



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 looks to sweep the remaining tournament schedule!

It appears **Huso Avdic** could claim a clean sweep of the entire 2022 tournament season. The Bosnian native is enjoying a lengthy winning streak as he seems nearly invincible in his experiences thus far, as the crosstables below will attest. Only former champion, **Alan Gregg** has been able to dent his nearly flawless accomplishments to date.

With only 4 contests remaining in the coming months, “Houdini” Huso’s prowess for escaping defeat is becoming legend. It will be interesting to see if he can run the table for the remainder of the year!

July 2022 PHCC Double Round Robin - 6-23-22

#	Name	Ratings: Pre/Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot
1	Advic Huso	2065/2093	WW4	WW3	WD2	5½
2	Alan Gregg	1997/1979	WL3	WD4	DL1	3
4	Matthew Morabito	1797/1820	LL1	DL2	WW3	2½
3	Lonnie Rutkofske	1810/1785	WL2	LL1	LL4	1

PHCC July Mini-Swiss

#	Name	Ratings:Pre/Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot
1	Huso Avdic	2093/2114	W5 (w)	W2 (b)	W3 (w)	3
2	Alan Gregg	1979/1981	W6 (b)	L1 (w)	W4 (b)	2
3	Ryan Urick	1874/1883	W7 (w)	W4 (b)	L1 (b)	2
5	Lonnie Rutkofske	1785/1796	L1 (b)	W6 (w)	W7 (b)	2
4	Matthew Morabito	1820/1800	W8 (b)	L3 (w)	L2 (w)	1
6	Parker Willard	1650/1640	L2 (w)	L5 (b)	W8 (w)	1
7	William Wingrove	1518/1519	L3 (b)	W8 (w)	L5 (w)	1
8	Gerrit Beneker	1380/1354	L4 (w)	L7 (b)	L6 (b)	0

As for the July event, probably the most exciting game of the tournament was the final round game between Huso and **Ryan Urick**, which ended in a wild last second time scramble that found Ryan on the short end of the duel. If you check out Huso's partial game score, positionally, Ryan had the edge, but the final minute of play proved to favor the club champion, who is superb at quick chess.

In other games of interest, (Sorry that recording was not mandated.) **Parker Willard** had a two to one queen advantage against **Alan Gregg**, but was unable to bring the advantage home as a fatal error allowed Alan to mate him. **Gerrit Beneker** played some strong chess. Even though timed chess is not his forte, he agreed to participate to even the playing field. It was **Ryan Urick's** intervention that swayed his decision, as he posted Gerrit's entry fee in a gracious gesture to round out the field of eight contestants! The evening turned out to be an enjoyably competitive event for all.

August's premier event will offer a longer time control over a three-week period as featured below:

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.

Hopefully, a local, smaller USCF rated event will generate increased interest by permitting entrants an opportunity to get a national rating which may encourage their participation in larger, state and national events. Next year, the US Open Chess Championships will be hosted by the Michigan Chess Association in Grand Rapids providing a wonderful opportunity to get a taste of national and international competition. See Lon if you might be interested in exploring a possible US Chess membership.

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 PHCC July Mini-Swiss

Avdic,Huso (2093) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1785) [A22] English Opening

2022 PHCC July Mini-Swiss Port Huron rapid (1), 21.07.2022

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Nf3 Bc5?? 4.Nxe5 Nc6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.e3 d5 7.d4 Bb4 8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Ne4 10.Qc2 Ng5 11.Bd2 Nxf3+ 12.gxf3 Qf6 13.Bd3 g6 14.0-0-0 Re8 15.h4 Bf8 16.Ne4 Qxf3 17.h5 Nb4 [Black Resigns.] 1-0

Gregg,Alan (1979) - Avdic,Alan (2093) [B50] Sicilian Defense

2022 PHCC July Mini-Swiss Port Huron Port Huron (2), 21.07.2022

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be2 Nf6 5.0-0 g6 6.d3 Bg7 7.Rb1 0-0 8.h3 a6 9.Be3 b5 10.e5 dxe5 11.Bxc5 Bb7 12.a3 Nd5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 14.Be3 Nd4 15.Bxd4 exd4 16.Ne1 Qc5 17.Bf3 Rab8 18.Bxb7 Rxb7 19.Qf3 Rc7 20.Qe2 e5 21.f4 exf4 22.Rxf4 Re7 23.Re4 Rfe8 24.Nf3 Rxe4 25.dxe4 d3+ 26.Qf2 dxc2 27.Rc1 Rc8 28.Qxc5 Rxc5 29.b4 Bb2 30.bxc5 Bxc1 0-1

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1785) - Willard ,Parker (1650) [A36] Symmetrical English

2022 PHCC July Mini-Swiss Port Huron rapid (2), 21.07.2022

1.c4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.e4 d6 5.Ne2 0-0 6.h3 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nbc3 Rb8 9.a4 b6 10.d3 Nd7 11.f4 e5 12.Kh2 a5 13.f5 h5 14.Nd5 Nf6 15.Nec3 Nd4 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.Nd5 Bg7 18.Be3 h4 19.gxh4 Qxh4 20.Qg4 Qd8 21.Bg5 f6 22.Bxf6 Rxf6 23.Nxf6+ Qxf6 24.Qxg6 Qh4 25.f6 Ne6 26.fxg7 Nxg7 27.Rf7 Qh7 28.Rf8+ 1-0

Wingrove,William (1518) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1785) [C01] French Exchange Variation

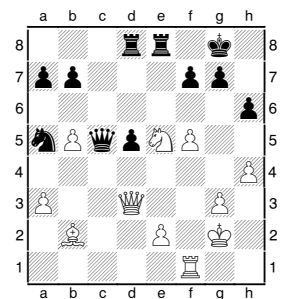
2022 PHCC July Mini-Swiss Port Huron rapid (3), 21.07.2022

1.e4 e6 2.d4 b6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd2 Bb7 5.Bd3 c5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.0-0 Ng6 9.Be3 Be7 10.Nd4 Nc6 11.Nxc6 dxc6 12.Be2 Qc7 13.Bf3 Rd8 14.Qe2 0-0 15.Rad1 Rde8 16.Rd3 Ba6 17.Rfd1 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Nf4 19.Bxf4 Qxf4 20.Qe2 Qc7 21.Qe1 Rd8 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.a3 Bg5 24.Qe2 a5 25.g3 Bd2 26.Nd1 h6 27.Kg2 Qe7 28.c3 b5 29.Qf1 b4 30.cxb4 axb4 31.axb4 Qxb4 32.e5 Qc5 33.h4 Rb8 34.Qe2 Ba5 Black wins on time 0-1

Avdic,Huso (2093) - Urick,Ryan (1874) [D33] Tarrasch Defense

2022 PHCC July Mini-Swiss Port Huron (3), 21.07.2022

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 h6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Be6 9.a3 Bd6 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.b4 Be7 12.Bb2 0-0 13.Nb5 Rc8 14.Rc1 Qd7 15.Nbd4 Bh3 16.Qd3 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Ne4 18.b5 Na5 19.Ne5 Qe8 20.Nf5 Rd8 21.Nxe7+ Qxe7 22.f3 Ng5 23.h4 Ne6 24.f4 Rfe8 25.f5 Nc5 26.Rxc5 Qxc5 [Diagram]



27.Bd4 Qd6 28.Ng4 f6 29.e3 Nc4 30.Ra1 b6 31.Nf2 Qe7 32.e4 Ne5 33.Qb3 Qf7 34.Bxe5 Rxe5 35.Rd1 d4 36.Rd3 Rc5 37.e5 Qd5+ 38.Kh3 [White wins in a time scramble!] 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, 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 7/22/22

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Avdic, Huso	2100
Gregg, Alan	1922
Rood, Eric	1837
Morabito, Matt	1830
Rutkofske, Lon	1758
Urick, Ryan	1874
Broyles, Tom	1700
Willard, Parker	1650
Roome, Eric	1641
Young, William	1640
Jones, G. Avery	1561
Heinrich, Charles	1508
Scholfield, Chris	1503
Wingrove, Bill	1480
Malburg, Drew	1468
Ledsworth, Brian	1400
Beneker, Gerrit	1380
Bryne, Brandon	1294
Schmidt, Mark	1216

PHCC Blitz Ratings as of as of 7/22/22

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Avdic, Huso	2114
Gregg, Alan	1981
Urick, Ryan	1883
Rood, Eric	1824
Morabito, Matt	1800
Rutkofske, Lon	1796
Broyles, Tom	1708
Willard, Parker	1640
Young, William	1640
Scholfield, Chris	1552
Wingrove, Bill	1519
Jones, G. Avery	1517
Beneker, Gerrit	1354
Bryne, Brandon	1327
Ledsworth, Brian	1317
Schmidt, Mark	1216
Malburg, Drew	1021
Yager, Jacob	904

USCF Ratings as of 7/21/22

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Alan Gregg	1976
Avdic, Huso	1925
Rutkofske, Lon	1800
Morabito, Matt	1780
Rood, Eric	1527
Klaty, Braeden	1506
Malburg, Drew	1471
Klaty, Brad	1285/P10
Heinrich, Charles	1139
Klaty, Trenton	1080/P10

USCF Quick/Action Ratings as of 7/21/22

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Avdic, Huso	1986
Morabito, Matt	1908/P
Gregg, Alan	1899
Rutkofske, Lon	1775
Rood, Eric	1315
Klaty, Braeden	1455
Klaty, Brad	1339/P7
Rood, Eric	1315
Klaty, Trenton	1091/P7
Bryne, Brandon	1202
Ledsworth, Brian	1058

USCF Blitz Ratings as of 7/21/22

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Avdic, Huso	2012
Gregg, Alan	1846
Rutkofske, Lon	1833
Morabito, Matt	1732
Klaty, Braeden	1608
Rood, Eric	1568
Ledsworth, Brian	1317
Klaty, Trenton	1309

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:

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

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 August 1, 2022: **Eric Roome; Eric Rood; Chris Scholfield**