



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.yolasite.com>

West Toughens in the 7th Round claiming his second Championship Crown;Gregg takes 2nd!

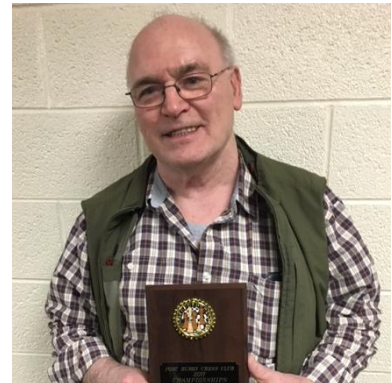
Grosse Pointe Woods native, **Tony West** braved the windy winter weather to duplicate his 2014 Championship feat in the strong open section of the 2017



Tony West - 2017 Champion

PHCC Championships. Playing decisively and aggressively in all but a single game against **Alan Gregg**, he was determined not to succumb to the errors that plagued him in the early rounds of the 2016 tournament. Close on his heels lurked 5 time champ, Alan Gregg dogged him all the way derailing his attempt to wrap the championship up early with a 6th round win in a game where he dominated throughout the entire contest. Gregg working seriously to reclaim his crown, dropped a half-point in a winning position against **Fred Lahr** in round 3, allowing the hangover from that game to distract him in a 4th round loss to **Lon Rutkofske**, ending up with 4.5/6 to Tony's 5/6 score.

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Alan Gregg - Runner- up

The real surprise of the tournament was fellow GP Woodser, **Fred Lahr**, who drew Alan and Lon in totally lost positions, and defeated **Matt Morabito** to win the Over 1700 plaque on tiebreak 8.5 - 5.5 thanks to that win! **Avery Jones** pulled off his usual upset by downing Lon in round 6 thus claiming the Under 1700 plaque and \$10 to boot!

Fred salvaged **Bill Wingrove's** tournament by making a hasty move which cost him his Queen and the game and became the victim of the biggest upset prize bequeathing the \$10 prize to Bill.

AWARDS:

Champion - \$35 + Plaque - Tony West

2nd Place - \$20 + Plaque - Alan Gregg

**Top Over 1700 = \$5 + Plaque - Frederick Lahr on Solkoff Tiebreak
8.5 to 5.5 over Matt Morabito who gets \$5**

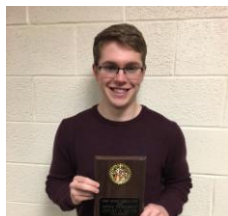
Top Under 1700 = \$10 + Plaque - Avery Jones

Biggest Upset - \$10 - Bill Wingrove for his win over Fred Lahr

#	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	W 5	B 4	W 3	----	B 1	W 7
		1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	5.0
1	Alan Gregg 1941 12824548 (1913)	B 7	W 6	B 5	W 4	B 3	W 2	----
		1.0	2.0	2.5	2.5	3.5	4.5	4.5
3	Matthew Morabito 1860 12577179 (1898)	B 5	W 4	----	B 2	W 1	B 7	W 6
		0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0
5	Frederick Lahr 1812 12135980 (1812)	W 3	B 2	W 1	B 7	W 6	----	B 4
		1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	2.5	2.5	3.0
4	Lonnie Rutkofske 1859 10288347 (1905)	----	B 3	W 2	B 1	W 7	B 6	W 5
		0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.5
6	Avery Jones 1675 12577178 (1751)	W 2	B 1	W 7	----	B 5	W 4	B 3
		0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
7	William Wingrove 1614 12181760 (1700)	W 1	----	B 6	W 5	B 4	W 3	B 2
		0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

Josh Muir Claims 1st Place in Inaugural Novice Tourney

St Clair County Community College student, **Josh Muir** parlayed key early



Josh Muir - First Place

victories to his first tournament championship in PHCC competition. His strong, steady play secured a well deserved first place showing in distancing himself from runner up **Gerrit Beneker** by a 1.5 point margin and completing all of his games early! Josh was also instrumental in encouraging some of his friends to participate making the tournament both challenging, affordable and beneficial to the



Gerrit Beneker - 2nd Place

PHCC by adding to its membership rolls. TD Lon Rutkofske offered free three month PHCC memberships to all participants thus permitting them to get their

"chess legs" under tournament conditions in the double round robin G/30 event that ran concurrently with this year's Club Championship Tournament. For most it was the first time they were required to use a clock, but Lon did not require participants to keep score in the club rated event. The only drawback seemed to be coordination of games. Due to work and school commitments, there were a number of key unplayed games which significantly impacted the final scores of many of the players.

Despite its challenges, this first of its kind event did permit participants to play opponents they had never previously encountered and gave each participant a PHCC rating and valuable experience that hopefully will be applied to future chess endeavors.

Final Results for 2017 PHCC Novice Tournament

1st Place - \$20 + Plaque = Josh Muir

2nd Place + Plaque - \$10 = Gerrit Beneker

3rd Place - \$5 = Jeshuah Mitchell

The Novice tournament was a double round robin style tournament with two games against same opponent one with white and one with black at a rate of Game/30 minutes.

Opponent numbers

#	Name/Rtg(Before/After)	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	7	7	Total
1	Muir, Josh 1000/1105	X	X	0	1	1	.5	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	9.5
2	Beneker, Gerrit 1483/1380	1	0	X	X	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
3	Mitchell, Jeshuah 800/1048	0	.5	1	1	X	X	0	.5	U	U	1	1	1	1	7
4	Barnes, R. C. 800/1025	0	1	1	0	1	.5	X	X	U	0	U	U	1	1	5.5
5	Best, Don 800/890	0	0	0	0	U	U	U	1	X	X	1	1	1	1	5
6	Best, Liam 800/705	0	0	0	0	0	0	U	U	0	0	X	X	1	0	1
7	Sergent, Jared 800/684	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	X	X	1

Key: XX = 0 point Double Bye; U = unplayed games; win =1 point; draw = .5 point

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) - Wingrove, William (1614) [A00] Polish Opening

2017 PHCC Championships Port Huron (5), 07.03.2017

1.b4 e5 2.Bb2 d6 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e3 Bg7 6.b5 0-0
7.h3 Be6 8.Nf3 h6 9.Be2 Nbd7 10.d4 exd4 11.exd4 d5
12.c5 c6 13.a4 Re8 14.0-0 Nh5 15.Bc1 Qc7 16.Nh2 Nf4
17.Be3 Nxe2+ 18.Nxe2 Nf8 19.Qd2 Kh7 20.Rfb1 Bd7
21.Bf4 Qc8 22.Ra3 Ne6 23.Be3 Qc7 24.Ng4 h5 25.Nh2 f5 26.Nf3 Bf6 27.Nf4 Nxf4
28.Bxf4 Qd8 29.Ne5 Re6 30.bxc6 bxc6 31.Rb7 Bxe5 32.Bxe5 Kg8 33.Qh6 Qe7
34.Qh8+ Kf7 35.Qxa8 1-0

Jones, G. Avery (1675) - Rutkofske, Lonnie (1859) [A41] Modern Defense

2017 PHCC Championships Port Huron (6), 23.02.2017

1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.Bf4 d6 4.Nc3 a6 5.e4 Nd7 6.Bd3 b5 7.0-0 Bb7 8.Re1 e5
9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Bg3 Ne7 11.Qe2 c5 12.b3 0-0 13.Rad1 Qc7 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.exd5
Nxd5 16.Qd2 Rad8 17.Bxg6 hxg6 18.Qxd5 Nb6 19.Qe4 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Nd7 21.Qh4
Re8 22.h3 Nf8 23.Qe4 f6 24.c4 Rd8 25.Rd5 Rxd5 26.Qxd5+ Qf7 27.Qxc5 bxc4
28.bxc4 Qb7 29.Qd5+ Qxd5 30.cxd5 Kf7 31.Nd2 Nd7 32.Nc4 Bf8 33.f3 Bc5+
34.Bf2 Ke7 35.Kf1 Bxf2 36.Kxf2 Nc5 37.Ke2 Kd7 38.g3 Nb7 39.h4 Nd8 40.g4 Nf7
41.Kd3 1-0

Wingrove, William (1614) - Morabito, Matthew (1860) [B72] Sicilian Dragon

2017 PHCC Championships Port Huron (6), 23.02.2017

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 a6
9.Qd2 Ng4 10.Bxg4 Bxg4 11.Bh6 Bxh6 12.Qxh6 Nc6 13.Qd2 Rc8 14.Kh1 Qa5
15.Nb3 Qd8 16.Nd5 Bd7 17.f4 e6 18.Ne3 Qe7 19.Rad1 Rfd8 20.Qxd6 Qf6 21.e5
Qh4 22.Qd2 Be8 23.Qf2 Qxf2 24.Rxf2 Rxd1+ 25.Nxd1 Nb4 26.a3 Nxc2 27.Nc3
Nxa3 28.Ne4 Nb5 29.Nf6+ Kg7 30.Nxe8+ Rxe8 31.Rd2 Re7 32.g3 Nc7 33.Rd6 Nd5
34.Kg2 Rc7 35.Na5 Rc2+ 36.Kh3 Rxb2 37.Rd7 b6 38.Nb7 Rb3 39.Kg2 Ne3+
40.Kh3 Nf5 41.Nd8 Nh6 42.Nxe6+ Kh8 43.Rd8+ Ng8 44.Rf8 fxe6 45.Re8 Kg7
46.Rxe6 a5 47.Rc6 Ne7 48.Rc7 Kf8 49.Kg2 a4 50.g4 a3 51.Ra7 Rb2+ 52.Kh3 a2
53.Kh4 Nc6 54.Ra8+ Ke7 55.Kg5 Na5 56.f5 gxf5 57.gxf5 Rg2+ 58.Kf4 a1Q
59.Ra7+ Kf8 0-1

Gregg, Alan (1941) - West, Tony (1889) [A90] Dutch Defense

2017 PHCC Championships Port Huron (6), 23.02.2017

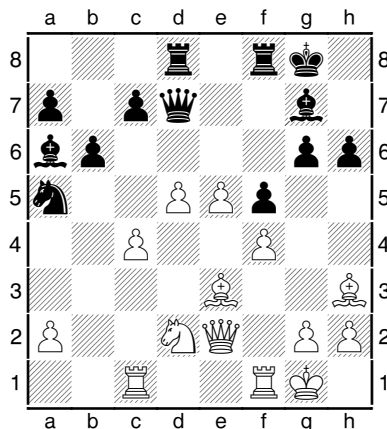
1.d4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d5 4.Nf3 e6 5.0-0 Bd6 6.c4 c6 7.Qc2 0-0 8.Nc3 Nbd7
9.Bf4 Bxf4 10.gxf4 Ne4 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.fxe5 Nxc3 13.Qxc3 Bd7 14.Kh1 Rc8
15.c5 Be8 16.Rg1 Bg6 17.f4 Rf7 18.Bf3 Qh4 19.e3 Bh5 20.Raf1 Bxf3+ 21.Rxf3 g6
22.Rfg3 Qe7 23.Qa5 a6 24.Rg5 Kf8 25.Qe1 Ke8 26.R1g2 Kd7 27.b4 Rg7 28.a4
Ke8 29.Qf1 Qd7 30.h4 Rf7 31.Qe2 Kd8 32.h5 gxh5 33.Qxh5 Ke7 34.Qh6 Rcf8
35.Kg1 Qc7 36.Kf2 Kd7 37.Kf3 Ke7 38.Rb2 Qd7 39.Rb1 Kd8 40.Rg2 Kc7 41.b5
axb5 42.axb5 cxb5 43.Rgb2 Rb8 44.Rxb5 Re7 45.Rb6 Ree8 46.Rd6 Qf7 47.Rbb6
Qg8 48.Rxe6 Ra8 49.Rec6+ Kb8 50.Qd6+ Ka7 51.Rxb7+ 1-0

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

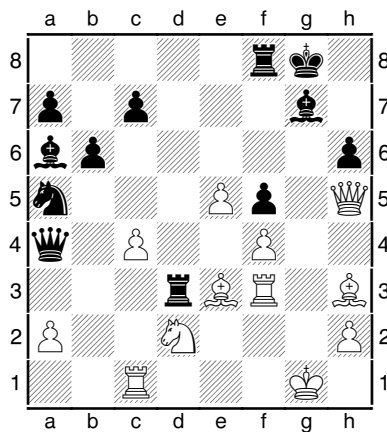
2017 PHCC Championships Port Huron (7), 02.03.2017

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

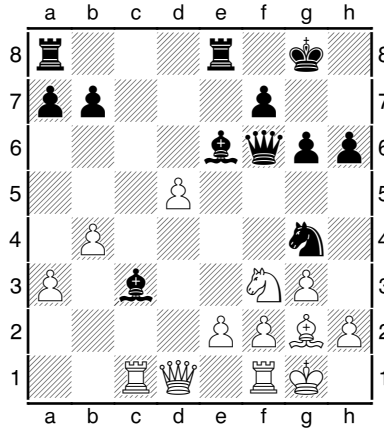


33...Qc6? Better seemed to be 33...Nc4 and if 34.Nc4, Rd1+ poses some problems for white! Because if 35. Rf1, Rc1 36. Rc1 Bc4 complicates things! If 34. Bc5, Rxe3 35. Qg6, Rf5 36. Qf5, Rf3! **34.Rg3 Rf7 35.Bg2 Qd7 36.Bd5 Rxd5 37.cxd5 Qxd5 38.Qxh6 Bb7 39.Kf2 Qxa2 40.Rcg1 Kf8 41.Rxg7 Nc4 42.Rxf7+ 1-0**

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 4.0-0 g6 5.c4 Bg7 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.d3 0-0 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

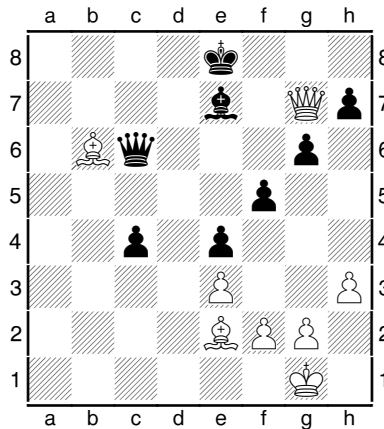


19...Red8 Better here appears to be 19...Bd7 because Black's KR hits white's e pawn and if h3, he gets at least a pawn after Bb2. **20.Qb3 Bb2 21.Rc2 Bxd5 22.Qxb2 Qxb2 23.Rxb2 a6 24.Rc2 Nf6 25.Rfc1 Kg7 26.e3 Rab8 27.Nd4 Bxg2 28.Kxg2 Ng4 29.Rc5 Re8 30.Nf3 Nf6 31.Re5 Ng4 32.Rxe8 Rxe8 33.Rc7 Rb8 34.h3 Nf6 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**

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**

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 3/13/17

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andrew	2118
West, Tony	1945
Gregg, Alan	1937
Morabito, Matt	1884
Rutkofske, Lon	1877
Lahr, Frederick	1819
Jones, G. Avery	1745
Wingrove, Bill	1678
Bedy, Noel	1647
Roome, Eric	1641
Scholfield, Chris	1503
Webb, Austin	1406
Beneker, Gerrit	1380
Muir, Josh	1105
Mitchell, Jeshuah	1048
Barnes, R. C.	1025
Best, Don	890
Best, Liam	705
Sergent, Jared	684

USCF Ratings as of 3/13/17

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andrew	2121
Gregg, Alan	1949
West, Tony	1938
Morabito, Matt	1848
Rutkofske, Lon	1834
Lahr, Frederick	1811
Jones, G. Avery	1680
Wingrove, Bill	1603
Roome, Eric	1546
Bedy, Noel	1529
Webb, Austin	1406P

PHCC Speed Ratings as of 3/13/17

<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
Webb, Austin	1363
Beneker Gerrit	1287
Muir, Josh	1105
Mitchell, Jeshuah	1048
Barnes, R. C.	1025
Best, Don	890
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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:

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. **The following memberships will expire effective April 6, 2017: Josh Muir, R. C. Barnes, Jeshuah Mitchell, Jared Sergent, Don Best, Liam Best.**