



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>

Rutkofske Captures April Action Event, as Gregg is away on a tour of the South!

Lon Rutkofske was quick to take advantage of reigning club champion, **Alan Gregg's** , absence (He and his wife, Joyce, were attending a niece's wedding in Florida.) to slip by the stellar performance of **Josh Muir** nosing out his youthful rival in a dash for the first place cash at the PHCC's inaugural April Quick/Action tournament. Winning a piece late in the middle game after Lon had a pawn advantage in a seemingly dominating position , the streaking youngster, short on time, faltered early in the ending, unable to convert his advantage over the wily septuagenarian. Only **Avery Jones** sported the field's singular quick chess rating, sharing second place spoils with club mates **Stu Wilkinson** and Josh!

In the idea floated by Alan Gregg, the club intends a reprise of this single evening competition by featuring a pair of similar monthly events in May and June as Michigan's summer hopefully approaches!

2018 PHCC April Action Tnmt -- Standings

#	Name/Rtng/ID	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3
6	Lonnie Rutkofske unr. 10288347	W 2 1.0	B 4 1.5	W 7 2.5
1	George Jones 1476 12577178	W 4 0.0	bye 1.0	B 3 2.0
4	Stewart Wilkinson unr. 12454555	B 1 1.0	W 6 1.5	B 5 2.0
7	Joshua Muir unr. 16403982	B 5 1.0	W 3 2.0	B 6 2.0
5	Matthew Morabito unr. 12577179	W 7 0.0	B 2 1.0	W 4 1.5
2	William Wingrove unr. 12181760	B 6 0.0	W 5 0.0	bye 1.0
3	Gerrit Beneker unr.	bye 1.0	B 7 1.0	W 1 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.

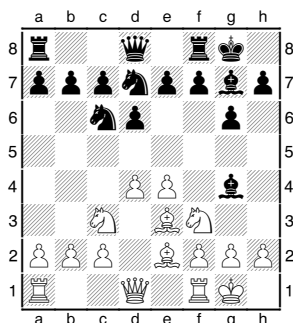
Upon completion of the PHCC April Action Mini-Swiss the usual suspects reassembled at Buffalo Wild Wings as is customary to conclude our evening of chess, evaluating the best games of the 2018 US Championships and commiserating over the deplorable state of world affairs, once again managing to solve these critical issues in an hour's time!

Stu Wilkinson, the PHCC's resident sage and purveyor of all things old and new interjected a comment regarding the first round victory of Akobian over Onischuck by employing a masterful treatment of the Dutch Defense. As a part of the ensuing conversation, he also posited a assessment that roughly compared that game to the upset victory of Avery Jones over Matt Morabito from the 2013 PHCC Championships which featured Avery's spectacular effort against Matt's pet line of the Pirc Defense. Even Matt, sitting with us had to credit Avery with his creative play, so I thought it appropriate to resurrect this game in this issue of Chess Chatter! Enjoy!

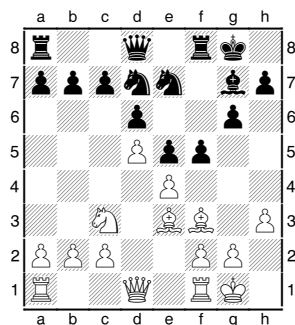
Jones,G. Avery (1557) - Morabito,Matthew (1698) [B08] Classical Pirc

2013 PHCC Championships Port Huron, MI (3), 31.01.2013 [Lon Rutkofske/Fritz 12]

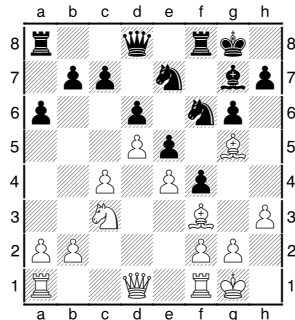
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 [It is interesting to note, that ever since Bob Wilson played regularly at the PHCC in the 1970's has the Pirc been played in Championships tournaments, and here on the very same day, it is played twice.] **2...g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Bg5** [Fritz pretty much give White a slight edge. Since the Pirc is a rather passive opening, it is essential that Black look for opportunities to counter-attack. Most of the time, it appears that Black's plan is to undermine the White center by inviting him to advance his central pawns.] **5...0-0 6.Bd3 Bg4 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Be2 Nd7** [8...h6 Fritz 12: 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Nd5 e6 11.Nxf6+ Qxf6 12.c3 a5 13.Qd2 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Kg7 15.Qd3 Rfe8 16.Rfe1 Ra6 17.e5 dxe5 18.Bxc6 0.26/16] **9.Be3** Diagram



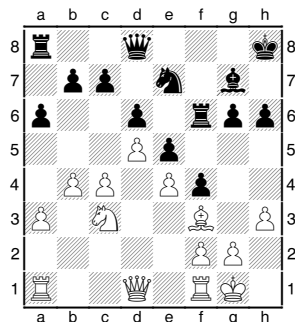
9...e5 [Fritz 12: 9...Re8 10.d5 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nce5 12.Be2 Nb6 13.Rb1 Nec4 14.Bxb6 Nxb6 15.Bb5 Nd7 16.Qd2 e6 17.dxe6 0.51/14] **10.d5 Ne7 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 f5** Diagram



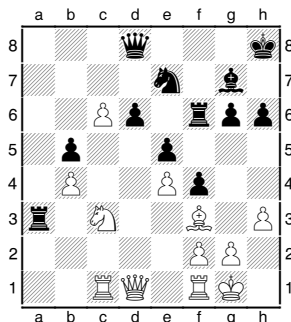
[At this point, it appears that Black is going to be successful in breaking up the White central pawns and freeing his position.] **13.Bg5 f4** [Fritz 12: 13...Nf6 14.Qd3 Qd7 15.Qc4 fxe4 16.Nxe4 Nf5 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Bg4 Bh4 19.g3 Be7 0.74/16] **14.Nb5** [Fritz 12: 1) 14.Qe2 h6 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Qc4 Nb6 17.Qd3 a5 18.a3 Bf6 19.Bg4 Nd7 20.b4 Kg7 21.Nb5 h5 22.Be6 0.73/16 ; Fritz 12: 2) 14.h4 h6 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.h5 g5 17.Bg4 a5 18.Qd3 Nc5 19.Qc4 Rfe8 20.Rfe1 Qf7 21.Na4 Nxa4 22.Qxa4 Bf6 0.71/16 ; Fritz 12: 3) 14.Qd3 h6 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Qb5 Nf6 17.Rfe1 Rab8 18.Rad1 a6 19.Qc4 Qd7 20.Rd2 Rfe8 21.Rdd1 0.69/16] **14...Nf6 15.c4 a6 16.Nc3** Diagram



[Actually, White has done an exceptional job of strengthening his center and will eventually trade his black squared Bishop for one of the Knights...and in such a closed position, it appears that his white squared bishop will have free reign behind the Q-side pawn chain. Black is still struggling to open up the position.] **16...Kh8?** [A rather mysterious tempo waster. I would think that a better choice might be 16...Qb8.] [Fritz 12: 16...h6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Qb3 Rb8 19.Rad1 h5 20.Rfe1 Kg7 21.Rd2 Qd7 22.Rc1 Ra8 23.Rd3 c6 24.c5 dxc5 25.d6 Rh8 0.91/18] **17.a3 h6 18.Bxf6 Rxf6?** [Fritz 12: 18...Bxf6 19.Qb3 Rb8 20.Rad1 h5 21.Rfe1 Kg7 22.Qb4 c6 23.Rd2 Qd7 24.Rc1 Rfc8 25.Qb6 cxd5 0.93/15] **19.b4** Diagram



[Black's 18th move seems to be a mistake, because it appears his K-side attack will be too little, too late, and he is very weak on the critical White squares.] **19...c6 20.Rc1 b5** [To me, this is a critical error, because now he has two pieces completely out of play on f6 and g7.] [Fritz 12: 1) 20...b6 21.Qd3 a5 22.h4 h5 23.Be2 axb4 24.axb4 Rf8 25.Ra1 cxd5 26.Nxd5 Nxd5 27.Qxd5 Kh7 28.Qb7 Rb8 29.Qc6 Qxh4 1.24/15 ; Fritz 12: 2) 20...a5 21.c5 axb4 22.axb4 Rf8 23.Qd3 cxd5 24.exd5 Ra3 25.Qc4 Nf5 26.c6 Nd4 27.cxb7 Qd7 1.26/15 ; Fritz 12: 3) 20...Kh7 21.c5 a5 22.Qd3 Rf7 23.Rfe1 cxd5 24.exd5 axb4 25.axb4 Ra3 26.Qc4 Nf5 27.Nb5 Ra4 28.Ra1 Ra6 1.33/15] **21.cxb5 axb5 22.dxc6 Rxa3** Diagram



[The fateful miscue, that costs Black the game.] **23.c7!!** [Fritz 12: 23.c7 Qc8 24.Bg4 Qxc7 25.Nxb5 Qb7 26.Nxa3 Qxe4 27.Rc7 Nf5 28.Nc4 Nh4 29.f3 Qd4+ 30.Qxd4 exd4 31.Re1 d5 6.58/19] **23...Qa8 24.Nd5 Nc8 25.Nxf6 Bxf6 26.Bg4** [Avery does a nice job of punishing Matt for developing his R to f6! and finishes off the game nicely.] **26...Be7 27.Qd5 Qxd5 28.exd5 Ra8 29.Ra1 1-0**

Morabito,Matthew - Muir,Joshua [B24] Closed Sicilian

2018 PHCC April Action Mini-Swiss G/25 Port Huron (1), 19.04.2018

1.Nf3 c5 2.d3 d5 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 Nc6 6.Nc3 e6 7.e4 Nge7 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 exd5 10.Re1+ Be6 11.Ng5 Qd7 12.Qf3 0-0 13.c3 Rad8 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Qg4 Ne5 16.Qd1 Qb5 17.Rxe5 Bxe5 18.Qe2 Bg7 19.Qxe6+ Kh8 20.Bf1 Qd7 21.Qxd7 Rxd7 22.Bf4 Re8 23.Be3 d4 24.cxd4 Bxd4 25.Bxd4+ Rxd4 26.Rc1 b6 27.Kg2 Kg7 28.Rc3 Kf6 29.Ra3 Re7 30.f4 h6 31.Kf2 g5 32.fxg5+ hxg5 33.Bg2 g4 34.Be4 Ke5 35.Ke3 Rf7 36.Rc3 Rf1 37.Rc2 c4 38.Rxc4 Rxc4 39.dxc4 1-0

Rutkofske,Lonnie - Wingrove,William [A30] Symmetrical English

2018 April Action Mini-Swiss G/25 d/3 Port Huron (1), 19.04.2018

1.c4 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d3 Nc6 5.e3 e6 6.Nc3 Nge7 7.Nge2 Rb8 8.0-0 0-0 9.a4 a6 10.d4 cxd4 11.exd4 d5 12.Bf4 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.c5 Ra8 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Qxd5 Qxd5 17.Bxd5 Nd3 18.Bd6 Re8 19.Nf4 Nxf4 20.gxf4 Ra7 21.Bb8 Ra8 22.Bc7 Bf5 23.Bxb7 Ra7 24.c6 Re2 25.Bb6 Bxb2 26.Bxa7 Be4 27.Rae1 Rxe1 28.Rxe1 Bf3 29.c7 Bxb7 30.c8Q+ Bxc8 31.Re8+ Kg7 32.Rxc8 Ba3 33.Rc6 a5 34.Bb6 Bb4 35.Bd4+ 1-0

Muir,Joshua - Beneker,Gerrit [A43] Schmid Benoni

2018 PHCC April Action Mini-Swiss G/25 Port Huron (2), 19.04.2018

1.d4 c5 2.Nf3 cxd4 3.Nxd4 e5 4.Nf3 d5 5.Nxe5 Nf6 6.e3 a6 7.c4 Be6 8.Nc3 Bb4 9.Qa4+ Nfd7 10.Qxb4 Nxe5 11.cxd5 Bxd5 12.Nxd5 Qxd5 13.Be2 a5 14.Qb5+ Qc6 15.Qxe5+ Kf8 16.0-0 Nd7 17.Qf5 g6 18.Qf3 Qb6 19.b3 Ne5 20.Qe4 Re8 21.Qf4 h6 22.Bb2 g5 23.Qf5 f6 24.Bd4 Qb4 25.Qxf6+ Nf7 26.Rac1 h5 27.Bc4 Qxc4 28.Rxc4 Rh6 29.Qf3 Kg8 30.Qxb7 Rhe6 1-0

Wilkinson, Stewart - Rutkofske, Lonnie [B06] Modern Defense

2018 PHCC Action Mini-Swiss Port Huron G/25 d/3 (2), 19.04.2018

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d5 4.e5 Bg4 5.Be2 Bxf3 6.Bxf3 c5 7.c3 e6 8.0-0 Ne7 9.Be3 Nbc6
10.Qe2 c4 11.Nd2 Nf5 12.b3 Nxe3 13.Qxe3 cxb3 14.axb3 0-0 15.c4 dxc4 16.Bxc6 bxc6
17.Nxc4 Rb8 18.Rfb1 Qc7 19.Qe4 Rfd8 20.g3 Bf8 21.Ra6 Rd5 22.Rba1 Rxb3 23.Rxa7 Qb8
24.Ra8 Qb4 25.Ne3 Rxd4 26.Qxc6 Rb1+ 27.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 28.Kg2 Qe4+ 29.Qxe4 Rxe4
30.Ra5 Rb4 31.Kh1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Rutkofske, Lonnie - Muir, Joshua [E65] King's Indian Defense

2018 PHCC April Action Mini-Swiss G/25 d/3 Port Huron (3), 19.04.2018

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nf3 c5 5.Nc3 0-0 6.0-0 e6 7.d4 d6 8.dxc5 dxc5
9.Qc2 Nc6 10.Be3 Nd4 11.Bxd4 cxd4 12.Rad1 Qc7 13.Nb5 Qc5 14.Nfxd4 a6
15.Nb3 Qe5 16.Nc3 Rb8 17.Rd3 b6 18.Rfd1 Bb7 19.f3 Qc7 20.Na4 b5 21.Nac5
bxc4 22.Qxc4 Rfc8 23.e4 Bf8 24.Qd4 Bxc5 25.Nxc5 Qxc5 26.Qxc5 Rxc5 27.Rd8+
Rxd8 28.Rxd8+ Kg7 29.Rd2 Ne8 30.Bf1 Nc7 31.a4 a5 32.Kf2 Na6 33.Ke3 Nb4
34.Rd7 Ba6 35.Bh3 e5 36.Be6 Bc4 37.Rxf7+ Kh6 38.Bxc4 Rxc4 39.f4 Nc2+
40.Kd3 Rc5 41.fxe5 Ne1+ 42.Kd4 Rc2 43.e6 Nf3+ 44.Rxf3 Rc8 45.Ke5 Kg7
46.Rf7+ Kg8 47.Kf6 Rc2 48.Rg7+ Kf8 49.Rxh7 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 4/27/18

Name	Rating
Morris, Jason	2041
Gregg, Alan	1987
Rutkofske, Lon	1878
Wilkinson, Stu	1866
Morabito, Matt	1859
Jones, G. Avery	1782
Urick, Ryan	1700
Wingrove, Bill	1641
Muir, Josh	1567
Boucher, Dave	1565
Bedy, Noel	1518
Beneker, Gerrit	1380
Carey, Jay	1000

USCF Quick/Action Ratings as of 4/27/18

Name	Rating
Morris, Jason	2072
Rutkofske, Lon	1854P13
Wilkinson, Stu	1851P13
Morabito, Matt	1849P8
Gregg, Alan	1835
Muir, Josh	1625P23
Wingrove, Bill	1568P12
Jones, G. Avery	1476P23
Beneker Gerrit	1078P2

USCF Ratings as of 4/27/18

Name	Rating
Morris, Jason	2041
Gregg, Alan	1974
Wilkinson, Stu	1844
Rutkofske, Lon	1820
Morabito, Matt	1794
Jones, G. Avery	1673
Wingrove, Bill	1593
Muir, Joshua	1564P14
Bedy, Noel	1452
Boucher, Dave	1406

PHCC Blitz Ratings as of 4/27/18

Name	Rating
Morris, Jason	2070
Gregg, Alan	1968
Wilkinson, Stu	1929
Urick, Ryan	1874
Rutkofske, Lon	1808
Morabito, Matt	1782
Muir, Josh	1635
Wingrove, Bill	1531
Bedy, Noel	1529
Jones, G. Avery	1483
Beneker Gerrit	1268
Carey, Jay	1000

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.

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:

May,17th; June 21st - USCF/PHCC Rated Action Quads (or Mini-Swiss depending on registration) G/25 with 3 sec. delay EF: \$5.00 ...Prizes based on entries. A minimum of 4 participants will be necessary to hold the event. Please contact Lon via phone or email if you plan to register. Onsite registration 6:30-7:00PM - Play begins at 7:00 PM. Prizes: if Quad: 1st = \$15; if Mini-Swiss: Based on entries! (Recording games is optional, for players that wish to keep score, neither player is required to keep score if either has 5 minutes or less on their clock.)