



# Chess Chatter

Newsletter of the Port Huron Chess Club

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## ***Editor: Lon Rutkofske Nov/December 2017 Vol.36 Number 10***

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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## **2018 PHCC Championships to begin January 11th: Tentative Schedule/Rules to follow for 7-8 Entries**

The following general rules and regulations of play will govern participation in this year's tournament. All participants should be familiar with these rules and any special rules that govern their play.

### **General Rules:**

1. All play will be governed by the official rules of chess as established by the FIDE and USCF as given in the most current edition of the Official Rules of Chess published by the USCF.
2. Touch rules will be in effect in all games. Both players must record the moves of the game and submit properly completed score sheets to the tournament director (TD) as soon as possible following the completion of the game. Illegal moves cannot be considered without accurate score sheets.
3. A chess timer (clock) must be used in all games. Time controls will be at the rate of "Game in 90 minutes with 5 second/move delay (1 and ½ hours plus 5/sec delay) per player. Play will begin by 7:00 PM at the PHCC or at a time and place agreed upon by both contestants. There will be no adjournments. All games are to be completed within the round time limits. Mechanical clock time control will be game in 95 minutes and the clock will be set at 4:25. Prior to the beginning of the game both players are responsible for checking the clock to determine if it is functioning properly and set correctly. Sets and clocks can be checked out at the club, should players need to use club equipment. **Players are responsible for correctly setting their clocks.**
4. Only USCF and PHCC club members may participate in these events. Dues are payable to Lon Rutkofske.
5. Players are responsible for interpreting the Round Robin Crosstable (which will be included in the packet with rules and list of email addresses and phone numbers and posted on the PHCC website) and arranging for games they may have to play out of the order assigned on the crosstable. An updated list of players and phone numbers will be developed and circulated among participants by the TD. Lon will also email the results and round pairings, prior to each round if you have given him your email address.

6. Winners, or the player having the white pieces in the case of a draw, must report the results to the TD.
7. All results must be reported to the TD by 8:00 PM ,Wednesday March 7, 2018.
8. It is the responsibility of the person not present on the date of the scheduled round to meet the reasonable request of his opponent.
9. Disputes arising from play and unresolved by the players shall be submitted to the TD. His decision will be final. This year's TD will be Lon Rutkofske: 605 Lomasney Ln., Marysville, MI 48040 Ph. 810-388-9219 (Please leave a message with call back number) or email at [ishking@aol.com](mailto:ishking@aol.com).

**Special Rules: (Tentative Schedule with 7 - 8 participants)**

1. This year's event will feature a 7-round, Round Robin style tournament. Players will be paired after registration ends at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.
2. All games will be USCF and PHCC rated.
3. Rounds and Pairings: **Tournament games will be held Thursdays during the tournament schedule Rounds:(January 11<sup>th</sup>, 18th, 25th; February 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22nd; March 1st, (make-up dates of February 1st, March 8th are built in to the schedule, but is ultimately the responsibility of the players, but March 8th can be used for make-up) before Awards are distributed.**
4. **Weather issues:** If the Port Huron Area School District is closed due to inclement weather, PHCC will be cancelled as well. Please call or email Lon if you have questions before proceeding to the club. Lon will post information on the website and email participants as soon as conditions are posted. Players do not have to play their games at the club, if their opponents agree to play at an alternate time and place. If this happens, please report any changes to Lon prior to the next scheduled round. All results must be submitted to Lon by 8:00 PM., Wednesday, March 7, 2018 prior to awards presentations.
5. **Courtesy:** **Please contact your opponent, if you cannot make it to the club to play your scheduled round with sufficient time so as not to inconvenience your opponent.** If you email them, but get no response, please call before the scheduled round. Please copy the TD if you use email.
6. A bulletin of completed games will be circulated every other week of play, so make sure that your score sheets are complete and accurate.
7. Phone numbers and email addresses will be circulated to all players for their records and information in general. The official crosstable will be kept at the club, and will be kept current as results are reported.
8. Ties will be broken using the following methods in order: Median/Harkness; Solkoff; and Cumulative.
9. Prizes: All awards/prizes will be presented Thursday, March 9th.
10. Entry Fees: Adult: \$10:00 Under 19: \$5.00
11. Awards based on 7 entries will be:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$35 + Plaque ; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$20 + Plaque
  - Top Over 1700 = \$10 + Plaque
  - Top Under 1700 = \$10 + Plaque
  - Biggest Upset - \$10

## Gregg Calls for Fewer Monthly Tournaments: Your View?

**Alan Gregg**, 5 time Club Champion and perennial top finisher in other events, thinks that hosting too many monthly tournaments contributes to the significant decline in attendance at our regular weekly meetings. As editor of Chess Chatter and chief Club Tournament Director, I am soliciting your opinions/inputs before planning the coming tournament schedule for 2018. Please email me your views, recommendations, opinions, or comments regarding this issue by the end of December 2017 at [PtHuronChessClub@aol.com](mailto:PtHuronChessClub@aol.com) with the subject line : "club tournaments" so your feedback can have a positive impact on future PHCC event planning.

## Newcomer Jason Morris takes 2017 PHCC Speed Championship Crown



**Jason Morris**, an automotive engineer newly returned from Australia slipped by resident Speed Demon **Ryan Urick**, by virtue of a second round split in the 36th rendition of the PHCC Speed Championships. Jason now hailing from Warren, Michigan demonstrated his prowess in the tricky, time crunching tournament edging his second place opponent by a single point in securing the top spot.

Hopefully we've not seen the last of him, with the 2018 club championships looming for January! Bravo, Jason!!

2017 PHCC Speed Champs -- Standings

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot
1	Jason Morris	2072	2070	WW4	WW3	WL2	5.0
2	Ryan Urick	1847	1874	WL3	WW4	WL1	4.0
3	Lonnie Rutkofske	1794	1775	WL2	LL1	WL4	2.0
4	Joshua Muir	1600	1599	LL1	LL2	WL3	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. United States Chess Federation memberships are available through the club. **Dues to expire in December 2017 = Morabito, Matthew ; Noel Bedy**

## Port Huron Chess Club Hall of Fame

### Club Champions

1971 Robert Wilson  
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 1973 Gerald DeLugt  
 1974 Robert Wilson  
 1975 Lonnie Rutkofske  
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 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  
 Timothy Gillion  
 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  
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 2013 Alan Gregg  
 2014 Tony West  
 2015 Alan Gregg  
 Matthew Morabito  
 2016 Matthew Morabito  
 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 2017 Tony West

### 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  
 1990 Lonnie Rutkofske  
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 1998 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 1999 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 2000-2006 No Tourney  
 2007 Lonnie Rutkofske  
 2008-2009 No Tourney

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2010	Lonnie Rutkofske	1995	Brian Ortiz	1996	Andrew Bruziewicz
2011	Eric Roome	1996	Mark Ortiz	1997	Andrew Bruziewicz
2012	Andrew Bruziewicz	1997	Mark Keller		Lonnie Rutkofske
2013	Alan Gregg, Stewart Wilkinson, Lonnie Rutkofske	1998	Charlie West	1998-2010	No Tourney
2014	Stewart Wilkinson	1999	No Tourney	2011	Matt Morabito
2015	Lonnie Rutkofske	2000	Charlie West	2012	No Tourney
2016	Andrew Bruziewicz	2001-2011	No Tourney	2013	Nathan Hartwig
2017	Jason Morris	2012	Adam Nowiski	2014	No Tourney
		2013	Nathan Allen	2015	No Tourney
		2014	Nathan Hartwig	2016	Matthew Morabito
		2015	No Tourney		
		2016	Chuck Heinrich		

### Junior Champions

#### (Under 19)

1971	John Willmarth
1972	Dan Thomas
1973	Brian Wilson
1974	Bob Bland
1975	Doug Cope
1976-1979	No Tourney
1980	Chris Eagle
1981	Jeff Willard
1982	Jeff Willard
1983	Jeff Willard
1984	Jeff Willard
1985-1989	No Tourney
1990	Wes Tilson
1991	Sami Lumpola
1992	Wes Tilson
1993	Brian Ortiz
1994	Brian Ortiz

### Duncan's Turkey Gobbler Champions

1980	William Daly
1981	Chris Eagle
1982	William Daly
1983	Bob Duncan Jeff Willard
1984	Fred Goodell
1985	William Daly
1986	Chris Eagle
1987	Lonnie Rutkofske
1988	Stewart Wilkinson
1989	Lonnie Rutkofske
1990	Fred Goodell
1991-1992	No Tourney
1993	Andrew Bruziewicz
1994-1995	No Tourney

### Roulette Champions

1980	Pat Forget
1981	Tim Gillion
1982	No Tourney
1983	Fred Goodell
1984	Holger Seig
1985	Fred Goodell
1986	Lonnie Rutkofske
1987-1989	No Tourney
1990	Fred Goodell Lonnie Rutkofske
1991	No Tourney
1992	Andrew Bruziewicz
1993-1995	No Tourney
1996	Andrew Bruziewicz
1997	Andrew Bruziewicz Eric Roome
1998-2015	No Tourney

# Members' Games

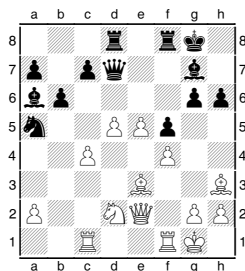


Please send me what you consider your best games, annotated or not, so that I might be able to showcase them. The following games represent contests that have been available at the time of this printing. Email them to me or give them to me personally, if you wish. Majority of analyses is done by Fritz 12, unless otherwise indicated. **Below are games from the PHCC Archives for the final round of the 2017 Championships!**

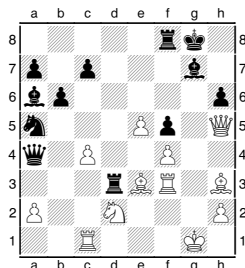
## West, Tony (1889) - Wingrove, William (1614) [D80] Grunfeld Defense

2017 PHCC Championships Port Huron (7), 02.03.2017

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Ne4 5.Bf4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 dxc4 7.e3 Be6 8.Qb1 b6 9.Nf3 Bg7 10.Ng5 Bd5 11.e4 Bb7 12.Bxc4 0-0 13.Qb3 e6 14.Bxe6 Qf6 15.Be3 Nc6 16.Bh3 Na5 17.Qb5 h6 18.e5 Qe7 19.Nf3 Bc6 20.Qd3 Rad8 21.Qe2 Bd5 22.Nd2 f6 23.c4 Bb7 24.Qd3 f5 25.f4 Nc6 26.0-0 Qd7 27.d5 Na5 28.Qe2 Ba6 29.Rac1?** Diagram



Tony pointed out that the text move loses a pawn to **29...Qd5! 29...Qa4 30.g4 Rxd5 31.gxf5 gxf5 32.Qh5 Rd3 33.Rf3** Diagram

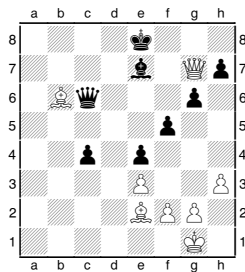


**33...Qc6?** Better seemed to be 33...Nc4 and if 34.Nc4, Rd1+ poses some problems for white! Because if 35. Rf1, Rc1 36. Rc1 Bc4 complicates things! If 34. Bc5, Rxe3 35. Qg6, Rf5 36. Qf5, Rf3! **34.Rg3 Rf7 35.Bg2 Qd7 36.Bd5 Rxd5 37.cxd5 Qxd5 38.Qxh6 Bb7 39.Kf2 Qxa2 40.Rcg1 Kf8 41.Rxg7 Nc4 42.Rxf7+ 1-0**

## Rutkofske, Lonnie (1859) - Lahr, Frederick (1812) [A00] Polish Opening

2017 PHCC Championships Port Huron (7), 09.03.2017

**1.b4 d6 2.Bb2 e5 3.c4 f5 4.e3 Nf6 5.b5 a6 6.a4 axb5 7.axb5 Rxa1 8.Bxa1 Be7 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Be2 c6 11.d4 e4 12.Nfd2 c5 13.Nb3 Be6 14.0-0 Nbd7 15.Qc2 Bf7 16.Rd1 b6 17.dxc5 dxc5 18.Nc3 Qc7 19.h3 Ne5 20.Nd5 Nxd5 21.cxd5 Rd8 22.Nd4 g6 23.Nc6 Nxc6 24.dxc6 Rxd1+ 25.Qxd1 Qd6 26.Qc2 Bd5 27.Qc3 Kf8 28.Qg7+ Ke8 29.Be5 Qe6 30.Bc7 c4 31.Bxb6 Bxc6 32.bxc6 Qxc6** Diagram

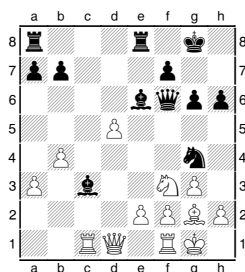


**33.Qd4??** [Simply 33.Bd4Wins!] **33...c3 34.Qh8+ Kd7 35.Qd4+ Ke8 36.Qh8+ ½-½**

**Morabito,Matthew (1860) - Jones,G. Avery (1675) [A11] English Opening**

2017 PHCC Championships Port Huron (7), 02.03.2017

**1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.O-O g6 5.c4 Bg7 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.d3 O-O 8.Nc3 Nc6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bd2 e5 11.a3 Re8 12.Rc1 Be6 13.b4 e4 14.Ne1 Nd4 15.Be3 Ng4 16.Bxd4 Bxd4 17.dxe4 Qf6 18.Nf3 Bxc3 19.exd5** Diagram



**19...Red8** Better here appears to be 19...Bd7 because Black's KR hits white's e pawn and if h3, he gets at least a pawn after Bb2. **20.Qb3 Bb2 21.Rc2 Bxd5 22.Qxb2 Qxb2 23.Rxb2 a6 24.Rc2 Nf6 25.Rfc1 Kg7 26.e3 Rab8 27.Nd4 Bxg2 28.Kxg2 Ng4 29.Rc5 Re8 30.Nf3 Nf6 31.Re5 Ng4 32.Rxe8 Rxe8 33.Rc7 Rb8 34.h3 Nf6 35.Ne5 Ne8 36.Rxf7+ Kg8 37.Re7 g5 38.Re6 Kh7 39.g4 Kg7 40.Kg3 Nf6 41.Rxf6 Kxf6 42.Nd7+ Ke6 43.Nxb8 Kd6 44.h4 Kc7 45.hxg5 hxg5 46.Nxa6+ bxa6 47.f4 1-0**

**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*.

**2018 Events Schedule:**

**Jan 11 - Mar 8 PHCC Championships - See Page 1 for Details**

**Check with January 2018 Issue of Chess Chatter for a complete listing of Events/Tournaments**

## 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 12/4/17**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Morris, Jason	2041
West, Tony	1945
Gregg, Alan	1927
Morabito, Matt	1912
Rutkofske, Lon	1877
Lahr, Frederick	1819
Jones, G. Avery	1768
Webb, Austin	1723
Urick, Ryan	1700
Wingrove, Bill	1627
Muir, Josh	1571
Bedy, Noel	1569
Oriel, Paul	1569
Zimmer, John	1485
Beneker, Gerrit	1380
Albany, Ethan	1100
Nowiski, Adam	969
Best, Don	890
Best, Liam	705
Allen, Carson	700

### **USCF Ratings as of 12/4/17**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Morris, Jason	2041
Gregg, Alan	1948
West, Tony	1896
Morabito, Matt	1848
Lahr, Frederick	1820
Rutkofske, Lon	1818
Webb, Austin	1723P12
Jones, G. Avery	1630
Muir, Joshua	1600P8
Wingrove, Bill	1579
Bedy, Noel	1504

### **PHCC Speed Ratings as of 12/4/17**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Morris, Jason	2070
Gregg, Alan	1968
Urick, Ryan	1874
West, Tony	1815
Lahr, Frederick	1812
Rutkofske, Lon	1775
Morabito, Matt	1794
Muir, Josh	1599
Jones, G. Avery	1587
Webb, Austin	1562
Wingrove, Bill	1548
Oriel, Paul	1500
Bedy, Noel	1529
Zimmer, John	1485
Nowiski, Adam	1364
Beneker Gerrit	1287
Albany, Ethan	1100
Best, Don	890
Best, Liam	705
Allen, Carson	700