



Chess Chatter

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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>

RJB Wilson, PHCC's First British Champion



Robert J. B. Wilson

Among the advantages, and in some cases disadvantages, age brings with it in addition to historical perspective, is an incredible desire to share events of personal relevance and significance. Being one of the “founding fathers” of the Port Huron Chess Club grants me the opportunity to view events that span its nearly 50-year existence. In culling through the most “ancient” tomes of the club’s newsletters, one could hardly omit mention of the first ever club champion, nor his witty, incessantly very English observations and contributions to the club as verified by the plethora of games, articles, columns and commentary infusing a uniquely international flavor to our local chess community. As a chemical engineer at one of Sarnia’s petrochemical conglomerates, “Bob” Wilson

proved not only an accomplished chess player, but a refreshing counter-point to an otherwise strictly monochromatic organization. Bob and his son, Bryan made their first sojourn across the Blue Water Bridge in September of 1971, amid the swirl of excitement generated when the Fischer-Petrosian Candidates match became the focal point of the chess world. Bob quickly established his local chess credentials by winning the first club Speed Championship, followed quickly by capturing the title of 1971 Club Champion.

Bob rapidly ensconced himself as a regular in the culture of the PHCC by volunteering as club ratings director, and then agreed to author a column entitled “The Rating Game” showcasing games from challenge ladder and tournament play, complete with commentary and analysis, under the *nom de plume* of “Glorious Leader”! In an effort to provide readers with a touch of the flavor of what sometimes could be his acerbic wit typical in a column by “Glorious Leader”, I present one of his classic articles!

“The Rating Game” by Glorious Leader (Chess Chatter, Volume 1 Number 8: July/August 1972.)

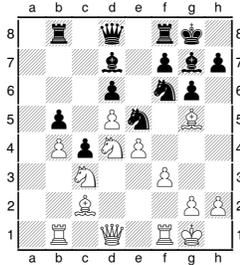
Plot and Counter-plot: A game of chess is not lost without a mistake (a detectable one that is.) on the part of the loser, and when one’s opponent is less likely to do this *gratis* it may become necessary to seduce him into error with subtly baited traps. To win a game in this manner is a far more satisfying experience than the mere mopping up after an obvious blunder. When the intended victim sees the pitfall, avoids the trap and wends his way to at least temporary safety, much of the beauty of the game may

remain in what did not happen than in what did! A case in point is an episode from a recent Class A challenge game:

**Player A (800) - Player B (800) [A65]
Benoni Defense**

Challenge Game Port Huron Chess Club ,
29.06.1972

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Nge2 exd5 9.cxd5 Nbd7 10.0-0 Ne5 [As a result of white's irregular 6th move (Be3 is normal), black gains time by the attack on the KB-which white wishes to preserve for a future aggression after f4 and e5. Holding black's Q-side attack in at least temporary check, for b4 followed by Ba6 were threatened, and freeing white's d4 for the use of his pieces all for the price of an easily blocked passed pawn. 15...,c4 (15...,cb 16. Rb4 leaves the b-pawn very vulnerable.)] **11.Bc2 Rb8 12.a4 a6 13.Rb1 b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.b4 c4 16.Nd4 Bd7** [White threatened 17.Ncf5, and then 8.Nb6.] **17.Bg5?**

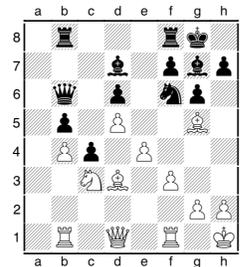


[17.Be3 with pressure along a pair of black diagonals would have prevented black's next, consolidated the center and better prepared white's attack. The move played, however, gives black the opportunity for some very creative chess.] **17...Qb6!** [This invites white to "correct" his last move with 18.Be3? when black had the sacrificial

**Culp,J (1547) - Wilson,Robert J. B [E65]
King's Indian Defense** East Detroit Open
East Detroit (1), 02.10.1971 [RJB Wilson]

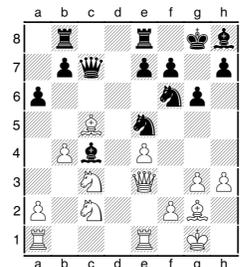
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0-0 c5 [I switch into an indecisive mood to an unlisted variation of the Yugoslav, which normally occurs via 6...,c5 7.00, Nc6. After the text, White could embarrass me with 8.d5!] **8.e4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nc5 10.h3 Rb8 11.Be3 a6 12.Qd2 Re8 13.b4?** [Dangerously loosening White's game.] **13...Ncd7** [More elastic than Ne6. This aims at de5 and b6.] **14.Bh6 Bh8 15.Rfe1?** [53 minutes. Now I can take the initiative. White's Q-side

follow-up 18..., N4g5! in mind, which after 19.fg4, Ng4 and expose the white N on d4 to a second attack while still attacking one of its defenders, threatening the Q-R fork and carry a concealed attack on the White undefended Nc3. All in all, a rather overwhelming win for black. Unfortunately for black, this remains a song unsung, for white sees enough and removes his K.] **18. Kh1! Nd3!** [Black's sleeves are pretty wide at this point and out slips another trick. Now 19. Bcd3, loses to Qd4! If 19.Ndb4, Bb4 ...if N4e2, then Bf2+ wins the exchange.] [Avoiding all of this, and setting a pitfall of his own. Now 19...Nf2+ RxN 20. Qxc2, Nb8 leads nowhere.] **19.Nc6,Bxc6 20.Bxd3 Bd7**



20...,cd3 21.dc6. Qc6 22.Qd3, leaves the d-pawn very weak, while 20...Bd5? loses to 21.Bf6, Bf6 22.Nd5! The remainder of the game is not relevant to our theme. White has successfully delivered himself from all temptation and the glint of crazed genius has left Black's eye. In closing, it should be recorded that black immediately fell back into his normal stupor and played 21...a6?which after 22. Bd2, Ra8 23. Be3 gave white a pleasant little initiative.] 1-0

is weak.] **15...Ne5** [38 minutes] **16.Qe2 Qb6 17.Nc2 Be6 18.Be3 Qc7 19.c5 dxc5 20.Bxc5 Bc4 21.Qe3?**



[Should lose the exchange.] **21...b6 22.Bd4 Nc6?** [I had so completely conditioned

myself against blocking the long black diagonal that I failed to see that after 22..., Nd3. 23.Rd1, e5! wins the exchange. However, gaining the B-pair vs. N & N is a minor victory.]**23.Bxf6 Bxf6 24.Rad1** [1:27 minutes]**24...e6** [1:13 minutes] **25.a3 Red8 26.f4 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Rd8?!** [A brilliant blunder! I lose a piece but in doing so, I get a dominating position.]**28.Rxd8+ Qxd8 29.e5 Nxe5 30.fxe5 Bg5** [Black's bishops and queen command the board. Where can

white put the Q? 31.Qd4, Qd4 32, Nd4 Be3+ wins back the piece and another pawn to boot! The best try seems to be 31.Qe1, Bd2 32.Qd1, Bb3 when Nb1 or e4 loses to Be3+! If 31. Qf2, Qd3 wins!]**31.Qe4 Bd3 32.Qb7 Bxc2 33.Qxa6??** [A real blunder which loses the game!]**33...Qd4+ 34.Kh2 Qxc3 35.Qxb6 Qd2 36.b5 Be3 37.Qb8+ Kg7 38.Qa8 Qe1 39.h4 Qg1+ 40.Kh3 h5 41.Be4 Bf2** [White resigns] **0-1**

T'is all a checkerboard of Nights and days
Where Destiny with Man for Pieces plays:
Hither and thither, moves, and mates, and stays,
And one by one, back in the Closet lays.
Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam

Ghastly goings-on since our last set of stone tablets...On a second day of infamy, that'd better live forever in the hearts and mind of the people of the PHCC (April 26th, I think in was.) Super player (RJB Wilson) himself had to cede some 34 points when held to a draw by Mighty Mike Sharpe....

The worm turns: - Norm "punching bag" McLeod, the traditional steppingstone for any Olympic aspirant, recently surprised everybody (himself most of all), by actually winning a couple of games and landing there himself. The shock was so great that he went into hiding for the next four weeks....

Hooked....Jim Lancaster, who, rumor has it, was not too upset at losing a couple of challenges (in order to stay in class B for the championships), found to his horror, that a bad habit like this is hard to shake; he has since lost to Greg Maness and Geoff Pennington (Both lower rated - ED.), the scores of both of these games are mysteriously missing...

On the Agony of Creative Writing....

The moving Finger writes; and for a bit,
Writes on; then all my Levity and Wit
Desert me, and I cancel half a line,
And all of my tears wash out the Rest of it.
With apologies to Ibid.

In a recently passed constitutional amendment, the number of classes was reduced to three by combining B & C, to provide equal point spreads to all divisions. (A hidden motive was to give Olympic dropouts a better chance of regaining their haloes.)

Into a golden glass of beer
Tear drops fall; a sorry rain
Telling chessmen, far and near
That Lonnie's blown it, once again!
Ruby Ott by Homer , K.M.

Bob remained active in club activities until early in 1976, when personal issues forced his abrupt departure. I wish I had more information on his background and his personal experiences, but at the very least, he provided the PHCC with a much appreciated rich and colorful addition to our history. *(Please note I have preserved "GL's" spelling and punctuation as written - ED.)*

Needed: PHCC volunteers for the 2019 PHASD/Phil Willard Memorial Chess Tournament slated for March 9th

Once again the Evone Rodriguez has asked for PHCC to volunteer in lending support and expertise to the 2019 - 23rd tournament. Please let Lon know if you can attend and help. We would need to be there by 8:00 am on Saturday morning. See the flyer on the final page of the January 2019 issue for details!

Diane Rutkofske to offer new embroidered 50th Anniversary PHCC logo shirts for 2019!

Diane Rutkofske, obviously Lon's talented, better half, is quick to get on the 50th anniversary bandwagon with a special deal! She plans to offer interested PHCC members embroidered polo shirts with a new 50th anniversary logo for the coming year. You have probably seen some of her wonderful work on shirts worn by many members of our club, and we already have orders from **Avery Jones**, **Bill Wingrove**, **Noel Bedy**, and of course, Lon for this 2019 version.

The embroidery fee will be around \$15 (*...less than the going market rate for embroidered designs.*), but if Diane can purchase appropriate, quality polo shirts (long or short sleeve) in a variety of colors at a reasonable rate (\$15-\$20) that will of course be added to the total purchase price. Shown below is the new logo design, but with the new version thread colors may vary, dependent on the color of the shirt (See choices below.)! Let Lon know if you are interested in ordering a shirt!



Rules & Regulations of Play for the 2019 PHCC

Championships:

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 delay (1 and ½ hours plus 5/sec delay) per player. 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. Players are responsible for correctly setting their clocks.
4. Only USCF and PHCC club members may participate in these events. Dues are payable to Lon Rutkofske.
5. Winners, or the player having the white pieces in the case of a draw, must report the results to the TD.
6. 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 (Please leave a message with call back number) or email at ishking@aol.com.

Special Rules:

1. This year's event will feature a 5 round, Swiss System tournament taking place through the week of January 17th thru 20th, 2019. All games must be played at Palmer Park Recreation Center. A half-point bye may be requested prior to the commencement of play for the first round by contacting the T.D.
2. All games will be USCF and PHCC rated.
3. Rounds and Pairings: **The first round of play will begin at 7:00 pm at the PHCC on Thursday, January 17, 2019**; Rounds 2 and 3 on January 19th, and rounds 4 and 5 on Sunday, January 20th, 2019. Saturday and Sunday games will begin at 10:00 am and 3 pm respectively.
4. **Weather issues:** If the Port Huron Area School District is closed due to inclement weather, PHCC will be cancelled as well. **In the event of cancellation, the entire event will be moved to the following week beginning on Thursday, January 24th, and then on Saturday and Sunday, January 26th and 27th, 2019.** Please call or email Lon if you have

questions before proceeding to the club. Lon will post information on the website and email participants as soon as conditions are posted.

5. A bulletin of completed games and results will be circulated within a week following the tournament. Please make sure that your score sheets are complete and accurate. Both players should submit completed score sheets.
6. Ties will be broken using the following methods in order: Median/Harkness; Solkoff; and Cumulative.
7. Prizes: All awards/prizes will be presented Sunday, January 20, 2019.
8. **Pre-Registration:** Begins December 1, 2018 and will continue through January 16, 2019. Entry Fees: Adult: \$10:00 Under 19: \$5.00 Onsite registration will require a \$10 additional fee. Contact TD Lon Rutkofske.
9. Awards based on 10 entries will be:
 - 1st Place - \$50 + Plaque ; 2nd Place - \$30 + Plaque;
 - Top Under 1700 = \$20 + 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. [This a reminder of the change in policy in the PHCC Challenge rules: # 14 - Games can be rated by the USCF, provided both players are members in good standing with the USCF and agree to have it rated by paying in advance to the TD (Lon Rutkofske, or other club official with a valid TD certification card.) of \$1.50@ to cover rating costs.] Updated Challenge rules will follow below:

Format and rules for PHCC Challenge System

- I. Purpose: to provide club members the opportunity to challenge higher rated players on a regular basis to improve and test their skills in over the board non-tournament competition.
- II. Regulations: (Effective 11-8-2018)
 - a. Challenges may be made by any club member on the PHCC rating list under the following circumstances:
 1. Can only be made only by a lower rated player.
 2. Can only be made during club hours and cannot be made after 8:00PM.
 3. Must be played on the same day as the challenge was made, so there can be no advanced challenges.
 4. Both players must be present.
 5. Only one challenge may be made per meeting.
 6. Challenger can only challenge a player that is rated less than 400 points above him on the rating list.
 7. All challenges must be accepted.
 8. No challenge may be made while a participant is involved in a tournament or challenge game.
 9. A clock must be used with the time control of G/60 with 5 second delay; must be recorded by both players and submitted to the rating director upon completion of the game. **(See Sample Score Sheet on page 2)**
 10. All challenge games must comply with current tournament rules of chess as established by the US Chess Federation.
 11. No challenge game may be adjourned, but if an unusual circumstance arises, the club rating director may adjudicate.

12. No member may be challenged more than one consecutive time by the same challenger. This means that the lower rated player cannot challenge the same player two times in a row. He/she must play another match before this can take place, but this also means that the higher rated player may be challenged by the same rated player consecutively if he has not participated in a match in between challenges within a six week period. Abuse (ie: Constant challenges and re-challenges or other annoying or inconsiderate behavior) must be reported to the Director and he has the option of suspending the violator indefinitely from participation in the Challenge system. Disputes will be adjudicated by the ratings director, with the advice of other players as he so wishes.
13. Challenges can take place on the first Thursday of each month, or at any time there is no other tournament or event scheduled.
14. **Games can be rated by the USCF**, provided both players are members in good standing with the USCF and agree to have it rated by paying in advance to the TD (*Lon Rutkofske, or other club official with a valid TD certification card.*) of \$1.50@ to cover rating costs.
15. Results will be rated by the PHCC (*Using the USCF rating system.*) using current PHCC ratings posted at the club and will be adjusted as necessary by the club rating director. Changes will also be posted on the club website.

Byrne, Brandon (1300) -

Wingrove, William (1627) [A37]

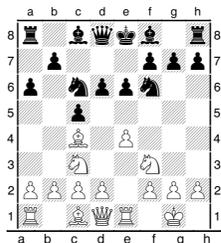
Challenge Game: Port Huron Chess Club, 11.01.2018

1.c4 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.0-0 d6 6.d3 e5 7.Nc3 Nge7 8.Be3? 0-0 9.Nd2 Nf5 10.f4?? Nxe3 11.Qc1 Nxf1 12.Qxf1 exf4 13.Qxf4 Qf6 14.Nde4 Qxf4 15.gxf4 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Rd8 17.Kf2 Bf5 18.Rg1 Rab8 19.h4 Bxe4 20.Bxe4 Ne7 21.h5 f5 22.Bd5+ Nxd5 23.cxd5 Kf7 24.h6 Rg8 0-1

Finch, Joshua - Wingrove, William (1627) [B30] Sicilian Defense

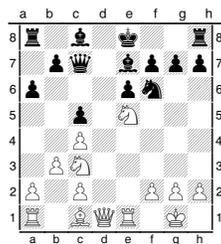
Training Game Port Huron Chess Club, 11.08.2018 [*Lon Rutkofske*]

1.e4 c5 2.Bc4 e6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.0-0 d6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Re1 [All these moves are pretty much standard in mainlines of the Sicilian Defense. White must now provide a space for his B on c4 as well as preventing Nb4, so the best move seems to be a3 creating a *luft* (air space) for his white squared B, while still permitting it to have influence in the battle for control of the central squares.]6...a6

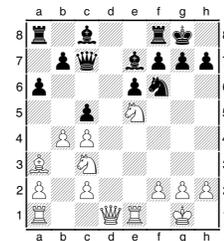


7.d3?? [A real mistake, because it will cost white his long range white squared B and eventually lead to doubled pawns on the Q-

side.]7...Be7 [Black is content to complete his development, but I think the immediate Na5! is best here completely disrupting the white center with an important positional advantage.]8.b3?? [Another serious miscue, best was 8.a3 while he still has a chance to save the B, this move seals the fate of the B as the simple b5 wins the homeless cleric!]8...Na5?! [I think Bill is merciful here, offering a simple exchange, when clearly 8.b5 is called for.]9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 [A very nice trick to save doubling the pawns, but again, b5 looms large!]10...Nxc4 11.dxc4?? [Another huge tactical error, creating doubled pawns. Best was 11. Nc4 keeping the central pawn chain intact and giving white some good squares.]11...Qc7



[Black is in no rush to exchange queens, since he sees that his position has improved drastically and he seeks to enhance his advantage. For white a queen exchange would have given him control of the d file with a rook and possible equality.] 12.Ba3 0-0 13.b4?? [Diagram]



[Loses the exchange by permitting the pawn fork of the B and N.] 13...cxb4 14.Bxb4 Bxb4 15.Qd3 Rd8 16.Qe3 Bd6 17.Qg5? [A waste of tempo (time) without any real threat., best would probably be 17.Rab1.] 17...h6 18.Qe3 [The queen has to return to her previous spot, and now black gets an escape square from possible back rank mates to boot!] 18...Bxe5 [Following the timeless chess practice of trading pieces when you have the advantage.] 19.Qh3 Bxc3 20.Qxc3 b5 21.c5 Bb7 [Down two pieces in a totally lost position, it is time for white to throw in the towel! An instructive game, that I think Joshua can learn a great deal from if he studies carefully. Again, this type of play is typical of inexperienced players who have yet to see the value of learning to plan ahead effectively.] 22.Qa3 Qc6 23.Rab1 Qxg2# 0-1

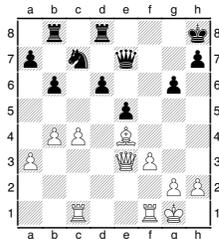
DeLugt, Gerald (695) -

Wilson, Robert J (761) [E81]

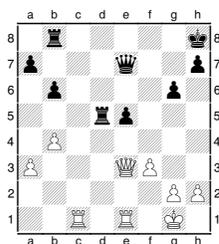
King's Indian Defense Samisch
PHCC's Rated Game of the Month, 09.16.1971

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Bd3 e5 7.d5 Nh5

8.Nge2 f5 9.Be3 c6 10.Qc2 cxd5
 11.Nxd5 Na6 12.b4 Be6 13.Nec3
 Rc8 14.Qe2 Nf6 15.a3 Bxd5
 16.Nxd5 fxe4 17.Nxf6+ Bxf6
 18.Bxe4 Qc7 19.Bd5+ Kh8 20.0-
 0 b6 21.Qf2 Qe7 22.Rac1 Rfd8
 23.Qc2 Nc7 24.Bb7 Rb8 25.Be4
 Bg5 26.Qd3 Bxe3+ 27.Qxe3



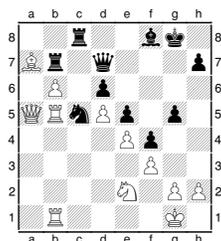
27...d5 28.cxd5 Nxd5 29.Bxd5
 Rxd5 30.Rfe1



30...Qd6 31.Rc3 Rd8 32.Kf2 e4?!
 33.fxe4 Rd2+ 34.Kg1 Rf8
 35.Rf1?? Rd1 36.Rc1 Rxf1# 0-1

Fee, William - Wilson, Robert J
 (1800) E88 King's Indian Defense
 Samisch

7th East Detroit Open East
 Detroit, MI, 10.02.1971
 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4
 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 c6
 8.Bd3 cxd5 9.cxd5 Na6 10.Bxa6
 bxa6 11.Nge2 Bd7 12.0-0 Rb8
 13.b3 Rb7 14.a3 Ne8 15.Rb1 f5
 16.b4 Nc7 17.a4 f4 18.Bf2 Qg5?
 19.Kh1 Qh5 20.b5! axb5 21.axb5
 Rfb8 22.Bxa7! Ra8 23.b6? Na6
 24.Na4? g5 25.Qd3 Nb8 26.Nac3
 Qe8 27.Nb5 Bxb5 28.Rxb5 Nd7
 29.Rfb1 Bf8 30.Kg1 Nc5 31.Qc4
 Qd7 32.Qc3 Rc8 33.Qa5
 [Diagram]



33...g4 34.Rc1 gxf3 35.gxf3 Qh3
 36.Qa3 Rg7+ 37.Kf2 Nxe4+
 38.Ke1 Rxc1+ 39.Qxc1 Nc5
 40.Kd2 Qxf3 41.Qc4 Qe3+
 42.Kc2 Rg2 43.b7 Rxe2+

44.Qxe2 Qxe2+ [White loses on
 time.] 0-1

Thomas, Daniel (636) -
 DeLugt, Gerald (730) [D55]
 Queen's Gambit Declined
 PHCC Rated Challenge Game Port
 Huron Chess Club, 04.20.1972
 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5
 Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Nf3 c6 7.Be2
 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nd5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7
 10.0-0 Qb4 11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Bb3
 a5 13.Qd3 g6 14.a3 Qb6 15.Nh4
 Qd8 16.Nf3 Bf5 17.Qd2 Nd7
 18.Bc2 Bg4 19.Ne1 Nf6 20.f3 Be6
 21.e4 dxe4 22.fxe4 Bc4 23.Rf3
 Re8 24.Re3 Qe7 25.b3 Bd5 26.e5
 Nd7 27.Rh3 f6 28.Qh6 Qg7
 29.Qxg7+ Kxg7 30.exf6+ Nxf6
 31.Rc1 Re2 32.Nf3 g5 33.Rg3 g4
 34.h3 h5 35.hxg4 Nxg4 36.Ne5
 Re3 37.Rxe3 Nxe3 38.Be4 Bxe4
 39.Re1 Bxg2 40.Rxe3 Bd5
 41.Rg3+ Kh7 0-1

**Please Note that the 18th Turkey Gobbler
 Tournament was canceled until November 21,
 2019 due to the fact only two members registered
 to play by the deadline.**

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. United States Chess Federation memberships are available through the club.

Calendar of Events:

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*. **Monthly Tournaments** will be held, usually on the third Thursday of the month, See the events schedule below for specifics!

2018 Events Schedule:

December – NO TOURNAMENTS

Check out the PHCC Website for links to play out games from the 2018 World Championship.

2019 Events Schedule:

New timeline for the 2019 PHCC Championships in the works for 50th anniversary celebration- Please note date changes. – RULES AND DETAILS WILL BE RELEASED WITH THE DECEMBER EDITION OF CHESS CHATTER and on the PHCC Webstie.

Tournament Director, **Lon Rutkofske** has been working with Port Huron Recreation Department supervisor, **Amanda Dickinson** to ring in the new year with a completely new calendar format to kick off the PHCC's 50th anniversary celebration.

In an effort to resolve the typical concerns revolving around a winter schedule for the customary PHCC Championships beginning in January, this year's plan aims to resolve this by hosting the event in a 5 round Swiss format, to be held on a single weekend beginning with the **first round slated for 7:00pm. on Thursday, January 17th and the final four rounds (two each day with rounds at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.) on January 19th and 20th.** The entire tournament will be held at our Palmer Park site and conclude with the awards ceremony following the completion of the final round on January 20th. Amanda's recommendation of reserving the following weekend (January 26-27) as a back-up is a testament to the continued willing support of the PH Recreation Department.

February 21st- PHCC Rated Action Quads (or Mini-Swiss depending on registration) G/10 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. Onsite registration 6:30-7:00PM - Play begins at 7:00 PM. Prizes: if Quad: 1st = \$15; if Mini-Swiss: Based on entries! (Recording games is optional, for players that wish to keep score, neither player is required to keep score if either has 5 minutes or less on their clock.)

March 21st- PHCC Rated Action Quads (or Mini-Swiss depending on registration) G/10 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. Onsite registration 6:30-7:00PM - Play begins at 7:00 PM. Prizes: if Quad: 1st = \$15; if Mini-Swiss: Based on entries! (Recording games is optional, for players that wish to keep score, neither player is required to keep score if either has 5 minutes or less on their clock.)

April, 18th; May, 16th; June, 20th - USCF/PHCC Rated Action Quads (or Mini-Swiss depending on registration) G/25 with 3 sec. delay 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. Onsite registration 6:30-7:00PM - Play begins at 7:00 PM. Prizes: if Quad: 1st = \$15; if Mini-Swiss: Based on entries! (Recording games is optional, for players that wish to keep score, neither player is required to keep score if either has 5 minutes or less on their clock.)

July 18th - USCF/PHCC Rated Action Quads (or Mini-Swiss depending on registration) G/25 with 3 sec. delay 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. Onsite registration 6:30-7:00PM - Play begins at 7:00 PM. Prizes: if Quad: 1st = \$15; if Mini-Swiss: Based on entries! (Recording games is optional, for players that wish to keep score, neither player is required to keep score if either has 5 minutes or less on their clock.)

August 8, 15, 22 – USCF/PHCC Rated Mini-Swiss (or Quads based on entries) 3 Round- USCF Rated Mini-Swiss. Game/90 minutes with/5 sec. delay. USCF and PHCC membership required. One game per night (August 8, 15 & 22)! Play will begin at 7:00PM. EF: \$5.00 Play will begin at 7:00PM. A minimum of 4 participants are required. Prizes: based on entries. Please register in advance by contacting Lon Rutkofske by August 7th so he can determine if there are enough entries to hold the event.

September 19th – PHCC rated Thematic tournament: G/25 with 3 sec. delay 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. Onsite registration 6:30-7:00PM - Play begins at 7:00 PM. Prizes: if Quad: 1st = \$15; if Mini-Swiss: Based on entries! (Recording games is optional, for players that wish to keep score, neither player is required to keep score if either has 5 minutes or less on their clock.) Players with the white pieces will be playing a game with a predetermined opening sequence such as the Ruy Lopez, or KI Attack based on one of the openings drawn at random by the TD. The game will begin from that opening position.

October 17th PHCC Speed Championships - The Port Huron Chess Club's 38th Annual Speed Championship Tournament will be held on Thursday, October 17th beginning at 7:00 PM. Registrations will determine the number of rounds and prizes. PHCC membership required. Entry fee will be \$5.00. Please contact Lon if you plan to play. There will be no registrations on-site. If you intend to play, contact Lon before October 17th. (*Will be USCF rated if all entrants are USCF members.*)

November 21st – Duncan's 18th 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.

December – NO TOURNAMENTS

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 Ratings as of 11/9/18

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Morris, Jason	2041
Gregg, Alan	1987
Rutkofske, Lon	1884
Wilkinson, Stu	1852
Morabito, Matt	1825
Jones, G. Avery	1778
Broyles, Tom	1692
Wingrove, Bill	1651
Muir, Josh	1610
Boucher, Dave	1565
Bedy, Noel	1590
Scholfield, Chris	1503
Claunch, Jackson	1325
Byrne, Brandon	1294
Carey, Jay	1000
Kovatch, Eric	1000
Kovatch, Daniela	1000
Pirouz, Niko	997

PHCC Blitz Ratings as of 11/9/18

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Morris, Jason	2070
Wilkinson, Stu	1929
Gregg, Alan	1918
Rutkofske, Lon	1911
Morabito, Matt	1755
Broyles, Tom	1708
Muir, Josh	1671
Bedy, Noel	1643
Scholfield, Chris	1552
Wingrove, Bill	1531
Jones, G. Avery	1408
Claunch, Jackson	1312
Byrne, Brandon	1300
Carey, Jay	1000
Pirouz, Niko	827
Kovatch, Eric	700
Kovatch, Daniela	500

USCF Ratings as of 11/9/18

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Morris, Jason	2041
Gregg, Alan	1964
Wilkinson, Stu	1830
Rutkofske, Lon	1828
Morabito, Matt	1762
Jones, G. Avery	1716
Broyles, Tom	1699
Wingrove, Bill	1632
Muir, Joshua	1548P17
Bedy, Noel	1516
Boucher, Dave	1406
Claunch, Jackson	1325
Byrne, Brandon	1283P4
Pirouz, Niko	974
Kovatch, Eric	Unr

USCF Quick/Action Ratings as of 11/9/18

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Morris, Jason	2072
Morabito, Matt	1898/P14
Gregg, Alan	1873
Rutkofske, Lon	1800/P19
Wilkinson, Stu	1782/P16
Muir, Josh	1655/P22
Bedy, Noel	1511/P19
Jones, Avery	1522
Wingrove, Bill	1475/P22
Claunch, Jackson	1312
Byrne, Brandon	1245P4
Pirouz, Niko	806
Kovatch, Eric	508/P8
Kovatch, Daniela	139/2

USCF Blitz Ratings as of 11/9/18

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1935
Rutkofske, Lon	1932
Morabito, Matt	1727
Muir, Josh	1617
Bedy, Noel	1606
Jones, G. Avery	1200