



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

Club Championship play underway

The 2011 PHCC championships began on Thursday, January 6, 2011 at Palmer Park Recreation Center beginning at 7:00 PM. This year's tournament consists of a 5 round, round robin tournament with one game to be completed every other week. In light of last year's turnout, this year's event will feature one more round, in order to provide a more rigorous road to the crown. Six die-hard "chess nuts" are participating in the 2011 extravaganza that permits everyone to get their "shot" at the soon to be anointed champion. Rounds will be Jan. 6th & 20th; February 3rd & 17th, with the final round commencing on March 3rd. The awards ceremony will be scheduled for Thursday, March 10th. Details and rules of play are posted on the club website. Because of the limited number of participants, this year's prize fund will feature the following: First Place = \$100; Second = \$50; Top under 1600 = \$50. Of course there will be trophy/plaques to go along with each of the class prizes. We hope that this may generate some great competition and rigorous play. Games will be published as they are completed and posted on our website, and emailed individually to the contestants. A complete set of games, pictures and results will be posted on our website and in the April issue of *Chess Chatter*.

Date of each round:			1/6	1/20	2/3	2/17	3/3
#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5
1	Bill Wingrove	1707	W2 0.5	B4	W3	B5	W6
2	Alan Gregg	1939	B1 0.5	W6	B4	W3	W5
3	Lon Rutkofske	1905	W6 1.0	W5	B1	B2	W4
4	Noel Bedy	1628	B5 1.0	W1	W2	B6	B3
5	Dave Boucher	1322	W4 0.0	B3	B6	W1	B2
6	G. Avery Jones	1469	B3 0.0	B2	W5	W4	B1

Harrowing Games from the 2011 MI Masters/Experts/Class Championships ..aka...Alice (Lon) in Blunderland!!! –

Well, I thought it would never happen to me...but alas, it did! My reputation, now in shambles, is becoming perilously close to surpassing that of the once “dubiously proud” title so adeptly established by fellow club founder “Blunder Bob Duncan” - a moniker that few thought could ever seriously be challenged.

This tragedy of the first magnitude began to unfold when Alan (aka –the Germinator-because he managed to infect 90% of the PHCC with his cold last week) Gregg and I slipped quietly into the tournament hall of the Lansing Radisson on that crisp Saturday morning of January 15th to begin round one of the 2011 Michigan Masters/Experts/Class Championships hosted by the Michigan Chess Association. Amid the din of the 140+ contestants we shouldered our way through the frenzied mob to check out our pairings.

I was playing in the Class A section, and Alan, with a rating of 2000 just squeaked into the Masters/Expert Section by virtue of his 2000 rating. Alan proved to be the “odd man” out and received a 1 point bye. For my efforts, I ended up paired against Andy Catlin, fellow chess journalist and aficionado, who I am happy to add, has become a very amiable partner in Cassiac crimes and personal friend of late! While Alan was free to flit around the playing hall, observing his competition, Andy and I were slogging it out on Board 8...when it happened the first time!! As Alan watched, I proceeded to blunder a Knight on move 23. Andy must have felt sorry for me, probably having some sort of premonition of my future misfortunes, and proceeded to give me a chance to win, which turned out to be my only points of the tournament. All I can say is: Thanks for the memories, Andy...it was greatly appreciated! From this point forward, I managed to blunder at crucial points in each of the remaining games (See the Members’ games section...if you have sadistic tendencies!)

As for Alan, he collected a pair of draws in his next 4 rounds against masters, and generally gave a very good accounting of himself (See the Members’ games section). Alan is a solid, steady player and always gives himself chances to win...or draw.

While over all the PHCC showing was not an outstanding effort, we both enjoyed the camaraderie and competition. Perhaps our ranks will be increased next year...and who knows, the word on the street now is that...if you just keep playing Lon, he will eventually blunder! Oh! Bob, I know how you feel now, my good friend!!!!



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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.

Gregg,Alan (2000) - Levi,Ari (2226) [B72] Sicilian Dragon

2011 Michigan Class Championship Lansing, MI (2), 15.01.2011

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 a6 7.f3 b5 8.a4 b4 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.exd5 Bb7 11.Nb3 Bg7 12.Bd4 0-0 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Qd4+ Kg8 15.0-0-0 Nd7 16.h4 Qb6 17.h5 Qxd4 18.Rxd4 Nf6 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.Bc4 Rac8 21.Nd2 Rc5 22.Ne4 Nxe4 23.fxe4 Rfc8 24.b3 Kg7 25.g4 f6 26.Rd2 Rh8 27.Rxh8 Kxh8 28.g5 Kg7 29.gxf6+ exf6 30.Kb2 f5 31.exf5 gxf5 32.c3 a5 33.cxb4 axb4 34.Rd4 Kf6 35.Bb5 ½-½

Czuhai,Kevin (2200) - Gregg,Alan (2000) [C34] Bishop's Opening

2011 Michigan Class Championship Lansing, MI (3), 15.01.2011

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 d6 3.f4 exf4 4.Nf3 Be7 5.0-0 Nf6 6.d3 0-0 7.Bxf4 d5 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Bxd5 Qxd5 10.Nc3 Qd8 11.Qe1 Bf6 12.Qg3 Na6 13.Rae1 c6 14.Bd6 Re8 15.Ne4 Be6 16.Be5 Bxe5 17.Nxe5 Qd4+ 18.Kh1 Rf8 19.Ng5 Black resigns. 1-0

Ramer, Scott (2295) - Gregg, Alan (2000) [D12] Slav Defense

2011 Michigan Class Championship Lansing, MI (4), 15.01.2011

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.0-0 Be7 [8...dxc4 9.Bxc4 Qc7 10.Bd2 0-0-0 11.g3 Kb8 12.a4 Bh5 13.Be2 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 g5 15.Nf3 g4 16.Ng5 Nb6 17.a5 Nbd5 18.e4 Nxc3 19.bxc3 h6 (19...Qd7 20.Bf4+)] 9.g3 0-0 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.b3 a6 12.c5 e5 13.b4 e4 14.Bb2 Re8 15.a4 b5 16.Qb3 Qc7 17.Ra3 Rab8 18.axb5 axb5 19.Rfa1 Bf8 20.Qa2 Rb7 21.Kg2 Nb8 22.Ra5 Re7 23.Bc1 Qd7 24.Bd2 Qf5 25.h3 g5 26.g4 Qd7 27.Ra8 Ne8 28.Qb1 Nc7 29.R8a2 Qe6 30.Qg1 Nd7 31.Qh2 Nf6 32.Ra7 Rxa7 33.Rxa7 Nfe8 34.Qg3 g6 35.Ra5 f5 36.Ra1 Rg7 37.f4 exf3+ 38.Qxf3 Nf6 39.Rf1 Ne4 40.gxf5 Nxd2 41.fxe6 Nxf3 42.Bxf3 Nxe6 43.Nxd5 1-0

Gregg,Alan (2000) - Ciffone,Robert (2103) [B40] Sicilian Defense

2011 Michigan Class Championship Lansing, MI (5), 15.01.2011

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.0-0 e5 8.c4 d6 9.Nc3 Be7 10.h3 0-0 11.Be3 Be6 12.b3 Nd7 13.Rc1 g6 14.Bb1 f5 15.exf5 gxf5 16.f4 e4 17.g4 Nf6 18.g5 Ne8 19.Rc2 Bf7 20.Ne2 Ng7 21.Ng3 Qe8 22.Kh2 Bg6 23.Re1 Qf7 24.Bd4 Nh5 25.Nxh5 Bxh5 26.Qd2 a5 27.Bb2 Qg6 28.Qd4 c5 29.Qd5+ Qf7 30.Qd2 Rfd8 31.Qc3 Kf8 32.Rd2 Bf3 33.Qh8+ Qg8 34.Qxg8+ Kxg8 35.Re3 Kf7 36.a4 Kg6 37.Bc2 h6 38.h4 hxg5 39.hxg5 Rh8+ 40.Bxh8 Rxh8+ 41.Kg3 ½-½

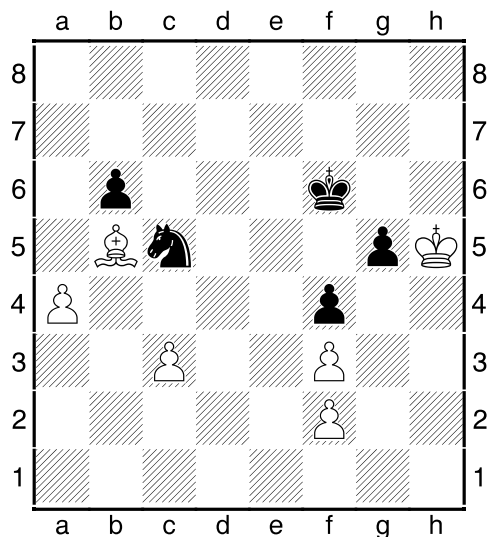
Rutkofske,Lon (1876)- Catlin,Andy (1946) [C44] Ponziani Opening

2011 Michigan Class Championship Lansing, MI (1), 15.01.2011

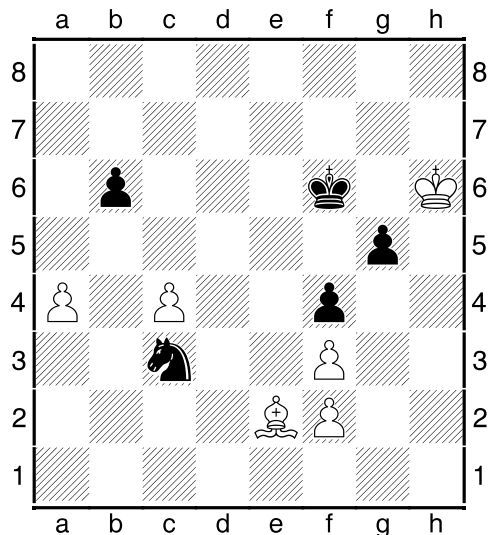
[Andy Catlin]

A great battle, even if Fritz predictably crucifies both of us during the sharp middlegame. Lon found some creative moves to win after he made an expensive blunder.

1.e4 Nf6 2.d3 e5 3.Be2 Nc6 4.Nf3 g6 White's passive play (2 d3 and 3 Be2) leads me to try out a Four Knights Glek reversed a tempo down. **5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Bd2 d5** Again, I felt this aggressive grab for the center was justified by White's passive 6 Bd2. **7.O-O h6?!** I realized this would make kingside castling difficult, but I thought the benefits of taking away h6 from the bishop and g5 from the bishop and knight were worth the cost. [7...0-0 8.Qc1 and Black's got the better game of it.] **8.Qc1 Be6 9.Re1 Qd7?!** [9...Qe7 ; 9...g5!?] **10.b4!** White grabs some space on the queenside. **10...a6 11.a4** [11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.exd5 Bxd5 13.a4] **11...dxe4** I wanted to take away the e4 square from his knight. [11...Qd6 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Ne4] **12.dxe4 Nh5?!** [12...Qd6! 13.b5 Nd4! is about even.] **13.Qb2?!** [13.b5! Nd4 14.Nxd4 exd4 15.Nd5! and if now 15...Bxd5 16.exd5 and Black's in serious trouble because of the open lines in the center.] **13...Nf4?!** [13...0-0] **14.Rad1** [14.Bxf4 exf4 15.b5 ; 14.b5] **14...Qe7 15.Bxf4** [15.Nd5 ; 15.b5] **15...exf4 16.b5 axb5 17.Bxb5 0-0 18.e5! Bg4 19.Nd5! Qc5 20.Rd3 Bxf3 21.gxf3! g5?!** [21...Nxe5! 22.Rxe5 c6! (Lon and I both looked at only 22...Bxe5 23.Qxe5 Qxc2 when Black gets ripped apart. For example: 24.Nf6+ Kh8 25.Ne8+ f6 26.Qe7) 23.Ne7+ Qxe7! 24.Rxe7 Bxb2 ; 21...Rfe8 is also good] **22.Re4 Na5** To prevent 23 Rc4. But this knight is offside for crucial parts of the game. [Same as before: 22...Nxe5 23.Rxe5 c6] **23.Rc3?!** Lon said this was a blunder (Number 1), but he gets a pawn and very active pieces. My path is narrow in the sharp positions that follow, and I don't find the right moves. **23...Qxd5 24.Rxc7 Rad8** Getting a piece into play and protecting against Rd4 or Rd7. [24...Qe6 25.Bd7] **25.Qb4 b6?!** [25...Nc6! ; 25...Bxe5! 26.Qxa5 Bxc7 27.Qxc7] **26.e6! fxe6?** Loses. [26...Be5! and Black is winning. 27.Ra7 (27.Rxe5 Qxe5 28.e7? Qxc7) 27...Qxe6!] **27.Qe7! Qd1+ 28.Kg2 Qa1 29.Rxe6?!** [29.c3! wins at once.] **29...Rc8! 30.Rd7** [30.Ra7 may have been stronger.] **30...Rce8 31.Qxe8!?** [31.Qxg7+!? Qxg7 32.Rxg7+ Kxg7 33.Rxe8 Rxe8 34.Bxe8 leads to the same endgame for White.; Fritz's 31.Qd6! is devastating. 31...Rxe6 (31...g4 32.Rg6 Re1 33.Rg7+ Qxg7 34.Rxg7+ Kxg7 35.Qxb6) 32.Qxe6+ Kh8 33.Bd3 and Black has nothing better than 33...Qf6 34.Qe4 Qf5] **31...Rxe8 32.Rxe8+ Bf8** [Not 32...Kh7?? 33.Bd3#] **33.Bd3! Qf6** [33...Qa3 34.Bf5! Nc6 35.Be6+ Kh8 36.Rf7] **34.Rdd8?!** [34.Be4!] **34...Nb7?** [I thought my slim chances in the N v B+P endgame were better than after 34...Kg7 35.Rxf8 Qb2] **35.Rxf8+?!** [35.Bc4+! Kg7 36.Rd7+ Kg6 37.Rxb7] **35...Qxf8 36.Rxf8+ Kxf8 37.h4 Nc5 38.hxg5 hxg5 39.Bb5 Ne6 40.Kh3 40...Ke7 41.Kg4 Kf6 42.c3 Nc5 43.Kh5?!**



[43.Kh3!] **43...Nb3?** [43...Kf5! draws
44.Be8 Kf6 (44...Nd3 45.Bg6+) 45.Bb5
Otherwise Black takes off the f2 pawn with
Nd3 and is OK. 45...Kf5] **44.Kh6 Nd2**
45.Be2 Nb1 [45...Nb3] **46.c4 Nc3**



47.c5! bxc5 [47...Nxa4 48.c6] 48.a5 Nd5 49.a6 Nb6 50.a7 Ke5 51.Kxg5 Kd6 52.Kxf4 Kc7 53.Ke5 Kb7 54.f4 Kxa7 55.f5 Kb7 56.f6 c4 57.f7 c3 58.Bd3 Kc7 59.Ke6 Nd7 60.Ke7 Ne5 and Black resigned in a couple of moves. 1-0

Nichols,Tony (1999) - Rutkofske,Lon (1876) [A46] Benoni

2011 MI MEC, (2) 15.01.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 c5 5.d5 d6 6.Nc3 0-0 7.Nf3 e6 8.0-0 exd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.a4 Re8 11.Nd2 Nbd7 12.h3 Re7 13.Nc4 Nb6 14.Na3 Nbd7 15.e4 Ne8 16.Bg5 f6 17.Be3 Ne5 18.f4 Nf7 19.Qd2 b6 20.Nc4 Rb8 21.Kh2 a5 22.Rfe1 Ba6 23.b3 h6 24.Rad1 Kh7 25.Bf1 Bc8 26.Bf2 Rbb7 27.g4 Qd7 28.Bg2 Qd8 29.Bg3 Rbd7 30.Re3 Ba6 31.Rde1 Qc7 32.Qc2 Qd8 33.Bf1 Bc8 34.Bd3 g5 (Blunder #2) 35.e5+ Kg8 36.e6 Rb7 37.exf7+ Kxf7 38.Bg6+ Kf8 39.Bxe8 Kxe8 40.Rxe7+ Rxe7 41.Rxe7+ Qxe7 42.f5 Kf8 43.Qe4 1-0

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1876) - Chen,Peter (1926) [A22] English Opening

2011 MI MEC, (3)18.01.2011

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bg2 Be6 6.d3 c6 7.e3 (Blunder #3) Nb4 8.Ke2 Bc5 9.Nf3 f6 10.Ne1 0-0 11.b3 f5 12.a3 Nd5 13.Bb2 f4 14.Ne4 fxe3 15.f3 Bd4 16.Qc2 Nd7 17.h4 N7f6 18.Nc5 Bc8 19.b4 Nh5 20.Ne4 Bf5 21.Rh3 Nhf4+ 22.gxf4 Nxf4+ 23.Kd1 Nxh3 24.Bxh3 Bxh3 25.Ng5 Bf5 26.Qc4+ Qd5 27.Bxd4 Qxc4 28.dxc4 exd4 29.Ra2 d3 30.Ne4 Bxe4 31.fxe4 Rf1 0-1

Virkud,Apurva (1879) - Rutkofske,Lonnie(1876) [A85] Dutch Defense

2011 MI MCE, (4) 16.01.2011

1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bf4 c6 6.e3 0-0 7.Be2 Na6 8.0-0 Nc7 9.h3 Ne6 10.Bh2 Qe8 11.Rc1 h6 12.b4 Ng5 13.Nxg5 hxg5 14.b5 Bh6 15.bxc6 bxc6 16.d5 Kh7 17.Rb1 c5 (Blunder #4) 18.Nb5 Ne4 19.Qc2 Bg7 20.Nc7 Qd8 21.Nxa8 d6 22.Bd3 Qa5 23.Bxe4 fxe4 24.Rb5 Qa3 25.Nc7 Bf6 26.Qb3 Qxb3 27.Rxb3 Rf7 28.Ra3 g4 29.Rxa7 gxh3 30.Ne6 hxg2 31.Kxg2 g5 32.Rb1 Kg6 33.Rb8 Bxe6 34.dxe6 Rg7 35.Rbb7 Rg8 36.a4 Kf5 37.a5 Kxe6 38.Rb6 Bc3 39.a6 Ba5 40.Rbb7 Re8 41.Rxe7+ 1-0

Chen,Justin (1794) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1876) [A85] Dutch Defense

2011 MI MEC, (5)16.01.2011

1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.e3 0-0 6.Be2 c6 7.0-0 Na6 8.Qb3 Kh8 9.Rd1 Qe8 10.Bd2 d6 11.Rac1 Nc7 12.d5 c5 13.Qc2 Ng4 14.h3 Ne5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Bd3 Bd7 17.e4 f4 18.f3 Qf7 19.Ne2 Ne8 20.Bc3 Qf6 21.Bxe5 dxe5 22.Qc3 Nd6 23.a3 Qg5 24.Kh2 a5 25.b4 axb4 26.axb4 cxb4 27.Qxb4 Ra2 28.c5 Bxh3 29.gxh3 Qg3+ 30.Kh1 Qxf3+ 31.Kg1 Qxh3 32.Qe1 f3 33.Qg3 f2+ 34.Qxf2 Rxf2 35.Kxf2 Qg3+????(Blunder #5) 36.Kxg3 1-0

2011 PHCC Championships Round 1 Games

Rutkofske,Lon (1905) - Jones,G. Avery (1469) [C20] English

2011 PHCC Champs Port Huron Huron Chess Club (1), 06.01.2011

1.e4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.c4 Bc5 5.h3 0-0 6.Ne2 d6 7.0-0 Nd4 8.Nbc3 a6 9.Kh2 Qd7
10.d3 Nf3+ 11.Kh1 c6 12.Ng1 Nd4 13.f4 exf4 14.gxf4 g6 15.Nce2 Nh5 16.Kh2 Re8 17.Ng3
Nxg3 18.Kxg3 Qe7 19.Bd2 Ne6 20.Nf3 Ng7 21.Kh2 Nh5 22.d4 Bb6 23.Re1 Bc7 24.f5 d5+
25.e5 Bxf5 26.cxd5 cxd5 27.Qb3 Be6 28.Rac1 Rac8 29.Rc2 Bb8 30.Rec1 Rxc2 31.Rxc2
Qd7 32.Qe3 f5 33.Qh6 Qg7 34.Qg5 Rf8 35.Bb4 Re8 36.Qe3 Rc8 37.Bc3 Nf6 38.Ng5 Bd7
39.Kg1 Ne4 40.Qc1 Nxc3 41.Rxc3 Rxc3 42.Bxd5+ Kf8 43.Qxc3 1-0

Wingrove,Bill (1707) - Gregg,Alan (1939) [C94] Ruy Lopez

2011 PHCC Champs Port Huron Huron Chess Club (1), 13.01.2011

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Nb8
10.d3 c5 11.Nbd2 a5 12.a3 Qc7 13.Nf1 Bb7 14.Ng3 Nbd7 15.Nh2 Rfe8 16.Ng4 Bf8 17.Bg5
Nxg4 18.Qxg4 c4 19.dxc4 bxc4(19...a4 gains a tempo) 20.Ba4 Bc6 21.Bxc6 Qxc6 22.Nf5
Re6 23.Rad1 Rg6 24.Qh4 Nf6 25.Bxf6 Rxf6 26.Qg4 Qb6 27.Qe2 Qc6 28.f3 Rb8 29.Rd2 g6
30.Ne3 Bh6 31.Rd5 Qb6 32.Kh1 Bxe3 ½-½

Boucher,Dave (1322) - Bedy,Noel (1628) [B01] Scandinavian

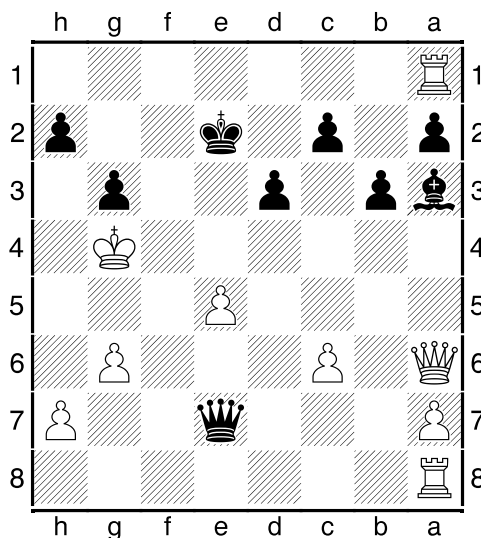
2011 PHCC Champs Port Huron Huron Chess Club (1), 13.01.2011

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nxd5 4.Bc4 Nb6 5.Bb3 Bf5 6.0-0 e6 7.Nc3 Be7 8.d3 Nc6 9.Re1
0-0 10.Bf4 Bg4 11.Re3 Nd4 12.Kh1 Bc5 13.Re4 Nxf3 14.gxf3 Bf5 15.Re2 c6 16.Qg1 Nd5
17.Bh6 Bg6 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.Bf4 Qf6 20.Qg3 Qxb2 21.Be5 Bd4 22.Rae1 Bxe5 23.Rxe5
Qa3 24.c4 Qd6 25.cxd5 Bxd3 26.dxc6 Qxc6 27.Bd5 Qc7 28.Rg1 Bg6 29.Be4 f6 30.Bd5+
Kh8 31.Re3 Qxg3 32.fxg3 Rab8 33.Re7 h6 34.Bxb7 Rf7 35.Rge1 Rxb7 36.Re8+ Kh7
37.Ra8 Rfe7 38.Rd1 Bf7 39.a3 Red7 40.Rc1 Bd5 41.Rc3 Rb1+ 0-1

Alan and I reached the following position in a G/10 game played recently at the club. It is Black's move, as he sacrificed his R on h8 for an attack on the White K. Will Black be able to win this, or can White survive, and go on to win with his overwhelming advantage. The game was declared a draw because we both ran out of time, and didn't realize it! Believe it or not, this position emerged from a rather odd French Defense. See January 2011 *Chess Chatter*.

Gregg,Alan - Rutkofske,Lon

G/10 Casual Game PHCC, 21.11.2010



Black to play and win???

Fritz's Solution to Gregg-Rutkofske

Fritz 12: 1) **1...Qa5+** [Fritz 12: 2) 1...Qe2+ 2.Kb4 (Fritz 12: 2.Ka4 Qa6+ 3.Kb4 Bd2# -#2/3) 2...Bd2+ 3.Ka3 Bc3 4.Rd8+ Kxd8 5.Qf1 Qb2+ 6.Ka4 Qxa2+ 7.Kb5 Qa5+ 8.Kc4 Qb4+ 9.Kd3 Qxd4+ 10.Kc2 Qd2+ 11.Kb1 Qb2# -#11/11 ; Fritz 12: 3) 1...Bf4 2.Qxe6+ fxe6 3.Rxh7+ Kd6 4.Rxa7 Qd3+ 5.Ka4 Kc6 6.Ra8 Qxd4+ 7.b4 b5+ 8.Kb3 Qc4+ 9.Kb2 Be5+ 10.Kb1 Qxb4+ 11.Kc2 Qc3+ 12.Kd1 Qxf3+ 13.Kd2 Qxh1 -13.74/19 ; Fritz 12: 4) 1...Qd3+ 2.Kb4 Bf4 3.Qg3 Bxg3 4.hxg3 Qxd4+ 5.Ka3 Qxh8 6.Rd1+ Ke8 7.Rc1 Qd4 8.g4 Qe3 9.Rc7 Qxf3 10.g5 Qd5 -10.28/19 ; Fritz 12: 5) 1...Kc7 2.Qg3+ Bf4 3.Qxf4+ Qxf4 4.Rd1 Qf5+ 5.Kb4 Qc2 6.Rh1 Qb2 7.Re8 a5+ 8.Kb5 Qe2+ 9.Ka4 Qxa2+ 10.Kb5 Qxb3+ 11.Ka6 Qa3 12.Rb1 Qd3+ -5.04/19] **2.Kc4 b5+ 3.Kc5 Qb6+ 4.Kb4 Bd2+ 5.Ka3 Qa5+ 6.Kb2 Qc3+ 7.Kb1 Qd3+ 8.Kb2 Bc3+ 9.Ka3 b4+ 10.Ka4 Qa6# -#10/9 Drawn**

Blasts from the Past

On September 3, 1972 the PHCC held a simul with Master Jude Acers, then from the Bay Area in California. Check this picture and article written by club member and Times Herald reporter, Ron Bonnett against Lon's write up in the January 2011 issue of CC...oh my how times change!!!



Who Is This Man Fischer, Anyhow?

Senior chessmaster Jude Acers moves rapidly from board to board Sunday night at a simultaneous chess exhibition

Port Huron Central High School. Ranked among the top 10 players in the country, Acers provided players and spectators with a presentation they will not soon

forget. Players facing Acers on one of four sides are, left to right, Norm McLeod, John Haacke, Dan Thomas, Ron Bonnett, Brian Wilson, Floyd Hoag and

Lon Rutkofske, all members of the Port Huron City Chess Club. Play lasted some four hours. Acers won or drew all but two matches.

Local Chess Buffs See How It's Done

BY RON BONNETT
Times Herald Reporter

He moves very rapidly . . . round and round the circuit . . . when he steps in front of your chess board, you make your move . . . he makes his and moves on.

The big difference is that he deliberates mere seconds per board, while you are allowed to ponder your move until his next arrival.

The only trouble is that he rarely makes the move you expect him to make, and "falls for" nothing.

His name is Jude Acers (pronounced like the land measurement). At 29 years of age he is a senior chess master, (from San Francisco) and is currently the holder of the world record for simultaneous play (a match in which one person plays many opponents at the same time).

Sunday night he was in Port Huron giving a rapid-fire lecture on chess and playing 32 enthusiasts at Port Huron Central High School.

In the last several days Acers has played nearly 400 games in simultaneous exhibitions in two states. Needless to say, he has won nearly all of them.

Sunday night he won 27, lost two and drew three. Most of the players were from the City Chess Club, co-sponsor,

along with the Port Huron Recreation Department, of Acers' appearance.

He began his exhibition with a lecture on how, in his opinion, a player can greatly improve his game through the study of four inexpensive books, all of which can be purchased for less than \$8.

Sunday's presentation included variations of a game Acers called the finest ever played. Working his way through the games on a large demonstration board, he explained the moves step by step so that even the weakest player could gain knowledge and enjoyment. more more

Following the 45-minute lecture, play began and lasted some four hours until the last man had been checkmated. Along the way Acers exemplified a spirit of play that has made him probably the most popular of the touring professionals.

His love of the game shows. He does not play to see you squirm, as Bobby Fischer seemingly does, but plays a friendly, sportsmanlike game so that when the time to resign arrives (for me, at the 38th move) the experience has been extremely worthwhile.

Although Acers concedes that chess will someday make him a millionaire - he recently signed a television lecture contract that will bring him \$250,000

this year - he evidently does not play for money alone.

Last year his nationwide tour of 132 exhibitions across the country included many gratis exhibitions in hospitals, prisons and grade schools.

His greatest delight seems to be the promotion of chess as a pastime for all ages. Following Sunday's games, Acers kibitzed with players and spectators and signed autographs even though the hour was late.

As far as his own game is concerned, Acers is determined to move into international prominence as soon as possible. He travels with suitcases full of chess books, including Russian chess magazines which he reads and translates easily, having studied the language while in college.

He has won more than 150 tournaments in his career, and in the last 100 games against grandmasters, masters and experts, Acers has lost only once.

Included in this competition was a four-game match he drew with Inter-

national Grandmaster Walter Browne of Australia.

As Acers pointed out in his lecture, he is a good example that almost anyone can learn to play master chess.

An orphan, he decided in 1961, after losing several games, to devote his life to chess and become as proficient as possible. In only a few years he attained a master rating and in 1966 set the current world record for simultaneous play - he faced 114 players at one time and beat them all.

Ranked among the top 10 chess players in America, Acers is riding the crest of the current chess mania sweeping the country.

From Port Huron, he was to travel to New York to begin taping his television series. Then it will be back on the road for more exhibitions.

PHCC Rating List

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 Rating List as of 1/21/11

Name	Rating
Gregg, Alan	1939
Rutkofske, Lon	1905
Wingrove, Bill	1707
Bedy, Noel	1628
Duncan, Bob	1595
Dean, Joel	1560
Willard, Mark	1500
Jones, G. Avery	1469
Mark Fitchett	1460
Boucher, Dave	1322

PHCC Speed Rating List as of 1/21/11

Name	Rating
Rutkofske, Lon	1949
Duncan, Bob	1693
Wingrove, Bill	1625
Jones, G. Avery	1485
Mark Fitchett	1444

USCF Ratings as of 1/21/11

Name	Rating
Gregg, Alan	2001
Rutkofske, Lon	1850
Wingrove, Bill	1694
Jones, G. Avery	1671
Bedy, Noel	1517
Duncan, Bob	1497
Boucher, Dave	1277

Calendar of Coming Events:

Port Huron Area School District's
15th Annual Chess Tournament

Saturday, March 26, 2011

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Port Huron High School Cafeteria

REGISTRATION: 8:00 - 8:30 A.M.

Open Tournament

(Open to all PHASD students)

Entry Fee: Free to all students

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 4 players will be paired in the next
highest grade classification.)

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.

Boards will be provided

Participants may bring their
own refreshments.

Parents are responsible for
the transportation and
supervision of their children.

Port Huron Area School District

Memorandum

To: All Administrators

From: Evone Rodrigues, Coordinator – Gifted & Talented Programs

Date: Jan. 12, 2011

Subject: 15th Annual Chess Tournament – Volunteer Request

The Port Huron Area School District's 15th Annual Chess Tournament will take place on Saturday, March 26, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of Port Huron High School. This annual event gives students in grades Kindergarten through 12th a chance to experience friendly competition while enjoying this wonderful mind game.

We are in need of adult volunteers to help by observing and supervising during the competition. If you are available to help, please contact me at (810) 984-3101, ext. 297.

Please forward this memo to anyone that you feel may be interested in volunteering to help.

Thank you

Copies to: Building Chess Coordinators

Dues Increase: The Port Huron Chess Club will begin to collect dues for the coming year. 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. **This is the first time since 1970 there has been a dues increase. Funds will be used to help fund tournament play and supplement prize funds and offset USCF expenses for rated Tournaments.**