



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

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## **Oh!...the Perils of the Action Tournament!** By Lon Rutkofske

Although not nearly as fatal, in its own way, an action tournament might be likened to combat: “Half-an-hour of sheer boredom, punctuated by seconds of abject terror!”

I had the opportunity to participate in my first Michigan Action event on December 8, 2018, and found it a most enjoyable experience. Tournament conditions were more than adequate and in some cases even spacious. It was also my first experience at U of M’s Pierpoint Commons facility and I was duly impressed by both the expanse and expense incorporated into a rather luxurious facility provided by our hosts, featuring numerous food and beverage venues, shops and banking facilities that contributed to an almost mall-like atmosphere.

I had the pleasure of playing **Ray Garrison** for the first time ever in round two, each of us opting for a first round bye. A gregarious, affable player and premier chess coach, Ray proved a most gracious opponent, as he permitted me to pull victory from the jaws of defeat, even with my incessant series of nerve driven *faux pas* under time pressure.

As it turned out , I was equally blessed when facing **Raymond Burwell** in our 4<sup>th</sup> round contest facing off against his London System. I quickly liquidated, figuring I would have an advantage in an ending, base entirely on the misguided notion that my nearly 200 rating point advantage would mean something !? Reality struck home quickly as we rapidly proceeded to a very closed, drawish position by move 38 and “Ray had me right where he wanted me”...knowing full well, the fiction that was supposed to deliver me a victory , lead to my near demise, as I committed a horrendous blunder by dropping my d-pawn, and with it any hopes of victory. Fortunately for me, a hastily played opposite-colored bishops ending left neither of us satisfied, other than a welcomed handshake!

I'd like to say that I enjoyed a great tournament, but rounds 3 and 6 proved to be my undoing as **Salah Chehayeb** and **Manis Davidovich** had their way with me and my English Opening, wielding the black pieces with precision and patience, watching me crumble as time pressure mounted.

In all probability, the most solid performance of my action experience undoubtedly occurred in a round 5 contest where the youthful **Ethan Lyu** and I crossed swords, with the treachery and guile inherent in old age prevailing!

My compatriot in this sojourn to the southwest took the form of **Alan Gregg**. Ironically, I performed the driving duties, while the long time London "Cabbie", basked in the flora and fauna of the countryside, barking out occasional route adjustments. Currently sporting a 1900+ rating, Alan grudgingly bemoaned the latent unfairness inherent in the dual rating system of American action events that had cost him his expert rating a few years back, and has yet to recover...all the while vowing to make his showing in this year's rendition a stepping-stone in recouping those elusive points.

Had not fate intervened, our boisterous Briton was on the cusp of making his oath reality, notching three consecutive wins, and amassing 3.5 points after the first round bye. With his 4<sup>th</sup> round win in a time scramble against nemesis **Manis Davidovich** (Whose victory cost Alan first place in a previous action event.) But alas, Cassia is sometime a fickle mistress, and our intrepid colleague's trip to glory was blindsided by the likes of **Mauro Lopez** to whom he unceremoniously dropped his Queen, and then to **Salah Chehayeb**, whose opening preparation exceeded Alan's repertoire in a Scotch debacle.

All was not lost, as both Alan and I managed to eke out a few rating points, and felt a bit of vindication in that us "old guys" can still be a force to be reckoned with! I would recommend the Action to anyone interested in intense doses of the royal game, coupled with a smoothly run event, friendly competition, and an abbreviated schedule that will still leave time to enjoy other opportunities the rest of the weekend can provide. **(See Member's Games for game scores.)**

## **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 - 23<sup>rd</sup> tournament. Please let Lon know if you can attend and help. We would need to be there by 8:00 am on Saturday morning March 9th. See the flyer on the final page of this issue for details!

# Diane Rutkofske to offer new embroidered 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary PHCC logo shirts for 2019!

**Diane Rutkofske**, obviously Lon's talented, better half, is quick to get on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary bandwagon with a special deal! She plans to offer interested PHCC members embroidered polo shirts with a new 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup>, and rounds 4 and 5 on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, and then on Saturday and Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 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:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$50 + Plaque ; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (1294) - Gregg, Alan (1987) [D05] Colle System**

Skittles game – g/15 Port Huron Chess Club, MI , 20.12.2018 [Byrne]

1.d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. e3 d5 4. Bd3 c5 5. c3 Nc6 6. Nbd2 b6 7. O-O Bb7 8. dxc5 bxc5 9. e4 Be7 10. Re1 d4?! 11. Qb3 Qb6 12. Qxb6 axb6 13. cxd4 cxd4 14. Nc4 Bc5?! (14. ...Nb4!) 15. a3! (This prophylactic move is recommended by Stockfish.) O-O 16. Bg5 b5 17. Nce5 Nxe5 18. Nxe5 b4 19. Bxf6 gxf6 20. Nd7! Rfc8 21. Nxf6+? (White blunders away his attacking initiative; 21. Nxc5! (+1.5) would have preserved it. Two unfortunate time pressure blunders will soon follow.) Kg7 22. Nd7 bxa3 23. Nxc5 Rxc5 24. bxa3 Rc3 25. Reb1? (25. Red1 would have challenged Black's dangerous passed pawn and defended the friendly bishop. Instead, Black is allowed to align his rooks on the third rank and win another pawn.) Rxd3 26. Rxb7 Raxa3 27. Rxa3?? Rd1# 0-1

**Garrison, Raymond (1942) - Rutkofske, Lonnie (1828) [B21] Sicilian Defense**

2018 Michigan Action Tnmt-Open Ann Arbor, MI (2), 08.12.0012

1.f4 e6 2.Nf3 c5 3.b3 Nf6 4.Bb2 Nc6 5.d3 d6 6.e4 Be7 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.g3 b5 9.Bg2 Bb7 10.e5 Nd5 11.Qe2 Qb6 12.Ne4 dxe5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Rad8 15.Qg4 f6 16.Bb2 Ne3 17.Qe2 Nxc2+ 18.Qxc2 f5 19.0-0-0 fxe4 20.dxe4 c4 21.Qe2 Qc6 22.Rhe1 c3 23.Ba1 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 b4 25.e5 Rd8 26.Re1 Ba6 27.Qg4 Bc5 28.a3 Bf2 29.Rd1 Rxd1+ 30.Qxd1 Qd5 31.Qxd5 exd5 32.axb4 d4 33.f5 Kf7 34.Kd1 Bb5 35.Kc1 Be2 36.Kb1 Bg1 37.h3 Bh2 38.e6+ Kf6 39.g4 Bf4 40.Ka2 Bb5 0-1

**Rutkofske, Lonnie (1828) - Chehayeb, Salah (2077) [A16] English Opening**

2018 Michigan Action Tnmt-Open Ann Arbor, MIM (3), 08.12.2018

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Nge2 c6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Rb1 Rb8 9.h3 b5 10.cxb5 cxb5 11.b4 Bb7 12.d3 a6 13.Bb2 Qb6 14.Kh2 Rbc8 15.Qb3 e6 16.Nd1 h5 17.Ne3 Ba8 18.Bd4 Qb8 19.f4 Kh7 20.Bf3 Rh8 21.g4 hxg4 22.Bxg4 Nxc4+ 23.Nxc4 Bxd4 24.Nxd4 Qa7 25.Nf3 d5 26.Ng5+ Kg8 27.f5 Qc7+ 28.Kg2 exf5 29.exf5 d4+ 30.Nf3 gxf5 31.Ngh2 Rh6 32.Rg1 Qf4

[White loses on time] 0-1

**Burwell, Raymond (1620) - Lonnie Rutkofske (1828) [A48] King's Indian Defense**

2018 Michigan Action Tnmt-Open Ann Arbor, MI (4), 08.12.0012

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.e3 c5 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 Qa5+ 7.Qd2 Qxd2+ 8.Nbxd2 Nc6 9.a3 0-0 10.Be2 d6 11.h3 Nd5 12.Bh2 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.Ne4 Rd8 16.0-0 b6 17.Rfd1 Bb7 18.Bf3 Rab8 19.Nc3 Nxc3 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Bxb7 Rd1+ 22.Rxd1 Nxd1 23.b3 f5 24.Kf1 Nc3 25.f3 Kf8 26.e4 Nb5 27.a4 Nd6 28.Bd5 Ke7 29.Ke2 Kf6 30.Bg3 f4 31.Bh4+ g5 32.Bf2 Bf8 33.Kd3 Ne8 34.Be1 a5 35.Bc3 Bc5 36.Bg8 h6 37.Bd5 Nd6 38.Bc6 Ke6 39.Bd5+ Kd7 40.Bxe5 b5 41.Bg7 bxa4 42.bxa4 h5 43.Bf6 Nc8 44.Bxg5 Nb6 45.Bb3 Bd6 ½-½ Draw Agreed

**Rutkofske, Lonnie (1828) - Lyu, Ethan (1645) [A12] English Opening**

2018 Michigan Action Tnmt-Open Ann Arbor , MI (5), 08.12.2018

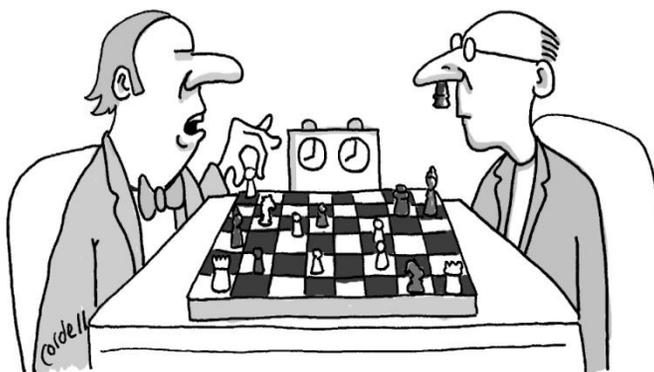
1.c4 c6 2.g3 d5 3.b3 Nf6 4.Bb2 Bf5 5.Bg2 Nbd7 6.d3 e6 7.Nd2 Bc5 8.Ngf3 0-0 9.0-0 h6 10.Ne1 e5 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.dxe4 Bg6 14.Nd3 Bd6 15.Qe2 Re8 16.Rad1 Qe7 17.Bh3 Nc5 18.Nxc5 Bxc5 19.Rd7 Qf8 20.Rxb7 f5 21.b4 Bd6 22.c5 Bb8 23.exf5 Bxf5 24.Bg2 e4 25.Rxg7+ Kh8 26.Qh5 Re6 27.Rf7+ 1-0

**Rutkofske, Lonnie (1828) - Davidovich, Manis (2234) [A10] English Opening**

2018 Michigan Action Tnmt-Open Ann Arbor, MI (6), 08.12.2018

1.c4 Nc6 2.g3 d5 3.b3 dxc4 4.bxc4 Qd4 5.Nc3 Qxc4 6.Bg2 Nd4 7.Bd5 Qa6 8.Nf3 Nxf3+ 9.Bxf3 Bh3 10.Qb3 c6 11.Ne4 e6 12.Ng5 Bf5 13.Bb2 Nf6 14.Bxf6 gxf6

15.Ne4 0-0-0 16.Rc1 Qb6 17.Qxb6 axb6 18.Rc2 Rd4 19.d3 Bh3 20.Kd2 Bh6+  
21.e3 Rhd8 22.Rc3 Ra4 23.a3 f5 24.Nf6 Bg7 25.Bxc6 bxc6 26.Rxc6+ 0-1



“You’re not taking this seriously, are you?”

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## 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!

## 2019 Events Schedule:

**2019 PHCC Championships** - Please note – **RULES AND DETAILS WERE RELEASED WITH THE DECEMBER EDITION OF CHESS CHATTER and on the PHCC Webstie.**

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 17<sup>th</sup> and the final four rounds (two each day with rounds at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.) on January 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.** 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 21<sup>st</sup> - 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 21<sup>st</sup> - 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 (*Each tournament during these three months is separate.*) 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 19<sup>th</sup> – 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 17<sup>th</sup> PHCC Speed Championships** - The Port Huron Chess Club's 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Speed Championship Tournament will be held on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>. (*Will be USCF rated if all entrants are USCF members.*)

**November 21<sup>st</sup> – Duncan's 18<sup>th</sup> 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 TOURNAMENT**



"Advice from Kibitzers - a learners nightmare."

The cartoon to the left is the work of PHCC's own artist in residence, **Jay DeFoy**. Jay has agreed to contribute his artwork for issues of *Chess Chatter* and even *Michigan Chess Magazine*. We look forward to many more humorous works from this accomplished illustrator. Jay is always looking for material for his work, so if you have a great chess story, or chess-related experience that he might convert to pen and ink, please do not hesitate to contact him at the club or his email address: [jay.a.d@hotmail.com](mailto:jay.a.d@hotmail.com)

## 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. **Memberships expiring in Jan. 2019: Noel Bedy, Alan Gregg, Matt Morabito, Josh Muir, Lon Rutkofske, Bill Wingrove.**

# 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 1/6/19**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
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 1/6/19**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
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 1/6/19**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1976
Rutkofske, Lon	1838
Wilkinson, Stu	1830
Morabito, Matt	1762
Broyles, Tom	1699
Jones, G. Avery	1646
Wingrove, Bill	1632
Muir, Joshua	1548P17
Bedy, Noel	1516
Claunch, Jackson	1430
Boucher, Dave	1406
Byrne, Brandon	1283P4
Pirouz, Niko	974
Kovatch, Eric	Unr
Kovatch, Daniela	Unr

## **USCF Quick/Action Ratings as of 1/6/19**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Morabito, Matt	1898/P14
Gregg, Alan	1886
Broyles, Tom	1801/23
Rutkofske, Lon	1797/P24
Wilkinson, Stu	1782/P16
Muir, Josh	1655/P22
Bedy, Noel	1511/P19
Jones, Avery	1522
Wingrove, Bill	1475/P22
Claunch, Jackson	1403
Byrne, Brandon	1245P4
Pirouz, Niko	806
Kovatch, Eric	508/P8
Kovatch, Daniela	Unr

## **USCF Blitz Ratings as of 1/6/19**

<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
Pirouz, Niko	827

## Phil Willard Memorial Chess Tournament



**Saturday, March 9, 2019**

**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**

### 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.

Tournament and trophy presentation will conclude by 1:00 p.m.

**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)**

**CHESS SETS WILL BE PROVIDED**

- ◆ Parents are responsible for the transportation and supervision of their children.
- ◆ Participants may bring their own refreshments.
- ◆ Concessions will not be available for purchase.