



# 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.yolasite.com>

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## Gregg Squeaks By to Win the May PHCC Rated Double Round Robin

**Alan Gregg** notched first place money and regained top spot in the leader board for PHCC speed ratings by besting **Stew Wilkinson** 1.5 to .5 in their individual match up of the May 2016 Quick Chess Double Round Robin hosted by the PHCC on May 19, 2016. Drawing both games with the aggressive TD kept Lon at bay and out of the top spot in their first rated match up since Alan returned from his trip to England.

Despite an unusual meltdown over losing two games to Lon in the opening round, the usually stoic, solid **Noel Bedy** settled down to play out his final games to the chorus of "I am never going to play fast chess again!". The St. Clair native decided to have a smoke to settle down and regained his composure enough to notch a split with Stew Wilkinson, rated a hefty 400+ points above him.

Sympathetic parting words from everyone in the club ..."we've all been there!" may have struck a familiar chord in consoling the former club President and Champion into thinking things through a bit more thoroughly before deciding to "chuck" all his chess paraphernalia into the St. Clair River!

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot
1	<b>Alan Gregg</b>	1933	1952	WD3	DD2	WW4	4.5
2	<b>Lonnie Rutkofske</b>	1947	1949	WW4	DD1	WL3	4.0
3	<b>Stewart Wilkinson</b>	1938	1906	DL1	WL4	WL2	2.5
4	<b>Noel Bedy</b>	1503	1527	LL2	WL3	LL1	1.0

## Let's Make June Challenge Month at the PHCC

Despite the resurrection and implementation of a challenge system, there have been fewer than 5 since it was instituted last year. Since June has no scheduled tournaments, members should be opting into the club's challenge system by testing their mettle against those above them on the rating ladder. Once you have issued a

challenge, and have played your game, please submit the score sheets for Lon to rate and include in latest PHCC rating updates as well as the Member's Games sections of Chess Chatter and the club website!

## Join Us in a Donation-a-thon from Bob Duncan's Estate at the June 9th meeting!

The family of Bob Duncan has graciously provided a number of books, sets, boards and other chess-related items to the PHCC as a means of providing its members opportunities to possess a bit of "Blunder Bob's" legacy. These items will be available throughout the regular club meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2016 beginning at 7:00 PM, for those who wish to donate to the club and claim a piece of PHCC history as a fitting tribute to one of our founding fathers!

## Members' Games

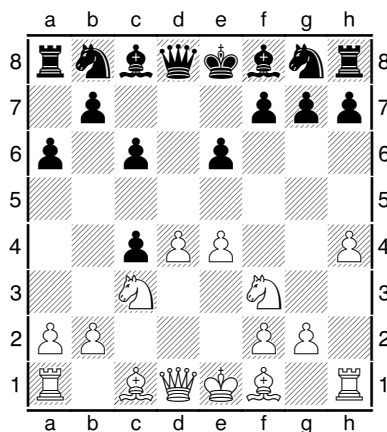


*Please send me what you consider your best games, annotated or not, so that I might be able to showcase them. The following games represent contests that have been available at the time of this printing. Email them to me or give them to me personally, if you wish. Majority of analyses is done by Fritz 12, unless otherwise indicated. (Since there have been no tournaments to report on for the past two issues, I have included games from our archives for this combined issue!)*

### **Thomas, Daniel - Willard, Phillip [D31] Queen's Gambit Semi-Slav** (Club Ratings not available.)

PHCC March 30–30 Port Huron, 29.04.1973 [RJB Wilson]

**1.d4 d5** [While White pins Black in pretty short order, most of the damage is done by Black himself with only an occasional timely, nudge from White. After the smoke has cleared, White is down two pieces but has a mate in one...a reasonable compensation!! ] **2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.e4 a6 6.h4** Diagram

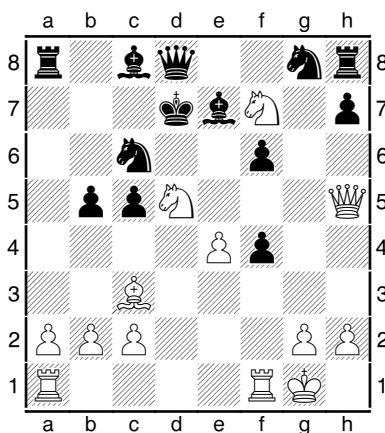


**6...f6? 7.Bxc4 g5 8.0-0 Bd6 9.e5 Be7 10.Re1 f5 11.Nxg5 Bxg5 12.Qh5+ Kf8 13.Bxg5 Qxd4 14.Rad1 Qxc4 15.Rd8+ Kg7 16.Bf6+ Nxf6 17.Qg5+ 1-0**

### Heikamp,Jack - DeLugt,Gerald [C34] King's Gambit Accepted

PHCC March 30-30 Port Huron, 29.04.1973 [RJB Wilson] (Club Ratings not available.)

**1.e4 e5 2.f4** [Have you ever played Black against one of Jack Heikamp's King's Gambits when all of a sudden all you have developed are the King and a Queen's Rook Pawn, and White's pieces are careening like crazy all over the board, AND the two on the either side, and you wish you'd never heard of this "stupid game" and boy, have you got a headache? Whew! Well, don't worry, even the best of us can be stymied when Jack's hot on the trail of his "bootiful t'ing"(Jack was Dutch incidentally - LWR) Here a very former Glorious Leader ( Club Champion) catches it but good!] **2...exf4 3.Nf3 Be7 4.Bc4 Nc6 5.O-O d6 6.d4 g5 7.Nc3 Na5 8.Be2 c5 9.dxc5 dxc5 10.Nd5 a6 11.Bd2 Nc6 12.Bc3 f6 13.Nxg5 b5 14.Bxb5 axb5 15.Qh5+ Kd7 16.Nf7** Diagram

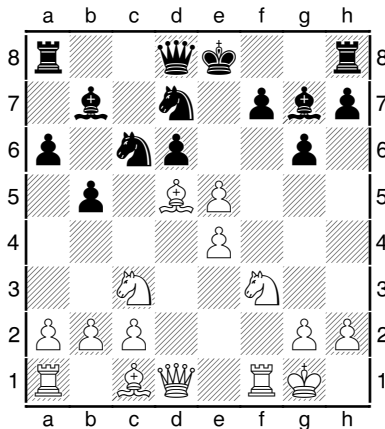


**16...Qf8 17.Rad1 Nd4 18.Bxd4 cxd4 19.Nb6+ Kc6 20.Nxa8 Be6 21.Nxh8 Qg7 22.Qe8+ Bd7 23.Qb8 1-0**

### Rutkofske,Lonnie - Duncan,Robert [B09] Pirc Defense -Austrian Attack

Challenge game Port Huron, 07.06.1973 [Lon Rutkofske] (Club Ratings not available.)

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6** ["Blunder Bob Beats Biggy in Board Battle" read the byline as BB, fresh from his 2.5/6 score in a well attended Toronto tournament, put the "Presumptuous Polack" in his place by wiping him out in this challenge game, leaving Lon shattered and demoralized and in no condition to compete successfully in anything! Let's hope Lon recovers by next meeting as for you Bob...well played! This monstrosity was furnished courtesy of Lon.] **4.Be2 Bg7 5.f4 b6 6.Nf3 Bb7 7.Bd3 c5 8.O-O cxd4 9.Nxd4 e5 10.Bb5+ Nfd7 11.Nf3 a6 12.Bc4 b5 13.Bd5 Nc6 14.fxe5** Diagram



14...dxe5 15.Bxf7+ Ke7 16.Bd5 h6 17.Nh4 Kd6 18.Bxc6+ Kxc6 19.Qd5+ Kc7  
20.Qf7? Rf8 21.Qxg7 Rxf1+ 22.Kxf1 Qxh4 23.Kg1?? Qe1# 0-1

## 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*.

## 2016 Events Schedule:

June	No Tournaments - Challenge Play
July 7, 14, 21	USCF Rated G/90 Mini-Swiss
August 18	Double Round Robin G/5 Blitz Tournament
Sept. 22	PHCC Rated G/10 Action Swiss
October 20	PHCC G/5 Speed Championships
Nov. 17	17th Duncan Memorial Turkey Gobbler Tournament
Dec. 15	Wilkinson's Petrosian Christmas Extravaganza

## 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.

## 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 5/25/16**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1913
Morabito, Matt	1899
West, Tony	1878
Wilkinson, Stew	1866
Rutkofske, Lon	1846
Jones, G. Avery	1761
Wingrove, Bill	1700
Bedy, Noel	1677
Beneker, Gerrit	1483
Boucher, Dave	1482
Heinrich, Chuckie	994
Nowiski, Adam	969
Allen, Nathan	957

### **USCF Ratings as of 5/25/16**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1941
West, Tony	1889
Morabito, Matt	1864
Wilkinson, Stew	1844
Rutkofske, Lon	1820
Jones, G. Avery	1679
Wingrove, Bill	1614
Bedy, Noel	1553
Boucher, Dave	1303
Heinrich, Chuckie	896P
Nowiski, Adam	673P7

### **PHCC Speed Ratings as of 5/25/16**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1952
Rutkofske, Lon	1949
Wilkinson, Stew	1906
West, Tony	1801
Morabito, Matt	1724
Jones, G. Avery	1590
Wingrove, Bill	1561
Bedy, Noel	1527
Beneker Gerrit	1500
Nowiski, Adam	1364
Heinrich, Chuckie	1000
Allen, Nathan	984