



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>

Return of the Native: Reemergence of Stew Wilkinson.



Stew Wilkinson became a regular at the PHCC in the late 1980's winning the 1988 Turkey Gobbler crown, tying Jim Alexander for the Speed Championships in 1988 and sharing the Club Championship with Scott Douglas in 1989. Disappearing from PHCC competitions as a result of a job move to Missouri (according to Fred Goodell) in early 1990, Stew resurfaced briefly to participate in the 1998 Championships. Since that solo appearance, he has achieved a master rating (2202) in correspondence chess, most recently renewing his OTB credentials by playing in the Peoria BSO Tournament in August of last year.

Presently, Stew is in the area to help his father, who is having some health issues. While the purpose of his stay in the Blue Water Area is not enviable, we are so pleased that he has taken the opportunity to reconnect with the PHCC. In chatting with Stew, it appears that he may permanently relocate to our area from Illinois. Here is hoping his family issues will work out positively, and we are looking forward to welcoming him once again into the fold of PHCC regulars.

Below are some of the games Stew played in his last tournament at the PHCC!

Wilkinson,Stew (1873) - Bedy,Noel (1628) [B01] Scandinavian Defense

1998 PHCC Championships, Port Huron Chess Club, (1), 26.03.1998

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.Be2 Bxe2 5.Qxe2 Qxd5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 e6 8.0-0 0-0-0
9.c4 Qf5 10.Nc3 a6 11.a3 Bd6 12.c5 Bf4 13.b4 Nd5 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.b5 Nb8 16.bxa6
Nxa6 17.c6 Bxe3 18.fxe3 Rhe8 19.cxb7+ Kxb7 20.Rab1+ Ka7 21.Ne5 Qe6 22.Rfc1 Rd6
23.Qc2 f6 24.Nc6+ Rxc6 25.Qxc6 Qxc6 26.Rxc6 Rxe3 27.Rb5 Rxa3 28.Rxd5 Kb7
29.Rc1 Kc8 30.Rd1 c6 31.Rh5 h6 32.Rh3 Rxh3 33.gxh3 Nb4 34.Kf2 Nd5 35.Kf3 Kc7
36.h4 g5 37.hxg5 hxg5 38.Ra1 Kd6 39.Rc1 Kd7 40.Ke4 Kd6 41.Rc5 Kd7 42.Kf5 Kd6
43.h3 Ne3+ 44.Kxf6 g4 45.Re5 Nd5+ 46.Rxd5+ 1-0

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1897) - Wilkinson,Stew (1873) [A03] Bird's Opening

1998 PHCC Championships Port Huron Chess Club, (2), 09.04.1998

1.f4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 g6 4.c4 Bg7 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Qb3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nc6 8.Nb5 e6 9.Qa3
a6 10.Nc3 b6 11.b4 Bb7 12.Rb1 a5 13.b5 Nb4 14.0-0 Nfd5 15.d4 Nxc3 16.Qxc3 Be4
17.Rb2 Rc8 18.Nd2 Ba8 19.Rxb4 axb4 20.Qxb4 Qd6 21.Qc3 c5 22.Ba3 Qc7 23.Qb3
Qb7 24.Nf3 Rfd8 25.dxc5 bxc5 26.Qc2 Qe4 27.Qc1 Bd5 28.Bxd5 Rxd5 29.Ne1 c4 0-1

Bruziewicz,Andy (2104) - Wilkinson,Stew (1873) [D00] Unusual Q-Pawn Opening

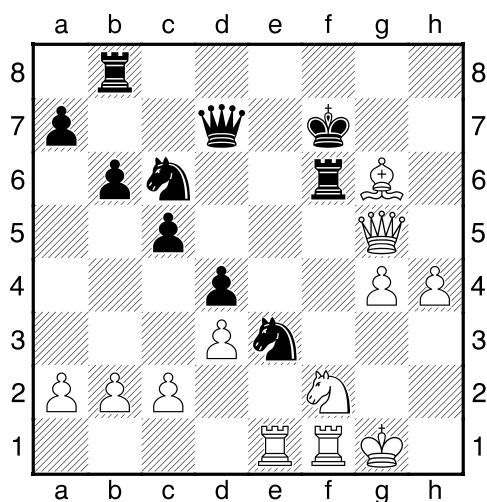
1998 PHCC Championships, Port Huron Chess Club,(3), 16.04.1998

1.d4 e6 2.c3 d5 3.Bf4 Bd6 4.Bg3 Nf6 5.Qc2 Nc6 6.Nf3 Qe7 7.Nbd2 Bd7 8.e4 Bxg3
9.hxg3 dxe4 10.Nxe4 0-0-0 11.0-0-0 Nd5 12.Nc5 Nb6 13.Rxh7 Rxh7 14.Qxh7 e5
15.Nxd7 Nxd7 16.Qxg7 exd4 17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.Qxd4 Qg5+ 19.Kb1 Qf5+ 20.Bd3 Qh5
21.Be4 c5 22.Qd5 Qxd5 23.Rxd5 Kc7 24.Bf5 Nf6 25.Rxc5+ Kb6 26.Rc4 Rd1+ 27.Kc2
Rf1 28.Rf4 Nh5 29.Rf3 Nxc3 30.fxg3 1-0

Wilkinson,Stew (1873) - Wingrove,Bill (1660) [B26] Closed Sicilian Defense

1998 PHCC Championships, Port Huron Chess Club, (4), 23.04.1998

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 e6 7.Nge2 Nge7 8.Qd2 Rb8 9.Bh6
0-0 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.0-0 d5 12.exd5 exd5 13.Nf4 d4 14.Ne4 b6 15.Nh3 Ne5 16.Qf4
N7c6 17.Neg5 Bf5 18.Rae1 Qd7 19.Qh4 h6 20.Ne4 f6 21.f4 Ng4 22.Nhf2 Ne3 23.g4 g5
24.fxg5 fxg5 25.Nxg5 hxg5 26.Qxg5+ Bg6 27.Be4 Rf6 28.h4 Kf7 29.Bxg6+ Diagram

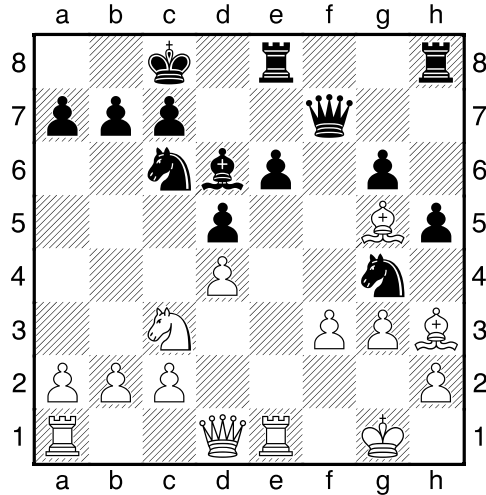


29...Rxc6 30.Ne4+ Nxf1 31.Rxf1+ Kg7 32.Qxc6+ Kxc6 33.h5+ Kg7 34.Rf5 Rf8 35.h6+ Kg8 36.Rg5+ Kh7 37.Ng3 Qe7 38.Rg7+ Qxc7 39.hxc7 Kxc7 40.Nf5+ Rxf5 41.gxf5 Kf6 42.Kf2 Kxf5 43.Kf3 0-1

Petty,Michael (1800) - Wilkinson,Stew (1873) [C01] French Defense Exchange Variation

1998 PHCC Championships Port Huron Chess Club (5), 30.04.1998

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Be2 Bd6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.0-0 Be6 7.Ng5 Qd7 8.Nxe6 fxe6 9.Bh5+ g6 10.Bg4 0-0-0 11.Re1 Re8 12.Nc3 h5 13.Bh3 Nf6 14.Bg5 Ng4 15.g3 Qf7 16.f3 Diagram



16...Nxe6 17.Kxh2 h4 18.f4 hxc3+ 19.Kxc3 Bxf4+ 20.Bxf4 Rxh3+ 21.Kxh3 Qxf4 22.Kg2 Qg5+ 23.Kf2 Rf8+ 24.Ke2 Qg2+ 25.Ke3 Qf2+ 0-1

In Praise of “Smoke and Mirrors” – An apology!

To say that my chess performance has been stellar in the first half of this year’s club championships would not only be laughable, it would be the ultimate exercise in hypocrisy! I just cannot prevent myself from the uncontrollable urge to allow my opponents to obtain superior positions, or significant material advantages as each of the first four games of this year’s annual dogfight clearly demonstrate! I just have to shake my head.... I have no idea about what it is in my psyche that weakens my resolve and depletes my resistance to the suicidal propensities catapulting me headlong to self-destruction.

Perhaps it is my “altruistic character, or self deprecating nature” that surfaces when I play chess...Yeah! Right !!...and anyone who knows me well, would crumble to the floor in a fit of nauseous laughter when confronted with such dubious descriptors. By nature, I am highly competitive, almost to the point of obnoxiousness!

Alan Gregg gave me some sound advice when he suggested that I just play “my” game, and let the game come to me. Well, I tried that, and as you will see from the games that follow, it obviously makes little difference. I am forever jumping from the frying pan into the fire!

In self-assessing my efforts, the majority of my difficulties seem to manifest themselves in deficiencies related to the planning phase of my game. From analyses of these

convoluted contests, it is evident that I am perpetually aiming at the wrong targets, creating flawed strategies to exploit them, and failing to recognize the most imminent threats of my opponents. Revisiting Jeremy Silman's training tomes for a refresher course on mastering the elements of identifying and implementing effective plans probably is in order - the sooner, the better!

With that being said...my sole saving grace seems to be "an incredible string of luck"! The oft-used maxim: "I'd rather be lucky than good", has become the mantra of my chess success, I am embarrassed to say. To my opponents, I must apologize. Whether it be real or imagined, I have managed to escape my demons, via reputation, determination, perspiration, imagination, and even an incantation or two...but that well-worn dictum seems to apply to me in spades. At this rate my only hope for winning the tournament is that my "Irish luck" will hold out, or the earth opens up to swallow my remaining opponents.

Rutkofske, Lonnie (1805) - Kitts, Gary (1888) [A07] K-I Attack

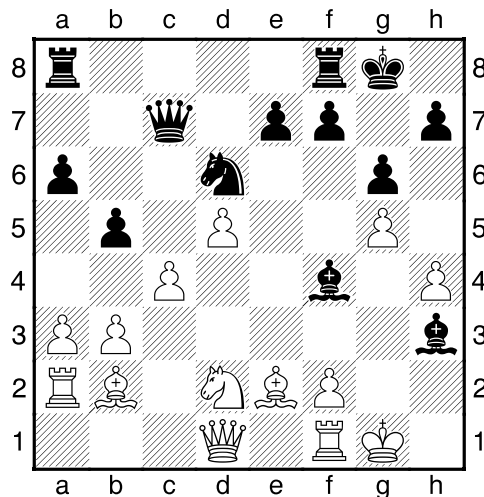
2012 MI Class A Champs (4), 15.01.2012

1.Nf3 Nc6 2.g3 e5 3.d3 Nf6 4.Bg2 d5 5.Nbd2 Bc5 6.0-0 0-0 7.h3 Bf5 8.c3 Bb6 9.Qa4 h6 10.Kh2 Re8 11.Nh4 Bh7 12.e4 d4 13.c4 a5 14.a3 Nd7 15.Qd1 Nc5 16.Ndf3 a4 17.Rb1 Qf6 18.g4 g5 19.Nf5 Bxf5 20.gxf5 Na5 21.Rg1 Kh7 22.Bf1 Rg8 23.Nxg5+ hxg5 24.Qh5+ Qh6 25.Qxf7+ Rg7 26.Qd5 Qh4?? 27.Rg3 Nc6 28.Be2 Rd8 29.f6 Rxd5 30.cxd5 Rg6 31.dxc6 ½-½ Draw Agreed.

Boucher, Dave (1404) - Rutkofske, Lonnie (1851) [B01] Scandinavian Defense

2012 PHCC Championships (1), 12.01.2012 [Rutkofske]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Be2 c6 6.dxc6 Nxc6 7.d4 0-0 8.0-0 Bf5 9.a3 Ne4 10.d5 Ne5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Nd2 Qc7 13.Nf3 Bg7 14.Nd2 Nd6 15.Ra2 a6 (15...e6? 16.g4 wins a piece!) 16.b3 b5 17.Bb2 Bh6 18.g4!? Bd7 19.h4 Bf4 20.g5 Bh3?? Diagram



This was a poor choice, since it really loses a tempo, forcing the Rook to a natural square and permitting Bf1 driving the white bishop away and protecting the K. Better was 20...Nf5 forcing the h pawn to advance and losing the g pawn.] 21.Re1 Qb6 [A horrible waste of a tempo. Far better was probably 22....f6 .] 22.Nf3 Nf5 23.Bd4 Qd8 24.Qa1?? f6 [White returns the favor...hoping for a cheapo with Bh8 followed by Qg7 mate, but he hasn't the time. A better plan would have been Bf1 and doubling the

rooks with Rae2!] **25.Bd3 Qd7 26.Bxf5 Qxf5 27.Nh2 fxe5 28.Rxe7 Rf7 29.Rae2 gxe4 30.Re8+ Rf8 31.Bh8 Qg5+ 0-1**

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1851) - Bedy,Noel (1603) [C31] Falkbeer Counter Gambit

2012 PHCC Championships (2), 19.01.2012

1.f4 e5 2.e4 d5 3.Qf3 Nc6 4.Bb5 dxe4 5.Bxc6+ bxc6 6.Qxe4 Nf6 7.Qxe5+ Be7 8.h3 0-0
9.Nc3 Re8 10.Nge2 Bb7 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Qa5 Qd7 13.d4 c5 14.dxc5 Qc6 15.Rf3 Bxc5+
16.Kh2 Bb6 17.Qg5 Ne4 18.Qg4 Qc4 19.f5 Qc6 20.Rf4 Nf6 21.Qf3 Bc5 22.Qxc6 Bxc6
23.Rc4 Bd6+ 24.Nf4 Bd7 25.g4 Re1 26.Kg2 Rae8 27.Nd3 R1e7 28.Bg5 Bc8 29.Bf4
Bb7+ 30.Kf2 Ba6 31.Ra4 Bxd3 32.cxd3 Bxf4 33.Rxf4 Rd7 34.Rf3 Red8 35.Ke2 a6
36.Rg1 Re8+ 37.Re3 Red8 38.Rgg3 c5 39.b3 Rd4 40.Re5 Nd7 41.Re4 Nb8 42.Rge3 h6
43.Re8+ Rxe8 44.Rxe8+ 1-0

Jones,Avery (1532) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1851) [A46] Q-Pawn Game

2012 PHCC Championships (3), 26.01.2012

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 d6 4.g3 Nbd7 5.Bg2 Rb8 6.0-0 Be7 7.Nb5 a6 8.Na7 0-0
9.Nxc8 Qxc8 10.c3 b5 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bc1 Rd8 13.Re1 c5 14.Qc2 d5 15.Bf4 Rb7
16.Rac1 Nh5 17.Be3 c4 18.Qd2 Bf8 19.Ne5 Nhf6 20.Bf3 a5 21.h3 Nxe5 22.dxe5 Nd7
23.Bd4 Qb8 24.Qe3 Be7 25.Bg2 Rc8 26.h4 Bc5 27.Qf4 Be7 28.Rcd1 b4 29.e4 Nc5
30.exd5 Nd3 31.Rxd3 cxd3 32.d6 Rd7 33.dxe7 Rxe7 34.Qd2 bxc3 35.bxc3 Qb5 36.Be4
Rb8 37.Bxd3 Qa4 38.Re2 Reb7 39.c4 Qd7 40.Qe3 Rb1+ 41.Bxb1 Rxb1+ 42.Kh2 Rd1
43.Rd2 Rf1 44.Bb6 Qc6 45.Rd8+ Kh7 46.Qd3+ g6 47.Qxf1 Qxb6 48.Rd2 Qc5 49.Qe2
a4 50.Kg1 Qa3 51.Rc2 Qc5 52.Rb2 Qd4 53.Rb5 Qa1+ 54.Kg2 Qd4 55.c5 Qd5+ 56.Kh2
Qc6 57.Qc4 Qf3 White lost on time! 0-1

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1851) - Wingrove,Bill (1726) [A04] KI Attack

2012 PHCC Championships (4), 02.02.2012

1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 Nc6 5.e4 d6 6.d3 e5 7.c3 Nge7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.a4 h6
10.Nc4 Be6 11.Ne3 Qd7 12.Re1 Kh7 13.Qc2 f5 14.exf5 Nxf5 15.Nxf5 Bxf5 16.Nh4 Rf6
17.Be3 Ne7 18.Be4 Raf8 19.Rad1 b6 20.Rd2 d5 21.Bxf5 Nxf5 22.Nxf5 Rxf5 23.d4 cxd4
24.cxd4 e4 25.f4 exf3 26.Qd1 Qf7 27.Bf2 Bf6 28.Rd3 Bg5 29.h4 Be7 30.Qb3 Bd6
31.Rde3 g5 32.Re6 Rf6 33.Qxd5 Bb4 34.R1e3 gxe4 35.Qe4+ Kh8 36.g4 Rxe6 37.Qxe6
Qxe6 38.Rxe6 Kg7 39.Bxe4 Rf4 40.Bf2 Rxe4+ 41.Kf1 Rg6 42.Re3 Rd6 43.Rxf3 Bd2
44.Bg3 Re6 45.Be5+ Kg6 46.Ke2 Bc1 47.b3 Bb2 48.Kd3 Bc1 49.Ke4 h5 50.Kd5 Re7
51.Kd6 Rf7 52.Rg3+ Kf5 53.Kc6 Bb2 54.Rf3+ Ke6 55.Rxf7 Kxf7 56.Kb7 Ke6 57.Kxa7
Kd5 58.Kxb6 Bxd4+ 59.Bxd4 Kxd4 60.a5 h4 61.a6 h3 62.a7 h2 63.a8Q 1-0

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 analyses is done by Fritz 12, unless otherwise indicated.

All of the Games from the 2012 PHCC Championships can be found on the club website.

Morabito,Matt (1760) - Wingrove,Bill (1726) [A04] Reti Opening

2012 PHCC Championships (2), 19.01.2012

1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Re1 e5 7.Nc3 Nge7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bxe7 Nxe7
10.a4 0-0 11.e4 Be6 12.a5 a6 13.Qd2 Kh7 14.Na4 Nc8 15.b4 Qd7 16.bxc5 dxc5 17.Nxc5 Qc6
18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.Rab1 Nd6 20.Rb6 Rfd8 21.Qb4 Qd7 22.c4 f6 23.h4 Bf8 24.c5 Nb5 25.Rxf6
Qe7 26.Rb6 Rxd3 27.Qc4 Rd7 28.Bh3 Rc7 29.Re6 Qxc5 30.Qxc5 Rxc5 31.h5 Nd4 32.Nxd4
exd4 33.hxe6+ Kg7 34.Rb1 Rc7 35.Reb6 d3 36.Rxb7 Rxb7 37.Rxb7+ Kxe6 38.Rd7 Bb4
39.Rxd3 Bxa5 40.Rd6+ Kg7 41.Bf1 Bc3 42.Bxa6 Rb8 43.Rd5 Rb1+ 44.Kg2 Rb2 45.Rf5 Ra2

46.Bc4 Rc2 47.Bd5 Re2 48.g4 Bf6 49.Kf3 Rc2 50.e5 Bh4 51.Kg2 Rd2 52.e6 Bf6 53.Kf1 Rc2 54.Rf3 Rc5 55.Rd3 Rc2 56.Be4 Rc7 57.Kg2 Kf8 58.f4 Ke7 59.Bf5 Ra7 60.Kf3 Rc7 61.Rd7+ Rxd7 62.exd7 Kd8 63.Ke4 Bh4 64.Be6 Bf6 65.Kf5 Ke7 66.d8Q+ Kxd8 67.Kxf6 1-0

Fiedler,Robert (1725) - Jones,G. Avery (1532) [D91] Grunfeld Defense

2012 PHCC Championships (2), 19.01.2012

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 g6 5.Bg5 Bg7 6.e3 0-0 7.c5 Re8 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 e5 10.b4 Qc7 11.Rc1 e4 12.Bf4 Qd8 13.Ne5 Nf8 14.Ng4 Nxc4 15.Bxc4 Ne6 16.Bxe6 Bxe6 17.f3 exf3 18.Qxf3 Qd7 19.Rf2 Bf5 20.a3 Be4 21.Nxe4 Rxe4 22.Rcf1 Rae8 23.g3 Qh3 24.Be5 Qe6 25.Bxc7 Kxc7 26.Qxf7+ Qxf7 27.Rxf7+ Kg8 28.Rxb7 R4e7 29.Rxe7 Rxe7 30.Rf6 Rc7 31.Rd6 Kf8 32.g4 g5 33.Kf2 Ke7 34.Kf3 Rc8 35.Ke2 Rc7 36.Kd3 a6 37.e4 dxe4+ 38.Kxe4 Kf7 39.Kf5 1-0

Nowiski,Adam Unrated - Ferguson,Gabe (500) [C49] Four Knights Game

2012 PHCC Championships (2), 19.01.2012

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Bb4 5.0-0 a6 6.Bxc6 Bxc3 7.dxc3 bxc6 8.h3 0-0 9.Bg5 a5 10.Nxe5 Ba6 11.Re1 Qe7 12.Ng4 Qc5 13.Nxf6+ gxf6 14.Be3 Qe5 15.Bd4 Qe6 16.e5 d6 17.exf6 Qf5 18.c4 Qf4 19.Re7 Rfe8 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.Qg4+ Qxc4 22.hxc4 Bxc4 23.b3 Be2 24.g5 Re4 25.Be3 h5 26.gxh6 c5 27.c4 a4 28.bxa4 Rxc4 29.a5 Ra4 30.Re1 Bd3 31.Rd1 Rxa2 32.Rxd3 Ra1+ 33.Kh2 Rxa5 34.Bg5 Ra4 35.Rb3 Rg4 36.Be3 Rg6 37.h7+ Kh8 38.Bd2 Rxf6 39.Bc3 Kg7 40.h8Q+ Kg6 41.Bxf6 Kf5 42.Qh5+ Kxf6 43.Qe2 c4 44.Rh3 Kg5 45.Re3 d5 46.Re8 c3 47.Qf3 c2 48.Rg8+ Kh4 49.Qh3# 1-0

Gregg,Alan (1957) - Boucher,Dave (1404) [D02] Queen's Pawn Game

2012 PHCC Championships (2), 19.01.2012

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 b6 3.Bf4 Nf6 4.e3 Ba6 5.Bxa6 Nxa6 6.c4 c6 7.Ne5 Nb8 8.Nc3 e6 9.0-0 Nfd7 10.cxd5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 cxd5 12.e4 d4 13.Qa4+ Qd7 14.Nb5 Nc6 15.Rac1 Rc8 16.Rfd1 d3 17.Rc3 Bc5 18.Rdx3 Bd4 19.Rxd4 Nxd4 20.Rxc8+ Qxc8 21.Nd6+ 1-0

Wingrove,Bill (1726) - Fiedler,Bob (1725) [B54] Sicilian Defense

2012 PHCC Championships (3), 26.01.2012

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Be2 Nxd4 7.Qxd4 Nf6 8.0-0 e5 9.Qd3 Be7 10.Be3 0-0 11.Rad1 a6 12.a4 Be6 13.f4 Bg4 14.f5 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Ne8 16.Rf3 Bg5 17.Nd5 Bxe3+ 18.Qxe3 Nf6 19.Kh1 Nxd5 20.Rxd5 Qf6 21.g4 g5 22.fxg6 Qxc6 23.Rf5 Kh8 24.Qf3 Rg8 25.h3 Rg7 26.Rf6 Qg5 27.Rdx6 Qc1+ 28.Kg2 Qxc2+ 29.Kg3 Rf8 30.Rb6 Rd8 31.Kh4 Rd3 32.Qf2 Qc1 33.Rf3 Qg5+ 34.Kg3 Rd2 35.Qe3 Qxe3 36.Rxe3 Rd7 37.Reb3 h5 38.Rxb7 Rd4 39.R7b4 hxc4 40.hxc4 Rd6 41.Rb6 Rgg6 42.Rxd6 Rxd6 43.Re3 Rd4 44.b3 Kg7 45.g5 Kg6 46.Kg4 Rd2 47.Rg3 Rf2 48.Rf3 Rg2+ 49.Rg3 Rxc3+ 50.Kxc3 Kxc3 51.b4 f5 52.b5 fxe4 53.bxa6 e3 54.Kf3 1-0

Bedy,Noel (1603) - Gregg,Alan (1957) [B21] Sicilian Defense- Smith Morra

2012 PHCC Championships (3), 26.01.2012

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bc4 d6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Qc7 9.Bb3 Nf6 10.Rd1 Be7 11.Bf4 0-0 12.Rac1 Qb8 13.Be3 Nd7 14.Bc2 Nce5 15.Nd4 Nc6 16.Nf3 b5 17.Qd3 Nb4 18.Qe2 Nxc2 19.Rxc2 Bb7 20.Bg5 Bxc5 21.Nxc5 h6 22.Nh3 Nf6 23.Rdc1 d5 24.e5 Ne4 25.f4 Nxc3 26.Rxc3 Qa7+ 27.Kh1 Rac8 28.Ng1 Rc4 29.Rxc4 bxc4 30.Nf3 Rb8 31.Qd2 Qb6 32.Qc3 Bc8 33.Rc2 Bd7 34.Nd4 Qb4 35.Qe3 Ba4 36.Re2 Bb5 37.Rf2 Bd7 38.g4 Qa4 39.f5 Qd1+ 40.Kg2 Qxc4+ 41.Kh1 exf5 42.Rg2 Qe4 43.Qxh6 Qxc2+ 0-1

Morabito,Matt (1760) - Nowiski,Adam [C56] Two Knights Game

2012 PHCC Championships (3), 26.01.2012

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.0-0 d6 5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Qxd4 Be7 8.Nc3 Nd7 9.Qxc7 Bf6 10.Qxf7# 1-0

Boucher,Dave (1277) - Ferguson,Gabe (500) [C55] Two Knights Defense

2012 PHCC Championships (3), 26.01.2012

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bb4+ 5.c3 Bc5 6.0-0 0-0 7.Bg5 d6 8.d4 exd4 9.cxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Bxe6+ Kh8 13.Nc3 h6 14.Bh4 Qe7 15.Bf5 Qf7 16.a3 Rae8 17.b4 Bb6 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Nd5 Qd4 20.Nxb6 Qxb6 21.Qd5 Rxe4 22.Bxe4 1-0

Gregg,Alan (1957) - Jones,Avery (1532) [B12] Caro-Kann Defense

2012 PHCC Championships(4), 02.02.2012

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 g6 4.Bd3 Bg7 5.f4 Nh6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.0-0 e6 8.c3 0-0 9.Be3 Nd7 10.Nbd2 Rc8 11.b4 b5 12.a4 a6 13.h3 Bf5 14.Be2 Nb6 15.a5 Nc4 16.Nxc4 dxc4 17.Ng5 Qd7 18.g4 Bd3 19.Bxd3 cxd3 20.Qxd3 Qd5 21.Ne4 f6 22.exf6 Bh8 23.Rae1 Nf7 24.Qc2 Nd6 25.Nxd6 Qxd6 26.g5 Rf7 27.Bc1 Qd5 28.Re5 Qd7 29.Qe4 h6 30.Qxg6+ Bg7 31.fxg7 Rxg7 32.Qxe6+ Qxe6 33.Rxe6 hxg5 34.fxg5 1-0

Fiedler,Bob (1760) - Morabito,Matt (1725) [B50] Sicilian Defense

2012 PHCC Championships (4), 02.02.2012

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bc4 e6 5.d3 Be7 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Bg5 a6 8.a3 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 b5 11.Ba2 Bb7 12.Re1 Nh5 13.e5 d5 14.h3 Nxg3 15.fxg3 Qc7 16.g4 d4 17.Nb1 0-0-0 18.c4 b4 19.axb4 Nxb4 20.Na3 Bc6 21.Nc2 Ba4 22.b3 Nxa2 23.Rxa2 Bxb3 24.Rxa6 Kd7 25.Qa1 Rb8 26.Na3 Qb7 27.Nb5 Ra8 28.Rxa8 Rxa8 29.Qb2 Ba4 30.Ra1 Bxb5 31.Rxa8 Qxa8 32.Qxb5+ Qc6 33.Qxc6+ Kxc6 34.Kf2 Kb6 35.Nd2 Ka5 36.Ne4 Kb4 37.Ke2 Kb3 38.Nd6 f6 39.Nf7 fxe5 40.Nxe5 Kc2 41.Nf7 Bf8 42.g3 Kc3 43.h4 Be7 44.Nxh6 gxh4 45.gxh4 Bxh4 46.Nf7 Bf6 47.g5 Bg7 48.g6 e5 49.Nd6 Kc2 50.Ne4 Bf8 51.Nxc5 Bxc5 52.g7 e4 53.g8Q exd3+ 54.Kf3 d2 55.Qg2 Be7 56.Ke4 Bf6 57.Qe2 Kc1 58.c5 d1Q 59.Qxd1+ Kxd1 60.Kd3 ½-½

Nowiski,Adam - Boucher,Dave (1404) [B40] Sicilian Defense

2012 PHCC Championships (4), 02.02.2012

1.e4 e6 2.e5 c5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nxe5 6.Bf4 Ng6 7.Bg3 d5 8.Nb5 e5 9.Be2 a6 10.N5c3 Nf6 11.Bf3 d4 12.Ne4 Bb4+ 13.Nbd2 0-0 14.Nxf6+ Qxf6 15.0-0 Ra7 16.Ne4 Qe7 17.Bh5 Bf5 18.Re1 Bxe1 19.Qxe1 b5 20.Bxg6 Bxg6 21.Qd2 Bxe4 22.Qa5 f6 23.Qb6 Qb7 24.Qe6+ Kh8 25.Re1 Bxg2 26.Rd1 Bf1 27.Rd3 Qg2# 0-1



Juniors Adam Nowiski and Gabe Ferguson play a warm up game.



Former Club Champion Bob Fiedler analyzes a game.

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 2/7/12

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1957
Rutkofske, Lon	1851
Wilkinson, Stew	1840
Morabito, Matt	1760
Broyles, Tom	1736
Wingrove, Bill	1726
Roome, Eric	1641
Bedy, Noel	1603
Oriel, Paul	1569
Jones, G. Avery	1532
Chan, Jaime	1502
Boucher, Dave	1404
Krazyca, Jay	1000
Sienkiewicz, John	1000
Ferguson, Gabe	500
Nowiski, Adam	500
Hartson, Matt	500

USCF Ratings as of 2/7/12

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	2061
Wilkinson, Stew	1840
Rutkofske, Lon	1816
Morabito, Matt	1766
Broyles, Tom	1737
Wingrove, Bill	1694
Roome, Eric	1546
Chan, Jaime	1519
Jones, G.Avery	1505
Bedy, Noel	1412
Boucher, Dave	1277

PHCC Speed Rating List as of 2/7/12

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1971
Rutkofske, Lon	1911
Wilkinson, Stew	1865
Roome, Eric	1721
Morabito, Matt	1668
Wingrove, Bill	1588
Bedy, Noel	1529
Jones, G. Avery	1485
Matt Hartson	750
Ferguson, Gabe	750
Nowiski, Adam	Unr

Calendar of Events:

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

January 12 – March 22, 2012 PHCC Championships:

March 17 – PHASD Chess Championships – Port Huron High School Cafeteria, Open free to all Port Huron Area School Students – begins at 8:00 AM - See flyer on page 10!

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.



Top: L- Gabe Ferguson; R-Adam Nowiski;

Bottom L – Avery Jones, Middle R –
Newcomer Gary Jablonski;

Bottom R- David Hahn vs Alan Gregg at
the 2012 MI Masters Tournament.



Grand Dame of Michigan Chess Virginia Vandenburg, playing in her first tournament of the 21st century, faces a determined Lon Rutkofske. Behind them, Holland phenom Joshua Posthuma plays Grandville's Bill Ignasiak. *Photo Credits for MI Masters/Experts/Class: Rose Homa*

**Port Huron Area School District's
16th Annual Chess Tournament**

Saturday, March 17, 2012
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Port Huron High School Cafeteria

REGISTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE FROM:
8:00 - 8:30 a.m.
NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED

Open Tournament - FREE to all
Port Huron Area School District students
in grades Kindergarten through 12th

Time limit 15 minutes per player
per round (Game in 30 minutes)

Prizes will be awarded according to
the following grade classifications:
Kdg, 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.

Chess Sets will be provided

Participants may bring their
own refreshments.

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