



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>

Gregg wins September Thematic Quads: 9-19-24

Alan Gregg managed to escape unscathed in the September Thematic quad tournament where in each round players were given a pre-determined position and had to play the position they were assigned. The games proved interesting and remarkably competitive, but the experienced, wiley Gregg managed to successfully fend off his foes to capture top honors.

#	Name	Ratings: Pre/Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot
1	Alan Gregg	1928/1933	W3 (w)	W2 (b)	W4 (w)	3
3	Trenton Klaty	1468/1526	L1 (b)	W4 (w)	W2 (w)	2
2	William Wingrove	1507/1496	W4 (b)	L1 (w)	L3 (b)	1
4	Brad Klaty	1402/1368	L2 (w)	L3 (b)	L1 (b)	0

Sarnia Trio takes home the 2024 PHCC Speed Championship Hardware and Cash: 10-17-24

Ontario's "three Amigos" dominated the 44th Port Huron Chess Club Speed Championships securing the top three positions. **Samarth Seth** and **Andy Bruziewicz** (an 11 time champion in his own right!) shared the crown by virtue of a 10.5/12 score both surrendering a draw fellow Sarnian, **Stuart Blunt** and splitting a pair of games with each other. As you can see, Port Huron was at a disadvantage due to the absence of its two top players : **Alan Gregg**, who chose not to play, and 3-time Champion **Huso Avdic** who has been under the weather of late. Not wanting to be outdone by his compatriots, **Shardool Mhaskar** nabbed the final spot collecting the 3rd place prize.



Samarth Seth and Andy Bruziewicz



Shardool Mhaskar

Port Huron Chess Club Speed Championships (G/5) October 17, 2024

#	Name	PHCC Ratings Pre/Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	Andy Bruziewicz	2267/2250	WW7	WW6	WD5	WW4	WL3	Bye	WW8	10½
3	Samarth Seth	1832/1881	WD5	WW4	WW8	Bye	WL1	WW7	WW6	10½
6	Shardool Mhaskar	1380/1535	Bye	LL1	WW7	WW8	DL5	WW4	LL3	6½
5	Stuart Blunt	1606/1579	DL3	Bye	DL1	WL7	WD6	WL8	DL4	5
4	Lon Rutkofske	1686/1625	WL8	LL3	Bye	LL1	WW7	LL6	WD5	4½
8	Parker Willard	Unr/1463	WL4	WW7	LL3	LL6	Bye	WL5	LL1	4
7	Mugil Muruganandam	Unr/1210	LL1	LL8	LL6	WL5	LL4	LL3	Bye	1

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 is 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 2007 PHCC Champs

Rutkofske,Lon - Willard,Phil [A40]

2007 PHCC Championships (1), 18.01.2007

1.d4 e6 2.g3 h6 3.Bg2 d5 4.Nf3 c5 5.0-0 c4 6.Ne5 Nf6 7.Nc3 a6 8.b3 Bb4 9.Bb2 cxb3 10.axb3 0-0 11.Qd3 Qc7 12.Nb5 Qb6 13.c3 Be7 14.c4 Bd7 15.Na3 Nc6 16.Nxd7 Nxd7 17.c5 Qc7 18.Nc2 Bf6 19.Bc3 Rfc8 20.e4 dxe4 21.Bxe4 Nf8 22.Rfd1 Rd8 23.Qc4 Nd7 24.Nb4 Be7 25.Nxc6 bxc6 26.Ba5 1-0

Wingrove,Bill - Gregg,Alan

2007 PHCC Championships (1), 01.02.2007

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e6 7.0-0 Qc7 8.Be3 Be7 9.a4 b6 10.f4 Nbd7 11.Nb3 Bb7 12.Bf3 0-0 13.Qe1 Rac8 14.Rd1 Nc5 15.Nxc5 bxc5 16.Qg3 Rfd8 17.e5 Ne8 18.Ne4 Bxe4 19.Bxe4 d5 20.Bf3 d4 21.Bc1 g6 22.Be4 Ng7 23.Qf3 Rb8 24.g4 c4 25.f5 exf5 26.gxf5 gxf5 27.Bxf5 Qxe5 28.Be4 Rb6 29.Qxf7+ Kh8 30.Rde1 Qe6 31.Qxe6 Rxe6 32.Bg2 d3 33.cxd3 cxd3 34.Rxe6 Nxe6 35.Bd2 Nc5 36.Rf7 Re8 37.Bc6 Rf8 38.Bc3+ Kg8 39.Rg7+ Kh8 40.Rxe7+ Kg8 41.Bd5+ Ne6 42.Bxe6+ 1-0

Wingrove,Bill - Rutkofske,Lon

2007 PHCC Championships (2), 08.02.2007

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bd2 Qb6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 c6 9.d5 cxd5 10.Nxd5 Nxd5 11.Bxd5 e6 12.Bf3 Bc5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Bc3 Nc6 15.Bxc6 Qxc6 16.Qg4 f6 17.Rae1 e5 18.Qe4 Rac8 19.Qxc6 Rxc6 20.Rd1 Rfc8 21.Rd7 b5 22.Rfd1 b4 23.Be1 Bd4 24.c3 bxc3 25.bxc3 Bb6 26.Kf1 R6c7 27.Ke2 Kf8 28.Rxc7 Rxc7 29.Rd8+ Ke7 30.Rd1 Ke6 31.f3 Rc4 32.Kd3 Ra4 33.Rd2 Ba5 34.Rc2 g5 35.Bf2 a6 36.Bc5 Kd5 37.Be7 f5 38.Bxg5 e4+ 39.fxe4+ fxe4+ 40.Ke2 Kc4 41.Bf6 Ra3 42.g4 Bc7 43.h4 Bf4 44.g5 Ra5 45.Rb2 Be5 46.Bxe5 Rxe5 47.Rc2 e3 48.Rc1 Re4 49.h5 Rg4 50.g6 hxg6 51.hxg6 Rxg6 52.Kxe3 Rg2 53.Rb1 Rxa2 54.Rb7 Kxc3 55.Ke4 a5 56.Kd5 a4 57.Kc5 Rb2 58.Ra7 Kb3 59.Rb7+ Ka3 60.Ra7 Rh2 61.Kb5 Rh4 62.Ra6 Kb3 63.Kc5 a3 64.Rb6+ Ka2 65.Ra6 Kb2 66.Rb6+ Ka1 67.Rg6 Rh2 68.Kb4 a2 69.Kc3 Rh1 70.Ra6 Kb1 71.Kb3 0-1

Gregg,Alan - Willard,Phil

2007 PHCC Championships (2), 08.02.2007

1.f4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.Bb5 a6 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.b3 a5 9.Bb2 Ba6 10.d3 h6 11.Ne5 Qc7 12.Qf3 Bd6 13.Ne2 0-0-0 14.c4 Rhg8 15.g3 Rdf8 16.e4 d4 17.Ng4 Nh7 18.e5 Be7 19.Nf2 f6 20.exf6 Rxf6 21.Ng4 Rff8 22.Qe4 h5 23.Qxe6+ Qd7 24.Qxd7+ Kxd7 25.Ne5+ Kd6 26.Kg2 Bf6 27.Nf3 Re8 28.Rae1 Re7 29.Neg1 Bc8 30.Bc1 Rge8 31.Rxe7 Rxe7 32.Re1 Bf5 33.Rxe7 Bxe7 34.Ne1 Nf8 35.Ngf3 Ng6 36.h3 Bd8 37.a4 Be7 38.Nd2 h4 39.Ne4+ Kc7 40.g4 Bd7 41.f5 Nh8 42.Bf4+ Kb6 43.Nf3 Nf7 44.Ne5 Nxe5 45.Bxe5 Bf8 46.Bd6 Bxd6 47.Nxd6 Kc7 48.Ne4 Kb6 49.Ng5 Be8 50.Nf3 g6 51.Nxh4 gxf5 52.Nxf5 1-0

Rutkofske,Lon – Gregg,Alan

2007 PHCC Championships (3), 15.02.2007

1.c4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d6 4.Qb3 c6 5.d4 Qb6 6.Qd3 e6 7.Nf3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.b3 Ne4 10.Nfd2 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 Bf6 12.e3 Nd7 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Ba3 c5 15.Rfc1 Rb8 16.f4 b6 17.b4 g6 18.bxc5 dxc5 19.d5 Qd6 20.Rd1 e5 21.Qc2 Re8 22.Nf3 e4 23.Nd4 Bxd4 24.Rxd4 Nf6 25.Rd2 Rb7 26.Bb2 Rf7 27.h3 h5 28.Bc3 Ree7 29.Qb2 Ne8 30.Rbd1 Qd7 ½-½

Willard, Phil – Wingrove, Bill

2007 PHCC Championships), 15.02.2007

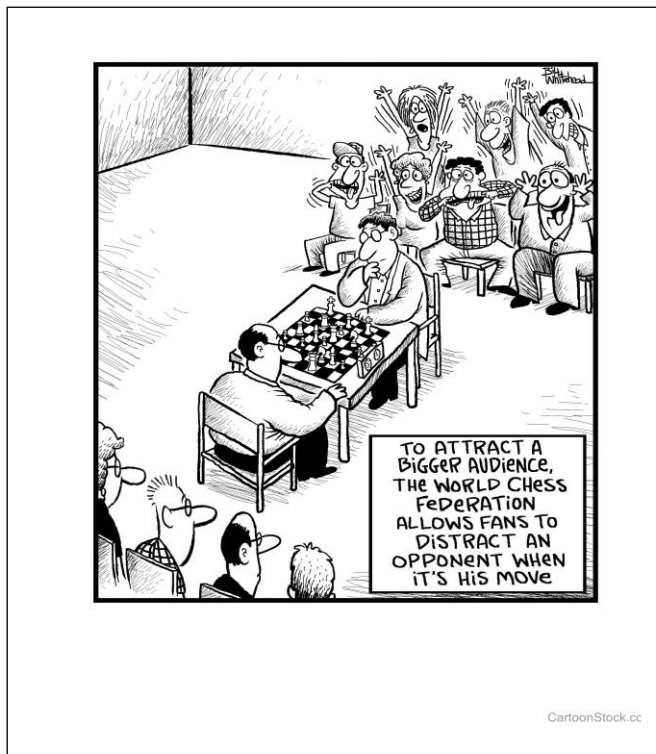
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.e3 0-0 5.Nc3 d5 6.c5 b6 7.b4 bxc5 8.bxc5 c6 9.Be2 Bf5 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Bd3 Ne4 12.Qc2 Nxc3 13.Bxf5 Nb5 14.Bd3 Rb8 15.Rb1 Nc7 16.Qa4 Rxb1 17.Bxb1 Nb5 18.Bd3 Qb8 19.Bd2 Qb7 20.Rb1 a6 21.Rb4 Rb8 22.Qb3 Qc8 23.a4 a5 24.Rxb5 cxb5 25.Bxb5 Qc7 26.Qxd5 Nf6 27.Qe5 Qd8 28.Bxa5 Qc8 29.Qxe7 Nd5 30.Qd6 Ra8 31.Bb6 Nc3 32.Bc6 Rb8 33.h3 Bf8 34.Qc7 Qxc7 35.Bxc7 Rc8 36.Ba5 Ne2+ 37.Kf1 Rxc6 38.Kxe2 Ra6 39.Bb6 Rxa4 40.Ng5 Be7 41.Ne4 Rb4 42.Nc3 Kf8 43.Kf3 Rb2 44.g3 Ke8 45.Nd5 Bd8 46.e4 h5 47.Kg2 Rd2 48.c6 Bxb6 49.Nxb6 Kd8 50.d5 Rb2 51.Nd7 Ra2 52.Ne5 Ra7 53.d6 f6 54.c7+ Kc8 55.Nxg6 Ra6 ½-½

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!

November 21st – 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 10/17/24

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andrew	2267
Avdic, Huso	2105
Gregg, Alan	1933
Seth, Samarth	1832
Urick, Ryan	1802
Rutkofske, Lon	1762
Klaty, Braeden	1760
Klaty, Trenton	1526
Wingrove, Bill	1496
Malburg, Drew	1400
Ledsworth, Brian	1400
Shardool, Mhaskar	1380
Klaty, Brad	1368
Marsh, Nolan	1185
Fisher, Sandi	966
Willard, Parker	684

PHCC Blitz Ratings as of 10/17/24

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andrew	2152
Avdic, Huso	2035
Gregg, Alan	1951
Urick, Ryan	1900
Seth, Samarth	1881
Klaty, Braeden	1766
Rutkofske, Lon	1625
Blunt, Stuart	1579
Shardool, Mhaskar	1535
Wingrove, Bill	1519
Willard, Parker	1436
Klaty, Trenton	1402
Klaty, Brad	1387
Ledsworth, Brian	1317
Muruganandam, Mugil	1210
Malburg, Drew	1120
Fisher, Sandi	1033

USCF Ratings as of 10/17/24

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andrew	2054
Avdic, Huso	1975
Alan Gregg	1893
Rutkofske, Lon	1800
Wingrove, Bill	1520
Urick, Ryan	1712
Klaty, Braeden	1584
Shardool, Mhaskar	1380
Klaty, Brad	1344
Klaty, Trenton	1170
Ledsworth, Brian	1314
Malburg, Drew	1277
Willard, Parker	823
Fisher, Sandi	791
Muruganandam, Mugil	640

USCF Quick/Action Ratings as of 10/17/24

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andrew	2027
Avdic, Huso	1979
Gregg, Alan	1852
Rutkofske, Lon	1720
Wingrove, Bill	1510
Klaty, Braeden	1468
Klaty, Brad	1354
Klaty, Trenton	1170
Ledsworth, Brian	1087
Marsh, Nolan	954
Willard, Parker	772
Muruganandam, Mugil	565
Fisher, Sandi	397

USCF Blitz Ratings as of 10/17/24

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andrew	2152
Avdic, Huso	2009
Gregg, Alan	1837
Rutkofske, Lon	1602
Klaty, Trenton	1342
Ledsworth, Brian	1317
Malburg, Drew	1203
Klaty, Brad	1289
Ledsworth, Brian	1087

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.

Expiring Memberships: Blunt, Stuart - October 2024;