



# 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>

**Join Us in Sarnia for the 2013 Hobbyfest!**

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**Stew Wilkinson** and I will once again be representing the PHCC in Sarnia's Hobbyfest, and hope you might visit our site for some chess, entertainment and conversation. Club Speed Champion and Sarnia politico, **Andy Bruziewicz** will be putting in an appearance to support collaborative international chess efforts. It should be great fun and a pleasant way to spend a summer Sunday!

## How to set the new club digital chess clocks!

Sometimes when starting to set the clock, you will find that the display is not functioning or is frozen. If this happens, remove and replace the batteries, then click the on switch once again and this should solve the problem.

### **Lesson 2 – Blitz chess time controls:**

Our new clocks come with several preset rapid play settings for those in need of instant gratification or an adrenalin rush! Once you have turned the clock on, check the bottom left hand corner of the display. There are three preset blitz time controls: 1A=Game in 3minutes; 1B=Game in 5 minutes; and 1C= Game in 15 minutes. Using the up or down toggle, make your selection and begin play.

All Preset modes can be edited to suit your time choices in the following manner:

1. Find the mode you want to change using UP/DOWN on the control pad (4-way toggle switch on lower left hand side of clock.).
2. Press EDIT to enter editing mode.
3. The left most digit on the left LCD will flash showing the position of the cursor.
4. In EDIT mode, the toggle control pad changes function from mode selection to cursor movement and value adjustment.
5. Pressing UP or DOWN either increases or decreases the value at the cursor location.
6. Use the LEFT and RIGHT toggle, cycle through the settings for the time mode. Each mode has a different number of settings available to adjust.
7. When the new settings have been entered, press EDIT to exit and press one of the time control buttons on the top of the clock to start the game. If you want to use the edited time control again, you can save it as your “coach’s favorite” by using the 4A mode and saving the setting.

## **Members’ Games**

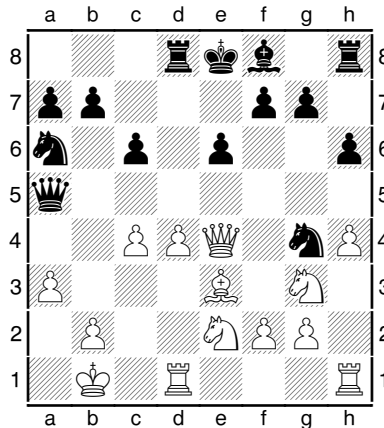
*Please send me what you consider your best games, annotated or not, so that I might be able to showcase them. The following games represent contests that have been available at the time of this printing. Email them to me or give them to me personally, if you wish. Majority of analyses is done by Fritz 12, unless otherwise indicated.*

The summer months have caused a bit of a lull in serious play of late. **Avery Jones** competed in the National Open in Las Vegas and the World Open in Washington D.C., **Matt Morabito** is currently participating in the Canadian Open, and **Alan Gregg** is in the UK with plans to regale his English adversaries with the brilliance of his play in the British Senior Championships next month. While there seems to be a flurry of activity, we are rather short on results, leading to a vacuum of sorts in our game scores section. As a result, I have taken the liberty to delve into the PHCC archives and resurrect some previous efforts of this adventuresome trio that will hopefully fill the void!

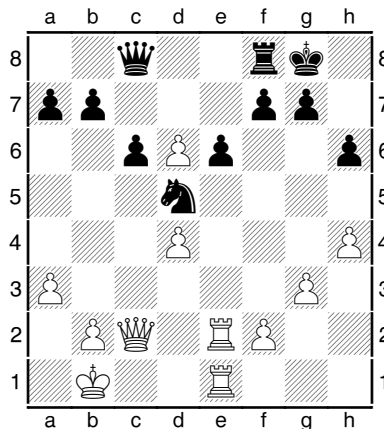
**Northrup,Cory (1546) - Jones,G. Avery (1484) [B18] Caro-Kann**

2012 World Open Philadelphia, PA (2), 04.07.2012

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Be3 Nf6 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 e6 10.O-O-O Qd5 11.c4 Qa5 12.Kb1 Na6 13.a3 Ng4 14.N1e2 Rd8 15.Qe4** Diagram



**15...Nf6 16.Qc2 Ng4 17.Rd2 Qb6 18.c5 Qc7 19.Bf4 Qc8 20.Nc3 Nc7 21.Nce4 Nd5 22.Nd6+ Bxd6 23.Bxd6 Ngf6 24.Re1 Ne7 25.Nf5 Nfd5 26.Bxe7 Nxe7 27.Nd6+ Rxd6 28.cxd6 Nd5 29.g3 O-O 30.Rde2** Diagram

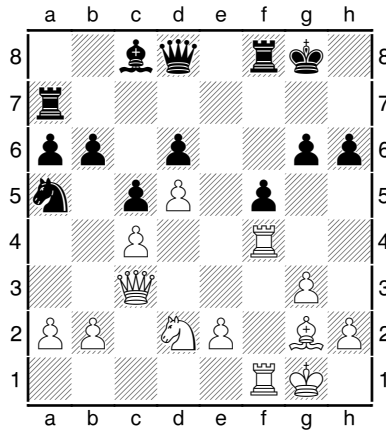


**30...Qd7 31.Re4 Qxd6 32.Qc5 Qc7 33.Re5 b6 34.Qc2 Nf6 35.f3 Rc8 36.g4 Nd7 37.R5e3 Qg3 38.h5 Nf6 39.Rc3 Qxe1+ 40.Ka2 c5 41.b4 Nd5 42.Rb3 c4 O-1**

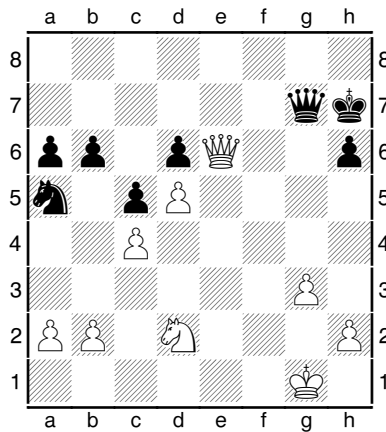
**Morabito,Matthew (1751) - Mazuchowski,Tom (2000) [E62] King's Indian Fianchetto**

2004 Lansing Open (6), 06.09.2004

**1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.c4 O-O 5.Nc3 d6 6.d4 Nc6 7.d5 Na5 8.Qd3 c5 9.Bd2 a6 10.Rb1 e6 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd2 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 e5 15.O-O b6 16.f4 exf4 17.Rxf4 f5 18.Rbf1 Ra7** Diagram



**19.e4 Re7 20.exf5 Rxf5 21.Be4 Rxf4 22.Rxf4 Rf7 23.Qf3 Qf8 24.Bxg6 Rxf4 25.Qxf4 Qg7 26.Qe4 Bd7 27.Be8 Bxe8 28.Qxe8+ Kh7 29.Qe4+ Kg8 30.Qe6+ Kh7** Diagram

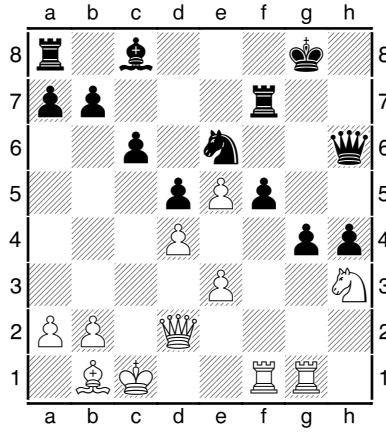


**31.Ne4 Qd4+ 32.Kg2 Nxc4 33.Qf7+ Kh8 34.Nf6 1-0**

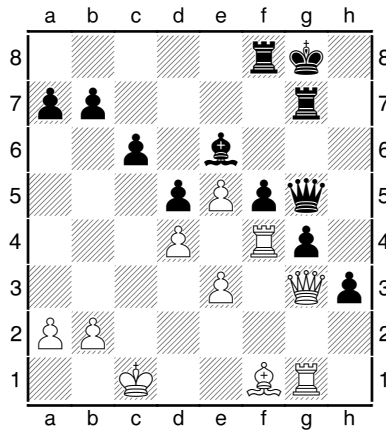
**Krzyanowski, Patryk (2017) - Gregg, Alan (2112) [D36] Queen's Gambit Declined**

Bournemouth 2012 (3), 21.04.2012

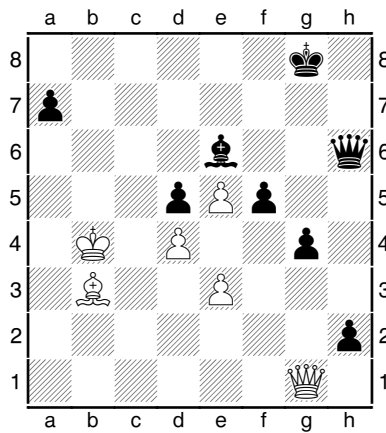
**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Qc2 Nbd7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.e3 Nf8 9.Bd3 Ne6 10.Bh4 h6 11.Ne5 Nd7 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.f4 Nxe5 14.fxe5 Qh4+ 15.g3 Qg5 16.Qf2 0-0 17.h4 Qe7 18.0-0 h5 19.Bb1 Nd8 20.Qc2 g6 21.Rdf1 f5 22.Qg2 Ne6 23.g4 hxg4 24.h5 Qg5 25.Qd2 gxh5 26.Ne2 h4 27.Nf4 Rf7 28.Nh3 Qh6 29.Rhg1** Diagram



**29...Ng7 30.Nf4 Nh5 31.Qh2 Nxf4 32.Rxf4 Be6 33.Rh1 Raf8 34.Bd3 Rg7 35.Bf1 h3 36.Qg3 Qg5 37.Rg1** Diagram



**37...Qe7 38.a3 c5 39.Kb1 c4 40.Rh1 c3 41.Rf2 cxb2 42.Kxb2 b5 43.Bd3 b4 44.a4 b3 45.Rc1 Qb4 46.Rc3 Qxa4 47.Rxb3 Qd7 48.Rc2 Rc8 49.Rxc8+ Qxc8 50.Rc3 Qb8+ 51.Rb3 Rb7 52.Bc2 Rxb3+ 53.Bxb3 Qd8 54.Kc3 Qg5 55.Kb4 Qh6 56.Qg1 h2** Diagram



57.Qh1 Qxe3 58.Qxh2 Qxd4+ 59.Ka3 Qe3 60.Qh5 Qxe5 61.Qg6+ Kf8  
 62.Qg5 g3 63.Qd8+ Kf7 64.Qg5 Qg7 65.Qh5+ Qg6 66.Qf3 g2 67.Bxd5 g1Q  
 68.Bxe6+ Qxe6 69.Qb7+ Kg6 0-1

## 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 7/15/13**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2118
Gregg, Alan	1956
Wilkinson, Stew	1883
Rutkofske, Lon	1836
Morabito, Matt	1780
Jones, G. Avery	1684
Wingrove, Bill	1680
Fiedler, Bob	1646
Hartwig, Nathan	1644
Bedy, Noel	1636
Beneker, Gerrit	1545
Kulkarni, Atul	1513
Scholfield, Chris	1503
Boucher, Dave	1463
Mariani, Gino	1321
Rob Brown	1300
Carey, Jay	1000
Allen, Nathan	984
Nowiski, Adam	919
Kulkarni, Atharva	867

### **USCF Ratings as of 7/15/13**

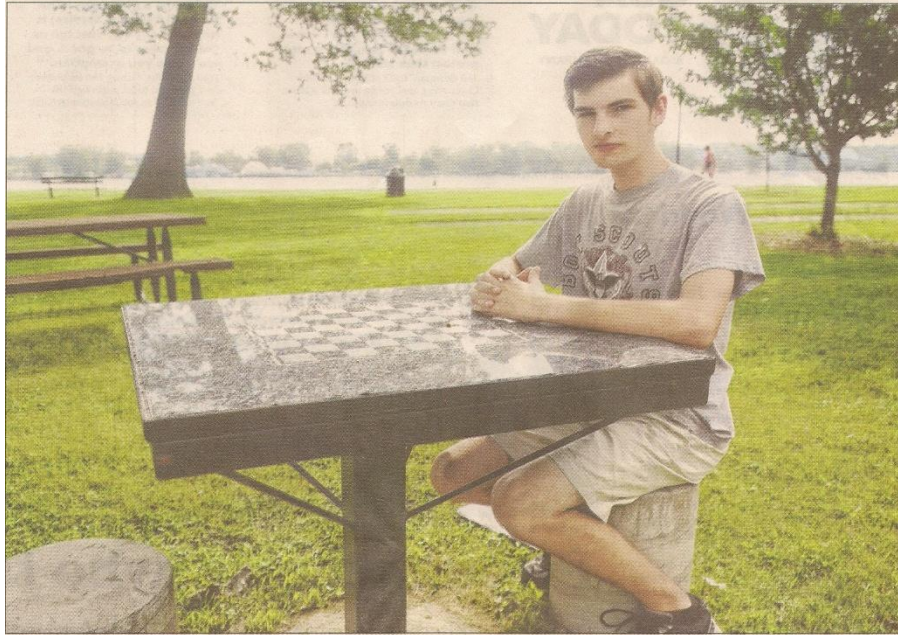
<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2121
Gregg, Alan	2000
Wilkinson, Stew	1849
Rutkofske, Lon	1813
Morabito, Matt	1806
Fiedler, Robert	1713
Wingrove, Bill	1687
Hartwig, Nathan	1623
Jones, G. Avery	1608
Bedy, Noel	1557
Boucher, Dave	1335
Mariani, Gino	939P

### **PHCC Speed Rating List as of 7/15/13**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2252
Gregg, Alan	1962
Rutkofske, Lon	1873
Wilkinson, Stew	1865
Hartwig, Nathan	1702
Morabito, Matt	1698
Fiedler, Robert	1608
Wingrove, Bill	1607
Jones, G. Avery	1599
Scholfield, Chris	1552
Beneker, Gerrit	1550
Kulkarni, Atul	1513
Bedy, Noel	1490
Nowiski, Adam	1363
Mariani, Gino	1333
Carey, Jay	1000
Allen, Nathan	984
Kulkarni, Atharva	867

## Local Eagle Scout Makes a Difference for Chess Players!

Although not a member of the PHCC, Brennan Fisher has enhanced entertainment opportunities at Pine Grove Park for chess and checker players interested in that outdoor ambience. Check out the *Times Herald* article on the following page for the story!



Brennan Fisher, 17, of Port Huron, sits at one of the granite chess tables he had placed in Pine Grove Park for his Eagle Scout project.

# Scout project adds the crowning touch

## Pine Grove sports granite chess boards

By Ryan Fitzmaurice  
 Times Herald

Chess, Brennan Fisher said, has a way of bringing people together.

"Chess is one of the world's great pastimes," he said. "Nearly everyone knows how to play it, and it's a great way to get two people to start talking to each other."

Brennan, 17, and a Port Huron resident, built three granite chess tables at Pine Grove Park to fulfill his Eagle Scout service project. He had to plan: Develop and lead others in a project that benefited the Port Huron community.

A ceremony honoring Brennan was July 3 in Pine Grove Park. "I decided I wanted to create something in a community to bring community together ...," Brennan said. "I thought, why not chess?"

Michael Timm, Brennan's Scout leader, said the project was ambitious.

"When that project was first presented to us, I know many of us were critical," Timm said. "I and all of the leaders who have to audit the projects and look at them, always ask, 'Is this a project that can be completed by the



Brennan Fisher watches as Rachel and Ryan McClelland play a game of checkers Tuesday in Pine Grove Park. Brennan had three granite chess board tables placed in Pine Grove Park for his Eagle Scout project. WENDY TORELLI/TIMESHERALD

Scouts? Are we setting him for failure by approving this project?"

"We didn't just rubber stamp it. This isn't just knocking together a couple wood benches and standing them up. There's excavation, surveying, steel and granite work, cement work."

Brennan said the hardest part was going business-to-business asking for the sometimes expensive supplies needed for the project.

Seven businesses gave Brennan the needed materials, including Blasius

Countertops, Lincoln Granite Co., Ominous Fabricating, Port Huron Building Supply, BMJ Engineers & Surveyors, The Home Depot and the Port Huron Forestry Department. "Probably the most important thing I've learned through all of this is learning how to deal with people, how to ask them for things, how to humble yourself, how to talk with people, how to live with people," he said.

Brennan and other volunteers, including from his baseball team, his church, his Scout troop and a handful of

construction workers and surveyors, built the tables.

Chess pieces are not available at the site, but Brennan hopes to work with a nearby business so players can rent pieces.

Timm said the project's success is the result of Brennan's growth within the Scouts.

"Brennan Fisher was interesting. He came to us as a very quiet home-schooled (kid), not very confident, timid might be the right word," Timm said. "Just a few years, he was a patrol leader. The scouting experience for him has been borderline life changing."

Michelle Fisher, Brennan's mother, said she has noticed her son has become more confident.

"He has grown in huge amounts," she said. "That's part of why to become an Eagle Scout they require them to do something community related."

"He's grown up. It has made him more responsible. He had to learn how to go and ask for things. It's been a good experience."

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## Port Huron Chess Club Hall of Fame

### Club Champions

1971 Robert Wilson  
 1972 Robert Wilson  
 1973 Gerald DeLugt  
 1974 Robert Wilson  
 1975 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1976 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1977 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1978 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1979 Robert Fiedler  
     Jack Heikamp  
     Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1980 Michael Petty  
 1981 Robert Fiedler  
 1982 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1983 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1984 Holger Seig  
 1985 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1986 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1987 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1988 Philip Willard  
 1989 Stewart Wilkinson  
     Scott Douglas  
 1990 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1991 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1992 Robert Duncan  
     Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1993 Andrew Bruziewicz  
 1994 Andrew Bruziewicz

1995 G. Avery Jones  
 1996 Hugo Ortiz  
     William Wingrove  
 1997 William Wingrove  
 1998 Andrew Bruziewicz  
 1999 Andrew Bruziewicz  
     Noel Bedy  
     Lonnie Rutkofske  
 2000 William Wingrove  
     Lonnie Rutkofske  
 2001-2006 No Tourney  
 2007 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 2008-2009 No Tourney  
 2010 Alan Gregg  
 2011 Alan Gregg  
 2012 Alan Gregg  
 2013 Alan Gregg

### Club Speed Champions

1971 Robert Wilson  
 1972 Dan Thomas  
 1973 Robert Wilson  
 1974 No Tourney  
 1975 Douglas Cope  
 1976 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1977 Chris Scholfield  
 1978 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1979 Robert Fiedler  
 1980 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1981 Lonnie Rutkofske

1982 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1983 Holger Seig  
 1984 Peter Wood  
 1985 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1986 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1987 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1988 Stewart Wilkinson  
     S. James Alexander  
 1989 Andrew Bruziewicz  
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 1998 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1999 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 2000-2006 No Tourney  
 2007 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 2008-2009 No Tourney  
 2010 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 2011 Eric Roome  
 2012 Andrew Bruziewicz

### Junior Champions

#### (Under 19)

1971 John Willmarth  
 1972 Dan Thomas



## **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*.

**July 25th** – PHCC 3 Round Mini-swiss : Time control will be G/30 and play will begin at 7:00PM. EF: \$5.00 for adults; \$2.50 for Juniors. Prizes based on entries.

## **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.

## **Expiring Memberships as of August 2013:**

Noel Bedy, Brian Ledsworth