



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

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## Infusion of Younger Players Welcomed by PHCC

Thanks to a host of novice chess enthusiasts from St Clair County Community College spearheaded by **Josh Muir, R.C. Barnes, Jeshuah Mitchell,** and **Jared Sergent** as well as some returning former junior members **Nathan**



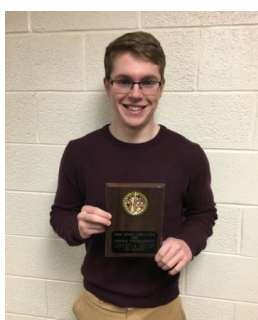
L-R: Corbin Brinkey, David Rivard and Liam Best.

**Allen, Adam Nowiski** and **Austin Webb**, expanded the rolls which is encouraging. We have also had an influx or under 10 members in the form of **Liam Best** and **Corbin Brinkey**, ably accompanied by dad, **Don Best** and grandpa **David Rivard**, respectively!

It appears that our website is having some impact, and numerous phone and email contacts have referenced our site in stimulating our growth.



Jeshuah Mitchell



Josh Muir



R.C. Barnes



Jared Sergent

Here is hoping we can entice this newfound group to participate in the numerous events and comraderie we offer at the PHCC and improve their chess to boot!

## Webb takes first place in May Double RR Event

**Austin Webb** proved that he was just not another pretty face as he upended Lon in their playoff game to take the \$15 cash prize and a ton of speed rating

points. It took **Josh Muir** a tad longer as he notched a pair of wins in the playoff single game round robin against some pretty strong opposition to net his rating gain. Time was at a premium in this non-traditional round robin event, that turned into not being a real round robin as a number of unplayed games marred the final results aided by of some less than efficient planning on the part of **TD Lon Rutkofske**. It appears that Lon was not the only competitor suffering from less than heady play, as none of the highest rated players escaped the ravishes of "blunder mania"! Here is hoping that next month's G/90 USCF rated Mini-Swiss ([See Calendar of Events for details!](#)) will feature more satisfying games for all that participate!

May 2017 DRR: May 2017 DRR Section A -- Standings

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot
1	<b>Lonnie Rutkofske</b>	1862	1858	WL2	WW3	U---	3.0
2	<b>G. Avery Jones</b>	1666	1677	WL1	U---	WL3	2.0
3	<b>William Wingrove</b>	1609	1602	U---	LL1	WL2	1.0

May 2017 DRR: May 2017 DRR -- Standings

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot
1	<b>Austin Webb</b>	1363	1494	WW3	U---	WW2	4.0
2	<b>Noel Bedy</b>	1505	1461	U---	WW3	LL1	2.0
3	<b>Josh Muir</b>	1105	1080	LL1	LL2	U---	0.0

May 2017 RR Playoff : Section A Playoff -- Standings

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot
1	<b>Lonnie Rutkofske</b>	1858	1834	U---	W3	L2	1.0
2	<b>Austin Webb</b>	1494	1562	U---	U---	W1	1.0
3	<b>Noel Bedy</b>	1461	1456	U---	L1	U---	0.0

May 2017 RR Playoff : Section B Playoff -- Standings

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot
1	<b>Josh Muir</b>	1080	1284	W3	W2	U---	2.0
2	<b>G. Avery Jones</b>	1677	1640	U---	L1	U---	0.0
3	<b>William Wingrove</b>	1602	1564	L1	U---	U---	0.0

Name	Preliminary DRR	Playoff RR	Total Points
Austin Webb	4.0	1.0	5.0
Lon Rutkofske	3.0	1.0	5.0
Avery Jones	2.0	0.0	2.0
Josh Muir	0.0	2.0	2.0
Noel Bedy	2.0	0.0	2.0
William Wingrove	1.0	0.0	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. Below are games from the PHCC Archives!

### Bland,Robert - Willard,Jeff [D00] Queen Pawn Game

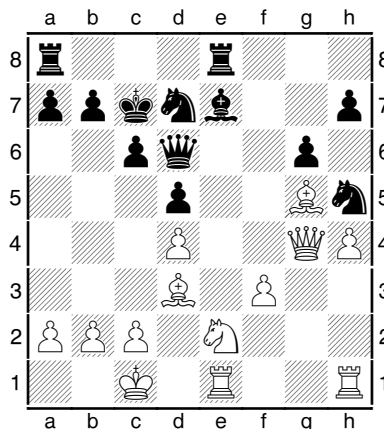
1975-76 PHCC Championships-Closed Sec Port Huron, 02.1976

1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 e6 4.Ne2 Bd6 5.g3 g6 6.0-0 0-0  
 7.Nbc3 Nc6 8.b3 e5 9.Qd2 a6 10.Bb2 e4 11.Nxd5 exd3  
 12.Nxf6+ Qxf6 13.Qxd3 Nb4 14.Qc3 Bf5 15.a3 Nxc2 16.Ra2 b6  
 17.b4 Bh3 18.Rc1 Nxe3 19.Qxe3 Qe6 20.Qxe6 Bxe6 21.Raa1  
 Bg4 22.Nf4 Bxf4 23.gxf4 Bh3 24.Rxc7 Rac8 25.Rb7 Rc2 26.Bc1 Rfc8 27.Be3 R8c3  
 28.Rxb6 h5 29.f5 Bxf5 30.Bf4 Re2 31.Be5 Rf3 32.Rb8+ Kh7 33.Rh8# 1-0

### Heikamp,Jack - Willard,Phil [C34] Kings' Gambit Accepted

1975-76 PHCC Championships Port Huron (5), 03.1976

1.e4 e5 2.f4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d6 4.Nf3 exf4 5.d4 Bg4 6.Bxf4 c6 7.Bd3 d5 8.e5 Nh5 9.Be3  
 g6 10.Qd2 Bxf3 11.gxf3 f5 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.0-0-0 Bb4 14.Bh6 Kd7 15.Qg5 Nh5  
 16.Qg4+ Kc7 17.Rde1 Re8 18.Bg5 Be7 19.h4 Qd6 20.Ne2 Nd7 Diagram

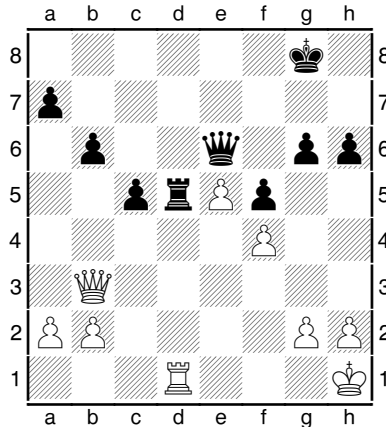


21.Qxh5 gxh5 22.Bf4 Bg5 23.hxg5 Ne5 24.Bxe5 Rxe5 25.dxe5 Qxe5 26.Rxh5 h6  
 27.f4 Qe3+ 28.Kd1 hxg5 29.Rxg5 Re8 30.Rg3 Qb6 31.Rg7+ Kd6 32.b3 Re7  
 33.Rg6+ Kc7 34.f5 Qa5 35.f6 Re8 36.a4 Qb4 37.Reg1 Rf8 38.R1g4 Qa3 39.Nd4  
 Kb6 40.Ne6 Rh8 41.f7 Rh1+ 42.Rg1 Rxc1+ 43.Rxc1 Qa1+ 44.Kd2 Qxc1 45.f8Q  
 Qg2+ 46.Kc3 d4+ 47.Kb2 a6 48.Qc5# 1-0

**Harris,John - Rutkofske,Lonnie [B06]Robatsch Defense**

1975-76 PHCC Championships Port Huron (5), 03.1976

1.e4 g6 2.f4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.d4 Bg4 5.Be2 Bxf3 6.Bxf3 Nc6 7.Be3 e6 8.O-O  
Nge7 9.c3 O-O 10.Nd2 d5 11.Bf2 Rb8 12.Bh4 Qd7 13.Kh1 f5 14.exd5 Nxd5  
15.Bxd5 exd5 16.Nf3 h6 17.Re1 Rbe8 18.Qd2 Re4 19.Ne5 Bxe5 20.dxe5  
Qe6 21.Rad1 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Rf7 23.Qe3 Rd7 24.Rd1 b6 25.Bf6 Nd8  
26.Bxd8 Rxd8 27.c4 c5 28.cxd5 Rxd5 29.Qb3 Diagram



29...c4 30.Qf3 Rxd1+ 31.Qxd1 a5 32.a4 g5 33.Qd8+ Kg7 34.Qc7+? Kg6 35.fxg5  
hxg5 36.Kg1 f4 37.Kf2 Kf5 38.Kf3 Qd5+ 39.Kf2 Qd2+ 40.Kf1 Qc1+ 41.Kf2 Qxb2+  
42.Kf1 Qc1+ 43.Kf2 Qe3+ 44.Kf1 c3 45.Qh7+ Kxe5 46.Qe7+ Kd4 47.Qd6+ Kc4  
48.Qc6+ Kb3 49.Qb5+ Kc2 0-1

**Morabito,Matthew (1760) - Kulbacki,James (2005) [C00] French Defense**

1993 East Detroit Open (2), 1993

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.d3 dxe4 4.dxe4 Qxd1+ 5.Kxd1 Nf6 6.Nc3 Bc5 7.Ke2 b6 8.Be3  
Ba6+ 9.Kd2 Bb4 10.Bd3 Bb7 11.Rhe1 Nxe4+ 12.Bxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd4 Bxf3 14.gxf3  
Nc6 15.Bxg7 0-0-0+ 16.Ke2 Nd4+ 17.Kf1 Rhg8 18.Bxd4 Rxd4 19.Re3 Rh4 20.Ne4  
Rxb2 21.Ke2 Be7 22.f4 h5 23.Rd1 h4 24.Rdd3 f5 25.Ng5 Bxg5 26.fxg5 Rxb2  
27.Rxe6 Rh5 28.Rd5 h3 29.Rf6 Rh1 30.Rdxf5 Rxf5 31.Rxf5 h2 32.Rh5 Rc1  
33.Rxb2 Rxc2+ 34.Ke3 Rxb2 35.Rh8+ Kb7 36.f4 Rxa2 37.f5 Ra1 38.f6 Rf1  
39.Rh6 a5 40.Kd4 a4 41.Kc4 Rf3 42.Kd5 a3 43.Ke6 Rf1 44.Rh2 b5 45.f7 b4  
46.Ra2 Kb6 47.Ra1 Rf2 48.Ke7 Kb5 49.Ra2 Rf3 50.Rc2 c5 51.Kd6 Rxf7  
52.Rxc5+ Ka4 0-1

**Morabito,Matthew (1890) - Vandivier,Don (1985) [B79]Sicilian Dragon-Yugoslav Attack**

1994 Motor City Open (1), 01.03.1994

1.Nc3 c5 2.e4 d6 3.Nf3 g6 4.Bc4 Bg7 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Nf6 7.Be3 0-0 8.f3 Nc6  
9.Qd2 Bd7 10.O-O-O Qa5 11.Kb1 Ne5 12.Bb3 Rfc8 13.Nd5 Qxd2 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6  
15.Rxd2 Nc4 16.Bxc4 Rxc4 17.Ne2 a6 18.Rhd1 Rac8 19.Nf4 Be6 20.Nxe6 fxe6  
21.c3 b5 22.Bd4 Bg5 23.Re2 Kf7 24.e5 b4 25.b3 Rxc3 26.Bxc3 bxc3 27.Kc2 Bf4  
28.g3 Bxe5 29.f4 Bf6 30.Re4 d5 31.Re2 d4 32.g4 Rd8 33.g5 Bg7 34.Kd3 Rd5  
35.Rde1 e5 36.h4 Ke6 37.b4 Kf5 38.fxe5 Bxe5 39.a4 e6 40.Re4 Bf4 41.Rxe6 c2  
42.Kxc2 d3+ 43.Kd1 Rd4 44.Rf6+ Kg4 45.b5 axb5 46.axb5 Rb4 47.Rxf4+ Kxf4  
48.Kd2 Rxb5 49.Re7 h5 50.gxh6 Rh5 51.h7 Rxh4 52.Kxd3 Rh3+ 53.Ke2 g5  
54.Rf7+ Ke5 55.Kf2 Ke6 56.Ra7 Kf6 57.Kg2 Rh4 58.Kg3 Kg6 59.Rb7 Rh1 60.Kg2  
Rxh7 61.Rxh7 Kxh7 62.Kh3 Kg7 63.Kg2 Kf6 64.Kf2 g4 65.Kg3 Kf5 66.Kg2 Kf6  
67.Kg3 Kg5 68.Kg2 Kf4 69.Kf2 g3+ 70.Kg2 Kg4 71.Kg1 Kh3 72.Kh1 ½-½

**Morabito,Matthew (1905) - Kitts,Gary (2000) [C02] French Defense, Advance Var.**

1996 Michigan Open Championships, 23.03.1996

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Bd3 Bd7 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 a5  
9.Nbd2 f6 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.Nb3 0-0 12.Nxc5 Qxc5 13.Re1 Ng4 14.Be3 Qd6  
15.Bxh7+ Kh8 16.Bc2 Rae8 17.Qd3 Nf6 18.Bg5 e5 19.Nh4 e4 20.Qg3 Qxg3  
21.hxg3 Kg8 22.Ng6 Rf7 23.Be3 Ne5 24.Nxe5 Rxe5 25.Bb3 Be6 26.Rad1 Kf8  
27.f3 exf3 28.Bc5+ 1-0**

## 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 5/14/17**

<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
Oriel, Paul	1569
Scholfield, Chris	1503
Webb, Austin	1406
Beneker, Gerrit	1380
Muir, Josh	1105
Albany, Ethan	1100
Nowiski, Adam	969
Best, Don	890
Best, Liam	705
Allen, Carson	700

### **USCF Ratings as of 5/14/17**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andrew	2121
Gregg, Alan	1948
West, Tony	1896
Morabito, Matt	1848
Rutkofske, Lon	1834
Lahr, Frederick	1809
Jones, G. Avery	1689
Wingrove, Bill	1602
Roome, Eric	1546
Bedy, Noel	1529
Webb, Austin	1406P

### **PHCC Speed Ratings as of 5/22/17**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andrew	2249
Gregg, Alan	1957
Roome, Eric	1916
Rutkofske, Lon	1834
West, Tony	1815
Lahr, Frederick	1812
Morabito, Matt	1796
Jones, G. Avery	1640
Wingrove, Bill	1564
Webb, Austin	1562
Scholfield, Chris	1552
Oriel, Paul	1500
Bedy, Noel	1456
Nowiski, Adam	1364
Beneker, Gerrit	1287
Muir, Josh	1284
Albany, Ethan	1100
Best, Don	890
Best, Liam	705
Allen, Carson	700

## **Calendar of Events:** Note the change for the First Thursday of Each Month.

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**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:**

**June 8,22,29** PHCC/USCF Rated G/90 Mini-Swiss - EF: \$5.00 /under-19 = \$2.50. Time controls: G/90, 5 sec. delay; Rounds begin at 7:00 PM on June 8, 22nd, and 29th. One round each Thursday. Each player must keep score. Please email Lon to let him know if you plan to play. Prizes based on 6 players: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$20; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$10. You must be USCF rated and be a member of the PHCC to participate. *(Please note the dates!!)*

**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.