USCF Ratings as of 2/17/22

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2082
Avdic, Huso	1931
Bailey, Greg	1900
West, Tony	1897
Wilkinson, Stu	1830
Rutkofske, Lon	1800
Morabito, Matt	1780
Muir, Joshua	1678
Klaty, Braeden	1583/P6
Bedy, Noel	1513
Rood, Eric	1506
Malburg, Drew	1471
Ledsworth, Brian	1400
Byrne, Brandon	1283
Klaty, Brad	1214/P6
Heinrich, Charles	1139
Klaty, Trenton	1062/P6

USCF Quick/Action Ratings as of 2/17/22

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2074
Avdic, Huso	1986
Morabito, Matt	1908/P
Klaty, Braeden	1836/P3
Bailey, Greg	1824
Wilkinson, Stu	1789/P
Rutkofske, Lon	1775
West, Tony	1774
Muir, Josh	1611
Bedy, Noel	1526
Klaty, Trenton	1224/P3
Rood, Eric	1282
Bryne, Brandon	1202
Ledsworth, Brian	1112
Heinrich, Charles	1070/P

USCF Blitz Ratings as of 1/23/22

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2152
Avdic, Huso	2012
Bailey, Greg	1868
Rutkofske, Lon	1833
Morabito, Matt	1732
Rood, Eric	1657
Klaty, Braeden	1609
Muir, Josh	1600
Bedy, Noel	1546
Ledsworth, Brian	1317
Klaty, Trenton	1309
Klaty, Brad	1290