



Chess Chatter

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My Excellent World Open Adventure by G. A. Jones



As I have said in the past, I love playing at the World Open chess tournament in Philadelphia. The city is large, vibrant, crowded, old, historic and they

know how to feed you, and as most of you know by now, when it comes to food, I like to “give it to the man.”

This year, 2019, I was a bit hesitant about going to the World Open, because after the playing success I experienced at the 2018 Michigan Open – Reserve section, I expected my chess performance to take off, sort of like a rocket ship, or a fast car, the wins were suppose to pile up. However, the only thing that piled up was frustration, loses, and rating points decline. So I thought about skipping the World Open in 2019, anyway at the last moment I decided to go, however this year I would let my ratings determine what section I would play in. I would play in the U1600 section. I usually played up a section in previous years. When I registered for the tournament, the playing site hotel was full, so I had to stay at the alternate hotel, the *Sonesta*. One of my criteria for going out of town to play chess is to stay at the hotel where the tournament is played, so this initial hiccup was a bit of a downer. Anyway, I made up my mind, I was

going to Philadelphia and I was going to have fun.

As per usual, I would arrive the day before I start playing to acclimatize myself, and get my bearings around the city and the tournament site. The *Sonesta* hotel is a brief 5 minute walk from the Marriott hotel on Market Street to where the tournament is located. It is more modern than the Marriott, and seemed smaller as well. It has a fantastic restaurant that specializes in pricey, but delicious steak dinners - Ruth Chris is the one.

As usual, the Reading Terminal is located across the street from the playing site, which has an abundant of food sellers of all stripes. As usual my focus would be the pasta/lasagna and cheesecake sellers. They did not disappoint me – two “finger lickin” thumbs up!

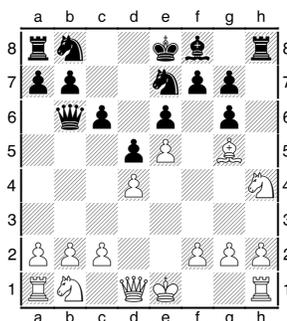
Please keep in mind that I am on the 4 day schedule, which means that on the first day I play 3 games, the first two at an accelerated time control. I got a good night's sleep , and I already visited the tournament site, so I was ready to start doing battle.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!
Game 1

Boobalan,Vickraman (1471) - Jones,George Avery (1573) [B12]
Caro-Kann: Advance Var. WORLD OPEN 2019 - U1600 Philadelphia (1), 04.07.2019

[My first opponent was an adult, not that it matters to me, but at tournaments there are a lot of young people, some of them under 10 years of age. My aim is to manage my time, play solid chess against all of my opponents and have fun. I played a bit aggressively for me in this game, in that I did not castle, before trying to take the game to my opponent. Then an opportunity developed before my eyes. After move 8 ... hg6 (See Diagram) I thought to myself, could I get that bishop to move away? How do I do that? There are other pawn grabbing opportunities [b2], however this knight and bishop seem very vulnerable. I got the bishop and eventually won the game after 48 moves. Good start to my adventure!]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bd3 Ne7 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Bg5 Qb6 8.Bxg6 hxg6



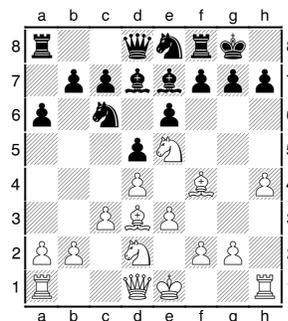
9.b3 Qa6 10.Nd2 Nd7 11.c4 f6 12.Nhf3 fxe5 13.Nxe5 0-0-0 14.Nxe6 Re8 15.Qf3 Nf5 16.cxd5 Bb4 17.a3 Bxd2+ 18.Kxd2 Qa5+ 19.b4 Qxd5 20.Qxd5 cxd5 21.Rac1+ Kb8 22.Nc7 Rc8 23.Nxd5 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Nxd4 25.e6 Nb3+ 26.Kd1 Nxc1 27.Kxc1 Rc8+ 28.Kd2 Nf6 29.Nf4 Rd8+ 30.Ke2 Re8 31.h4 Nh5 32.Kf3 Nxf4 33.Kxf4 Rxe6 34.Kg5 Kc7 35.f4 Kd7 36.f5 gxf5 37.Kxf5 Ke7 38.a4 Kf7 39.h5 Re2 40.g4 Rf2+ 41.Kg5 Rc2 42.h6 gxh6+ 43.Kxh6 b6 44.a5 b5 45.a6 Rc4 46.Kh5 Rxb4 47.g5 Kg7 48.g6 Rb1 0-1

Game 2

Jones,George Avery (1573) - Centano,Luis-Ulloa (1328) [D00]
London System WORLD OPEN 2019 - U1600 Philadelphia (2), 04.07.2019

[One thing that I like about the World Open is you do get to play and see people from all over the world, including some people that you read about in the chess magazines. My next opponent was definitely under 12 years of age, from South America. I saw his father shepherding both him and his twin brother to their playing tables and checking the sheets for opponents etc....I take no chances against my opponents in chess. I have been beaten by the very old, and the very young. I am thinking to myself, this kid comes all the way from South America to play chess, he must be good. Unlike many of the young players I have played in the past, this kid takes his time making his moves. After his move on move 9...knight to e8, I see opportunity. Can I take advantage? Can I get this right? Once again, I am getting adventurous BEFORE castling??? I do a little of preparatory work with h4 (See Diagram), in case I have to get my rook to g3 to assist. Anyway my opponent does not see the danger, before making the error of f6. My bishop, queen and knight were able to take advantage of the situation and earn the point in 30 moves.]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 d5 4.h3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Be7 6.c3 Bd7 7.Nbd2 a6 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Ne5 Ne8 10.h4



10...f6 11.Bxh7+ Kxh7 12.Qh5+ Kg8 13.Ng6 Nd6 14.Qh8+ Kf7 15.Qh5 Re8 16.Nf3 Rg8 17.Bxd6 Re8 18.Nxe7+ Kf8 19.Nxc6+ Kg8 20.Nxd8 Raxd8 21.Bxc7 Rc8 22.Bg3 Kf8 23.Qg6 Kg8 24.h5 Re7 25.Bd6 Rf7 26.h6 Rc6 27.h7+ Kh8

28.Qxf7 Rc8 29.Nh4 Rd8 30.Ng6#
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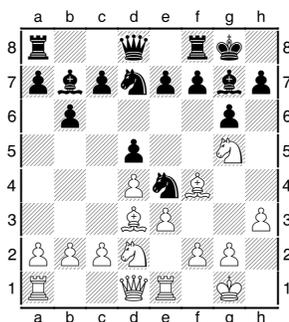
Game 3

**Kunamneni,Sunjay (1415) -
Jones,George Avery (1573) [D00]**

London System WORLD OPEN 2019 -
U1600 Philadelphia (3), 04.07.2019

[My next opponent was an adult, I have won two games now, count them 1, 2....Ah! the good life, but things are going to change now, because I will now play my first game in the long time controls. In the accelerated time controls, time sometimes becomes a friend or an enemy. Now there is more time to think! Remember earlier, I said good time management was one of my primary goals? After move 10 Ng5, I see opportunity, I strike with e5 (See Diagram), my opponent doesn't find a good answer and I get a piece that I hold on for the rest of the game. The game ends after 55 moves. Wow!...3 wins, this is my best start at the World Open ever.]

**1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 g6 3.e3 Nf6 4.h3
Bg7 5.Bd3 0-0 6.Nd2 b6 7.Ngf3
Bb7 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Re1 Ne4 10.Ng5**



**10...e5 11.Ngxe4 dxe4 12.Bxe4
Bxe4 13.Nxe4 exf4 14.exf4 Nf6
15.c3 Nxe4 16.Rxe4 Re8
17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Qe1 Qd7
19.Qd2 Re8 20.Re1 Rxe1+
21.Qxe1 Qe6 22.Qxe6 fxe6 23.Kf1
Kf7 24.Ke2 b5 25.Ke3 c6 26.Ke4
Ke7 27.g4 h5 28.f3 a6 29.f5 exf5+
30.gxf5 g5 31.d5 c5 32.Kd3 Kd6
33.Ke4 Bf6 34.a3 c4 35.Ke3 Ke5
36.d6 Kxd6 37.f4 gxf4+ 38.Kxf4
Kd5 39.h4 Bxh4 40.f6 Bxf6
41.Kf5 h4 42.Kg4 Ke4 43.Kh3
Kd3 44.Kg4 Kc2 45.Kh3 Kxb2**

**46.Kg4 Kxc3 47.Kh3 Kd2 48.Kg4
c3 49.Kh3 c2 50.Kg4 c1Q 51.a4
Qg1+ 52.Kf3 Qg3+ 53.Ke4 Qd3+
54.Kf4 Ke2 55.a5 Qf3# 0-1**

Game 4

**Jones,George Avery (1573) -
Campbell,Rocklyn (1492) [D02] QP**

Game WORLD OPEN 2019 Philadelphia
(4), 05.07.2019

[My next opponent was from Australia, however, he has been living in the US for 12 years. Now this opponent was playing a game beside me the previous day, and let's just say he won his game by taking it to his opponent, enough said. So I was scared of this guy, I played cautiously, defensively, and was always on the lookout for sharp edges and rusty nails. However, after 44 moves my opponent offered me a draw and I accepted.]

**1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.h3 Bf5 4.Bf4
Nbd7 5.e3 e6 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.cxd3
Bb4+ 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.0-0 c6 10.a3
Ba5 11.Bd6 Re8 12.Bh2 Bc7
13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.d4
f6 16.f4 Rf8 17.Qe2 Qe8 18.Rac1
Rc8 19.Rc2 Qg6 20.Rfc1 fxe5
21.fxe5 Rf7 22.Nf3 Rcf8 23.Bf4
Bd8 24.Kh1 Nb6 25.b3 Nc8
26.Rd2 h6 27.Qd3 Qh5 28.Kh2
Ne7 29.g4 Qg6 30.Nh4 Qh7
31.Qxh7+ Kxh7 32.Bg3 g5 33.Ng2
Nc8 34.Kg1 Kg7 35.Rf2 Be7
36.Rxf7+ Rxf7 37.a4 Nb6 38.Rf1
Na8 39.Rxf7+ Kxf7 40.Kf1 Nc7
41.Ke2 Na6 42.Ne1 Nb4 43.Nd3
Nxd3 44.Kxd3 a6 ½-½**

Game 5

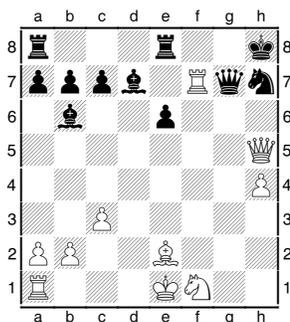
**Noland,Quintin (1574) -
Jones,George Avery (1673) [D00]**

QP Game WORLD OPEN 2019 - U1600
Philadelphia (5), 05.07.2019

[My opponent was a young man in his late teens or early twenties. While sitting at my board waiting for his return to the board before the start of the game, his father came over introduced himself and let me know

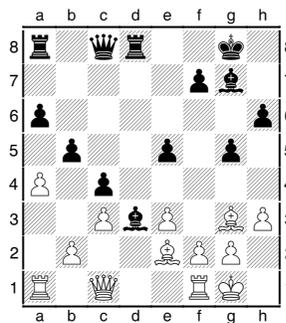
that it was his son I was playing. He did so in a confident manner, Great, I thought. Anyway the game begins and I noticed that he is playing the London System! Now here is some insight into how Mr. Jones has grown in the last 2 or 3 years. I decided, I am not going to make moves that would accommodate this opening system. He will have to make the moves that he wants to make and I will do my best not to play into his system. The old Mr. Jones would have just played on, regardless. I get him out of his system and I get a piece and there is more heat to come from me, because he has not castled. Sparks, open flames, and raging forest fires are on the board; however, at move 25 we both have less than 10 seconds on the clock, my opponent says the magic word "draw"? I said yes, because I was sure that I was going to lose this one. **(Diagram after move 25 Rf7....)**

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nd2 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Be2 Nbd7 6.Ngf3 0-0 7.h4 Re8 8.Ne5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bh6 10.g4 Nd7 11.f4 f6 12.f5 fxe5 13.fxe6 Bxe3 14.Nf1 Bxd4 15.c3 Bb6 16.Qxd5+ e6 17.gxh7+ Kh8 18.Qe4 Qf6 19.Qg2 Qf4 20.Rh3 Nf6 21.Rf3 Qxg4 22.Qh2 Qg7 23.Qxe5 Nxh7 24.Qh5 Bd7 25.Rf7 ½-½



the momentum. Then on move 22, he gets a critical position, by getting his bishop in my throat at d3 (**See Diagram**), I realize if he builds on this, there will be pain...for me. At the same time, I am thanking my lucky stars it wasn't a knight on that d3 square. I take remedial action to make sure that I do not have to exchange on the d3 square, but at the same time I realize, it would be nice if that bishop is stuck in that spot for the rest of the game, while my white bishop is free to roam the entire board. Mission accomplished by move 26, my white squared bishop is freely roaming the board. My opponent tries to make his Bishop a plus, however with my freely roaming white squared Bishop, I see his bishop as a big minus. He tries to make things work for him, but I see an opportunity to trap or capture his queen. By move 33 I have an extra rook. My opponent continues to fight, and I earn a full point on move 72. Wow! No loses and I am heading into round 7, this is unbelievable!

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.h3 0-0 5.e3 d6 6.Be2 Nc6 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Nbd2 a6 9.c3 Re8 10.Qc2 e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 dxe5 13.Bg5 Qc8 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 h6 16.Bh4 Bf5 17.Qb4 c5 18.Qb3 b5 19.a4 c4 20.Qd1 g5 21.Bg3 Rd8 22.Qc1 Bd3



Game 6

Jones,George Avery (1573) - Howlett ,Jermaine (1531) [A48] London System WORLD OPEN 2019 Philadelphia (6), 06.07.2019

[My opponent is a late teenager, who is confident! He asks me about my Plycounter and how it works, if it is legal, could he see it etc.? We both make it through the opening without serious issues, however from move 16 to 21 I am getting pushed around. He has

23.Re1 e4 24.axb5 axb5 25.Rxa8 Qxa8 26.Bh5 Qa2 27.Rd1 Ra8 28.Bd6 Qb3 29.Rd2 Ra2 30.Bd1 Rxb2 31.Rxb2 Qxc3 32.Qxc3 Bxc3 33.Rxb5 Bd2 34.Rb8+ Kg7 35.Rc8 Kf6 36.Bc5 Ke6 37.Bg4+ f5 38.Bd1 Kd7 39.Rh8 c3 40.Bd4 c2 41.Bxc2 Bxc2 42.Rxh6 f4 43.Rg6 fxe3 44.Bxe3 Bb4 45.Rxg5 Be7 46.Rg7 Ke6 47.g3 Bf6 48.Rc7 Bd1 49.g4 Bf3 50.Ra7 Bh4 51.g5 Kf5 52.Ra5+ Kg6 53.Ra6+ Kg7 54.Rh6

Bxg5 55.Bxg5 Kg8 56.Be3 Kg7 57.h4 Kg8 58.Kh2 Kg7 59.Kg3 Kg8 60.Kf4 Kg7 61.Kg5 Kg8 62.Kg6 Bd1 63.Bd4 Kf8 64.Rh8+ Ke7 65.Rh7+ Ke8 66.Kf6 Bc2 67.Bc5 Bd3 68.h5 Kd8 69.Be3 Ke8 70.Rg7 Bc4 71.h6 Kf8 72.h7 Bg8 1-0

Game 7

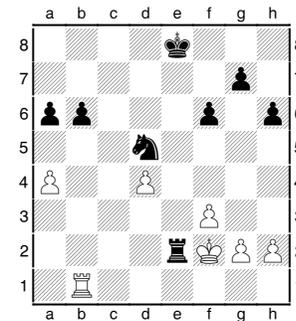
Qian,Bobby (1520) - Jones,George Avery (1573) [B18] Classical Caro-Kann WORLD OPEN 2019 - U1600

Philadelphia (7), 06.07.2019

[My opponent here is a kid who is definitely under 10. Remember this name folks, this kid has a future in chess, but more than that, he has integrity [more on integrity later]. We get through the opening without issues with quite a few pieces off the board. I see a draw, but I don't like offering draws because some of my worst chess nightmares involve me offering my opponent a draw, and after they say "no", I end up losing the game. On move 36, I make a pre-emptive tactical move ...Re7. He sees through my set up and stops it dead. I make a move on the a-file leaving a potential pawn hanging. He forgets why he had moved his Rook to e1, and moves it back to b1. Wham! 38 ... Rxe2+ walking into a knight fork. He resigns immediately and gets emotional. I tell him how "great" he played, but he is overcome with emotion and leaves his board and the pieces. I informed the director of what happened and decided to collect my stuff and go and record the score. Here is where the integrity comes in: I am walking to the area where the results are recorded, my opponent is returning from the area I am approaching. I tell him that he left his chess set and pieces, he still has the sniffles. I go over to record the result of our game. The result has already been recorded, even though he lost and in tears, he has the moral compass and sportsmanship to go to the board and record his losing result. I was fortunate enough to return to the playing hall, to see his father helping him gather up his chess set. I told his dad what a good game he played until the end.]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Nf3 h6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nf6 9.0-0 e6

10.Re1 Be7 11.Bf4 Qb6 12.b3 Nbd7 13.Rad1 0-0 14.c4 Rfe8 15.Ne5 Rad8 16.Qe3 Qa5 17.Qe2 Bb4 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Qxd2 20.Rxd2 Nxe5 21.Rxe5 Rd7 22.f3 Red8 23.Ne2 b6 24.b4 Kf8 25.Rc2 Ke7 26.Kf2 Ne8 27.b5 cxb5 28.cxb5 f6 29.Re3 Nc7 30.Rc6 Nxb5 31.Rcxe6+ Kf7 32.a4 Nc7 33.R6e4 Nd5 34.Rb3 Re8 35.Rxe8 Kxe8 36.Rb1 Re7 37.Re1 a6 38.Rb1 Rxe2+



0-1

Game 8

Jones,George Avery (1573) - Srinivasan,Vignesh (1554) [D02]

London System WORLD OPEN 2019 -

[Wow! Wow! Wow! Round 8 and I have not lost a game as yet. This is unbelievable!!! Now, my mind is beginning to play tricks on me. I am thinking I don't want to lose a game and how much money could I win? I am not ashamed to say that the last two games I played "not to lose" rather than with the take it to them eagerness that I displayed in the first games of the tournament. There, I said it. This game was played against an adult, who played timidly like me. When I reviewed this game, I did not see any blunders or blatant opportunities, but I did see things I would have done differently, if given a second chance. A similar statement would be true for Game 9. Incidentally, I met my game 9 opponent at the airport as I was leaving. He was accompanied by his father, and we exchanged some brief words about the tournament, and congratulated each other on our performance. My round 9

opponent finished second in the U1600 section.]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.h3 Nc6 4.Bf4 e6 5.Nbd2 Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.c3 h6 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Ne5 Bxe5 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Bxe4 f5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Bf3 Kh7 15.h4 g6 16.0-0 Bd7 17.Rfd1 Be8 18.Rxd8 Rxd8 19.Rd1 Rxd1+ 20.Bxd1 Ne7 21.c4 b5 22.Be2 a6 23.b3 Bc6 24.Kf1 Nc8 25.f3 Nb6 26.cxb5 axb5 27.Bg3 Nd5 28.Bf2 Nc3 29.a3 Nxe2 30.Kxe2 Bd5 31.b4 h5 32.g3 Kh6 33.f4 Kg7 34.Kd3 Kf7 35.Kd4 Ke7 36.Kc5 c6 37.Kb6 Kd7 38.Be1 Be4 39.Bc3 Bd5 40.Bd4 Bh1 41.Ka5 Bd5 42.a4 bxa4 43.Kxa4 Bh1 ½-½

Game 9

Chen,Michael W (1660) -

Jones,George Avery (1573) [D94]

Grunfeld WORLD OPEN 2019 - U1600

Philadelphia (9), 07.07.2019

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e3 Bg7 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.c5 Qc7 9.b4 e5 10.Bb2 Re8 11.Qc2 e4 12.Nd2 Bh6 13.a4 Nf8 14.h3 Bd7 15.b5 Bf5 16.Qb3 Rab8 17.b6 axb6 18.cxb6 Qd7 19.g4 Nxc4 20.hxc4 Bxc4 21.Bxc4 Qxc4+ 22.Kh2 Qh4+ 23.Kg2 Qg4+ 24.Kh1 Qh3+ 25.Kg1 [=] ½-½

The last day of the tournament was a different experience. Players in each section, who might qualify for winning prizes are all at the same 1 or 2 tables, and a tournament director for the section is watching closely. My only goal for the last day was “don't lose a game... don't lose a game”, and I played likewise.

Now let me briefly go into the other “stuff”, that you would not be aware of that is going on in the tournament.

When you get to round 7 and you have not lost a game. You start to behave differently. You are not just walking to the board to play your opponent, you are “stepping” with chest out, shoulders swinging almost in a dance, chin is up, and there is a certain smile of contentment on your face. Some of your opponents are talking about what prizes are available to be won if...?

I was guilty of displaying all these traits. Winning is fun, playing 9 games and not losing a single one is enjoyable, and to do it at the World Open, where the contestants in your section are from all over the continent, and the world, is very enjoyable and exciting. I am very glad I decided to go to the tournament, and ecstatic about the result. I tied for 4th -10th in my section and won a prize.

Meanwhile back at the *Sonesta* hotel, it is Sunday night, I am exhausted and joyful. It is around 11:00 p.m. when the fire alarm goes off. Is this a joke? No, it is not!! An authoritative voice comes over the intercom letting everyone know that this is for real, and to take the stairs – for me 14 sets of them, down. All I can say is I proceeded to grab my passport and back pack and headed for the stairs.

The clientele of the *Sonesta* are primarily tourist – a casual observation tells me – most are from Europe and Asia. Anyway, the Europeans seem to be more docile, and would get up and leave the room immediately. There were men who made it down to the street in boxers alone. Yes. Some females were in summer pyjamas only - Yes. I was not in that group. I was fully clothed and ready for my flight home. Fire trucks showed up, the “all clear” followed, and we returned to our rooms well after midnight.

One good thing about staying at the *Sonesta* was that it forced me to go outside more, and I got to walk around to see more of Philadelphia. There are

quite a few statues of famous Americans sprawled all over the city, and quite a few financial names seem to originate in the city. I would definitely consider staying at the *Sonesta* again, just for the reason that it made me go outside and walk around more. Also, some of my games finished at 10, and 11 p.m., walking back to my hotel was not an issue for me, I never felt uncomfortable or unsafe, there were lots of people on the streets at that time, and police cars and police on bikes were everywhere.

Here is a little humorous but sad moment that I would like to share. Like all major cities, Philadelphia has a homeless people issue. They are ever present, whether just sleeping on the sidewalk or asking for a helping hand.

Anyway on the last day, there was this man lying on the sidewalk, looking as though he is sleeping. He has a very

nice handwritten sign. This sign appears to have been written by someone who has studied calligraphy... no lie! The letters were like a computer font, but the sign is a black magic marker on what looked like the cardboard flap of a box. The sign said **“Family taken by aliens, need money to buy ray gun to rescue them.”** Now that is creative!!

As usual, I would like to thank the members of the **Port Huron Chess Club** for toughening me up for the contest, I know my chess journey would not have been as enjoyable or as fulfilling if it were not without their assistance.

Thank You Guys, you have been doing it for the past 27 years.

G. Avery Jones.

Morabito Wins London CC’s Dan Surlan Memorial Tournament

Matt Morabito’s crosstable and games from the Dan Surlan Memorial Tournament – London CC, Ont.

#	First Name	Last Name	OLD	PERF	NEW	PEAK	RESULTS	TOTAL
1	Matt	Morabito	1833	2027	1883	1891	L6 W8 W4 W3 W2 W7	5
2	Rick	Glew	1846	1946	1873	1924	W7 W6 D3 W5 L1 W8	4.5
3	Fabio	Salerno	1984	1878	1961	1997	W5 W4 D2 L1 D7 W6	4
4	Dan	Moorehouse	1724	1746	1732	1761	W8 L3 L1 W7 L6 W5	3
5	Lorne	Gula	1648	1694	1662	1749	L3 D7 W6 L2 W8 L4	2.5
6	Hugo	Ortiz	1670	1705	1681	1752	W1 L2 L5 D8 W4 L3	2.5
7	Alfredo	Deras	1744	1639	1722	1788	L2 D5 W8 L4 D3 L1	2
8	Don	Armstrong	1596	1411	1558	1687	L4 L1 L7 D6 L5 L2	0.5



Moorehouse, Daniel (1744) - Morabito, Matthew (1833) [E94] K-I Defense

2019 Surlan Memorial Tnmt London, Ont. (3), 10.21.2019

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.d4 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Qc2 c6 10.Rd1 Qc7 11.b4 Re8 12.a4 Nf8 13.Ba3 Bg4 14.b5 Ne6 15.Bd6 Qa5 16.Bxe5 Bxf3

17.Bxf3 Ng5 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Rd3 Nxe4 20.Bxe4 Rxe4 21.bxc6 bxc6 22.Qb3 Rae8 23.g3 Bxc3 24.Qxc3 Qc5 25.Rad1 Qxc4 26.Qf6 Re1+ 27.Kg2 Qe4+ 28.Qf3 Rxd1 29.Rxd1 Qxa4 30.Rd7 Rf8 31.Qe3 c5 32.Rc7 c4 33.Rxa7 Qc6+ 34.Qf3 Qc5 35.Ra8 c3 36.Rxf8+ Kxf8 37.Qa8+ Kg7 38.Qa1 Qd5+ 39.Kh3 Qd4 40.Kg2 h5 41.h4 Kh7 42.Qa2 Kg7 43.Qa1 Qd5+ 44.Kg1 Qc4 45.Kg2 Kh7

46.Qc1 c2 47.Kg1 Qb3 48.Qf4 Qd5 49.Kh2 Kg7 50.Qe3 Qf5 51.Qc3+ Kh7 52.Qe3 Qd7 53.Qf4 Qd5 54.Kg1 Qf5 55.Qc4 Kg8 56.Kf1 Kf8 57.Qb4+ Kg8 58.Qc4 Kf8 59.Qb4+ Ke8 60.Qb8+ Kd7 61.Qb7+ Kd6 62.Qb4+ Qc5 63.Qf4+ Kc6 64.Qf6+ Kb5 65.Qb2+ Ka6 66.Qf6+ Qb6 67.Qa1+ Kb7 68.Qc3 Qb1+ 69.Kg2 c1Q 70.Qf6 Qh1# 0-1

Morabito,Matthew (1833) - Selarno,Fabio (1984) [A12] English Opening

2019 Surlan Memorial Tnmt London, Ont (4), 10.28.2019

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Bg4 4.c4 c6 5.0-0 e6 6.b3 Be7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Na3 h6 9.Nc2 Nbd7 10.Ne3 Bh5 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Nf5 Bb4 13.a3 Bc5 14.b4 Bb6 15.d3 Bg6 16.N3h4 Bc7 17.Nxg6 fxc6 18.Nd4 Qe7 19.Bh3 Rfe8 20.e3 Bb6 21.Ne6 Nf8 22.Nxf8 Rxf8 23.Bxf6 Rxf6 24.d4 Raf8 25.Qc2 Bc7 26.Bg2 g5 27.Qc5 Bd6 28.Qxa7 h5 29.Qa4 h4 30.Qb3 hxg3 31.fxg3 Rxf1+ 32.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 33.Kxf1 g4 34.Qd3 Qf6+ 35.Kg1 Qe6 36.Qe2 Be7 37.e4 dxe4 38.Qxe4 Qxe4 39.Bxe4 Bf6 40.d5 Bd4+ 41.Kf1 c5 42.d6 Kf7 43.Bxb7 Ke6 44.Bc8+ Kxd6 45.Bxg4 cxb4 46.axb4 g5 47.Be2 Ke5 48.Bd3 Bb6 49.Be2 Ke4 50.Kg2 Ke3 51.Bh5 Ke4 52.Bg6+ Ke5 53.Kf3 Kf6 54.Bd3 Bg1 55.h3 Bb6 56.Bc4 Kf5 57.Ba6 Bd4 58.Bc8+ Ke5 59.Kg4 Kf6 60.h4 gxh4 61.Kxh4 Kg6 62.Kg4 Bf2 63.Kf3 Bb6 64.Ke4 Kf7 65.Kd5 Ke7 66.Kc6 Bf2 67.g4 Kd8 68.Bf5 1-0

Morabito,Matthew (1833) - Glew,Richard (1846) [A08] K-I Attack

2019 Surlan Memorial Tnmt London, Ont (5), 11.4.2019

1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.d3 e6 6.e4 Nge7 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.Nb3 b6 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.d4 cxd4 12.Nbxd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Bb7 14.c4 Nb4 15.Bxb7 Bxd4 16.Bxa8 Bxf2+ 17.Kxf2 Qxa8 18.a3 Rd8 19.axb4 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 h5 21.Be3 Qe4 22.Rac1 Qf5+ 23.Kg1 h4 24.Rd8+ Kh7 25.Rf1 1-0

Deras,Alfredo (1744) - Morabito,Matthew (1833) [E61] K-I Defense

2019 Surlan Memorial Tnmt London, Ont. (7), 11.2019

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bg5 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Be2 c5 8.d5 Qa5 9.0-0 a6 10.Rb1 Rb8 11.a3 b5 12.b4 cxb4 13.axb4 Qc7 14.Rc1 bxc4 15.Qa4 Nb6 16.Qa5 Nbx5 17.Nxd5 Qxa5 18.Nxf6+ exf6 19.bxa5 fxg5 20.Rxc4 Rb2 21.Bd3 d5 22.Rc6 Bb7 23.Rd6 g4 24.Nd4 Be5 25.Rb6 Rxb6 26.axb6 Rc8 27.g3 Rc3 28.Be2 h5 29.Ra1 Bxd4 30.exd4 Rb3 31.Bxa6 Rxb6 32.Bxb7 Rxb7 33.Ra5 Rd7 34.Kg2 Kg7 35.f3 gxf3+ 36.Kxf3 Kf6 37.h3 Kf5 38.g4+ Kg5 39.Kg3 Rd6 40.h4+ Kf6 41.Kf4 hxg4 42.Kxg4 Ke6 43.Kg5 Rc6 44.h5 gxh5 45.Kxh5 Rc4 46.Ra6+ Kf5 47.Ra7 f6 48.Kh4 Kf4 49.Kh3 Rxd4 50.Rf7 Rd3+ 51.Kg2 f5 52.Kf2 Rd2+ 53.Ke1 Rd4 54.Ke2 Re4+ 55.Kd3 Ke5 56.Rf8 f4 57.Re8+ Kf5 58.Rf8+ Kg4 59.Rg8+ Kf3 60.Rg5 Re1 61.Kd2 Re2+ 62.Kd3 Re3+ 63.Kd2 d4 64.Rd5 Ke4 65.Rd8 f3 66.Re8+ Kf4 67.Rf8+ Kg3 68.Rd8 Re4 69.Kd3 Rg4 70.Rf8 Kg2 71.Rf6 Rg3 72.Kxd4 f2 73.Ke4 f1Q 74.Rxf1 Kxf1 75.Kf4 Kf2 0-1

Failure-The Greatest Learning Tool by Gerry Crowley



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Arguably, the most fascinating game ever invented is chess. Learning how to play chess is simple and

there is no age, cultural or gender barriers. One can play chess just for fun, or become serious enough to participate in tournaments.

There is no other game that offers as much to so many areas of life as what chess does. Just think of how your own children might benefit in life from the lessons chess has to offer. Following are just a few.

When chess is a topic of conversation a common claim is how masters think ten or more moves ahead. In some cases perhaps, but each time your opponent makes a move it usually changes the moves you had planned. Opponents' moves force you to change your strategy constantly. You learn to become *creative*.

If you move too quickly it could cause you to lose a piece and subsequently, the game. It doesn't take long to learn *patience*.

If you concentrate on capturing one piece your opponent may ignore your tactics while looking for advantages elsewhere. Many games are lost because a player concentrates on one area of the game. You learn quickly to *look at the big picture*.

Every game produces the exchange of pieces. You want your remaining pieces to be better positioned than your opponent's pieces. You learn how valuable *strategy* is. We have all heard the cliché for success, "*plan your work then work your plan.*" It causes you to think. You learn to *calculate*.

In tournaments you have so many minutes to make so many moves. (Example you must make 30 moves in 90 minutes.) Your clock starts on time whether you are there or not. You soon learn to be on time; *reliable* if you will. You also learn *time management*.

Many games are won despite the victor being down a piece. Games can produce situations whereas position is more important than the number of pieces. Never give up. You learn *perseverance*.

I was eighteen when introduced to chess. Throughout my thirties studying chess sometimes took up to 20 hours a week. My reward came in 1997 when I earned the title of expert. It was a goal set for myself years earlier. You learn how important *setting goals* are.

Setting a goal to achieving that goal took twenty-five years and believe me when I say, there were many failures during that time.

Failures ? Why wouldn't one just give up? Like everything in life the more you do something the better you get. Every game lost would result in endless analysis until the wrong move became apparent. Sometimes it was necessary to seek a higher ranked player to assist in finding the losing move. *Humility* is a big part of learning; never be afraid to ask for help. Countless hours were spent analyzing my lost games. A peculiar thing though, there was little interest to analyze a won game. What was the need to? Seems odd doesn't it? I learned very little from all the won games but learned so much more from the games lost.

Regardless of whether it be a game or a real life situation, take advantage of failures and learn from them. It's just like becoming an expert in the game of chess.

Worth Repeating, “There is no other game that offers as much to so many areas of life as what chess does.”

- Creativity
- Patience
- Seeing the big picture
- Strategy
- Calculating
- Reliability
- Time management

- Perseverance
- Humility
- Setting goals
- Dealing with failure.

All that and best of all – it’s fun.

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Needed: PHCC volunteers for the 2020 PHASD/Phil Willard Memorial Chess Tournament slated for March 21st

Once again the **PHASD** has asked for PHCC to volunteer in lending support and expertise to the 2020 – 24th 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 21st.

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.

**Morabito,Matthew (1795) -
Rutkofske,Lonnie (1800) [A21]
English Opening**
Skittles Port Huron, 07.11.2019
1.Nf3 f5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 e5 4.0-
0 Nf6 5.c4 Be7 6.Nc3 d6 7.Nh4
a6 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.e4 0-0 10.d3
Nxe4 11.dxe4 Bxh4 12.gxh4

**Qxh4 13.f3 f4 14.Kh1 Rf6
15.Rg1 Rh6 16.Qe2 Be6 17.b3
Rf8 18.Bd2 Qd8 19.Qf2 Qd7
20.Rg5 Qe7 21.Rag1 g6 22.Qa7
Bh3 23.Qxa6 Rh4 24.Qxc6 Bf1
25.Qd5+ Kh8 26.Rxf1 Qxg5
27.Rg1 Rxh2+ 28.Kxh2 Qh4+
29.Kg2 Qg3+ 30.Kf1 Qxf3+**

**31.Ke1 Qh3 32.Ne2 f3 33.Rf1
Qh4+ 34.Kd1 fxe2+ 35.Kxe2
Qh2+ 36.Ke1 Qg3+ 37.Ke2 Qg2+
38.Kd1 Rxf1+ 39.Kc2 Qf3 0-1**

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!

2020 Events Schedule:

January 2020 : Club Champs Begin - see January issue of CC for details

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 12/10/19

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2118
Gregg, Alan	1993
Rutkofske, Lon	1906
Morabito, Matt	1865
Wilkinson, Stu	1852
Jones, G. Avery	1738
Broyles, Tom	1692
Muir, Josh	1633
Wingrove, Bill	1612
Bedy, Noel	1591
Boucher, Dave	1565
Scholfield, Chris	1503
Diachinsky, Robin	1300
Kenny, Joshua	1063
DeFoy, Jay	750

PHCC Blitz Ratings as of 12/10/19

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2262
Gregg, Alan	1938
Wilkinson, Stu	1929
Rutkofske, Lon	1879
Morabito, Matt	1797
Broyles, Tom	1708
Muir, Josh	1667
Bedy, Noel	1599
Scholfield, Chris	1552
Wingrove, Bill	1538
Jones, G. Avery	1517
Diachinsky, Robin	1298
Kenny, Joshua	1113
DeFoy, Jay	895

USCF Ratings as of 12/10/19

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2098
Gregg, Alan	1967
Wilkinson, Stu	1830
Rutkofske, Lon	1800
Morabito, Matt	1795
Broyles, Tom	1699
Muir, Joshua	1661
Wingrove, Bill	1569
Bedy, Noel	1509
Jones, G. Avery	1506
Boucher, Dave	1406
DeFoy, Jay	1111P3
Kenny, Joshua	1063

USCF Quick/Action Ratings as of 12/10/19

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2125/P13
Gregg, Alan	1909
Morabito, Matt	1908/P17
Broyles, Tom	1801/23
Wilkinson, Stu	1782/P16
Rutkofske, Lon	1756
Muir, Josh	1634
Jones, Avery	1544
Bedy, Noel	1523
Wingrove, Bill	1507
Defoy, Jay	1103/P8
Kenny, Joshua	1102/P8

USCF Blitz Ratings as of 12/10/19

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2152
Gregg, Alan	1935
Rutkofske, Lon	1860
Morabito, Matt	1732
Muir, Josh	1617
Bedy, Noel	1546
Jones, G. Avery	1359