



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/>

Young PHCC players fair well in PHASD Tournament

Matt Hartson walked away sporting the Grade 5 crown with an undefeated 5-0 record by virtue of his final round victory over **Cullen Wiley** (4-1) in the annual Port Huron Area School District Chess Tournament hosted at Port Huron High School on March 26th. **Gabe Ferguson** scored 3 wins but had to leave early because he was double booked, having a tennis tournament and chess tournament on the same day. All three 5th graders participate in monthly chess lessons sponsored by the Port Huron Chess Club and have made significant progress in the past few months in improving their understanding and skill levels under the tutelage of club members: **Lon Rutkofske**, **Dave Boucher**, **Bill Wingrove** and **Alan Gregg**. Ably orchestrated by tournament director, **Jeff Willard**, over 130 PHASD youngsters tested their mettle in this year's 15th Anniversary Event. Senior PHCC members acted as supervisor/arbiters again this year. Filling in for club champion, Alan Gregg, who was in the UK, Lon Rutkofske hosted a simultaneous exhibition and provided a chess problem on the club demonstration board for participants and spectators in an effort to garner interest in



Matthew Hartson – 5th Grade Champion of the 15th Annual Port Huron Area School District Chess Tournament

the Port Huron Chess Club specifically, and chess in general. Solving the mate in two problem netted complimentary memberships for three determined chess players: parent, **Paul Oriel**, and participants **John Sienkiewicz**, and **Jay Krazyca**. (See details in the Port Huron Times Herald article that follows.)



PHCC's Fantastic 4 : (L-R) Lon Rutkofske, Tom Broyles, Bill Wingrove, Dave Boucher



PHCC Demonstration Area: Lon Rutkofske's Simultaneous Exhibition and Chess Problem.

Kids show off skills at annual chess tournament

By CRYSTAL GARCIA
Times Herald

Students kept things in check Saturday at the Port Huron Area School District's 15th annual chess tournament.

More than 100 students squared off in five rounds to determine winners in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Some children had just learned to play or only had been playing for a couple of years, while others — such as 17-year-old Travis Hill — had been playing for several years.

Travis said he learned to play in kindergarten from his father. His work paid off, as Travis took first place in his grade level for the fifth year in a row.

"I like the thinking process of it," Travis said. "There are so many million moves you can do in one turn."

Like Travis, Jenna Cooper and Jarrett Dennis like the tournament because it gives them many opponents.

"The tournament is fun because you get to play lots of people in one day," said Jenna of Fort Gratiot, noting she's made new friends, too.



By MELISSA WAWZYNSKO, Times Herald.

CHECK MATES: Austin McCallum, right, 10, of Port Huron makes his move against opponent Jenna Cooper, 8, of Fort Gratiot on Saturday during the district chess tournament at Port Huron High School. McCallum won this match.

The Thomas Edison Elementary School third-grader also said she enjoys the challenge aspect of chess. Jenna said she learned how to play two years ago at school.

Compared to others at the tournament, Thomas Edison Elementary School fourth-grader Jarrett Dennis was a rookie, with one year of

experience under his belt.

In addition to the tournament, the Clyde Township resident also spent time playing Lon Rutkofske of the Port Huron Chess Club. Rutkofske was playing five games at once.

Rutkofske started the tournament so children could have a place to enjoy chess

Kind.- Nathaniel Oriel - Indian Woods Elem.

1st grade - Danny Fealko - Thomas Edison Elem.

2nd grade - Benjamin Dedic - Crull Elem.

3rd grade - Devin Battisti - Indian Woods Elem.

4th grade - Jonathan Oriel - Indian Woods Elem.

5th grade - Matthew Hartson - T. Edison Elem.

6th grade - Ryan Lotts - Central MS

7th grade - Jacob Kasik - Central MS

8th grade - McCoy Doherty - Fort Gratiot MS

9th grade - Matt Romzek - PH Northern HS

10th grade - Steven Fegan - PH Northern HS

11th grade - John Sienkiewicz - Port Huron HS

12th grade - Travis Hill - Port Huron HS

as much as he does, he said.

Rutkofske said he wanted the children to learn that chess is about using their minds.

"Size, weight, height, race makes no difference," he said, noting he once was defeated by a 5-year-old.

Jeff Willard, a math teacher at Central Middle School and tournament organizer, echoed Rutkofske's sentiments.

He said he wanted the children to learn two things from chess and the tournament.

"No. 1, learn to be good sports because they don't get that in everything," Willard said. "And, there's definitely a lot of logic and critical thinking in it."

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PHCC flirts with “haute couture”

Whether you have noticed or not (See the picture of the Fantastic 4 in the previous article), members of the PHCC have moved into the fashion mainstream with stylish collection of its very own. Aided by accomplished embroiderer and design artist, Diane Rutkofske, members of the PHCC now have access to high quality, custom creations that sport the logo of the Port Huron Chess Club.

With the price tag of just \$30, you too can enjoy the celebrity that comes with the crisp, tailored look of well-dressed chess aficionados in colors that best reflect your chess-playing mood. Whether it be burgundy, black or traditional white, these *objects de arte* available in sizes S thru 2XL, will make you the envy of every chess enthusiast, be they friend or foe.

Don't miss this opportunity to become a player of distinction and exquisite taste – order your shirt/s today by contacting Diane at drutkofske@sbcglobal.net. See you on the runway!



April Mini-Swiss Begins April 14th

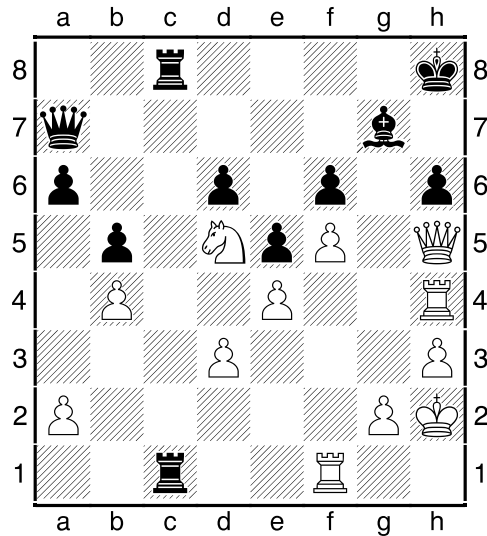
The first in a series of monthly tournaments begins Thursday, April 14th, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Palmer Park Recreation Center. We are once again back in the comfort of our regular meeting room, as the brief shift to accommodate another group's needs has come to a close. Cookies and coffee will be available for contestants at this month's tournament which will feature a 3 round Mini-Swiss with a time control of G/90. Rounds will be held on successive Thursdays of April 14th, 21st and 28th. Entry fee will be \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for those under 19. Cash prizes will be awarded based on the number of entries. Registration begins takes place between 6:30 -7:00 PM or through advance entry. Thusfar, **Noel Bedy, Lon,** and **Avery Jones** have pre-registered. Only those having up to date club membership may enter.

Rematch with Brighton

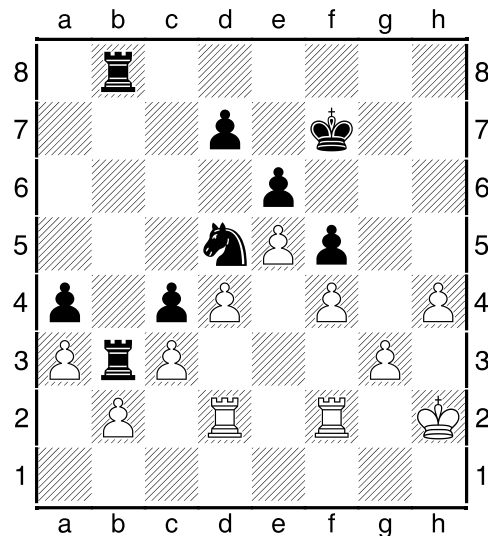
Let me know if you are interested in a rematch with the Brighton Chess Club. We hope to have another match scheduled by June. I would like to contact Matt Trojillo as soon as I can to negotiate the rematch by May 15th, so contact me before that date so we can make the necessary arrangements. Also indicate the days of the week that would prohibit your participation.

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.



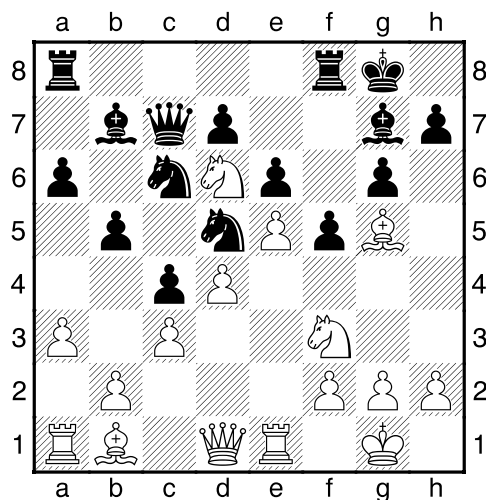
Woodyard vs Wingrove 3/31/11
White to play and win.



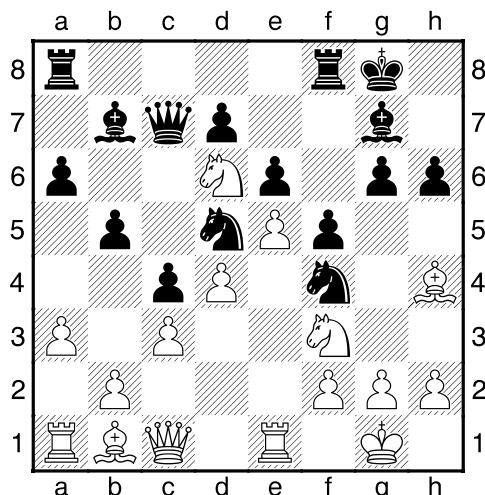
Broyles vs Rutkofske 3/31/11
After 43.h4...Black to play and win.

Broyles and I have had several very interesting games of late, and although I have started each game with remarkably good positions, I seemed to lose the thread of the game, and lose them. Tom has proven resilient in both games here, and managed to emerge victorious.

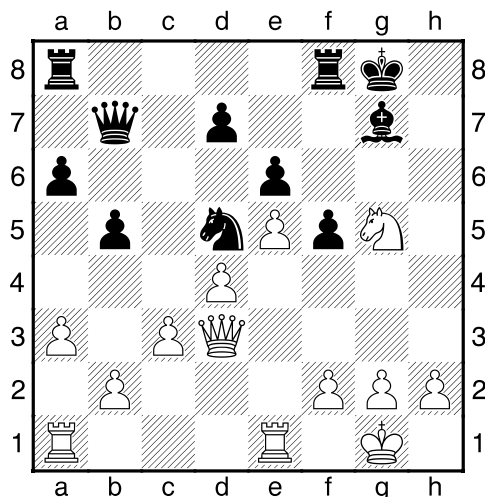
Broyles, Tom (1737) - Rutkofske, Lon (1850) [B30] Sicilian Defense
1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 c5 3.Bc4 Nc6 4.0-0 a6 5.a3 Qc7 6.Re1 b5 7.Ba2 g6 8.c3 Bg7 9.d4 c4 10.e5 Bb7 11.Nbd2 Nge7 12.Ne4 0-0 13.Bg5 Nd5 14.Nd6 f5 15.Bb1 Diagram



15...h6 16.Bh4 Nce7 17.Qe2 Nf4 18.Qe3 Ned5 19.Qc1 Diagram



19...Nd3 [Fritz 12: 1) 19...Bc6 20.Qd2 g5 21.Nxg5 hxg5 22.Bxg5 Ng6 23.Bc2 Bb7 24.Bh6 Bxh6 25.Qxh6 Ngf4 26.g3 Nd3 27.Qg6+ Kh8 28.Qh6+; Fritz 12: 2) 19...g5 20.Bg3 Nh5 21.h3 Bc6 22.Bc2 Rfb8 23.Qd2 Nxg3 24.fxg3 Bf8 25.g4 Nf4 26.gxf5; Fritz 12: 3) 19...Rfb8 20.Bg3 Nh5 21.Bc2 Bc6 22.Qd2 g5 23.h3 Nxg3 24.fxg3 Bf8 25.g4 Nf4 26.gxf5 Bxf3 27.gxf3 Bxd6; Fritz 12: 4) 19...Nh5 20.g3 Qc6 21.Nxb7 Qxb7 22.Qd1 Qb8 23.Nd2 d6 24.Bc2 dxe5 25.dxe5 Ra7 26.a4 Rd7 27.Qe2 Rc8 28.axb5; Fritz 12: 5) 19...Qc6 20.Bg3 Nh5 21.Qd2 Rfb8 22.Bc2 Bf8 23.a4 Bxd6 24.exd6 Nxg3 25.hxg3 Kg7 26.Ne5 Qxd6 27.Qxh6+ Kxh6] **20.Bxd3 cxd3 21.Qd2 Qc6 22.Nxb7 Qxb7 23.Qxd3 g5 24.Bxg5 hxg5 25.Nxg5** Diagram



25...Bh6 26.Qg3 Bxg5 27.Qxg5+ Kf7 28.Qh5+ Ke7 29.Qg5+ Ke8 30.Qd2 Rh8 31.h3 Kf7 32.Kh2 Rag8 33.Qe2 Qc6 34.Rad1 Qc4 35.Qd3 a5 36.Qxc4 bxc4 37.Re2 a4 38.g3 Rb8 39.f4 Rb3 40.Rdd2 Rhb8 41.Rg2 Ne3 42.Rgf2 Nd5 43.h4 (See Diagram at top of column)

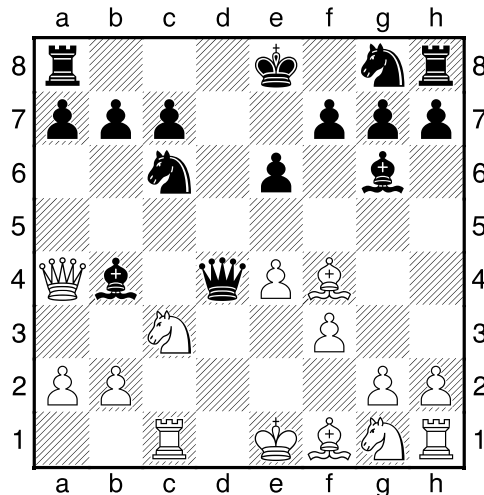
As the game progressed, Lon wasted many tempi and Tom was able to push his h-pawn to queen. See position above. (The winning line from the position after 43.h4 is Nc3! Because after 44.bc3, Rc3 white will double on b3 and win the a pawn, and that should end the game.)

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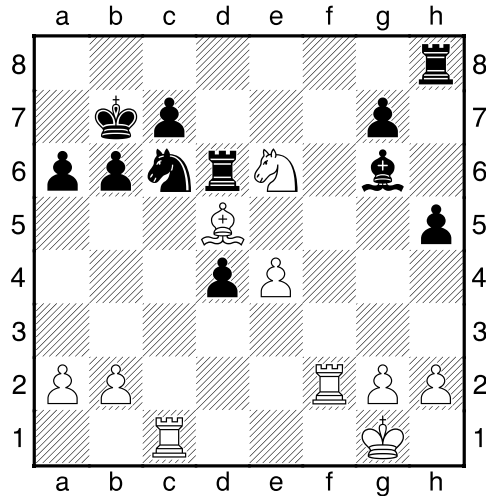
Rutkofske,Lon (1850) - Broyles,Tom [D06] Queen's Gambit – Baltic Defense

Casual Game St. Clair, 09.04.2011

1.d4 My first serious venture into the Q-Gambit, but I figured I need to do something to freshen my opening repertoire and throw Tom off balance a bit, and it worked! **1...d5 2.c4 Bf5?** A questionable sally for the bishop and now things begin to take shape as I seize the initiative. **3.cxd5** [Fritz 12: 1) 3.Qb3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Qxb7 Rb8 6.Qxa7 Ra8 7.Qb7 Rb8 8.Qc6 Rb6 9.Qa4 0.93/14 ; Fritz 12: 2) 3.cxd5 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nxd5 5.Qb3 Nxc3 6.bxc3 b6 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Ng5 e6 0.63/14 ; Fritz 12: 3) 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Qa4 Bb4 6.Ne5 Nge7 7.g4 Bg6 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Nxc6 Bxc3+ 0.45/14 ; Fritz 12: 4) 3.Nf3 dxc4 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 Nc6 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.0-0 Bb4 8.a3 Bxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bb2 0.44/14 ; Fritz 12: 5) 3.e3 Nf6 4.cxd5 Qxd5 5.Nc3 Qa5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Bb5 Ne4 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.Bd2 Qb6 10.Nxe4 0.18/14] **3...Qxd5 4.Nc3 Qd8 5.e4 Bg6 6.Bf4 e6 7.Rc1?** Now it is my turn to err...best was Nf3 which secures the center....7...Bb4 can be answered by 8Qa4+ Nc6, and 9.Bd3 **7...Bb4 8.Qa4+ Nc6 9.f3 Qxd4** Diagram



10.Nge2 10.Bb5 !! seemed to be far better 10...000 11.Ne2 seems better now. [Fritz 12: 1) 10.Bb5 Nge7 11.Nge2 Bxc3+ 12.Rxc3 Qxa4 13.Bxa4 0-0-0 14.Kf2 e5 15.Be3 Nb4 16.Bxa7 Nd3+ 17.Kg3 Nxb2 18.Bb5 -0.50/14 ; Fritz 12: 2) 10.Nge2 Qb6 11.Rd1 Bc5 12.Rd2 Nf6 13.Nb5 Bf2+ 14.Kd1 0-0 15.Bxc7 Qe3 16.Qb3 Qc5 17.Nec3 -1.59/14 ; Fritz 12: 3) 10.Qd1 e5 11.Qxd4 exd4 12.a3 dxc3 13.axb4 cxb2 14.Rb1 0-0-0 15.Rxb2 Nf6 16.Ne2 Rd3 17.Kf2 -1.45/13 ; Fritz 12: 4) 10.Qb5 0-0-0 11.Nge2 Qb6 12.Qxb6 axb6 13.a3 Be7 14.Be3 Nf6 15.Nf4 Ne5 16.Rd1 -1.49/13 ; Fritz 12: 5) 10.Qb3 0-0-0 11.a3 Ba5 12.Rd1 Qxd1+ 13.Qxd1 Rxd1+ 14.Kxd1 Nf6 15.Nge2 Rd8+ 16.Kc2 e5 17.Bg5 Bb6 18.Bxf6 -2.04/13] **10...Bxc3+ 11.Nxc3 0-0-0 12.Bb5 Qxa4 13.Nxa4 Nge7 14.0-0** 14Kf2 was better because it keeps the K near the center. **14...Rd4 15.Be3 Rdd8 16.Rc3 a6 17.Be2 f5 18.Nc5 fxe4** Here I was thinking that if 18.Ne6, ef 19.Nd8 is losing. **19.fxe4 Nd4!** This creates problems with forking possibilities all over the place and also permitting Black to free his game via KNc6. **20.Bg4 Kb8 21.Bf4 h5** Tom is making some very forcing moves here, and I should probably liquidated things with 21.Bd4, Rd4 22.Be6 equalizing and preventing the tempo gaining H5!) **22.Bd1 Nec6** Now the tide begins to change and Tom takes the initiative. **23.Bg5** [Fritz 12: 1) 23.Rg3 e5 24.Rxg6 exf4 25.Rxg7 Rh6 26.Rd7 Rxd7 27.Nxd7+ Kc8 28.Nc5 b6 29.Nd3 Rd6 30.Bxh5 1.17/13 ; Fritz 12: 2) 23.Be3 a5 24.g4 hxg4 25.Bxg4 Rd6 26.Rd3 e5 27.Nd7+ Ka7 28.Nxe5 Nxe5 29.Rxd4 Nxg4 30.Rxd6+ -0.68/12 ; Fritz 12: 3) 23.a3 e5 24.Be3 Rd6 25.Rf2 Nb5 26.Rc1 b6 27.a4 bxc5 28.axb5 axb5 -0.68/12 ; Fritz 12: 4) 23.Bg5 Rd6 24.Be3 e5 25.h3 h4 26.Bg4 Bh5 27.Bxh5 Rxh5 28.Rd3 Rh8 29.Rf7 -0.71/12 ; Fritz 12: 5) 23.Bc1 e5 24.Be3 Rd6 25.h3 h4 26.Bg4 Bh5 27.Bxh5 Rxh5 28.Rd3 Rh8 29.Rf7 -0.71/12] **23...Rd6** I so wanted to get Be7 in to win his rook, but alas the knights are too powerfully posted. **24.Rf2 Nb5 25.Rc1 e5 26.Bb3 Nbd4 27.Bd5 Ka7 28.Be3 b6 29.Bxd4 exd4 30.Ne6 Kb7** Diagram



31.Nxd4?? A huge blunder here. Best is the simple 31.Rc6!!! Rc6, then Nd4!!! Wins a piece!
 [Fritz 12: 1) 31.Rxc6 Rxc6 32.Rc2 Be8 33.Nd8+ Kc8 34.Nxc6 Bxc6 35.Rxc6 Re8 36.Kf2 h4 37.Rg6 Re7 38.Rg4 h3 39.gxh3 d3 3.87/16 ; Fritz 12: 2) 31.Nxg7 Rxd5 32.exd5 Ne7 33.d6 cxd6 34.Ne6 Nc6 35.Rd2 d3 36.Nf4 Bf5 37.Nxd3 d5 38.Rf2 Rf8 2.23/16 ; Fritz 12: 3) 31.Rfc2 Rxe6 32.Rxc6 Rxc6 33.Rxc6 Bf7 34.Rh6+ Bxd5 35.Rxh8 Bxe4 36.Rxh5 Kc6 37.Kf2 Kd6 38.Rg5 g6 39.Ke2 c5 0.70/16 ; Fritz 12: 4) 31.Nf8 Be8 32.Ne6 Bg6 0.00/15 ; Fritz 12: 5) 31.Nf4 Be8 32.Rd2 g5 33.Nh3 g4 34.Nf4 Kb8 35.Bxc6 Rxc6 36.Rxc6 Bxc6 37.Rxd4 Re8 38.Nd5 Bxd5 39.Rxd5 Rxe4 40.Rxh5 -0.03/15 | **31...Rxd5 32.exd5 Nxd4 33.Rd1 Nb5 34.a4 Nd6 35.Re1 Be4 36.Rd2 Rf8 37.Rd4 Rf4 38.Re3 Rg4 39.g3 h4 40.Kf2 g5** Fritz 12: 1) **41.Re1** [Fritz 12: 2) 41.Re2 Kc8 42.Re1 Kd7 43.a5 b5 44.Re3 Kc8 45.Re1 Kb8 46.b3 h3 47.Rd2 -2.19/13 ; Fritz 12: 3) 41.b4 Kc8 42.a5 b5 43.Re1 h3 44.Re3 Kd7 45.Re2 Ke7 46.Rd3 Kf6 -2.18/12 ; Fritz 12: 4) 41.Rc3 h3 42.Re3 Kc8 43.b4 Kd8 44.Re1 Kd7 45.Re3 Kd8 -2.19/12 ; Fritz 12: 5) 41.Rb4 a5 42.Rd4 h3 43.Rc3 Kc8 44.Rc1 Kd8 45.Re1 Ke7 46.b4 axb4 47.Rxb4 -2.21/12 | **41...Kc8 42.b4 Kb7 43.Re3 Ka8 44.b5 Kb7 45.bxa6+ Kxa6 46.Rc3 Nf5 47.Rb4 Ka5** -2.18/13 **0-1**

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 4/11/11

Name	Rating
Gregg, Alan	1936
Rutkofske, Lon	1891
Wingrove, Bill	1683
Oriel, Paul	1650
Bedy, Noel	1619
Duncan, Bob	1595
Dean, Joel	1560
Willard, Mark	1500
Mark Fitchett	1460
Jones, G. Avery	1443
Boucher, Dave	1399
Krazyca, Jay	1000
Sienkiewicz, John	1000

PHCC Speed Rating List as of 4/11/11

Name	Rating
Rutkofske, Lon	1949
Duncan, Bob	1693
Wingrove, Bill	1625
Jones, G. Avery	1485
Mark Fitchett	1444
Bedy, Noel	1440

USCF Ratings as of 4/11/11

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

Some New Faces:

Below are some of the new faces that are appearing more regularly at the PHCC.



Cliff Schrader



John Sienkiewicz vs Dave Boucher



John Sienkiewicz vs Rob Brown



Leonard Woodyard vs Bill Wingrove



Jacob Lashbrook and Karen Vertigan



Jordan Pfefferle



Ester and Evangelina Velez



Chris Riley – Dave Boucher’s nephew

Calendar of Events:

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

April 14, 21, 28 – April Mini-Swiss: G/90 one round each Thursday. EF: \$5.00/\$2.50 A/J – prize fund dependent on entries

May 12, 19, 26 – May Round Robin – 4 person sections, one game each Thursday: G/90.

EF: \$5.00/\$2.50 A/J – prize fund dependent on entries

Dues News:

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.

Membership Lapses: Matt Morabito, Tom Broyles, Bob Fiedler, Chris Scholfield, Dale Berthen, Mike Petty, Jaime Chan, Mike Jachinski ,Eric Roome, Rob Brown

Solution to Woodyard - Wingrove:

1. Rc1!,,,if Rc1 2. Qe8+, Kh7 3.Nf6+, Bf6 4. Qg6+, Kh8 5. Rh6+ mates in two.