



# 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. Email: [PtHuronChessClub@aol.com](mailto:PtHuronChessClub@aol.com) or Website: <http://porthuronchessclub.volasite.com>

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## **17th Turkey Gobbler Still On Hold**

One of these November Thursdays we may actually get an opportunity to play this tournament, but alas, it was not to be for the second straight year. Perhaps it is the name or type of tournament, but it seems that interest has waned since **Nathan Hartwig** garnered the "Top Tom" title in 2014. Perhaps we need to bring Stew Wilkinson back as the TD, since he ran simply diabolical tournament in 2011 when **Matt Morabito** became the club's "Big Bird". Here is hoping that the PHCC can sustain this event introduced by Bob Duncan so long ago!

## **2016 PHCC Club Championships Begin January 14th**

With the new year right around the corner it is once again time to plan for the 2016 PHCC Championships. This year's format, based on entries will be a round robin if there are less than 9 players, or a 7- Round Swiss System tournament if there are more entrants. While a round-robin is preferable, the Swiss System permits a more inclusionary field, and adjustments will be made accordingly. Because this year's tournament will once again be a "pay to play" event, USCF and PHCC memberships are required. Additionally, all entries will be by pre-registration only, so plan accordingly. Changes to the tournament will be emailed prior to the January 13th deadline.

### **2016 Port Huron Chess Club Championships**

#### **Rules and Regulations of Play**

The following general rules and regulations of play will govern participation in this year's tournament. All participants should be familiar with these rules and any special rules that govern their play.

#### **General Rules:**

1. All play will be governed by the official rules of chess as established by the FIDE and USCF as given in the most current edition of the Official Rules of Chess published by the USCF.
2. Touch rules will be in effect in all games. Both players must record the moves of the game and submit properly completed score sheets to the tournament director (TD) as soon as possible following the completion of the game. Illegal moves cannot be considered without accurate score sheets.
3. A chess timer (clock) must be used in all games. Time controls will be at the rate of "Game in 90 minutes with 5 second/move delay (1 and ½ hours plus 5/sec delay) per player. Play will begin by 7:00 PM at the PHCC or at a time and place agreed upon by both contestants. There will be no adjournments. All games are to be completed within the round time limits. Mechanical clock time control will be game in 95 minutes and the clock will be set at 4:25. Prior to the beginning of the game both players are responsible for checking the clock to determine if it is functioning properly and set correctly. Sets and clocks can be checked out at the club, should players need to use club equipment.
4. Only USCF rated club members may participate in these events. Dues are payable to Lon Rutkofske.
5. It is the responsibility of the players to contact the TD for the next round pairings, if they are not present at the time of posting. An updated list of players and phone numbers will be developed and circulated among participants by the TD. Lon will also email the results and round pairings, prior to each round if you have given him your email address.
6. Winners, or the player having the white pieces in the case of a draw, must report the results to the TD.
7. Results should be reported to the TD by noon of the day preceding the next scheduled round.
8. It is the responsibility of the person not present on the date of the scheduled round to meet the reasonable request of his opponent.
9. Byes count as a full point.
10. Disputes arising from play and unresolved by the players shall be submitted to the TD. His decision will be final. This year's TD will be Lon Rutkofske: 605 Lomasney Ln., Marysville, MI 48040 Ph. 810-388-9219 or email at [ishking@aol.com](mailto:ishking@aol.com).

### **Special Rules:**

1. This year's event will feature a 7-Round Swiss-System or Round Robin style tournament depending on entries (Round robin if there are less than 9 players, or a 7-Round Swiss System tournament if there are more entries.). Players will be paired after registration ends at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.
2. All games will be USCF and PHCC rated.
3. Tentative Rounds and Pairings: **Tournament games will be held Thursdays during the tournament schedule** Rounds: (January 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, January 28<sup>th</sup>, February 4<sup>th(Open)</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>; 26<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd(Open)</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, (make-up dates are February 4<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>) with Awards night on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
4. Players do not have to play their games at the club, if their opponents agree to play at an alternate time and place. All games must be reported on the Wednesday, prior to the next round. Results not reported will result in double forfeiture.

5. Courtesy: Please contact your opponent, if you cannot make it to the club to play your scheduled round. If you email them, but get no response, please call before the scheduled round. Please copy the TD if you use email.
6. A bulletin of completed games will be circulated every other week of play, so make sure that your score sheets are complete and accurate.
7. Phone numbers and email addresses will be circulated to all players for their records and information in general. The official crosstable will be kept at the club, and will be kept current as results are reported.
8. Ties will be broken using the following methods in order: Median/Harkness; Solkoff; and Cumulative.
9. Prizes: All awards/prizes will be presented Thursday, March 17th.
10. Club Junior Champion title and plaque will be awarded to the top scoring club member under 19 years old.
11. Entry Fees: Adult: \$15:00 Under 19: \$10.00
12. Awards based on 8 entries will be:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$40 + plaque 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$30 + plaque
  - Top Class A, B, C - plaque (Based on minimum of 2/class)
  - Top Junior - plaque
  - Biggest Upset - \$10

## 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.*

### **Beneker, Gerrit (1483) - Rutkofske, Lonnie (1854) [C10] French Defense**

Casual Game St. Clair, 27.06.2015

**1.e4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Bb4 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.e5 Ne4 7.Bd2 Nxd2 8.Qxd2 a6 9.a3 Be7 10.h4 h6 11.b4 b5 12.Rc1 Rb8 13.Ne2 a5 14.c3 axb4 15.cxb4 Na7 16.Qc2 c6 17.Nf4 Qb6 18.Bh7 Bd7 19.Ng6 Rxh7 20.Nxe7 Rh8 21.Ng6 fxg6 22.Qxg6+ Kf8 23.Ke2 Nc8 24.Kd3 Ne7 25.Qh5 Be8 26.Qg4 Bg6+ 27.Ke3 Nf5+ 28.Ke2 Kf7 29.h5 Bh7 30.Qf4 Ke8 31.Nh4 Ke7 32.Nxf5+ exf5 33.Ke3 Rbe8 34.Qh4+ Kf7 35.Qf4 Re7 36.g4 Rf8 37.gxf5 Kg8 38.Rhg1 Rff7 39.Qxh6 Rxe5+ 40.Kd3 Bxf5+ 0-1**

### **West, Tony (1916) - Ouyang, Nathan (1766) [E16] Queen's Indian Defense**

Fifth Annual Fall Festival Dearborn (4), 01.11.2015

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 b6 5.Bg2 Bb7 6.Ne5 c5 7.Nc3 Nbd7 8.Qa4** I had used up 45 minutes for the first 8 moves. My young opponent had used up about 5 minutes. **8...a6 9.e3 Bd6 10.Nd3 Qc7 11.dxc5 bxc5 12.cxd5 exd5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rd1 Nb6 15.Qc2 [15.Qh4] 15...Rac8 [15...d4!] 16.Ne2 Rfe8 17.Ndf4 Bxf4? 18.Nxf4 Ba8 19.b3 c4 20.Bh3 Rcd8 21.Bb2 Qc6 22.Qf5 c3 23.Rac1 Ne4** better was 23...g6, followed by 24...d4 **24.Bg2 cxb2?!** A good try, but Black doesn't get enough material in return for the Queen **25.Rxc6 Bxc6 26.Rb1** [26.Bxe4? dxe4 27.Rb1 Rd2]

**26...Bd7 27.Qh5 g6 28.Qe2** I decided to give up an extra Exchange for the dangerous pawn on b2. Perhaps Qh6 is better, though. **28...Nc3 29.Qxb2 Nxb1 30.Qxb1 Bf5 31.Qb2 Rc8 32.Nxd5 Nxd5 33.Bxd5 Rc2 34.Qf6 Rf8?** Now the win is easy [34...Be6!] **35.Kg2 [35.h4!] 35...Rd2 36.e4 Bd7 37.h4 Bg4 38.Qf4 Rxa2 39.Qxg4 Kg7 40.h5 f5 41.Qg5 Re2 42.Qe7+ Kh6 43.Qxf8+ Kxh5 44.exf5 Kg5 45.fxg6 hxg6 46.Qf4+ Kh5 47.Bf3# 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 12/3/15**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1941
Wilkinson, Stew	1907
Morabito, Matt	1891
Rutkofske, Lon	1851
Jones, G. Avery	1651
Wingrove, Bill	1637
Bedy, Noel	1577
Oriel, Paul	1569
Boucher, Dave	1507
Beneker, Gerrit	1483
Carey, Jay	1000
Nowiski, Adam	969
Allen, Nathan	957

### **USCF Ratings as of 12/3/15**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1972
Wilkinson, Stew	1880
Morabito, Matt	1859
Rutkofske, Lon	1800
Wingrove, Bill	1606
Jones, G.Avery	1551
Bedy, Noel	1421
Boucher, Dave	1306
Nowiski, Adam	673P7

### **PHCC Speed Rating List as of 12/3/15**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Rutkofske, Lon	1947
Wilkinson, Stew	1938
Gregg, Alan	1933
Morabito, Matt	1724
Jones, G. Avery	1590
Wingrove, Bill	1561
Bedy, Noel	1503
Beneker, Gerrit	1500
Oriel, Paul	1500
Nowiski, Adam	1364
Carey, Jay	1000
Allen, Nathan	984

## 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 expiring in January 2016: Alan Gregg, Bill Wingrove, Dave Boucher, Avery Jones, Lon Rutkofske, Stew Wilkinson, Tony West, Gerrit Beneker ( Feb. 2016).**

## 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 Challenge matches with longer time controls of G/60 with 5 sec delay can choose to play match games if they so desire. Participants will be required to follow the rules and regulations for **Challenge Play** (As outlined in Chess Chatter, our website under "Club Member Ratings Lists", or posted at the club.) 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 MEETING DECEMBER 24TH AND 31ST

## NO TOURNAMENTS WILL BE HELD IN DECEMBER

**2016 PHCC Championships - January 14 thru March 17<sup>th</sup> 2016.** This year's event will feature a 7-Round Swiss System style tournament if over 8 players pre-register, (or a Round Robin style event if less than 9 players pre-register) Players will be paired after registration ends at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Only players that pre-register will be permitted to play. Should there be less than 9 participants, the schedule will be adjusted to permit the best possible playing scenario.) Games will be USCF and PHCC rated. EF: will be \$15 for players 19 or over and \$10 for those under 19. Cash prizes will be based on number of entries.

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## Port Huron Chess Club Hall of Fame

### Club Champions

1971 Robert Wilson  
 1972 Robert Wilson  
 1973 Gerald DeLugt  
 1974 Robert Wilson  
 1975 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1976 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1977 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1978 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1979 Robert Fiedler  
     Jack Heikamp  
     Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1980 Michael Petty  
 1981 Robert Fiedler  
 1982 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1983 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1984 Holger Seig  
 1985 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1986 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1987 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1988 Philip Willard  
 1989 Stewart Wilkinson  
     Scott Douglas  
 1990 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1991 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1992 Robert Duncan  
     Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1993 Andrew Bruziewicz  
 1994 Andrew Bruziewicz

1995 G. Avery Jones  
 1996 Hugo Ortiz  
     William Wingrove  
 1997 William Wingrove  
 1998 Andrew Bruziewicz  
 1999 Andrew Bruziewicz  
     Noel Bedy  
     Lonnie Rutkofske  
 2000 William Wingrove  
     Lonnie Rutkofske  
 2001-2006 No Tourney  
 2007 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 2008-2009 No Tourney  
 2010 Alan Gregg  
 2011 Alan Gregg  
 2012 Alan Gregg  
 2013 Alan Gregg  
 2014 Tony West  
 2015 Alan Gregg  
     Matthew Morabito

### Club Speed Champions

1971 Robert Wilson  
 1972 Dan Thomas  
 1973 Robert Wilson  
 1974 No Tourney  
 1975 Douglas Cope  
 1976 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1977 Chris Scholfield  
 1978 Lonnie Rutkofske

1979 Robert Fiedler  
 1980 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1981 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1982 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1983 Holger Seig  
 1984 Peter Wood  
 1985 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1986 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1987 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1988 Stewart Wilkinson  
     S. James Alexander  
 1989 Andrew Bruziewicz  
 1990 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1991 Andrew Bruziewicz  
 1992 Andrew Bruziewicz  
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 1996 Andrew Bruziewicz  
 1997 Andrew Bruziewicz  
 1998 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1999 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 2000-2006 No Tourney  
 2007 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 2008-2009 No Tourney  
 2010 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 2011 Eric Roome  
 2012 Andrew Bruziewicz

## Port Huron Chess Club Hall of Fame

2013 Alan Gregg, Stewart  
Wilkinson, Lonnie  
Rutkofske

2014 Stewart Wilkinson

2015 Lonnie Rutkofske

### Junior Champions

#### (Under 19)

1971 John Willmarth

1972 Dan Thomas

1973 Brian Wilson

1974 Bob Bland

1975 Doug Cope

1976-1979 No Tourney

1980 Chris Eagle

1981 Jeff Willard

1982 Jeff Willard

1983 Jeff Willard

1984 Jeff Willard

1985-1989 No Tourney

1990 Wes Tilson

1991 Sami Lumpola

1992 Wes Tilson

1993 Brian Ortiz

1994 Brian Ortiz

1995 Brian Ortiz

1996 Mark Ortiz

1997 Mark Keller

1998 Charlie West

1999 No Tourney

2000 Charlie West

2001-2011 No Tourney

2012 Adam Nowiski

2013 Nathan Allen

2014 Nathan Hartwig

2015 No Tourney

### Duncan's Turkey Gobbler Champions

1980 William Daly

1981 Chris Eagle

1982 William Daly

1983 Bob Duncan

Jeff Willard

1984 Fred Goodell

1985 William Daly

1986 Chris Eagle

1987 Lonnie Rutkofske

1988 Stewart Wilkinson

1989 Lonnie Rutkofske

1990 Fred Goodell

1991-1992 No Tourney

1993 Andrew Bruziewicz

1994-1995 No Tourney

1996 Andrew Bruziewicz

1997 Andrew Bruziewicz

Lonnie Rutkofske

1998-2010 No Tourney

2011 Matt Morabito

2012 No Tourney

2013 Nathan Hartwig

2014 No Tourney

2015 No Tourney

### Roulette Champions

1980 Pat Forget

1981 Tim Gillion

1982 No Tourney

1983 Fred Goodell

1984 Holger Seig

1985 Fred Goodell

1986 Lonnie Rutkofske

1987-1989 No Tourney

1990 Fred Goodell

Lonnie Rutkofske

1991 No Tourney

1992 Andrew Bruziewicz

1993-1995 No Tourney

1996 Andrew Bruziewicz

1997 Andrew Bruziewicz

Eric Roome

1998-2015 No Tourney