



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>

Morabito takes it to the house - schools the Thursday Crew

Matt Morabito made them all sit up and take notice as he blew the competition away in the September-October USCF Rated Round Robin. As the crosstable below shows, the only blemish on his record was his second round draw with **Josh Muir** who parlayed a 100+ points in this outing! Botching a perfect pairing with White against both Avery and Matt, Lon's tournament went the way of the Dodo, managing only three points to sneak into third. The story of the tournament though, had to be the strong play of Josh Muir who gave every opponent a run for their money-kudos to the Marysville Mauler!!!

2017 PHCC Sep/Oct USCF/PHCC RR -- Standings

#	Name/Rtng/ID	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5
2	Matthew Morabito	B 1	W 6	B 4	W 3	W 5
	1825 12577179	1.0	1.5	2.5	3.5	4.5
3	George Jones	W 6	W 5	B 1	B 2	W 4
	1623 12577178	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.5
1	Lonnie Rutkofske	W 2	B 4	W 3	B 5	W 6
	1839 10288347	0.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0
6	Joshua Muir	B 3	B 2	W 5	W 4	B 1
	1469 16403982	0.0	0.5	1.5	2.5	2.5
4	William Wingrove	B 5	W 1	W 2	B 6	B 3
	1616 12181760	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0
5	Noel Bedy	W 4	B 3	B 6	W 1	B 2
	1541 12626193	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

Ryan Urick sweeps the field in the October 19th Handicap Speed Tournament

This tournament was a warm-up for the October 26th PHCC Speed Championships. It handicapped higher rated players by assessing them less time than their opponents according the following formula: A. Difference in rating 100 points or less - no time penalty -5 minutes each; B. Difference in the rating of between 101-200, lower rated player gets 5 minutes, higher rated gets only 4 minutes; C. Difference in the rating of greater than 200 points, lower rated player gets 6 minutes, higher rated gets 4 minutes.

It appeared from the onset that no amount of time penalty could derail the juggernaut that was **Ryan Urick** as he effortlessly smashed the hopes and ratings of anyone crossing his path with a perfect 10-0 score to claim the \$20 first prize. Trailing woefully behind were **Alan Gregg** and **Josh Muir** who tied for 2nd/3rd place scraps.

The remaining trio of contestants weren't even invited to the table as they managed to amass only 10 points collectively in this unrated event!

DRR Handicap Speed Tnmt -- Standings

#	Name/Rtng/ID	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5
2	Ryan Urick 1847	1	6	4	3	5
		2.0	4.0	6.0	8.0	10.0
1	Alan Gregg 1968	2	4	3	5	6
		0.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0
6	Joshua Muir 1261	3	2	5	4	1
		2.0	2.0	4.0	4.0	5.0
3	Lonnie Rutkofske 1797	6	5	1	2	4
		0.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	4.0
4	Matthew Morabito 1794	5	1	2	6	3
		1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	3.0
5	G. Avery Jones 1587	4	3	6	1	2
		1.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0

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!

Bedy,Noel (1541) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1839) [B06] Modern Defense

2017 Sep-Oct USCF Rated RR Port Huron (4), 28.09.2017

1.e4 g6 2.d4 d6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nd7 5.Be3 a6 6.a4 e5 7.Bc4 h6 8.Qd2 Ne7 9.dxe5 Bxe5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Bb3 g5 12.0-0-0 Be6 13.f4 gxf4 14.Bxf4 Bxb3 15.Bxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8+ Rxd8 17.Rxd8+ Kxd8 18.cxb3 c6 19.Rf1 Rh7 20.Nd1 Ng8 21.Rf5 f6 22.Ne3 Kd7 23.Kd2 Ke6 24.g4 Rd7+ 25.Ke2 Rd4 26.Rh5 Rxe4 27.Kf3 Rb4 0-1

Muir,Joshua (1469) - Wingrove,William (1616) [D94] Grunfeld Defense

2017 Sep-Oct USCF Rated RR Port Huron (4), 28.09.2017

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.cxd5 Rd8 10.Qb3 Nb4 11.Bd2 Qxc5 12.Na4 Qxd5 13.Bc4 Qf5 14.Bxf7+ Kf8 15.Bxb4 Rd3 16.Nc3 a5 17.Nd4 Qe5 18.Ba3 a4 19.Qc4 Bf5 20.Nxf5 Qxf5 21.Be6 b5 22.Bxf5 bxc4 23.Bxd3 cxd3 24.Rfd1 Rd8 25.Nxa4 Ng4 26.Nc5 Ke8 27.Ne6 Rd5 28.Nxg7+ Kf7 29.Rd2 Kxg7 30.Bxe7 Rd7 31.Bb4 Kf7 32.Rad1 Ne5 33.Bc3 1-0

Morabito,Matthew (1825) - Jones,G. Avery (1623) [A11] English Opening

2017 Sep-Oct USCF Rated RR Port Huron (4), 28.09.2017

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.d3 e5 7.0-0 h6 8.a3 Bd6 9.Nc3 Be6 10.Bd2 0-0 11.b4 a6 12.b5 Ne7 13.a4 d4 14.bxa6 dxc3 15.axb7 Rb8 16.Bxc3 Nfd5 17.Bxe5 Rxb7 18.a5 Qd7 19.a6 Ra7 20.Bd4 Raa8 21.e4 Nb4 22.a7 Nec6 23.Be3 Bh3 24.d4 Rxa7 25.Rxa7 Nxa7 26.d5 Bxg2 27.Kxg2 Re8 28.e5 Bb8 29.d6 Nac6 30.Qd2 f6 31.exf6 Qxd6 32.fxg7 Qxd2 33.Bxd2 Kxg7 34.Bc3+ Kh7 35.Rd1 Re7 36.h4 Rf7 37.Ne1 Ba7 38.f3 Bc5 39.g4 Na2 40.Bb2 Nab4 41.Rc1 Bb6 42.Ba3 Ba5 43.Rc5 Bb6 44.Rb5 Bd4 45.Bxb4 Nxb4 46.Rxb4 Bc3 Time 1-0

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1839) - Muir,Joshua (1469) [A03] Bird's Opening

2017 Sep-Oct USCF Rated RR Port Huron (5), 05.10.2017

1.f4 c5 2.b3 d5 3.Bb2 Nc6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.e3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Na3 a6 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.fxe5 Nd7 11.d4 b5 12.c4 dxc4 13.bxc4 b4 14.Nc2 Qc7 15.Ne1 Nb6 16.Rc1 Bb7 17.Nf3 Rad8 18.Qc2 Bh6 19.Kf2 Bxf3 20.Bxf3 cxd4 21.Bxd4 Rxd4 22.exd4 Bxc1 23.Rxc1 Rd8 24.c5 Nd5 25.Qc4 Qc6 26.Bxd5 Qxd5 27.Qxd5 Rxd5 28.Ke3 Rd8 29.c6 Rc8 30.d5 Kf8 31.Kd4 Ke8 32.d6 exd6 33.exd6 Kd8 34.Kc5 a5 35.Rf1 f5 36.Re1 a4 37.c7+ 1-0

Jones,G. Avery (1623) - Wingrove,William (1616) [A45] Trompowsky's Attack

2017 Sep-Oct USCF Rated RR Port Huron (5), 05.10.2017

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 g6 3.h3 Bg7 4.e3 d5 5.Be2 a6 6.Nd2 b5 7.c3 h5 8.Ngf3 Nc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bd3 Nd7 11.Bg5 Qe8 12.e4 dxe4 13.Bxe4 Bb7 14.Re1 Nf6 15.Bd3 Qd7 16.a3 e6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Ne4 Be7 19.Qe2 Rad8 20.Rad1 Kg7 21.Bc2 Na5 22.Nc5 Bxc5 23.dxc5 Qe7 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Qe5+ Kg8 26.Qg5 Qxg5 27.Nxg5 Rd2 28.Be4 ½-½

Morabito,Matthew (1825) - Bedy,Noel (1541) [A13] English Opening

2017 PHCC Sep-Oct USCF RR Port Huron (5), 12.10.2017

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c6 4.c4 e6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.b3 Bg4 7.Bb2 Nbd7 8.0-0 Be7
9.d3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Qc2 Qc7 12.e3 Rad8 13.h3 Bh5 14.Rac1 Bd6 15.Nd4
Qb8 16.Nf5 Bg6 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.Nf3 h6 19.Bd4 a6 20.Rfd1 Rc8 21.Bc5 Nxc5
22.Qxc5 Qxc5 23.Rxc5 Bh5 24.Rdc1 Bg6 25.R5c3 Rcd8 26.b4 Nd7 27.d4 Be4
28.Nd2 Bxg2 29.Kxg2 Re6 30.a4 Nb6 31.Ra3 Nd7 32.b5 axb5 33.axb5 cxb5
34.Rb3 Rb6 35.Rcb1 Rb8 36.Rxb5 Rxb5 37.Rxb5 Nf6 38.Nb1 Kf8 39.Nc3 Ke7
40.Nxd5+ Nxd5 41.Rxd5 b5 42.Rc5 Kd6 43.Kf1 b4 44.Ke2 b3 45.Rc1 f5 46.Kd3
b2 47.Rb1 g5 48.Kc3 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 10/24/17

Name	Rating
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
Roome, Eric	1641
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 10/24/17

Name	Rating
Gregg, Alan	1948
West, Tony	1896
Morabito, Matt	1848
Rutkofske, Lon	1818
Lahr, Frederick	1800
Webb, Austin	1723P12
Jones, G. Avery	1665
Muir, Joshua	1600P8
Wingrove, Bill	1579
Roome, Eric	1546
Bedy, Noel	1501

PHCC Speed Ratings as of 10/24/17

Name	Rating
Gregg, Alan	1968
Roome, Eric	1916
Urick, Ryan	1847
West, Tony	1815
Lahr, Frederick	1812
Rutkofske, Lon	1797
Morabito, Matt	1794
Muir, Josh	1600
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
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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:

October 26 - PHCC SPEED CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Port Huron Chess Club's 36th Annual Speed Championship Tournament will be held on Thursday, October 26th beginning at 7:00 PM. Registrations will determine the number of rounds and prizes. PHCC membership required. Entry fee will be \$5.00 for adults/\$2.50 for juniors. Please contact Lon if you plan to play. There will be no registrations on-site. If you intend to play, contact Lon before October 26th.

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. United States Chess Federation memberships are available through the club.