



Chess Chatter

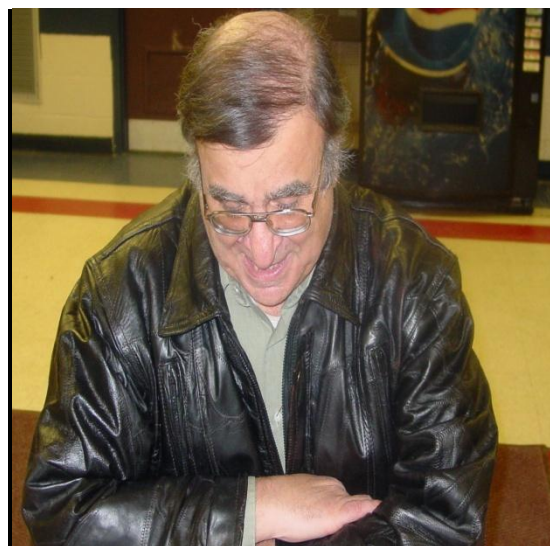
Newsletter of the Port Huron Chess Club

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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.volasite.com>

Bedy and Ferguson Share Title in Passion for Petrosian Event

by Stu Wilkinson



Gabe Ferguson (L) and Noel Bedy (R) share top prize in Stu Wilkinson's inaugural "Petrosian Thematic Tournament" held April 12, 2012.

The PHCC held the Petrosian Thematic on April 12th, honoring the career of Tigran Petrosian (1929 – 1984), the Soviet Grandmaster and World Chess Champion. The tourney began with a series of 15 questions and an essay, testing club members' knowledge about Petrosian. Next, members were tasked with choosing the move the great Armenian made in five positions (see at end of the article) against greats like Spaasky, Keres, and Korchoni. The evening ended with PHCC members finally playing chess!

Three consultation G/10 matches were played starting from positions associated with Petrosian in the Queen's Gambit Declined (QGD), Queen's Indian and King's Indian Defenses. Lastly, the two highest scores faced off in a winner take all G/10 contest starting from move 5 in Petrosian's favorite French Defense position. Unfortunately, the finalists with the highest rating was not permitted to see the clock!! (My thanks to the players for going along with the tourney's unorthodox format and scoring system!)

The competitors were: former PHCC Champions – Fiedler, Wingrove and Bedy, regulars – Boucher, Ferguson and Nowiski (scholastic champions) and two young first time competitors – the brothers Jim and Dan Kennedy.

Noel Bedy scored the highest on the written portion with five other players close behind as play began. Luckily, there were four veterans and four students, with each youngster playing with a different veteran during each of the consultation games.

The adults valued the ideas of the upcoming PHCC players who learned much from the collaborations – so much for the generation gap! Special thanks go out to Bob, Bill, Noel and Dave for their explanations of many positions to the students.

Round 1 saw a mating net sprung by team Fiedler; but the key game featured a perpetual check by Noel and Gabe with less than a minute on the clock, scrutinized by team Wingrove, up material and time.

Round 2 saw Bob Fielder’s title hopes fade as he and Dan Kennedy lost on time in a dominating position.

Round 3 began with Adam, Bob, and Bill hoping for a loss by Gabe or Noel, the tournament leaders. Both survived however, to reach the finals largely due to that first round draw. The final point totals were:

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| Noel Bedy – Finalist | 100 | Bill Wingrove | 78 |
| Gabe Ferguson – Finalist | 91 | Dave Boucher | 72 |
| Bob Fiedler | 85 | Jim Kennedy | 70 |
| Adam Nowiski | 79 | Dan Kennedy | 66 |

The final game paired Noel and Gabe with Noel as White, but with no sight of the clock. Each player was allowed to chose an advisor who had to stand, only answer questions, and not touch the pieces. Noel chose Wingrove and Gabe chose Fiedler. Noel quickly transposed into an Exchange French variation and developed a dangerous initiative. Gabe defended well, avoiding material loss due to resourceful advice from Bob Fiedler. As both clocks wound down, an equal K/P endgame ensued. Gabe achieved the opposition and Noel and Bill alertly claimed a draw by three-fold repetition with their flag ready to fall: well-played considering that only Gabe could see the clock!

Congratulations Noel and Gabe, PHCC’s 2012 Petrosian Thematic Tournament Co-Champions!

(Many thanks to Stu Wilkinson for his heroic and altruistic efforts in directing his first ever PHCC event! Your willingness to serve the PHCC membership is much appreciated as is your attention to detail and the depth of this report for Chess Chatter – Bravo Stu !!!)

Chess Quiz (Correct answers on page 9):

1. Petrosian was Armenian, who is Armenia's top current Grand Master?
a. Aronian b. Fabian c. Titian d. Kardasian e. Stalin
2. Armenians worship?
a. Allah b. Yahweh c. Christ d. Rev. Moon e. Tom Cruise
3. This country is Armenia's geographic neighbor.
a. Latvia b. East Avery c. Turkey d. Greece e. Nowiski
4. Armenia's capital city is?
a. Baku b. Batumi c. Bedy-Selo d. Yerevan e. Avoca
5. Petrosian scored 79.8% in Olympiad play. Which are the only two to score better?
a. Fischer/Rutkofske b. Karpov/Tal c. Wingrove/Molotov d. Kasparov/Larsen e. Fischer/Spaasky
6. Who said: "Petrosian was a player who spent more time considering his opponent's possibilities than his own."?
a. Keres b. Fischer c. Fiedler d. Reshevsky e. Limbaugh
7. Petrosian's wife was named?
a. Rihanna b. Rosa c. Rhoda d. Rhona e. Raina
8. Petrosian hated playing this Grand Master:
a. Ferguson b. Karpov c. Portisch d. Boucher e. Smyslov
9. Petrosian's passport listed his job as?
a. professor b. writer c. street cleaner d. alpinist e. rapper f. acrobat
10. Petrosian's trademark move in Queen Pawn openings was?
a. Resigns b. g3 c. Bg5 d. Qc2 e. Draw offer

True/False

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| 11. Petrosian was partially deaf? | T | or | F |
| 12. Kasparov never played Petrosian. | T | or | F |
| 13. Petrosian's play illustrates prophylaxis. | T | or | F |
| 14. Korchnoi and Petrosian were pals? | T | or | F |
| 15. Petrosian was world champion – 1963-1969? | T | or | F |

Essay Question

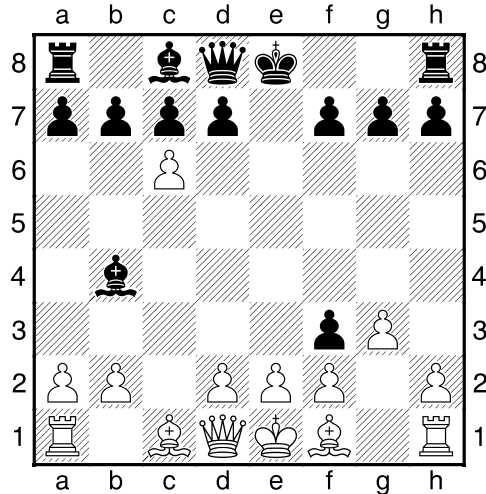
16. Describe Petrosian's playing style in at least two sentences. See Question 6.

Solve these Positions

Write down Petrosian's key first move in the space provided:

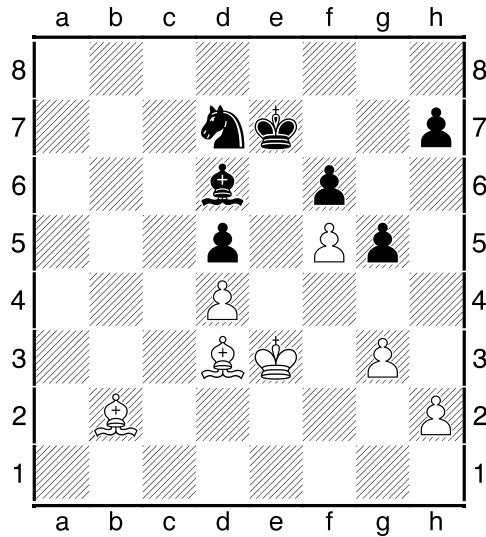
Position 1. Petrosian-Ree: Wijk aan Zee: 1971

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 Bb4 5.Nd5 Nxd5 6.cxd5 e4 7.dxc6 exf3 Diagram



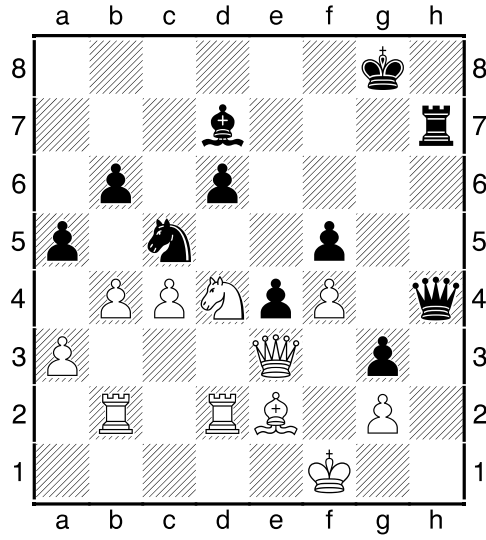
White to move: 8. _____

Position 2. Petrosian-Korchnoi: Candidates Match/1971



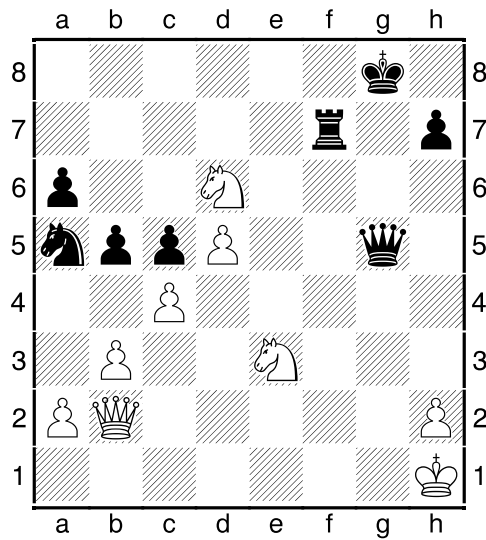
White to move: 44. _____

Position 3: Keres-Petrosian: Candidates Tournament/Bled 1959



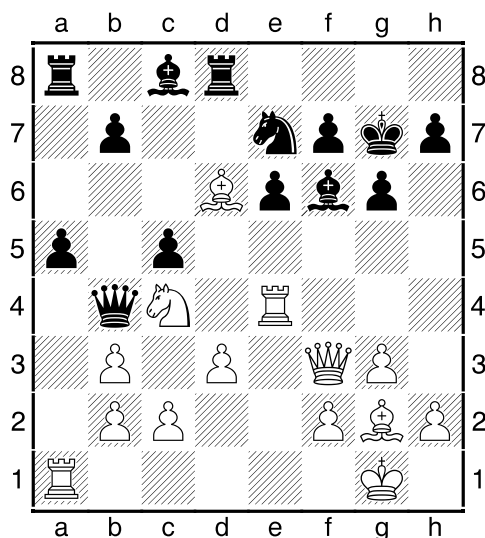
Black to move: 51. _____

Position 4: Petrosian-Spaasky: World Championship/1966



White to move: 30. _____

Position 5: Petrosian-Pachman – Interzonal/Bled 1961



White to move: 19. _____

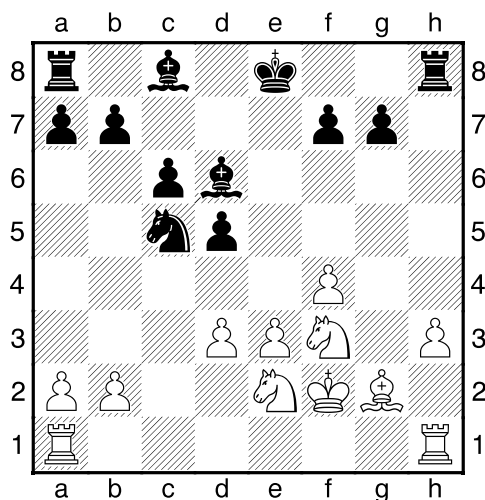
Members' Games

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.

Vanhorn, Dewayne (1538) - Bedy, Noel (1493) [A00] Grob's Opening

2012 Great Lakes Open. Battle Creek, MI, 13.05.2012

1.g4 d6 2.Bg2 c6 At this point I knew nothing about this opening, so I wanted to get out of the main lines and give him no targets, if possible. **3.h3 h6 4.c4 e6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.d3 d5 7.g5 hxg5 8.Bxg5 Nbd7 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Qb3 Nc5 11.Qc2 Ne6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.e3 Qg6 14.f4 Qg3+ 15.Qf2 Qxf2+ 16.Kxf2 Be7 17.Nf3 Bd6 18.Ne2 Nc5**
Diagram



19.Rad1 Bf5 20.e4 dxe4 21.dxe4 Nxe4+ 22.Kf1 0-0-0 23.Nfd4 Bc5 24.a3 Bxd4 25.Bxe4 Bxe4 26.Rh2 Bxb2 27.Re1 Bd3 28.Kg1 Rhe8 29.Kf2 Bxe2 30.Rxe2 Rxe2+

**31.Kxe2 Bxa3 32.h4 Bb4 33.Ke3 a5 34.f5 f6 35.h5 a4 36.Rg2 Rd7 37.Rg4 Bc5+
38.Ke2 b5 39.h6 gxh6 40.Rg6 Bd4 0-1**

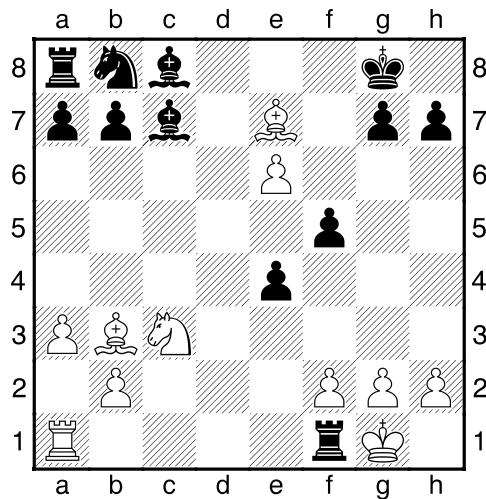
For Noel, the following contest was by far one of his most gratifying because he defeated a Polish master, a multi-titled club champion, and secured himself a share of the club championship title for 1999 simultaneously. A well-played game in which he failed to succumb to the reputation and wiles of the Sarnia juggernaut.

Bedy,Noel (1626) - Bruziewicz,Andrew (2104) D00 Unusual Openings

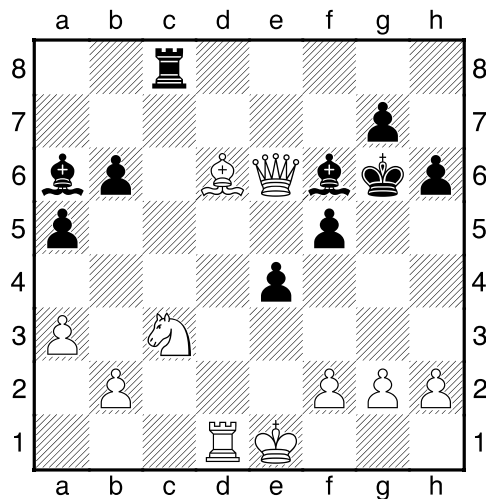
1999 PHCC Champs, January 1999

1.e4 I saw that he liked playing Alekhine's Defense against 1.e4 and I knew I could transpose into the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit, so I decided to play 1.e4 as my best bet.

1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nxe4 4.Nxe4 dxe4 5.Bc4 e6 6.c3 c5 7.Be3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 He could win a pawn here but I guess he wanted to crush me! **9...Qa5 10.Ne2 0-0 11.Nc3 Qc7 12.Bb3 f5 13.a3 Ba5 14.d5 Qe7 15.0-0 Bc7 16.dxe6 Rd8 17.Bg5 Rxd1 18.Bxe7 Rxf1+** Diagram



19.Kxf1 h6 20.Bb4 Kh7 21.Rd1 Nc6 22.e7 b6 23.Bf7 a5 24.Bg6+ Kxg6 25.e8Q+ Kh7 26.Qxc6 Ba6+ 27.Ke1 Rc8 28.Bd6 Bd8 29.Qd5 Kg6 30.Qe6+ Bf6 Diagram



31.Be5 Rf8 32.Qxb6 Bd3 33.Rxd3 exd3 34.Bxf6 Rxf6 35.Qxf6+ Kxf6 36.Kd2 Ke5
 37.Kxd3 g5 38.b4 axb4 39.axb4 h5 40.b5 h4 41.b6 Kd6 42.Na4 Kc6 43.Kd4 f4
 44.f3 Kb7 45.Ke5 g4 46.Kxf4 gxf3 47.gxf3 h3 48.Ke5 Kc6 0-1

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 6/15/12

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Rating</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Gregg, Alan | 1961 |
| Rutkofske, Lon | 1861 |
| Wilkinson, Stew | 1840 |
| Morabito, Matt | 1798 |
| Broyles, Tom | 1736 |
| Wingrove, Bill | 1688 |
| Fiedler, Bob | 1687 |
| Bedy, Noel | 1650 |
| Roome, Eric | 1641 |
| Jones, G. Avery | 1507 |
| Boucher, Dave | 1439 |
| Dickinson, Ty | 1000 |
| Nowiski, Adam | 521 |
| Kennedy, Jimmy | 500 |
| Kennedy, Danny | 500 |
| Ferguson, Gabe | 479 |

USCF Ratings as of 6/15/12

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Rating</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Gregg, Alan | 2052 |
| Wilkinson, Stew | 1840 |
| Rutkofske, Lon | 1818 |
| Morabito, Matt | 1790 |
| Fiedler, Robert | 1769 |
| Broyles, Tom | 1737 |
| Wingrove, Bill | 1694 |
| Roome, Eric | 1546 |
| Bedy, Noel | 1493 |
| Jones, G.Avery | 1484 |
| Boucher, Dave | 1274 |

PHCC Speed Rating List as of 6/15/12

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Rating</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Gregg, Alan | 1971 |
| Rutkofske, Lon | 1911 |
| Wilkinson, Stew | 1865 |
| Roome, Eric | 1721 |
| Broyles, Tom | 1708 |
| Morabito, Matt | 1668 |
| Fiedler, Robert | 1640 |
| Wingrove, Bill | 1588 |
| Bedy, Noel | 1529 |
| Jones, G. Avery | 1485 |
| Ty Dickinson | 750 |
| Ferguson, Gabe | 750 |
| Nowiski, Adam | 750 |
| Jimmy Kennedy | 750 |
| Danny Kennedy | 750 |

Rutkofske Returns to the Fray

Lon Rutkofske has finally gotten back to his feet...both literally and figuratively as he is in the final stages of recovery from his total left knee replacement surgery. You'd think that such a two month layoff would permit him ample opportunity to study up on his chess skills, but as he found out rather quickly, stamina returns slowly and ever more slowly when combined with pain medication. The will to study just gets lost in the healing process. At any rate, it's good to be back and I am hoping not to be too worse for the wear!

Calendar of Events:

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

PHCC June USCF Rated Mini-Swiss – G/90 one round each Thursday, 6/14; 6/21; 6/28 – USCF membership required. EF: \$10 ...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. 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.

Membership lapses: Chan, Jaime; Hartson, Matt; Wiley, Cullen

Answers to Petrosian Questions:

Multiple Choice: 1. A; 2. C; 3. C; 4. D; 5. B; 6. A. 7. D. 8. C. 9. C.10. C

True/ False: 1. T; 2. F; 3. T; 4. F; 5. T

Positions: 1. Qb3; 2. Bc2; 3.....,Qf4+; 4.Qh8+ Black resigns; 5. Qf6+

PHCC shirts still available

Whether you have noticed or not (members of the PHCC have moved into the fashion mainstream with stylish collection of its very own. Aided by accomplished embroiderer and design artist, Diane Rutkofske, members of the PHCC now have access to high quality, custom creations that sport the logo of the Port Huron Chess Club.

With the price tag of just \$30, you too can enjoy the celebrity that comes with the crisp, tailored look of well-dressed chess aficionados in colors that best reflect your chess-playing mood. Whether it be burgundy, black or traditional white (other colors available on request), these *objects de arte* available in sizes S thru 2XL, will make you the envy of every chess enthusiast, be they friend or foe.

Don't miss this opportunity to become a player of distinction and exquisite taste – order your shirt/s today by contacting Diane at drutkofske@sbcglobal.net. See you on the runway!

