



# 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. Website: <http://porthuronchessclub.volasite.com>

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## **Roome Captures first PHCC Championship – becomes 2011 Speed Champion**



**Eric Roome** pocketed his first ever Port Huron Chess Club title as he parleyed a 9/10 point showing to secure the 2011 PHCC Championship. It was smooth sailing for Eric after his first round thrashing of last year's champ, **Lon Rutkofske**, surrendering only a single point to Noel Bedy on time. Lon and Noel tied for second place overall. The evening was especially enjoyable as two of our junior members decided to participate in their first ever Speed Tournament. **Matt Hartson**, winner of the PHASD Grade 5 championship last March and **Gabe Ferguson**, his close friend and chess cohort, split their contests to score one point apiece, splitting the junior prize money!

Probably the highlight of the tournament, and by far the most hilarious, was the last round match between **Noel Bedy** and **Bill Wingrove**, where Noel got so excited and frazzled, that he ended up moving twice before letting Bill move, kept punching his

clock with his non-moving hand much to the dismay and constant reminder from Bill who left his king enprize to Noel's f-pawn in a harried k and pawn ending (Eventually, losing the game on time). At the end of this comedy of errors, Bill and Noel split points, but provided the onlookers with a series of hearty laughs and even garnered a bit of an ovation!

As you can see, sometimes it isn't all about the "chess", fun and camaraderie often times prevails! We hope to see everyone again soon, at **Duncan's Turkey Gobbler** "fun" tournament on November 17<sup>th</sup>!!

### 2011 PHCC Speed Championships – October 27, 2011

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot.	
1	Eric Roome	1641	1721	X	2	1	2	2	2	9	Champion
2	Lon Rutkofske	1949	1911	0	X	1	2	2	2	7	
3	Noel Bedy	1440	1529	1	1	X	1	2	2	7	
4	Bill Wingrove	1625	1588	0	0	1	X	2	2	5	
5	Gabe Ferguson	unr.	750	0	0	0	0	X	1	1	Top Jr
6	Matt Hartson	unr.	750	0	0	0	0	1	X	1	Top Jr

## 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 analysis done by Fritz 12, unless otherwise indicated. **More games from the 2011 MI Open!***

### Morian,William (1503) - Morabito,Matt (1748) [B53] Sicilian Defense

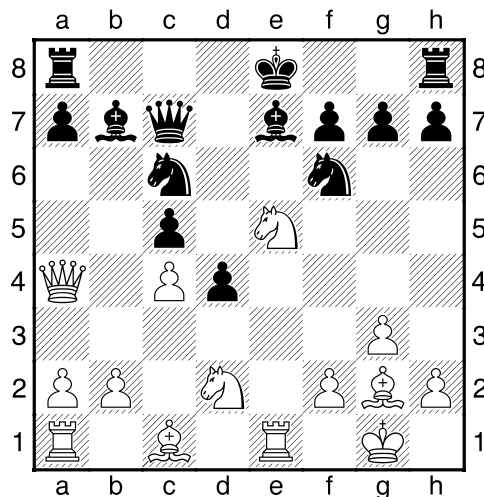
2011 MI Open - Reserve Cadillac, MI (1), 02.09.2011

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Bxc6 Bxc6 7.Nc3 e5 8.Qd3 Nf6 9.Bg5 Be7 10.0-0-0 Qc7 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Rhe1 a6 13.Nh4 Rg8 14.g3 b5 15.Nf5 Rd8 16.Rd2 b4 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.Qxd5 Rg6 19.Red1 Bf8 20.Qd3 Qb6 21.Qe3 Qc6 22.Rd5 Qc7 23.Qd2 1-0

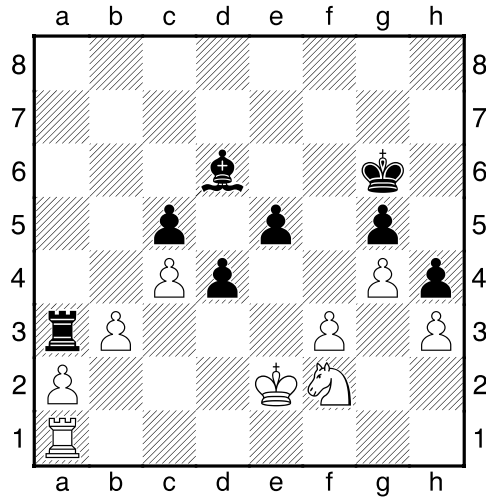
### Morabito,Matt (1748) - Roome,Eric (1523) [C00] French Defense(KI Attack)

2011 MI Open - Reserve Cadillac, MI (2), 03.09.2011

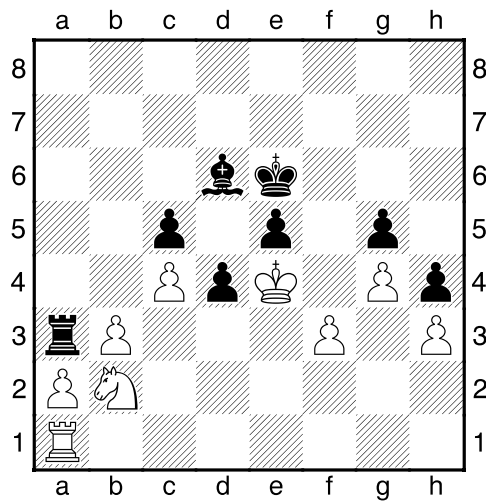
1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c5 4.0-0 Nc6 5.d3 e6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.Re1 Qc7 8.e4 b5 9.exd5 exd5 10.c4 bxc4 11.dxc4 d4 12.Ne5 Bb7 13.Qa4 Diagram



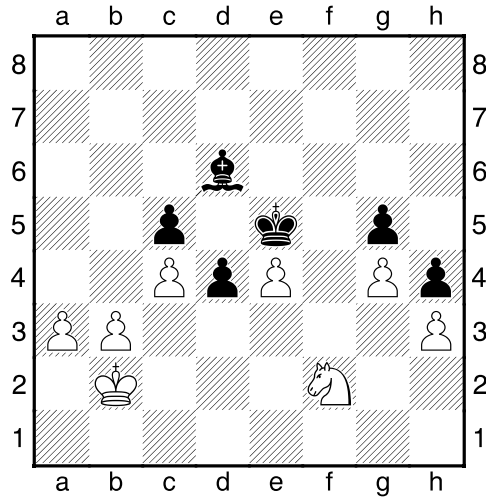
13...Rc8 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.Bxc6+ Qxc6 16.Qxa7 Qc7 17.Qxc7 Rxc7 18.Nf3 0-0 19.Bf4 Rb7  
 20.b3 Nh5 21.Bd2 h6 22.Ne5 Bd6 23.Nd3 g5 24.Kg2 Kg7 25.Re4 Ra8 26.Nc1 Nf6 27.Re1  
 Re7 28.Rxe7 Bxe7 29.f3 Bd6 30.Nd3 Ra3 31.h3 Kg6 32.Be1 Nd7 33.g4 f6 34.Bg3 Ne5  
 35.Bxe5 fxe5 36.Kf2 h5 37.Ke2 h4 38.Nf2 Diagram



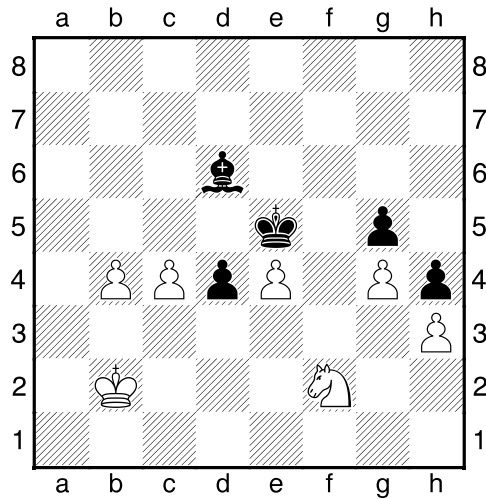
38...Kf7 39.Kd3 Ke6 40.Ke4 Be7 41.Nd3 Bd6 42.Nb2 Diagram



42...Ra8 43.Nd3 Ra6 44.Nc1 Be7 45.Rb1 Bd6 46.Rb2 Be7 47.Kd3 Bd6 48.Re2 Be7 49.Kc2  
 Bd6 50.Kb2 Ra8 51.Nd3 Rf8 52.Rf2 Rf7 53.a3 e4 54.fxe4 Rxf2+ 55.Nxf2 Ke5 Diagram



**56.b4 cxb4 57.axb4** Diagram

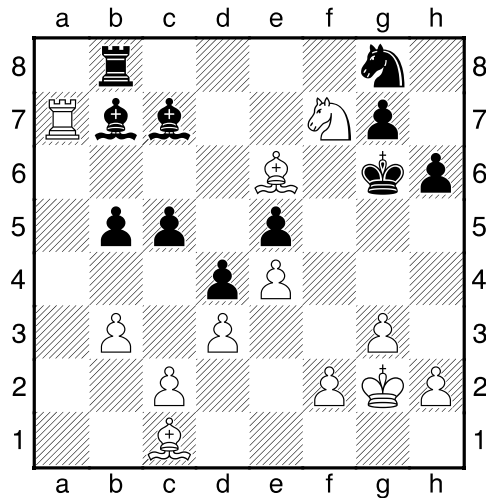


**57...Kf4 58.c5 Bc7 59.b5 Ke5 60.Kb3 Ba5 61.Kc4 1-0**

**Morabito, Matt (1748) - Poshuma, Joshua (1385) [C00] French Defense**

2011 MI Open - Reserve Cadillac, MI (3), 03.11.2011

**1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 e6 4.0-0 Nc6 5.d3 Nf6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.Re1 0-0 8.e4 d4 9.Nc4 b5 10.Ncd2 Bb7 11.a4 a6 12.b3 e5 13.Bb2 Qd7 14.Nh4 Bd6 15.Nf5 Bc7 16.Bh3 Kh8 17.Kg2 Qd8 18.Nf3 Ne7 19.axb5 axb5 20.Rxa8 Bxa8 21.Nxe7 Qxe7 22.Qd2 Ng8 23.Ra1 Bb7 24.Qg5 Qxg5 25.Nxg5 h6 26.Ra7 Rb8 27.Nxf7+ Kh7 28.Bc1 Kg6 29.Be6** Diagram



[Black thinks that the White N is trapped...if 29..., Kf6, then 30.Bd5! MB (But isn't Black correct, because after 30.Bd5, Bd5 31.Rc7, doesn't Bf7 win the N? LWR)] **29...Bb6 30.Nxe5+ Kf6 31.Nd7+ Kxe6 32.Nxb6 g5 33.f4 gxf4 34.Bxf4 Bxe4+ 35.dxe4 Rxb6 36.Rc7 Nf6 37.Rxc5 Ng8 38.Kf3 Nf6 39.Bxh6 Nd7 40.Rc8 Ne5+ 41.Ke2 Kd7 42.Rh8 Nf7 43.Rh7 Ke8 44.Bf4 Ke7 45.Kd3 Rc6 46.Kd2 Rc8 47.Rh5 1-0**

**Spangler, Richard (1496) - Morabito, Matt (1748) [A48] Torre/London System**

2011 MI Open - Reserve Cadillac, MI (4), 04.11.2011

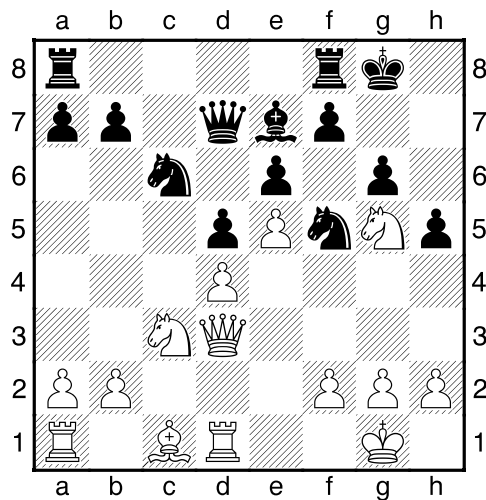
**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.b3 Bg7 4.Bb2 0-0 5.g3 c5 6.e3 Nc6 7.Bg2 cxd4 8.exd4 d6 9.0-0 Bg4 10.Re1 Rc8 11.Nbd2 Nb4 12.c3 Nd3 13.Re2 Nxb2 14.Qc2 Nd5 15.Qxb2 Nxc3 16.Ree1 Nb5 17.Nc4 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 Nxd4 0-1**

**Schweibert, Loren - Morabito, Matt (1748) [B52] Sicilian Defense (Moscow Var)**

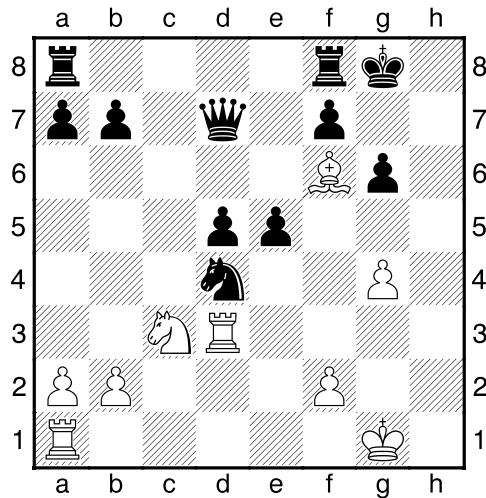
2011 MI Open - Reserve Cadillac, MI (5), 04.11.2011

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.0-0 Nc6 6.c3 e6 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nf6 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Qe2 0-0 11.Rd1 d5 12.e5 Ne8 13.Ng5 g6 14.Qg4 Ng7 15.Qh3 h5 16.Qd3 Nf5**

Diagram



Black is looking very closely at both of White's center pawns! **17.g4 hxg4 18.h3 Nfxd4 19.hxg4 Bxg5 20.Bxg5 Nxe5 21.Bf6 Nxd3 22.Rxd3 e5** Diagram



White overlooked this move when he sacrificed his queen! **23.Kg2 Qxg4+ 24.Rg3 Qe6 25.Rh3 Qxf6 26.Rah1 Rad8 0-1**



L-R: Matt Morabito vs. Justin Aldrich, who tied for 1<sup>st</sup>. *Photo: Rose Homa*

**Morabito, Matt (1748) - Aldrich, Justin (1771) [A07] Reti Opening**

2011 MI Open -Reserve Cadillac, MI (6), 05.09.2011

**1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c6 4.0-0 Nbd7 5.d3 e5 6.e4 dxe4 7.dxe4 Nxe4 8.Nxe5 Nef6 9.Re1 Be7 10.Bxc6 0-0 11.Nxd7 Nxd7 12.Bg2 Bf6 13.Nd2 Nc5 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Be6 16.Qxd8 Raxd8 17.c3 b6 18.Be3 h6 19.a4 Rb8 20.Bf4 Rbd8 21.Be3 Rb8 22.Red1 Be5 23.Bd4 Bxd4 24.Rxd4 Rfd8 25.Rad1 Rxd4 26.Rxd4 g6 27.Kf1 b5 28.axb5 Rxb5 29.b4 a5 30.Bd3 Bh3+ 31.Ke1 Re5+ 32.Kd2 axb4 33.cxb4 Re8 34.Rh4 Be6 35.Rxh6 Rd8 36.Ke3 Re8 37.Kd2 Rd8 38.Kc3 Rc8+ 39.Kb2 Rb8 40.Rh4 Rd8 41.Kc3 Ra8 42.Kd2 Ra2+ 43.Ke3 Ra3 44.Rd4 Rb3 45.f3 Bf5 46.h4 Bxd3 47.Rxd3 Rxb4 48.Rd4 Rb5 49.Rd3 Kg7 50.g4 Ra5 51.Kf4 Rb5 52.g5 Rb1 53.Kg3 Rg1+ 54.Kf2 Ra1 55.Rd2 Ra5 56.Kg3 Rb5 57.f4 Rb3+ 58.Kg4 Rb1 59.Rg2 Rf1 60.Rg3 Rf2 61.Rf3 Rg2+ 62.Kh3 Rg1 63.f5 gxf5 64.Rxf5 Rh1+ 65.Kg4 Rg1+ 66.Kh3 Rh1+ 67.Kg3 Rg1+ 68.Kh2 Rg4 69.Kh3 Rg1 70.Rf6 Rh1+ 71.Kg3**  
 Draw Agreed **71...Rg1+** ½-½ Matt went out off his way to win this game instead of repeating the moves. Alas, all for naught...since the game ended up drawn anyhow.

**Morabito, Matt (1748) - Schmidt, Chris (1695) [B25] Closed Sicilian**

2011 MI Open - Reserve Cadillac, MI (7), 05.09.2011

**1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 d6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.e4 Bg4 8.Ne2 Qd7 9.c3 0-0 10.Ng5 h6 11.f3 hxg5 12.fxg4 Qxg4 13.Bf3 Qh3 14.Bxg5 Ng4 15.Bxg4 Qxg4 16.Be3 Ne5 17.Nf4 Qxd1 18.Raxd1 Ng4 19.Ng2 b5 20.h3 Nxe3 21.Nxe3 e6 22.d4 cxd4 23.cxd4 Rac8**

24.Rf2 Bh6 25.Ng4 Bg7 26.Nf6+ Bxf6 27.Rxf6 Rc2 28.Rf2 Rxf2 29.Kxf2 Rc8 30.Rd2 Kg7  
 31.a3 a5 32.Ke2 Rc1 33.Rd1 Rxd1 34.Kxd1 f5 35.exf5 exf5 36.Ke2 Kf6 37.b3 Kg5 38.Kf3  
 d5 39.h4+ Kh6 40.Kf4 Kh5 41.Ke5 Kg4 42.Kxd5 Kxg3 43.Kc5 f4 44.d5 f3 45.d6 f2 46.d7  
 f1Q 47.d8Q Qf5+ 48.Kb6 Qe6+ 49.Kxa5 Qxb3 50.Qe7 Qa4+ Draw Agreed ½-½

## PHCC Rating List

The following list represents only current members of the Port Huron Chess Club. Current USCF ratings were used for members that had them, in order 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.

<b>PHCC Rating List as of 11/7/11</b>		<b>USCF Ratings as of 11/7/11</b>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1943	Gregg, Alan	2030
Rutkofske, Lon	1871	Rutkofske, Lon	1805
Morabito, Matt	1760	Morabito, Matt	1766
Broyles, Tom	1736	Broyles, Tom	1737
Wingrove, Bill	1694	Wingrove, Bill	1694
Roome, Eric	1641	Roome, Eric	1546
Bedy, Noel	1603	Chan, Jaime	1519
Oriel, Paul	1569	Jones, G.Avery	1505
Jones, G. Avery	1548	Bedy, Noel	1395
Chan, Jaime	1502	Boucher, Dave	1277
Boucher, Dave	1404		
Krazyca, Jay	1000		
Sienkiewicz, John	1000		

<b>PHCC Speed Rating List as of 11/7/11</b>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1971
Rutkofske, Lon	1911
Roome, Eric	1721
Morabito, Matt	1668
Wingrove, Bill	1588
Bedy, Noel	1529
Jones, G. Avery	1485
Matt Hartson	750
Ferguson, Gabe	750

## Calendar of Events:

**First Thursday of Each Month** - Chess Clinics– 6:30 to 8:00 PM - \$7.50 per person

**November 17<sup>th</sup> – Duncan’s Turkey Gobbler Tournament:** 6 rounds – featuring handicap speed, fixed positions, pre-selected openings, problem solving, G/15 events. EF\$5.00, prizes based on entries; Plaque for over-all champion. (A fun event created by Bob Duncan in 1980.)

## 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.