



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>

Largest Turnout Since 1996 Gear Up for 2013 Club Championships

For the first time since 1996 the PHCC Championships will have a field of 16 players. This pack of resolute champion wannabe's threw their proverbial hats in the arena for a shot at the PHCC Championship title. After a few registration and computer "snafus" were rectified setting the date of round one back a week, January 17th looms as the "do-over" date for the current 15 round event. **Alan Gregg** has had his way with perennial pretenders for the past three years, besting the suitors for Cassia's throne without tasting the bitter fruit of defeat. The most encouraging news of this year's fete is the fact that the club has added four new members in the form of **Gerrit Beneker**, **Atul Kulkarni**, his son, **Atharva** and **Gino Mariani**. Additionally, four juniors: **Ty Dickinson**, **Nathan Allen**, **Atharva**, and current title holder, **Adam Nowiski** will be vying for the under 19 crown this year. It is encouraging to see the club crowded with members eager to learn more about the game and to test their meddle against some pretty stiff completion. Our new digital clocks will be put to good use for round one, thanks to City Recreation Director, **Nancy Winzer**.

This year's contest will again be a round robin affair, but at 15 rounds will venture deep into April before its conclusion on the 25th. The round robin format seems to be enthusiastically embraced because no one escapes direct confrontation. Even players that were not participating in the tournament, namely **Rob Brown** and **Gerrit Beneker** decided to drop by and take a peek at the hard-fought games of these noble warriors!

Take a gander at the pictures and crosstable documenting our best turnout in years!



Gerrit Beneker plays some skittles with Dave Boucher.



Newcomer Atul Kulkarni faces off against Bob Fiedler.



Alan Gregg and Adam Nowiski match wits as Bill Wingrove observes.



Bob Fielder waits for Atul Kulkarni to move.



Tournament Novice Gino Mariani ponders an opening scheme against Lon Rutkofske.



Stew Wilkinson faces off against Rob Brown in an offhand game.



Bill Wingrove takes on Avery Jones in Round 1



Noel Bedy, always a contender, contemplates a move.

Crosstable: 2013 Port Huron Chess Club Championships

#	Name/Rtng/ID	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Rd 9	Rd 10	Rd 11	Rd 12	Rd 13	Rd 14	Rd 15
1	Alan Gregg 1950	B 15	W 14	B 13	W 12	B 11	W 10	B 9	W 8	B 7	W 6	B 5	W 4	B 3	W 2	W 16 1.0
2	Stewart Wilkinson 1865	B 14	W 13	B 12	W 11	B 10	W 9	B 8	W 7	B 6	W 5	B 4	W 3	W 16	B 1	W 15
3	Lonnie Rutkofske 1858	B 13	W 12 1.0	B 11	W 10	B 9	W 8	B 7	W 6	B 5	W 4	W 16	B 2	W 1	B 15	W 14
4	Thomas Broyles 1736	B 12	W 11	B 10	W 9	B 8	W 7	B 6	W 5	W 16	B 3	W 2	B 1	W 15	B 14	W 13
5	Matthew Morabito 1698	B 11	W 10	B 9	W 8	B 7	W 6	W 16	B 4	W 3	B 2	W 1	B 15	W 14	B 13	W 12
6	Robert Fiedler 1688	B 10	W 9	B 8	W 7	W 16	B 5	W 4	B 3	W 2	B 1	W 15	B 14	W 13	B 12	W 11
7	William Wingrove 1664	B 9	W 8	W 16	B 6	W 5	B 4	W 3	B 2	W 1	B 15	W 14	B 13	W 12	B 11	W 10
8	Noel Bedy 1618	W 16	B 7	W 6	B 5	W 4	B 3	W 2	B 1	W 15 1.0	B 14	W 13	B 12	W 11	B 10	W 9
9	G Avery Jones 1557	W 7	B 6	W 5	B 4	W 3	B 2	W 1	B 15	W 14	B 13	W 12	B 11	W 10	B 16	B 8
10	Atul Kulkarni 1548	W 6	B 5	W 4	B 3	W 2	B 1	W 15	B 14	W 13	B 12	W 11	B 16	B 9	W 8	B 7
11	David Boucher 1439	W 5	B 4	W 3	B 2	W 1	B 15	W 14	B 13	W 12	B 16	B 10	W 9	B 8	W 7	B 6
12	Gino Mariani 1400	W 4	B 3 0.0	W 2	B 1	W 15	B 14	W 13	B 16	B 11	W 10	B 9	W 8	B 7	W 6	B 5
13	Ty Dickinson 1000	W 3	B 2	W 1	B 15	W 14	B 16	B 12	W 11	B 10	W 9	B 8	W 7	B 6	W 5	B 4
14	Nathan Allen 900	W 2	B 1	W 15	B 16	B 13	W 12	B 11	W 10	B 9	W 8	B 7	W 6	B 5	W 4	B 3
15	Atharva Kulkarni 900	W 1	B 16	B 14	W 13	B 12	W 11	B 10	W 9	B 8 0.0	W 7	B 6	W 5	B 4	W 3	B 2
16	Adam Nowiski 900	B 8	W 15	B 7	W 14	B 6	W 13	B 5	W 12	B 4	W 11	B 3	W 10	B 2	W 9	B 1 0.0

Reflected here are results of games played on Jan. 10th, prior to the expansion of the tournament to 15 rounds.

Phil Willard's Contributions Memorialized By The Port Huron School District



Former long time club member, benefactor, chess aficionado **Phil Willard** has finally received some well deserved recognition, as he was immortalized when the PHASD renamed its annual March chess tournament in his honor. Joining the club early in 1970 Phil has always been an avid player and long time supporter of chess locally even to the point of frustrating his wonderful wife, Jean when he asked about playing a few games in the midst of an open house celebrating his 80th birthday!

Phil's chess legacy extends much farther than just the PHCC, as he encouraged his youngest son, Jeff to take up the gauntlet of the "Royal Game" at age 5. Jeff, whose sons play chess as well, ran a successful club at Chippewa Middle School until it closed, and continues his devotion to the game as the sponsor of Central Middle School chess club. He has directed the tremendously successful PHASD district-wide chess tournament annually since 2000.

This honor is a fitting tribute to a truly wonderful man and friend who committed his life to his God, his family and the Noble Game! Below is an email from **Evone Rodrigues** detailing the good news:

Hi Lon,

The annual chess tournament is now officially named the "**Port Huron Area School District Phil Willard Memorial Chess Tournament**". The name change has been completely approved at the District level, and by Jeff Willard.

We thank you and the Port Huron Chess Club for the continued support of the chess tournament, and the suggestion of the tournament name change. We are proud to join PHCC in honoring the memory of Phil Willard and his dedication to chess and the students of PHASD.

Attached please find the updated flyer for your use.

Thanks again,

Evone M. Rodrigues

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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 analyses is done by Fritz 12, unless otherwise indicated.

Mariani,Gino (1400) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1858) [C14] French Defense Classical Var

2013 PHCC Championships Port Huron (2), 10.01.2013

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Bd3 h6 6.Be3 dxe4 7.Nxe4 0-0 8.c3 Nbd7 9.Nf3 b6 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Nxf6+ Nxf6 12.h3 Rc8 13.b4 c5 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.Qe2 Bxf3 16.gxf3 cxb4 17.cxb4 Qd5 18.a3 Qh5 19.Rac1 Qxh3 20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.f4 Rd8 22.Rd1 Ng4 23.Qd2 Nh2 0-1

Jones,G. Avery (1557) - Wingrove,William (1664) [D00] Colle System

2013 PHCC Championships Port Huron (1), 10.01.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Bg7 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Nbd7 8.0-0 Qc7 9.Bf4 Qxc5 10.Nb5 Ne8 11.e4 a6 12.Be3 Qc6 13.Nfd4 Qf6 14.Nc3 dxe4 15.Bxe4 Nd6 16.Nd5 Qe5 17.Bf3 Nc4 18.Qc1 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Re8 20.c3 e6 21.Nb4 Nf6 22.Nd3 Qc7 23.e4 e5 24.Ne2 Bd7 25.Ng3 Rad8 26.Qc2 Bb5 27.Rfd1 Rd7 28.Rd2 Red8 29.Rad1 Bh6 30.Be2 Bxd2 31.Rxd2 Qb6+ 32.Kh1 Qe3 33.Nf1 Qxe4 34.Bf3 Bxd3 35.Bxe4 Bxc2 36.Rxd7 Rxd7 37.Bxc2 Nd5 38.Kg1 f5 39.Bb3 Kg7 40.Kf2 Nf4 41.Ba4 Rd6 42.g3 Nd3+ 43.Ke2 Nxb2 44.Bb3 Nd3 45.Bc2 Nc5 46.Ne3 Kf6 47.Nc4 Rd8 48.Bb1 Na4 0-1

Bedy,Noel (1618) - Kulkarni,Atharva (900) [D04] Colle System

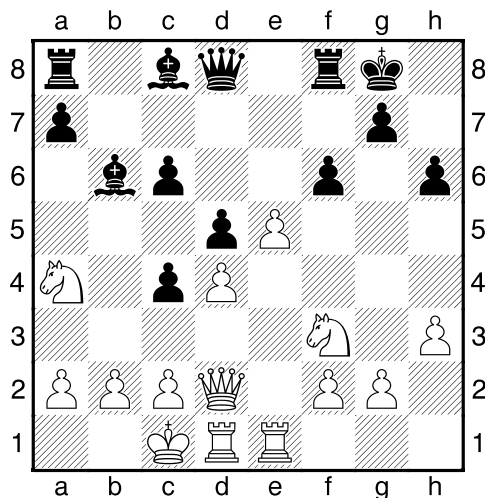
2013 PHCC Championships Port Huron (9), 10.01.2013

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 b5 4.Bxb5+ c6 5.Bd3 Qa5+ 6.c3 Ba6 7.0-0 Qd8 8.Qe2 e6 9.Bxa6 Nxa6 10.Qxa6 Qb6 11.Qxb6 axb6 12.Nbd2 h5 13.Re1 Ra4 14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16.Rxe4 c5 17.b3 Ra8 18.d5 Rh6 19.Bxh6 gxh6 20.a4 Ra5 21.dxe6 fxe6 22.Rxe6+ Kd7 23.Rae1 b5 24.R6e5 Bg7 25.Rd1+ Kc7 26.Re7+ Kb8 27.Rd8# 1-0

Kulkarni,Atul (1548) - Fiedler,Robert (1688) [B51] Sicilian Defense-Moscow Var

2013 PHCC Championships Port Huron (1), 10.01.2013

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.Bxc6+ bxc6 5.d3 Nf6 6.h3 e5 7.Be3 Nh5? [Loses a pawn to 8.Ne5!] 8.Nc3 Nf4 9.Bxf4 exf4 10.Qd2 d5 11.Qxf4 Bd6 12.e5 Bc7 13.O-O-O 0-0 14.d4 c4 15.Rhe1 f6 16.Qd2 h6 17.Na4 Bb6 Diagram



18.Re2 Bf5 19.Nh4 Be4 20.f3 fxe5 21.fxe4 Qxh4 22.Nxb6 axb6 23.dxe5 Rxa2 24.b3 cxb3 25.Qd3 b2+ 26.Kb1 Rfa8 27.exd5 R8a3 28.c3 Qa4 29.Rxb2 Ra1# 0-1

Nowiski,Adam (900) - Gregg,Alan (1950) [B22] Sicilian Defense

2013 PHCC Championships Port Huron (15), 10.01.2013

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4.Bf4 d6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.Bxd7+ Qxd7 7.Nd2 Nxd2 8.Bxd2 cxd4 9.cxd4 e6 10.Nf3 Be7 11.O-O Nc6 12.Qa4 0-0 13.Rac1 Rfd8 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.Qxd7 Rxd7 17.Rfd1 Nd5 18.Nd2 Kf8 19.Nc4 Ke7 20.Nb6 Nxb6 21.b4 d5 22.a3 Nc4 23.Ra1 b6 24.a4 Rc8 25.b5 a5 26.Rdc1 Rdc7 27.Rc2 Nd6 28.Rxc7+ Rxc7 29.g3 Rc4 30.h4 Rxd4 31.Kg2 Rd2 32.Re1 Ra2 33.h5 Rxa4 34.Rb1 Rc4 35.f3 Rc5 36.g4 Rxb5 37.Rc1 Nc4 38.Rc3 a4 39.Rc2 a3 40.Ra2 Rb2+ 0-1

Calendar of Events: Note the change for the First Thursday of Each Month.

First Thursday of Each Month - Chess Clinics— 6:30 to 7:00 PM - \$7.50 per person. From 7:00 until 10:00, Players wishing to play games with longer time controls up to G/90 can choose to play match games if they so desire. Participants will be paired randomly and colors will be selected by lot. PHCC club ratings will be used. Players should turn their game scores into Lon, so he can adjust ratings appropriately and showcase the games in *Chess Chatter*.

January 17 thru April 25th 2013 PHCC Championships. Tournament games will be held each Thursday during the tournament schedule, but everyone is still welcome to come to the club to play during this time. Awards Presented on May 2, 2013.

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.

PHCC Rating Lists

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 1/10/13

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2118
Gregg, Alan	1950
Wilkinson, Stew	1865
Rutkofske, Lon	1858
Broyles, Tom	1736
Morabito, Matt	1698
Fiedler, Bob	1688
Wingrove, Bill	1664
Hartwig, Nathan	1644
Bedy, Noel	1618
Jones, G. Avery	1557
Boucher, Dave	1439
Dickinson, Ty	1000
Nowiski, Adam	521
Kennedy, Jimmy	500
Kennedy, Danny	500
Ferguson, Gabe	479
Allen, Nathan	470
Allen, Zachary	470

USCF Ratings as of 1/10/13

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2121
Gregg, Alan	2027
Wilkinson, Stew	1841
Rutkofske, Lon	1827
Morabito, Matt	1752
Fiedler, Robert	1767
Broyles, Tom	1737
Wingrove, Bill	1694
Hartwig, Nathan	1644
Bedy, Noel	1501
Jones, G. Avery	1470
Boucher, Dave	1274

PHCC Speed Rating List as of 1/10/13

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2252
Gregg, Alan	1962
Rutkofske, Lon	1873
Wilkinson, Stew	1865
Broyles, Tom	1708
Hartwig, Nathan	1702
Morabito, Matt	1698
Fiedler, Robert	1608
Wingrove, Bill	1607
Jones, G. Avery	1599
Bedy, Noel	1490
Nowiski, Adam	1363
Ty Dickinson	1328
Ferguson, Gabe	750
Jimmy Kennedy	750
Danny Kennedy	750
Allen, Nathan	740
Allen, Zachary	740

**Port Huron Area School District's
17th Annual Chess Tournament**

Saturday, March 23, 2013

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.**