



Chess Chatter

Newsletter of the Port Huron Chess Club

Editor: Lon Rutkofske **January 2014** **Vol.33** **Number 1**

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>

Weather woes haunt 2014 Championships

With one weather delay under its belt, the 2014 PHCC Championship tournament has managed to move forward, albeit haltingly! Rough weather the week of Thursday, January 9th closed down most of Michigan forcing a week's delay of the opening round of championship play. January 16th spawned a near repeat, but fortunately, a few avid PHCC's braved the forces of nature to ensure the first round do-over was not a complete wash out. **Lon Rutkofske, Dave Boucher, Alan Gregg, Adam Nowiski** and **Matt Morabito** collided in their first round matches to secure at least a majority of the initial games were played. Unfortunately for **Tony West**, his inaugural introduction to the PHCC and tournament play had to be disappointing. He managed to overcome the elements in a two hour sojourn from the Grosse Pointe area to play, but **Avery Jones** was unable to make the trek across the Blue Water Bridge, forcing an alternative make-up date. At least Tony was able to meet many of the club members and even got a few speed games in with **Stew Wilkinson** who defeated **Noel Bedy** in a game played January 17th.

Lon, Alan and Matt prevailed in their first round contests, and Lon is eagerly waiting for the make-up games to be completed so that he can pair the second round in case this stretch of stormy weather persists (**See Member Games section for scores**). Because Lon sends pairing information out early enough via email, common courtesy would dictate that players unable to attend the next scheduled round should call their opponent and arrange an alternative date, making sure that the TD is apprised of the changes. Lon will also keep the website updated throughout the tournament to ensure participants have the option of going to the site for possible updates.

Saturday Chess in St. Clair Going Strong!

It's Saturday morning, at 10:30am, as I pull into the parking lot at the Burger King on Clinton Ave. in St. Clair where an Einsteinian vision of Tom Broyles, former Executive Director of the Boy Scouts of St. Clair county, local duplicate bridge instructor and resident chess enthusiast meets my gaze from the main dining area. Home of the St. Chess Club for over 14 years, Burger King has been a patient and responsive host and has provided monthly meeting space each Saturday without charge. Other regulars include: Jaime Chan, Rob

Brown, Joe Nadasky, Dave Boucher, Noel Bedy and now, members of the PHCC desiring to take advantage of a second chess playing opportunity have begun attending as well. While playing time is limited to 3 ½ hours at its Port Huron counterpart, closing time on Saturday, seems to be the only time control on Saturdays in St. Clair. If you enjoy the luxury of chess, food, and full day of playing the royal game, then Saturdays at St. Clair Burger King is for you! Just remember to bring your own, sets, clocks, boards and endurance!



Bill Wingrove plans his attack on Tom Broyles



Rob Brown takes on Bob Fiedler



Joe Nadasky prepares to take on all comers in his unique Saints hat!



Noel Bedy calculates an assault Lon Rutkofske's position.

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.

Boucher, David (1463) - Rutkofske, Lonnie (1836) [B12] Caro-Kann, Advance Var.

2014 PHCC Championships Port Huron (1), 16.01.2014

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Ne2 e6 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Nd2 c5 7.c3 Nc6 8.Be2 cxd4 9.cxd4 Nxd4 10.Qa4+ Nc6 11.Nb3 Bb4+ 12.Bd2 Bxd2+ 13.Kxd2 Qb6 14.Bb5 Nge7 15.Nd4 0-0 16.Nge2 Nxe5 17.h3 a6 0-1

Gregg, Alan (1951) - Wingrove, William (1695) [B91] Sicilian Najdorf

2014 PHCC Championships Port Huron (1), 16.01.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.g3 e5 7.Nde2 b5 8.Bg2 Bb7 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3 Nb6 12.b3 d5 13.Bxb6 Qxb6 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Rd8 16.c4 bxc4 17.bxc4 Rc8 18.Qa4+ Kd8 19.Rab1 Qa7 20.Nc3 Qa8 21.Bh3 Rc7 22.Ne4 Bc8 23.Bg2 f5 24.d6 Rf7 25.Qa5+ 1-0

Morabito, Matthew (1780) - Nowiski, Adam (919) [D04] Colle System

2014 PHCC Championships Port Huron (1), 16.01.2014

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bg4 4.Be2 e6 5.0-0 Be7 6.c4 c6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qb3 b6 9.Bd2 dxc4 10.Qxc4 Bf5 11.Rad1 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Qc1 Bd5 14.b3 Qc7 15.Bc3 Bd6 16.g3 Nd7 17.Nd2 Nf6 18.Qc2 e5 19.e4 Be6 20.Nc4 Rad8 21.dxe5 Bxc4 22.exd6 Rxd6 23.Bxc4 Re8 24.Rxd6 Qxd6 25.e5 Rxe5 26.Bxe5 Qxe5 27.Rd1 g6 28.Qe2 Qxe2 29.Bxe2 Nd5 30.Rc1 c5 31.Bc4 1-0

Wilkinson, Stewart (1879) - Bedy, Noel (1621) [C30] King's Gambit Declined

2014 PHCC Championships Port Huron (1), 17.01.2014

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 Bc5 4.Nf3 d6 5.Na4 Bb6 6.Nxb6 axb6 7.Bc4 Nf6 8.d3 0-0 9.0-0 Na5 10.fxe5 dxe5 11.Bg5 Nxc4 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.dxc4 Qe7 14.b3 Bg4 15.Qe1 Bh5 16.Qc3 f6 17.a4 Bg6 18.Rae1 Rfd8 19.Nh4 Qc5+ 20.Kh1 Qd4 21.Qg3 Bxe4 22.Nf5 Bxf5 23.Rxf5 Rd6 24.h3 g6 25.Ref1 Kf7 26.R5f3 Re8 27.c3 Qe4 28.Re1 Qc2 29.Rxe5 Rd1+ [29... Qd1+ wins 30.Kh2 Rxe5 31. Qxe5 Qxf3 32. Qxd6 Qxg2+ 33. Kxg2 cxd6 34.] 30.Kh2 Qc1 31.Qh4 Rh1+ 32.Kg3 Rxe5 33.Qxf6+ Ke8 34.Qxe5+ 1-0

Perspective on 1982 Michigan Amateur Championships

One of the marvelous things that age brings with it, is the opportunity for reflection. For the past three weeks before Christmas, I have had the chance to pour over my “chess legacy”, games of the distant past, which even the “Specters” taking Scrooge to task might possibly relish. While it is far less relevant than the musings of a Grandmaster, it represents my legacy, my chess life, my history... and quite frankly, it represents a part of my mortality and therefore its meaning is substantial and poignant to me. As a student of history, the past has always held special meaning. Sure, we have all been subjected to the thread bare axiom that “those who don’t learn from their history are doomed to repeat it.” For a patzer like myself, I doubt it is reflective of my play.

One of the significant “firsts” in my chess career has to be the state title I secured in the Michigan Amateur Championships the first week in May 1-2, 1982. Representing the relative chess backwater of Port Huron, capture of this crown represented a personal victory, a spectacular feat for this 36 year old energetic football coach and long time chess maven. Aside from the personal satisfaction that accompanied hoisting the championship trophy, it seemed a validation that significant state-wide recognition might well put my fair city on the chess map in Michigan. But to my disappointment, the article that graced the August/September issue of *Michigan Chess*, other than the synopsis and crosstable, was conspicuously silent with respect to any mention of the state’s newest champion. What follows is a reproduction of the original article. After all these year, does it not still leave the indelible mark of rebuke?

MICHIGAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP MAY 1-2

THE WINNERS

Champ.	Lonnie Rutkofske, Port Huron	4½
2nd	Frank M Fricko, Detroit	4
3rd	Attila Lehotzky, Flushing	4
B 1st	Yuri G Diakonov, Detroit	3
2nd	Randy Giménez, Hillsdale	3
C 1st	Michael E Herzog, Dearborn	3
2nd	John L Griffin, Battle Creek	2
D 1st	John M Suess, Toledo	1½
2nd	S.Charles Bolter, Detroit	1
E 1st	Kevin R Carey, Anchorville	2
2nd	Robert Richardson, Port Huron	1½

The recession (depression, or whatever) tried to checkmate the 1982 Michigan Amateur, but we somehow got out of the trap and had a pretty good event.

Held in the Detroit area, where there are more chess players, boards, clocks and pieces than anywhere else in the state, the Amateur drew only 52 entries--down 27% from last years 72.

Unrateds dropped the most. There were none. Last year there were 5. Class E went from 3 to 1 for a 66% drop, Class D dropped 33%, Class C was down 44%. Class A was exactly the same--22 each year, but Class B with 15 this year was down 16%.

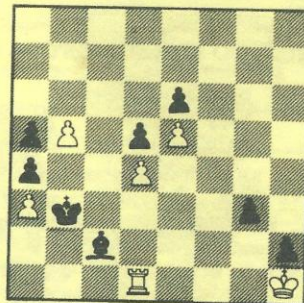
It was held at the East Detroit Parks and Recreation Building, with Mike Duweck directing, and as always was limited to those under 2000 and unrateds with only trophies for prizes. Entry was only \$10 advance, \$12 later. So there it was--low entry, lots of chess and inside a great chess area, but drew 27% less than on the other side of the state in Kalamazoo last year, where players flocked in from all over the southern half of Mich-

CORRECTION: The tournament bulletin mailed in July was incorrectly labeled "June". Sorry.

PROBLEM DEPARTMENT

By RANSOM L. RICHARDSON

No. 83 Rev. G. McArthur 1862



White wins.

Solution is on page 13

igan, including the Detroit area. So if you hadn't noticed, the bad economy is definitely here.

Won 1 Game - Then Got the "B" Title!

But the fun a thrills of chess are here, too-- here to stay! Take Yuri G Diakonov of Detroit: He won the Class B championship after winning only one game in the tournament. It should be mentioned, tho that he was also undefeated, finishing with four straight draws, all against players from 110 to upwards of 200 points higher. He was almost the lowest rated player in the class, too, but his 3 points and huge tie-break advantage from those high rated victims put him easily at the top of the six-way tie for the title.

Brad Iverson (1518) of Huntington Woods warmed up with a first round upset draw against an opponent rated 364 points, then did it again in the third round to one 302 points higher, coming within about a quarter of a tie-breaking point of winning second place trophy in his class.

John Suess of Toledo, OH, (1319), knocked off an 1820 player for what probably was the biggest upset of the tournament, but it must have upset himself, for he didn't win another game.

Here is the USCF crosstable of results, with ties not broken but in order of ratings.

PLAYER	PRE ST RTNG	POST					TOT
		KTNG	1	2	3	4	
1 RUTKOFBKE, LONNIE MI 1835	1694	#51	#45	#=3	#11	D=2	4.5
2 FRICKO, FRANK M MI 1965	1994	#21	#17	D=6	#25	D=1	4.0
3 LEMOTZKY, ATTILA MI 1916	1953	#19	#18	L=1	#28	#=9	4.0
4 GIBSON, RAMIN AHMA MI 1909	1927	#40	#=5	L11	#17	#18	4.0
5 JACKSON, JR JAMES MI 1815	1847	#44	L=4	#37	#30	#15	4.0
6 THOMPSON, DEXTER MI 2064	2052	#27	#24	D=2	L=9	#25	3.5
7 ZEMKE, NORMAN L MI 1955	1963	#22	D25	D28	#32	D11	3.5
8 DANGREMOND, JK LEO MI 1924	1923	L26	#35	D24	#22	#19	3.5
9 DAKBRO, II DONALD MI 1920	1933	D14	#36	#21	#=6	L=3	3.5
10 DAVIS, LANDON H MI 1862	1883	D36	D14	#34	D20	#28	3.5
11 BEE, ANTHONY HENRY MI 1853	1873	#50	#49	#=4	L=1	D=7	3.5
12 THOMAS, CARLTON MI 1846	1856	#34	D33	L25	#26	#24	3.5
13 #YDRYCK, ROBERT MI 1852	1828	L37	#41	#26	L19	#34	3.0
14 HASON, JR DONALD M MI 1846	1851	D=9	D10	L15	#45	#31	3.0
15 PEGERON, JEAN-PAUL MI 1831	1834	#29	L28	#14	#33	L=5	3.0
16 GENO, RONALD R MI 1820	1786	L45	#51	D36	#40	D20	3.0
17 MOORE, ROBERT F MI 1769	1767	#48	L=2	#23	L=4	#35	3.0
18 GIMINEZ, RANDY W MI 1756	1762	#52	L=3	#49	#31	L=4	3.0
19 SMITH, WALTER MI 1729	1760	L=3	#52	#47	#13	L=8	3.0
20 DIKONOV, YURI G MI 1712	1739	#46	D30	D31	D10	D16	3.0
21 LEE, MARK MI 1710	1717	L=2	#48	L=9	#37	#36	3.0
22 BECKER, ALFRED MI 1684	1735	L=7	#38	#39	L=8	#30	3.0
23 HERZOG, MICHAEL E MI 1477	1510	L30	#46	L17	#49	#33	3.0
24 TRIPLETT, THOMAS L MI 1825	1821	#42	L=6	D=8	#27	L12	2.5
25 MANION, TOM A MI 1784	1799	#38	D=7	#12	L=2	L=6	2.5
26 TUNNER, DARRELL G MI 1768	1775	#=8	D31	L13	L12	#42	2.5
27 POTTS, RICHARD A MI 1652/5	1648	L=6	D42	#44	L24	#43	2.5
28 ROSS, GREGORY T MI 1627	1696	#47	#15	D=7	L=3	L10	2.5
29 SWATHMELL, GARY D MI 1522	1526	L15	L47	#52	D43	#44	2.5
30 GABA, HOWARD B MI 1910	1859	#23	D20	D33	L=5	L22	2.0
31 THOMPSON, EARL J MI 1833	1795	#35	D26	D20	L18	L14	2.0
32 YUNAS, LARRY E MI 1791	1760	L49	#50	#45	L=7	U=	2.0
33 FRANKE, RUDOLF MI 1721	1703	#43	D12	D30	L15	L23	2.0
34 LAHODA, MARK L MI 1611	1609	L12	#43	L10	#48	L13	2.0
35 GRIFFIN, JOHN L MI 1550	1558	L31	L=8	#42	#38	L17	2.0
36 IVERSON, BRAD MI 1518	1531	D10	L=9	D16	#=	L21	2.0
37 FURGASON, FLOYD L MI 1481	1507	#13	L39	L=5	L21	#49	2.0
38 CAREY, KEVIN R MI 1055/4	1332	L25	L22	#50	L35	#48	2.0
39 WARD, TIMOTHY J MI 1903	1879	D41	#37	L22	U=	U=	1.5
40 WILSON, RICHARD MI 1649	1640	L=4	D44	#41	L16	U=	1.5
41 BURKE, TIMOTHY J MI 1649	1614	D39	L13	L40	L42	#=	1.5
42 PALMER, TONY MI 1469/13	1486	L24	D27	L35	#41	L26	1.5
43 WHITLEY, DEVOURAS MI 1448/3	1438	L33	L34	#51	D29	L27	1.5
44 STEWART, ERNEST N MI 1364	1358	L=5	D40	L27	#=	L29	1.5
45 SUESS, JOHN M MI 1319	1337	#16	L=1	L32	L14	D46	1.5
46 RICHARDSON, ROBERT MI 1022/3	1115	L20	L23	L48	#=	D45	1.5
47 KULBACKI, JAMES E MI 1905	1868	L28	#29	L19	F=	U=	1.0
48 BURWELL, JR RAYMON MI 1425	1394	L17	L21	#46	L34	L38	1.0
49 BOLTER, STANLEY CH MI 1369	1371	#32	L11	L18	L23	L37	1.0
50 DUNCAN, ROBERT J MI 1512	1481	L11	L32	L38	U=	U=	.0
51 PARKER, GARY H MI 1466	1444	L=1	L16	L43	U=	U=	.0
52 SCALLY, MIKE MI 1301/5	1289	L18	L19	L29	F=	U=	.0

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1829) - Parker,Gary (1466) [A17] English Opening

1982 Michigan Amateur (1), 01.05.1982

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.a3 b6 4.b4 d6 5.e4 g6 6.g3 Bg7 7.Bg2 Bb7 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Nge2 Nbd7 10.0-0 c5 11.d3 a5 12.bxc5 Nxc5 13.Na4 Ra6 14.Be3 Nfd7 15.Nac3 Bc6 16.d4 Ba4 17.Nxa4 Nxa4 18.Qxa4 Qc7 19.Rfc1 Rb8 20.Qb5 Ra7 21.Nc3 Bf8 22.Na4 d5 23.cxd5 Qd8 24.dxe6 fxe6 25.Qc6 Kf7 26.Bh3 Kg7 27.e5 Bxa3 28.Rc2 Rbb7 29.Qxe6 Bb4 30.Rbc1 Qe7 31.Rc8 Nf8 32.Qd5 b5 33.Nc5 Bxc5 34.R1xc5 b4 35.e6 a4 36.Qe5+ Qf6 37.Bh6+ Kxh6 38.Qxf6 Nxe6 39.Bxe6 a3 40.Rh5+ Kxh5 41.Qh4# 1-0

Suess,John M (1427) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1829) [C02] French, Advance

1982 Michigan Amateur (2), 01.05.1982

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bd7 4.Nf3 c5 5.c4 Bc6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.dxc5 Qa5 8.Be3 Nf5 9.a3 Nxe3 10.fxe3 Qxc5 11.Nd4 dxc4 12.Qe2 Nd7 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Qxc4 Nxe5 15.Qd4 Rd8 16.Qxc5 Bxc5 17.Rd1 Bxe3 18.Ke2 Bb6 19.h3 Ke7 20.g4 Nc4 21.Na4 Rxd1 22.Kxd1 Rd8+ 23.Kc1 Ne3 24.Nc3 Bc7 25.Be2 Bf4 26.Kb1 Rd2 27.Kc1 Nxg4 28.hxg4 Rxe2+ 29.Kb1 Rh2 30.Rd1 Be5 31.Re1 Bxc3 32.bxc3 Rg2 33.Re4 Rd2 34.Ra4 Rd7 35.Kc2 g5 36.Kb3 f5 37.Rc4 Rc7 38.Kb4 f4 39.Re4 c5+ 40.Kb3 c4+ 41.Kb4 Kd6 42.a4 e5 43.Re1 Kd5 44.a5 f3 45.Rh1 Rb7+ 46.Ka4 Ke4 47.a6 Rc7 48.Re1+ Kf4 49.Rb1 f2 50.Rb7 Rxb7 51.axb7 f1Q 52.b8Q Qa1+ 53.Kb5 Qb2+ 54.Kxc4 Qxb8 55.Kd5 a5 56.c4 a4 57.c5 Qc7 58.Kc4 Qc6 59.Kb4 e4 0-1

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1829) - Lehotzky,Atilla (1951) [A35] English,Symmetrical

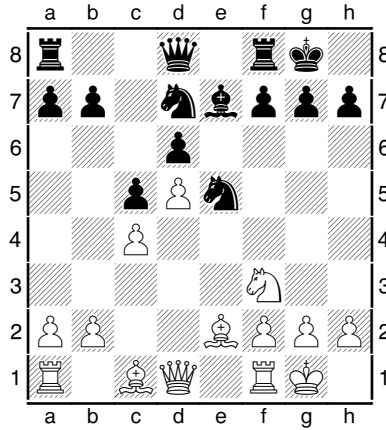
1982 Michigan Amateur (3), 01.05.1982

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.a3 Nf6 4.e4 d6 5.Rb1 a6 6.b4 cxb4 7.axb4 Nd4 8.Nge2 e5 9.d3 Bg4 10.Be3 Be7 11.Bxd4 exd4 12.Na2 Qb6 13.h3 Bd7 14.g3 a5 15.b5 0-0 16.Bg2 Ne8 17.0-0 f5 18.Nf4 Nf6 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.Re1 Rfe8 21.Qf3 Bc8 22.Nd5 Qd8 23.Re2 Nd7 24.Nxe7+ Rxe7 25.Qd5+ Kh8 26.Rbe1 Rxe2 27.Rxe2 Nf6 28.Qxd4 Qc7 29.Nc3 Bf5 30.g4 Bg6 31.f4 Re8 32.Rxe8+ Bxe8 33.Kf2 Bf7 34.b6 Qd7 35.Nb5? d5! 36.g5 Ng8 37.Bxd5 Bxd5 38.Qxd5 Qxd5 39.cxd5 Ne7 40.d6 Nc6 41.d7 Kg8 42.f5 Kf8 43.Nd4 Nd8 44.Ne6+ Ke7 45.Nxd8 Kxd8 46.Ke3 Kxd7 47.Kd4? a4? 48.Kc4 a3 49.Kb3 a2 50.Kxa2 Kd6 51.d4 h5 52.h4 1-0

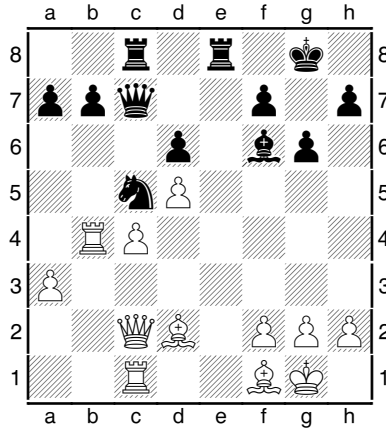
Bee,Anthony (1822) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1829) [A56] Benoni

1982 Michigan Amateur (4), 02.05.1982[Moody, David]

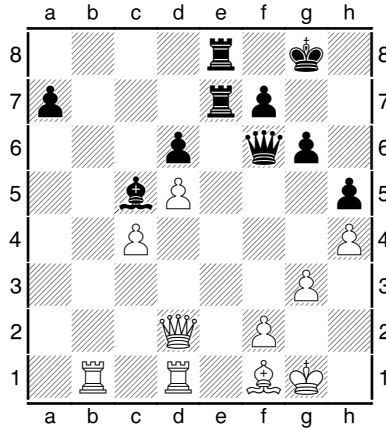
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 d6 4.Nc3 e5 5.dxe6 Bxe6 [An old form of the Benoni, wherein Black concedes a weak d-pawn in return for a smooth development. White should do fine as long as he controls, rather than occupies, the d5 square. Jumping in too soon would lead to plugging the square with a pawn, masking Black's weakness on d6.] **6.e4 Nc6 7.Nf3 Be7 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 Nd7 10.Nd5** [Too soon!] **10...Bxd5 11.exd5** [The only way to try for an advantage was 11.cd5, keeping the pawn position unbalanced. The White e-pawn is weak but his space advantage may compensate.] **11...Nce5** Diagram



12.Re1 Re8 13.Bd2 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 Bf6 [Already Black is beginning to dominate the position. The Black B is well placed, while his knight has a choice of good squares. The White Bishops are relatively inferior.] **15.Qc2 Qb6 16.Rab1 Ne5 17.Be4 g6 18.b4 Rac8!?**[Giving White the chance for a little play. Better seems to be 18...Rab8 protecting the b-pawn, or 18...cb4 immediately. 19.bc5, Qc5 20. Rb7, Nc4 doesn't win material but at least White gets some play! Now he is slowly driven back.] **19.a3 cxb4 20.Rxb4 Qc7 21.Rc1 Nd7 22.Bd3 Nc5** [A stalwart N! It protects the b-pawn, restricts White's movement, and can only be traded off with White's best piece, the QB.] **23.Bf1** Diagram



23...Re7 24.Rbb1 Rce8 25.a4 Bd4 26.Be1 Qd8 27.Rd1 Bg7 28.Bb4 b6 29.Qa2 Qc7 30.a5 bxa5 31.Bxa5 Qd7 32.Bb4 Ne4 33.Qa3 Qf5 34.Be1 Nc5 35.Bb4 Ne4 36.Be1 Nc5 37.Qa2 Be5 38.g3 h5 39.Bb4 Ne4 40.Bg2 Nc3 41.Bxc3 Bxc3 [The opposite color Bishops are actually favorable for Black. Not only is his the far superior piece, but he can attack on the dark squares without fear of interference.] **42.Bf1 Qf6 43.Qc2 Bd4 44.Qd2 Bc5 45.h4** Diagram



45...Re2! [Black has played a beautiful positional game, completely tying White down. Now some tactics win decisive material.] **46.Bxe2 Qxf2+ 47.Kh1 Rxe2 48.Rb8+ Kh7 49.Qxe2 Qxe2 50.Rdb1 Qf2 51.R8b3 a5** [White resigns. With one R tied to the third and the other to the first rank, White can do nothing as the a-pawn saunters down the board.] **0-1**

Rutkofske, Lonnie (1829) - Fricko, Frank (1952) [A34]] English, Symmetrical
1982 Michigan Amateur (5), 02.05.1982

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c5 3.a3 Nc6 4.e4 d6 5.Rb1 b6 6.b4 g6 7.Nge2 Bg7 8.g3 Ne5 9.Nf4 Bb7?? [9...,Bg4!!!] 10.Nfd5 e6 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0 Rc8 14.b5 Bg7 15.Qc2 Re8 16.Nd1 d5 17.f4 Nxc4 18.Bxc4 dxc4 19.Nf2 Bd4 20.Bb2 Qd7 21.Qxc4 Bxe4 22.Bxd4 cxd4 23.Nxe4 Rxc4 24.Nf6+ Kg7 25.Nxd7 [Draw Agreed, since this clinched the title for White!] $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

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*.

2014 PHCC Championships - January 16 thru April 6th 2014. Tournament games will be held **Thursdays during the tournament schedule** Rounds: (January 16th, 23rd, February 6th, 13th, 27th; March 6th, 20th with make-up dates on January 30th, February 20th and March 13th with Awards night on April 6th.), **but everyone is still welcome to come to the club to play during this time.**

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 1/18/13

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1951
West, Tony	1898
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 1/18/13

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1998
West, Tony	1898
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 1/18/13

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1960
Wilkinson, Stew	1909
Rutkofske, Lon	1864
West, Tony	1826
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