



Chess Chatter

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Wilkinson Wins 33rd PHCC Speed Championship

Stew Wilkinson was the sole winner of the 33rd Annual PHCC Speed Championships hosted by the PHCC on Thursday, October 9th. Wilkinson, a co-champion last year, had to be persuaded to compete...a mistake Lon pledges not to repeat in the future...dropped only 2 points cruising to an 8/10 point victory margin to some of the top players in the club. Stew now holds two consecutive speed championships as the also-rans will have to wait until next October to avoid a three-peat by the postal master, extraordinaire!

2014 Port Huron Chess Club Speed Championships Crosstable : 10-9-14

#	Name/Rtng/ID	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5
1	Stewart Wilkinson 1909	3	2	4	6	5
		2.0	3.5	4.0	6.0	8.0
2	Alan Gregg 1960	5	1	3	4	6
		2.0	2.5	3.5	5.5	6.5
3	Matthew Morabito 1701	1	6	2	5	4
		0.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	5.0
4	Lonnie Rutkofske 1864	6	5	1	2	3
		2.0	3.0	4.5	4.5	4.5
5	Tony West 1826	2	4	6	3	1
		0.0	1.0	3.0	4.0	4.0
6	Noel Bedy 1519	4	3	5	1	2
		0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0

Morabito Manhandles Minions in Monthly Mini-Swiss

Finally, **Matt Morabito** realized a life-long dream of thrashing the club's top rated player as he upended an unusually distracted **Alan Gregg** in head to head combat. Utilizing his penchant for setting tactical traps, Matt set up his sneaky snare by using the "old psychological trick" of leaving the board briefly after making his move, luring his "prey" (Apologies to author John Sandford, but I couldn't resist!- ed.) into a hasty pawn capture forcing his lofty opponent's quick resignation. This was Matt's first victory over Alan in a

serious club contest and of course was followed up appropriately by cheers of pent up frustration.

Lon, by virtue of his draw with Matt, slipped into his usual “also-ran” spot of second fiddle.

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot	Prize
1	Matthew Morabito	1809	1844	D2	W4	W3	2.5	20.00
2	Lonnie Rutkofske	1819	1830	D1	D3	W6	2.0	
3	Alan Gregg	1958	1945	W6	D2	L1	1.5	
4	William Wingrove	1667	1657	D5	L1	B---	1.5	
5	Noel Bedy	1606	1610	D4	D6	H---	1.5	
6	G Avery Jones	1667	1652	L3	D5	L2	0.5	



“T’was the Best of times, and the worst of times!”: A diary of my adventures at the Millionaire Chess Tournament – G. Avery Jones

Wednesday - October 8, 2014.

I arrived in “Las Wages” at 1300 (1:00pm) *Las Wages* time. The hotel, [ELARA] Hilton Grand Vacation Las Vegas, was good enough to let me check into my room at 1400 hours instead of the normal 1600. Bless their hearts, you will hear more about them later. I am in studio room [small kitchen and bedroom] very clean. It gave me a very good first impression. I am staying on the 22nd floor. I am not towering over the city, however the view is impressive. It is from here I will launch my attack on my enemies starting tomorrow at the Millionaire Chess tournament.

The tournament is being held at the Planet Hollywood resort and casino. As stated earlier, I am staying at the Hilton Grand Las Vegas. Why? You may ask. Well the story goes like this: The Michigan Open was held at the Dearborn Doubletree, when I called to make my reservation for that tournament, I got a “side speel” about visiting another Hilton property in the next 6 months for 4 days for \$222.00. All that would be requested of me is to sit in on a presentation. So that is how I ended up at the Hilton ELARA and not the Planet Hollywood[PH].

Although participants have already paid [some maybe over 1000 dollars] , sent in ALL pertinent information INCLUDING pictures - the tournament still require a PRE-REGISTRATION IN PERSON. Yours truly, being one of the lucky ones to enter the playground the day before the start, would have the pleasure of sauntering in at my leisure between 1800 and 2200 hours on Wednesday evening to give the organizers whatever else they may need or demand: a pint of blood , a DNA sample etc.... First impressions say a lot.

The location was easy to find, first of all- because even though I am not staying at the PH, the ELARA - the name of Hilton Grand Vacations hotel that I am staying at - is

only a 5 minute walk away. With the help of something called the "Miracle Mile" (an indoor mall that goes to great lengths to imitate the outside) the 5 minute walk is a pleasure. Secondly, Las Vegas is filled with Security (that was one of my observations when I came here for the first time 2 years ago). So, I sauntered up to 2 security individuals in the crowded PH, one dressed like a police officer [he may have been one] the other, had one of those shirts with the word SECURITY emblazoned on it, and asked for directions to the PH Convention Center. They gave me directions in a most pleasant and professional manner.

Picture this large, large hallway with an area with a counter (it has the look of a coat checking setup) that is the pre-registration area. There is a BIG sign, and a few feet away there is a photographer taking pictures of all participants as they leave the coat check area [Pre-registering setup]. There are about 6 people behind the counter so the line is moving very efficiently.

A good first impression has been made. I was in and out in about 15 minutes. I confirmed my registration, presented government I.D., got my picture taken (yes, again, they don't have the one I sent them earlier -hmmmmmm). Also, everyone is given a gift bag (a chess bag with some coupons inside). You can get a look at the chess bag at this site <http://millionairechess.com/products/>.

The thought was very good (a free chess bag), however I think a better impression could have been made with a T shirt -emblazoned with the letters MC with a crown over the MC proclaiming "the Millionaire" chess event. Players are NOT using their own sets at this tournament, so the chess bag will stay in the rooms unused... where if a T-shirt was given... well you get the idea!

Thursday - October 9th

The plot thickens...Thursday morning, there is a free breakfast put on for all players. You know me, I am always watching my costs, so I wore my sweat pants and "gave it to the man." No lunch for Mr. Jones today, he, he, he. The breakfast was very well done, bacon, sausages, lots of fruit and scrambled eggs my favorites items on breakfast menus. Regarding scrambled eggs, the Adoba hotel in Dearborn where the Harold Steen chess tournament was held has the best scrambled eggs, not runny, but uniform in color, and little sweet like they added a little sugar to the cream that they mix with the eggs.

Anyway, I had to leave the PH once again. Why not sit down and enjoy the brief intro to the tournament with the rest of the players you may ask? Well, because I accepted this special price from Hilton, I agreed to sit in on a "presentation" so I waddled back to the ELARA at 1000 hours for my presentation appointment at 1015. I had done some rescheduling with Hilton already to get this time segment, so "chop, chop", Mr. Jones!

I was on time for my appointment. Let me just make this one comment: there are some very beautiful women in Las Vegas and the Hilton Grand Vacation "presentation office" seems to have monopolized them. Now let's get this straight, I don't really know what to expect, but it was a timeshare (Hilton style , points, deeded, maintenance fees,

you can stay at thousands of places all over the world - anytime etc..) The presentation was professional and polished, smooth as the sheets on my bed. The atmosphere was relaxing and very friendly. I was offered more food (snacks, plus lunch catered by Starbucks – yes, that’s Starbucks). Regrettably, because I had already let the draw string out on my sweat pants for the Millionaire Chess breakfast, all I could do was enjoy a Coke for the two and-a-half hour event. Yes ,do the math, my appointment was at 1015 plus almost 2.5 hours, the time was now 1230. Wait a minute round eyes, chess tournaments never start on time, could this one be different? Stay tuned...

My presentation was carried out by a black man about my age, my height, Daryl. He "SAID" he was in the military, worked at a refinery [like I do at present] worked at Sears, was an investment banker on Wall Street, and has been working for Hilton for less than 1 year. My response to Daryl's presentation was as follows: ***"The presentation was very informative, professional and transparent. I learned a lot here today. For example, when I get back home the first thing I will do is add up my annual hotel expenses to see if they come close to your number of \$2, 688,750 over 40 years with an inflation rate of 10 percent, however I am not prepared to make a decision at this time."***

Daryl left to get some incentives and returned with a lady, middle-aged [not one of the Las Vegas beauties I mentioned earlier] but very friendly. She has been in the business for 30 years. She slashed my prices and fees and instead of spending \$52,000, I would only be spending \$16,000...yada, yada, yada. Well Carol, like I told Daryl: ***"The presentation was very informative, professional and transparent. I learned a lot here today. For example, when I get back home the first thing I will do is add up my annual hotel expenses to see if they come close to your number of \$2, 688,750 over 40 years with an inflation rate of 10 percent, however I am not prepared to make a decision at this time."***

Daryl and Carol left to get my incentives. A very friendly smiling gentleman, greeted me offering an 18 month trial membership for \$1900. A trial membership to see if I like the set-up and then the \$1900 would be used as part of the down payment for a large, permanent membership. I told the smiling, friendly gentleman, the following: ***"The presentation was very informative, professional and transparent. I learned a lot here today. For example, when I get back home the first thing I will do is add up my annual hotel expenses to see if they come close to your number of \$2, 688,750 over 40 years with an inflation rate of 10 percent, however I am not prepared to make a decision at this time."***

A brief dive into the Hilton Vacations timeshares via Mr. Google on Thursday night yielded the following: http://www.consumeraffairs.com/travel/hilton_grand_vacations.html

My incentives for not giving in to the presentation were a \$200 rebate for my next stay at a Doubletree hotel. So bottom line, IF I get my rebate in the future, staying 4 days at the ELARA could cost me \$22. Stay tuned...

In closing on this segment of my Vegas adventure, my stay here at the ELARA has been TOP NOTCH thus far. It is a very well-run operation. I will stay here again if in Las Vegas; it does not have that crowded, riff-raff, smoky, casino atmosphere. It is not a casino.

What time is it?

I am finally getting out of the presentation at 1230. According to my worst case calculations, the worst case is that I have sacrificed some playing time for low hotel costs. Well not exactly, as I enter the tournament hall, there is none of the usual chaos that I have grown accustomed to over the years. I rush to find my section, U1800, my name, my table. Strange, my opponent is late also!

Well No. This tournament is different, only 30 minutes wait time is required to claim forfeiture. Yes, that is my story!

What would MacGyver do?

I quietly accepted the verdict of the TD for my section and casually walked around the hall for about 5 minutes. I started looking at the clocks and noticed that the time expired on the clocks were like 24 and 12 minutes , 30 minutes and 6 minutes and started doing some matriculating. Only 36 minutes have expired playing. The time is 1245, I have been walking around for 10 minutes, and this tournament would have had to start at EXACTLY 1200 for my time forfeiture to be accurate. I looked for the TD to my area, oops looks like he is having a problem or an issue with another player. The wringing of the hands, the facial expressions, this looks like it could get ugly!?

Another player in my section who was late was paired with me. I lost my first game. If a movie was made of this game, the character playing me would look slowly into the camera and whisper... "I SEE GOOD MOVES FOR MY OPPONENTS THAT AREN'T REAL".

Round Two: After my adventure during the earlier part of the day, I decided to get down to business and focus : get to the site early, sit down, and wait for the round to begin. My opponent from San Diego came at me like a "roaring" lion. I stared him down with some bomb-proof defensive tactics and got a draw.

Friday – October 10th

Up at 0500 hit the gym, preparing for battle - the treadmill and weights. Today there will be blood!

I will send games later; the tournament does not allow ANY electronic devices into the playing hall. If there is any change, I will send some pictures.

Stay tuned...more adventure to come. I have 4 days here at the ELARA, I am not returning until Tuesday. Where will I spend the other 2 days ? Will I be able to get some cheap rates at the ELARA for the remaining days, or will they try to "get even" for not accepting their presentation "offer". Will I have to lug my luggage over to the Planet Hollywood? The adventure continues...

If this was a movie, the scene would be the character playing me would wake up in the hospital, the doctors' faces would be cloudy and they would be saying "he lost a lot of blood, but he will live. Looks like he put up a heck of a fight."

I lost my third game and drew my fourth game.

The tournament games start EXACTLY on time. There are numerous cameras taking and broadcasting the games and tournament, however I have been unable to follow any of it. There are no loud doors opening and closing, the sheets with the pairings are spread out with only one section per sheet and the pairings are also posted on the internet. The score sheets are large. You can make mistakes, make corrections and they are still legible. There is a TD for each section. There are quite a few GM's. I have not been able to follow any of the games as yet. Stay tuned...

Saturday - October 11th

Saturday morning October 11, 2014 was a revealing time for me during this tournament. I decided to get up early hit the gym. They have a very nice large "Fitness center" here at the ELARA. So I hit the gym at 0530 to avoid the gym crowd and then had a nice shower and got ready for battle. I stopped by the front desk to grab my free paper, and proceeded to head to the tournament site to make the 0900 free chess lecture. The lecture was given by Robert Hess [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Hess_\(chess_player\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Hess_(chess_player))

There was no use of any of the usual electronic accouterments that you would normally see at lectures. No overhead projector, no computer etc.... Mr. Hess just started talking about how he plays chess, how played to get to where he is today, and answer some questions from about the 10 attendees - yours truly being one of the 10.

The first thing, he said that caught my attention was that he doesn't even know some of the openings that he regularly comments on in the games that he watches online, or in live tournaments. He does not pay too much attention to openings.

He makes a sequence of moves to improve his position. He does not make the best move [single move] he plays by making a sequence of moves that improve his position on the board. If he thinks 3 moves ahead, he pushes himself to see the board 1 move further, and he encouraged us to start doing this.

He had a coach since 10 years old and this coach used to give him these problems and say "improve your position in 5 moves" this is how he developed this type of playing technique, he looks for a sequence of moves to improve his position.

UNLIKE myself who plays responsive chess. I have NEVER been an attacking player, thus over the many years I have been able to find some very good ways to defend myself when players throw everything including kitchen sinks, bath tubs etc... at me!

Diagnosis :I have a serious case of Responsive chess-i-tist. This would explain why I am better with the black pieces.

Robert Hess went on to say he does not play for draws, he plays to win - all the time. He has played games over time with people [GM] who were playing for draws and because he was playing to win - he won.

The lecture lasted for about 1 hour and for the cost [free] it was worth about \$100. There were other people there who wonder why this game is so difficult to master, but still very enjoyable. One guy has been playing for over 50 years; he is a physicist. His

rating has been as high as 2000, but now it is down to 1800. His question revealed his frustration about his lack of movement up the ratings ladder.

Conclusion: I must stop playing RESPONSIVE chess and play a sequence of moves that improves my position on the board. Second, I need to go over some games of attacking players to see how they did it. So I will go over the games of Mikhail Tal, Frank Marshall, Rashid Nezhmetdinov, and Leonid Stein etc.... At the tournament - I lost both games. I will send in my games for your entertainment. The tournament is very well run - games start on time.

Sunday is the last day for me, I will wander over to the tournament hall to see who: "I can help go up the ratings ladder". I will stay on Monday for the grand finale - the top guys play for the big bucks.

The tournament has been very enjoyable. I can't explain it, but chess for me, the activity of trying to solve the ever changing puzzle before me is an activity that I enjoy regardless of the final result of the game. It is sort of like when I go for a long run, I am not running very fast, but the act of moving, sweating, and breathing deeply, of slowing down and taking that cool down walk back home, taking that long shower after, followed by a hot tea etc... Very enjoyable!

Playing chess is sort of like that, you win, you feel good, you draw, you think, I almost lost but I fought on and got a draw. You lose, you ask why did you play x-move? For me, now I know that I have been playing chess, one move at a time - responsive chess.

Las Vegas is an enjoyable place. I am very happy to be staying at the ELARA because it is not a casino. It is filled with vacationers. My friend Angelo from Indiana is having a very good tournament, and we have been going over games - as much as time would permit, so I am also learning some of his thoughts and techniques.

I would play in this tournament again. All I would ask is that the dates be announced months ahead of time. There is talk that organizers may move the tournament all over the world - London, Paris, Barcelona etc.... Such venues would make it even more interesting to me.

So with 1 more game to go I would have to give the Millionaire Chess Tournament a "thumbs up". If you are a competitive player and think you have "game" - give it a try at least once. The only recommendation is to give the World Open a try first because you would get the feel of 2 games per day, and the cost of that tournament is about a third.

A final wrap up with games and any other pertinent information regarding the millionaire Chess will follow:

There were 114 people in my section. I finished in 97 place with 2.0 points. Now to be totally honest, I must confess that my last game, my opponent did not show up, so I got 1 full point for that game (The chess god's love to mock me). Anyway, I was not the only person with a no-show in my section, so I was paired with another person and that game was a draw - so, 3 draws of playing chess = 1.5 points earned.

There were only 7 rounds in my section but 9 rounds in the open section. Here is where things got a bit confusing for me as a spectator of the sport. The Open had an 8th and 9th round. However there was something else going on: the "Big dogs" were fighting it out in a sequestered area of the room to see who would advance to the final for the BIG MONEY.

I did not fully understand the set up for the cash prizes because the "top dogs" in the other sections - yes under 1600, under 1800, etc... also were separated to fight for money. What is wrong with everyone playing their game with 9 rounds and prizes divided accordingly or fight for two-thirds of prizes in cases of ties?

Anyway, they had a very nice room setup for spectators to watch the top games on a big screen (the room /stage where the games are actually played; spectators could not see what was happening on each board - no screen or play board was in place and the players were elevated]. The commentary was very well done. It was carried out by Robert Hess (yes, that same Hess that gave the lecture mentioned earlier). He was accompanied by a gentleman by the name of Lawrence (Probably Al Lawrence of Continental Chess Association-ed.) and young lady with a lovely voice. However, I did not get to actually see her, so I can't give you a more detailed description. The commentary was "A1" - keep in mind at times they would go into too much detail - for example: explaining-capturing *en passant*. The reason for this was probably that many in the audience [both in the room and online] might be unfamiliar with the detailed mechanics of the game.

Monday, I visited the playing hall several times and took in some of the commentary - it was very enjoyable. I also had to break away and go do some "people watching" on the "Strip". I used to think that only in my town of 73,000 people, that some people were crazy enough to place tattoos on parts of their bodies THAT THEY WOULD ONE DAY REGRET. Well I was wrong; Las Vegas is full of such people. The trend now appears to be for the ladies to place these complete paintings on their legs and thighs. Those little cupids, devils, dolphins and roses were just not cool enough.!

Meanwhile back at the hall, I saw Ray Robson pull out a win on a Chinese player. You can read about it here -<https://chess24.com/en/read/news/wesley-so-s-100-000-opening-idea>. If you scroll down to find the game *Robson v Yu*. Anyway here is the beautiful part. The game was a pressure cooker and looked like a sure loss for Robson. Time was running out; his body language said "despair"; the commentators had already given Yu the 1 point. Robson's king was almost "without clothes", however youngster buckles down and the chess gods rewarded him. Now keep in mind the games in the "BIG DOGS, BIG MONEY" section are being shown live, so immediately after the win, Robson gets up and leaves stage. He starts to talk with his coaches - one of them is one of Polgar sisters. He seems tired and is listening intently to what they are saying. Here is the point in the tournament where he reached his stride. The people doing the camera work continued following Ray as he left his coach and started to leave the hall. He is walks away by himself, a plastic Caesar's Palace entertainment glass of water in his hand. Your truly being the "sharp-eyed" movie critic, realizes the value in that scene as Robson walks away alone and leaves the playing hall. But wait..., he will be passing the spectator hall where I am in a ten or 15 seconds. I

casually walk out into the large hallway and there he is: he is a very tall young man - could have been or maybe is basketball player. Dressed in a black, 2 piece suit. Glass still in hand, he holding it to his mouth as one would hold a small tape recorder to tape a comment. He is 3 feet away. I looked at him as he approaches and say: "Congratulations." He said in a pleasant youthful voice "thank you", broke a smile and kept walking. Probably going up to his hotel room to get on his knees to thank the chess gods for the good fortune they had just dealt him!

The 9th round is still going on for the others in the Open - famous names that I recognize -Shabalov, Kaidanov, Ivanov, etc....

I was not there for the grand finale, at I believe, 2200 hours on Monday night. I was finished. My body said: "Enough". I have been taking advantage of the good food and good food prices out here, so I paid a second visit to a small restaurant in the Planet Hollywood called "Dailees" or something like that. All day breakfast, this and that, but it is the all-you-can eat pasta for \$9.99 that I wanted to take advantage of. Yes, I did wear my sweat pants, and let's just say "I gave it to the man". The pasta is spectacular and I took advantage of the penne pasta with cheese - delicious. The restaurant offered a salad with it for balance. It appears that they cook their pasta to order, so it takes a few minutes between request and delivery of dish. So by 2000 hours - I was a "happy camper", took a shower and decided I would have to read about the finals like you are doing now. Finally, my assessment:

The good

The tournament was well-organized. You get the feeling that there are experienced professionals in the back making some of the decisions. The playing venue was very good. Big Hall no *slamming* doors, quiet, lots of TD to answer questions and concerns. The security [the checking for phones and looking for cheaters, etc....] was over-the-top. You had to go through metal detector to go to the washroom with : free lectures; large portraits of the world champions; Rounds started ON TIME; a Free blitz tournament. People were well-behaved, friendly - and some were very well dressed (Wait a minute, maybe if I had dressed better, my performance would have been...never mind.).

The bad

Why couldn't all sections have 9 rounds? The gift bag was very pretentious and inappropriate - If you play chess and don't have a chess bag yet? Well it is for you. Unnecessary costs: they provided a set and clock for every board. To save participants' money, simply tell everyone to bring their own sets and clocks -and set a standard for the requirements of each - clocks must be able to delay 5 seconds, 2 time controls etc, boards standard size blue and white or green or black and white, etc....Unnecessary expenses - there were girls that came around and gave out cups of water, similar to the girls who give out free drinks in the casino. Who sets a price point at \$1000 exactly? Perhaps, \$999 would have brought in another 50 players minimum? What's with the steep price increases for late comers: \$1500 or \$2000? I did not realize it was legal to smoke marijuana in Nevada - because the person who made

these few price decisions must have been smoking something! I did not see a single-GM - dissecting games - I see this at World Open all the time.

The ugly

I still had not found the VIP room by Monday. Yes, I asked TD's about it. The notice went out: " No electronic equipment of any kind will be allowed in the hall". Do they not realize that taking pictures at these tournaments are an integral part of the experience. They should have allowed people in the hall, then emptied it out before the start of the games -maybe. No bookstore?

In conclusion, I had a great time, even though my performance over the board was sub-par. I would enter this tournament again. Rumor has it, that Orlando will be the playing site next year. We will see. Saying that, after this tournament, my appreciation for the World Open has grown.

See you over the board. - G. A. Jones

Members' Games

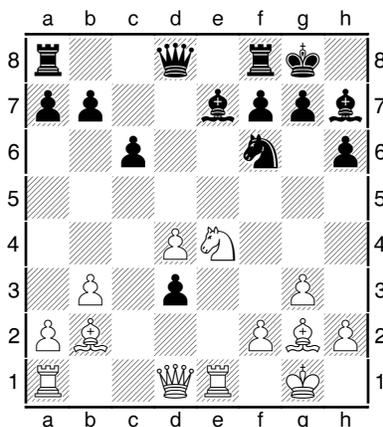


Please send me what you consider your best games, annotated or not, so that I might be able to showcase them. The following games represent contests that have been available at the time of this printing. Email them to me or give them to me personally, if you wish. Majority of analyses is done by Fritz 12, unless otherwise indicated.

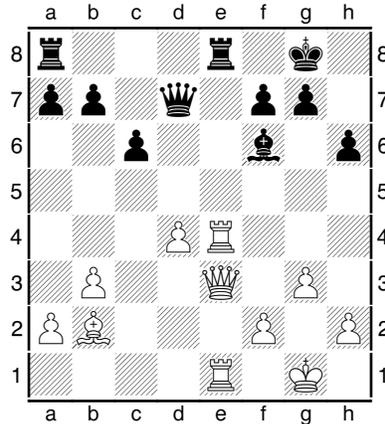
Morabito,Matthew (1809) - Gregg,Alan (1958) [A13] English Opening

2014 PHCC Rated September Mini-Swiss Port Huron (3),
25.09.2014 [Fritz 12 (30s)]

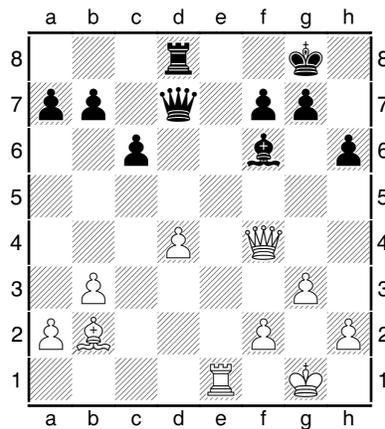
1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.c4 c6 5.0-0 Be7 last book move
6.cxd5 [6.d4 dxc4 7.Ne5 Nbd7±] **6...exd5 7.b3** [7.d4 0-0²] **7...0-0=**
8.Bb2 Bf5 9.d3 Nbd7 10.Nbd2 h6 11.Re1 Bh7 12.e4 Nc5
13.Ne5 dxe4 14.d4 [14.Nxe4!? Nfxe4 15.Bxe4 Nxe4 16.dxe4=]
14...Nd3 15.Nxd3 exd3 16.Ne4? (The symbol "△" means "better".) Diagram



[16.a3 Re8 $\bar{=}$] **16...Nxe4** [Δ 16...Bb4!? 17.Nd2 Nd5-+] **17.Bxe4³ Bxe4 18.Rxe4 Bf6 19.Qxd3 Qd7 20.Rae1 Rfe8 21.Qe3?** Diagram



[Δ 21.Qc2!?=] **21...Rxe4-+ 22.Qxe4 Rd8** [22...c5 23.Kg2-+] **23.Qf4** Diagram



[Δ 23.Re2 $\bar{=}$] **23...Bxd4??** [Δ 23...c5-+] **24.Bxd4+- Qxd4** [24...b6+-] **25.Re8+!! Kh7** [25...Rxe8 26.Qxd4 Deflection] **26.Qf5+** [26.Qf5+ g6 27.Qxf7+ Qg7 28.Qxg7+ Kxg7 29.Rxd8+-] **1-0**

Rutkofske, Lonnie (1819) - Jones, G. Avery (1667) [A00] Irregular Opening

2014 PHCC Rated September Mini-Swiss Port Huron (3), 02.10.2014

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 g6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.d3 Nf6 6.c3 0-0 7.Re1 Bg4 8.h3 Bf5 9.Bg5 Qc8 10.Kh2 Re8 11.Qc1 e5 12.Bh6 Bh8 13.Nh4 e4 14.d4 Bd7 15.Nd2 Nh5 16.Nf1 Bf6 17.Bg5 Bh8 18.g4 Ng7 19.Ne3 Ne6 20.Nxd5 Nxe5 21.Qxg5 Bg7 22.Nf6+ Bxf6 23.Qxf6 a5 24.f3 Ra6 25.Qf4 Qd8 26.Qg3 g5 27.Nf5 Bxf5 28.gxf5 e3 29.f4 h6 30.Rg1 f6 31.Bf3 Re7 32.Qg4 Qd6 33.Kh1 Rg7 34.fxg5 Ne7 35.g6 Rb6 36.Rab1 Rb5 37.Be4 a4 38.Qf3 Qd7 39.Rgf1 Nd5 40.c4 Ra5 41.cxd5 Re7 42.b4 Ra8 43.Rbc1 Kg7 44.a3 Rae8 45.Bd3 Rh8 46.Rc5 h5 47.h4 Ree8 48.Rfc1 Rc8 1-0

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*.

November 13th - **Duncan's Turkey Gobbler Tournament "fun 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: class prizes for each section (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.

November 20th - **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.

NO MEETING on Thanksgiving – November 27th!

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. Memberships to expire in October 2014:

Port Huron Chess Club to have its own email address

From now on, PHCC emails will be coming to you through our new email address: PtHuronChessClub@aol.com - Lon Rutkofske will continue to send information to club members via this new email address but will discontinue using his personal address for the club's distribution list. This should make things much easier for club members to recognize club related information. You can still contact Lon via his personal email, if you so choose, but this change should facilitate email correspondence for everyone!

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 10/13/14

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1945
West, Tony	1914
Wilkinson, Stew	1907
Morabito, Matt	1844
Rutkofske, Lon	1830
Broyles, Tom	1692
Hartwig, Nathan	1689
Wingrove, Bill	1657
Jones, G. Avery	1652
Bedy, Noel	1610
Beneker, Gerrit	1528
Chan, Jaime	1502
Boucher, Dave	1467
Carey, Jay	1000
Nowiski, Adam	969
Allen, Nathan	957
Allen, Zachary	462

USCF Ratings as of 10/13/14

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1986
West, Tony	1938
Wilkinson, Stew	1880
Hartwig, Nathan	1809
Morabito, Matt	1809
Rutkofske, Lon	1808
Broyles, Tom	1699
Wingrove, Bill	1641
Bedy, Noel	1487
Chan, Jaime	1481
Jones, G. Avery	1444
Boucher, Dave	1332
Nowiski, Adam	673P7

PHCC Speed Rating List as of 10/13/14

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1948
Wilkinson, Stew	1938
Rutkofske, Lon	1839
West, Tony	1801
Hartwig, Nathan	1784
Morabito, Matt	1745
Broyles, Tom	1708
Jones, G. Avery	1590
Wingrove, Bill	1561
Bedy, Noel	1535
Chan, Jaime	1502
Beneker, Gerrit	1500
Nowiski, Adam	1364
Carey, Jay	1000
Allen, Nathan	984
Allen, Zachary	740