



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. Website: <http://porthuronchessclub.volasite.com>

Morabito and Gregg shine in Cadillac

Matt Morabito (5 points) tied for 3rd in the Reserve Section and Alan Gregg notched 4 points in a tough Open Section of this year's Michigan Open Tournament in Cadillac. Lon and Noel managed 3 points each and Eric Roome collected 2.5 : rather eclectic performance for Team PHCC (Only Lon and Alan submitted games for this issue).

Though doubling his output from the 2010 MI Open, Lon still dropped two games on outright blunders, as well as his bid for the MCA Presidency, which was won by Jenny Skidmore. Pictures and games follow in remainder of the issue

This was Alan's last hurrah for a couple of months as he once again journeys to the UK to support his 92 year old father's best seller: *Rifleman*, his autobiography/recollections of WWII as a soldier and spy for the Allies. See you in November, Alan!



L-R: Alan Gregg vs Open Champion: Atulya Shetty in Round 2. *Photo: Robert Wendel*



L-R: Matt Morabito vs Justin Aldrich, who tied for 1st. *Photo: Rose Homa*



Front row - L-R: Kyle Webster vs Lon Rutkofske; Rear: Constantine Ananiabis vs John Thurman *Photo: Rose Homa*



Front row - L-R: Alan Sun vs Lon Rutkofske; Middle row- Peter Chen vs Andy Beider Rear: Kyle Webster vs Robert Wendel *Photo: Rose Homa*



Front L-R: Eric Roome vs Matt Morabito *Photo: Robert Wendel*



Front Left: Noel Bedy *Photo: Robert Wendel*

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 analysis done by Fritz 12, unless otherwise indicated. **Games from the 2011 MI Open!**

Chen,Michael (2079) - Rutkofske,Lon (1833) [C07] French Defense:Tarrasch

2011 MI Open Cadillac, MI G/75 (1), 03.09.2011

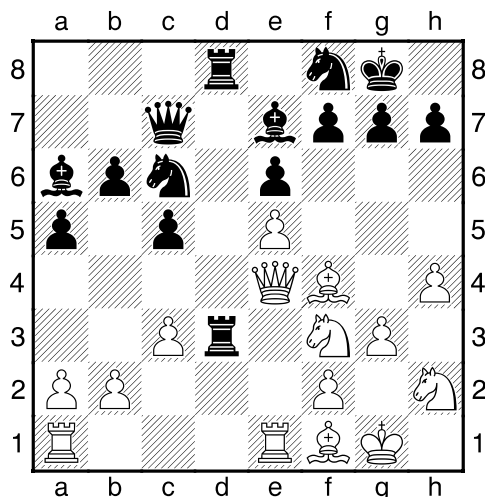
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 Nc6 6.Bc4 Qd8 7.dxc5 Nf6 8.0-0 Bxc5 9.Nb3 Bd6 10.Bg5 Qc7 11.Qe2 Bd7 12.Rfd1 h6 13.Bh4 0-0-0 14.Bg3 Bxg3 15.hxg3 Qb6 16.a4 Rhe8 17.a5 Qc7 18.a6 b6 19.Nfd4 Ne5 20.Bb5 Kb8 21.Bxd7 Nexd7 22.Nb5 Qe5 23.Qf3 Qe4 24.N3d4 Ne5 25.Qxe4 Nxe4 26.f4 Ng4 27.Nc6+ 1-0... What follows is Michael Chen's analysis of the game:

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 Nc6 [5...cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd8 7.0-0 is the main line.] **6.Bc4 Qd8 7.dxc5 Nf6 8.0-0** [8.Nb3 Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Ne4 10.Be3 is probably good for White.] **8...Bxc5 9.Nb3 Bd6 10.Bg5 Qc7 11.Qe2** [11.Bxf6 I did not want to take first because he could get an attack going. 11...gxf6] **11...Bd7 12.Rfd1 h6 13.Bh4 0-0-0 14.Bg3** [14.Rxd6 I considered this. 14...Qxd6 15.Bg3 Qe7 16.Ne5 Nh5] **14...Bxg3 15.hxg3** Now it is hard for black to get his attack going and he has weak dark squares.. **15...Qb6 16.a4** Trying to dislodge the queen so the knight can get to c5. **16...Rhe8 17.a5 Qc7 18.a6 b6** This gives black weak light squares too. **19.Nfd4** Without the black knight on c6 it is easier for white to penetrate. **19...Ne5 20.Bb5** Trying to trade off bishops. **20...Kb8 21.Bxd7 Nexd7 22.Nb5 Qe5 23.Qf3** Mate threat. **23...Qe4 24.N3d4** There is no way to prevent Nc6 without stepping into another fork. [24.Qc3 Rc8 (24...Qe5 25.Qc6) 25.Qd2 With the threat of Nd6 and Qd6 is still winning.] **24...Ne5** [24...Qxf3 25.gxf3 Rc8 (25...Ka8 26.Nc7+; 25...Ne5 26.f4) 26.Nd6] **25.Qxe4 Nxe4 26.f4 Ng4 27.Nc6+** Black resigns. 27...Kc8 28.Ncxa7+ Kb8 29.Nc6+ Kc8 30.Rxd8+ Rxd8 31.a7 Kd7 32.Nxd8 1-0

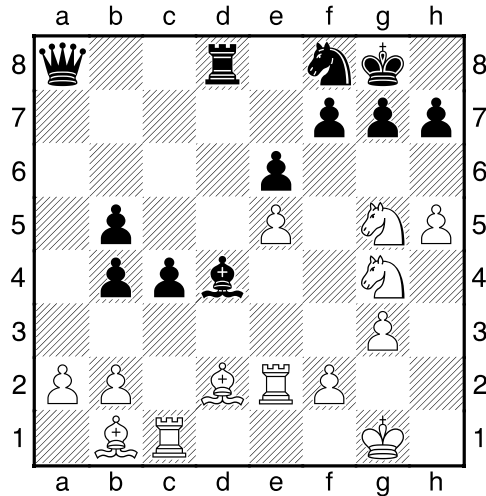
Rutkofske,Lon (1833) - Chen,Peter (1976) [A08] King's Indian Attack

2011 MI Open Cadillac, MI G/75, (2), 03.09.2011

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c5 4.0-0 e6 5.d3 Bd6 6.Re1 Nc6 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.e4 Qc7 9.Nf1 dxe4 10.dxe4 Rd8 11.Qe2 Be7 12.e5 Nd7 13.Bf4 b6 14.c3 Nf8 15.h4 a5 16.N1h2 Ba6 17.Qe3 Rd3 18.Qe4 Rad8 19.Bf1 Diagram



19...Bb7 20.Bxd3 Nb4 21.cxb4 Bxe4 22.Bxe4 axb4 23.h5 c4 24.Ng4 b5 25.Rac1 Qa7 26.Bb1 Bc5 27.Ng5 Bd4 28.Re2 Qa8 29.Bd2 Diagram



29...Bxb2 30.Rce1 Qa3 31.Be3 Bc3 32.Bc1 Qa7 33.Rf1 Bd4 34.Ne4 Nd7 35.Bg5 Rb8 36.Nd6 Qc5 37.Ne4 Qc7 38.Rfe1 Nxe5 39.Nxe5 Bxe5 40.Be3 Rd8 41.Ng5 g6 42.hxg6 hxg6 43.Nf3 Bxg3 44.Bg5 Rd7 45.Bf6 Qf4 46.Be5 Qxf3 47.Bxg3 Rd4 48.Re3 Qf6 49.Be5 Rg4+ 50.Kf1 Qh4 51.Rd1 c3 52.Bc2 Qg5 53.Ke2 Qh5 54.Rd8+ 1-0

Hahn,David (2131) - Rutkofske,Lon (1833) [A20] English Opening

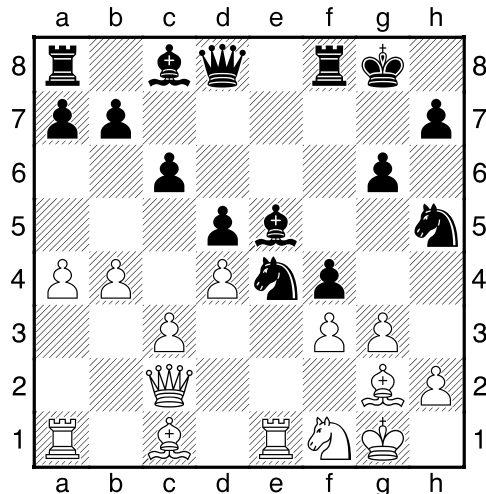
2011 MI Open Cadillac, MI ,40/2, (3), 03.09.2011

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 f5 4.Nf3 Bc5 5.0-0 Nf6 6.Nxe5 0-0 7.Nf3 Ne4 8.d4 Be7 9.Nbd2 Bf6 10.e3 Qe8 11.Nxe4 Qxe4 12.Ne5 1-0

Rutkofske,Lon (1833) - Huerta,James (1663) [A81] Dutch Defense

2011 MI Open Cadillac, MI ,40/2, (4), 04.09.2011

1.Nf3 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d6 4.d4 c6 5.0-0 g6 6.Nbd2 Bg7 7.Re1 d5 8.c3 0-0 9.e3 Nbd7 10.a4 Ne4 11.Qc2 e5 12.b4 exd4 13.exd4 Ndf6 14.Ne5 Nh5 15.Nf1 f4 16.f3 Bxe5 Diagram

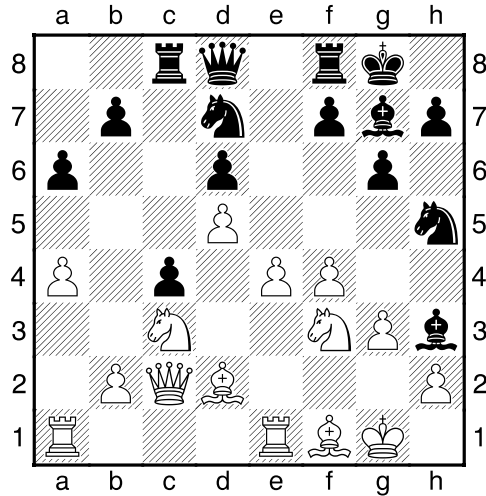


17.dxe5 Qb6+ 18.Ne3 Ng5 19.a5 Qd8 20.g4 fxe3 21.gxh5 Nxf3+ 22.Bxf3 Rxf3 23.Bxe3 gxh5 24.Rad1 Qh4 25.Rd4 Qxe1+ 0-1

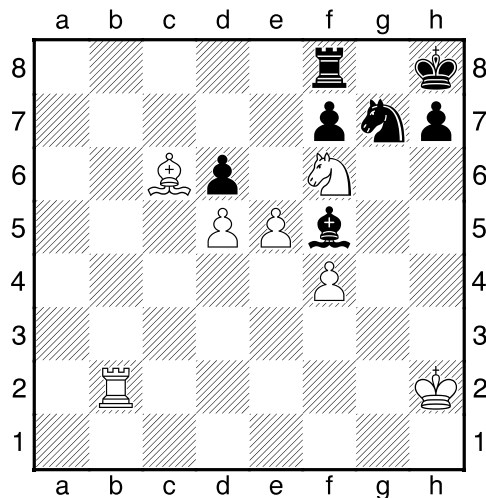
Thurman,John (1600) - Rutkofske,Lon (1833) [A66]Benoni

2011 MI Open Cadillac, MI ,40/2, (5), 04.09.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Nh5 8.Nf3 Bg7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 Bg4 11.Qc2 Nd7 12.Bd2 Rc8 13.g3 Bh3 14.Rfe1 a6 15.a4 c4 16.Bf1
Diagram



16...Bg4 17.Kg2 Nc5 18.Bxc4 Nxa4 19.Qxa4 b5 20.Nxb5 axb5 21.Bxb5 Bxb2 22.Ra2 Bc3 23.Bc6 Bxd2 24.Nxd2 Rb8 25.h3 Bc8 26.e5 g5 27.Qd1 Ng7 28.Ne4 gxf4 29.Nf6+ Kh8 30.gxf4 Bf5 31.Kh2 Rb1 32.Qd2 Rb3 33.Re3 Qb8 34.Rxb3 Qxb3 35.Qg2 Bxh3 36.Qc2 Qxc2+ 37.Rxc2 Bf5 38.Rb2
Diagram



38...Rd8 39.Ra2 Bg6 40.Ra7 Nf5 41.Ra8 Rxa8 42.Bxa8 Kg7 43.Ne8+ Kf8 44.Bc6 Ke7 ½-½

Rutkofske,Lon (1833) - Webster,Kyle (1769) [A04]King's Indian Attack

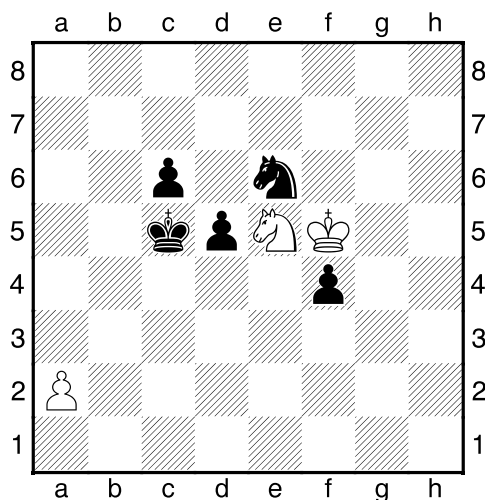
2011 MI Open Cadillac, MI ,40/2, (6), 05.09.2011

1.Nf3 f5 2.b3 Nf6 3.Bb2 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.c4 0-0 6.d3 d6 7.d4 c6 8.Qc2 h6 9.Bd3 Be6 10.Nbd2 d5 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.Nh4 Bf7 13.Nhf3 Rc8 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Nd7 16.Nf3 e6 17.Rac1 g5 18.Ba3 Re8 19.cxd5 cxd5 20.Qb2 g4 21.Nd4 Rxc1 22.Qxc1 Bxe5 23.Nb5 Qb8 24.g3 a6 25.Nd4 Rc8 26.Qd2 Nc5 27.Bb1 Ne4 28.Bxe4 fxe4 29.Qb4 Bxd4 30.exd4 Qc7 31.Bc1 h5 32.Bf4 Qd7 33.Qd2 Bg6 34.Be5 ½-½

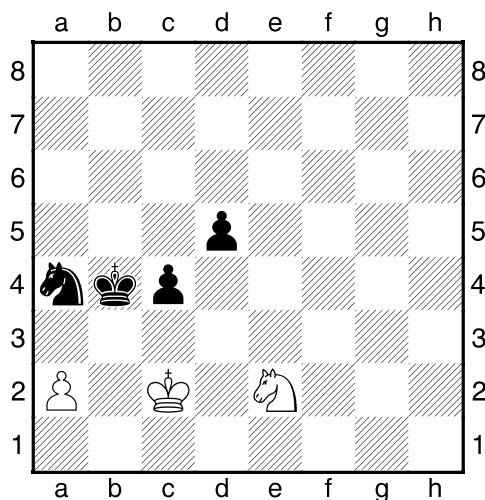
Sun,Alan (1774) - Rutkofske,Lon (1833) [A01] French Defense:Exchange Variation

2011 MI Open Cadillac, MI ,40/2, (7), 05.09.2011 [Notes by Alan Gregg]

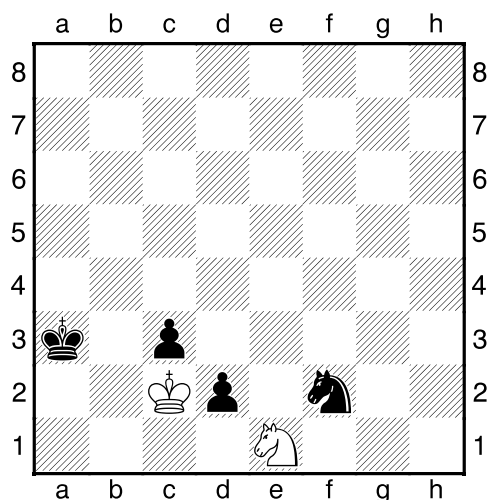
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3 Bd6 5.Qf3 c6 6.c3 Qf6 7.h3 h6 8.Be3 Be6
 9.Nd2 Nd7 10.Ne2 g5 11.Qxf6 Ndxg6 12.f4 g4 13.0-0-0 Ne7 14.f5 Bd7 15.Rdf1 0-0
 16.Bf4 Kc7 17.Be5 Neg8 18.Bxd6+ Kxd6 19.Nf4 Re8 20.Re1 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1
 h5 22.c4 Nh6 23.hxg4 hxg4 24.c5+ Kc7 25.Ne2 Re8 26.Kd1 Bxf5 27.Kc2 Re6
 28.Rh1 Bxd3+ 29.Kxd3 Nf5 30.Nf1 Ne4 31.Rh7 Rf6 32.Ne3 Nf2+ 33.Kd2 Nxe3
 34.Kxe3 Nd1+ 35.Kd2 Nxb2 36.Rg7 Nc4+ 37.Kd3 b5 [37...b6] 38.Rxg4 a5 39.Rf4
 Rxf4 40.Nxf4 b4 [40...a4] 41.Kc2 Kd7 42.g4 Ne3+ 43.Kb3 Nxb4 44.Ka4 Ne3
 45.Kxa5 Nc2 46.Nd3 f5 47.Nxb4 Nxd4 48.Nd3 Kc7 49.Kb4 Ne6 50.Kc3 f4 51.Kd2
 Kb7 52.Ke2 Ka6 53.Kf3 Kb5 54.Kg4 Kc4 55.Ne5+ Kxc5 56.Kf5 Diagram



56...Nd4+ 57.Kxf4 Ne2+ 58.Ke3 Nc3 59.Nd3+ Kb5 60.Nc1 c5 [60...Kc4 61.Kd2 c5
 62.Kc2 d4 63.a3 Kd5 64.Nd3 c4 65.Nb2 Ne4 66.a4 Nc5 67.a5 c3 68.a6 (68.Nd1 Kc4
 69.Nf2 d3+ 70.Kb1 c2+)] 61.Kd3 Na4 62.Ne2 Kb4 63.Nf4 Nb6 64.Kc2 [64.a4 after
 this move, I am not sure Black can win, but this continuation is hard to find.] c4
 65.Ne2 Na4 Diagram



66.Nf4 d4 67.Ne6 d3+ 68.Kd2 Nc5 69.a3+ Kb5 70.Nd4+ Ka4 71.Kc3 Ne4+ 72.Kb2
 c3+ 73.Kc1 Nf2 74.Nf3 Kxa3 75.Ne1 d2+ 76.Kc2 Diagram



76...d1Q+ 77.Kxc3 Qxe1+ 78.Kd4 Qe4+ 79.Kc5 Qd3 80.Kb6 Qc4 81.Ka5 Qb3 82.Ka6 Ne4 83.Ka7 Nd6 84.Ka6 Qb4 85.Ka7 Qb7# 0-1

Wendel,Robert (1564) - Gregg,Alan (2017) [A28] English Opening

2011 MI Open Cadillac, MI ,40/2, (1), 02.09.2011

This was my first game. **1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d4** I had a decision to make. After exd, the game becomes hard for Black to get a advantage. The other option was d6 which can lead to exchanges. If White plays dxe, I wanted to have a unbalanced game even if I stood worse, thus e4 was called for. **4...e4 5.Ng5 Bb4 6.d5 Nb8** [6...Ne5 7.Qd4] **7.Qd4 Qe7 8.g3 h6 9.Nh3 Bc5 10.Qd2 0-0 11.Bg2 a5 12.0-0 d6 13.e3** I don't like this move: look at all of the empty squares. I am looking at b8 knight going to f3 or d3. **13...Bf5 14.b3 Nbd7 15.Nf4 Ne5 16.h4** All of my minor pieces are now aimed at the White king. All I have to do is open the gate! **16...g5 17.hxg5 hxg5** I am not sure what White was thinking,... I am sure all he saw was KN jumping into d3. **18.Bh3??** [18.Nfe2 equal] **18...Nf3+ 19.Kg2 Nxd2 20.Bxd2 Bxh3+ 21.Nxh3 Nd7 22.f4 exf3+ 23.Kxf3 f5 24.Rae1 g4+** Robert Wendel was the lowest rated player in the Open Section. One mistake cost him the game... after 18. Nfe2 nothing is clear! **0-1**

Gregg,Alan (2017) - Shetty,Atulya (2269) [B20] Sicilian Defense

2011 MI Open Cadillac, MI ,40/2, (2), 02.09.2011

After playing the weakest player in the Open Section, I now come down to earth and play the eventual winner. **1.e4 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Ne2 Bg7 5.c3 e5 6.0-0 Nge7 7.d3 d5 8.h3 0-0 9.Kh2** Too slow! After this move, I am worse. [9.exd5; 9.Nd2] **9...Rb8 10.f4 b5 11.fxe5 d4 12.a4** This turned out badly. [12.cxd4] **12...a6 13.axb5 axb5 14.Bf4 Nxe5 15.cxd4 cxd4 16.Nd2 N7c6 17.Nf3 Nxf3+ 18.Rxf3 Ne5 19.Rf1 Be6 20.Bxe5** [20.Bc1] **20...Bxe5?** The losing move!? **21.Nf4 Qd6 22.Rf3 Bd7 23.Qd2 Ra8 24.Rff1 Ra4 25.b3 Ra3 26.Rxa3 Qxa3 27.Rb1 Bxf4 28.gxf4** [28.Qxf4 Qa2 29.Rf1 Qxb3 (29...Qb2 30.Qd6 Be6 31.Qc5) 30.Qd6] **28...Rc8 29.b4 Rc3 30.Bf1 Be6 31.Qf2** [31.f5 Bb3 32.Qg5 Qa8 (32...Qa2+ 33.Kg1 Qxb1 34.Qd8+ Kg7 35.Qxd4+) 33.fxg6 hxg6] **31...Qa7 32.Rb2 Bb3 33.f5 Qc7+ 34.Kg1 Qd6 35.f6** and White goes on to win the ending. **0-1**

Sun,Alan (1774) - Gregg,Alan (2017) [C55] Two Knights' Defense

2011 MI Open Cadillac, MI ,40/2, (3), 03.09.2011

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Be7 4.0-0 Nf6 5.Re1 d6 6.h3 White's play is very negative. Alan Sun was a junior but with a 1774 rating, he is not an easy mark. I am now equal. **6...0-0 7.c3 Na5** [7...Nxe4 8.Bxf7+ (8.Rxe4 d5 9.Re1 dxc4 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 Qd6 12.Re3 Bf5 13.Qf3 Bd3 14.Qxb7 Bg5 15.Re1 Rae8) 8...Rxf7 9.Rxe4 Bf5] **8.Bb3 c5 9.d4 Qc7 10.Bc2 Nc6 11.Be3 b6 12.d5 Nd8 13.c4 Ne8 14.Kh2 g6 15.g4 Ng7 16.Rg1 f6 17.h4 Bd7 18.h5 Kf7 19.h6 Ne8 20.g5** [20.Nc3; 20.Ba4] **20...Kg8 21.gxf6 Nxf6** White is not seeing the danger, looking only at the attack on the Black monarch. **22.Nh4 Kh8 23.Qf1?** Loses! [23.Nc3] **23...Ng4+ 24.Rxg4 Bxg4 25.Qg2 Bxh4 26.Qxg4 Bf6** [26...Bxf2 27.Bg5 (27.Qe2 Bxe3 28.Qxe3 Qe7 29.Qg3 Nf7 30.Nd2 Nxh6) 27...Bd4] **27.Nc3 Qe7 28.f4 exf4 29.Bxf4 Be5 30.Bxe5+ Qxe5+ 31.Kg2 Rf4 32.Qg3 Nf7 33.Rf1 Rxf1 34.Qxe5+ Nxe5 35.Kxf1 Rf8+ 36.Ke2** I should now have an easy win, but I relax and make a few mistakes and nearly losing the win! **36...a6** [36...g5; 36...Nxc4 37.b3 Ne5 38.Nb5 Nf7 39.a4; 36...g5 37.Nb5 Rf6 38.Nxa7 g4 39.Nc6 g3 40.Nxe5 dxe5 41.d6 Rf2+ 42.Ke3 Rf8 43.d7 g2 44.Ke2 g1Q] **37.Na4 b5** [37...g5 again] **38.cxb5 axb5 39.Nc3 b4 40.Nb5 Rd8** [40...Rf6 41.a4 bxa3 42.bxa3 g5 43.Nc7 g4 44.Ne8 Rf3 45.Nxd6 g3 46.Nf5 g2 47.Nh4 g1Q] **41.a3 bxa3 42.bxa3 Nf7 43.a4 Nxh6 44.a5 Ra8 45.Nxd6 Rxa5 46.e5 Kg7 47.Bd3 Nf7 48.Nb7** [48.Nc4 White's last chance! 48...Ra6 49.e6 Nd6 50.e7 Ne8 51.Ne5 Ra8 52.Ke3 Kf6 53.Nd7+ Kxe7 54.Nxc5 Nf6 55.Kd4 Rb8 56.Ke5 Nd7+ 57.Nxd7 Kxd7 58.Kf6 Kd6 59.Be4 Re8 60.Bg2 Re1 61.Bh3 Kxd5] **48...Ra2+ 49.Ke3 Nxe5 50.Nxc5 Ra3 51.Ke4 Nxd3 52.Nxd3 Rxd3 53.Kxd3 Kf7 54.Kd4 Ke7 55.Kc5 Kd7 56.d6 g5 57.Kd5 g4 58.Ke5 h5 59.Kf4 Kxd6 60.Kg3 Ke5 61.Kh4 Kf4 62.Kxh5 g3** With a 2/3 score: a good start! **0-1**

Gregg,Alan (2017) - Hahn,David (2132) [B20] Sicilian Defense

2011 MI Open Cadillac, MI ,40/2, (4), 03.09.2011

1.e4 d6 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Ne2 g6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Bg7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.0-0 Bd7 9.h3 Nf6 10.c4 0-0 11.Nc3 Be6 12.Qa4 Nd7 13.Qxc6 Ne5 14.Qa4 Nxc4 15.Nd5 Nxb2 16.Bxb2 Bxb2 17.Rab1 Bg7 18.Rb7 Bxd5 19.exd5 Bf6 20.Rxa7 Rxa7 21.Qxa7 Qa8 22.Qxa8 Rxa8 23.Re1 Rxa2 24.Bf3 Bd4 25.Re2 Ra3 26.Kg2... I then played another 3 hours defending the position, but am not sure of some of the moves. We played another 30 moves before agreeing to a draw. $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

Fischvogt,Eric (2201) - Gregg,Alan (2017) [D45] Queen's Gambit Declined:Semi-Slav

2011 MI Open Cadillac, MI ,40/2, (5), 04.09.2011

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Be7 7.b3 dxc4 8.bxc4 0-0 9.Bd3 c5 10.0-0 b6 11.d5 exd5 12.Nxd5 h6 13.e4 Nxd5 14.exd5 Bf6 15.Rb1 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Re1 Qd6 18.g3 Bd7 19.Bh7+ Kh8 20.Bf5 Rae8 21.Be3 Re7 22.a4 Qf6 23.Bxd7 Rxd7 24.Rb3 Re7 25.a5 Rfe8 26.axb6 axb6 ... Again I lost track of the score, and am not sure of the next few moves, but lost the ending. I have never defeated Eric, who seems to have my number for some reason. **1-0**

Gregg,Alan (2017) - Bailey,Greg (1900) [B12] Caro-Kann Defense

2011 MI Open Cadillac, MI ,40/2, (6), 05.09.2011

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Be2 [5.c4] **5...g6 6.Nf3 e6 7.Nbd2 c5 8.c3 Nc6 9.a3 Qb6 10.Qb3 cxd4 11.Qxb6 axb6 12.cxd4 Bh6 13.Nb3 Bc2 14.Bd1 Be4 15.Bd2 Nge7 16.Bc3 Nf5 17.Rh2 Bf4 18.Rh3** [18.g3 Nxc3 19.fxc3 Bxc3+ 20.Rf2 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 Bxh4 22.Ke2 Bxf2 23.Kxf2] **18...Ke7 19.g3 Bxf3 20.Bxf3 Bh6 21.Be2 Kd7 22.Rd1 Rhc8 23.Bb5 Kc7 24.Rh1 Na7 25.Bd3 Kd7 26.Bd2 Bxd2+ 27.Kxd2** [27.Rxd2] **27...Nc6 28.Bxf5 gxf5 29.Ke3 Ra4 30.Rc1 Rg8 31.Rhg1 Rg4 32.f4 Kc7 33.Rc3 b5 34.Nd2 b4 35.axb4 Rxb4 36.b3 Kb6 37.Nf3 Rg8 38.Rd3 Kc7 39.Ng5 Rg7 40.Ra1 Kb8 41.Ra2 b6 42.Ra3 Kb7 43.Ra1 Na5 44.Ra3 Kc7 45.Kd2 Nc6 46.Kc3 Kb7 47.Ra1 Rb5 48.Rd2 Ra5 49.Rc1 b5 50.Rdc2 b4+ 51.Kd3 Ra6** $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$



Alan Gregg vs Greg Bailey – The ongoing challenge! Photo: Patrick Dellinger

Aldrich, Jeff (1919) - Gregg, Alan (2017) [A53] Old Indian Defense

2011 MI Open Cadillac, MI ,40/2, (6), 05.09.2011

This was the last game of the Open and with only 3/6, there was little for me to play for, but Jeff had 3.5 and if he won, he might have been in with a chance of the under 2000 prize money. I was ready for some fun **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 e5** I had been looking at this move for some time, but have never played it in a serious game. One book I read says that White gets nothing from the exchanges and that was good enough for me to experiment. **4.dxe5 dxe5 5.Qxd8+ Kxd8 6.Nf3 Nc6** The first decision: either knight to d7 is best, but I wanted some freedom. **7.Bg5 Be7 8.g3** This move tells me that Jeff knows just as much as I do about this opening. Castles or rook check is normal. **8...Be6 9.0-0-0+ Ke8 10.Nd5 Rc8 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.e4** [12.Nxf6+ gxf6 13.e3] **12...Bd8** I decided to keep both bishops I now have a plan keep the pressure on c4 and free up my pieces and play c6 and f6 **13.Bg2 f6 14.Rhe1 Nb8 15.Nh4 g6** I cant allow a knight into f5 **16.f4 c6 17.Ne3 Bc7 18.f5 Bf7 19.Bf1 g5** fixing the kingside I can now attack the queenside **20.Nf3 Ke7 21.Nd2 Ba5 22.Re2 Nd7 23.Nb3 Bb6 24.h3** the threat was B h5 winning a pawn **24...a5 25.a4 Nc5 26.Nxc5 Bxc5 27.Ree1 Rhd8 28.Kc2 Rxd1** takes control of the queen file **29.Nxd1 Rd8 30.g4** this move turns out bad b3 then not sure I can do much **30...h5 31.Nc3 hxg4 32.hxg4 Rh8** this now becomes a difficult game for white my bishops control the board and whites knight is in a defensive mode **33.Be2 Rh2 34.Kd3 Bb4 35.Ke3 Rh3+ 36.Kd2 Kd6** the king starts the march **37.Kc2 Kc5 38.Rd1 Bxc3 39.bxc3 Bxc4 40.Bxc4 Kxc4 41.Rd6 Rh2+ 42.Kd1 Rh6** I thought at the time that the f pawn was

to fast [42...Kxc3 43.Rxf6 Rd2+ 44.Ke1 Rb2 45.Rd6 Rb4 46.f6 Rxe4+ 47.Kd1 Rxa4 48.Re6 Kd3 49.Kc1 Ke4 50.f7 Ra1+ 51.Kd2 Rf1] **43.Rd7 b5 44.axb5 cxb5 45.Rb7 a4 46.Kc2 Rh2+ 47.Kb1 a3 48.Rb6** I now have a simple win but fail to see it **48...Rg2** [48...Kxc3 49.Rxb5 Rb2+ 50.Rxb2 axb2 51.Ka2 Kc2; 48...Kxc3 49.Rxb5 (49.Rc6+ Kb3 50.Rc1 b4) 49...Rb2+] **49.Rb7 Rb2+ 50.Ka1 Re2 51.Rb6 Rxe4 52.Ka2 Rxc4 53.Rxf6** [53.Rc6+ Kd3 54.Rxf6 Kxc3 55.Re6 b4 56.Rc6+ Kd4 57.Rc7 Rg2+ 58.Kb1 b3 59.Rd7+ Kc5 60.Rc7+ Kb6 61.Rc3 a2+ 62.Ka1 Rg1+ 63.Kb2 Rb1+ 64.Ka3 a1Q+] **53...Kxc3 54.Re6 Rg2+ 55.Kxa3 b4+ 56.Ka4 Ra2+ 57.Kb5 b3 58.Rxe5 b2 59.Re3+ Kc2 60.Re2+ Kd1 0-1**

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PHCC Rating List as of 9/10/11

Name	Rating
Gregg, Alan	1943
Rutkofske, Lon	1871
Morabito, Matt	1760
Broyles, Tom	1736
Wingrove, Bill	1694
Roome, Eric	1641
Bedy, Noel	1603
Oriel, Paul	1569
Jones, G. Avery	1548
Chan, Jaime	1502
Boucher, Dave	1404
Krazyca, Jay	1000
Sienkiewicz, John	1000

PHCC Speed Rating List as of 9/10/11

Name	Rating
Rutkofske, Lon	1949
Morabito, Matt	1668
Roome, Eric	1641
Wingrove, Bill	1625
Jones, G. Avery	1485
Bedy, Noel	1440

USCF Ratings as of 9/10/11

Name	Rating
Gregg, Alan	2030
Rutkofske, Lon	1805
Morabito, Matt	1765
Broyles, Tom	1737
Wingrove, Bill	1694
Roome, Eric	1545
Chan, Jaime	1519
Jones, G. Avery	1505
Bedy, Noel	1403
Boucher, Dave	1277

Calendar of Events:

First Thursday of Each Month - Chess Clinics– 6:30 to 8:00 PM - \$7.50 per person

Sept 15-29th – USCF Rated Mini-Swiss: One round per Thursday; EF: \$10. Prizes based on entries. Register online or at the club before round one begins at 7:00PM G/90.

Dues News:

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