



# 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 Bhttps://phchess.yolasite.com/ridge) Port Huron, Michigan. Everyone is welcome. All equipment provided.email:[PHuronChessClub@aol.com](mailto:PHuronChessClub@aol.com) Website: <https://phchess.yolasite.com/>

**Since Christmas and New Year fall on Thursdays, our next meeting date after 12/18/2025 will be Thursday, January 8, 2026 at the regular time and place. Have a great holiday season!**



L-R: Huso Avdic, Bill Wingrove, Alan Gregg



L-R Gerrit Beneker , Stephen Bussone

## **PHCC members eager to improve opportunities for 2026!**

2025 has been a rather disappointing year for the PHCC as membership has been in decline despite the addition of new junior events. While junior membership attendance has improved to include a half dozen fresh youthful faces to our ranks, there has been a significant drop off in the number of “regular adult participants” to our weekly meetings. The club has had to cancel a number of monthly planned tournaments due to this dramatic decline and is seeking ideas/suggestions from interested chess players that may bring a popular resurgence in participation and attendance. So, if you have a terrific idea, or even a pet peeve, please contact **Lon, Alan, Bill or Huso** to express your recommendation/opinion.

# 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: <https://phchess.yolasite.com/>

Huso's Games from 2025 MI Action

Hello guys

I finished the tournament in Ann Arbor. I lost two games and won four ...Very strong tournament and I am happy with my results. Warmest regards ,Huso Avdic

**Pravan,Nikhil (1611) - Avdic,Huso (1947) [A56] Czech Benoni**

2025 Michigan Action Tournament Ann Arbor (2), 08.12.2025

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.dxc5 Na6 4.a3 Nxc5 5.b4 Ne6 6.Bb2 g6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.e3 d6 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 b6 11.Qc2 Bb7 12.Nbd2 Rc8 13.Rac1 d5 14.Qb3 dxc4 15.Bxc4 Bd5 16.Bxd5 Qxd5 17.Rfd1 Qxb3 18.Nxb3 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Rd8 20.h3 Ne4 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Nbd4 Nxd4 23.Nxd4 Rd7 24.f3 Nd6 25.Kh2 e5 26.Nb3 Nf5 27.e4 Rd3 28.exf5 Rxb3 29.fxg6 hxg6 30.Ra1 f5 31.Kg3 Kf6 32.h4 Rb2 33.Kh3 Rb3 34.Kg3 g5 35.hxg5+ Kxg5 36.Ra2 e4 37.Kf2 e3+ 38.Ke2 f4 39.Kf1 Rb1+ 40.Ke2 Rb3 41.Kf1 Kh4 42.g4 fxg3 43.Kg2 Rd3 44.Kf1 Rd1+ 45.Ke2 Rd2+ 46.Rxd2 exd2 47.Kxd2 g2 48.Ke3 g1Q+ 49.Ke4 Kg5 50.f4+ Kf6 51.f5 Qa1 52.Kd5 Qxa3 53.Kc4 Qa4 54.Kc3 Kxf5 55.Kc4 a5 56.Kc3 Qxb4+ 57.Kc2 a4 58.Kd3 a3 59.Ke2 Qb3 60.Kf2 a2 61.Kg2 a1R 62.Kf2 Ra2+ 63.Ke1 0-1

**Avdic,Huso (1974) - Hartmark,Gabriel (1702) [D05] Colle System**

2025 Michigan Action Tournament Ann Arbor (4), 08.12.2025

1.Nf3 d5 2.b3 Nf6 3.Bb2 e6 4.d4 c5 5.e3 Be7 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0-0 b6 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Ne8 11.f4 g6 12.e4 Bb7 13.Qe2 Qc7 14.c4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxe4 Rd8 17.g4 f5 18.Bf3 Ng7 19.g5 Rd7 20.Rad1 Rfd8 21.Kg2 Ne8 22.h4 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Rd7 24.h5 Qd8 25.Rxd7 Qxd7 26.Bc3 Nc7 27.Kg3 Na6 28.a3 Nb8 29.Bg2 Nc6 30.Qf3 Nd4 31.Qa8+ Bf8 32.Bxd4 cxd4 33.b4 d3 34.Qc6 Qxc6 35.Bxc6 d2 36.Bf3 a5 37.c5 bxc5 38.bxa5 c4 39.a6 Bc5 40.hxg6 hxg6 41.Bd1 Kf7 42.Kf3 Ke7 43.Ke2 c3 44.Kd3 Kd7 45.Kxc3 Kc7 46.Kxd2 Bxa3 47.Bb3 Kb6 48.Bxe6 Kxa6 49.Bf7 Kb6 50.Bxg6 Kc5 51.Ke3 Bc1+ 52.Kf3 Kc6 53.Bxf5 Kc7 54.g6 1-0

**Avdic,Huso (1974) - Posthuma,Joshua (2478) [E90] Classical K-I Defense**

2025 Michigan Action Tournament Ann Arbor (6), 08.12.2025

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 Bxf3 7.Bxf3 e5 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.Bg5 c6 11.0-0-0+ Kc7 12.Rd2 h6 13.Be3 h5 14.h3 Bh6 15.Bxh6 Rxh6 16.Rhd1 Rh8 17.h4 Nbd7 18.b4 a5 19.b5 Nc5 20.Kb2 Nfd7 21.Be2 Nf8 22.g3 Nfe6 23.Bf1 f6 24.Bh3 Nd4 25.f4 Rad8 26.Bg2 Rd7 27.Bh3 Rd6 28.Bg2 Rhd8 29.Bh3 Nxb5 30.Nxb5+ cxb5 31.Rxd6 Rxd6 32.Rxd6 Kxd6 33.f5 gxf5 34.Bxf5 bxc4 35.Kc3 b5 36.Bg6 Ke7 37.Kd2 b4 38.Bxh5 Nxe4+ 39.Ke3 Nxc3 40.Bg6 f5 41.Kf3 c3 0-1

## Calendar of Events: 2026 Will be posted in the coming January newsletter

**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 they 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!

December 18th PHCC Speed Championships - The Port Huron Chess Club's 41st Annual Speed Championship Tournament will be held on Thursday, December, 18th beginning at 7:00 PM. Registrations will determine the number of rounds and prizes. PHCC membership required. Please contact Lon if you plan to play. There will be no registrations on-site. If you intend to play, contact Lon before October 14th. Will be USCF rated if all entrants are USCF members.)

**Coming in 2026** : Monthly quad tournaments open to all. Entry fee of \$5/entry. Top prize per quad \$15. Paid up club members are exempt from entry fee. TD will be Alan Gregg. Ratings will be club rated only, no USCF nor MCA memberships required. Those without ratings will be given provisional ratings by the TD. Tournaments will be the first Thursday of each month and registration will be from 6:30-7:00 PM. Time control will be G/25 with 5 sec delay.

## Ratings:

The following lists represent 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 assigned a provisional rating based on their performances against regular club members with USCF ratings. Club rated events will use these ratings for pairing purposes.

### *PHCC Ratings as of 12/15/25*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andrew	2267
Avdic, Huso	2104
Gregg, Alan	1952
Seth, Samarth	1832
Morabito, Matt	1830
Urick, Ryan	1802
Rutkofske, Lon	1728
Jackson, LaFonce	1500
Wingrove, Bill	1499
Ledsworth, Brian	1400
Mang, Johnny	1000
Chen, Christine	800
Muruganandam, Mugil	638
Bussone, Stephen	630
Chen, Daniel	600

### *PHCC Blitz Ratings as of 12/15/25*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andrew	2152
Avdic, Huso	2079
Gregg, Alan	1938
Urick, Ryan	1900
Seth, Samarth	1881
Morabito, Matt	1763
Rutkofske, Lon	1738
Wingrove, Bill	1522
Jackson, LaFonce	1476
Ledsworth, Brian	1317
Muruganandam, Mugil	1256
Bussone, Stephen	1083
Chen, Christine	1053
Mang, Johnny	988
Chen, Daniel	914

### *USCF Ratings as of 12/15/25*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andrew	2054
Avdic, Huso	1965
Alan Gregg	1893
Rutkofske, Lon	1800
Morabito, Matt	1780
Urick, Ryan	1712
Wingrove, Bill	1520
Ledsworth, Brian	1314
Willard, Parker	823
Muruganandam, Mugil	779

### *USCF Quick/Action Ratings as of 12/15/25*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andrew	2027
Avdic, Huso	1923
Morabito, Matt	1908
Gregg, Alan	1852
Rutkofske, Lon	1720
Wingrove, Bill	1510
Ledsworth, Brian	1087
Muruganandam, Mugil	734

### *USCF Blitz Ratings as of 12/15/25*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andrew	2152
Avdic, Huso	1997
Gregg, Alan	1837
Morabito, Matt	1732
Rutkofske, Lon	1602
Ledsworth, Brian	1317

## 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 \$30.00 for adults and \$15.00 for those under 19. Dues will cover the yearly entry fees for any club-rated event. Family rates available upon request. Dues funds are used to offset miscellaneous expenses not funded by the Recreation Department. United States Chess Federation memberships are available through the club. **Memberships expiring as of July 2025 and have been removed from the rating lists: Braeden Klaty; Brad Klaty; Trenton KLaty; Drew Malburg; Sandi Fisher.**