



Chess Chatter

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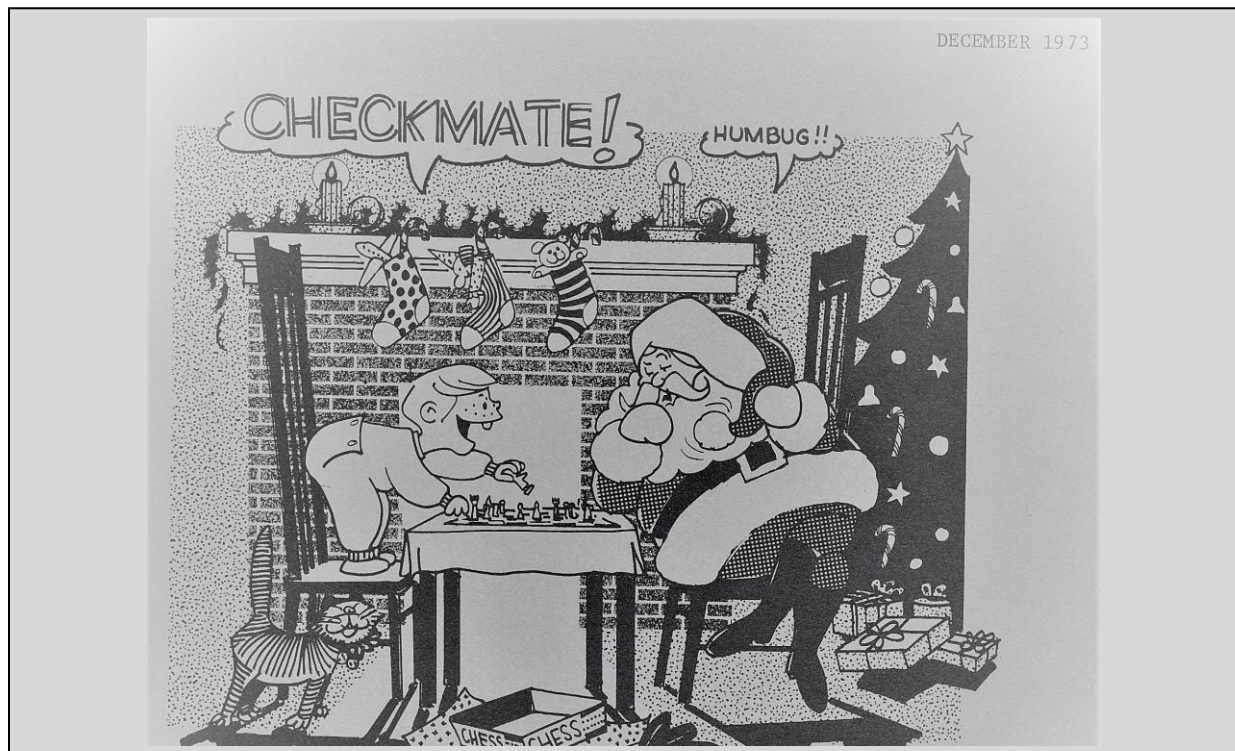
The **Port Huron Chess Club** meets Thursdays, except holidays, from 6:30-10:00 PM, at Palmer Park Recreation Center, 2829 Armour Street, (NE corner of Garfield Street and Gratiot Ave...1 mile North of the Blue Water Bridge) Port Huron, Michigan. Everyone is welcome. All equipment provided. Email: PtHuronChessClub@aol.com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

PHCC WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL

FURTHER NOTICE

**Due to the fact that
Palmer Park Recreation Center
will be shut down
due to the ONGOING
COVID-19 PANDEMIC!!!!**

Future changes will be announced on the website and with an additional informational email!



PHCC fields team to play in the 2020-21 Michigan Chess Association Chess League

The Port Huron Chess Club has entered a team to play in the 2020-21 Online Chess League consisting of **Huso Advic, Alan Gregg, Lon Rutkofske, Bill Wingrove and Noel Bedy**. Play will be on Chess.com and will play on Fridays at 8:00 PM on the following dates: October 9, November 20; December 11 for 2020, and again in 2021 on January 15, February 12, March 12 and April 9 with a playoff if necessary slated for April 16th. It appears that with only 4 teams registered, a double round robin will more than likely become the alternative format to the initially scheduled swiss event, but TD Jeff Aldrich has not yet clarified how the tournament will proceed. At this point, all 4 teams are deadlocked at two points each, with Round 2 scheduled for November 20th.

Games from round 1 play can be found in the members games section of Chess Chatter.

With restrictions again looming, it appears that the future of OTB play will be on hold for some time to come, so stay tuned and keep checking the Michigan Chess and PHCC websites for updates.

MCA Online Chess League Round 1 Pairings – October 9, 2020

Color	Port Huron CC	Screen Names	Color	Ford Chess Club	Screen Names
W	Huso Advic	REDCAPA63	B	Norman Haygood	nhaygoodjr
B	Alan Gregg	alanmike75	W	Larry Castleberry	lcastleb1
W	Lonnie Rutkofske	ishking	B	Dennis Greggio	dgreggio
B	Noel Bedy	njab47	W	Gary Strumolo	DrAmazing8
Color	Kellogg Chess Club	Screen Names	Color	Independents	Screen Names
W	Eric Kellogg	ericmk96	B	Lydia Aldrich	Ninja500
B	Alexander Kellogg	MrShakes	W	Brian L Morris	Honeybrook
W	David Dumke	NE-rdnase	B	Jan Burdzinski	jaybyrd56
B	Christopher Bousho	TahmRamsay	W	Aloke Hede	ahede85w

Rd 1 Results: Port Huron CC – 2 / Ford CC – 2 ; Kellogg CC -2 / Independents - 2

**Set up your attacks so that when the fire
is out, it isn't out! – Pillsbury**

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 (I.E: 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.

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: Due to COVID-19 crisis – all events are canceled. Please continue to check our website for updates!



"I like that guy. He gets a splitting headache, but instead of quitting, he calls time out, the athletic trainer tapes him up, and he gets right back in the game."

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"I remember when you could only lose a chess game to a supercomputer."

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When you are lonely, when you feel yourself an alien in the world, play chess. This will raise your spirits and be your counselor in war. – Aristotle

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. **For those that have already paid their annual dues, we will be crediting your membership for the months that the recent pandemic has kept the PHCC closed.**

Ratings:

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. **Because of the lack of face to face tournament play, ratings have remained static since 5/15/2020. The ratings below do NOT reflect online chess competition.**

PHCC Ratings as of 11/15/20

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andy	2118
Gregg, Alan	1992
Avdic, Huso	1942
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
Klaty, Braeden	978
Klaty, Brad	831
DeFoy, Jay	740
Klaty, Trenton	740

PHCC Blitz Ratings as of 11/15/20

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andy	2262
Avdic, Huso	2036
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
Klaty, Braeden	978
DeFoy, Jay	895
Klaty, Brad	831
Klaty, Trenton	740

USCF Ratings as of 11/15/15/20

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andy	2098
Gregg, Alan	1970
Avdic, Huso	1942
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

USCF Quick/Action Ratings as of 11/15/20

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andy	2125/P13
Avdic, Huso	2036
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 11/15/20

<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