



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>

First Ever PHCC Open Quick Mini-Swiss June 20-2024

The Port Huron Chess Club offered its first ever G/10 Mini-Swiss that invited all those interested in playing whether they were dues-paying members. In efforts to encourage new members, the 3-round quick event provided the opportunity for those wishing to get a taste of tournament chess without having to battle the top players in the club by restricting players with ratings over 1800. Predominantly using the PHCC quick ratings as a guide, TD Lon Rutkofske sought to pair participants in an attempt to equalize chess skills and make things more competitive.

PHCC June G/10 Mini-Swiss – 6-20-24

#	Name	Rtgs Pre/Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot
1	Braeden Klaty	1761/1766	W4 (w)	W6 (b)	W2 (w)	3
2	Brad Klaty	1261/1387	W5 (b)	W3 (w)	L1 (b)	2
5	Drew Malburg	1021/1120	L2 (w)	W4 (b)	W6 (w)	2
4	Mugil Muruganandam*	1100/1108	L1 (b)	L5 (w)	W3 (b)	1
6	Sandi Fisher	1000/1033	W3 (b)	L1 (w)	L5 (b)	1
3	Gerrit Beneker*	1354/1258	L6 (w)	L2 (b)	L4 (w)	0

**Non-PHCC member*

“Professor Avdic” shares his wisdom regarding good squares!

Three Time PHCC Champion, **Huso Avdic**, has agreed to assist club members with monthly lectures on a variety of topics designed to sharpen their understanding and application of crucial techniques and skills by hosting a series of lectures from 7-8 pm on the last Thursday of each month. Interested attendees are encouraged to contact Huso with requests that might better enable him to tailor his presentations to meet their needs.

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 were available at the time of this printing. Email them to me or give them to me personally if you wish. The 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 by a lower rated player only.
 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. A 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. 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.
 15. Changes will also be posted on the club website. 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 2024 PHCC Championships

Rd 1 Games

Klaty,Trenton (1170) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1800) [D02] QP Game

2024 PHCC Champs Port Huron (1), 23.05.2024

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.0-0 Qb6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.c4 Bd7 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.b3 Be7 11.Bb2 Bf6 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Nc3 Rd8 14.Qd3 0-0 15.Rac1 Rfe8 16.Rfd1 a6 17.e4 Ng4 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.Rxd4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 e5 21.Rd6 Re6 22.Rxd7 1-0

Avdic,Huso (1988) - Klaty,Braeden (1584) [E17] Queen's Indian Defense

2024 PHCC Champs Port Huron (1), 23.05.2024

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 b6 3.g3 Bb7 4.Bg2 e6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d4 0-0 7.d5 exd5 8.Nh4 Ne4 9.cxd5 Bxh4 10.Bxe4 Bf6 11.Nc3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 d6 13.Qc2 h6 14.c4 Nd7 15.Bb2 Re8 16.Bg2 Ba6 17.f4 Qe7 18.e4 f5 19.Rfe1 fxe4 20.Bxe4 Qf8 21.Bh7+ Kh8 22.Bg6 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Nf6 24.h3 Bb7 25.Qe2 Ng8 26.Bc2 Rd8 27.Qd3 1-0

Wingrove,William (1520) - Gregg,Alan (1893) [B12] Caro-Kann:Advance Variation

2024 PHCC Champs Port Huron (1), 23.05.2024

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Nd7 6.0-0 h6 7.Be3 Ne7 8.Nbd2 Bh7 9.c4 Nf5 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Nb3 Nxe3 12.fxe3 Be7 13.Qd2 0-0 14.a3 a5 15.Ne1 a4 16.Nc1 c5 17.Ncd3 cxd4 18.exd4 Qb6 19.Nf4 Bg5 20.Bg4 Nxe5 21.Be2 Qa7 22.Nf3 Nxf3+ 23.Rxf3 Be4 24.Rg3 Rac8 25.Rc3 Bxf4 26.Qxf4 Qxd4+ 27.Qe3 Qxe3+ 28.Rxe3 Rc2 29.Bf3 Bxf3 30.Rxf3 Rxb2 31.Rd3 Rd8 32.Rad1 Rc8 33.Rg3 Rc5 34.h3 Rb3 35.Rxb3 axb3 36.Rb1 Rc3 37.Kf2 Kf8 38.Ke2 Ke7 39.Kd2 d4 40.a4 Kd6 0-1

Urlick,Ryan (1850) - Klaty,Brad (1344) [D31] QGD: Semi-Slav

2024 PHCC Champs Port Huron (1), 23.05.2024

1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 a6 6.e3 Nf6 7.Bd3 Bd6 8.Nge2 0-0 9.0-0 Be6 10.Rc1 Nbd7 11.a3 Qe7 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Ra7 15.Bb1 Nf6 16.Re1 Qd7 17.Qd3 Re8 18.Bg5 Be7 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Qxh7+ Kf8 21.Qd3 Bd5 22.Nc3 Qg4 23.Nxd5 Bxd4 24.Rxe8+ Kxe8 25.Nxc7+ Kf8 26.Nd5 Qg5 27.Rc8+ 1-0

Rd 2 Games

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1800) - Wingrove,William (1520) [A36] Symmetrical English

2024 PHCC Champs Port Huron (2), 13.06.2024

1.c4 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.d3 d6 6.e4 e6 7.Be3 Nge7 8.Qd2 0-0 9.Bh6 Nd4 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.Nge2 Nec6 12.h4 h5 13.Nb5 Nxe2 14.Qxe2 a6 15.Nc3 Nd4 16.Qd2 Rb8 17.Ne2 Qf6 18.f4 e5 19.Nxd4 cxd4 20.0-0 Qd8 21.f5 gxf5 22.exf5 f6 23.Rf2 Bd7 24.Kh2 Bc6 25.Re1 Rh8 26.Bf1 b5 27.b3 Qc7 28.Qd1 Kf7 29.Be2 Qb6 30.Bxh5+ Ke7 31.Bf3 Bd7 32.Bd5 Bc6 33.Qf3 Rbc8 34.Bxc6 Rxc6 35.Qd5 Rh6 36.Re4 Rc8 37.Qe6+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ 1-0

Urlick,Rynan (1850) - Avdic,Huso (1988) [B22] Sicilian Defense

2024 PHCC Champs Port Huron (2), 13.06.2024

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.e5 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 Qb6 6.Nc3 Bf5 7.Na4 Qxd4 8.Nf3 Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 e6 10.h3 f6 11.Bb5 Kf7 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Nd4 Bg6 15.Re1 e5 16.Nb3 h5 17.Nbc5 Nh6 18.f3 Nf5 19.g4 hxg4 20.hxg4 Nd4 21.b3 Rh2 22.Bd2 Rxd2+ 23.Kxd2 Nxf3+ 24.Ke3 Nxe1 25.Rxe1 d4+ 26.Kd2 Bh6+ 27.Ke2 Bf4 28.Nb2 e4 29.Rf1 d3+ 30.Kd1 Bd6 31.Nb7 Bb4 32.Nc4 Rb8 33.Nbd6+ Ke6 34.Nf5 Rh8 35.Nce3 Bxf5 36.gxf5+ Kd6 37.a3 Bc3 38.Nc4+ Kc5 39.Ne3 Rh2 40.Ng4 Ra2 0-1

Klaty,Braeden (1584) - Klaty,Brad (1344) [B31] Sicilian Defense

2024 PHCC Champs Port Huron (2), 13.06.2024

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.c4 Bg7 5.Nc3 e6 6.0-0 Nge7 7.Re1 0-0 8.d3 Nd4 9.Nxd4 cxd4 10.Ne2 a6N 11.Ba4 e5 12.f4 d6 13.h3 f5 14.fxe5 dxe5 15.Bg5 Qd6 16.Bb3 Kh8 17.Ng3 f4 18.Nf1 Bf6 19.Bxf6+ Qxf6 20.Nd2 Qg5 21.Nf3 Qg3 22.Qe2 Bxh3 23.Qf2 Qxf2+ 24.Kxf2 Be6 25.Nxe5 Nc6 26.Nf3 Rfe8 27.Ba4 Re7 28.Bxc6 bxc6 29.Nxd4 Bd7 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Rab1 Rae8 32.b4 Kf6 33.a4 Rb8 34.e5+ Kf5 35.Nd4+ Kg4 36.e6 Be8 37.c5 h5 38.Re5 Rd8 39.Nf3 Rd5 40.Rbe1 g5 41.Rxd5 cxd5 42.Re5 Rg7 43.Rxd5 Bxa4 44.Re5 h4 45.e7 Be8 46.c6 Bxc6 47.e8Q Bxe8 48.Rxe8 Rb7 49.Re5 Kh5 50.Rxg5+ Kh6 51.Ra5 Rxb4 52.Rxa6+ Kh5 53.Ra5+ Kh6 54.Nxh4 Rb3 55.Rd5 Ra3 56.Kf3 Ra1 57.Kxf4 Rf1+ 58.Nf3 Rf2 59.g4 Rf1 60.d4 Kg6 1-0

Gregg,Alan Michael (1893) - Klaty,Trenton (1170) [A13] English Opening

2024 PHCC Champs Port Huron (2), 13.06.2024

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.b3 c5 4.e3 Nf6 5.Bb2 Nc6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bb4+ 9.Bc3 Qa5 10.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 11.Qd2 Nxd4 12.exd4 Qxd2+ 13.Nxd2 0-0 14.f3 Re8+N 15.Kf2 Bf5 16.Rc1 Re7 17.Be2 a6 18.Rhd1 Rae8 19.Bf1 h5 20.g3 g5 21.Rc3 g4 22.f4 h4 23.Rdc1 hxg3+ 24.hxg3 Ne4+ 25.Nxe4 Bxe4 26.Rc7 Bf3 27.Rxe7 Rxe7 28.Bd3 Kg7 29.Rc2 Kf8 30.Rc8+ Kg7 31.Rc2 Kf8 32.Bf5 Kg8 33.Rc8+ Kg7 34.Bd3 Bd1 35.Rc5 Bf3 36.b4 Kf8 37.a4 Kg7 38.b5 axb5 39.axb5 Kg8 40.Rc2 Kf8 41.Bf5 Kg7 42.Bc8 Kf8 43.b6 Kg7 44.Bf5 Re8 45.Rc7 Rb8 46.Rc8 1-0

2024 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!

No Meeting on July 4th

July 11 – PHCC Championships Rd. 3

July 18th - 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 1 – PHCC Championships Rd. 4

August 22 – PHCC Championships Rd. 5

September 19th – 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

October 17th PHCC Speed Championships - The Port Huron Chess Club's 41st 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 12 – Bughouse Christmas Tournament – Partners based on club ratings (ie: must be at least 400 rating points between them.)

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 6/24/24

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2118
Avdic, Huso	2101
Gregg, Alan	1930
Urlick, Ryan	1844
Rutkofske, Lon	1763
Klaty, Braeden	1731
Wingrove, Bill	1497
Klaty, Trenton	1444
Malburg, Drew	1400
Ledsworth, Brian	1400
Klaty, Brad	1332
Fisher, Sandi	1156

PHCC Blitz Ratings as of 6/24/24

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2241
Avdic, Huso	2167
Gregg, Alan	1951
Urlick, Ryan	1900
Klaty, Braeden	1766
Rutkofske, Lon	1686
Blunt, Stuart	1606
Wingrove, Bill	1519
Klaty, Trenton	1402
Klaty, Brad	1387
Ledsworth, Brian	1317
Malburg, Drew	1120
Fisher, Sandi	1033

USCF Ratings as of 6/24/24

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2054
Avdic, Huso	1988
Alan Gregg	1893
Rutkofske, Lon	1800
Ledsworth, Brian	1314
Malburg, Drew	1277
Fisher, Sandi	791

USCF Quick/Action Ratings as of 6/24/24

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2027
Avdic, Huso	1968
Gregg, Alan	1852
Rutkofske, Lon	1720
Ledsworth, Brian	1087
Fisher, Sandi	Unr

USCF Blitz Ratings as of 6/24/24

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2152
Avdic, Huso	2035
Gregg, Alan	1837
Rutkofske, Lon	1602
Ledsworth, Brian	1317
Malburg, Drew	1203
Fisher, Sandi	Unr

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

June 2024 : Webb, Austin.



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OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

JULY 21

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

FREE ENTRY

U18 & OPEN FOR ADULTS

"Three trophies plus Brilliancy Awards"

UNRATED, TIME CONTROLLED GAME G30

VENUE: 901 The Rapids Pkwy, Sarnia-ON

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