



# Chess Chatter

Newsletter of the Port Huron Chess Club

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## **SPECIAL MEMORIAL EDITION**

### **Robert James Duncan : 1932-2015**



It is my sad duty to report that club co-founder and avid chess supporter, Robert J. Duncan has passed away at the age of 84. Affectionately known as , "Blunder Bob", a moniker coined by then *Chess Chatter* columnist, Bob Wilson, in the early 70's, Duncan was an avid chess and bridge player, eventually preferring the latter in his waning years. Bob and I first met in the multipurpose room of Washington Intermediate School on the corner of 10th and

White streets shortly after I began teaching there in 1968. Bob served nearly 4 years in the US Navy leaving the service as a Radioman second class. Born on July 22, 1932 in Winona, Minnesota, the crafty Scotsman found his way to the port city as an industrial arts teacher first at Washington School, then on to Crull Intermediate School finishing his tenure with the Port Huron Area School District at Holland Woods Middle School retiring in 1987 at the sweet young age of 55.

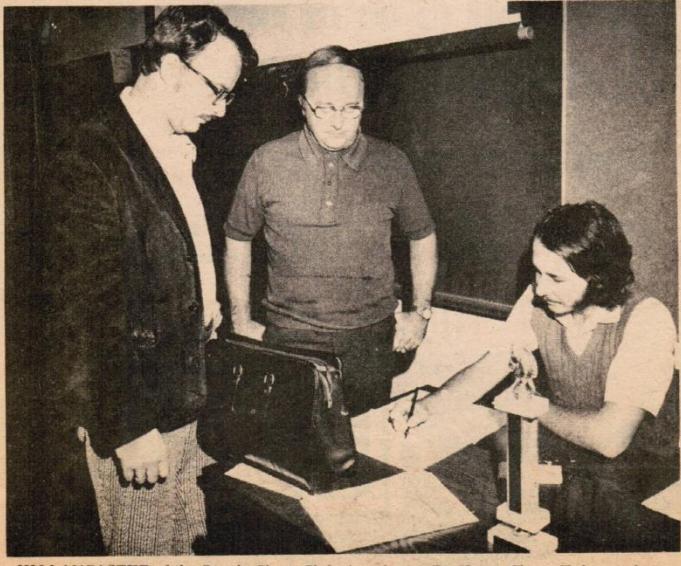
I approached City Recreation Director Joe Marshall soliciting his support for a city supported chess club early in 1969. Bob, Phil Willard, and Norm McLeod were the first to show up and long time relationships were fostered around our mutual enthusiasm for chess. Norm, Bob and I had the opportunity to engage in some nautical fun, as we enjoyed numerous adventures crewing sailboats around to Chicago for the Chicago to Mackinac race. Since Bob was also an educator, teaching at rival Crull Intermediate, we organized chess clubs in our respective buildings engaging interested students in the friendly competition of the royal game. Because these were the years of the Fischer era, chess was booming in the United States, and the PHCC enjoyed a membership that exceeded 100 players from far flung areas in Michigan and Canada. As a champion for the PHCC with international roots, Bob was always promoting chess locally and on his trips across the St. Clair River.

IRISH OF ST. PAT'S AWAITS THE REBOUND.

## College Open House



A CHESS TOURNAMENT was part of the 3 days of events which marked the opening of Phase III at Lambton College. Heavy concentration and library-like silence were displayed by the players. ABOVE: Sarnia Chess Club president plays Raymond Ebisuzaki of London.



JIM LANCASTER of the Sarnia Chess Club signs in two Pt. Huron Chess Club members Norbert Biel and R.J. Duncan.

Courtesy of the Sarnia Gazette on October 31 1973.

hall to find a bridge tournament in its preliminary stages, and decided to give it a whirl. He was quickly embraced and was paired despite being the only white participant. He was the talk of the tournament and was the "belle of the ball" so to speak, as everyone wanted him on their team. His team ended up winning the tournament!! While he lived up to his nickname in the chess tournament, he became the toast of the bridge tournament bringing home some cash and a trophy for his efforts!

We hosted a number of international tournaments and participated in a challenging exchange with the now defunct, Sarnia Chess Club recruiting a number of top notch players from Sarnia's high schools.

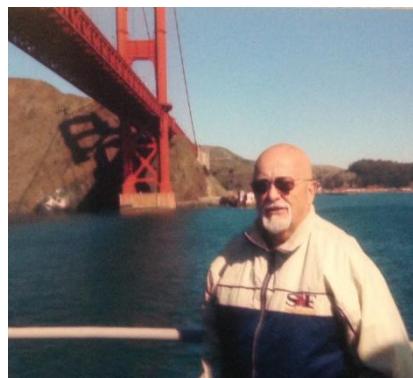
Bob was always active in promoting the PHCC. He was constantly promoting PHCC activities in the *Times Herald* and local media, as well as providing stickers in the chess books at the St. Clair County Library, advertising our club.

We changed locations several times and Bob was always one that could be counted on to have good ideas and was constantly engaged in seeking opportunities to gain notoriety for the club whether locally, or at state, national and international chess tournaments that he often attended. In one such humorous event, Bob headed to Philadelphia to play in the World Open. After a disastrous first day, he spent some time scouting out the environs as was his custom and ventured to an adjoining



L-R: Bob, Mark, and grandson, Nick.

Bob loved to travel, eventually settling in to the life of a retired snowbird, with a place in Fort Myers, Florida in addition to his Port Huron homestead on 16th Street. He loved his kids:



Bob under the Golden Gate Bridge

Mark (56) and Tracy Duncan (49) who both work



L-R: Granddaughter Diane Duncan, Mark, and granddaughter Hannah Duncan

Duncan, Hannah

Duncan and Nick Collins as well as; Deshon Payne and Jayda Williams his two great grandchildren. He relished spending as much time as possible with his family when not engaged in one of his numerous adventures, or spending time leisurely lounging in his back yard listening to the waterfall and wind chimes.

for St Clair County Mental Health; Scott Duncan (54) who lives in Diamond Head, Mississippi working on gulf oil rigs and Collette Collins (58) also an educator and three grandchildren - Diane



Bob mans the gun while visiting California.

Bob was famous for his participation in simultaneous chess exhibitions taking on the likes of Sammy Reshevsky(1986), Jude Acer, Svetozvar Gligoric and other Cassiac immortals.



L-R: Baby and Daddy Bob!

In addition to his interest in chess and bridge, the nautical jokester frequented dog shows, raising his own brood of yelping and ankle-biting Schipperke , but his beloved "Baby", a mini-pincher made him a one dog man!

It was obvious that Bob misspent some of his youth, hanging around pool halls and more than likely hustling some unsuspecting marks as evidenced by his performance at local VFW and American Legion halls in our customary after club activities. In fact, on one of our nautical excursions sailing to Chicago one summer, he kept Norm and I playing

as his partner on a single quarter at a pool bar in Port Washington Wisconsin until closing! He was a pro, and he didn't learn that in college!!!

Ever the entrepreneur, "Diligent Duncan" was forever on the alert for a good deal. A "grandmaster" of negotiation, he was in his element once on the trail of a bargain. He loved the chase, owning several classic vehicles including his pride and joy, a Moto Guzzi motorcycle astride which he plied the streets of the city and its environs in the style of an Italian aristocrat!

Sadly, Bob confided in fellow club member Stew Wilkinson, that he could no longer play chess, and as a result his trips to the PHCC became fewer and farther in between. Yet, his presence as an integral part of the PHCC he helped to create and mould in his own way, be it in the "Turkey Gobbler" and "Roulette Chess" tournaments, his colorful commentary during match and skittles play, or his effervescent enthusiasm was a tribute to his class and integrity. As his son, Mark expressed so poignantly about one of his dad's favorite quotes..."Your word should mean something!" - as did his life! Thanks Bob, from all of us who loved you!

*I have taken the liberty of including some of our classic games:*

**Rutkofske,Lonnie - Duncan,Robert [B07] Pirc Defense**

1981 PHCC Championships Port Huron (2), 05.02.1981

**1.e4 d6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.h3 c6 7.Nbd2 e5 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.c3 d5 10.Re1 Nc5 11.Qc2 dxe4 12.Nxe4?? Qxd3 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.Qe2 Re8 15.Bh6 Qxe2 16.Rxe2 ½-½**

**Gligoric,Svetozvar - Duncan,Robert [C65] Ruy Lopez - Berlin Defense**

Simultaneous Exhibition, 04.04.1973 [notes by RJD]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Bc5 5.c3 Bb6? Twice in the opening? 6.d4 Nxe4? A free pawn?? 7.Qe2 a6 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.Qxe4 0-0 It's all over!!! 10.Nxe5 d5 11.Qd3 Qf6 12.Nd2 Bf5 13.Qg3 c5 14.Ndf3 h6 15.Be3 c4 16.Nh4 Bc8 17.f4 Kh7 18.f5 Rg8 19.Rf4 h5 20.Raf1 c6 21.Qf3 Rh8 22.Nhg6** My first game against a grandmaster and nerves DO make affect ones play! **1-0**

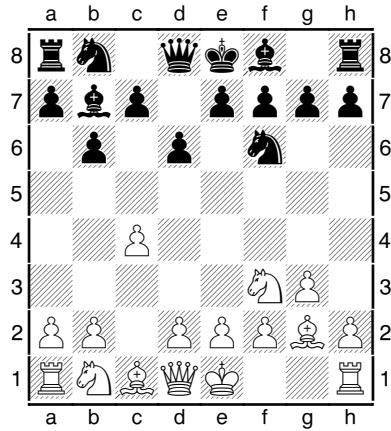
**Lonnie,Rutkofske (1995) - Robert,Duncan (1658) [A50] Queen's Fianchetto Defense**

1992 PHCC Championships Port Huron (2), 20.02.1992 *[Rutkofske, Lon]*

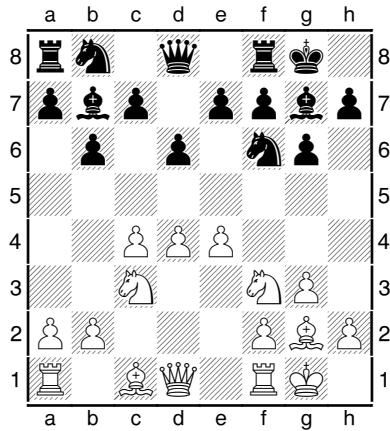
This game was particularly significant because it permitted Bob his first club and only co-champion title. Two pivotal games, instrumental in determining the outcome of the 1992 PHCC Championships , were both second round match-ups featuring the tournament's four highest rated players. Because of an illness in my family, "Blunder Bob" and I ended up finishing our game after round three, when much of the smoke had cleared from the Fiedler-Goodell melee of February 20th. I was counting on a strong game from BB. It seems that he has a reputation to defend....the reputation of always giving me fits! In fact, he takes rather demented pride in always being the "fly in my ointment" in each of our club events! In some ways it makes you want to encourage him to go back to Florida, to lie in the sun or chase pretty bikini-clad girls all day....Hummm on second thought, maybe I should be the one to go to Florida!!?? Why should he have all the fun? At any rate, when BB arrived at my home, I was

determined to play a solid, and aggressive game, hoping to keep him on the defensive, and I did until I "undid" myself on the 38th move! I really had him buffaloed up until then! A quick gander at move 8 should prove my point! I out and out blew the e-pawn...but BB didn't trust me!!?? Can you imagine such a thing? Reputation and rating does count for something after all! It must have really shook us both, because BB practically hands me the game with 10...,c5??? and 11.dc! wins almost by force...but Naw...not me...I'm too immersed in my own plans to be worried about what the other guy is doing!!! So, " I blows me chances!" and with it, sole possession of the championship!! *From Challenge Chess by Lon Rutkofske - Chess Chatter Vol. 19 No. 3 for May-June 1992*

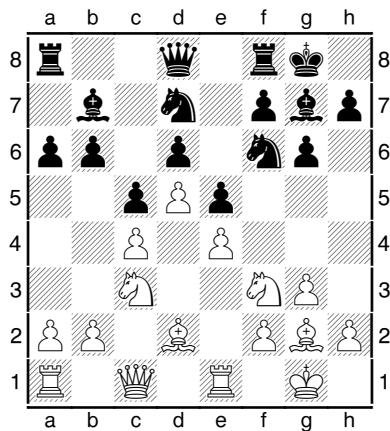
**1.Nf3** I was hoping to mount an early Q-side assault, but Bob ended that quickly. I particularly like the flexibility of this as a first move because it allows for a variety of opening options from the Ruy Lopez to the King's Indian Attack. **1...Nf6 2.g3 b6** BB's going to challenge my attempts to secure the h1-a8 diagonal, and probably pines to trade off the bishops and weaken my K-side. Generally speaking, such an exchange of like-squared bishops is safe. If Bob intends to deprive me of this prized diagonal , a better plan would be to develop a pawn wedge with c6 and d5, so White's KB "bites on granite" early in the game and then proceed with a K-side assault. **3.Bg2 Bb7 4.c4** The double fianchetto has a radically hypermodern flavor, but now I really suspect that BB wants to see what I am up to before he commits to his own plan. This appears to be more of a "Modern Defense" which patiently counts on White to over extend and create counter chances. The text is almost a dead give away that Black's real objective is to secure a draw. More often than not, the rewards of playing for draws are tallied in the lost column. **4...d6** Diagram



Black appears tentative with this move. The simple, but developing 4...,Nc6 followed by 5...,e5 stakes a claim on some central turf. **5.0-0** Clearing the decks for an eventual central push. **5...g6 6.d4** Well, if this purist of hypermodernism has a distain for the center, this classicist doesn't! **6...Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.e4?** Diagram

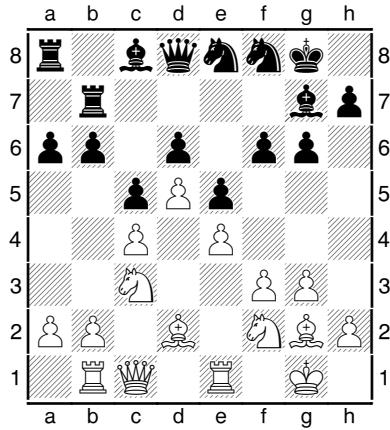


Ouch! A real bone-head move! 8...,Ne4 9.Ne4, Be4! leaves no compensation for White! I gave Bob of look of confidence here and prayed for a miracle. Later, Bob confided in me that he thought about taking the pawn, but feared somehow that I might seize the initiative, but cursory examination reveals that 10. Re1 or Qe1 fail to the simple Bb7 and 10. d5 allows the Bishop to escape via f5 then to d7. Sometimes you can be overcautious. Make your opponent prove his point before you select another move! **8...Nbd7 9.Re1 e5?** It's difficult to see Bob's reasoning for such a loosening and , obviously losing move. This is such an blatant error that I completely overlooked it....(chess blindness rears its ugly head!) Bob pointed out in our post-mortem that after 11.dc, Bc6 12.Qd6, Bb7 13. Ne5, Ne5 14.Qe5 Black is all but busted with little compensation for his two lost pawns, If 14...,Ne4 15.Qf4 leaves Black in shambles! Perhaps this was a good cure for my tendency to be myopic! **10.d5 c5? 11.Bd2** Better than 11.Be3 where 11....Ng4 gains a tempo! **11...a6** This prepares for a Q-side assault while at the same time has the benefit of providing K-side pressure with a possible pin at g5 and eventually stripping the K-side B with Bh6. Right now, the pin is better since Black's Bg7 has no scope . Besides White has a need of this B for his Q-side plans. **12.Qc1** Diagram

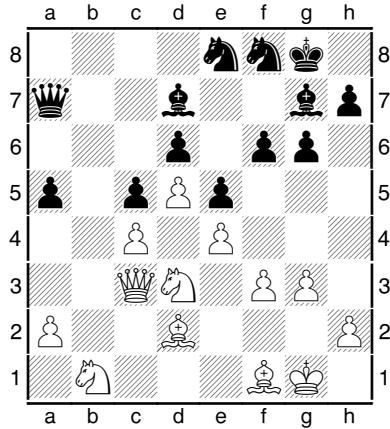


**12...Ne8!** Black's plan for counter attack is well- timed here because 13...,f5 and then 14...,Nef6 gives him good prospects while simultaneously slowing down White's Q-side schemes. **13.Ng5** Hoping to delay f5 and because of the hole created at e6. If Black drives the N away with h6, the simple Nh3 threatens Black's h pawn and permits White to push to f4. **13...Bc8** Increasing the pressure against f5. **14.Nh3** Now White hopes to neutralize Black threats, preparing a trust of his own at f4! **14...f6** Is Black

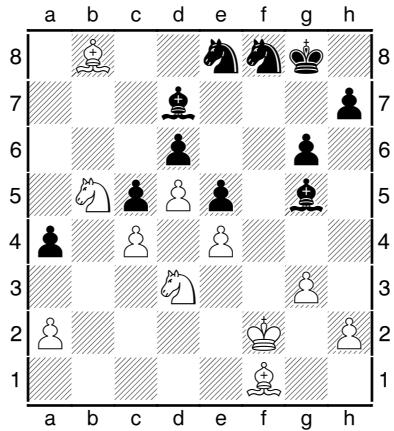
playing the chicken or the fox? This clearly shows black isn't really sold on his plan and puts the onus of making progress in White's hands. This ceding of a tempo enables White to re-ignite his Q-side threats. **15.Rb1 Rf7 16.f3** Now it's my turn to play the fowl, or is it the fool? White intends to get his KN to support the Q-side venture via f2 and d3, **16...Nf8 17.Nf2 Rb7** Diagram



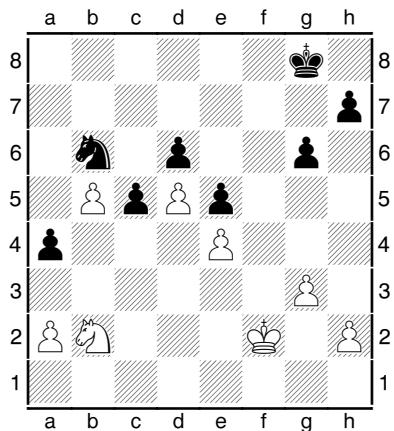
After 17 moves, all but two of Black's pieces are stationed on the back rank, but his basic aim and playing the clam is sound. His knights hold the K-side while his rooks patrol the a and b files defending against the looming Q-side seige. **18.Nd3 Bd7** You can see that the Black pieces are tripping over themselves trying to defend both wings - Patented Nimzovich: first Centralization, then Constriction and Blockade; Overprotection and Alternation; and finally, Breakthrough! **19.b4 Rab8 20.Qa3 a5 21.bxa5 bxa5** Ahh! Breakthrough! **22.Bf1? Rxb1? 23.Rxb1 Rxb1 24.Nxb1 Qb6 25.Qb2 Qa7 26.Qc3** Diagram



Bob has done a superb job of defending here. **26...a4 27.Qa5 Qxa5 28.Bxa5 f5 29.Nc3 fxe4 30.fxe4 Nf6 31.Bc7 Ne8 32.Bb8??** A horrible move that tosses away all winning chances. I had a bad feeling about this when I made it, but like so many, the higher your rating, the more prone you are to underestimating your opponent. This is clearly the case here. The Bishop belongs back at a5! My miscue here energizes Bob and he seizes the initiative! **32...Bh6!** A superb move! The reclusive cleric emerges from his solitary life! With the threat of Be3+, the Bishop threatens to settle control the Black squares as my wayward B remains out of play. **33.Kf2 Bg5 34.Nb5** Diagram



A poor choice, and my frustration begins to manifest itself, as I begin to hurry my moves here. I thought I could force a pawn through, but Bob's 38th move gives me a the old " wakeup call". **34...Bxb5 35.cxb5 Nd7 36.Ba7 Bd8 37.Nb2 Bb6 38.Bh3 Nef6** POW!!! Now Bob's position is ideal. White must exchange because of the threat of 39...c4+ is brutal. **39.Bxd7 Nxd7 40.Bxb6 Nxb6** Diagram



The position is clearly drawn as wholesale exchanges strip away the possibilities of further piece play. With the pawns locked up, and Black's monarch moving to entrench himself in the center, my only hope was that BB might mishandle things and live up to his inglorious moniker, but no such luck! I am almost certain that Bob had a winning edge in this ending. **41.a3 Kf7 42.Ke2 Ke7 43.Kd3 Kd7 44.Nd1 g5 45.Ne3 Kc7 46.h4 gxh4 47.gxh4 Nd7 48.Nf5 Nf6 49.Ke3 Nd7 50.Kd3 Nb6 51.Kc3 Nd7 52.Ne3 Kb6 53.Nc4+ Kxb5 54.Nxd6+ Kb6 55.Kc4 Nf6 56.Nf7 Nxe4 57.Nxe5 h5 58.Nd7+ Kc7 59.Nxc5 Nd6+ 60.Kb4 Nf5 61.Kxa4 Kd6 62.Ne4+ Kxd5 63.Nf6+ Kc6 64.Nxh5 Nxh4 ½-½**

# Remembrances:

## **From Stewart Wilkinson:**

Eighteen months ago, I was entering Ace Hardware as Bob Duncan was exiting. We spoke for several minutes discussing the decade that had passed since our last conversation. Bob looked great and spoke with his usual candor. However, he intimated that his mental acuity was waning and that he could no longer play chess. I told him he would fit in perfectly with the rest of us PHCC patzers. His recent passing surprised me!

When Lon Rutkofske approached me with the idea that I submit a remembrance for Chess Chatter, I assented, soon to recognize my conundrum. What story should I tell? I considered the following: Bob and his Moto Guzzi motorcycle at my dad's repair shop; Bob as my 8th grade track coach; Bob and his unique form of "chess speak" - ie. "Tricky-Wicky", "sneaky move Stew", or the ever popular..."coming to get me , huh?"; Bob, USCF 1537, drawing against a master in the East Detroit Open; Bob waging psychological warfare against Phil Willard; or Bob demonstrating the compatibility of draft beer and speed chess at Emery's Lanes? I chose, however, to retell the story of Bob Duncan at his best, making everyone smile!!

One evening in 1986 I went to the PHCC for the first time in several weeks. Bob Duncan met me at the door excitedly exclaiming: " We're going down to play Reshevsky in a simul (Simultaneous exhibition) at the Ren Cen. I reserved six boards and you're just in time to claim board six! Don't worry about the money, you can pay me later!"

While driving to Detroit, Bob described how simuls operated for the benefit of tyros like me. He recently had participated in simultaneous exhibitions held by GM's Larry Christensen and Svetozar Gligoric . GM Gligoric had fought with Tito in WWII; played in FIDE candidates tournaments, had become a distinguished USCF arbiter and ambassador; and earned a sterling reputation as an accomplished annotator in his ***Chess Life*** column - "Game of the Month". Needless to say, I had a lot of questions for Bob. To paraphrase Bob: "His last name I couldn't pronounce. It ended with 'itch' or something , but it was interesting to watch how he finished our game. I was "busted", but he slowly improved his position move after move!"

Finally, Bob tired of my inquiries and with a laugh said, "All you need to know is when Reshevsky says 'your move, sir, you'd better be ready !" The six PHCC participants were seated left to right: Bill Daly, Harley Atcheson, Bob Duncan, Phil Willard, Tim Gillion and Stew Wilkinson. Thirty-four other challengers completed the field, the board arrayed in a rectangle with the great GM Sammy Reshevsky in the center, moving counter-clockwise. Standing erect for a man of almost eighty, he stood tall at just over five feet.

Sammy was nattily dressed in a striking light blue leisure suit matching cravat and oversized cap. Any concerns about his advanced age were quickly dismissed. GM Reshevsky gave his first simul at age 8! He was in his element. Bob Duncan, among

others, traded smiles and quips with the legend. An atmosphere of friendly competition prevailed.

Sammy opened with a different move on every board! He played e4, c4, d4, Nf3, g3, or f4 seemingly at random. I followed the PHCC boards closest to me: against Duncan, he played Nf3; c4 against Phil; d4 against Tim; and e4 against me. Bob played passively with a hedgehog set-up. Phil got into early trouble as Reshevsky castled long with check! Tim won a pawn in a Benoni, but GM Reshevsky had compensation in a big pawn center. Sammy played quickly against my Classical French (I soon after began studying the Winawer), castling short with a menacing Bishop at d3.

As the GM worked his way around the room, the area became crowded with spectators and kibitzers. Conspicuous was a teenaged Ben Finegold, suggesting moves to several players. Bob Duncan commented that since he didn't want to play, Finegold should either leave or shut up!!! GM Reshevsky offered a draw to the organizer on move 15. Bob Duncan blundered and resigned at move 20, to join an ever-growing cast of kibitzers.

GM Sammy seemed to be tiring, so I offered him a glass of orange juice. On move 35., he looked up and said, "Now it's done!" as he placed his N on d6. I resigned soon afterward, as did Tim, Bill, Harley and all but a dozen remaining challengers.

One of the survivors was the venerable Phil Willard. Up two pawns in a minor piece ending, GM Sammy told Phil, "I don't think you can survive!" Phil said nothing, and made his move. When the GM returned to Phil's board, there were several PHCC members standing behind Phil's chair. Bob leaned over Phil's shoulder with the comment, "Come on, Phil, give up!" Phil's responded as we all expected, "I think I should play just one more move!" Also expected was more needling by Bob!

One by one the challengers fell. Phil finally resigned, but not before White queened a pawn. Bob offered mock condolences. Final results were: Reshevsky - 38 wins, 2 draws, 0 losses.

Bill Daly soon left to manage a waste treatment facility in Seattle. Harley Atcheson moved to Kansas. Tim Gillion's whereabouts remain unknown. Bob and Phil are no longer with us.

Thirty years have gone by, but I can distinctly visualize GM Reshevsky in that blue outfit with a glass of orange juice and Bob Duncan's infectious laugh! Thanks Bob!!!

***From Chris Eagle:***

Lon,

Sorry to hear this news. Bob was one of the great people who helped me tremendously when I was still learning that knights could move backwards. Being named appropriately, Bob would often be crushing me and then do something like leave his queen *en prise*. My experience with most chess players is that they will immediately point out how badly I was crushed and how Christmas had just come early for me. Bob would just shrug his shoulders, shake my hand, and ask if I wanted another

game. I believe there were a great number of brash young kids, like myself, who learned important sportsmanship lessons from Bob over the years.

And, of course, since I love many of the oddball types of chess, Bob's Thanksgiving tourney was always my favorite night of the year.

Do you know if his family has named a place I can send a donation on his behalf?

Chris

***From "Dangerous" Dan Thomas:***

Dan Thomas - that is indeed sad news.. a real loveable guy and a heart of gold.

***From Fred Goodell:***

Hi Lon,

I was truly saddened by the loss of our friend. Bob was always fun to play against or just having him at the club created a aura of excitement. I still remember going to the local pub for an adult beverage and to discuss bridge after the Thursday game. After Bob found bridge as his passion, he and I became bridge partners and played in many bridge tournaments. Bob achieved the bridge ranking of "Gold Life Master" which is equivalent to a well seasoned "Chess Master". Bob was also a fan of Postal Chess and would have multiple games going.

Our friend will be missed,  
Fred

***From Pete Wood (From Chess Chatter articles by our deceased colleague):***

One of our club members, and a contributor to *Chess Chatter*, Pete Wood used to give sort of a scouting report, both insightful and humorous, on regular members that were going to be playing in the upcoming club championships. Here is what he said of Bob Duncan:

***Before the 1984 Club Championships:***

Bob Duncan: 5th place in 1983

Opening Survey - White: 1.e4 = 19 games ( 6 Zots, 4 Colle)

Black: vs 1.e4 = Pirc - 5 games; Caro-Kann = 1; Sicilian=1 game

vs 1.d4 = King's Indian = 1; Grunfeld=1; Benoni = 1

A careful strategic player who likes to play behind closed lines. Has a reputation for outplaying club members only to succumb to the "big blunder" hence the nickname "Blunder Bob or BB", which he is doing less of now largely due to beginning postal play over the past three years. His opening philosophy is to force his opponents out of what they want to do and into what he wants to play. Plays for the draw against

opponents he feels are significantly stronger than he is. Sometimes loses his way in the middle game because of choosing the wrong plan. Not great in the endgame, partially because he tires in long games. Some players tend to underestimate him, even though he is playing in the top of his form and has seen his USCF and club ratings jump by more than 100 points each of the last two years.

***Before the 1985 Championships:***

Bob Duncan: 5th place in 1984

Opening Survey - White: 1.e4 = 22 games (6 Zots, 5 Colle)

Black: vs 1.e4 = Pirc - 6 games; Caro-Kann = 1; French =1;

Sicilian=1 game

vs 1.d4 = King's Indian = 1; Grunfeld=2; Benoni = 1

Nimzo-Indian = 1

A tactical player. Too much of an artist for his own good. Won't grind'em out in a practical style (Like Karpov) because he would rather be creative, and play interesting chess rather than boring stuff. Plays openings well when he wants to stay with the book and its basic ideas. Has to choose sounder plans in the middle game, and not change them so often when it's not necessary. An 8-8-1 endgame record. Often tires in long games. Played erratically in last year's tournament, but his big upset of Chris Eagle determined the championship. Not in his best form lately.

***From Mike Sharpe:***

Hi Lon,

I was sorry to hear that Bob Duncan had passed away. His enthusiasm for chess and the PHCC was what I fondly remember of my days at the PHCC. I have attached the only picture I have. Sorry I couldn't crop it as I couldn't get the software to work. The picture appeared in the Sarnia Gazette on October 31 1973. I just found the file about a month ago and there are some other pictures of familiar names. I'll scan them over the next week or so.

Regards,

Mike Sharpe



L-R : Bob, his son Mark, and his grandson, Nick Collins in the back yard. Wow, Bob Looks so serious! It's only a game, Grandpa!!!! Thanks so much to Bob's son, Mark ,for providing the family pictures and a wealth of biographical information for this article! - Lon Rutkofske

Mark Duncan suggested that there were two places that his dad might like donations in his name made: The Port Huron Senior Center (<http://www.thecouncilonaging.org/home/port-huron-senior-center/>) ( and [bluewaterbridgeclubs.com](http://bluewaterbridgeclubs.com). I am sure that the PHCC would be pleased to accept anything that would help us remember Bob!