



# 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.yolasite.com>

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## Happy Holidays!

On Behalf of the Port Huron Chess Club, I wish to extend a to all those who have attended club meetings and other events the best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season and look forward to having you back for the 2025 season in which will celebrate our 56<sup>th</sup> year of operation.

## **Port Huron Chess Club – a Brief History**

January 2025 commemorates the 56th year of operation for the Port Huron Chess Club. Founded in January of 1969, Washington Junior High School's multipurpose room on the corner of 10th and White Streets in Port Huron served as its initial venue. Founding members were Lon Rutkofske, a first year teacher at Washington that year, **Robert Duncan**, a veteran industrial arts teacher at Crull Junior High School, **Norman McLeod**, a drafting specialist working at Mueller Brass Company and **John Haake**, an irascible local retiree that enjoyed blowing cigar smoke (Most chess clubs permitted smoking back then) in your face as you played him and scaring you to death when behind the wheel. Lon took the initiative to seek city sponsorship by meeting with **Joseph Marshall**, City Recreation Director for Port Huron early that year. Joe and his successors, **James Downey**, and **Betty Dunn** have been staunch supporters of our efforts financially by providing funds to purchase sets, clocks, boards, trophies, and supplies, as well as, securing a host of free meeting sites throughout the community over the years. In addition to the Washington School multipurpose room, the PHCC has also enjoyed comfort and accommodation at SC4, Peru Village on 7th Street, the American Legion- Charles Hammond Post on 6th Street, the Adult Activities Center on 7th Street, and finally, at the newly constructed Palmer Park Recreation Center. The winds of change have shifted over the years as the PHCC enjoyed membership rolls as meager as 4, and as expansive as 125, all the while, through thick and thin, adversity and abundance, a hearty core stood fast to keep the dream alive, the pieces banging and the clocks ticking.

Veterans of the PHCC hope that the new year will bless us once again with abundance in the form of increased participation, and continued support of the Port Huron Recreation Department and Director **Nancy Winzer**, who has been very encouraging in providing us with new digital clocks as well as facilities support. Managers, **Amanda Dickinson** and **Natacha Hayden**, of the Palmer Park Recreation Center have continued the strong support for the PHCC. Supervisor **Ronda Bingham** took the reins at Palmer Park just as the COVID-19 pandemic struck the country and has been highly supportive of our efforts! The most recent change has been the addition of **Jenny Meyers** who is assuming the supervisory duties at Palmer Park, and we are looking forward to yet another great chess season!

# 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 were available at the time of this printing. Email them to me or give them to me personally if you wish. The 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 by a lower rated player only.
    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. A 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. 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.
    15. Changes will also be posted on the club website. 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

## Member Games from October through December 2024

To conclude 2024, I thought it would be appropriate to showcase games that our members have submitted to document tournament play during the final quarter of the year. Great going guys, and hope 2025 is even better!

## Nolan Marsh:

### Schoolcraft,Rodney - Marsh,Nolan (959) [A26] A26 English – 4-Knights

2024 Petoskey Fall Chess Classic - Res Petosky (1), 19.10.2024

**Nolan won first prize in his section with 3.5/4 points.**

1.c4 e5 2.d3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e4 Bb4+ 5.Nc3 0–0 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 d6 8.Be2 Re8 9.0–0 Bg4 10.Qa4 h6 11.Rb1 Qc8 12.Re1 Ne7 13.d4 exd4 14.cxd4 Nxe4 15.Bf4 Nc3 16.Qb4 Nxb1 17.Rxb1 Ng6 18.Qxb7 Nxf4 19.Bd1 Qxb7 20.Rxb7 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Re1# 0–1

Round 2 game had a recording error so was not submitted:

### Wallace,Zachary (915) - Marsh,Nolan (959) [B12] Caro-Kann Advance

2024 Petoskey Fall Chess Classic - Res Petosky (3), 19.10.2024

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Bd3 Bxd3 5.Qxd3 e6 6.Nf3 c5 7.0–0 Nc6 8.c3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Nge7 10.Bg5 Qb6 11.b3 Nf5 12.Be3 Be7 13.Nc3 0–0 14.g4 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 Rac8 16.Na4 Qd8 17.Rac1 f6 18.Nc5 Bxc5 19.Rxc5 fxe5 20.Nxe5 Nxe5 21.Qxe5 Qf6 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Qd6 Rc6 24.Qb8+ Qf8 25.Qxb7 Qf3 26.Qa8+ Kf7 27.Qxc6 Qxg4+ 28.Kh1 Qf3+ Draw Agreed ½–½ (Agreed to draw due to forced repetition)

### Marsh,Nolan (959) - Kael Yothers (1035) (1035) [C44] Scotch Game

2024 Petoskey Fall Chess Classic - Res Petosky (4), 19.10.2024

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 d5 4.Qa4 Bd7 5.Bb5 dxe4 6.Qxe4 Nf6 7.Qe2 Bd6 8.0–0 a6 9.Bxc6 Bxc6 10.Nxe5 0–0 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.d4 h5 13.Bg5 Bxh2+ 14.Kxh2 Ng4+ 15.Qxg4 hxg4 16.Bxd8 Raxd8 17.Nd2 g6 18.Rfe1 Kg7 19.Kg3 f5 20.Re7+ Rf7 21.Rxf7+ Kxf7 22.Re1 c5 23.Nc4 cxd4 24.cxd4 Rxd4 25.b3 Kf6 26.f3 gxf3 27.gxf3 f4+ 28.Kf2 Rd5 29.Re8 Rh5 30.Rf8+ Kg5 31.Kg2 Kh4 32.Rxf4+ Kg5 33.Rg4+ Kf5 34.Ne3+ Kf6 35.Ra4 a5 36.b4 axb4 37.Rxb4 Ra5 38.a4 Ke6 39.Kg3 Kd6 40.Nc4+ Kc5 41.Nxa5 Kxb4 42.Nc6+ Kxa4 43.Kg4 Kb5 44.Ne5 Kc5 45.Kg5 Kd5 46.Nxg6 c5 47.Nf4+ Kd6 48.Ne2 Ke7 49.f4 Kf7 50.Kf5 Kf8 51.Kf6 c4 52.Nc3 Ke8 53.Kg7 Ke7 54.f5 [After Bxh2??, I thought I had blundered something because I was looking to make sure that this didn't lose my bishop and give her an attack. After she played it, I got nervous because I thought I missed something. But, she missed that I could take her knight back with my queen and still take her queen back.]] 1–0

### Boulard,Eric (2203) - Gregg,Alan M (1933) [A54] Old Indian Defense

European Senior Chess Championship 2024 Chess.com (1), 25.10.2024

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0–0 6.0–0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bd7 9.b3 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Bc6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Bb2 Ne8 13.e4 Bf6 14.Qe3 g6 15.Rad1 Ng7 16.c5 Qe7 17.cxd6 cxd6 18.Qd3 Rfd8 19.Rfe1 Ne6 20.Qc4 Qb7 21.Re2 Rac8 22.Red2 d5 23.exd5 cxd5 24.Qb5 Qxb5 25.Nxb5 Bxb2 26.Rxb2 a6 27.Nd4 Rc7 28.Re2 Rd6 29.Kf1 Kf8 30.f4 Nxd4 31.Rxd4 f6 32.Red2 Rcd7 33.Rc2 Ke7 34.Rc5 h5 35.Ke2 Ke6 36.Kd3 g5 37.Rb4 h4 38.g4 f5 39.fxg5 Rg7 40.gxf5+ Kxf5 41.Rxh4 Rxg5 42.Rh3 Rg2 43.Rf3+ Kg4 44.Rg3+ Rxg3+ 45.hxg3 Kxg3 46.Kd4 Kf4 47.Rxd5 Rb6 48.Kc5 Rb5+ 49.Kc6 Ke4 1–0

## Alan Gregg:

### Gregg,Alan Michael (1933) - Ring,Rudolf (1789) [D02] QP Game

European Senior Chess Championship 2024 (2), 26.10.2024

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nc6 3.Bf4 Nf6 4.c3 Nh5 5.Bg3 g6 6.e3 Bg7 7.Bd3 a6 8.Nbd2 Rb8 9.e4 dxe4 10.Bxe4 e6 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Rb1 Qd5 13.a3 Nxg3 14.hxg3 Qf5 15.0–0 0–0 16.Nc4 c5 17.Nce5 Bxe5 18.Nxe5 Qf6 19.Re1 cxd4 20.cxd4 Rb5 21.Qc2 Rd5 22.Nf3 Qd8 23.Rbc1 Rd7 24.Qc6 Re8 25.Ne5 Rde7 26.Rc4 Qd5 27.Rec1 Qa5 28.Rb4 Qd5 29.Rbc4 Qa5 30.Qc5 Qd2 31.R4c2 Qh6 32.Ng4 Qg7 33.Qe5 Qxe5 34.dxe5 Kg7 35.Rxc7 Bb7 36.Nf6 1–0

### Roos,Jean-Luc (2164) - Gregg,Alan Michael (1933) [A29] English (4 Knights)

European Senior Chess Championship 2024 (3), 26.10.2024

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bb4 5.Bg2 0–0 6.0–0 h6 7.Nd5 Bc5 8.d3 a5 9.e3 d6 10.d4 Ba7 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 dxe5 13.Bd2 Bc5 14.a3 c6 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.b4 axb4 17.axb4 Rxa1 18.Qxa1 Bd6 19.Bc3 Qe7 20.c5 Bb8 21.e4 f6 22.Rd1 Be6 23.Bf1 Rd8 24.Be2 Rxd1+ 25.Qxd1 Qd7 26.Qa4 Bc7 27.Qa7 Bd8 28.f3 Kh7 29.Kf2 Be7 30.Ke3 Bd8 31.Bd3 Qc7 32.h4 b5 33.Qa1 g5 34.hxg5 hxg5 35.Qh1+ Kg7 36.Qh2 Qa7 37.f4 Qa3 38.Qb2 gxf4+ 39.gxf4 Qxb2 40.Bxb2 exf4+ 41.Kxf4 Bc7+ 42.e5 Kf7 43.Be4 Bd7 44.Bf3 fxe5+ 45.Bxe5 Bd8 46.Bh5+ Kf8 47.Bg6 Bh4 48.Bc3 ½–½

**Gregg,Alan Michael (1933) - Muelders,Richard (2126) [B20] Sicilian Defense**

European Senior Chess Championship 2024 (4), 26.10.2024

1.e4 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Ne2 Bg7 5.c3 e5 6.0–0 Nge7 7.d3 0–0 8.Be3 d6 9.Na3 b6 10.Nc2 Qc7 11.Rc1 f5 12.f4 Be6 13.c4 Rae8 14.b3 Nd4 15.Nexd4 exd4 16.Bd2 fxe4 17.dxe4 Qd7 18.Ne1 a6 19.Nd3 b5 20.e5 Bf5 21.exd6 Bxd3 22.dxe7 Rxe7 23.Re1 Rxe1+ 24.Bxe1 bxc4 25.bxc4 Bf5 26.Bf2 h5 27.Qf3 Kh7 28.Qb7 Qxb7 29.Bxb7 Rb8 30.Bxa6 Ra8 31.Bb7 Rxa2 32.Bf3 Bd3 33.h3 Bf6 34.g4 hxg4 35.hxg4 Kg7 36.Bd5 g5 37.Bg3 Be2 38.fxg5 Bxg5 39.Be5+ Bf6 40.Bxf6+ Kxf6 0–1

**Maiffret,Patrick (1844) - Gregg,Alan Michael (1933) [C54] Italian Game**

European Senior Chess Championship 2024 (5), 26.10.2024

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.h3 h6 7.Nbd2 a6 8.a4 0–0 9.0–0 Ba7 10.Re1 Ne7 11.d4 Ng6 12.Nf1 Bd7 13.Ng3 b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.Bb3 c5 16.Nf5 Qc7 17.Be3 Rfd8 18.Qc1 c4 19.Bc2 Bb6 20.g4 Rxa1 21.Qxa1 d5 22.Nxe5 dxe4 23.Nxd7 Qxd7 24.Qa6 Bc7 25.Bxh6 Nf4 26.Bxf4 Bxf4 27.Bxe4 Re8 28.f3 Bb8 29.Re2 Nd5 30.h4 g6 31.Bxd5 Rxe2 32.Qxg6+ Kf8 33.Qh6+ 1–0

**Gregg,Alan Michael (1933) - Ahlstrom,Per (1829) [B08] Pirc**

European Senior Chess Championship 2024 (6), 27.09.2024

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.h3 c6 6.Bd3 Qc7 7.0–0 0–0 8.Be3 b5 9.Qd2 a6 10.Bh6 e5 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.Ne2 Qe7 13.dxe5 ½–½

**Gregg,Alan Michael (1933) - Mattavelli,Italo (1753) [D02] QP Game**

European Senior Chess Championship 2024 (7), 01.11.2024

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.0–0 Nbd7 5.d4 e6 6.b3 Bd6 7.Bb2 0–0 8.Nbd2 Re8 9.Ne5 Nf8 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Qc7 13.Nc4 Be7 14.Bg2 b5 15.Ne5 Bb7 16.Qf3 Bf6 17.Ng4 Be7 18.Rfe1 Ng6 19.h4 Rab8 20.h5 c5 21.Qe2 Bxg2 22.hxg6 Bd5 23.gxf7+ Kxf7 24.dxc5 Bxc5 25.Be5 Bd6 26.Rad1 Bxe5 27.Nxe5+ Kg8 28.c4 bxc4 29.bxc4 Bc6 30.Rd2 Rb7 31.Qe3 Qb6 32.Qxb6 Rxb6 33.c5 Ra6 34.Rd6 Bb5 35.Rb1 Ra5 36.c6 Ba6 37.f4 Rxa2 38.c7 Bc8 39.Rb8 1–0

**Thjomoe,Hans Richard (1867) - Gregg,Alan Michael (1933) [C77] Ruy Lopez**

European Senior Chess Championship 2024 (8), 01.11.2024

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.h3 b5 7.Bb3 Be7 8.Nc3 0–0 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 Bd7 11.c3 Rb8 12.Be3 Bf6 13.Qd2 Na5 14.Ba7 Rc8 15.Be3 c6 16.Bb3 Nxb3 17.axb3 a5 18.g4 Be6 19.c4 Ra8 20.g5 Be7 21.Nh2 d5 22.exd5 Bb4 0–1

## Huso Avdic:

**Johnson,Josh (1317) - Avdic,Huso (1963) [B31] Sicilian Defense**

Canton chess tournament (1), 23.11.2024

*Huso finished 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 27 players.*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.0–0 Bg7 6.e5 Bg4 7.Re1 Qc7 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Bxe5 10.d3 Nf6 11.Qe2 Bh2+ 12.Kh1 Bd6 13.Bh6 0–0 14.Nc3 Rhg8 15.Ne4 Nxe4 16.dxe4 f6 17.Be3 g5 18.a4 a5 19.Qg4+ Qd7 20.Qxd7+ Rxd7 21.c4 b6 22.Rad1 Rgd8 23.b3 Be5 24.Rxd7 Rxd7 25.g3 Rd3 26.Rb1 Bxg3 27.Kg2 Be5 28.Kf3 h5 29.Ke2 Rd7 30.f3 Kd8 31.Rd1 Bd4 32.Bc1 e5 33.Ba3 Ke8 34.Rf1 Kf7 35.Bc1 Ke6 36.Bd2 Rg7 37.Bc1 f5 38.Bd2 fxe4 39.fxe4 g4 40.h4 g3 41.Be3 Rg4 42.Bg5 g2 43.Rf6+ Kd7 44.Rf7+ Ke8 45.Re7+ Kf8 46.Rd7 Rxg5 0–1

**Avdic,Huso (1963) - Guo,Miah (1647) [D24] QG Accepted**

Canton chess tournament (2), 23.11.2024

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 a6 4.a4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bf5 6.g3 e6 7.Bg2 c6 8.Ne5 Bd6 9.Nxc4 0-0 10.0-0 Bc7 11.a5 Nbd7 12.e4 Bg6 13.h3 Qe7 14.b3 Rfd8 15.Re1 Rac8 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bh4 e5 18.d5 cxd5 19.Nxd5 Qc5 20.Rc1 Bxa5 21.Nxa5 Qxa5 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Ne7+ Kh8 24.Nxc8 Qb4 25.Bxf6 Nxf6 26.Re3 Nxe4 27.Qd8+ Kh7 28.Ne7 Nf6 29.Rf3 Qd4 30.Qf8 h5 31.Rxf6 gxf6 32.Qg8+ Kh6 33.h4 Qg4 34.Qh8+ Bh7 35.Qxf6+ Bg6 36.Bf3 Qd4 37.Nxg6 Kh7 38.Qxf7+ Kh6 39.Nf8 Qd3 40.Qf6+ Qg6 41.Qxg6# 1-0

**Zou, Hanshi(1858) - Avdic,Huso (1963) [D01] Veresov Opening**

Canton chess tournament Canton (3), 23.11.2024

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bg5 Bf5 4.f3 h6 5.Bxf6 gxf6 6.e4 dxe4 7.fxe4 Bg6 8.Nf3 e6 9.Bb5+ c6 10.Ba4 b5 11.Bb3 b4 12.Ne2 Bxe4 13.Ng3 Bd5 14.0-0 Nd7 15.Qe2 Be7 16.Qe3 h5 17.Ne2 Qc7 18.Nf4 Nb6 19.Nxd5 cxd5 20.Nd2 Rc8 21.a3 bxa3 22.bxa3 a5 23.a4 e5 24.Qf3 Qc3 25.Qe2 Qxd4+ 26.Kh1 Qc5 27.Nf3 h4 28.h3 e4 29.Nh2 Nc4 30.Ng4 Rc6 31.Rf5 Ne5 32.Raf1 Nc4 33.Nxf6+ Bxf6 34.Rxf6 Rxf6 35.Rxf6 Qd4 36.Ra6 Ke7 37.Bxc4 dxc4 38.Rxa5 Rd8 39.Qe1 e3 40.Qb4+ Kf6 41.Qb7 Qf4 42.Qb6+ Rd6 43.Qb1 e2 44.Qb2+ Kg6 45.Ra8 e1Q# 0-1

**Avdic,Huso (1963) - Das,Ayush (1927) [D24] QG Accepted**

Canton chess tournament 11-23-2024 Canton (4), 23.11.2024

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 5.a4 Nc6 6.g3 g6 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.e4 Bg4 10.Be3 Qd7 11.Qd2 Bh3 12.d5 Na5 13.Rad1 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Ng4 15.Bf4 e5 16.dxe6 Qxe6 17.Bxc7 Nb3 18.Qd7 Qxd7 19.Rxd7 Bxc3 20.bxc3 Nc5 21.Rd2 Rfe8 22.h3 Nf6 23.e5 Nfe4 24.Rd4 Rac8 25.Bd6 Nxc3 26.Rxc4 N5xa4 27.Rd4 Nc5 28.h4 Ne6 29.Rb4 b5 30.h5 Nd5 31.Rg4 Rc2 32.Kg1 a5 33.h6 b4 34.Ra1 b3 35.Ne1 Re2 36.Kf1 b2 37.Rga4 bxa1Q 38.Rxa1 Rb2 39.Rxa5 Ne7 40.Nd3 Rd2 41.Nb4 Nf5 42.Nd5 Rxd5 43.Rxd5 Nxb6 0-1

**Avdic,Huso (1963) - Tan,Hongyi (1621) [A32] Symmetrical English**

2024 Michigan Action Rochester (1), 07.12.2024

*Huso finished tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> with 4.5/6 ) out of the 35 participants in the open section*

1.Nf3 e6 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c5 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 d5 6.g3 e5 7.Nf3 d4 8.Nb5 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 a6 11.Na3 Nc6 12.Bg2 Be6 13.Ng5 Bf5 14.0-0 h6 15.Nf3 0-0 16.c5 Qe7 17.b4 Ne4 18.Qb2 Rac8 19.Nc4 b5 20.Nb6 Rb8 21.Nd2 Nxd2 22.Qxd2 Nxb4 23.Qxb4 Rxb6 24.Rac1 Rbb8 25.Qa5 Rfc8 26.c6 Rc7 27.Rc5 Qxc5 28.Qxc7 Rc8 29.Qb7 e4 30.Bxe4 Bh3 31.Bg2 Be6 32.Qxa6 Rc7 33.Qa5 Ra7 34.Qd8+ Kh7 35.Rd1 Rxa2 36.c7 Ra7 37.Be4+ g6 38.Rxd4 Qxc7 39.Qf6 Qe7 40.Qxe7 Rxe7 41.Rb4 ½-½

**Mason,Donald (1800) - Avdic,Huso (1963) [B38] Sicilian Defense: Maroczy Bind**

2024 Michigan Action Rochester (2), 07.12.2024

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 c5 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 0-0 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Be2 d6 9.f3 Qb6 10.Qb3 Qa5 11.Qb5 Qc7 12.Rd1 Bd7 13.Qb3 Rac8 14.0-0 Na5 15.Qb4 Nc6 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.Qa4 a5 18.Qc2 Be6 19.Na4 Rb8 20.b3 Nd7 21.Qd2 Rfd8 22.Rc1 Nf8 23.Rfd1 f6 24.Qc2 Bf7 25.c5 d5 26.exd5 cxd5 27.Nb6 e5 28.Bf2 d4 29.Be1 Qa7 30.a4 Ne6 31.Bc4 Bf8 32.Bxe6 Bxe6 33.Qd2 Bxb3 34.Qxa5 Qxa5 35.Bxa5 Bxd1 36.Rxd1 Bxc5 0-1

**Avdic,Huso (1963) - Tan,Patricia (1705) [E91] KI Defense Classical Var.**

2024 Michigan Action Rochester (3), 07.12.2024

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.h3 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 dxe5 12.Bg5 c6 13.c5 Qc7 14.b4 a5 15.a3 Ba6 16.cxb6 Qxb6 17.Na4 Qc7 18.b5 Bb7 19.Rac1 Rad8 20.bxc6 Bc8 21.Bc4 Rd4 22.f3 Nh5 23.Be3 Rdd8 24.Bb6 Qe7 25.Bxd8 Rxd8 26.Rfd1 Rf8 27.Nb6 Be6 28.Bxe6 Qxe6 29.Qc4 Qf6 30.Nd7 Qg5 31.Nxf8 Qe3+ 32.Kh1 Ng3+ 33.Kh2 Bh6 34.Nxg6 hxg6 35.Qc5 Qf4 36.c7 Ne2+ 37.Kh1 Qg3 38.c8Q+ Kh7 39.Qg4 1-0

**Wilson,Bryan (1952) - Avdic,Huso (1963) [D00] QP Game**

2024 Michigan Action Rochester (4), 07.12.2024

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 d5 3.e3 c5 4.Nc3 a6 5.dxc5 Nc6 6.a3 e5 7.Bg5 d4 8.Ne4 h6 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.b4 f5 11.Nd2 Bg7 12.Nc4 0-0 13.Nb6 Rb8 14.Bc4 Be6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Ne2 dxe3 17.fxe3 Qh4+ 18.g3 Qe4 19.Kf2 Rbd8 20.Qc1 f4 21.gxf4 exf4

22.exf4 Nd4 23.Qe3 Qxe3+ 24.Kxe3 Nxc2+ 25.Ke4 Nxa1 26.Nc4 Nc2 27.Rc1 Nd4 28.Nc3 Nb3 29.Rg1 Rd4+ 30.Ke3 Rxc4 31.Ne4 Kh7 32.Rg4 Nc1 33.Nd6 Rc3+ 0-1

**Avdic,Huso (1963) - Davidovich,Manis (2200) [A03] Bird's Opening**

2024 Michigan Action Rochester (5), 07.12.2024

1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nc6 3.f4 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.Nbd2 h6 7.a3 Ne7 8.Ne5 Nf5 9.Ndf3 Nd6 10.Nxg4 Nxg4 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.fxe5 Ne4 13.0-0 Be7 14.Bd3 0-0 15.Qg4 ½-½

**Gonzalez,Reiner (2472) - Avdic,Huso (1963) [B31] Sicilian Defense**

2024 Michigan Action Rochester (6), 07.12.2024

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.e5 Nd5 7.Nc3 Nc7 8.Bxc6 dxc6 9.Ne4 Ne6 10.d3 0-0 11.Be3 b6 12.Qd2 Nd4 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Bh6 c5 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Qf4 Bb7 17.Nd2 Bd5 18.a4 Qc7 19.b3 Rac8 20.f3 f5 21.h4 e6 22.Nc4 ½-½

## Tentative Calendar of Events for 2025:

**First Thursday of Each Month: Free Chess Clinics** – 6:30 to 7:00 PM; **Private Lessons** can be arranged @ \$15/person per hour; **Open play:** 7:00 until 10:00 PM. 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! Additional learning opportunities are offered by the club with periodic lectures from 7:00 – 8:00 on the second meeting of each month.

**January 9- Feb. 13, 2025** -The final format for the 2025 Club Championships will be determined by the number of pre-tournament entries, so please contact Lon by Saturday, Dec 28, 2024 to register for the event. The tournament will be held between January **January 9- Feb. 13, 2025** and format, rules and appropriate details will be emailed and published to the website for those wishing to pre-register.

**March 5<sup>th</sup> Tentative** - Port Huron Area Schools District Tournament – At Port Huron High School - 9am-1pm – seeking PHCC volunteers - see flyer in January & February Issues of Chess Chatter.

**April 18<sup>th</sup> - PHCC Under 1800 Rated Only** :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.)

**May 16<sup>th</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.)

**June 20<sup>th</sup> - PHCC Under 1800 Rated Only**: 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.)

**July 18<sup>th</sup> - 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 4th 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 17<sup>th</sup> PHCC Speed Championships - The Port Huron Chess Club's 41<sup>st</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 14<sup>th</sup>. (Will be USCF rated if all entrants are USCF members.)

November 21<sup>st</sup> – 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.)



*In a tribute to former club member and resident artist, **Jay DeFoy** I'd like to recognize his contributions that proved integral as a great ambassador for the club, with his warm and inviting demeanor. Even though his tenure was brief before he moved to Lansing, Jay was always the first to welcome new members offering to sit down with them and play a game or two. Forever an optimist, he often bemoaned the fact that his freelance art career often interfered with the time he had to devote to the game he loved. The illustration on the left which graced the Winter 2020 cover of **Michigan Chess Magazine** demonstrates one of the many talents he brought to our club.*

## Ratings:

The following list represents only current members of the Port Huron Chess Club. Current USCF ratings were used for members that had them, 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 10/17/24*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andrew	2267
Avdic, Huso	2105
Gregg, Alan	1933
Seth, Samarth	1832
Urick, Ryan	1802
Rutkofske, Lon	1762
Klaty, Braeden	1760
Klaty, Trenton	1526
Wingrove, Bill	1496
Malburg, Drew	1400
Ledsworth, Brian	1400
Shardool, Mhaskar	1380
Klaty, Brad	1368
Marsh, Nolan	1185
Fisher, Sandi	966
Willard, Parker	684

### *PHCC Blitz Ratings as of 10/17/24*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andrew	2152
Avdic, Huso	2035
Gregg, Alan	1951
Urick, Ryan	1900
Seth, Samarth	1881
Klaty, Braeden	1766
Rutkofske, Lon	1625
Blunt, Stuart	1579
Shardool, Mhaskar	1535
Wingrove, Bill	1519
Willard, Parker	1436
Klaty, Trenton	1402
Klaty, Brad	1387
Ledsworth, Brian	1317
Muruganandam, Mugil	1210
Malburg, Drew	1120
Fisher, Sandi	1033

### *USCF Ratings as of 12/17/24*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andrew	2054
Avdic, Huso	1963
Alan Gregg	1893
Rutkofske, Lon	1800
Wingrove, Bill	1520
Urick, Ryan	1712
Klaty, Braeden	1584
Shardool, Mhaskar	1380
Klaty, Brad	1344
Klaty, Trenton	1170
Ledsworth, Brian	1314
Malburg, Drew	1277
Marsh, Nolan	959
Willard, Parker	823
Fisher, Sandi	791

### *USCF Quick/Action Ratings as of 10/17/24*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andrew	2027
Avdic, Huso	1979
Gregg, Alan	1852
Rutkofske, Lon	1720
Wingrove, Bill	1510
Klaty, Braeden	1468
Klaty, Brad	1354
Klaty, Trenton	1170
Ledsworth, Brian	1087
Marsh, Nolan	954
Willard, Parker	772
Muruganandam, Mugil	565
Fisher, Sandi	397

### *USCF Blitz Ratings as of 10/17/24*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andrew	2152
Avdic, Huso	2009
Gregg, Alan	1837
Rutkofske, Lon	1602
Klaty, Trenton	1342
Ledsworth, Brian	1317
Malburg, Drew	1203
Klaty, Brad	1289
Ledsworth, Brian	1087

## 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.

**Expiring Memberships: 0**