



Chess Chatter

Newsletter of the Port Huron Chess Club

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The **Port Huron Chess Club** meets Thursdays, except holidays, from 6:30-10:00 PM, at Palmer Park Recreation Center, 2829 Armour Street, (NE corner of Garfield Street and Gratiot Ave...1 mile North of the Blue Water Bridge) Port Huron, Michigan. Everyone is welcome. All equipment provided. Email: PtHuronChessClub@aol.com or Website: <http://porthuronchessclub.volasite.com>

Gregg notches 8th Club Championship Title with win over Matt

Morabito

Adding to his list of accomplishments for 2020, **Alan Gregg** captured his 8th club championship plaque by dashing the hopes of a very dejected **Matt Morabito** besting the two-time Co-champion in their 4th round makeup match that took place on February 13th. Hoping to notch his first ever solo championship title, Matt was unable free his position and convert his initial first move advantage. Gregg seized the initiative with a remarkable knight retreat on move 15...Nd7!, and kept our electronics wizard reeling, forcing him into retreat after retreat, culminating in a host of backward pieces along his first two ranks!

2020 PHCC Championships

#	Name/Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5
1	Alan Gregg 1967	W 6	W 4	B 5	B 2	W 3
	Champion	0.5	1.5	2.5	3.5	4.0
2	Matthew Morabito 1796	B 5	W 6	B 3	W 1	W 4
	2nd Place	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.5
3	Lonnie Rutkofske 1800	B 4	W 5	W 2	B 6	B 1
		1.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.5
4	Noel Bedy 1509	W 3	B 1	B 6	W 5	B 2
	Top Under 1800	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.5	2.0
5	Drew Malburg Unr.	W 2	B 3	W 1	B 4	W 6
	Biggest Upset	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
6	William Wingrove 1569	B 1	B 2	W 4	W 3	B 5
		0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0

Noel Bedy secured the under 1800 prize with a decisive win against **Bill Wingrove** in the 4th round, after draws with Alan and Matt. Newcomer **Drew Malburg** earned his first USCF rating and \$10 in upset cash with a convincing victory over Bill in their final round contest. It was a tough tournament for Bill after a promising first round draw with Alan put him in a competitive position out of the gate!

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. (See the flyer on the last page for specific details.)

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.

Games from the 2020 PHCC Championships

Round 4

**Morabito,Matthew (1796) -
Gregg,Alan (1967) [A30]**

**Symmetrical English-Double
Fianchetto**

2020 PHCC Championships
Port Huron (4), 13.02.2020

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 b6 3.Bg2 Bb7
4.0-0 e6 5.d3 Be7 6.c4 0-0
7.Nc3 c5 8.a4 d6 9.Bd2 Nc6
10.e3 Rb8 11.Na2 a5 12.Bc3 d5
13.Be5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qd6
15.Ng4 Nd7 16.e4 h5 17.Ne3 d4
18.Nc2 h4 19.Nc1 f5 20.Ne2
fxe4 21.Nf4 exd3 22.Nxd3 Bxg2
23.Kxg2 hxg3 24.fxg3 Rxf1
25.Qxf1 Rf8 26.Qe2 e5 27.b3
Qc6+ 28.Kg1 e4 29.Nce1 Bg5
30.Nf2 Be3 0-1

**Wingrove,William (1569) -
Rutkofske,Lonnie (1800) [B01]**

Scandinavian Defense
2020 PHCC Championships
Port Huron (4), 30.01.2020

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5
4.d4 Bg4 5.Be2 0-0-0 6.c4 Qh5
7.d5 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 Qe5+ 9.Qe2
Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 Nd4 11.Bd1 e5
12.0-0 f5 13.Nc3 Nf6 14.Be3 c5
15.Bg5 a6 16.Re1 Bd6 17.Ne2
Rdf8 18.Nc1 Ne4 19.Be3 g5
20.Bxd4 cxd4 21.a3 b5 22.cxb5
axb5 23.Be2 b4 24.axb4 Bxb4
25.Rd1 Bd6 26.Nd3 Kb7 27.Ra4
Ra8 28.Rda1 Rxa4 29.Rxa4 Ra8
30.Bd1 Rxa4 31.Bxa4 Kb6

32.Bd7 f4 33.Bf5 Nf6 34.Be6 e4
35.Nc1 d3 36.Nb3 Bb4 37.Kf1
e3 38.fxe3 fxe3 39.Bf5 e2+ 0-1

**Bedy,Noel (1509) -
Malberg,Drew (Unr)[D04] Colle
System**

2020 PHCC Championships
Port Huron (4), 30.01.2020

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nd2 d5 3.Ng3 Bf5
4.e3 e6 5.c4 c6 6.Qb3 Qb6
7.Qxb6 axb6 8.cxd5 cxd5?
[Better would have been 8...dc
keeping the Q-side pawns from
being doubled and isolated
targets!] 9.Ne5 Nc6 10.Bb5 Rc8
11.Ndf3 Bd6 12.Bd2 0-0 13.Bd3
Bxd3 14.Nxd3 Ne4 15.Ke2 Rfe8
16.Rac1 Nxd2 17.Kxd2 f6
18.Rhe1 e5 19.e4 exd4 20.exd5
Ne5 21.Nxd4 Bc5 22.Nxc5 bxc5
23.Nb5 Red8 24.Nc3 c4 25.Rc2
Ng4 26.Kc1 Nxe2 27.f3 Rc5
28.Rh1 Nxf3 29.gxf3 Re8
30.Kd1 b5 31.a3 g6 32.Re1 Rd8
33.Rd2 h5 34.d6 Re5 35.Rxe5
fxe5 36.Nxb5 Kf7 37.Ke2 Kf6
38.d7 Kf5 39.Na7 h4 40.Nc6 h3
41.Nxd8 h2 42.Rd1 Kf4 43.Ne6+
1-0

Round 5

**Malburg,Drew -
Wingrove,William (1569) [B90]**

Sicilian Najdorf
2020 PHCC Championships
Port Huron (5), 06.02.2020

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5
7.Nb3 Be6 8.f3 Nbd7 9.Qd2
Nb6 10.0-0-0 Be7 11.f4 Rc8
12.fxe5 dxe5 13.Qxd8+ Bxd8
14.Rxd8+ Rxd8 15.Bxb6 Rc8

16.Be2 0-0 17.Rd1 Rc6 18.Be3
Rfc8 19.Na5 R6c7 20.Bb6 Re7
21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.exd5 Bf5
23.Nc4 Rd7 24.c3 f6 25.b3 Be4
26.Bf3 Bxf3 27.gxf3 Kf7 28.Bf2
Kg6 29.Kc2 Rcd8 30.Nb6 Rf7
31.d6 Kg5 32.Bg3 h5 33.h4+ Kf5
34.Rd5 Ke6 35.d7 Re7 36.f4 e4
37.f5+ Kf7 38.Bc7 Rdx7
39.Nxd7 e3 40.Kd1 e2+ 41.Ke1
Ke8 42.Bf4 Rxd7 43.Rxd7 Kxd7
44.Kxe2 Kc6 45.Kd3 b5 46.b4
Kd5 47.a3 Kc6 48.Kd4 Kb6
49.Kd5 a5 50.Ke6 axb4 51.axb4
Kc6 52.Kf7 Kd5 53.Bd2 Ke5
54.Kxg7 Kxf5 55.Be1 Ke6 56.c4
bxc4 57.b5 Kd6 58.Kg6 Kc5
59.Kxh5 Kxb5 60.Kg6 Kc5 61.h5
Kd4 62.h6 c3 63.Bxc3+ 1-0

**Gregg,Alan (1967) -
Rutkofske,Lonnie (1800) [A43]**

Schmid Benoni
2020 PHCC Championships
Port Huron (5), 06.02.2020

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.d5 g6 4.Nc3
Bg7 5.e4 d6 6.Bd3 a6 7.a4 e5
8.dxe6 Bxe6 9.Ng5 0-0 10.Nxe6
fxe6 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Bc4 Qd7
13.Be3 Kh8 14.Be2 Rad8
15.Qd2 Ng8 16.Rad1 Qf7
17.Bc4 Ne5 18.Be2 h6 19.f4 Nc6
20.Bc4 Nd4 21.b3 Qe7 22.Ne2
d5 23.exd5 exd5 24.Bd3 Nf5
25.Bxf5 Rxf5 26.Ng3 Rff8
27.Qd3 Nf6 28.Kh1 d4 29.Bg1
Qf7 30.f5 g5 31.Rde1 Qd5
32.Re7 h5 33.Rfe1 h4 34.R1e5
Qc6 35.R5e6 Rd6 36.Ne4 Nxe4
37.Qxe4 Qxe4 38.Rxe4 Rxf5
39.Rxb7 Re5 40.Rxe5 Bxe5
41.Re7 Bf6 42.Re1 Kg7 ½-½

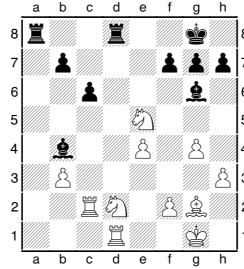
Morabito, Matthew (1796) -
Bedy, Noel (1509) [A14] English
Opening

2020 PHCC Championships

Port Huron (5), 07.02.2020

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.c4
Be7 5.O-O 0-0 6.cxd5 exd5 7.d3
c6 8.Nbd2 Nbd7 9.b3 Re8
10.Bb2 Qb6 11.e3 a5 12.e4
dxe4 13.dxe4 Rd8 14.Qc2 Qc5
15.Rac1 Qxc2 16.Rxc2 a4
17.Re1 axb3 18.axb3 Nc5
19.Bxf6 Bxf6?? 20.Rxc5 Be7

21.Rc2 Bg4 22.h3 Bh5 23.g4 Bg6
24.Ne5 Bb4 25.Rd1? [Diagram]



[Matt thought 25.Re2 was a
superior choice here. Now the

pin is very annoying!]25...Rd4
26.Kf1 Rad8 27.Nxg6 hxg6
28.Ke2 f5 29.f3? [Effectively
destroying the power of his
KB!]29...f4 30.g5 Rd3 31.h4
Re3+ 32.Kf2 Red3 33.Bf1 Rxd2+
34.Rcxd2 Rxd2+ 35.Rxd2 Bxd2
36.Ke2 Bc3 37.Kf2 Kf7 38.Kg2
b5 39.Kh3 b4 40.Kg4 Be5 41.h5
gxh5+ 42.Kf5 Bb8 43.Bc4+ Ke7
44.e5 h4 45.Bf1 c5 46.Kxf4 c4
47.Bxc4 h3 48.Bf1 h2 49.Bg2
Ke6 50.Ke4 Bxe5 51.f4 Bc3 ½-½

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:

February 27th- 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 19th- 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, 16th; May, 21st; June, 18th - 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. 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 16th - 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 6, 13, 20 – 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 6, 13 & 20)! 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 5th 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 15th PHCC Speed Championships - The Port Huron Chess Club's 38th Annual Speed Championship Tournament will be held on Thursday, October 15th 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 19th – PHCC Rated Quick Tournament DRR Game/15 PHCC Rated Action Quads (or Mini-Swiss depending on registration) 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.)

December – NO TOURNAMENT

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. The following have expired or expiring memberships: . Bruziewicz, Andy (Mar2020); Broyles, Tom(Oct2019); Byrne, Brandon(Nov2019); Defoy, Jay(Feb2020); Jones, George Avery(Jan2020); Muir, Joshua(Jan2020).

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 2/14/20

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2118
Gregg, Alan	1992
Rutkofske, Lon	1905
Morabito, Matt	1870
Wilkinson, Stu	1852
Jones, G. Avery	1738
Broyles, Tom	1692
Muir, Josh	1633
Bedy, Noel	1611
Wingrove, Bill	1591
Boucher, Dave	1565
Scholfield, Chris	1503
Malburg, Drew	1501
Diachinsky, Robin	1300
Kenny, Joshua	1063
DeFoy, Jay	750

PHCC Blitz Ratings as of 2/14/20

<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 2/14/20

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2098
Gregg, Alan	1987
Wilkinson, Stu	1830
Rutkofske, Lon	1807
Morabito, Matt	1803
Broyles, Tom	1699
Muir, Joshua	1661
Wingrove, Bill	1545
Bedy, Noel	1532
Jones, G. Avery	1506
Malburg, Drew	1471P5
Boucher, Dave	1406
DeFoy, Jay	1111P3
Kenny, Joshua	1063

USCF Quick/Action Ratings as of 2/14/20

<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	1686
Bedy, Noel	1523
Jones, Avery	1514
Wingrove, Bill	1507
DeFoy, Jay	1103/P8
Kenny, Joshua	1102/P8

USCF Blitz Ratings as of 2/14/20

<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 21, 2020

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.