



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 or Website: <http://porthuronchessclub.volasite.com>

First Thomas, then Petty, then Webb...Oh my!!!



Michael Petty

One never knows who might show up at the PHCC lately. After a 20 year absence **Dangerous Dan Thomas** graced us with his presence on August 21st on his way to pick up his wife at Detroit Metro airport. **Mike Petty** (Pictured at the left) stopped in for a visit on February 6th for a few games, although he didn't have to leave his Blue Water Area Transit bus parked outside this time, being recently retired. Mike appeared to be in great shape, despite a few grey hairs popping through his closely cropped mane. Although his over the board chess appears to have suffered as a result of large doses of internet play and lack of serious tournament competition, he was in good spirits and we hope to see him again...perhaps before the another 5 years rolls around! I don't know what it is about this winter, but even **Austin Webb** put in an appearance last Thursday after a not so lengthy hiatus. When Austin first came to the club, his coif featured a shock of shoulder length black hair, and a few months later, he arrived with locks completely shorn and ready for battle. His most recent rendition finds his "hippy do" reinstated but his chess has taken a nasty hit, as a long stretch on a demanding job tends to do. We are hoping that this trend continues, albeit regularly because we would love to see more of our avid chess players by dropping to participate in the numerous collegial activities we offer at the Port Huron Chess Club.

Volunteers Needed for the PHASD/Phil Willard

Memorial Tournament – Saturday, March 28th

Once again it is time for members of the PHCC to step up and help out at the Annual Port Huron Area School District/Phil Willard Memorial Chess Tournament. Please review the tournament flyer on page 6. Contact Lon if you would be interested in helping kids and memorializing one of our own!

Morabito closes in on his first Club Championship!



Matt Morabito

Two Thousand Fifteen could be the year of the Electronics Teacher!!! **Matt Morabito**, an electronics instructor at Saint Clair County Community College remains undefeated after 6 rounds of this year's PHCC Championships after demolishing **Lon Rutkofske** in their head to head competition on Thursday, February 12th. Morabito has yet to have his name enshrined on the Championship Hall of Fame tablet and hopes this year might be the "one". Going into the final round, Matt and Lon are tied with 5 points each with 4 time champion,



Alan Gregg

Alan Gregg closing fast. Still unbeaten in championship play, Alan must win a game with devious



Lon Rutkofske

Dave Boucher on tap for next week's makeup date. Nothing is for certain though, since a draw or loss could leave Matt crying in his beer yet again if he is unable engineer a win against the ever dangerous drawing master, **Noel Bedy**. Alan could recoup his title

if he wins his final two games against Lon and Dave. If Lon defeats Alan...odds don't look good for this one though, he could be outright champ or at the very least co-champ for the first time in a very long stretch. This year's tournament resembles the NFL play offs to some extent, since it will probably boil down to the head to head confrontation between the two former champions! Stay tuned...the next two weeks should be interesting to say the least!

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.

Bedy, Noel (1610) - Rutkofske, Lonnie (1840) [B06] Modern Defense

2015 PHCC Championships Port Huron (3), 22.01.2015

1.d4 g6 2.e4 d6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Bd3 Nd7 5.0-0 a6 6.c3 b6 7.c4 h6 8.Nc3 Bb7 9.Rb1 Ngf6 10.Be3 b5 11.cxb5 axb5 12.e5 dxe5 13.dxe5 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Nxe5 15.Bxb5+ Nfd7 16.Qd5 0-0 17.Bxd7 Qxd7 18.Qxd7 Nxd7 19.Rfd1 Nb6 20.Bd4 e5 21.Bc5 Rfe8 22.a3 e4 23.Nb5 Be5 24.Bd4 Rac8 25.Bxe5 Rxe5 26.Nc3 c6 27.Rd4 f5 28.Rbd1 Kf7 29.a4 Ke7 30.a5 Rxa5 0-1

Wingrove,William (1667) - Morabito,Matthew (1852) [B07] Pirc Defense

2015 PHCC Championships Port Huron (3), 22.01.2015

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 a6
9.Qe2 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Nc6 12.Be3 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Qe2 Rc8 15.Rac1
Re8 16.f3 Nh5 17.Qd2 Nf6 18.Rfd1 b5 19.a3 d5 20.exd5 Nxd5 21.Nxd5 Qxd5
22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Be4 Qxd2 24.Rxd2 Nc4 25.Rc2 Rd8 26.Bc1 Rd1+ 27.Kf2 Rxc1
28.Rxc1 Bxb2 29.Rc2 Bd4+ 30.Kg3 Nxa3 31.Rc8+ Kg7 32.Ra8 Nc4 33.Rxa6 b4
34.Bd5 Nd2 35.Ra2 Nf1+ 36.Kf4 f5 37.g4 Ne3 38.Bb3 h6 39.Kg3 g5 40.gxf5 Nxf5+
41.Kg2 Ne3+ 42.Kg3 Bc3 43.Re2 Nf5+ 44.Kf2 Nd4 45.Bc4 Nxe2 46.Kxe2 Kf6
47.Ba6 b3 48.Kd3 b2 49.Kc2 Ke5 50.Bc8 h5 51.Bd7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Jones,G. Avery (1645) - Gregg,Alan (1939) [A40] Queen Pawn Game

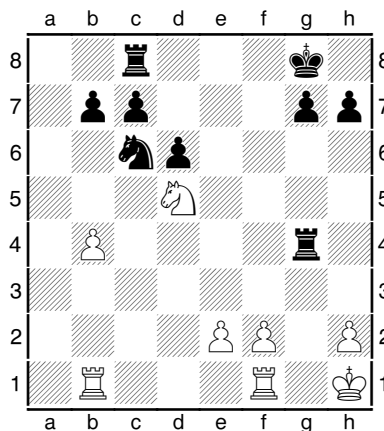
2015 PHCC Championships Port Huron (3), 22.01.2015

1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.Bg5 c5 4.e3 Qa5+ 5.c3 d6 6.Na3 cxd4 7.exd4 Nf6 8.Nc4 Qc7
9.Ne3 Nbd7 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 b6 12.Rc1 Bb7 13.Re1 e6 14.Bh4 Rfe8 15.Ng5 h6
16.Nf3 e5 17.Bb1 Rac8 18.Qb3 Nf8 19.Bg3 Nh5 20.Nh4 Nxc3 21.hxc3 exd4
22.cxd4 Qxc1 23.Bxc3 Qxe1+ 24.Kh2 Nxc3 25.Nxc3 Rc1 26.g4 Qh1+ 27.Kg3
Rxe3+ 28.Qxe3 Qxc3+ 29.Kf4 Qh2+ 30.Kf5 Bc8+ 31.Ke4 Qg2+ 32.Kf4 Qh2+
33.Ke4 Qh1+ 34.Kf4 fxc3 0-1

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1840) - Boucher,David (1467) [A10] Dutch Defense

2015 PHCC Championships Marysville (4), 02.02.2015[*Lon Rutkofske*]

1.c4 e6 2.g3 f5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Nc3 0-0 6.d3 d6 7.0-0 a5 8.Rb1 Nc6 9.a3
e5 10.b4 axb4 11.axb4 Qe8 12.Nb5 Bd8 13.Bg5 Qh5 14.Bh4 e4 15.Bxf6 Rxf6
16.dxe4 fxe4 17.Nh4 Rh6 18.Qd5+ Be6 19.Qxh5 Rxh5 20.Bxe4? Bxc4 21.Nc3
Bxh4 22.gxh4 Rxh4 23.Bd5+ Bxd5 24.Nxd5 Rg4+ 25.Kh1 Rc8?? Diagram



[A horrendous misstep...forget the c pawn and go for the kill with 25...Ra2! 26.e3, Ne5 26.Nc7?Nf3!! winning!] **26.f4 Nd4?? 27.Ne7+ 1-0**

Gregg,Alan (1939) - Wingrove,William (1667) [B91] Sicilian Najdorf

2015 PHCC Championships Port Huron (4), 12.02.2015

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.g3 e5 7.Nde2 Nbd7 8.Bg2 b5
9.0-0 Bb7 10.a4 b4 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.exd5 a5 13.c4 bxc3 14.Nxc3 Be7 15.Be3 0-0
16.Rc1 Bg5 17.Bxc3 Qxc3 18.Ne4 Qe7 19.Rc7 Ba6 20.Re1 Rfc8 21.Rxc8+ Rxc8
22.Qd2 f5 23.Qxa5 Bc4 24.Nd2 Rc5 25.Qa8+ Kf7 26.b4 Nb6 27.Qb8 Qc7
28.Qxc7+ Rxc7 29.Rc1 Rc8 30.b5 Bd3 31.Rxc8 Nxc8 32.Bf1 Bxf1 33.Kxf1 Ke7
34.Nc4 Kd7 35.b6 Ne7 36.a5 Nxd5 37.a6 Kc6 38.a7 Kb7 39.Nxd6+ Ka8 40.Nc4 e4

41.Ke1 g6 42.Kd2 Kb7 43.Kc2 Ka8 44.Kb3 Kb7 45.Ka4 Nc3+ 46.Ka5 Nd5
47.Nd6+ Ka8 48.Ka6 Nb4+ 49.Kb5 Nd5 50.Kc6 Ne7+ 51.Kc5 h6 52.Nb5 Kb7
53.Nc7 1-0

Bedy,Noel (1610) - Gregg,Alan (1939) [D02] Queen Pawn Game

2015 PHCC Championships Port Huron (5), 05.02.2015

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nbd2 d5 4.e3 Bg7 5.b4 0-0 6.Bb2 b6 7.a3 Bb7 8.c4 c6 9.cxd5
cxd5 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.0-0 Ne4 12.Rc1 Nd6 13.Qc2 Rc8 14.Qb1 Nf6 15.Rxc8 Qxc8
16.Rc1 Qb8 17.Ne5 Rc8 18.b5 Rc7 19.a4 Qc8 20.Rxc7 Qxc7 21.Qc2 Qxc2
22.Bxc2 Nfe8 23.Nd3 a6 24.bxa6 Bxa6 25.Ba3 e6 26.Nb4 Bb7 27.Bd3 Bf8 28.f3 f5
29.Kf2 Nc7 30.Na2 Bc6 31.Nc3 Kf7 32.Bxd6 Bxd6 33.Nb5 Bxb5 34.Bxb5 h5
35.Bd3 g5 36.h3 Kf6 37.e4 fxe4 38.fxe4 Bb4 39.e5+ Kg7 40.Nf3 Kh6 41.g3 Be7
42.g4 Ba3 43.Ke2 hxg4 44.hxg4 Bc1 45.Kd1 Bf4 46.Kc2 Kg7 47.Kb3 Kf7 48.Kb4
Ke7 49.a5 bxa5+ 50.Kxa5 Ne8 51.Kb6 Be3 52.Kc5 Ng7 53.Bb5 Bc1 54.Ba4 Ba3+
55.Kb6 Bc1 56.Kc5 Be3 57.Bb5 ½-½

**Boucher,David (1467) - Morabito,Matthew (1852) [B22] Sicilian Defense: Smith
Morra Gambit**

2015 PHCC Championships Port Huron (5), 05.02.2015

1.e4 c5 2.d4 d6 3.c3 cxd4 4.cxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Bc4 Bg7 7.h3 0-0 8.Nf3 a6
9.Be3 b5 10.Bb3 b4 11.e5 bxc3 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.bxc3 Bb7 14.Bh6 Bg7 15.Qd2
Nd7 16.Qe3 Bxh6 17.Qxh6 Bxf3 18.gxf3 e5 19.0-0 Qf6 20.Ba4 Nb6 21.dxe5 dxe5
22.Bb3 Rac8 23.Qe3 Nc4 24.Bxc4 Rxc4 25.Rfe1 Rfc8 26.Qxe5 Qxf3 27.Re3 Qc6
28.Rb1 Rc5 29.Qd4 Rg5+ 30.Rg3 Rxg3+ 31.fxg3 Qf3 32.Qe5 Qxc3 33.Qf4 Qc5+
34.Kh1 Qd5+ 35.Kg1 Rc2 36.Qb8+ Kg7 37.Qb3 Qg2# 0-1

Morabito,Matthew (1852) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1840) [A39] Symmetrical English

2015 PHCC Championships Port Huron (6), 12.02.2015

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 0-0 5.c4 c5 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nxd4
9.Qxd4 a6 10.Rb1 d6 11.Qh4 Re8 12.Bh6 Bh8 13.Rfd1 Ng4 14.Bxb7 Nxf2
15.Bxa8 Nh3+ 16.Kf1 Qb6 17.e3 Bf6 18.Nd5 Qc5 19.b4 Qxd5 20.Bxd5 Bxh4
21.gxh4 e5 22.Kg2 Kh8 1-0

Jones,G. Avery (1645) - Bedy,Noel (1610) [D01] Veresov Opening

2015 PHCC Championships Port Huron (6), 12.02.2015

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bf5 4.Bg5 c6 5.Bxf6 exf6 6.e3 Bd6 7.Bd3 Bg4 8.0-0 Qc7
9.h3 Bh5 10.e4 Bb4 11.exd5 Bxc3 12.Qe2+ Qe7 13.bxc3 Qxe2 14.Bxe2 cxd5
15.Rab1 b6 16.Bb5+ Ke7 17.Rfe1+ Kd6 18.Nh4 Bg6 19.Re2 a6 20.Nxg6 hxg6
21.Bd3 b5 22.Re3 Nc6 23.Rbe1 Ra7 24.Kh2 Re7 25.Rxe7 Nxe7 26.g3 Rc8 27.a4
Rxc3 28.axb5 axb5 29.Rb1 Nf5 30.Rxb5 Nxd4 31.Rb2 Nf3+ 32.Kh1 Ne1 33.Rb7
Nxd3 34.cxd3 Rc7 35.Rb3 Ke5 36.Rb4 Kd6 ½-½

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. Expired Memberships as of February 2015:
Tony West, Tom Broyles, Nathan Hartwig

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*.

March 19th - 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.

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 2/13/15

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1939
Wilkinson, Stew	1907
Morabito, Matt	1852
Rutkofske, Lon	1840
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 2/13/15

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1992
Wilkinson, Stew	1880
Morabito, Matt	1809
Rutkofske, Lon	1800
Wingrove, Bill	1613
Jones, G. Avery	1568
Chan, Jaime	1481
Bedy, Noel	1460
Boucher, Dave	1332
Nowiski, Adam	673P7

PHCC Speed Rating List as of 2/13/15

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1948
Wilkinson, Stew	1938
Rutkofske, Lon	1839
Morabito, Matt	1745
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



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.

