



# 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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## **Gregg wins 2015 Michigan Class A Championships: Jones ties for 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class C section!**



**Alan Gregg** won the *2015 Michigan Masters-Experts-Class Chess Championships* held in Lansing the weekend of January 10-11, 2015. Capturing the Class A section championship outright, the perennial PHCC Champion notched 4 points, not dropping a single contest with a first round bye, wins over Thomas Triplett, Mike Smith, Justin Aldrich and a draw with Jennifer (Skidmore) Smith, Michigan Chess Association president. This represents the most recent Michigan Championship title

to find its way to the hallowed halls of the Port Huron Chess Club, two with Alan, which includes the 2010 Michigan Senior, and three with Lon Rutkofske which includes the 1982 Michigan Amateur, as well as the 1991 and 1992 Michigan Class A Championships. A rousing hurrah, "attaboy" and "Bravo" for Alan. You can share his excitement by playing over his games in the "members games" section. ( See the article below in the ***Port Huron Times Herald*** for Sunday, January 18, 2015 in the "Life" section.)

" Alan Gregg, a member of the Port Huron Chess Club, won the Class A championship at the Michigan Masters, Experts, Class chess tournament Jan. 9-11 in Lansing.

"I'm 70 now," he said. "I learned the game quite young, but I really didn't start playing until my 20s.

"I have an actual flair for the game. I'm probably in the top 50 in Michigan. In chess itself, I'm in the top 5 percent in the country."

In 2010, Gregg won the Michigan Senior title.

"At that stage I was in the top 100 in the USA over 65," he said. "I'm out of that now. My rating is dropping."

Players in Class A have ratings of 2,000 to 1,800. The class is one notch down from Masters — players with ratings greater than 2,000.

There were 141 people in the multi-class event at Lansing. There were 19 Class A players in the section that Gregg won."



**G. Avery Jones** managed to rack up 96 rating points on his way to a third place finish in the Class C section of the MX-Class Championships. This has been Avery's best finish in quite a while, although he is always challenging the top players in the club with his stubborn, creative playing style. Although not very forthcoming in sharing his games scores with your editor for inclusion here in **Chess Chatter**, he has become a fierce competitor and worthy rival in club level competitions. I am becoming

increasingly suspicious that this miserly behavior is an intentional ploy to prevent other club members from preparing against him. At any rate, a "Bravo" to you as well....Mr. 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.*

### **Ward,Thomas (2210) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1800) [B06] Modern Defense**

2014 MI Senior Flint (1), 11.10.2014

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 a5 5.Nf3 Nd7 6.h3 b6 7.Bb5 Bb7 8.Qd2 h6 9.d5 Kf8 10.0-0 Ngf6 11.Nd4 Nc5 12.f3 Qc8 13.Rae1 Kg8 14.Bf2 Kh7 15.f4 e5 16.fxe5 dxe5 17.Nc6 Ng8 18.Bxc5 bxc5 19.Rxf7 Bxc6 20.Bxc6

Ra6 21.Ref1 Qd8 22.Qf2 h5 23.Rd7 Qxd7 24.Bxd7 Nf6 25.Bb5 Rd6 26.Qxc5 Rc8 27.Bc6 Bf8 28.Qxa5 Bh6 29.Rf3 Bd2 30.Qa6 Rcd8 31.Nb5 Nxe4 32.Nxd6 Nxd6 1-0

### **Rutkofske,Lonnie (1800) - Pegeron,Jean-Paul (1804) [D02] Queen Pawn Opening**

2014 MI Senior Flint (2), 11.10.2014

1.g3 Nf6 2.Bg2 d5 3.d4 Bf5 4.Nf3 h6 5.c3 e6 6.Qb3 b6 7.Ne5 c5 8.Qb5+ Nbd7 9.dxc5 a6 10.Qa4 b5 11.Qf4 g5 12.Qe3 Bxc5 13.Nxd7 Bxe3 14.Nxf6+ Qxf6 15.Bxe3 0-0 16.Nd2 Rac8 17.Nb3 b4 18.Bc5 bxc3 0-1

### **Wingrove,William (1641) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1808) [C18] French**

**Defense:Winawer**

2014 MI Senior Flint (3), 12.10.2014

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.h4 Nbc6 8.Nf3 Qa5 9.Bd2 ½-½

### **Gregg,Alan (1946) - Aldrich,Justin (1804) [B07] Pirc Defense**

2015 Michigan MX-Class Championships Lansing (2), 10.01.2015

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Bd3 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.c4 Nbd7 8.Nc3 Ne5 9.Be2 c6 10.h3 d5 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 14.Nf5 Qe6 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Be3 Bd7 17.Rc1 Bc6 18.Qd4 Rfd8 19.Qf4 Ng6 20.Qg4 h6 21.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 a6 23.Bf1 Rd8 24.b3 Rxd1 25.Qxd1 Qe4 26.Qd8+ Qe8

27.Qd6 Qd7 28.Qxd7 Bxd7 29.f4 Ne7 30.Kf2 Nd5 31.Bd2 Kf8 32.g4 f5 33.Bg2 Nf6 34.Bb4+ Kf7 35.Bxb7 fxb4 36.hxb4 Nxb4+ 37.Kf3 Nf6 38.Bxa6 h5 39.Be1 Bc6+ 40.Ke3 Ne4 41.Bc4+ Kf6 42.a4 Nd6 43.Bd3 Bd5 44.Bc2 Ke6 45.Kd4 g6 46.Bh4 Nf5+ 47.Bxf5+ gxf5 48.b4 Kd6 1-0

**Triplett,Thomas (1854) - Gregg,Alan (1946) [D00] Queen's Pawn Game**

2015 MI MX-Class Championships Lansing (3), 10.01.2015

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 Bd6 4.Bg3 Nf6 5.Bd3 b6 6.Nd2 Bb7 7.c3 Bxg3 8.hxg3 Nbd7 9.Ngf3 h6 10.Qe2 Qe7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.f4 Nc5 14.Bb5+ c6 15.Bd3 0-0 16.0-0-0 Nxd3+ 17.Qxd3 c5 18.Nf3 Kb8 19.Kb1 a5 20.Ka1 Ka7 21.Rb1 Ba6 22.Qd2 Qc7 23.b4 Rc8 24.bxa5 bxa5 25.Rb2 Rb8 26.Rhb1 Rxb2 27.Rxb2 Rb8 28.Rxb8 Qxb8 29.Qb2 Qxb2+ 30.Kxb2 Bf1 31.Ne1 h5 32.a3 Kb6 33.a4 Kc6 34.Kc2 f6 35.Kb3 Kd7 36.Kc2 fxe5 37.fxe5 Ke7 38.Nd3 Bxd3+ 39.Kxd3 Kf7 40.c4 Kg6 41.cxd5 exd5 42.e4 d4 43.Kc4 Kf7 0-1

**Gregg,Alan (1946) - Smith (Skidmore),Jennifer (1977) [C29] Vienna Gambit**

2015 Michigan MX-Class Championships Lansing (4), 11.01.2015

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.f4 d5 4.d3 Nc6 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.Nxd5 Qxd5 7.Qf3 Be6 8.Qxd5 Bxd5 9.fxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Nc6 11.c3 Bd6 12.Kf2 0-0 13.Nf3 Rae8 14.Bd3 Na5 15.b3 c5 16.Be3 c4 17.Bc2 h6 Drawn

**Smith,Michael (1971) - Gregg,Alan (1946) [C98] Ruy Lopez, Closed, Chigorin**

2015 Michigan MX-Class Championships Lansing (5), 11.01.2015

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.h3 0-0 9.c3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.Nbd2 Nc6 13.Nf1 cxd4 14.cxd4 exd4 15.Bf4 Be6 16.a3 Nd7 17.Rc1 Qb6 18.Ng3 Nde5 19.Nf5 Bxf5 20.exf5 Bf6 21.g4 Nxf3+ 22.Qxf3 Ne5 23.Qg3 h6 24.h4 Bxh4 25.Qh3 Qd8 26.Be4 Ra7 27.Rc2 Bg5 28.Qg3 Bxf4 29.Qxf4 Qg5 30.Qxg5 hxg5 31.f3 g6 32.fxg6 fxg6 33.Kg2 d3 34.Rc3 Kg7 35.b3 Rf4 36.Bxd3 Nxf3 37.Re6 Rf6 38.Rxf6 Nh4+ 39.Kf2 Kxf6 40.Rc6 Ke5 41.Be2 d5 42.Ke3 Ng2+ 43.Kd2 Nf4 44.Bd3 Nxd3 45.Kxd3 Kf4 46.Rxg6 Kxg4 47.Kd4 Kf5 48.Rd6 g4 49.Rxd5+ Kf4 50.Kc5 Rc7+ 51.Kb6 Rc3 52.Rd4+ Kf3 53.Rb4 g3 54.Kxa6 g2 55.Rxb5 g1Q 56.a4 Rc6+ 57.Ka5 Rc5 58.b4 Rxb5+ 59.Kxb5 Qg5+ 60.Kc6 Qf6+ 61.Kc5 Qe5+ 62.Kc6 Qe8+ 63.Kc5 Qxa4 64.b5 Qa8 65.b6 Qb7 66.Kb5 Ke4 67.Kc5 Ke5 68.Kb5 Kd5 69.Ka5 Kc5 70.Ka4 Qxb6 71.Ka3 Kc4 72.Ka2 Kc3 73.Ka1 Qb2# 0-1

**Jones, G. Avery (1645) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1840) [A41] Modern Defense**

2015 PHCC Championships Port Huron (1), 08.01.2015

1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.c4 d6 4.Nc3 a6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Nd7 7.e4 c5 8.Be2 g5 9.Bg3 Qa5 10.0-0 cxd4 11.Nd5 e5 12.b4 Qd8 13.a3 Ngf6 14.Qd3 0-0 15.Rac1 b6 16.h3 Bb7 17.Nd2 Rc8 18.Nb3 Re8 19.Rc2 Nxd5 20.cxd5 Rxc2 21.Qxc2 Qc8 22.Rc1 Qxc2 23.Rxc2 Rc8 24.Rxc8+ Bxc8 25.Bd3 b5 26.f3 Nb6 27.Be1 Bf6 28.g4 Nc4 29.Bxc4 bxc4 30.Na1 Bd7 31.Kf2 Bd8 32.Bd2 Bb6 33.Ke1 Ba4 34.Bc1 f6 35.Bb2 c3 36.Bc1 d3 0-1

**Gregg,Alan (1939) - Morabito,Matthew (1852) [B26] Closed Sicilian**

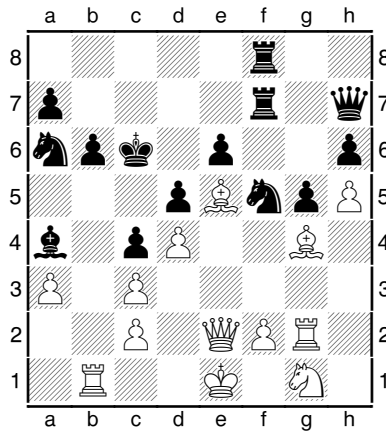
2015 PHCC Championships Port Huron (1), 08.01.2015

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.h3 Rb8 8.Qd2 0-0 9.Bh6 Bd7 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.Nge2 b5 12.0-0 e6 13.f4 b4 14.Nd1 a5 15.a4 Nd4 16.b3 Nxe2+ 17.Qxe2 Nh5 18.Kh2 f5 19.Ne3 Nf6 20.Rad1 Bc6 21.e5 Nd5 22.Nxd5 Bxd5 23.Rfe1 Bxg2 24.Qxg2 d5 ½-½

**Wingrove,William (1667) - Boucher,David (1467) [C18] French Defense: Winawer**

2015 PHCC Championships Port Huron (1), 09.01.2015

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.h4 b6 8.Bb5+ Bd7  
 9.Bd3 c4 10.Be2 Ba4 11.Nf3 h6 12.h5 Kd7 13.Rh4 Qg8 14.Bf4 Qh7 15.Rb1 Na6  
 16.Bh2 Rhg8 17.Qd2 Rh8 18.g4 Kc6 19.Bd1 Raf8 20.Rh3 Qe4+ 21.Be2 Qxg4  
 22.Ng1 Qf5 23.Rg3 g5 24.Rf3 Qh7 25.Rg3 f5 26.exf6 Rxf6 27.Rg2 Rhf8 28.Be5  
 R6f7 29.Bg4 Nf5 30.Qe2 Diagram

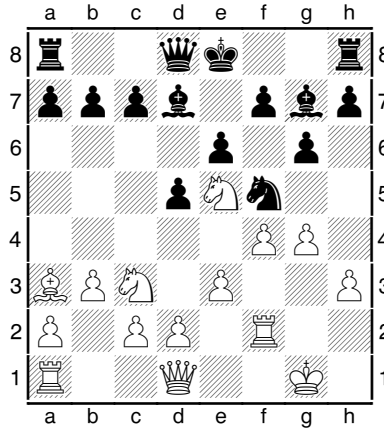


[30...Nh4 31. Rh2, Bc2! 32. Be6, Bd3! ( if... 32.Rh2, Bc2 33. Qc2, Nc3+ 33.Kd1, Qc2 34.Kc2, Nh2!)] **30...Re7 31.Nf3 Qf7 32.Bh2 Qe8 33.Ne5+ Kb7 34.Ng6 Rff7 35.Nxe7 Rxe7 36.Qe5 Ng7 37.Kd2 Nxh5 38.f3 Ng7 39.Re2 Nb8 40.Ra1 Nc6 41.Qg3 Nf5 42.Bxf5 exf5 43.Rae1 f4 44.Qh3 Qf8 45.Rxe7+ Nxe7 46.Qe6 Nf5 47.Qxd5+ Ka6 48.Qxc4+ Bb5 49.Qe6 Ne3 50.Kc1 Qxa3+ 51.Kd2 0-1 ( Black wins on time!)**

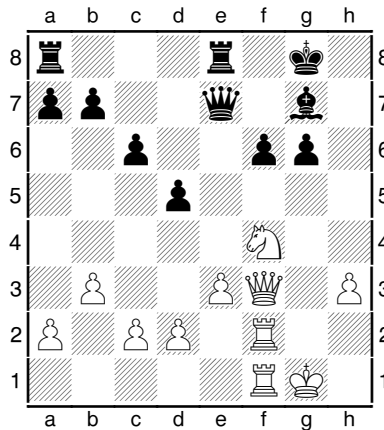
**Rutkofske, Lonnie (1840) - Wingrove, William (1667) [A03] Bird's Opening**

2015 PHCC Championships Port Huron (2), 15.01.2015 [Lon Rutkofske]

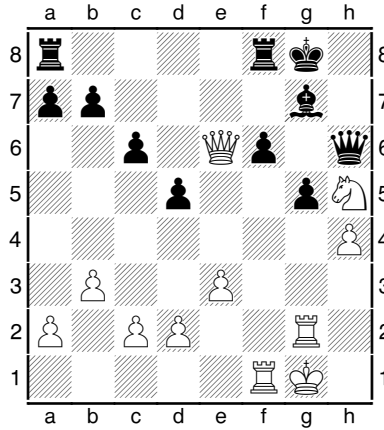
**1.f4 d5 2.b3 Bg4 3.Bb2 Nc6 4.h3 Bd7** [4....Bh5 tries to lure White into the transparent trap of 5.g4? Bg6 6.f5?, e6! threatening Qh4 mate if White takes the B. If 7. Nc3, then the simple 7....ef5 destroys the White K-side and liberates the QB! The text move is a tempo waster and if Black had intended to use the Bishop sally, 3...Nf6 was the better choice of moves because the N at c6 prevents c5!] **5.Nf3** [White uses the gain in tempi to calmly redeploy his K-Side pieces.] **5...Nf6 6.Nc3** [4....Bh5 tries to lure White into the transparent trap of 5.g4? Bg6 6.f5?, e6! threatening Qh4 mate if White takes the B. If 7. Nc3, then the simple 7....ef5 destroys the White K-side and liberates the QB! The text move is a tempo waster and if Black had intended to use the Bishop sally, 3...Nf6 was the better choice of moves because the N at c6 prevents c5!] **6...e6 7.e3 g6** [Again, this seems to be a waste of time, and the B really belongs on e7. All this unnecessary maneuvering permits White good chances for improving his development.] **8.Bb5 Bg7 9.Bxc6** [This capture of the QN is pivotal in White's plan in the Bird, for the Black QB is really out of play on c6 and has no really good squares after 10.Ne5, and ends up back on e7 for the second time in order to preserve his Q-side pawn structure, more tempi lost!] **9...Bxc6 10.Ne5 Bd7 11.Ba3!** [A crucial move that really puts Black's plan in question. Bill thought for a long while here and decided on a time consuming knight's tour of sorts to h5, g3, f5 and finally to e7 all for the privilege of castling.] **11...Nh5 12.0-0 Ng3 13.Rf2 Nf5 14.g4!?** Diagram



[This was a rather risky line, because it greatly exposed my K-side to possible intrusions via the h-file, but thought the expansion was justified because the final destination of the KN was e7, effectively blocking the h4–d8 diagonal.] **14...Ne7** **15.Qf3** [In many variations of the Bird, the Q lands at f3, and since the Black's QB as effectively doomed to complacency, I felt this move provided additional pressure to Black's center and K-side. Truthfully, I felt Black's best bet here was to forego castling altogether since the closed nature of the position precluded any real mating threats and permitted him to untangle his forces.] **15...0-0?!** [Again, I thought this was a mistake to castle on the side where White was in the process of marshalling his forces.] **16.Raf1 f6?** [While this puts the question to the Ne5, it creates a host of targets for White's forces, and in the end, weakens Black's pawn structure. The N on e5 really is more annoying than anything else and a better plan was probably Rc8 followed up by c5!] **17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.f5?!** [A rather double edged move, that puts the question to the Black forces but has risks for White as well. With the majority of Black's pieces aligned along his back two ranks, is it advisable to pursue a strategy that might liberate his opponents forces? 18...d5 just loses a pawn, and 18...e5?? 19. Be7, Qe7 20. Qd5+, Kh8 21. Qb7 loses two pawns. Bill finds a good rejoinder and effectively ruins my "fun"! **18...c6 19.Ne2** [Hoping to reposition my N to a better square.] **19...exf5** [19...e5! looks promising, and reshapes the possibilities for both sides. ] **20.gxf5 Rfe8 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.fxg6 hxg6 23.Nf4** Diagram



**23...Qf7** 23...Qe4 24.Qe4, Re4 25.Ng6, Rg5+ 26.Rg2, Rg2+ 27.Kg2 seems a better option, effectively ending the attack, freeing Black's pieces at the cost of a passed rook pawn.] **24.Rg2 g5 25.Nh5 Rf8 26.h4 Qg6 27.Qg4 Qh6 28.Qe6+** Diagram



[If 28...Rf7 29.hg, Qh5 30.g6! wins the exchange.] **28...Kh8 29.Nxg7 Qxg7 30.hxg5 Qf7 31.Qf5 Rg8 32.Rh2+ Kg7 33.Rh7+ 1-0**

**Boucher,David (1467) - Bedy,Noel (1610) [B01] Scandinavian Defense**

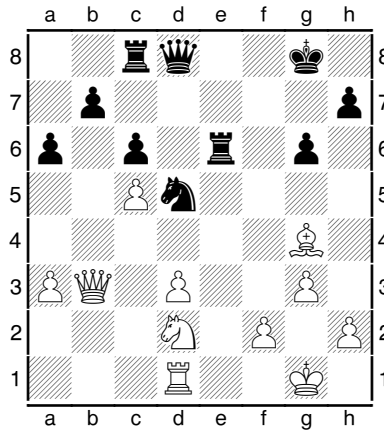
2015 PHCC Championships St. Clair (2), 17.01.2015

**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Qd6 5.Nf3 c6 6.Bg5 Bg4 7.Be2 e6 8.Qd2 Qc7 9.Bf4 Bd6 10.Ne5 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Nbd7 12.Bg3 0-0 13.0-0-0 Nd5 14.Nxd5 cxd5 15.Rd3 Bxe5 16.Bxe5 Nxe5 17.Qxe5 Qa5 18.Ra3 Qb4 19.Rb3 Qe7 20.g4 Rfc8 21.Qe3 Rc4 22.Rd1 Rac8 23.Rd2 Qc7 24.Qd3 g6 25.f3 b6 26.Rf2 Qf4+ 27.Rd2 Qg5 28.c3 Qf4 29.Kb1 Qd6 30.Rc2 a5 31.Ra3 Qc7 32.h4 b5 33.b3 Rc6 34.Qxb5 Rxc3 35.Rxc3 Qxc3 36.Qf1 Qd2 37.h5 Qb4 38.Ra4 Qd2 39.h6 f6 40.f4 e5 41.fxe5 fxe5 42.dxe5 d4 43.e6 Rf8 44.Qg1 Qd3+ 45.Kb2 Qe2+ 46.Ka3 d3 47.Qd4 1-0**

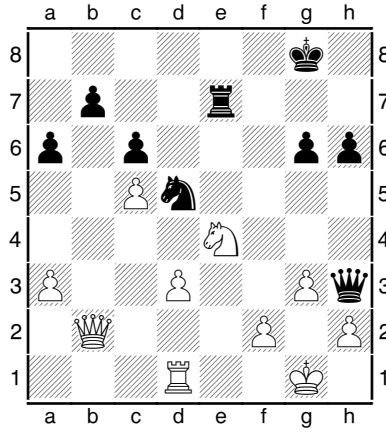
**Morabito,Matthew (1852) - Jones,G. Avery (1645) [A07] Reti Opening**

2015 PHCC Championships Port Huron (2), 15.01.2015

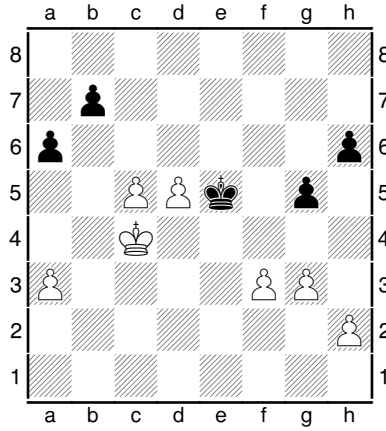
**1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.0-0 Bg4 5.d3 e6 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.c4 0-0 8.a3 Re8 9.b4 a6 10.Bb2 Bf8 11.Rc1 Ne7 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Rc4 Bh5 15.Qc2 c6 16.Rh4 Bg6 17.Rg4 Bg7 18.Nh4 f5 19.Rc4 Bh5 20.Bf3 Bg6 21.Nxg6 fxg6 22.Qb3 Bf6 23.Rd1 Rc8 24.e4 Nb6 25.Rc5 Bd4 26.exf5 Bxc5 27.bxc5 Nd5 28.fxe6 Rxe6 29.Bg4 Diagram**



**29...Qe7 30.Ne4 Rc7 31.Bxe6+ Qxe6 32.Qb1 Re7 33.Qc1 Qh3 34.Qg5 Kg7 35.Qd2 h6 36.Qb2+ Kf7 37.Nd6+ Kg8 38.Ne4 Diagram**



**38...Nf4** [38..Qh4?] **39.Qb3+ Nd5 40.Nf6+ Kf7 41.Nxd5 cxd5 42.Qxd5+ Qe6 43.Qxe6+ Rxe6 44.d4 Re8** [Rc6 looks stronger] **45.Kf1 Re7 46.d5 Ke8 47.Re1 Kd7 48.Rxe7+ Kxe7 49.Ke2 Kf6 50.Kd3 Ke5 51.Kc4 g5 52.f3?** Diagram



[52. f4+ wins immediately!] **52...h5 53.h3 Kf5 54.f4 gxf4 55.gxf4 Kf6 56.c6 bxc6 57.dxc6 Ke7 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 1/18/15**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1939
West, Tony	1914
Wilkinson, Stew	1907
Morabito, Matt	1852
Rutkofske, Lon	1840
Broyles, Tom	1692
Hartwig, Nathan	1689
Wingrove, Bill	1667
Jones, G. Avery	1645
Bedy, Noel	1610
Beneker, Gerrit	1502
Chan, Jaime	1502
Boucher, Dave	1467
Carey, Jay	1000
Nowiski, Adam	969
Allen, Nathan	957
Allen, Zachary	462

### **USCF Ratings as of 1/18/15**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1992
West, Tony	1912
Wilkinson, Stew	1880
Hartwig, Nathan	1809
Morabito, Matt	1809
Rutkofske, Lon	1800
Broyles, Tom	1699
Wingrove, Bill	1613
Jones, G. Avery	1568
Chan, Jaime	1481
Bedy, Noel	1450
Boucher, Dave	1332
Nowiski, Adam	673P7

### **PHCC Speed Rating List as of 1/18/15**

<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

## **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*.

## **PHCC Championships - January & February 2015.**

See January issue of Chess Chatter for rules and other details or download them from the Events Section of the website.





## Phil Willard Memorial Chess Tournament



**Saturday, March 28, 2015**

**8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Port Huron High School Cafeteria**

**Registration will take place from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.**

**NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED**

**Open Tournament—FREE to all students currently attending  
Port Huron Schools in grades Kindergarten through 12th**

**Time limit 15 minutes per player per round (Game in 30 minutes)**

**Prizes will be awarded according to the following grade classifications:**

**K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12**

**(Grade classifications without a minimum of 6 players will be paired  
in the next highest grade classification)**

### **5 Round Tournament**

**Round 1 - 9:00 a.m.**

**Round 2 - 9:45 a.m.**

**Round 3 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Round 4 - 11:15 a.m.**

**Round 5 - 12:00 p.m.**

### **CHESS SETS WILL BE PROVIDED**

- ◆ Parents are responsible for the transportation and supervision of their children.
- ◆ Participants may bring their own refreshments.
- ◆ Pizza and other concessions will be available for purchase.
- ◆ Concession proceeds to benefit Hunter Hospitality House.



## **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.