



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>

2014 Club Championships to feature a 7 – Round Swiss

An evaluation of last year's lengthy championships has spurred a change in this coming year's format. This change will feature a Swiss System event. The 2014 Championships will begin on Thursday, January 9th at 7:00 PM and consist of a 7 round Swiss System tournament with rounds on January 9th, 16th, 30th, February 6th, 20th, 27th and March 6th with make-up dates on January 23rd, February 13th and March 13th with Awards night on March 20th. Entry Fee will be \$5.00 and prize awards will be determined by the number of entrants. Time control will be G/90 with 5 sec/move delay. There will also be class prizes based on entries. Rules and specifics will be emailed to the membership and put on the website before the new year. We are hoping participation will remain what it was in 2013 with at least 16 participants. Please let Lon know if you will be interested in participating. This will also be a PHCC and USCF rated event.



Hartwig takes Top Tom title in Duncan's 16th Turkey Gobbler Tournament

By virtue of his correct solution to problem number 1, Junior **Nathan Hartwig** secured his place in PHCC history as the 16th Top Tom in Bob Duncan's Thanksgiving tournament. **Lon Rutkofske**, reluctantly



Bob Duncan

participating in the tournament in order to prevent unnecessary byes and ineligible for the problem solving portion because he served as the tournament director, came in second.

All rounds featured quick and blitz time controls which moved things along, but the feature that made the tournament so unpredictable was the randomness of the event. In each round, players drew the pairings as well as the types of openings and endings, creating a bit of chaos, but then, that was the “fun factor” intended by creator Bob Duncan.

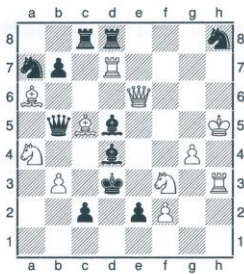
Round one featured a handicap blitz event in which the higher rated player could have lost up to two minutes of clock time if the difference in the ratings of his rival exceeded 200 points. Subsequent rounds featured a series of openings and endings preselected by the TD and randomly drawn by the contestants as the initial set up positions for play. Additionally, the pairings of the players themselves were selected by a lottery method creating some unusual and often redundant match ups.

The problems (Solutions on Page 11) were particularly challenging, each having a different point value depending on its difficulty, had to be solved in between rounds, effectively filling the downtime between rounds.

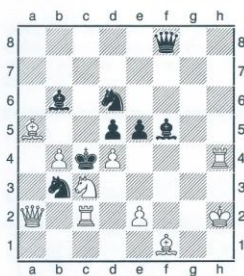
Problem 1: White to play and mate in Two (2 Points) [#40 William B. Rice-1914]



Problem 2: White to play and mate in Two. (4 Points) [#123 -F Gamage-1937]



Problem 3: White to play and mate in Two (3 Points) [#180 -Julius Buchwald - 1945]



Crosstable for 16th Annual Turkey Gobblers Tournament – Nov. 14, 2013

No. & Name	Rtg	Prob 1	Prob 2	Prob 3	Rd 1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd 4	Total
1.Hartwig, N.	1784	2	0	0	2 vs 4	1 vs 6	.5 vs 5	1 vs 6	6.5
2.Rutkofske, L	1864	NE	NE	NE	1 vs 3	1 vs 5	2 vs 4	1 vs 4	5
3.Gregg, A	1960	0	0	0	1 vs 2	1 vs 4	1 vs 6	1 vs 5	4
4.Wingrove, B	1561	0	4	0	0 vs 1	0 vs3	0 vs 2	0 vs 4	4
5.Wilkinson, S	1909	0	0	0	1 vs 6	0 vs 2	1.5 vs 1	0 vs 3	2.5
6.Bedy, N	1519	0	0	0	1 vs 5	0 vs 1	1 vs 3	0 vs 1	2

Rd 1: G/5 Handicap Speed – 2 Games: White and Black

Rd 2: G/ 10 Randomly Selected Opening – 2 Games: White and Black

Rd 3: G/10 Endgames Randomly Selected – 2 Games: White and Black

Rd 4: G/10 Regular Play – 1 Game color by lot

November PHCC G/30 Mini-Swiss results in 4 way tie!

First it was the Club Speed Championships, now it's the November Mini-Swiss and we have yet another bundle at the top! It appears that no one wants to take sole ownership of the top spot any more, preferring to expend their energies mauling each other. **"Battlin Bill" Wingrove** brought **Alan Gregg's** recent lament to fruition, by derailing his bid for yet another first place finish. Alan enjoyed the lead after two rounds, needing only a draw to capture first place, but it appears, suffering from the guilt of being the club's perpetual winning engine, fumbled a golden opportunity against his persistent opponent. Bill, but for his third round heroics, had his chances unfortunately dropped a second round encounter with rapidly improving junior, **Nathan Hartwig**, even though he was ahead on time in a relatively drawn position. Of the four co-winners, it was **Stew Wilkinson** that had the easiest path to Nirvana, scoring crucial points against lower rated warriors.

Crosstable: 2013 November G/30 Mini-Swiss

#	Name/Rtng/ID	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3
1	Alan Gregg 1956	B 4	W 2	B 3
		1.0	2.0	2.0
2	Stew Wilkinson 1883	W 5	B 1	W 6
		1.0	1.0	2.0
3	William Wingrove 1684	B 6	W 4	W 1
		1.0	1.0	2.0
4	Nathan Hartwig 1644	W 1	B 3	W 5
		0.0	1.0	2.0
5	Noel Bedy 1636	B 2	W 6	B 4
		0.0	1.0	1.0
6	Gino Mariani 1321	W 3	B 5	B 2
		0.0	0.0	0.0



What is the Best Move?:

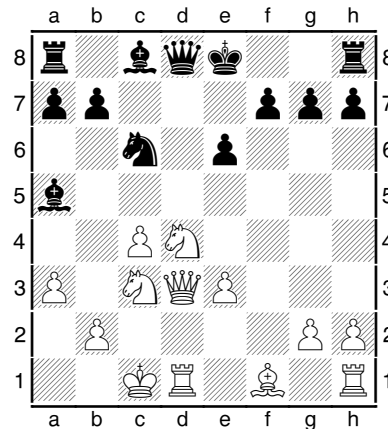
Games from the 2013 FIDE Championships

Stewart Wilkinson is a USCF-rated Postal Master, a former Port Huron Chess Club champion and a consistently top performer in many PHCC events. He is especially noted for his in-depth analyses, collegiality, knowledge of opening theory and familiarity with players in the Port Huron Chess Club. **Analyses on page 13.**

Carlsen - Anand [D31] Queen's Gambit Declined

FIDE Championship (5), 15.11.2013

1.c4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 c6 4.e4 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Bb4+ 6.Nc3 c5 7.a3 Ba5 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Qd3 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Ng4 12.0-0-0 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Diagram



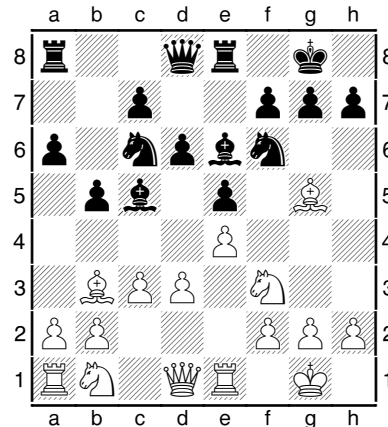
Black to move:

- A) 13...00
- B) 13...Nc7
- C) 13...Ne5
- D) 13...Nxd4

Anand - Carlsen [C65] Ruy Lopez:Berlin Defense

FIDE Championship (6), 16.11.2013

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.c3 0-0 6.0-0 Re8 7.Re1 a6 8.Ba4 b5 9.Bb3 d6 10.Bg5 Be6 Diagram



White to move:

- A) 11.Nbd2
- B) 11.d4
- C) 11.Nxe6
- D) 11.Bd5

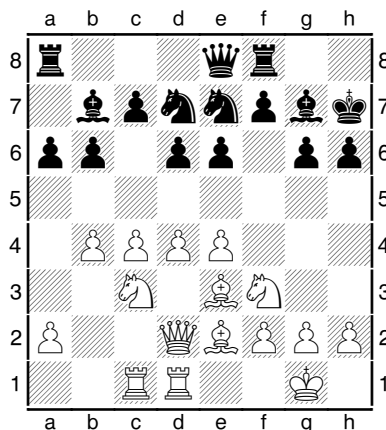
Members' Games

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.

Bailey, Gregory (1996) - Rutkofske, Lon (1802) [A40] Modern Defense

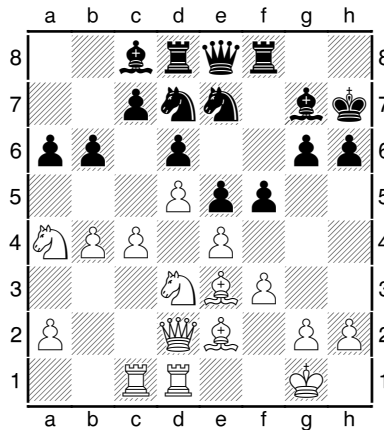
2013 MI Senior Championships Flint (1), 28.9.2013 {Gregg, Alan}; [Rutkofske, Lon]

1.Nf3 e6 [I was quite surprised that Greg chose this particular opening, since he has had White in 3 of our 4 encounters. I expected the Bird, since he has won each time with this opening...but I have also studied the Bird pretty seriously, knowing that I would probably face him again in this year's Senior. I have been playing a variation of the Modern Defense of late and have found its positional qualities to my liking. lwr]
2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 [This is a favorite line of fellow club member Matt Morabito, so I am quite familiar with it.] **3...Bg7 4.d4 Ne7 5.e4 0-0 6.Be2 d6 7.Qc2 Nd7 8.Be3 a6 9.0-0 b6 10.b4** {Ambitious !} **10...Bb7** [It appears that White will try to pry open the c-file, so rather than panic, I set about to defend c7 against this obvious invasion attempt.] **11.Rac1** {Either rook on d1 would be a better choice!} **11...Qe8** [With this move I commit to k-side expansion, but must prevent White from getting Ng5 to threaten my e-pawn before my eventual f5 push! Hence h6 is essential!. I suspected Greg was looking at his position gleefully, since he has such a spatial advantage, his conundrum has to be..."where do I attack first?"] **12.Rfd1 h6 13.Qd2** [I cannot permit Greg to win the h-pawn, and the text clears the g-file for possible doubling of my rooks.] **13...Kh7** Diagram

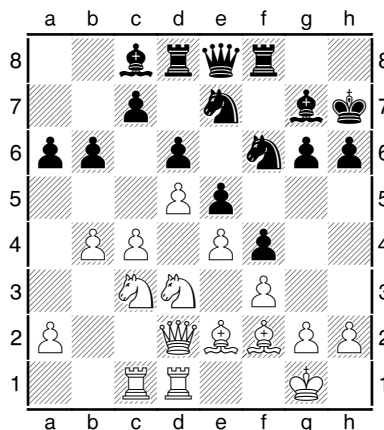


[13...f5 {equal and best!}] **14.Ne1** [I suspect that my opponent seeks to gain more K-side space with 15.f4, but I know that his eventual target has to be reposting the KN on d3 with increased central pressure and hold back my f5 sally. I decide to wait and get my QR into a central position, although I am uncomfortable now that my Q is sandwiched and has little scope .] {Greg starts to lose the thread. This idea is slow and

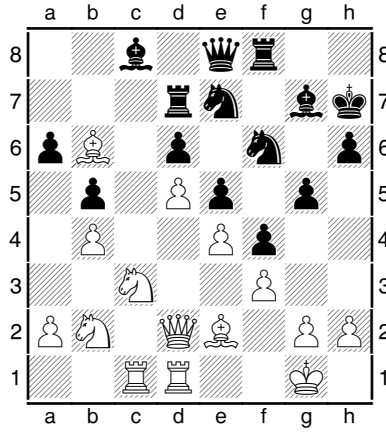
Black starts to get equal.} **14...Rd8** [14...f5] **15.Nd3 e5** **16.d5 f5** **17.f3 Bc8** **18.Na4**
 Diagram



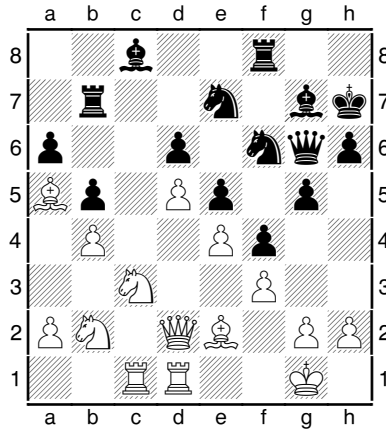
{ After this move White loses any advantage that he had. I am not sure what the idea was but after Black's next move the game is equal!} [I get a free tempo out of this play, and my QN now gets into the game.] **18...Nf6** **19.Nc3 f4** **20.Bf2** Diagram



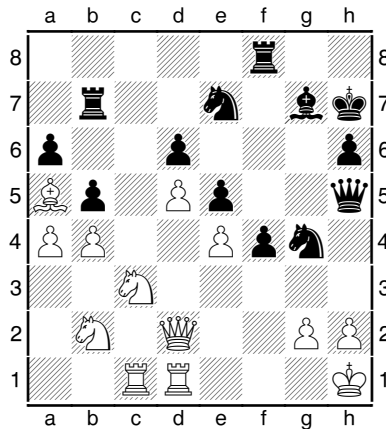
{The game now takes on a normal race. Black's kingside attack against White's queenside attack. There is no going back after this commitment.} **20...g5** **21.c5 b5** **22.cxd6 cxd6** **23.Bb6 Rd7** [For once I had planned for this entire variation. Now my QR is on a much better square and it as going to require Greg to put his B on a5, completely out of play and of questionable value on the fast approaching counter attack on the K-side.] **24.Nb2** Diagram



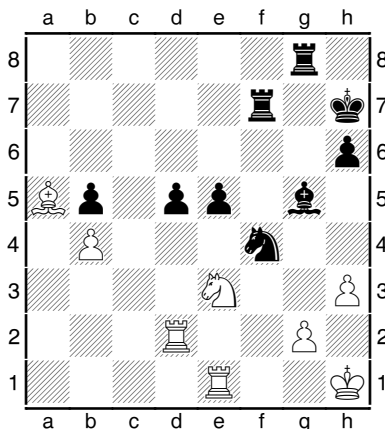
{24.Rc2} **24...Rb7 25.Ba5** {25.Bf2 g4 26.a4 gxf3 27.Bxf3 Bg4 28.axb5 axb5 29.Qe2 Qh5 30.Re1 Rc8 31.Nd3 ...25.Ba5 has to be wrong on a5 because it never got back into the game. The kingside attack has to be stopped before anything on the queenside.} **25...Qg6** Diagram



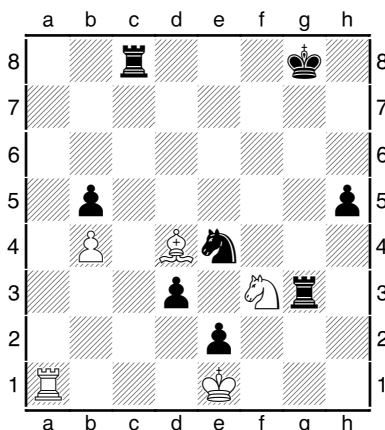
26.a4 g4 27.Kh1 Qh5 28.fxg4 {The losing move! White had to defend. 28.Kg1; 28.Qe1} **28...Bxg4 29.Bxg4** {29.Rf1 Bxe2} **29...Nxb4** Diagram



30.h3 Ne3 {30...f3 {Best and winning!} **31.Re1 Bf6 32.Ncd1 Rg8 33.Nxe3 fxe3 34.Qe2 Qg6 35.Qf3 Bg5 36.axb5 axb5 37.Rc2?** {Taking the rook off one threat into another! After this move there is no way back!..37.Rc3} **37...Nxd5 38.Nd1 Rf7 39.Qe2 Qxe4 40.Rd2 Nf4** {40...Bh4!} **41.Qxe3 Qxe3** {When you are pawns up, getting rid of the queens is sometimes good, but in this case it was the wrong move. The simple 41....Qg6 with all the threats on the board should carry the day!} [For me, taking off the queens, with connected passed central pawn seemed like the ticket. With his B still on a5, I felt I was playing a piece up, with a significant lead in development.] {41...Qg6} **42.Nxe3 d5?** Diagram



[A poor choice here. Better would have been 42...Rg6...or even 42....Nh5 43. Rd5, Be3 44.Re3, Ng3+!(if 45.Kh2, Nf1+ forks the R and K...if 45.Kg1, Rf1+ and mates on h1)] **43.Ng4** { Again Greg fails to find the best move...43.Nxd5 Nxe3 44.Ra2} **43...e4 44.Ne3 Nd3 45.Ree2 d4 46.Ng4 Bxd2 47.Rxd2 h5!** [I thought this move was very strong because it forces his N completely out of play while continuing the action in the center.] **48.Nh2 Nf2+** {48...e3 49.Rxd3 e2} **49.Kg1 Nxe3+ 50.Kh1 Nf2+ 51.Kg1 e3 52.Ra2 Rfg7 53.Kf1 Rxe2 54.Nf3 d3 55.Bb6 e2+ 56.Ke1 Ne4** {56...Rg1+ 57.Kxf2 Rf1+ 58.Ke3 Rxf3+ 59.Kd2 Rg2 60.Ra7+ Kg6 61.Bf2 e1Q+ 62.Kxe1 Rxf2 63.Ra6+ Kf5 64.Rd6 d2+ 65.Kd1 Rf1+ 66.Kc2 d1Q+} **57.Bd4 Rc8 58.Ra7+ Kg8 59.Ra1 Rg3?** Diagram



[Just the simple 59...Rf8 wins the N!]**60.Ne5 Re8** {60...Rc1+ 61.Rxc1 d2+ 62.Kxe2 dxc1Q.} **61.Nxd3 Rxd3 62.Kxe2 Rxd4 63.Rg1+ Kh7 64.Ke3 Rxb4 65.Rh1 Kh6 66.Ra1 Rg8 67.Ra6+ Kg5 68.Kd3 h4 69.Ra1 Rd8+ 70.Ke3 Ng3 0-1**

Mariani,Gino (1321) - Wingrove,William (1680) [D94] Grunfeld Defense

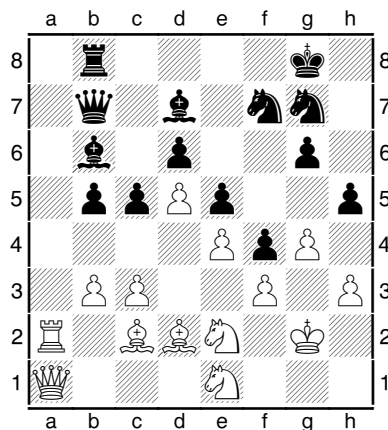
November 2013 PHCC G/30 Mini-Swiss Port Huron (1), 21.11.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Bc4 Nb6 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.0-0 Nb4 10.Qd2 Nxd3 11.Qxd3 c5 12.Ne2 Bg4 13.Qe4 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 cxd4 15.exd4 Nd5 16.Qb3 b6 17.Rd1 Rc8 18.Nf4 Nxf4 19.Bxf4 e6 20.Be3 Qc7 21.f4 Qc2 22.Qb5 Qe4 23.Re1 Rc2 24.Re2 Rfc8 25.Rae1 Bxd4 26.Rxc2 Rxc2 27.Qg5 Bxe3+ 28.Rxe3 Qxe3+ 0-1

Hartwig,Nathan (1644) - Gregg,Alan (1956) [C98] Closed Ruy Lopez

November 2013 PHCC G/30 Mini-Swiss Port Huron (1), 21.11.2013

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.Nbd2 Nc6 13.d5 Nd8 14.a4 Rb8 15.axb5 axb5 16.Nf1 Ne8 17.g4 g6 18.Bh6 Ng7 19.Ng3 f6 20.Qe2 Nf7 21.Bd2 Bd7 22.Ra2 Ra8 23.Rea1 Rxa2 24.Rxa2 Rb8 25.Qd1 Qc8 26.Ne1 Bd8 27.Qa1 Bb6 28.b3 Qb7 29.Kg2 f5 30.f3 f4 31.Ne2 h5 Diagram



[White lost on time.] **0-1**

Gregg,Alan (1956) - Wilkinson,Stewart (1883) [D05] Colle System

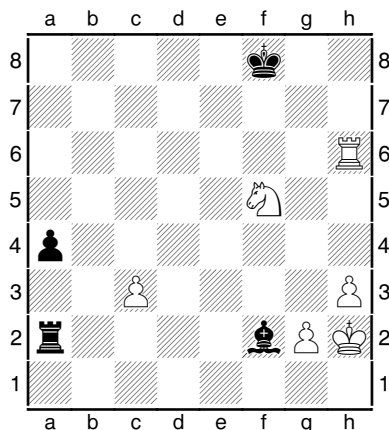
November 2013 PHCC G/30 Mini-Swiss Port Huron (2), 21.11.2013

1.Nf3 d5 2.b3 Nf6 3.Bb2 Nbd7 4.e3 e6 5.d4 Be7 6.Nbd2 0-0 [Remainder of the game could not be reconstructed.] 1-0

Wilkinson,Stewart (1883) - Bedy,Noel (1636) [B01] Scandinavian Defense

November 2013 PHCC G/30 Mini-Swiss Port Huron (1), 21.11.2013

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 c6 6.Be2 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 e6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.Ne2 Nbd7 12.c3 Rfe8 13.Bf4 e5 14.Bxe5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Qxd1 16.Raxd1 Nd5 17.Bxd5 cxd5 18.Rxd5 Bd8 19.Red1 Bc7 20.f4 f6 21.Rd7 Bb6+ 22.Kh1 fxe5 23.fxe5 Rxe5 24.Nf4 Rae8 25.Nd5 Bf2 26.Nc7 Re1+ 27.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 28.Kh2 Re2 29.Nb5 Rxb2 30.Nd6 h6 31.Rxb7 Rxa2 32.Nf5 a5 33.Rxg7+ Kf8 34.Rh7 a4 35.Rxh6 Diagram



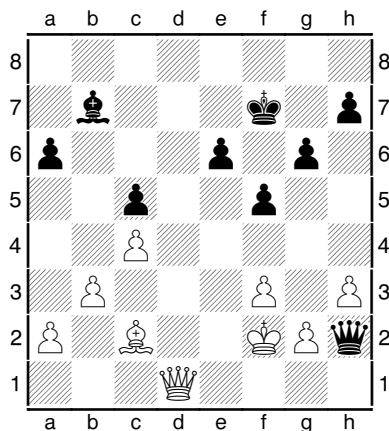
[Black lost on time.] **35...a3 1-0**

Wingrove, William (1680) - Hartwig, Nathan (1644) [B22] Sicilian Defense

November 2013 PHCC G/30 Mini-Swiss Port Huron (2), 21.11.2013

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 e6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Be2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.c4 Qd8 9.Nc3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bf3 Qc7 13.b3 Bb7 14.Bb2 Rfd8 15.Qe2 Rd7 16.Rfd1 Bd6 17.h3 Rad8 18.Kf1 a6 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Bxe4 Bf4 21.Rd3 Rxd3 22.Bxd3 c5 23.Rd1 Rd7 24.Qg4 f5 25.Qe2 Qc6 26.f3 Kf7 27.Re1 Bg3 28.Rd1 Qc7 29.Bc3 Bf4 30.Bd2 g6 31.Bxf4 Qxf4 32.Bc2 Rxd1+ 33.Qxd1 Qh2

[Black won the ending.] **34.Kf2** Diagram



0-1

Bedy, Noel (1636) - Mariani, Gino (1321) [B07] Pirc Defense

November 2013 PHCC G/30 Mini-Swiss Port Huron (2), 21.11.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nd2 d6 3.e4 g6 4.Ngf3 Bg7 5.c3 Bg4 6.Bd3 c6 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Nxf3 Nbd7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Be3 b5 11.Qd2 a5 12.Bh6 Ne8 13.Bxg7 Nxg7 14.b3 f6 15.a3 c5 16.Bxb5 Rb8 17.Bc4+ Kh8 18.Rab1 e5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 fxe5 21.Rfd1 Rb6 22.b4 axb4 23.cxb4 cxb4 24.axb4 Rf6 25.b5 Qc7 26.Qd5 h5 27.Qg8# 1-0

Wingrove, William (1680) - Gregg, Alan (1956) [C45] Scotch Game

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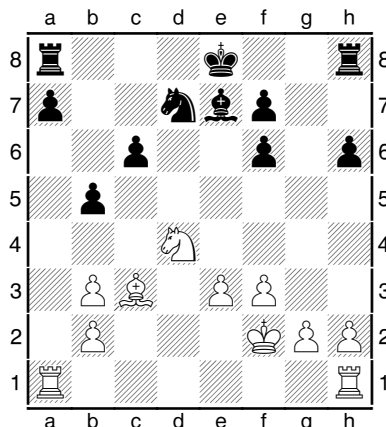
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**Bd7 14.f4 Ne7 15.Rd1 f5 16.e5 c5 17.Nf3 Bc6 18.Ng5 Rd8 19.Rxd8+ Kxd8
20.Nf7+ 1-0**

Hartwig,Nathan (1644) - Bedy,Noel (1636) [D20] Q-Gambit Accepted

November 2013 PHCC G/30 Mini-Swiss Port Huron (3), 21.11.2013

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bxc4 Bf5 5.Qb3 e6 6.Nc3 Qc8 7.f3 h6 8.d5 exd5
9.Nxd5 Be6 10.Nxf6+ gxf6 11.Bd2 c6 12.Bc3 Be7 13.Ne2 b5 14.Bxe6 Qxe6 15.Kf2
Nd7 16.Nd4 Qxb3 17.axb3** Diagram



17...Nc5?? [17....b4 18.Bd2, c4 should save all of the Pawns!] **18.Rhd1 Rg8 19.b4
Na4 20.Nxc6 Nxc3 21.bxc3 Rc8 22.Rxa7** [Black resigns because he will lose a piece.]
1-0

Wilkinson 1-Mariani-0 Rd. 3 Game not recorded.

Solutions to 16th Annual Turkey Gobbler Problems

Taken from *One Hundred Years of The American Two-Move Chess Problem* by K S Howard:

Solutions

Problem 1 (#40) 1.Qh4

Problem 2 (#123) 1. Bb4

Problem 3 (#180) 1. Qa4

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 12/2/13

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1951
Wilkinson, Stew	1879
Rutkofske, Lon	1836
Morabito, Matt	1780
Wingrove, Bill	1695
Jones, G. Avery	1684
Hartwig, Nathan	1683
Fiedler, Bob	1646
Bedy, Noel	1621
Beneker, Gerrit	1545
Kulkarni, Atul	1513
Scholfield, Chris	1503
Boucher, Dave	1463
Mariani, Gino	1309
Rob Brown	1300
Cody Trombley	1278
Archer, Kraig	1200
Carey, Jay	1000
Allen, Nathan	984
Nowiski, Adam	919
Kulkarni, Atharva	867

USCF Ratings as of 12/2/13

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1998
Wilkinson, Stew	1840
Rutkofske, Lon	1816
Morabito, Matt	1794
Fiedler, Robert	1713
Wingrove, Bill	1692
Hartwig, Nathan	1653
Jones, G.Avery	1589
Bedy, Noel	1557
Boucher, Dave	1313
Trombley, Cody	1278
Mariani, Gino	939P

PHCC Speed Rating List as of 12/2/13

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1960
Wilkinson, Stew	1909
Rutkofske, Lon	1864
Hartwig, Nathan	1784
Morabito, Matt	1701
Fiedler, Robert	1608
Jones, G. Avery	1590
Wingrove, Bill	1561
Scholfield, Chris	1552
Bedy, Noel	1519
Kulkarni, Atul	1513
Beneker, Gerrit	1500
Nowiski, Adam	1364
Mariani, Gino	1333
Trombley, Cody	1292
Carey, Jay	1000
Allen, Nathan	984
Kulkarni, Atharva	867
Archer, Kraig	750

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*.

No Tournaments in December

2014 PHCC Championships - January 9 thru March 20th 2014. Tournament games will be held Thursdays during the tournament schedule (*January 9th 16th, 30th, February 6th, 20th, 27th and March 6th with make-up dates on January 23rd, February 13th and March 13th with Awards night on March 20th.*), but everyone is still welcome to come to the club to play during this time. Registration begins now and continues through January 8th (*Please register early*). Tournament begins at 7:00 PM and consists of a 7 round Swiss System tournament with an Entry Fee of \$10 for adults;\$5.00 for under 19. Cash Prizes will be based on participation. Plaques to club champion, runner- up champion, but Class plaques will be awarded based on at least 4 persons/class. Awards will be presented on March 20, 2014. Time Control: G/90 with 5 sec/move delay. Contact Lon to register!

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.

What's the Best Move?

Game 5:

- A) 13...00 is safe but passive, allowing White to proceed 14.Nxc6, bxc6 15.b4, Bc7 16.Qxd8, Rxd8 17. Rxd8+, Bxd8 18.Bd3 with an edge.
- B) Anand chose the cryptic 13...Bc7?! (Three moves with the Bishop in the Opening??) Carlsen eschewed the annoying 14.Ndb5! for the solid continuation 14.Nxc6, bxc6 15.Qxd8+, Bxd8 16.Be2 and his position was clearly better.
- C) 13...Ne5 invites 14.Qe4! and Black probably has to play 14...Nd7 accepting a cramped position.
- D) With the match score still tied,, 13...Nxd4 was Black's best choice. After 14.Qxd4, Qxd4 15.exd4, Bxc3 16.bxc3, b6 Black is at least equal. 14.exd4, 00 also looks fine for Black.

Game 6:

- A) The developing move 11.Nbd2 was Anand's choice, but after 11...h6 12.Bh4, Bxb3 13.axb3?! Nb8!? 14.h3, Ndb7 Black has equalized.
- B) The thematic 11.d4 is recommended by Fritz. Play might have continued 11...Bxb3 12. axb3, Bb6 13.d5 with an advantage in space, but no immediate threats for White.
- C) 11.Bxe6 was Anand's best try for an advantage. After 11...fxe6 (11...Rxe6 is refuted by 12.d4!), either 12.a4 or 12 d4 would have given the Champion the initiative.
- D) 11.Bd5 is interesting. Carlsen might have played 11...Bxd5, then 12.exd5,Ne7 13.Bxf6, gxf6 follows with an unclear position.