



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>

Huso Avdic off to a European Vacation in winning fashion by taking another first place!

2023 PHCC May Mini-Swiss G/10

#	Name	Rtg:Pre/Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Huso Avdic	2133 /2137	W2 (b)	W3 (w)	W4 (b)	W5 (w)	D6 (b)	4½
2	Alan Gregg	1967/1968	L1 (w)	W6 (w)	W3 (b)	W7 (w)	D4 (b)	3½
4	Matt Morabito	1800/1804	W7 (w)	D5 (b)	L1 (w)	W8 (b)	D2 (w)	3
5	Austin Webb	1723 /1729	D6 (b)	D4 (w)	W7 (b)	L1 (b)	W8 (w)	3
3	Eric Rood	1824/1810	W8 (w)	L1 (b)	L2 (w)	D6 (b)	W7 (w)	2½
6	Braeden Klaty	1694/1696	D5 (w)	L2 (b)	D8 (b)	D3 (w)	D1 (w)	2
7	Trenton Klaty	1381 /1384	L4 (b)	W8 (w)	L5 (w)	L2 (b)	L3 (b)	1
8	Brad Klaty	1314 /1306	L3 (b)	L7 (b)	D6 (w)	L4 (w)	L5 (b)	½

Bruziewicz resurfaces with a flurry!



After being AWOL since February of 2021, our favorite Sarnia celebrity has finally reemerged! Club members have not witnessed a game by the wayward politician since he won the club speed championship in October of 2019, and not a serious game of over 30 minutes in who remembers when?? I am certain that the COVID Pandemic and subsequent closure of the border crossings significantly impacted his absence. As usual our hyper-active dynamo turned up in his typical frenetic form, bounding about the club room, getting reacquainted and introducing himself, even passing out political buttons to anyone who was willing to pin them to their lapel! Accompanying the Canadian

whirling dervish was fellow Sarnian colleague , **Muruganandam Sundararajan**, who was seeking a chess tutor for his young son, Mugil and some assistance from the PHCC in planning/hosting a tournament this September in Port Huron or Sarnia as the venue. Preferring the moniker, Muru, he is already on the PHCC mailing list, and with Andy's connections and exuberance, he hopes to harness his compatriot's expertise into concrete results. Great to have you back, Andy!!

Austin Webb claims Under 1800 prize at the 2023 MI Amateur



It appears that our own **Austin Webb** is beginning to make his mark at Michigan chess events by placing 5th in the 2023 Michigan Amateur in Grand Rapids the weekend of June 10-11. Falling short of the title in his return to active chess following graduation from Michigan State University and finding employment in a Sterling Heights automotive support firm, Austin has returned to his roots here at the PHCC in spectacular fashion by capturing the Under 1800 prize in his inaugural outing of 2023!

Dropping only a 3rd round contest to class A player, **Michael Semerciyan (1839)** in a very complicated game (See three of his games in the member games section.) Austin finished with 4 points netting him the class trophy and some significant bragging rights!

Now that he is gainfully employed, settled and has a pocket full of cash, he has rejoined the PHCC and we look forward to him making a significant positive impact as a full-time member of our club!

2023 Michigan Amateur Open Section

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	David, Kazuma	1844	W 45	W 50	W 10	W 4	D 2	4.5
2	Hong, Elan	1817	W 55	W 15	W 18	W 14	D 1	4.5
3	Yassine, Waleed	1895	W 21	W 13	D 9	W 30	D 8	4
4	Lemmen, Erik	1837	W 40	W 36	W 17	L 1	W 16	4
5	Webb, Austin	1723	W 56	W 20	L 14	W 35	W 22	4
6	Paans, Alicia	1926	L 15	W 41	W 33	W 9	W 17	4
7	Ives, Cory	1655	W 59	W 11	L 31	W 38	W 14	4
8	Houghton, Ezekiel	1770	W 41	W 38	H	W 31	D 3	4
9	Sundara Rajan, Inbhavenkat	1758	W 23	W 12	D 3	L 6	W 28	3.5
10	Futrell, Jeff	1753	W 43	W 19	L 1	W 26	D 13	3.5
11	Jarosz, Stanley	1952	W 62	L 7	W 48	D 28	W 15	3.5
12	Lee, Justin	1216	W 46	L 9	D 25	W 42	W 30	3.5
13	Franklin, William	1597	W 60	L 3	W 47	W 37	D 10	3.5
14	Semerciyan, Mike	1839	W 33	W 32	W 5	L 2	L 7	3
15	McLain, Dylan	1337	W 6	L 2	W 44	W 24	L 11	3
16	Semerciyan, Sebu	1661	L 19	W 59	W 23	W 21	L 4	3
17	Reese, Charlie	1671	W 53	W 58	L 4	W 18	L 6	3
18	Fox, Ian	unr.	X 22	W 25	L 2	L 17	W 39	3
19	Menon, Siddharth	976	W 16	L 10	L 22	W 45	W 51	3
20	Tuniki, Mourya	929	W 61	L 5	W 32	D 46	D 29	3
21	Ormechea, John-Marc	1328	L 3	W 53	W 58	L 16	W 37	3
22	Aziz, Mohammad	1444	F 18	W 64	W 19	W 29	L 5	3
23	Hodge, Kendrick	1122	L 9	W 61	L 16	W 50	W 49	3
24	Ward, Timothy	1678	D 48	W 54	D 35	L 15	W 40	3
25	Das, Dron	1673	W 64	L 18	D 12	D 43	W 41	3
26	Wagner, Erich	1388	W 65	D 29	H	L 10	W 38	3

27	Contreras-List, Santiago	1406	L 58	W 56	L 37	W 47	W 43	3
28	Threloff, Nicholas	1412	W 34	D 30	D 29	D 11	L 9	2.5
29	Mason, Donald	1800	W 52	D 26	D 28	L 22	D 20	2.5
30	Sobocinski, Mike	1837	W 39	D 28	W 42	L 3	L 12	2.5
31	Bailey, Gregory	1900	W 66	D 42	W 7	L 8	U	2.5
32	Rankin, Henry	1462	W 37	L 14	L 20	W 56	D 35	2.5
33	Matthews, Jeff	1300	L 14	W 60	L 6	W 54	D 34	2.5
34	Dehmel, Noah	unr.	L 28	D 45	W 51	D 39	D 33	2.5
35	Haskara, Beril	1203	H	W 63	D 24	L 5	D 32	2.5
36	Neumeyer, Nicholas	1422	W 44	L 4	W 54	H	U	2.5
37	Athearn, Luke	unr.	L 32	W 40	W 27	L 13	L 21	2
38	Lambrech, Caleb	1053	W 51	L 8	W 50	L 7	L 26	2
39	Villanueva, Ivan	1252	L 30	W 65	D 46	D 34	L 18	2
40	Kumar, Aditya	1231	L 4	L 37	W 53	W 44	L 24	2
41	Mowry, Marc	1208	L 8	L 6	W 60	X 61	L 25	2
42	Das, Druheen	1611	W 57	D 31	L 30	L 12	D 50	2
43	Salazar, Devin	1093	L 10	D 51	W 63	D 25	L 27	2
44	Verburg, Seth	unr.	L 36	W 55	L 15	L 40	W 53	2
45	Mills, Paul	1304	L 1	D 34	H	L 19	W 57	2
46	Ross, Gregory	1823	L 12	W 52	D 39	D 20	U	2
47	Johnson, Josh	823	L 50	B	L 13	L 27	W 55	2
48	Stopek, Charlie	1020	D 24	W 49	L 11	H	U	2
49	Franklin, Stanley	1661	D 63	L 48	H	W 55	L 23	2
50	Martin, Lawrence	1524	W 47	L 1	L 38	L 23	D 42	1.5
51	Sparks, Frazier	1706	L 38	D 43	L 34	W 52	L 19	1.5
52	Ferguson, Noah	1209	L 29	L 46	H	L 51	W 54	1.5
53	Herr, Brett	985	L 17	L 21	L 40	W 63	L 44	1
54	Van Buren, James	731	B	L 24	L 36	L 33	L 52	1
55	Burdzinski, Jan	1213	L 2	L 44	W 59	L 49	L 47	1
56	Brown, Ian	1064	L 5	L 27	W 57	L 32	U	1
57	Robbins, Brennan	901	L 42	L 62	L 56	W 59	L 45	1
58	Yeghiyan, Gagik	unr.	W 27	L 17	L 21	U	U	1
59	Wang, Grace	963	L 7	L 16	L 55	L 57	W 63	1
60	Teolis, David	891	L 13	L 33	L 41	B	U	1
61	Attmore, Robert	1624	L 20	L 23	X 64	F 41	U	1
62	Curtis, Benjamin	1357	L 11	W 57	U	U	U	1
63	Kurzatkowski, Kevin	972	D 49	L 35	L 43	L 53	L 59	0.5
64	Vijayaraghavan, Pranav	1002	L 25	L 22	F 61	U	U	0
65	Curtis, Jairam	unr.	L 26	L 39	U	U	U	0
66	Dodge, Daniel	1331	L 31	U	U	U	U	0

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.
 16. 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 2023 Michigan Amateur

Brown, Ian (1064) - Webb, Austin
(1723) [B45] Sicilian Four Knights

2023 Mi Amatuer Ch Grand Rapids
(1), 10.06.2023
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4
5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.Qd3 Nf6 7.f3 d5 8.Nxc6
bxc6 9.e5 Nd7 10.Be3 Nxe5 11.Qd4
Bd6 12.f4 c5 13.Qa4+ Bd7 14.Bb5
Nc4 15.Bc1 Nb6 16.Qa6 0-0 17.Bxd7
Qxd7 18.0-0 c4 19.Qb5 Qc7 20.Ne2

Bc5+ 21.Kh1 Rab8 22.Bd2 d4 23.Rad1
Rfd8 24.Ng3 Be7 25.Ba5 Qc8 26.Qh5
Rd5 27.f5 Rxa5 28.Rxd4 Nd7 29.Qe2
e5 30.Rxc4 Rc5 31.Rxc5 Qxc5 32.Ne4
Qc6 33.Qf3 Qh6 34.b3 Nf6 35.Ng3
Qd2 36.c4 Qxa2 37.Nh5 Nxb5
38.Qxh5 Bf6 39.g4 h6 40.h4 Rxb3 0-
1

Semerciyan, Mike (1839) -
Webb, Austin (1723) [A56] Czech
Benoni 2023 Mi Amatuer Ch Grand
Rapids (3), 10.06.2023
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e5 4.Nc3 d6
5.e4 Be7 6.Bd3 Nbd7 7.Nge2 Nf8
8.0-0 Ng6 9.Ng3 0-0 10.Nf5 a6 11.a4
b6 12.g3 Re8 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.f3 h6
15.Rf2 Nh7 16.h4 Nf6 17.Bf1 Nh5
18.Rg2 Bh3 19.Qe1 Bxg2 20.Bxg2
Rab8 21.Kh2 Qf6 22.Be3 Nf8 23.Qd2
Ng6 24.Bf2 Nf8 25.Qe2 g6 26.Be3
Kg7 27.Qd2 g5 28.hxg5 hxg5 29.Bxg5
Qg6 30.Bh4 Nd7 31.Bh3 Nh6 32.Kg1
Rh8 33.Kf2 Rbg8 34.Bf5 Rxh4

35.gxh4 Qh5 36.Qg5+ Kf8 37.Qxh5
Nhx5 38.Bxd7 Nf4 39.Bg4 Nd3+
40.Ke3 Nxb2 41.Ke2 Nxc4 42.Rb1 f5
43.Kd3 fxg4 44.Kxc4 g3 45.Ne2 g2
46.Ng1 Rh8 47.Rxb6 Rxh4 48.Rb2 Kf7
49.Kd3 Ke7 50.Ke3 c4 51.Kf2 Rh8
52.Rb7+ Kf6 53.Rb6 Kg5 54.Rxd6 Rb8
55.Kxg2 c3 56.Kg3 Rb1 57.Ne2 c2
58.Rc6 Rb2 59.Nc1 a5 60.Nd3 Ra2
61.Nxe5 Rxa4 62.Rxc2 1-0

Aziz, Mohammad (1444) -
Webb, Austin (1723) [B40] Sicilian
Defense 2023 Mi Amatuer Grand
Rapids (5), 11.06.2023

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.e5 Qa5+ 6.Nc3 Qxe5+ 7.Be3
Bb4 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Nc6 10.Be2 d5
11.0-0 0-0 12.Qd3 Qc7 13.Nxc6 bxc6
14.f4 a5 15.Bd4 Ba6 16.Qg3 Ne8
17.Bxa6 Rxa6 18.Bc5 Nf6 19.Bxf8
Kxf8 20.Qd3 Rb6 21.f5 e5 22.c4 e4
23.Qe2 d4 24.c5 Rb2 25.Qc4 Qe5
26.Rad1 Ng4 27.g3 Ne3 28.Qxd4
Qxd4 29.Rxd4 Nxf1 30.Kxf1 Rxc2
31.Rxe4 Rxc5 0-1

2023 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!

July 20th - 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 10, 17, 24 - 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 10, 17 & 24)! 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 21st - 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 19th PHCC Speed Championships - The Port Huron Chess Club's 40th Annual Speed Championship Tournament will be held on Thursday, October 19th 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 16th - 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 14th - Bughouse Tournament - Details to follow in November.

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 6/25/23

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2118
Avdic, Huso	2097
West, Tony	1976
Gregg, Alan	1930
Urick, Ryan	1861
Morabito, Matt	1830
Rood Eric	1822
Rutkofske, Lon	1763
Klaty, Braeden	1744
Webb, Austin	1729
Young, William	1640
Wingrove, Bill	1491
Kuhn, Timothy	1478
Malburg, Drew	1400
Ledsworth, Brian	1400
Beneker, Gerrit	1380
Klaty, Trenton	1355
Klaty, Brad	1353
Bryne, Brandon	1294
Schmidt, Mark	1216
Fisher, Sandi	1156

PHCC Blitz Ratings as of 6/25/23

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2262
Avdic, Huso	2137
Gregg, Alan	1968
Urick, Ryan	1883
Rood Eric	1810
Morabito, Matt	1804
West, Tony	1774
Webb, Austin	1729
Rutkofske, Lon	1723
Klaty, Braeden	1696
Young, William	1640
Wingrove, Bill	1519
Kuhn, Timothy	1500
Klaty, Trenton	1384
Bryne, Brandon	1365
Beneker, Gerrit	1354
Ledsworth, Brian	1317
Klaty, Brad	1306
Schmidt, Mark	1216
Malburg, Drew	1021
Fisher, Sandi	1000

USCF Ratings as of 6/25/23

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2082
Avdic, Huso	1940
West, Tony	1901
Alan Gregg	1893
Rutkofske, Lon	1800
Morabito, Matt	1780
Webb, Austin	1723
Urick, Ryan	1709P/12
Rood, Eric	1577
Klaty, Braeden	1575
Wingrove, William	1519
Kuhn, Timothy	1500
Ledsworth, Brian	1308
Klaty, Brad	1340
Malburg, Drew	1274/P17
Klaty, Trenton	1159
Fisher, Sandi	781/P12

USCF Quick/Action Ratings as of 6/25/23

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2074
Avdic, Huso	1986
Morabito, Matt	1908/P
Gregg, Alan	1899
Rutkofske, Lon	1775
West, Tony	1774
Wingrove, William	1510
Kuhn, Timothy	1494
Klaty, Braeden	1455
Webb, Austin	1363
Klaty, Brad	1339/P7
Rood, Eric	1321
Bryne, Brandon	1202
Klaty, Trenton	1091/P7
Ledsworth, Brian	1058
Urick, Ryan	Unr
Fisher, Sandi	Unr

USCF Blitz Ratings as of 6/25/23

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2152
Avdic, Huso	2037
Gregg, Alan	1861
Morabito, Matt	1732
Rutkofske, Lon	1612
Rood, Eric	1578
Kuhn, Timothy	1545
Klaty, Braeden	1541
Byrne, Brandon	1441
Ledsworth, Brian	1317
Klaty, Trenton	1350
Klaty, Brad	1267
Malburg, Drew	120
West, Tony	Unr
Urick, Ryan	Unr
Fisher, Sandi	Unr

Palmer Park to be closed : September 5th through 15th , 2023 for renovations!

Palmer Park supervisor, Jenny Meyers has notified the PHCC that due to ongoing improvements/renovations slated for Palmer Park, club meetings for the PHCC will be canceled until September 21, 2023. Please contact the recreation department (810-984-9760) should you have questions or go to the PHCC website: <http://porthuronchessclub.yolasite.com>

Rutkofske to be sidelined with back surgery (July 27th)

In case you have not noticed, Lon has had significant loss of mobility for the past few months due to pinched nerves in his lower back. To mitigate the issue, he will be out of action for a few weeks due to upcoming back surgery. He will be in the Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield for a couple of days and then should return home for a recovery/recuperation period of at least three months.

His surgeon has indicated that he will be fit to drive in about three weeks following the surgery, but will need to have some assistance in becoming more mobile. In the meantime, **Bill Wingrove** (williamwingrove@aol.com) and **Alan Gregg** (alan1144@gmail.com) have been tapped to pilot the club until he is able to resume his club activities/duties.

Hand-crafted Chess Equipment:

I was recently contacted by **Tim Offenstein** in the following email and thought it might be of interest to other club members:

Greetings Mr. Rutkofske,

I am writing to let you know about Falling Leaf Chess, a small midwest woodworking shop that specializes in building top quality chess sets, chess boards, chess boards with storage and chess tables. You can see details of all my products through Etsy at [Falling Leaf Chess](#). [The best source for a price list, including a detailed explanation of each item, is the Etsy website: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/FallingLeafChess>. Also note that all items have free shipping.]

I share this with you in case there may be interest within the Port Huron Chess Club community for beautiful handcrafted chess sets and boards made right here in the U.S. I've attached a few pictures to acquaint you with my work. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you for your time,

-Tim Offenstein
timo1177@gmail.com

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 in **Jul 2023: Ryan Urick, William Young**