



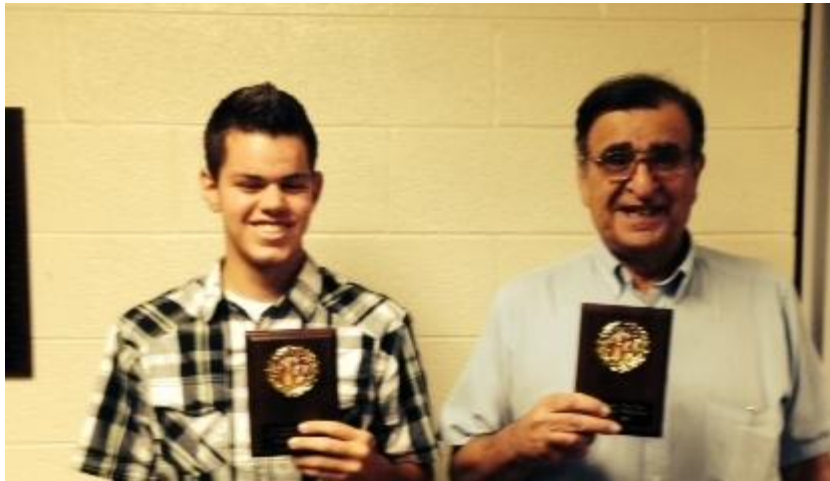
Chess Chatter

Newsletter of the Port Huron Chess Club

Editor: Lon Rutkofske **September 2014** **Vol.33 Number 8**

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>

Hartwig/Bedy squeak out 2014 Bughouse Championship Title



Nathan Hartwig and Noel Bedy celebrate winning their championship.

The dynamic duo of **Nathan Hartwig** and **Noel Bedy** managed to hold off **Lon Rutkofske** and **Bill Wingrove** to ensure the 2014 PHCC Bughouse tournament. Despite the small turnout, this fun-type tournament was foreign to most of the participants with only Lon and Bill having ever played the rather amusing variation of the noble game. Very popular at junior events, this chessic

novelty appeals to the sense of adventure and good-natured fun of the younger crowd stimulating their natural curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm. Additionally, Bughouse Chess provides a refreshing break from the generally stoic and arcane inherent in regular play.

Bughouse chess, originally known as: “Putback Chess” is a:

...crazy game [in which] no men are ever taken off the board. When a man is “captured” the player making the capture replaces the enemy man on a vacant square. However, captured Pawns must not be placed on the opponent’s first rank, and a captured Bishop must be placed on a square of the same color as the Bishop’s original square. The starting position and the moves of the men are the same as in regular chess. The player’s King must be out of check on completion of the player’s move. Pawns are promoted to Queens only. A move with capture is completed only when the captured man has been placed on another square. Obviously, the only way to win is by checkmate. [Harkness, Kenneth, *Official Chess Handbook*, 1971, pp.179-80.]

Since 1971 “Putback chess” has morphed significantly as new rules and regulations have been adapted and adopted. Extremely popular among many younger players who view it with excitement, novelty, and imagination, the current version has emerged to be called Bughouse Chess (The significance of the new name will become more meaningful once you have played a game or two.) and is one of the few variations of chess that permit partner play. Most commonly played under a G/5 time limit,

Bughouse chess features two boards and clocks placed side by side, with two man teams paired against each other. The following information were taken from the website: <http://About.Com:chess>

While only a single junior player participated in this year's event, he didn't seem the least bit phased by the weird combinations and positions that tend to frustrate and paralyze the "old guard"!

For Lon, he was particular pleased that he managed two checkmates using a lowly pawn! Congratulations to the 2014 Championship team!

2014 PHCC Bughouse Championships

#	Team	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot	
1	Nathan Hartwig/Noel Bedy	Bye	1	2	3.0	Champions
2	Lonnie Rutkofske/Bill Wingrove	1	Bye	1	2.0	
3	Alan Gregg/Gerrit Beneker	0	1	Bye	1.0	

Gregg secures first in the August PHCC Rated G/30 Quads



Alan Gregg

Stew Wilkinson and **Alan Gregg** agreed to yet another "Grandmaster Draw" that gave Alan the first place prize in the August Quads. Originally scheduled as a Mini-Swiss, Lon opted not to play thereby avoiding the necessity of byes which would force a player to sit out in each of the three rounds. Play was crisp and decisive, despite the addition of the 5-second delay to the 30 minute/player time control. The entire tournament was wrapped up well before our 10:00 PM closing time.

Lon was hoping to have two sections based on ratings, but the small turnout forced a single mixed section. Hopefully, the onset of fall will bring back a number of regulars like **Gino Mariani, Dave Boucher, Bob Fiedler, Rob Brown, Tom Broyles, Nathan Allen, Adam Nowiski, Andy Bruzewicz** and **Eric Roome**.

August PHCC Rated Quad -- Standings

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot
1	Alan Gregg	1958	1962	W4	W3	D2	2.5
2	Stewart Wilkinson	1908	1907	W3	D4	D1	2.0
3	G Avery Jones	1665	1667	L2	L1	W4	1.0
4	Noel Bedy	1612	1606	L1	D2	L3	0.5

If you can identify this guy...you have to be older than dirt!



Back in 1972 this oldie, but goodie (Affectionately known by DDT) became the club junior and speed champion while attending high school in Sarnia. He was among 4 or 5 players (which included Mike Sharpe also known as MMS-Mighty Mike Sharpe, Jim Lancaster, Mike Lacarte and Phil Greenwood) from Sarnia's Saint Clair Secondary School that began to play at the PHCC in 1972, many of which became very strong players in their own right. After leaving for college, DDT eventually became a CCF master making his home near London, where he plays regularly in London Chess Club events. His moniker, DDT, was given him by fellow club member, Robert Wilson, a transplanted expert from the UK that wrote regular articles for **Chess Chatter** under the byline "The Rating Game"

featuring in-depth analyses of the rated games played by club members. Indeed, it was a real treat to look up from administering this year's junior championship on August 21st to see DDT standing there in the flesh after a nearly 40 year hiatus. As the story goes, he was on his way to pick up his wife at Metro, and thought he'd use some of his spare time to drop by one of his former haunts just to see who was still around. We had a chance to play a couple of speed games and I took this photo for two reasons – 1. To document that he was still alive and kicking!! And 2. To provide readers of CC the opportunity to view some of his early chess efforts when he roamed the halls of the PHCC. The true identity of our mystery guest will be revealed in the final line of this article in the event you are unable to divine it!!

DDT - Willard, Philip [D31] Semi-Slav

PHCC Tournament Game , Port Huron, 17.03.1973

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.e4 a6 6.a4 f6 7.Bxc4 g5 8.0-0 Bd6 9.e5 Be7 10.Re1 f5 11.Nxg5 Bxg5 12.Qh5+ Kf8 13.Bxg5 Qxd4 14.Rad1 Qxc4 15.Rd8+ Kg7 16.Bf6+ Nxf6 17.Qg5+ 1-0

DDT - DeLugt, Gerald [D55] Queen's Gambit Declined

PHCC Ladder Challenge Game, Port Huron, 04.05.1972 [*Robert J. Wilson*]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Nf3 c6 7.Be2 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nd5 [Rather early ...better to develop with 8...Nbd7.] **9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.0-0** [Too automatic. Black's next move is now awkward to meet. Better perhaps was 10.Rc1 followed by 11.Qe2.] **10...Qb4 11.Nxd5 exd5** [Not 11...Qc4 12. Nc7!] **12.Bb3** [Akwardly placed. A common strategy for White here is the so called "Minority Attack" with a4, b4, b5 aimed at giving the Black a weak Q-side pawn structure. Black's normal counter being a K-side attack. Now 12....Bg4 becomes a difficult pin to release. **12...a5 13.Qd3 g6 14.a3 Qb6 15.Nh4** [A pure waste of time!] **15...Qd8 16.Nf3 Bf5 17.Qd2 Nd7 18.Bc2 Bg4 19.Ne1 Nf6 20.f3 Be6 21.e4 dxe4 22.fxe4 Bc4** [White's hanging pawns on d4 and e4 are now subject to attack. Sooner or later one will have to move forward,

leaving the other weak and the squares in front them open to Black pieces.] **23.Rf3 Re8 24.Re3 Qe7 25.b3 Bd5 26.e5 Nd7 27.Rh3 f6 28.Qh6 Qg7 29.Qxg7+ Kxg7 30.exf6+ Nxf6 31.Rc1 Re2** [White's attack has come to naught; now it is Black's turn!] **32.Nf3 g5!?** [A double-edged attacking move which exposes the Black K. Interesting was 32...Nh5 threatening 33...Rh2+ 34.Kg2, Nf4+ 35.Kg3,Nh3 36.Kh3, Bf3 winning a pawn. A pretty little combination would have been a welcome break in this rather quiet game!] **33.Rg3 g4 34.h3 h5 35.hxg4 Nxc4 36.Ne5 Re3** Black's steadily increasing positional advantage pays off...he wins a pawn!] **37.Rxe3 Nxe3 38.Be4 Bxe4 39.Re1 Bxg2 40.Rxe3 Bd5 41.Rg3+ Kh7 0-1**

Sharpe,Michael - DDT [B85] Sicilian Scheveningen Variation

1972 PHCC Junior Championships, 21.05.1972 [*Robert J Wilson*]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be2 Be7 7.Be3 a6 8.0-0 0-0 9.f4 Qc7 10.Qe1 Nc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6? [This is a bad move since in this variation of the Sicilian, Black needs to play b5 to achieve counter-play on the Q-side!] **12.Rd1 Bb7 13.Qg3 Rfd8 14.e5 dxe5 15.fxe5 Nd5 16.Bh6 g6 17.Qf3 Bf8 18.Bxf8 Kxf8 19.Ne4 Kg7 20.Nd6 Rd7 21.Kh1 c5 22.c4 Nb4 23.Qf6+ Kg8 24.Rf2** [White has a great advantage and should win, but in building up this advantage, he is running short of time. Time control was 45 moves in 90 minutes and this is why he begins to deviate from his plan.] **24...Nxa2 25.Nxb7??** [Giving up a very strong N for a weaker bishop was part of an illusion. White was thinking of 25...Qb7 and then 26.Bf3 but overlooked 25...Rd1+ the correct continuation being 25.QRf1, Rf8 26.Bg4 winning.] **25...Qxb7 26.Rdf1 Rf8 27.Bg4 Rdd8 28.h4** [White had about 5 minutes to make his next 18 moves.] **28...Rde8 29.h5 Qe7 30.hxg6 hxg6** [Not 30...hg 31.Qe7, Re7 32.Rf8+] **31.Rf3 Qxf6 32.Rxf6??** [White intended 32.ef6 (the point behind his last move) but in time pressure grabbed the Rook. By this time, White had given up recording the game to save time only checking off moves to keep track of the number of moves. 32.ef6 forces Black's resignation because of 32...Rb8 33.Rh3..34Kh2...35.Rfh1 36...Kg3 should force mate!] At any rate, the game continued another 60 moves and a draw was agreed upon.] $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

The following article was taken from the May/June 1973 issue of Chess Chatter:

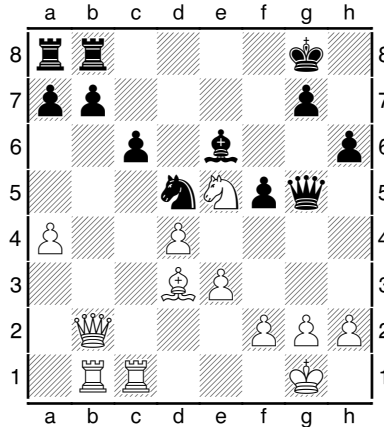
Thomas's Tidbits or the Masked Marvel as some people can't see me because of my hair!

DDT - Anon [D51] Queen's Gambit Declined

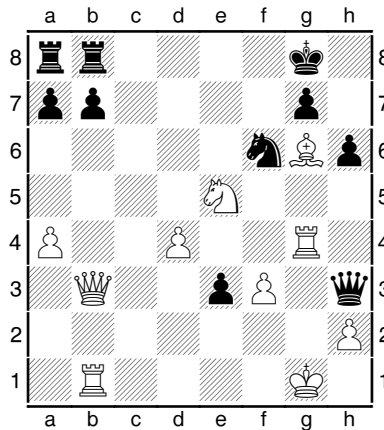
1972 Toronto Open Championships, Toronto (2), 29.07.1972 [*DDT*]

1.d4 [In this little tournament game - DDT- (better known by my associates) really does get desperate and stupefies his opponent. This game is from the 1972 Toronto Open ,Round 2 (DDT has the white pieces.). **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6** [These moves being the first of the Cambridge-Springs Defense. By the way, if you would have tried 5.cd, you would lose a piece after 5...ed 6.Nd5?, Qh5! 7. Nc3, Qg5! (if 8.Bd2, Qd5!)or even ...6... Nd5 7.Bd8, Bb4+ 8.Qd2 Bxd2+ followed by 9.Kd2, Kd8] **6.a3? Be7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Nd5 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Qc2 Nxc3 12.bxc3!?** [Hoping to make further use of the open Knight's file.] **12...e5 13.Bd3 exd4 14.cxd4 Nf6 15.0-**

0 h6 16.Rfc1 Be6 17.a4 [Preparing to break up Black's Q-side.] **17...Nd5**
18.Qb2 [To prevent Black from exchanging the N for the B.] **18...f5 19.Ne5**
 [The N plants itself nicely in the e5 hole!] **19...Rfb8 20.Rab1 Qg5** Diagram



[The calm before the storm! I beg the reader to set up the position and try to look for the next move before moving on.] **21.g4** [Amazing! White gives up a pawn and destroys his K-side? Which side is he playing for anyway? This is how I figured it out: with the Bishop's diagonal open, I would sacrifice first my R and after Black takes, the Q is sacrificed for the mate!] **21...f4 22.Rxc6 Bxg4 23.Rg6 Qh5 24.Rxg4 fxe3 25.f3 Nf6 26.Bg6 Qh3 27.Qb3+** Diagram



[Black Resigns as White mates. See if you can find it. This is one of my earlier efforts. If any questions, please ask. (DDT is one of the PHCC's most promising Juniors-ed.)] **1-0**

The name of this former club super-hero is “Desperate” **Dan Thomas**, back then, a few pounds lighter and frothy crop of brown locks, Dan was a force to be reckoned with at the PHCC. It was great to see him again, and I hope he reads this article and will perhaps forward some of his more recent games and perhaps even a picture of himself from the 1970’s! Thanks for stopping by Dan!



Nathan Hartwig Dominates the Field in the 2014 Junior Championships

Nathan Hartwig of Clinton Twp secured his third club title in as many months as he won his first PHCC Junior Championship crown on August 28th. He defeated a pair of former champions – **Nathan Allen** and **Adam Nowiski** - on his way to the 2014 top spot. **Zachary Allen**, played admirably in his first PHCC rated event using a clock and keeping score for the first time ever. Zachary has won a couple of PHASD titles in the March school tournaments, and we look forward to his becoming a regular, and improving his game as he challenges club players with heftier ratings.

For Nathan, this was nearly the title that never was, as he ended up in an automobile accident while returning from the club on August 21st! We are relieved that he sustained no injuries, despite demolishing his newly acquired wheels!

Congratulations to Nathan and all the juniors that participated!! Games follow in the Members' Games section.

2014 PHCC Junior Championship G/45- Round Robin						
#	Name	Rating:Pre/Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	
1	Nathan Hartwig	1688/1689	W4 1.0	B2 2.0	W3 3.0	
2	Adam Nowiski	915/969	B3 1.0	W1 1.0	B4 2.0	
3	Nathan Allen	984/957	W2 0.0	W4 1.0	B1 1.0	
4	Zachary Allen	470/462	B1 0.0	B3 0.0	W2 0.0	

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.

Nadsky,Joe - Rutkofske,Lonnie [C23] Bishop's Opening
 Casual Game St. Clair, 17.08.2014
1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Bc5 3.Nf3 Qf6 4.Nc3 c6 5.d4 exd4 6.e5 Qg6 7.0-0 dxc3 8.bxc3 Ne7 9.Ng5 0-0 10.Bd3 f5 11.Bc4+ Kh8 12.h4 h5 13.Be2 Qe8 14.Bxh5 g6 15.Bf3

Nd5 16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Qxd5 Be7 18.Bb2 Bxg5 19.hxg5 Qe6 20.Qf3 Nc6 21.c4 b6 22.Rad1 Ba6 23.Rd6 Qe8 24.e6+ Kg8 25.Qc3 Rf7 26.Qh8# 0-1

Hartwig,Nathan (1688) - Allen,Zachary (470) [B00] Nimzovitch Defense

2014 PHCC Junior Championships Port Huron (1), 21.08.2014

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 b5 3.Bxb5 Rb8 4.Nc3 e6 5.Nf3 Bb4 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Bg5 Qd7 8.Ne5 f6 9.Nxd7 Bxd7 10.Bf4 Rb5 11.0-0 e5 12.Nxb5 cxb5 13.dxe5 fxe5 14.Bxe5 Ne7 15.Qd4 Nc6 16.Qd5 Bd6 17.Rad1 Nxe5 18.f4 Ng6 19.e5 Rf8 20.exd6 cxd6 21.Qxd6 Bc6 22.Qc7 Bd7 23.Qxd7# 1-0

Allen,Nathan (984) - Nowiski,Adam (915) [C55] Max Lang Attack (2 Knight's Defense)

2014 PHCC Junior Championships Port Huron (1), 21.08.2014

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bc4 d6 5.Ng5 Be6 6.Bxe6 fxe6 7.Nxe6 Qe7 8.Ng5 h6 9.0-0 0-0-0 10.f4 hxg5 11.fxg5 Nd7 12.g6 Qe6 13.d3 Qxg6 14.Qf3 Nd4 15.Qf7 Rh6 16.Bxh6 Qxh6 17.Rac1 Qe3+ 18.Qf2 Qxf2+ 19.Rxf2 g6 20.Nd5 Nb6 21.Nxb6+ axb6 22.c3 Bh6 23.Re1 Nc2 24.Rxc2 b5 25.c4 b4 26.Rf1 c5 27.Rf6 Be3+ 28.Kh1 g5 29.Re2 Bc1 30.Kg1 Kc7 31.Kf1 Kc6 32.Ke1 g4 33.Rg6 g3 34.h4 Rh8 35.a4 bxa3 36.bxa3 Bxa3 37.Kd2 Bb4+ 38.Ke3 Rxh4 39.Rxg3 Ba5 40.Rh3 Rg4 41.Kf3 Rg6 42.g4 Bd8 43.Rh8 Bf6 44.Reh2 Bxh8 45.Rxh8 Rf6+ 46.Kg3 Rf1 47.g5 Rg1+ 48.Kh4 b5 49.Rc8+ Kb7 50.Rf8 bxc4 51.dxc4 Kc6 52.Rf6 Kd7 53.g6 Ke7 54.Rf7+ Ke8 0-1

Hartwig,Nathan (1688) - Allen,Nathan (984) [C30] King's Gambit Declined

2014 PHCC Junior Championships Port Huron (2), 21.08.2014

1.e4 e5 2.f4 Nc6 3.Nf3 f5 4.d3 Nf6 5.fxe5 fxe4 6.exf6 exf3 7.f7+ Kxf7 8.Qxf3+ Qf6 9.Qxf6+ Kxf6 10.Be2 Nd4 11.Bd1 b6 12.0-0+ Ke7 13.Bg5+ Kd6 14.Bf4+ Ke7 15.Nc3 Ke8 16.Bh5+ g6 17.Rae1+ Kf7 18.Be5+ Kg8 19.Bxd4 Bg7 20.Re8+ Bf8 21.Rexf8# 1-0

Allen,Zachary (915) - Nowiski,Adam (470) [C45] Scotch Game

2014 PHCC Junior Championships Port Huron (2), 21.08.2014

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Nxd4 6.Qxd4 b6 7.Bb5 a6 8.Ba4 Bb7 9.Bg5 b5 10.Bb3 h6 11.Bh4 Be7 12.Rd1 0-0 13.0-0 c6 14.Rd3 d5 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 18.Qxd5 Qxd5 19.Rxd5 Bxh4 20.Rd4 Bf6 21.Re1 Bxd4 22.Rd1 Bxb2 23.f3 Rac8 24.Rd7 Rxc2 25.Ra7 Bd4+ 26.Kf1 Bxa7 27.g3 Rxh2 28.Ke1 Rxa2 29.Kf1 Rc8 30.Ke1 Rc1# 0-1

Nowiski,Adam (915) - Hartwig,Nathan (1688) [B22] Sicilian Defense

2014 PHCC Junior Championships Port Huron (3), 28.08.2014

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 Nc6 6.h3 Bh5 7.d3 Nf6 8.Be3 e5 9.Na3 Be7 10.Nb5 Qd7 11.d4 exd4 12.cxd4 a6 13.Nc3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 cxd4 16.Ne2 Bb4+ 17.Kf1 d3 18.Nf4 Rd8 19.a3 Bc5 20.Rc1 Qd4 21.Qd2 0-0 22.Bxb7 Rb8 23.b4 Rxb7 24.Rxc5 Ne4 25.Qe3 Qxe3 26.fxe3 Nxc5 27.bxc5 Rb1+ 0-1

Allen,Nathan (984) - Allen,Zachary (470) [C42] Petroff's Defense

2014 PHCC Junior Championships Port Huron (3), 28.08.2014

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nxe5 Bd6 5.Nf3 Qe7 6.Bc4 Nxe4 7.Qe2 0-0 8.Nxe4 Nc6 9.0-0 Bf4 10.Nfg5 Bxg5 11.Nxg5 Qxg5 12.d3 Qe5 13.Re1 Qc5 14.b3 Na5 15.Be3 Qe5 16.Rad1 Re8 17.Qf3 Qb2 18.Qxf7+ Kh8 19.Qxe8# 1-0



Lon Rutkofske plays Stew Wilkinson in a speed game!
(Photo: NICHOLAS GRENKE/TIMES HERALD)

Chess club is a place to check out

Nicholas Grenke, 5:07 p.m. EDT September 3, 2014

Kings and queens — and knights and bishops — meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Port Huron Chess Club.

The club, which has 10 to 15 members, has a place at the chessboard at the Palmer Park Recreation Center, 2829 Armour St., Port Huron, for anyone who wants to sit down and enjoy the game of kings. The club has been around for 45 years, and is hosted by the Port Huron Recreation Department.

"We've had a lot of great players come through here," club director Lon Rutkofske said. "We're the oldest active club in the Port Huron Recreation Department."

Rutkofske started the club in 1969 when he came to Port Huron as a teacher. In addition to instructions, tournaments and competition, he also publishes a newsletter and updates a website.

The club will have a chess clinic at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the recreation center. The clinic will start with the basic rules and will continue until 10 p.m.

The club will have tournaments at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 11 and 18.

"People come down to a chess club for the social interaction as well as for playing the game," Rutkofske said.

The club is free; individual lessons are \$7.50; people also can pay membership fees of \$20 for adults and \$10 for those younger than 19 to play in club tournaments. The fees help pay for prizes, plaques and club events not provided by the Port Huron Recreation Department.

"If you just want to come down for causal play, there's no charge — we'll help you out as the game goes along," Rutkofske said.

Rutkofske said at the club's peak in the early 1970s, when more than 100 people attended. He said online games have attracted some players to stay home, and people now seem to have shorter attention spans.

He said Port Huron has a very vibrant chess community and the club's annual championship draws players from across St. Clair County and eastern Michigan.

"Some of the best players in the state come here," Rutkofske said. "There's some great young players, too, like Nathan, who could be very good."

Nathan Hartwig, 17, of Clinton Township, won the Port Huron Chess Club Junior Championship.

Stew Wilkinson, of Port Huron, has been coming to the club since he was in high school in the early 1970s.

"My athletic career ended in my 30s," Wilkinson said. "Chess helps fuel the competitive spirit and there is a high level of sportsmanship."

Wilkinson said playing chess won't magically make a player smarter — but the game helps people learn to have a good work ethic because chess takes a lot of studying and forethought.

Rutkofske said the game helps people concentrate — an issue in today's society, as attention spans grow shorter.

"Chess is chess," Wilkinson said, moving a bishop while playing against Rutkofske. "It's a great game."

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IF YOU GO

PORT HURON CHESS CLUB

- The Port Huron Chess Club meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, except for holidays, at the Palmer Park Recreation Center, 2829 Armour St., Port Huron.
- The club will have a fun tournament at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Play starts at 7 p.m.

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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 8/28/14

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1958
West, Tony	1914
Wilkinson, Stew	1907
Rutkofske, Lon	1819
Morabito, Matt	1805
Broyles, Tom	1692
Hartwig, Nathan	1689
Wingrove, Bill	1667
Jones, G. Avery	1667
Bedy, Noel	1606
Beneker, Gerrit	1528
Chan, Jaime	1502
Boucher, Dave	1467
Mariani, Gino	1333
Cody Trombley	1278
Carey, Jay	1000
Nowiski, Adam	969
Allen, Nathan	957
Allen, Zachary	462

USCF Ratings as of 9/3/14

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1986
West, Tony	1929
Wilkinson, Stew	1880
Hartwig, Nathan	1809
Morabito, Matt	1809
Rutkofske, Lon	1808
Broyles, Tom	1699
Wingrove, Bill	1641
Jones, G. Avery	1513
Bedy, Noel	1500
Chan, Jaime	1481
Boucher, Dave	1332
Trombley, Cody	1277
Mariani, Gino	939P
Nowiski, Adam	673P7

PHCC Speed Rating List as of 8/22/14

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1960
Wilkinson, Stew	1909
Rutkofske, Lon	1864
West, Tony	1826
Hartwig, Nathan	1784
Broyles, Tom	1708
Morabito, Matt	1701
Jones, G. Avery	1590
Wingrove, Bill	1561
Bedy, Noel	1519
Chan, Jaime	1502
Beneker, Gerrit	1500
Nowiski, Adam	1364
Mariani, Gino	1333
Trombley, Cody	1292
Carey, Jay	1000
Allen, Nathan	984
Allen, Zachary	740

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*.

September 4 – Wilkinson’s Fischer Fun Fantastique Tournament: *Games, puzzles, historical chess questions, problems, set positions, etc... all from the Fischer era...FREE, NO Fees! Registration begins at 6:30, with play beginning at 7:00PM!*

September 11th thru 25th - PHCC G/90 MINI-SWISS: *Two Sections: Section A - PHCC members whose rating of 1700 and above; Section B - PHCC members whose rating is under 1700. EF: \$5.00 /under-19 = \$2.50. Time controls: G/90; Rounds begin at 7:00 PM on September 11, 18, and 25th. Registration on site ends at 7:00 on 9/11, but please email Lon before 9/11 if you intend to play. Prizes based on 6 entries/section: 1st place = \$20 ; \$10 for top scores in each category of U1600; U1500; U1300; U1100 if there are two or more in each category.*

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. Memberships to expire in August/September 2014: **Kraig Archer ; Noel Bedy**