



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. Website: <http://porthuronchessclub.yolasite.com>

Bruziewicz Redux - Recaptures 2012 Speed Crown

Eight time Speed Champion, **Andy Bruziewicz** of Sarnia, shepherded a one point advantage to claim his 9th title , his first since 1997 in the 2012 PHCC



Speed Championships. Despite being away from chess for quite some time, and managing only a half point from chief rival, **Lon Rutkofske**, the Sarnia alderman navigated the remainder of the field with relative ease to secure the top prize.

Both **Avery Jones** and **Noel Bedy** took a round out of Lon, and dashed his title hopes once again.

The turnout for the annual event was disappointing, as even last year's champion, **Eric Roome** failed to appear to defend his title in this year's double round robin event.

The club will be hosting its 2013 Championships beginning the second week in January. The hope is that the round robin format

used in last year's championships will bring out the same strong field, and perhaps may even generate some interest in our new crop of junior players, since the Junior Championships will be played concurrently.

We hope this Andy is here to stay for a while so he can give Alan Gregg some healthy competition as he defends his title for 2013. Welcome Back, Andy!!!

2012 PHCC Speed Championships

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot
1	Andy Bruziewicz	2270	2252	\$4	\$3	D2	4.5
2	Lonnie Rutkofske	1877	1873	W3	W4	#1	3.5
3	G. Avery Jones	1559	1599	W2	L1	#4	2.5
4	Noel Bedy	1468	1490	L1	W2	D3	1.5

Duncan's 16th Turkey Gobbler on Tap for November 15th

Well it's that time again, to talk some turkey and give last year's "Top Tom", **Matt Morabito**, a basting of sorts. Matt took home last year's crown by virtue of his 4th and 5th round results. For additional information, take a peek at the December 2011 issue of Chess Chatter in the archives at the PHCC website.

Autumn brings a new influx of Junior Talent!

The winds of fall seem to be blowing favorably for the PHCC of late, as evidenced by the surge of younger players welcomed to its ranks by the crusty crew of club stalwarts. The greatest challenge of our recent youth renaissance seems to be getting them to show up on a consistent basis. Competition with after school activities, the club's later meeting hours, various family and outside interests and commitments, and the rigors of school itself greatly complicate PHCC's efforts of effectively planning events that cater to this younger set. We are hoping that as winter slips ever closer, this youthful cadre may have more time to devote to compete in our club events.



Nathan Hartwig from Clinton Twp. demonstrates his class B rating prowess!



Siblings Zachary and Nathan Allen square off at an impromptu mini-swiss.

Impromptu Junior G/15 Mini-Swiss

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot
1	Adam Nowiski	1363	1365	W4	W3	W2	3.0
2	Nathan Allen	740	790	W3	W4	L1	2.0
3	Zachary Allen	740	717	L2	L1	W4	1.0
4	Bennet Guertin	unr.	340	L1	L2	L3	0.0

Gregg wins top prize in the October Mini-Swiss

Alan Gregg nabbed the top prize as he slipped by **Lon Rutkofske** in the PHCC October Mini-Swiss. A resurgent **G. Avery Jones** managed to derail Lon by virtue of final round draw, as newcomer **Nathan Hartwig**, took a few lumps in this month's tournament albeit taking home a share of the class B prize money. **Bill Wingrove** had probably the toughest row to hoe, as he faced both Lon and Alan without the benefit of a bye.

October 17th - PHCC G/15 Mini-Swiss

#	NameID	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	Alan Gregg	1959	1962	W4	W7	D2	W5	3.5
2	Lon Rutkofske	1876	1877	W6	W5	D1	D3	3.0
3	G. Avery Jones	1548	1559	L5	B---	W6	D2	2.5
4	Nathan Hartwig	1728	1702	L1	L6	B---	W7	2.0
5	Bill Wingrove	1602	1607	W3	L2	W7	L1	2.0
6	Noel Bedy	1453	1468	L2	W4	L3	B---	2.0
7	Adam Nowiski	750	1363	B---	L1	L5	L4	1.0

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.

Morabito, Matt (1905) - Kitts, Gary (2000) [C02] French Defense

1996 Michigan Open Championships, 23.03.1996

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Bd3 Bd7 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 a5 9.Nbd2 f6 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.Nb3 0-0 12.Nxc5 Qxc5 13.Re1 Ng4 14.Be3 Qd6 15.Bxh7+ Kh8 16.Bc2 Rae8 17.Qd3 Nf6 18.Bg5 e5 19.Nh4 e4 20.Qg3 Qxg3 21.hxg3 Kg8 22.Ng6 Rf7 23.Be3 Ne5 24.Nxe5 Rxe5 25.Bb3 Be6 26.Rad1 Kf8 27.f3 exf3 28.Bc5+ 1-0

PHCC Rating Lists

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.

PHCC Rating List as of 10/26/12

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andy	2118
Gregg, Alan	1950
Wilkinson, Stew	1865
Rutkofske, Lon	1858
Broyles, Tom	1736
Fiedler, Bob	1688
Wingrove, Bill	1664
Hartwig, Nathan	1644
Bedy, Noel	1618
Jones, G. Avery	1557
Boucher, Dave	1439
Dickinson, Ty	1000
Nowiski, Adam	521
Kennedy, Jimmy	500
Kennedy, Danny	500
Ferguson, Gabe	479
Allen, Nathan	470
Allen, Zachary	470

USCF Ratings as of 10/26/12

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andy	2121
Gregg, Alan	2027
Wilkinson, Stew	1841
Rutkofske, Lon	1827
Morabito, Matt	1790
Fiedler, Robert	1767
Broyles, Tom	1737
Wingrove, Bill	1694
Hartwig, Nathan	1644
Bedy, Noel	1483
Jones, G. Avery	1470

PHCC Speed Rating List as of 10/26/12

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andy	2252
Gregg, Alan	1962
Rutkofske, Lon	1873
Wilkinson, Stew	1865
Broyles, Tom	1708
Hartwig, Nathan	1702
Morabito, Matt	1698
Fiedler, Robert	1608
Wingrove, Bill	1607
Jones, G. Avery	1599
Bedy, Noel	1490
Nowiski, Adam	1363
Ty Dickinson	1328
Ferguson, Gabe	750
Jimmy Kennedy	750
Danny Kennedy	750
Allen, Nathan	740
Allen, Zachary	740

Calendar of Events: Note the change for the First Thursday of Each Month.

First Thursday of Each Month - Chess Clinics– 6:30 to 7:00 PM - \$7.50 per person. From 7:00 until 10:00, Players wishing to play games with longer time controls up to G/90 can choose to play match games if they so desire. Participants will be paired randomly 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*.

NO Tournaments in December: 2013 PHCC Champs begin January 10thregister early.

November 15th – 16th 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.) ! A minimum of 4 participants will be necessary to hold the event. Please contact Lon via phone or email if you plan to register. Play begins at 7:00 PM.

NO MEETING on Thanksgiving – November 22nd!

November 29th - PHCC Rated Mini-Swiss – G/30 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! A minimum of 4 participants will be necessary to hold the event. Please contact Lon via phone or email if you plan to register. Play begins at 7:00 PM.

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.