



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. Email: PtHuronChessClub@aol.com or Website: <http://porthuronchessclub.volasite.com>

Austin Webb - 2017 Michigan Novice Chess Champion hoists his first chess trophy, and Oh what a Trophy it was!



Austin Webb pulled off a mid-January coup with his capture of the 2017 Michigan Novice Championship. While cruising through his opposition undefeated in the state tournament, he also notched top honors in a fun Swiss event hosted by the Michigan Chess Association after the conclusion of the Novice event, yet again without tasting the bitter fruit of defeat. As Austin commented in a brief email:

I'm sorry it is taking longer than I expected to get some of the games together with some of my thoughts on the tournament. I will make sure I have more of them sent to you tomorrow. School is getting busy already. But I can't find the picture Jeff Aldrich took of me but Kelley (my girlfriend) took one that I sent to Alan. I'll email Jeff soon as well to request the photo. Also here is one of my favorite games that I thought I should send soon if I were to get any of them to you soon. This was a game from the Fun Swiss tournament.... This was one of

my favorite games as there is a winning tactic at the end; although, a few of my moves were positional blunders. Hope you enjoy!

Vera ,Celso - Webb,Austin [B22] Sicilian Defense

2017 MI Novice Fun Tournament - Unrated Lansing (1), 15.01.2017

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.d4 e6 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 Nc6 7.Ne2 Qb6 8.0-0 Nh6 9.Bxh6 gxh6 10.b3 0-0-0 11.Nd2 cxd4 12.cxd4 Kb8 13.a3 Be7 14.b4 f6 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Nb3 e5 17.Rad1 e4 18.Qg3+ Ka8 19.Nc5 Rhg8 20.Qc3 Rd6 21.Nf4 Re8 22.Rd2 Bg5 23.Qg3 Qd8 24.Re2 Nxd4 25.Rd2 Qf6 26.Nh5 Bxd2 27.Nxf6 Ne2+ 28.Kh1 Nxc3+ 29.fxc3 Rf8 30.Nb3 e3 31.Nxd2 exd2 0-1

West takes half point lead after Round 3 of the 2017 PHCC Championships

Grosse Point Woods native **Tony West** remains undefeated enjoying half-point advantage over nemesis Alan Greg midway through the 2017 Championships. If the 2014 Champion remains steady this year, things look promising for him to repeat, overcoming the dark stain of his 2015 debacle.

Other than these top two contenders, **Matt Morabito** and fellow Grosse Pointe Wooder, **Fred Lahr** still have an outside shot of sneaking into the winner's circle, leaving the remainder of the field to pick up the pieces!

2017 PHCC Championships -- Standings

#	Name/Rtng/ID	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7
2	Tony West 1889 12565951 (1878)	B 6 1.0	W 5 2.0	B 4 3.0	W 3	----	B 1	W 7
1	Alan Gregg 1941 12824548 (1913)	B 7 1.0	W 6 2.0	B 5 2.5	W 4	B 3	W 2	----
5	Frederick Lahr 1812 12135980 (1812)	W 3 1.0	B 2 1.0	W 1 1.5	B 7	W 6	----	B 4
3	Matthew Morabito 1860 12577179 (1898)	B 5 0.0	W 4 1.0	----	B 2	W 1	B 7	W 6
6	Avery Jones 1675 12577178 (1751)	W 2 0.0	B 1 0.0	W 7 1.0	----	B 5	W 4	B 3
4	Lonnie Rutkofske 1859 10288347 (1905)	----	B 3 0.0	W 2 0.0	B 1	W 7	B 6	W 5
7	William Wingrove 1614 12181760 (1700)	W 1 0.0	----	B 6 0.0	W 5	B 4	W 3	B 2

Needed: PHCC volunteers for the PHASD/Phil Willard Memorial Tournament on March 25th

Once again the Evon Rodriguez has asked for PHCC to volunteer and lend support and expertise to this year's 21st tournament. Please let Lon know if you can attend and help. We would need to be there by 8:00 am on Saturday morning. See the flyer on the final page of this issue!



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.

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1859) - Gregg,Alan (1941) [A30] Double Fianchetto Defense

Grosse Pointe December Action Quads Grosse Point Woods (2), 31.12.2016

1.c4 c5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.Nc3 e6 7.e4 d6 8.d3 a6 9.a4 Qc7 10.Rb1 Nc6 11.Ne2 Rb8 12.Bg5 h6 13.Be3 Ng4 14.Bd2 Nge5 15.Bc3 b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.cxb5 Rxb5 19.f4 Nd7 20.Qa4 Rb8 21.Rfc1 Nb6 22.Qc2 Bb7 23.Bh3 Qc6 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Nd4 Qd7 26.Ne2 f5 27.g4 fxe4 28.dxe4 Qe7 29.Qc3+ Kh7 30.Qg3 Bxe4 31.Ra1 Nd7 32.Nc3 Bc6 33.Rab1 d5 34.Re1 d4 35.Ne4 Nf6 36.Nxf6+ Qxf6 37.f5 exf5 38.Qc7+ Kh8 39.Re7 Rb7 40.Qe5 Rxe7 0-1

Lahr,Frederick (1812) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1859) [A04]King's Indian Attack

Grosse Pointe December Action Quads Grosse Point Woods (3), 31.12.2016

1.Nf3 g6 2.c4 f5 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.g3 e5 5.d3 Nc6 6.Bg2 a6 7.Bg5 Nge7 8.Nd5 0-0 9.Qd2 Rf7 10.Rc1 d6 11.0-0 Be6 12.e3 h6 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Nxe7+ Qxe7 15.d4 e4 16.d5 Bd7 17.Nd4 Raf8 18.b4 b6 19.Rc2 g5 20.c5 dxc5 21.bxc5 bxc5 22.Nb3 c4 23.Nd4 Be5 24.Rfc1 Bb5 25.Nc6 Bxc6 26.dxc6 c3 27.Qd5 Rd8 28.Qc4 Kg7 29.Bf1 Qa3 30.Qe6 Qe7 31.Qb3 Rf6 32.Bxa6 Rxc6 33.Qa4 Rb6 34.Qc4 Qd6 35.Bb5 Rdb8 36.Ba4 Rb4 0-1

West,Tony (1889) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1859) [A42] Modern Defense

Grosse Pointe December Action Quads Grosse Point Woods (1), 31.12.2016

1.d4 d6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 a6 4.e4 Bg7 5.Be3 Nd7 6.Nf3 b6 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.0-0 e6 9.Qd2 h6 10.Rfe1 g5 11.h3 Ne7 12.Rad1 0-0 13.Bb1 f5 14.Bxg5 hxg5 15.Nxg5 Rf6 16.exf5 Nxf5 17.Nxe6 Rxe6 18.Rxe6 Nxd4 19.Rg6 Qh4 20.Qxd4 Qxd4 21.Rxd4 Ne5 22.Rg3 Rf8 23.Nd5 Rf7 24.Rh4 Kf8 25.Nf4 Bf6 26.Rh7 Bg7 27.Ne6+ 1-0

Gregg,Alan (1941) - Jones,G. Avery (1675) [D94] Grunfeld

2017 PHCC Championships Port Huron (2), 19.01.2017

1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nc3 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.b3 dxc4 9.bxc4 Nb6 [Relevant: 9...Qa5 10.Bd2 Qc7 11.e4 e5 12.d5 Nc5 13.Be3 Nfd7 14.Qd2 Qa5 15.Be2 Re8 16.Qc2 Nb6 17.Nd2 Nba4 18.Nxa4 Nxa4 19.Rfc1 c5 20.Rab1 a6 21.Nf1 b5 22.cxb5 axb5 23.Bxb5 Rd8 24.Bd2 1-0 (24) Iturrizaga Bonelli,E (2625)-Nuber,B (2339) Abu Dhabi 2015] **10.Bb2N** [Predecessor: 10.Qc2 Be6 11.Ne2 Bg4 12.Ne5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Qc7 14.Ba3 Rfe8 15.Rac1 Nbd7 16.f4 c5 17.d5 Nxe5 18.fxe5 Qxe5 19.Bxc5 b6 20.Bd4 Qd6 21.e4 Ng4 22.Qxg4 Bxd4+ 23.Kh1 Rf8 24.Rf3 Rac8 25.Rcf1 Bf6 26.Rh3 Bg7 27.Qh4 h5 28.g4 Bf6 29.Rxf6 Qxf6 30.Qxf6 exf6 31.gxh5 gxh5 32.e5 fxe5 33.Rg3+ Kh8 34.Rg5 Rfe8 35.Rxh5+ Kg7 36.Rg5+ Kh6 37.Rg4 e4 38.Be2 f5 39.Rh4+ Kg5 Marin Salvador,R (1740)-Martinez Bernardo,A (1712) Pamplona 2015 0-1] **10...Be6 11.Qe2 Bg4 12.Rfd1 Qc7 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Rfe8**

15.Rac1 Nfd7 16.c5 Nd5 17.Nxd5 cxd5 18.Qxd5 e5 19.Bc4 Nf6 20.Qd6 Qa5
21.Bc3 Qa3 22.Qc7 Rf8 23.Qxb7 Rab8 24.Qf3 exd4 25.exd4 Nd7 26.Bb3 Qa6
27.Ba1 Rbd8 28.c6 Nb6 29.d5 Rd6 30.Bxg7 Kxg7 31.Re1 Qa3 32.Rcd1 Qb4
33.Qe4 Qa3 34.Re3 Qb2 35.Qd4+ Qxd4 36.Rxd4 Rc8 37.Re7 Ra8 38.Rb7 g5
39.h4 h6 40.a4 Kf6 41.hxg5+ hxg5 42.f4 g4 43.a5 Nc8 44.Re4 g3 45.Re8 Kg7
46.Rc7 Rf6 47.Rcxc8 Rxc8 48.Rxc8 Rxf4 49.Rb8 Re4 50.Kf1 Rf4+ 51.Ke1 Rf2
52.c7 Rxg2 53.c8Q 1-0

Morabito,Matthew (1860) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1859) [A13] English Opening

2017 PHCC Championships Port Huron (2), 19.01.2017

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c6 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.0-0 e6 5.c4 Be7 6.d3 0-0 7.Nbd2 Nbd7 8.Rb1 a5
9.a3 a4 10.b4 axb3 11.Rxb3 Nc5 12.Rb1 Na4 13.Qb3 Qc7 14.d4 dxc4 15.Nxc4
Nd5 16.Bd2 b5 17.Nce5 f6 18.Nd3 Nab6 19.Bb4 Nxb4 20.Nxb4 Bd7 21.Nd2 Ra4
22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.Qxe6+ Rf7 24.Bxc6 Rxd4 25.Be8 Bd8 26.Nf3 Rd6 1-0

West,Tony (1889) - Lahr,Frederick (1812) [D91] Grunfeld

2017 PHCC Championships Port Huron (2), 19.01.2017

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Ne4 5.Bf4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 b6 8.e3 0-0
9.cxd5 Qxd5 10.Bd3 Qa5 11.0-0 Na6 12.Be4 Rb8 13.Ne5 Bxe5 14.Bxe5 Be6
15.Bd3 Rbc8 16.Qe2 Nb8 17.c4 f6 18.Bg3 c6 19.e4 Nd7 20.f4 Bf7 21.f5 c5 22.d5
Be8 23.e5 Nb8 24.d6 gxf5 25.Bxf5 Bg6 26.Qg4 Kg7 27.h4 Rg8 28.h5 Qc3 29.Bf2
Kf8 30.hxg6 1-0

Jones,G, Avery (1675) - Wingrove,William (1614) [D00] Queen Pawn Game

2017 PHCC Championships Port Huron (3), 26.01.2017

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 g6 4.Bg5 Bg7 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 Bg4 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.h3 Bxf3
9.Qxf3 e6 10.Rfe1 h6 11.Bh4 c6 12.e4 Qb6 13.e5 Ne8 14.Be7 Qxd4 15.Bxf8 Bxf8
16.Qg4 Qxg4 17.hxg4 g5 18.g3 Nc5 19.Rad1 b5 20.Kg2 b4 21.Ne2 Nd7 22.f4 Nb6
23.b3 c5 24.Ng1 a5 25.Nf3 Be7 26.Rh1 Kg7 27.fxg5 Bxg5 28.Nxg5 hxg5 29.Rh7+
Kf8 30.Rdh1 c4 31.Rh8+ Ke7 32.bxc4 dxc4 33.Be4 Rd8 34.Kf3 Nd7 35.Ke2 Nxe5
36.Rd1 Rxd1 37.Kxd1 Nxg4 38.Bc6 Ngf6 39.Bxe8 Nxe8 40.Ke2 a4 41.Ke3 b3
42.cxb3 cxb3 43.axb3 axb3 44.Kd2 Nd6 45.g4 Ne4+ 46.Ke3 f5 47.Rb8 Nd6
48.Rxb3 f4+ 49.Kd4 Nf7 50.Ke4 Kf6 51.Rb1 e5 52.Rb6+ Kg7 53.Kf5 f3 54.Ra6 f2
55.Ra1 Kf8 56.Kf6 Ke8 57.Rf1 e4 58.Rxf2 Nd6 59.Kxg5 e3 60.Re2 Nc4 61.Kf6
Nb6 62.Rxe3+ Kd8 63.Re1 Nd7+ 64.Kf7 Kc7 65.Re7 0-1

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1859) - West,Tony (1889) [C48] 4 Knights' Game

2017 PHCC Championships Port Huron (3), 28.01.2017

1.Nf3 Nc6 2.e4 e5 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Bc5 5.Nc3 0-0 6.h3 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Ne4 Bb6
9.d3 f5 10.Ng3 Qd6 11.Ne2 Kh8 12.Bc4 Be6 13.Bxd5 Bxd5 14.Nc3 Bg8 15.Be3
Nd4 16.Bd2 c6 17.Bg5 Rae8 18.Rb1 Qg6 19.Be3 f4 20.Bxd4 exd4 21.Ne4 Bxa2
22.Ra1 Bd5 23.Ned2 a6 24.Kh2 Bc7 25.Rg1 c5 26.Kh1 Qf5 27.Kh2 g5 28.Rh1 g4
29.hxg4 Qxg4 30.Kg1 Rg8 31.Kf1?? Qxg2# 0-1

Lahr,Frederick (1812) - Gregg,Alan (1941) [A11] English Opening

2017 PHCC Championships Port Huron (3), 26.01.2017

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.g3 Bg4 4.Bg2 e6 5.0-0 Nd7 6.d3 Ngf6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Qb3 Qc8
9.Rc1 0-0 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.Bd2 Bf6 12.Nc3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 b6 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Bxf3
Ne5 16.Bg2 Qd7 17.a4 Rab8 18.Bf4 g5 19.Be3 Rfc8 20.Rab1 Ng6 21.Qa2 Bd8
22.Qc4 h6 23.Be4 Ne7 24.Bf3 Nf5 25.Bd2 b5 26.Qg4 Ng7 27.Kg2 Bb6 28.h4 f5
29.Qh3 g4 30.Bxg4 fxg4 31.Qxg4 h5 32.Qf3 a6 33.axb5 axb5 34.Bf4 Rf8 35.d4
Bc7 36.e3 Bxf4 37.exf4 Qd5 38.Re1 Qxf3+ 39.Kxf3 Ra8 40.Re5 Rf5 41.Re3 Rd5
42.Ke4 Ra2 43.Rf3 Kf7 44.Rc1 Nf5 45.Rb1 Ra3 46.Rd3 Kf6 47.Rb2 Nd6+ 48.Kf3
c5 49.Ke2 cxd4 50.cxd4 Rxd3 51.Kxd3 Kf5 52.f3 Nc4 53.Rb4 Nd6 54.Ke3 Nf7

55.Rb1 Nd8 56.Rc1 b4 57.Rc5 Rxc5 58.dxc5 Nc6 59.Kd3 e5 60.fxe5 Kxe5 61.Kc4 Kf5 62.Kb3 Nd4+ 63.Kxb4 Nxf3 64.c6 Ke6 65.Kc5 Ke7 66.Kd5 ½-½

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*.

2017 Events Schedule:

Jan 12 -Mar 16 PHCC Championships/ Novice Tournament

April No Tournaments

May 18 -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.

June 8,15,22 PHCC/USCF Rated G/90 Mini-Swiss

July 13, 20, 27 PHCC Rated Action Double RR G/30 (2 Games/night)

August 10 Double Round Robin G/5 Blitz Tournament

August 17 Fischer 960 Tournament - DRR - G/10

Sept. 14, 21, 28 PHCC/USCF Rated G/90 Swiss (1 game/night)

October 12 Handicap Speed Tournament G/5

October 26 PHCC G/5 Speed Championships

Nov. 16 18th Duncan Memorial Turkey Gobbler Tournament

December No tournaments

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 1/28/17

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andrew	2118
Gregg, Alan	1913
Rutkofske, Lon	1905
Morabito, Matt	1898
West, Tony	1878
Lahr, Frederick	1812
Jones, G. Avery	1751
Wingrove, Bill	1700
Bedy, Noel	1647
Roome, Eric	1641
Scholfield, Chris	1503
Beneker, Gerrit	1483
Muir, Josh	1000
Barnes, R. C.	800
Best, Don	800
Best, Liam	800
Mitchell, Jeshuah	800
Sergent, Jared	800

USCF Ratings as of 1/28/17

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andrew	2121
Gregg, Alan	1940
West, Tony	1889
Morabito, Matt	1860
Rutkofske, Lon	1859
Lahr, Frederick	1811
Jones, G. Avery	1649
Wingrove, Bill	1614
Roome, Eric	1546
Bedy, Noel	1529

PHCC Speed Ratings as of 1/28/17

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andrew	2249
Gregg, Alan	1957
Roome, Eric	1916
Lahr, Frederick	1812
Rutkofske, Lon	1862
West, Tony	1815
Morabito, Matt	1796
Jones, G. Avery	1666
Wingrove, Bill	1609
Scholfield, Chris	1552
Bedy, Noel	1505
Beneker Gerrit	1287
Muir, Josh	1000
Barnes, R. C.	800
Best, Don	800
Best, Liam	800
Mitchell, Jeshuah	800
Sergent, Jared	800

Phil Willard Memorial Chess Tournament



Saturday, March 25, 2017

Port Huron High School Cafeteria

**Registration will take place from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.
NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED**

5 Round Tournament

Round 1 - 9:00 a.m.

Round 2 - 9:45 a.m.

Round 3 - 10:30 a.m.

Round 4 - 11:15 a.m.

Round 5 - Noon

Tournament and trophy presentation will conclude by 1:00 p.m.

Open Tournament—FREE to all students currently attending
Port Huron Schools in grades Kindergarten through 12th
Time limit 15 minutes per player per round (Game in 30 minutes)

Prizes will be awarded according to the following grade classifications:

K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

(Grade classifications without a minimum of 6 players will be
paired in the next highest grade classification)

CHESS SETS WILL BE PROVIDED

- ◆ Parents are responsible for the transportation and supervision of their children.
 - ◆ Participants may bring their own refreshments.
 - ◆ Pizza and other concessions will be available for purchase.
 - ◆ Concession proceeds to benefit Hunter Hospitality House.
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