



# Chess Chatter

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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. Email: [PtHuronChessClub@aol.com](mailto:PtHuronChessClub@aol.com) or Website: <http://porthuronchessclub.volasite.com>

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## **Bob Duncan: the Chess Enthusiast and Affectionado**

Scott and Mark Duncan, Bob's sons, have been remarkably generous in passing along many of their father's chess sets, boards, letters, games, and a host of other momentos that he collected and enjoyed throughout his full life. Well, PHCC members will also be the beneficiaries of his experiences interesting bits and pieces of our comarade's life will be revealed via **Chess Chatter** and our website in the coming months.

Bob was always one to test his chess acumin against the very best, and what follows will document but a few of the games he played in simulaneeous exhibitions against some of the most formidable players of his time. He embraced the challenges especially when he attended the US Opens. Below is a sampling of his exploits at the 1989 and 1992 US Open Championships. I hope you enjoy these games, as I know Bob did.

### **Dlugy,Maxim GM (2525) - Duncan,Robert [E85] King's Indian Defense:Samisch**

Simul - 1989 US Open Chicago, 08.08.1989

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 Nc6 7.Nge2 e5 8.d5 Ne7 9.Qd2 Ne8 10.0-0 Bd7 11.Kb1 a6 12.Nc1 Qb8 13.c5 Nc8 14.g4 f6 15.h4 Ne7 16.h5 g5 17.Nb3 h6 18.Rc1 b6 19.cxb6 cxb6 20.Qf2 Nc8 21.Bd3 Nc7 22.Rc2 Rf7 23.Rhc1 Be8 24.Ne2 Ba4 25.Ng3 Bxb3 26.axb3 Rd7 27.Nf5 Bf8 28.Rc6 Ra7 29.Bxb6 Nxb6 30.Rxb6 Rb7 31.Rcc6 Rxb6 32.Qxb6 Qxb6 33.Rxb6 Kf7 34.Bxa6 Nxa6 35.Rxa6 Ke8 36.Ra8+ Rd8 37.Rxd8+ Kxd8 38.Kc2 1-0**

### **Gurevich,Dmitry GM - Duncan,Robert [E91] King's Indian Defense:Classical**

Simul - 1989 US Open Chicago, 09.08.1989

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0 Bg4 8.d5 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Nfd7 10.Be2 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Nf6 12.f3 Ne8 13.a4 Ng7 14.Bh6 Nd7 15.f4 Nf6 16.e5 Nfe8 17.Bd3 f5 18.exf6 exf6 19.g4 Rf7 20.Qc2 f5 21.Bg5 Qd7 22.gxf5 Nxf5 23.Bxf5 Qxf5 24.Qxf5 Rxf5 25.Rfe1 Rf7 26.Re6 Rd7 27.Rae1 Ng7 28.Re7 Rxe7 29.Rxe7 b6 30.Kf2 Nf5 31.Rd7 h6 32.Bd8 Kf8 33.Bc7 Re8 34.Bxd6+ Nxd6 35.Rxd6 Re4 36.Rxg6 Rxf4+ 37.Ke3 Rxc4 38.Rxh6 Rxc3+ 39.Ke4 Rc4+ 40.Ke5 Rxa4 41.d6 Ke8 42.h4 b5 43.Kd5 b4 44.Kc6 Ra6+ 45.Kc7 Rxd6 46.Kxd6 c4 47.Kd5 b3 48.Kxc4 b2 49.Rh8+ Kf7 50.Rb8 1-0**

## Duncan,Robert - Fedorowicz,John GM [A47] Colle

Simul - 1992 US Open Dearborn, 07.04.1992

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bg5 b6 4.Nbd2 Bb7 5.e3 c5 6.c3 Be7 7.Bd3 cxd4 8.cxd4 d6 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.Re1 0-0 12.Rc1 a6 13.Rc2 b5 14.Qb1 Qb6 15.Rec1 Rfc8 16.Rxc8+ Rxc8 17.Rxc8+ Bxc8 18.Qc2 Bb7 19.Ng5 h6 20.Nge4 Nxe4 21.Nxe4 Bf8 22.Ng3 d5 23.h4 Be7 24.h5 Bd6 25.Nf1 Kf8 26.Nd2 Qc6 27.Nb3 Qxc2 28.Bxc2 Ke7 29.Nc1 Kf6 30.a3 Kg5 31.Bd1 a5 32.Be2 b4 33.a4 Kf6 34.Nb3 Bc7 35.Nc5 Bc8 36.f4 Ke7 37.Kf2 f6 38.g3 e5 39.dxe5 fxe5 40.Kf3 e4+ 41.Kf2 Bb6 42.Na6 d4 43.Bc4 d3 0-1

*Below is really a companion piece to Stew Wilkinson's tribute that appeared in the Special Edition of Chess Chatter published in memory of Bob on February 10, 2016.*

## Reshevsky,Samuel GM - Duncan,Robert [B06] Modern Defense

Simultaneous Exhibition Detroit, 05.03.1986

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Be2 Nd7 5.0-0 c5 6.c3 e5 7.dxc5 Nxc5 8.Nbd2 Nf6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.b4 Ne6 11.Nc4 Qe7 12.Rd1 Rd8 13.g3 Ne8 14.Be3 b6 15.a4 N6c7 16.a5 b5 17.Na3 a6 18.c4 Bd7 19.c5 Be6 20.cxd6 Nxd6 21.Bc5 Nce8 22.Qb2 f6 23.Rd2 Qb7 24.Rad1 Bf8 25.Ne1 Nf7 26.Nd3 Ned6 27.Bb6 Nc4 28.Nxc4 bxc4 29.Nc5 Rxd2 30.Rxd2 Qc6 31.Qc3 Bxc5 32.bxc5 Rb8 33.Bxc4 Rxb6 34.cxb6 Bxc4 35.b7 Qxb7 36.Qxc4 Kg7 37.Kg2 h5 38.Qe6 Kh6 39.Qxf6 Qxe4+ 40.f3 Qb4 41.Rf2 Qc4 42.h3 Kh7 43.g4 h4 44.Qxh4+ Kg7 45.Qe7 Qd5 46.h4 Qc4 47.g5 Qc6 48.Rd2 Kg6 49.Rd7 Qc2+ 50.Kg3 1-0

## Obituaries

# Samuel Reshevsky, 80, once known as 'boy wonder of chess'

**By Doug Bradford**  
THE DETROIT NEWS

Chess great Samuel Reshevsky, who had been a child prodigy of the game in Europe before coming to Detroit and graduating from Northern High School, is dead at age 80.

"He was a genius. ... He gave exhibitions all over Europe from age 4 until age 9 ... sometimes playing blindfolded," said S. Charles Bolter, president and director of the Chess and Checker Foundation of Michigan Inc.

"He was in Detroit in 1985 giving an exhibition in the Renaissance Center and received a commendation from City Council."

Mr. Reshevsky of Spring Valley, N.Y., who had spent his teen-age years in Detroit, died of a heart attack Saturday, April 4, 1992, in Good Samaritan Hospital, Suffern, N.Y.

His most famous years perhaps were his earliest, from the time he arrived in New York at age 8 in a little sailor suit and with a prodigy reputation. For the next six years, the curly-haired blond boy was the darling of the American press.

But after Bobby Fischer defeated him in 1958, his star began a slow descent as he played increasingly



Samuel Reshevsky played in an exhibition in Detroit in 1985 at Renaissance Center. He got a City Council commendation.

less. He never lost his fine reputation with serious chess players.

Mr. Reshevsky won his last American championship in 1971 at

age 59. Ten years later he was a finalist among Americans seeking to qualify for the first world championship matches.

In 1984, he tied for first place in the Reykjavik International Tournament, his last world-class showing.

He was born in Poland and learned chess watching his father play. He then eventually replaced him in his chair. For the next 10 years, he was virtually unbeatable as he competed against the top players on the continent.


He made his first appearance in Vienna at age 6, and two years later began a grand tour of Europe. He defeated dozens of top players in simultaneous exhibitions and became known as "the boy wonder of chess."

In 1920, he played 20 faculty members at the U.S. Military Academy at once, defeating 19 and giving up one draw.

After graduating from Northern in 1929, he earned an accounting degree at the University of Chicago in 1933. A year later, he was back at the chess board, and won his first U.S. championship in 1936.

Mr. Reshevsky is survived by his wife, Norma; one son, Joel; and two daughters, Sylvia and Malki. Services have been held.

**Below is a letter from William Lombardy, a priest that was Fischer's second in the 1972 World Championships I unearthed while sifting through Bob's chess stash.**



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ALL CHESS-RELATED MATTERS

Dec. 18, 1986

Dear Stan,

Sorry for the undue delay. I haven't been feeling well of late and with various other distractions I mislaid both your last card and the score of the game now repeated below. I wish you and yours a very happy holiday season and - by the way - congratulations on your recent mastership.

Sincerely,  
*Bill*


White: W.L. - Black: S.V.

1 c4 c5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cd Nxd5 5 e4 Nt4 6 Bc4 Be6  
7 Rb5+

New England Open - Sept. 1986: W. LOMBARDY - CHRIS CHASE

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Be2 e5 7 Nb3 Be7  
8 o-o o-o 9 a4 Be6 10 Be3 Nhd7 11 a5 Qc7 12 Nd5 Nxd5 13 ed Bf5 14 c4  
Rc8 15 Nd2 Bg6 16 b4 f5 17 f3 Qd8 18 Ra3 Bg5 19 Qb3 Kk8 20 Rd1 Qe7  
21 Bxg5 Qxg5 22 Qe3 Qxe3 23 Rxe3 Rfe8 24 Ra3 Bh5 25 c5 dc 26 Nc4  
c6 27 Rk3 Nc5 28 Rxt4 R d8 29 d6 Bf7 30 Nk6 e4 31 Be4 Be6 32 d7  
Bxd7 33 Rd5 Be6 34 Rxc5 Rd1+ 35 Kf2 e3+ 36 Ke2 Rc1 37 Re5 f4  
38 Bxe6 Re2+ 39 Kd3 Rd2+ 40 Kc3 Resigns

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## Morabito takes first place in April Quads

**Matt Morabito** outlasted the trio of his comrades to capture his first tournament victory following the club championships. Despite being demolished by **Bill Wingrove** in round 1, the 2016 club co-champ managed to dispatch both Lon and Stew in the final two rounds to cash in on the cash. In reality, the pesky parson Bill Wingrove proved the real winner as he walked away with enough rating points to boost him to the 1700 threshold, while Lon took a 49 point beating. While quality was lacking, it appears that even with a game/30 and 5 second delay time limit, everyone ended up playing some form of quick chess without a single game being lost on time. Next up will be the May 19th double round robin G/15 quick chess event. We hope to see some more familiar faces in that competition.

# 2016 PHCC Rated April Quad -- Standings

| # | Name               | Rtng | Post | Rd 1 | Rd 2 | Rd 3 | Tot |
|---|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| 1 | Matthew Morabtio   | 1896 | 1899 | L3   | W4   | W2   | 2.0 |
| 2 | Stewart Wilkiinson | 1873 | 1866 | D4   | W3   | L1   | 1.5 |
| 3 | William Wingrove   | 1651 | 1700 | W1   | L2   | D4   | 1.5 |
| 4 | Lonnie Rutkofske   | 1867 | 1846 | D2   | L1   | D3   | 1.0 |

## Members' Games

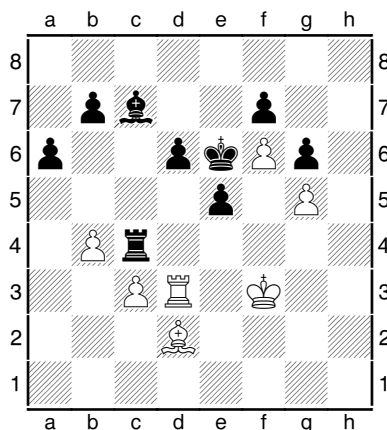


Please send me what you consider your best games, annotated or not, so that I might be able to showcase them. The following games represent contests that have been available at the time of this printing. Email them to me or give them to me personally, if you wish. Majority of analyses is done by Fritz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

### **Morabito,Matthew (1896) - Wingrove,William (1651) [B86] Najdorf Sicilian**

2016 PHCC Rated April Quad Port Huron (1), 21.04.2016

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 e6 4.a4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.0-0 0-0  
7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 a6 9.Kh1 Qc7 10.Bb3 Nc6 11.f4 Nxd4  
12.Qxd4 Rd8 13.f5 e5 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.Qxd5 Rf8 16.Be3  
Qc6 17.Rad1 Bd7 18.Rf3 Rac8 19.c3 Qxd5 20.Bxd5  
Bxa4 21.Rdf1 Bc6 22.Bxc6 Rxc6 23.Rg3 Bf6 24.Rgf3 Rc4 25.g4 h6 26.Kg2 Rxe4  
27.Kg3 Kh7 28.h4 Rh8 29.g5 hxg5 30.hxg5 Bd8 31.Rd1 Bc7 32.f6 g6 33.Rh1+  
Kg8 34.Rxh8+ Kxh8 35.Bd2 Ra4 36.Rd3 Rc4 37.b4 Kg8 38.Be1 Kf8 39.Bd2 Ke8  
40.Be3 Kd7 41.Bd2 Ke6 42.Kf3?? Diagram



42...Rh4 43.Kg3 Rc4 White resigned after capturing all of Black's pawns. 0-1

### **Wilkinson,Stewart (1873) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1867) [C08] French Tarrasch**

2016 PHCC Rated April Quad Port Huron (1), 25.04.2016

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 exd5 5.Ngf3 Nf6 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bxd7+ Qxd7 8.0-0  
Be7 9.dxc5 0-0 10.Nb3 Ne4 11.Be3 Nc6 12.c3 Rfd8 13.Qc2 Rac8 14.Rad1 Qc7

15.Bd4 Qf4 16.Be3 Qc7 17.Qb1 Ne5 18.Nxe5 Qxe5 19.Bd4 Qh5 20.Rd3 g6 21.Qd1 Qf5 22.Qf3 Qxf3 23.Rxf3 Bxc5 24.Bxc5 Nxc5 25.Nxc5 Rxc5 26.Rd3 Re8 27.Rfd1 Re2 28.R3d2 Rxd2 29.Rxd2 f6 30.Kf1 Kf7 31.Ke2 Ke6 Drawn

**Morabito,Matthew (1896) - Wilkinson,Stewart (1873) [A13] English Opening**

2016 PHCC Rated April Quad Port Huron (2), 21.04.2016

1.Nf3 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.0-0 Bd6 5.c4 c6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Nc3 0-0 8.d3 Bf5 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.dxe4 Bc7 14.Re1 Na6 15.e5 Qe7 16.a3 Rfd8 17.Qc2 Bb6 18.b4 Nc7 19.Nh4 Nd5 20.Nf5 Qe6 21.Nd6 Rab8 22.Rad1 Bc7 23.Bxd5 cxd5 24.Qxc7 b6 25.Qc3 f6 26.f4 fxe5 27.fxe5 Rf8 28.Qd4 Rf3 29.Qxd5 Qxd5 30.Rxd5 Rd8 31.e6 1-0

**Wingrove,William (1651) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1867) [C18] French Winawer**

2016 PHCC Rated April Quad Port Huron (2), 21.04.2016

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 cxd4 6.axb4 dxc3 7.bxc3 Qc7 8.f4 Nh6 9.Bd2 Nd7 10.Nf3 0-0 11.Bd3 f5 12.0-0 Nb6 13.Kh1 Nc4 14.Rb1 Ng4 15.Qe2 Bd7 16.h3 Nxd2 17.Qxd2 Nh6 18.Nd4 Rfe8 19.Rg1 Rac8 20.Ne2 Kh8 21.Rbf1 a6 22.Kh2 Bc6 23.g4 g6 24.g5 Nf7 25.h4 Kg7 26.Rg3 Rh8 27.Rh3 Qb6 28.h5 Rcg8 29.Kg3 Kf8 30.Nd4 Ke7 31.Rfh1 Rc8 32.hxg6 hxg6 33.Rxh8 Rxh8 34.Rxh8 Nxb8 35.Qh2! Nf7 36.Qh7 Bd7 37.Qxg6 Kf8 38.Be2 Bc8 39.Bh5 Qc7 40.Nxe6+ Bxe6 41.Qxe6 Qxc3+ 42.Bf3 Qe1+ 43.Kg2 Qd2+ 44.Kg3 Qe1+ 45.Kg2 Qd2+ 46.Kg3 Qe1+  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

**Rutkofske,Lonnie (1896) - Morabito,Matthew (1867) [A24] English Opening**

2016 PHCC Rated April Quad Port Huron (3), 21.04.2016

1.c4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.e4 d6 5.Ne2 0-0 6.0-0 e5 7.Nbc3 Nc6 8.h3 Nd4 9.d3 c6 10.Bd2 Nh5 11.g4 Nxe2+ 12.Nxe2 Nf4 13.Nxf4 exf4 14.Bxf4 Bxb2 15.Rb1 Bd4 16.Kh2 Qh4 17.Bg3 Qe7 18.f4 f5 19.gxf5 gxf5 20.Qh5 Kh8 21.Bh4 Qg7 22.Rf3 fxe4 23.Rg3 Qf7 24.Qxf7 Rxf7 25.Bxe4 Rxf4 26.Kh1?? Rxh4 0-1

**Wilkinson,Stewart (1873) - Wingrove,William (1651) [B52] Sicilian Defense:Moscow Variation**

2016 PHCC Rated April Quad Port Huron (3), 21.04.2016

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.c4 Nc6 6.0-0 g6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bg7 9.Be3 Nf6 10.Nc3 0-0 11.h3 a6 12.Nde2 Rac8 13.f3 Qc7 14.b3 Qb8 15.Rc1 Rfd8 16.Qd2 b5 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.cxd5 Ne5 19.Nd4 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Rc8 21.Rxc8+ Qxc8 22.f4 Nd7 23.Nc6 Kf8 24.Bd4 Nf6 25.Qc3 Qd7 26.Nb4 Qb7 27.Qc6 Qxc6 28.dxc6 Ke8 29.Nxa6 Bh6 30.Bxf6 exf6 31.g3 Bf8 32.Nc7+ Kd8 33.Nxb5 Be7 34.a4 Kc8 35.Kg2 f5 36.exf5 d5 37.fxg6 fxg6 38.Kf3 Bd8 39.g4 Bb6 40.f5 Bd8 41.c7 Bf6 42.a5 Be5 43.a6 1-0

## 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.

## 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 Challenge matches with longer time controls of G/60 with 5 sec delay can choose to play match games if they so desire. Participants will be required to follow the rules and regulations for **Challenge Play** (As outlined in Chess Chatter, our website under "Club Member Ratings

Lists", or posted at the club.) 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*.

## 2016 Events Schedule:

**May 19 -PHCC Rated G/15 - Double Round Robin** - G/15 minutes: EF: \$5.00 A/\$2.50 Jr. PHCC membership required. Tournament begins at 7:00 PM, but register with Lon before if possible. A minimum of 4 players required. Prizes based on entries.

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|----------------|--|
| June           | No Tournaments                                 |
| July 7, 14, 21 | USCF Rated G/90 Mini-Swiss                     |
| August 18      | Double Round Robin G/5 Blitz Tournament        |
| Sept. 22       | PHCC Rated G/10 Action Swiss                   |
| October 20     | PHCC G/5 Speed Championships                   |
| Nov. 17        | 17th Duncan Memorial Turkey Gobbler Tournament |
| Dec. 15        | Wilkinson's Petrosian Christmas Extravaganza   |

## 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 4/25/16

| Name              | Rating |
|-------------------|--------|
| Gregg, Alan       | 1913   |
| Morabito, Matt    | 1899   |
| West, Tony        | 1878   |
| Wilkinson, Stew   | 1866   |
| Rutkofske, Lon    | 1846   |
| Jones, G. Avery   | 1761   |
| Wingrove, Bill    | 1700   |
| Bedy, Noel        | 1677   |
| Boucher, Dave     | 1482   |
| Heinrich, Chuckie | 994    |
| Nowiski, Adam     | 969    |
| Allen, Nathan     | 957    |

### USCF Ratings as of 4/25/16

| Name              | Rating |
|-------------------|--------|
| Gregg, Alan       | 1941   |
| West, Tony        | 1889   |
| Morabito, Matt    | 1864   |
| Wilkinson, Stew   | 1844   |
| Rutkofske, Lon    | 1820   |
| Jones, G. Avery   | 1679   |
| Wingrove, Bill    | 1614   |
| Bedy, Noel        | 1553   |
| Boucher, Dave     | 1303   |
| Heinrich, Chuckie | 896P   |
| Nowiski, Adam     | 673P7  |

### PHCC Speed Ratings as of 4/25/16

| Name              | Rating |
|-------------------|--------|
| Rutkofske, Lon    | 1947   |
| Wilkinson, Stew   | 1938   |
| Gregg, Alan       | 1933   |
| West, Tony        | 1801   |
| Morabito, Matt    | 1724   |
| Jones, G. Avery   | 1590   |
| Wingrove, Bill    | 1561   |
| Bedy, Noel        | 1503   |
| Nowiski, Adam     | 1364   |
| Heinrich, Chuckie | 1000   |
| Allen, Nathan     | 984    |