



Chess Chatter

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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>

Mr. Jones's Excellent Adventure...

by G. Avery Jones



The Michigan Open chess tournament has been one of my favorite tournaments to participate in for the past 2 decades. It is always held on the Labor Day weekend and this year was no different. The venue was the Evergreen Resort in the city of Cadillac, Michigan.

I made an early commitment that I would attend, even though there would be a 3 hour drive to the tournament site. So, on Saturday morning at 4:30 a.m. the alarm goes off and I awaken promptly, only to fall back to sleep, re-awaking one hour later, screaming at myself for not following the plan. The 4:30 a.m. wake up was a deliberate effort on my part to beat holiday traffic, circumvent my propensity for tardiness, and get to the tournament on time, which was especially important this year since the first round of the 3 day schedule started at 9:30 a.m. Oh well! It's a quick shower, snack and I was out the door at 5:47.

The 3 hour drive was uneventful, no traffic at the bridge, friendly U.S. Customs agent and away I went. There was very little traffic going up North, which was a surprise, and using GPS, the arrival time in the Evergreen Resort parking lot was 9:25 a.m. The arrival time could have easily been 10 to 15 minutes earlier, but one of the goals of the original plan was no speeding tickets!!!

Round 1

LET THE GAMES BEGIN....

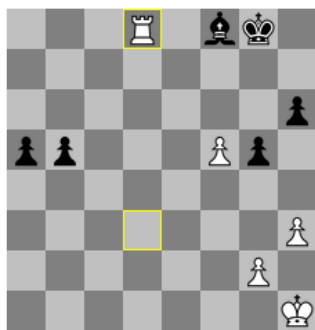
As usual with the Michigan Open, the tournament directors always aim for punctual start times, this time was no different. My first opponent was a young man [teenager] with the preposterous rating of 1198. Having struggled with the game of

chess since high school, now with a rating barely over 1600 in the U.S. and a Canadian rating of barely over 1500, let's just say "I have seen this movie before. Me the star, going down in flames, to a much lower rated player, who has a pet opening that he or she has been grooming and has mastered. We shall see..." The game proceeded as follows, a casual opening, no fireworks, we both just probe for opportunities.

Jones,George (1619) - Thompson,Samuel (1156) [A48] London System

2018 MI Championships - Reserve Cadillac, MI (1), 01.09.2018

1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.Bf4 Nf6 4.h3 0-0 5.e3 b6 6.Be2 Bb7 7.0-0 d5 8.Nbd2 e6 9.Ne5 Nbd7 My opponent starts to move his pawns forward from around his king. I see no decisive weaknesses as yet. **10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 g5** The first exchange of the game, followed by more development and advancement of pieces. **12.Bg3 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Nd7 14.Bh2 c5 15.c3 c4 16.Bf3 b5 17.e4 f5** I hear opportunity knocking and attack his rook with my bishop. My opponent pushes forward. I take his rook, he takes my bishop and a pawn. A series of skirmishes occur up to move 27, where I sense things are about to break open. **18.Bd6 dxe4 19.Bxf8 Nxf8 20.Be2 Ng6 21.Re1 Nf4 22.Bf1 Nd3 23.Bxd3 cxd3 24.f3 e5 25.fxe4 exd4 26.exf5 dxc3 27.bxc3 Bxc3 28.Qb3+ Qd5 29.Qxd5+ Bxd5** The queens are gone, we both have 3 major pieces, he has 5 pawns, I have 4. More skirmish occur until move 36; pieces are coming off the board left and right!, **30.Rad1 Bd4+ 31.Kh1 Bxa2 32.Nf3 Bc3 33.Re7 Bc4 34.Ne5 Bb4 35.Rd7 a5 36.Nxd3 Bxd3 37.R1xd3 Bf8 38.Rd8 Rxd8** By move 39, I have a rook and 3 pawns all on one side of the board; he has a bishop and 4 pawns - 2 of his pawns are ready to "go", their path is clear.**39.Rxd8 [Diagram] a4** My opponent has a won game, my king might as



well have been back in Canada, he could not have been farther from the action. Like I said, "I have seen this movie before", so I was determined to do the best with what I had.

In chess, sometimes your opponent does not make the move that you are terrified of. The pieces end up where they end up; my rook is keeping his king out of the action and his bishop is preventing check. His bishop is not performing to its full potential as bishops are prone to do when the board is clear. At the same time, his bishop is on the perfect square to support his pawns promotion efforts. Well, I said to my king "giddy-up". The race was on, his pawn heading down the board, my king racing across. Then, out of the blue, my opponent starts pushing his pawn on the other side of the board??? Upon seeing this, my king found another gear and "floored it"...5 king moves in sequence.**40.Kg1 b4 41.Kf1 h5 42.Ke1 h4 43.Kd1 Kf7** Finally, my king is in position to put up a fight, along with the rook. **44.Kc1 a3 45.Rb8 Be7 46.Kb1**

Kf6 47.Rb7 Kf7 48.Ka2 Kf6 My king has earned the royal title today by being willing to get his hands dirty. These pawns aren't going forward any more. More probing continued until move 52, and my opponent offered a draw and I accepted. Wow! "Lady Luck" smiled on me here, and I knew it. I decided that I would try to make it from here without her help. **49.Kb3 Bf8 50.Rb8 Be7 51.Rb7 Bd6 52.Rb5 ½-½**

Round 2

My opponent for Round 2 was a young man, not a teenager, with a rating of 1145, I doubt he had been around the sun 10 times. Anyway as I said earlier, "I have seen this movie before", and decided that I would play very carefully.

Jones,George (1619) - Liu,Aaron (1145) [D02] QP-Game

2018 MI Championships - Reserve Cadillac, MI (2), 01.09.2018

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.h3 Be7 5.e3 c5 6.c3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Re1 Rc8 I decided to force contact, and some exchanges took place. We are still even at move 24, my only edge is my opponent's pawns are in 3 islands, one island of 1 pawn. **11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Bxe4 14.Rxe4 Nf6 15.Re1 Nd5 16.Bh2 Bd6 17.Qa4 Bxh2+ 18.Nxh2 Ra8 19.dxc5 bxc5 20.Rad1 Qg5 21.Qg4 Qxg4 22.Nxg4 Rab8 23.Re2 Rfd8** Now I see an opportunity to double my rooks, and then working with my knight to try and increase my small advantage. I will make sure that his isolated pawn stays that way. My opponent misses the opportunity to neutralize my plan for the doubled rooks. Move 24 for him should have been -Rdc8, instead his move was Rbb7... there will be some discomfort.



24.Red2, he follows up with Rbb7?? [Diagram] **24.Red2 Rb7** I follow with the immediate c4! I gained a knight, and marched on to victory at move 50. **25.c4 h5 26.Ne3 Rdb8 27.cxd5 exd5 28.Nxd5 Rxb2 29.Ne7+ Kf8 30.Nc6 Rxd2 31.Rxd2 Ra8 32.Rd8+ Rxd8 33.Nxd8 Ke7 34.Nb7 c4 35.Kf1 Ke6 36.Ke2 Kd5 37.Ke3 Kc6 38.Nd8+ Kb5 39.Nxf7 a5 40.Kd2 Kb4 41.Ne5 c3+ 42.Kc2 a4 43.h4 Ka3 44.Kxc3 Kxa2 45.f3 a3 46.Nc4 g6 47.g4 hxg4 48.fxg4 Kb1 49.Nxa3+ Kc1 50.h5** I could have been more decisive at move 34, with 34. Nc6+ then follow up with Na7, which

would have given me a passed pawn, however in chess it is the end result that matters (1-0). Onward!

Round 3

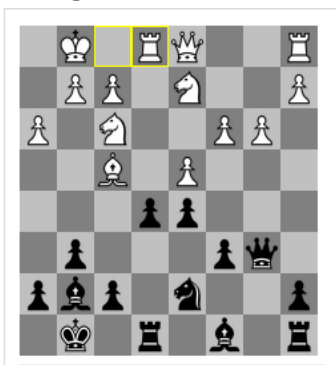
I have survived the 2 shortened time rounds without a loss. Now I planned to buckle down, and play solid chess. My opponent for this round, is a mature adult male about my age. I played him some years earlier; I believe we drew.

Grzegorzcyk,Ronald (1572) - Jones,George (1619) [B13] Caro-Kann: Exchange

2018 MI Championships - Reserve

Cadillac, MI (3), 01.09.2018

1.e4 c6 *Our game starts out without any fireworks in the opening* **2.d4 d5**
3.exd5 cxd5 **4.Nf3 Nc6** **5.c3 Nf6** **6.Be2 g6** **7.Bf4 Bg7** **8.0-0 0-0** **9.Nbd2 Re8**
10.h3 Nd7 **11.Bb5 Qb6** **12.Bxc6 bxc6** *At move 13, I start the conflict with the usual pawn advance in the centre to increase the scope of my pieces. The beauty of chess for me, is that as much as I play, the games are NEVER the same. The opportunity to learn (sometimes, the same lesson again and again) is always there.*
13.b3 e5 *Here my opponent saw that he can technically pin my central pawn push and win a rook IF I got greedy and captured. However, what is often forgotten in chess, is... one does not have to capture! Anyway, his rook is in place for the pin, and after much thought, I realize I don't have to capture. Realizing this, I casually advance the pawn without capturing. This one slow move was the most important of the game for me.***14.Re1** *[Diagram]* *To take or not to take...that is the question!*



14...e4 *I later anchored my knight at d3 anchored by that same pushed pawn, and was in control of the game from then on.***15.Nh2 Bb7** **16.Nhf1 Rac8** **17.Ne3 c5** **18.dxc5 Nxc5** **19.Ng4 h5** **20.Nh6+ Bxh6** **21.Bxh6 Nd3** **22.Be3 Qc6** **23.Rf1 a5** **24.Bd4 Ba6** **25.g4 Nf4** **26.c4 Nxh3+** **27.Kh1 Nf4** **28.gxh5 Qe6** *The second most important move!* **29.hxg6 Qh3+** **30.Kg1 Qg2#** **0-1** *Our game ended with checkmate. A beautiful game for me, because, I saw the pin, but I did something different here. I looked one*

move further, and saw that I can push the pawn and create some problems for my opponent. Wow! Not a bad first day! Tomorrow the hard work begins!

Round 4

My opponent for this round is a regular at the Michigan Open tournament. Not only is he last year's winner of the Reserve section, but we played some years ago in Philadelphia at the World Open, he won that contest. The game goes as most chess games usually do, with no fireworks in the opening. We probe and try to increase the scope of our pieces...some have left the board. We are both even, playing in my humble opinion, very solid chess.

Jones,George (1619) - Schilling,Patrick (1744) [A48] King's Indian Defense

2018 MI Championships - Reserve

Cadillac, MI (4), 02.09.2018

1.d4 Nf6 **2.Nf3 d6** **3.Bf4 g6** **4.h3 Bg7** **5.e3 0-0** **6.Be2 c5** **7.0-0 Nc6** **8.c3 b6**
9.Nbd2 Qc7 **10.Nb3 cxd4** **11.cxd4 Bb7** **12.Rc1 Qd7** **13.Nbd2 a6** **14.e4 b5**
15.a3 Rac8 **16.b4 Na7** **17.d5 Rxc1** **18.Qxc1 Rc8** **19.Qb1 Rc7** **20.Be3 Nc8**
21.Bd4 Ne8 **22.Bd3 Bxd4** **23.Nxd4 Nb6** **24.Rc1 e5** **25.dxe6 fxe6** *We are at*

move 27, and his king is entering the fray. The king does not make a time passing move, but he clearly intends to get into the action. I immediately, pull my forward knight back to f3 to give check if possible, or just harass the king. If my opponent misplays, I had a tactic that would bring things to a close. Regrettably, my opponents plays d5, and walks into Ne5 check, forking his Queen. **26.Rxc7 Nxc7 27.Qc2 Kf7 28.N4f3 d5?? [Diagram] 29.Ne5+ 1-0**



My opponent later tells me, that he does not want to put any pressure on me, but at the Michigan Open in the past, the players that beat him, went on to win the section!!! I thanked him , however his comments had little impact on me at all. I have been playing chess since high school, and have been going to tournaments since 1991, but my ratings are... sigh!!!

Round 5

My opponent for this round is a teenager, looks like he has been around the sun at least 16 times. He is the leader in the Reserve section, and where I have 1 draw, he has all victories. Thus far in this tournament, after 4 rounds, things are going according to plan for me. The quality of play is good... no blunders, and I see when others make poor moves. My time management seems solid...getting to games on time - good! I had a restful sleep and a hearty breakfast this morning. Our game began with the usual moves. However, by move 12, things started to take on a sinister turn. Pressure and heat is coming my way! My opponent's pieces are very prominent on the board, and mine are somewhat disorganized.

Bemben,Alexander (1639) - Jones,George (1619) [D94] Grunfeld

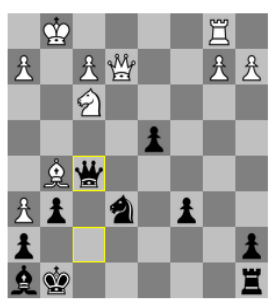
2018 MI Championships - Reserve Cadillac, MI (5), 02.09.2018

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e3 Bg7 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Re1 Nb6 9.c5 Nbd7 10.Rb1 Nh5 11.e4 e5 12.exd5 exd4 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.Ne4 Re8 15.Bc4 Re7 *It looks like I am going to lose a rook and pawn for a bishop and knight, and after that , it looks like white's remaining pieces will still have some major pull over the board. 16.Nd6 [Diagram] Here comes the heat!*



Nxc5 17.Nxf7 Qf8 *I decided not capture , and let my opponent capture, because if I capture, his queen will get into the fight, bringing more heat to my king. Also while this is going on, my queen has to dodge a knight that will move and unleash a discovered check from his bishop. I weather the storm , my queen has found a safe, lucky spot at f8. Simplification takes place, and we are even, 5 pawns and 6*

major pieces. That may seem like a lot of pieces to call simplification, but the pressure when the rook was on the board at e1 was incredible. I now think that a Qb3 move pre-attack - will have sealed it for my opponent. **18.Nh6+ Kh8** Anyway, I get the opportunity to simplify further, now 4 pieces (including queens) and 5 pawns are on the board. My opponent pushes forward, I now see opportunity! He has pushed his g pawn way down the board from in front of his king, secondly, he did not grab the e-file early with his queen and rook, his g pawn is now all the way to h6. My queen leaps to f5 and unleashed some threats to make up for all the hopping and skipping around that the knight and bishop had caused her earlier. **19.Rxe7 Qxe7 20.Bg5 Qf8 21.Nf7+ Kg8 22.g4 Be6 23.Bxe6 Nxe6 24.gxh5 Qxf7 25.h6 Bh8 26.Qe2 Qf5 [Diagram]**



My opponent only saw some of the threats, dropped a rook but was not finished. My opponent resigned at move 32. This game was a heart attack game for me, at the same time, I used something that I learned from game 3, I resisted the urge to capture. I allowed the game to come to me. Unbelievable! **27.h4 Qxb1+ 28.Kg2 Qf5 29.Qc4 Qd5 30.Qd3 Qxg5+ 31.Kf1 Qb5 32.Qxb5 cxb5 0-1**

Round 6

Things are going well! I am already assured of a plus score in this tournament. My play is solid as far as I am concerned, I had a good night's sleep, and a second wonderful complimentary breakfast. My opponent for the 6th round, is also a regular at the Michigan Open. We have played before and have had at least 1 draw. The game evolved as usual, no early fireworks. My opponent makes a mistake at move 13, and gave up a piece. I managed to hold on to the very end.

Schwiebert,Loren (1703) - Jones,George (1619) [B12] Caro-Kann

2018 MI Championships - Reserve Cadillac, MI (6), 03.09.2018

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 g6 4.c3 Bg7 5.exd5 cxd5 6.Ngf3 Nc6 7.Bb5 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Nd7 10.Nf1 Re8 11.Bf4 Qb6 12.Qa4 a6 [diagram] Here comes



13. Ne3?? Qb5!!13.Ne3?? Qxb5 14.Qxb5 axb5 15.Nxd5 Ra5 16.Nc7 Rf8 17.b4 Ra4 18.Nxb5 Nf6 19.Nd2 Nd5 20.Bg3 Bd7 21.Nb3 Ncxb4 22.Nc5 Bxb5 23.cxb4 Rxb4 24.Nxb7 Rxd4 25.Be5 Rd2 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.a4 Ba6 28.Nc5 Ra8 29.h3 e6 30.Nb3 Rb2 31.Nd4 Nb4 32.Red1 Nd3 33.f3 Nf4 34.Nb5 Rxg2+ 35.Kh1 Bxb5 36.axb5 Rxa1 37.Rxa1 Rb2 0-1

Round 7

Ahh... "the good life"! I arrived at the game room for the last game and other players in the Reserve section tell me that if I lose my last game, I would be tied with other players for first place with a score of 5.5, so my choices are: outright first, or tied for first. Wow! This is better than I had imagined. I think to myself "I should have been playing poker". My opponent for the last round was a teenager. We had played each other in a previous tournament. As the game starts, I am playing as per usual for this tournament. One thing that I notice as the game evolves, is that my opponent has set himself up for a beautiful knight fork. I am fixated on this possibility, however I miss the critical early crushing move 15. c3!! My opponent escaped and has taken a pawn.

Jones,George (1619) - Aldrich,Michael (1617) [A48] London System

2018 MI Championships - Reserve

Cadillac, MI (7), 03.09.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.e3 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.h3 Qe8 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Nc3 e5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nd4 Nc6 11.a3 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Nxd4 13.Bd3 Ne6 14.Re1



Bxb2 [Diagram] Here I should have played 15. c3,

followed by 16.Nf6+ winning the queen, or winning the

bishop.15.Rb1 Bg7 16.Bh6 Qc6 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Qf3

f5 19.Nd2 Qxf3 20.Nxf3 Nc5 21.Bc4 Re8 22.Nd4 b6

23.Bb5 Bd7 24.a4 a6 25.Bxd7 Nxd7 26.Ra1 Re5

27.Kf1 Rae8 28.Ra2 f4 29.Nf3 Rf5 30.e4 Ra5 31.Nd2

Nc5 32.f3 b5 33.Nb3 Rxa4 34.Rxa4 Nxa4 35.Ra1 Ra8

36.Kf2 c5 37.h4 Kf6 38.g3 I decided, to create a

distraction on the other side of the board 38.g3. f3g3+

39.Kxg3 Ke5 40.Kf2 c4 41.Na5 Nc5 42.Ke3 Re8 43.Nc6+ Kf6 44.Kd4 Ke6 45.Nb4 Rf8 46.Rf1 a5 47.Nd5 Rf7 48.e5 [Diagram]



a4 I try not to simplify. My opponent gets the queens off

the board ;he has an extra pawn, I have 3 islands, two of

my islands consist of 1 pawn, yippee...!?? The plan going

forward is to keep pieces on the board, one thing I notice

is my opponent is using a lot of time. More simplification

takes place. Now I am down 2 pawns, I decide to make well

thought out moves. Time is slowly becoming my friend. I

have 25 minutes, my opponent has 5. I call my king to the

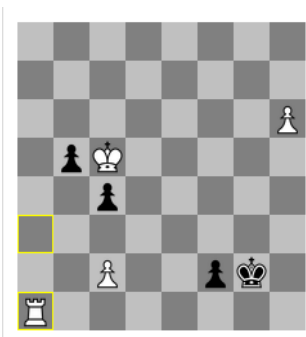
front line. The only other pieces on the board, other than pawns, are a rook and a knight for both of us. His pawns are ready to roll, 3 v 1. on the queen side. By move

47 my king is in the middle of the board, fighting valiantly! The action is now in the

centre of the board, I have taken the sting out of those passed pawns (3 v 1).

49.f4 h6 50.Rg1 dxe5+ 51.Kxc5 exf4 52.Rxg6+ Ke5 53.Rxh6 f3 54.Ne3 Rf6

*I have 22 minutes my opponent 3, things are happening. Time is on my side, and I get the feeling that "Lady Luck" is smiling on me, then it happens... my opponent plays - de5+! I immediately grab a juicy knight. I don't know if it was by design, but my opponent now has a pawn in the centre of the board, in front of his rook, and it is heading for f1. I quickly respond with a check, to add pressure, and to increase his usage of time. His King moves and his f pawn continues its march, now at f3. Black tries to simplify again and walks right into a knight fork of his king and rook 55. Ng4+, the game ended at move 62. **55.Ng4+ Ke4 56.Rxf6 a3 57.Ra6 Kf4 58.Nf2 Kg3 59.h5 Kxf2 60.Rxa3 Kg2 61.h6 f2 62.Ra1 [Diagram]1-0***



Final position of final game!

Wow! 6.5 out of 7. This is my best performance in tournament play. All that was left for me was to get the big trophy, have my picture taken, give interviews, and meet with a few dead presidents: specifically Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Jackson. Wow, a full weekend of chess and all expenses paid! That young man who gave me the heart attack game, and the gentleman who I had played at the World Open, tied with another player for 2nd place.

The drive home was not as uneventful as the drive up. Traffic, lots of it, was fast with a host of trailers being towed. The sky to the south lit up like daytime with lightning several times. I told myself if it started to rain, I was going to pull over to a restaurant and sit it out. Luckily, it did not start to rain until I got down to Flint, and started to drive East. By then, the traffic was very light. I was home before 10:00 p.m., bringing a very pleasant, successful weekend to a close.

I must give a "Big" shout out to the organizers of the 2018 Michigan Open Chess Tournament. This tournament also featured the Speed tournament and the Michigan Chess Association annual meeting - they did a fine job! Also a "Big" shout out to the regular members of the Port Huron Chess Club for sharpening me up for this year's Michigan Open Championships!!

Gregg Thumps Three in September Thematic Tourney

Alan Gregg made his return to PHCC tournament play a resounding success by securing a 2.5/3 score in the inaugural round robin event. Lon selected a Tarrasch Defense Queen's Gambit Declined as the initial theme with a G/25 with 3 second delay quick time control. Probably a longer time control would have been more beneficial for such an event, permitting participants the opportunity to record their moves and have more "think time" in what for those unaccustomed to this opening selection, but hopefully we will be able to hone this event into a more productive learning tool for everyone who plays. Lon recorded his "games" such as they were...ugly wart-like moves and all!!

Format for Thematic Tournament: Each player must play the position as white and as black beginning from the diagrammed position. Please play through each move together before you arrive at the diagrammed position and white can start black's clock once the position has been achieved!

Queen's Gambit Declined: Tarrasch Defense

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3. Nc3 c5 4.cd5 ed5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.00



Black to Play

2018 PHCC September Thematic Tournament -- Wall Chart

#	Name/Rtng/ID	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3
1	Alan Gregg 1968	W 4 1.0	W 2 2.0	B 3 2.5
2	Lonnie Rutkofske 1808	W 3 1.0	B 1 1.0	B 4 2.0
3	Joshua Muir 1636	B 2 0.0	B 4 1.0	W 1 1.5
4	George Avery Jones 1483	B 1 0.0	W 3 0.0	W 2 0.0

New timeline for the 2019 PHCC Championships in the works for 50th anniversary celebration- Please note date changes.

Tournament Director, **Lon Rutkofske** has been working with Port Huron Recreation Department supervisor, **Amanda Dickinson** to ring in the new year with a completely new calendar format to kick off the PHCC's 50th anniversary celebration.

In an effort to resolve the typical concerns revolving around a winter schedule for the customary PHCC Championships beginning in January, this year's plan aims to resolve this by hosting the event in a 5 round Swiss format, to be held on a single weekend beginning with the first round slated for 7:00pm. on Thursday, January 17th and the final four rounds (two each day with rounds at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.) on January 19th and 20th. The entire tournament will be held at our Palmer Park site and conclude with the awards ceremony following the completion of the final round on January 20th. Amanda's recommendation of reserving the following weekend (January 26-27) as a back up is a testament to the continued willing support of the PH Recreation Department.

Diane Rutkofske to offer new embroidered 50th Anniversary PHCC logo shirts for 2019!

Diane Rutkofske, obviously Lon's talented, better half, is quick to get on the 50th anniversary bandwagon with a special deal! She plans to offer interested PHCC members embroidered polo shirts with a new 50th anniversary logo for the coming year. You have probably seen some of her wonderful work on shirts worn by many members of our club, and we already have orders from **Stew Wilkinson**, **Bill Wingrove**, **Matt Morabito**, and of course, Lon for this 2019 version.

The embroidery fee will be around \$15 (*...less than the going market rate for embroidered designs.*), but Diane can purchase appropriate, quality polo shirts in a variety colors at a reasonable rate (\$15-\$20) that will of course be added to the total purchase price. Shown below is the present logo design, but with the new version thread colors may vary, dependent on the color of the shirt!



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. **(Please take time to review some of Alan Gregg's games featured in the latter part of this section as he***

participates in the 105th British Chess Championships – Over 65 Section. It is nice to see PHCC members involved in chess activities “across the pond”!)

Jones,George (1619) - Thompson,Samuel (1156) [A48] London System

2018 MI Championships - Reserve Cadillac, MI (1), 01.09.2018

1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.Bf4 Nf6 4.h3 0-0 5.e3 b6 6.Be2 Bb7 7.0-0 d5 8.Nbd2 e6
9.Ne5 Nbd7 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Nd7 14.Bh2 c5 15.c3 c4
16.Bf3 b5 17.e4 f5 18.Bd6 dxe4 19.Bxf8 Nxf8 20.Be2 Ng6 21.Re1 Nf4 22.Bf1 Nd3
23.Bxd3 cxd3 24.f3 e5 25.fxe4 exd4 26.exf5 dxc3 27.bxc3 Bxc3 28.Qb3+ Qd5
29.Qxd5+ Bxd5 30.Rad1 Bd4+ 31.Kh1 Bxa2 32.Nf3 Bc3 33.Re7 Bc4 34.Ne5 Bb4
35.Rd7 a5 36.Nxd3 Bxd3 37.R1xd3 Bf8 38.Rd8 Rxd8 39.Rxd8 a4 40.Kg1 b4
41.Kf1 h5 42.Ke1 h4 43.Kd1 Kf7 44.Kc1 a3 45.Rb8 Be7 46.Kb1 Kf6 47.Rb7 Kf7
48.Ka2 Kf6 49.Kb3 Bf8 50.Rb8 Be7 51.Rb7 Bd6 52.Rb5 ½-½

Jones,George (1619) - Liu,Aaron (1145) [D02] QP Game

2018 MI Championships - Reserve Cadillac, MI (2), 01.09.2018

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.h3 Be7 5.e3 c5 6.c3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 b6 8.0-0 Bb7
9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Re1 Rc8 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Bxe4 14.Rxe4 Nf6
15.Re1 Nd5 16.Bh2 Bd6 17.Qa4 Bxh2+ 18.Nxh2 Ra8 19.dxc5 bxc5 20.Rad1 Qg5
21.Qg4 Qxg4 22.Nxg4 Rab8 23.Re2 Rfd8 24.Red2 Rb7 25.c4 h5 26.Ne3 Rdb8
27.cxd5 exd5 28.Nxd5 Rxb2 29.Ne7+ Kf8 30.Nc6 Rxd2 31.Rxd2 Ra8 32.Rd8+
Rxd8 33.Nxd8 Ke7 34.Nb7 c4 35.Kf1 Ke6 36.Ke2 Kd5 37.Ke3 Kc6 38.Nd8+ Kb5
39.Nxf7 a5 40.Kd2 Kb4 41.Ne5 c3+ 42.Kc2 a4 43.h4 Ka3 44.Kxc3 Kxa2 45.f3 a3
46.Nc4 g6 47.g4 hxg4 48.fxg4 Kb1 49.Nxa3+ Kc1 50.h5 1-0

Grzegorzczuk,Ronald (1572) - Jones,George (1619) [B13] Caro-Kann: Exchange

2018 MI Championships - Reserve Cadillac, MI (3), 01.09.2018

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.c3 Nf6 6.Be2 g6 7.Bf4 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0
9.Nbd2 Re8 10.h3 Nd7 11.Bb5 Qb6 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.b3 e5 14.Re1 e4 15.Nh2 Bb7
16.Nhf1 Rac8 17.Ne3 c5 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Ng4 h5 20.Nh6+ Bxh6 21.Bxh6 Nd3
22.Be3 Qc6 23.Rf1 a5 24.Bd4 Ba6 25.g4 Nf4 26.c4 Nxh3+ 27.Kh1 Nf4 28.gxh5
Qe6 29.hxg6 Qh3+ 30.Kg1 Qg2# 0-1

Jones,George (1619) - Schilling,Patrick (1744) [A48] King's Indian Defense

2018 MI Championships - Reserve Cadillac, MI (4), 02.09.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bf4 g6 4.h3 Bg7 5.e3 0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.c3 b6 9.Nbd2
Qc7 10.Nb3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Bb7 12.Rc1 Qd7 13.Nbd2 a6 14.e4 b5 15.a3 Rac8
16.b4 Na7 17.d5 Rxc1 18.Qxc1 Rc8 19.Qb1 Rc7 20.Be3 Nc8 21.Bd4 Ne8 22.Bd3
Bxd4 23.Nxd4 Nb6 24.Rc1 e5 25.dxe6 fxe6 26.Rxc7 Nxc7 27.Qc2 Kf7 28.N4f3 d5
29.Ne5+ 1-0

Bemben,Alexander (1639) - Jones,George (1619) [D94] Grunfeld

2018 MI Championships - Reserve Cadillac, MI (5), 02.09.2018

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e3 Bg7 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Re1 Nb6
9.c5 Nbd7 10.Rb1 Nh5 11.e4 e5 12.exd5 exd4 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.Ne4 Re8 15.Bc4
Re7 16.Nd6 Nxc5 17.Nxf7 Qf8 18.Nh6+ Kh8 19.Rxe7 Qxe7 20.Bg5 Qf8 21.Nf7+
Kg8 22.g4 Be6 23.Bxe6 Nxe6 24.gxh5 Qxf7 25.h6 Bh8 26.Qe2 Qf5 27.h4 Qxb1+
28.Kg2 Qf5 29.Qc4 Qd5 30.Qd3 Qxg5+ 31.Kf1 Qb5 32.Qxb5 cxb5 0-1

Schwiebert,Loren (1703) - Jones,George (1619) [B12] Caro-Kann

2018 MI Championships - Reserve Cadillac, MI (6), 03.09.2018

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 g6 4.c3 Bg7 5.exd5 cxd5 6.Ngf3 Nc6 7.Bb5 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0
9.Re1 Nd7 10.Nf1 Re8 11.Bf4 Qb6 12.Qa4 a6 13.Ne3 Qxb5 14.Qxb5 axb5 15.Nxd5

Ra5 16.Nc7 Rf8 17.b4 Ra4 18.Nxb5 Nf6 19.Nd2 Nd5 20.Bg3 Bd7 21.Nb3 Ncxb4
 22.Nc5 Bxb5 23.cxb4 Rxb4 24.Nxb7 Rxd4 25.Be5 Rd2 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.a4 Ba6
 28.Nc5 Ra8 29.h3 e6 30.Nb3 Rb2 31.Nd4 Nb4 32.Red1 Nd3 33.f3 Nf4 34.Nb5
 Rxg2+ 35.Kh1 Bxb5 36.axb5 Rxa1 37.Rxa1 Rb2 0-1

Jones,George (1619) - Aldrich,Michael (1617) [A48] London System

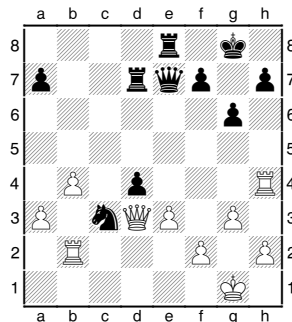
2018 MI Championships - Reserve Cadillac, MI (7), 03.09.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.e3 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.h3 Qe8 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Nc3 e5
 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nd4 Nc6 11.a3 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Nxd4 13.Bd3 Ne6 14.Re1 Bxb2
 15.Rb1 Bg7 16.Bh6 Qc6 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Qf3 f5 19.Nd2 Qxf3 20.Nxf3 Nc5
 21.Bc4 Re8 22.Nd4 b6 23.Bb5 Bd7 24.a4 a6 25.Bxd7 Nxd7 26.Ra1 Re5 27.Kf1
 Rae8 28.Ra2 f4 29.Nf3 Rf5 30.e4 Ra5 31.Nd2 Nc5 32.f3 b5 33.Nb3 Rxa4 34.Rxa4
 Nxa4 35.Ra1 Ra8 36.Kf2 c5 37.h4 Kf6 38.g3 fxg3+ 39.Kxg3 Ke5 40.Kf2 c4
 41.Na5 Nc5 42.Ke3 Re8 43.Nc6+ Kf6 44.Kd4 Ke6 45.Nb4 Rf8 46.Rf1 a5 47.Nd5
 Rf7 48.e5 a4 49.f4 h6 50.Rg1 dxe5+ 51.Kxc5 exf4 52.Rxg6+ Ke5 53.Rxh6 f3
 54.Ne3 Rf6 55.Ng4+ Ke4 56.Rxf6 a3 57.Ra6 Kf4 58.Nf2 Kg3 59.h5 Kxf2 60.Rxa3
 Kg2 61.h6 f2 62.Ra1 1-0

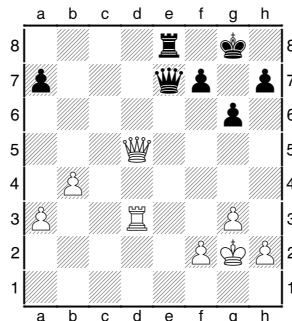
Rutkofske,Lonnie (1808) - Muir,Joshua (1636) [D34] QG Declined - Tarrasch

2018 September Thematic Tournament Port Huron (1), 20.09.2018

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0
 9.a3 Bf5 10.Ne5 Nxd4 11.Nd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Nb3 13.Rb1 Nxc1 14.Rfxc1 d4
 15.Bxb7?? Rb8 16.Na4 Rxb7 17.Nxc5 Bxc5 18.Rxc5 Rd7 19.b4 Qe7 20.Ra5 Re8
 21.Rb2 Ne4 22.Rh5 g6 23.Rh4 Nc3 24.e3 [Diagram]



24...Qf6?? [24...dxe3!! 25.Qxc3 e2 26.Rb1 Rd1+] 25.Rf4 Qc6 26.Rd2 Nb5??
 [26...dxe3!!] 27.e4 Qc3?? 28.Qxb5 Qxd2 29.Qxd7 Rf8 30.e5 d3 31.Rd4 Qc3
 32.Rxd3 Qxe5 33.Qd5 Qe7 34.Kg2 Re8 [Diagram]



35.Rf3 Qe4?? 36.Qxf7+ Kh8 37.Qf4 Qe7 38.Qf6+ Kg8 39.Qxe7 Rxe7 40.Rf4 Re2
 41.a4 Ra2 42.b5 Rb2 43.h4 Kg7 44.g4 h6 45.g5 Rb3 46.Rc4 h5 47.Rc7+ Kf8
 48.Rxa7 Ra3 1-0

Gregg,Alan (1968) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1808) [D34] QG Declined - Tarrasch

2018 September Thematic Tournament Port Huron (2), 20.09.2018

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0
9.e3 Re8 10.a3 a6 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.b4 Ba7 13.Qc2 h6 14.Bb2 Be6 15.Rad1 Rc8
16.Qb1 Qe7 17.Ne2 Red8 18.Qa1 Ne8 19.Ned4 f6 20.Nxe6 Qxe6 21.Rc1 Nd6
22.Rfd1 Nc4 23.Bd4 Nxd4 24.Nxd4 Qf7 25.Bh3 Bxd4 26.Qxd4 Rb8 27.Bg2 Nb6??
28.Qxb6 1-0

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1808) - Jones,George Avery (1483) [D34] QG Declined - Tarrasch

2018 September Thematic Tournament Port Huron (3), 20.09.2018

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0
9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Bg5 Be6 11.a3 Be7 12.Qc2 h6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Rad1 Qa5 15.e3
Rac8 16.Nd4 Nxd4 17.exd4 b5 18.Qd2 a6 19.Bxd5 Bg4 20.Ne2 Qd8 21.Bb3 Re8
22.f3 Bh3 23.Rfe1 Qb6 24.Kh1 a5 25.Nf4 Bg5 26.Qd3 Bxf4 27.gxf4 a4 28.Ba2 b4
29.Rg1 b3 30.Bb1 Qf6 31.Qh7+ Kf8 32.Qh8+ Ke7 33.Rde1+ Kd7 34.Rxe8 Rxe8
35.Qxg7 Qxf4 36.Qg3 Qxg3 37.hxg3 Re2 38.Bd3 Rxb2 39.Bb5+ Kd6 40.Bxa4 Kd5
41.Rd1 Bg2+ 42.Kg1 Bxf3 43.Rd3 Bg4 44.Rxb3 Re2 45.Rb5+ Ke4 46.Re5+ Kxd4
47.Rxe2 Bxe2 48.Kf2 Bg4 49.Bc6 Kc5 50.Be8 f5 51.a4 h5 52.Ke3 Kd5 53.Kf4
Kd6 54.Bb5 Kc5 55.Bd7 Kd6 56.Bb5 Kc5 57.Be8 Kd6 58.Bd7 58...Kc5?? [After
this blunder, Avery resigned!!] 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. (**Membership expirations: Beneker, Gerrit: May 2018; Morris, Jason: November, 2018**)

Calendar of Events:

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*. **Monthly Tournaments** will be held, usually on the third Thursday of the month, See the events schedule below for specifics!

2018 Events Schedule:

October 18th PHCC Speed Championships - The Port Huron Chess Club's 37th Annual Speed Championship Tournament will be held on Thursday, October 18th beginning at 7:00 PM. Registrations will determine the number of rounds and prizes. PHCC membership required. Entry fee will be \$5.00. Please contact Lon if you plan to play. There will be no registrations on-site. If you intend to play, contact Lon before October 18th.

November 15th – Duncan’s 18th Turkey Gobbler Tournament “fun tournament”: 6 rounds – featuring handicap speed, fixed positions, pre-selected openings, problem solving, G/15 events. EF\$ 5.00, prizes based on entries; Plaque for over-all champion: class prizes for each section (A fun event created by Bob Duncan in 1980.) ! A minimum of 4 participants will be necessary to hold the event. Please contact Lon via phone or email if you plan to register. Play begins at 7:00 PM.

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 Ratings as of 9/26/18

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Morris, Jason	2041
Gregg, Alan	1987
Rutkofske, Lon	1884
Wilkinson, Stu	1852
Morabito, Matt	1825
Jones, G. Avery	1778
Broyles, Tom	1692
Wingrove, Bill	1646
Muir, Josh	1610
Boucher, Dave	1565
Bedy, Noel	1590
Scholfield, Chris	1503
Beneker, Gerrit	1380
Claunch, Jackson	1325
Carey, Jay	1000
Kovatch, Eric	1000
Kovatch, Daniela	1000
Pirouz, Niko	997

PHCC Blitz Ratings as of 9/26/18

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Morris, Jason	2070
Gregg, Alan	1967
Wilkinson, Stu	1929
Rutkofske, Lon	1812
Morabito, Matt	1782
Broyles, Tom	1708
Muir, Josh	1651
Scholfield, Chris	1552
Wingrove, Bill	1531
Bedy, Noel	1529
Jones, G. Avery	1464
Claunch, Jackson	1312
Beneker, Gerrit	1268
Carey, Jay	1000
Pirouz, Niko	827
Kovatch, Eric	700
Kovatch, Daniela	500

USCF Ratings as of 9/26/18

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Morris, Jason	2041
Gregg, Alan	1964
Wilkinson, Stu	1830
Rutkofske, Lon	1828
Morabito, Matt	1762
Jones, G. Avery	1748
Broyles, Tom	1699
Wingrove, Bill	1627
Muir, Joshua	1548P17
Bedy, Noel	1516
Boucher, Dave	1406
Claunch, Jackson	1325
Pirouz, Niko	974
Kovatch, Eric	Unr
Kovatch, Daniela	Unr

USCF Quick/Action Ratings as of 9/26/18

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Morris, Jason	2072
Morabito, Matt	1898/P14
Gregg, Alan	1873
Rutkofske, Lon	1800/P19
Wilkinson, Stu	1782/P16
Muir, Josh	1655/P22
Bedy, Noel	1511/P19
Jones, Avery	1522
Wingrove, Bill	1465/P21
Claunch, Jackson	1312
Beneker, Gerrit	1169/P11
Pirouz, Niko	806
Kovatch, Eric	508/P8
Kovatch, Daniela	139/2