



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>

Gregg, Bedy, Wingrove dominate May Quads!

Bill Wingrove, Noel Bedy and **Alan Gregg** were unscathed by the losing bug, as each posted 2.5/3 points to claim first place cash in the Action Quads hosted at the PHCC on May 16, 2019, in contests punctuated by a pair of super-swindles! Yes, once again, the deceitful experience of age bested the impetuosity of youth to carry the day and skulk off with the ill-gotten point in each of their respective sections.

Noel Bedy committed the ultimate blunder by dropping his queen to relative novice, **Jay Defoy**, only to recoup the coveted royal through a nefarious fork a few moves later! **Lon**, on the other hand dropped a knight without compensation in the middle-game, stunned his youthful adversary with a one-two TKO in the waning moments of his game against **Josh Muir** and emerged undeservingly victorious.

The final stanza of this monthly Action trifecta will take place on June 20th, but since Alan and **Matt Morabito** will be off traversing the environs of the UK and Italy respectively, outcomes could be a lot different! Hope to see you for this premier event! Be sure to check out the games in the Members section to view these spectacular swindles!

2019 PHCC G/25 May Quads Section A

#	Name/Rtng/ID	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3
1	Alan Gregg	W 3	B 4	B 2
	1882	1.0	2.0	2.5
2	Matthew Morabito	W 4	B 3	W 1
	1898	0.5	1.5	2.0
3	Lonnie Rutkofske	B 1	W 2	W 4
	1805	0.0	0.0	1.0
4	Joshua Muir	B 2	W 1	B 3
	1620	0.5	0.5	0.5

2019 PHCC G/25 May Quads Section B

#	Name/Rtng/ID	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3
1	Noel Bedy	W 2	B 4	B 3
	1478	1.0	2.0	2.5
2	Bill Wingrove	W 1	B 3	W 4
	1488	1.0	2.0	2.5
3	Joshua Kenny	B 4	W 2	B 1
	1063	0.0	0.0	1.0
4	Jay Defoy	B 3	W 1	W 2
	1237	0.0	0.0	0.0

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. [This a reminder of the change in policy in the PHCC Challenge rules: # 14 - Games can be rated by the USCF, provided both players are members in good standing with the USCF and agree to have it rated by paying in advance to the TD (Lon Rutkofske, or other club official with a valid TD certification card.) of \$1.50@ to cover rating costs.] Updated Challenge rules will follow below:

Format and rules for PHCC Challenge System

- I. Purpose: to provide club members the opportunity to challenge higher rated players on a regular basis to improve and test their skills in over the board non-tournament competition.
- II. Regulations: (Effective 11-8-2018)
 - a. Challenges may be made by any club member on the PHCC rating list under the following circumstances:
 1. Can only be made only by a lower rated player.
 2. Can only be made during club hours and cannot be made after 8:00PM.
 3. Must be played on the same day as the challenge was made, so there can be no advanced challenges.
 4. Both players must be present.
 5. Only one challenge may be made per meeting.
 6. Challenger can only challenge a player that is rated less than 400 points above him on the rating list.
 7. All challenges must be accepted.
 8. No challenge may be made while a participant is involved in a tournament or challenge game.
 9. A clock must be used with the time control of G/60 with 5 second delay; must be recorded by both players and submitted to the rating director upon completion of the game. **(See Sample Score Sheet on page 2)**
 10. All challenge games must comply with current tournament rules of chess as established by the US Chess Federation.
 11. No challenge game may be adjourned, but if an unusual circumstance arises, the club rating director may adjudicate.
 12. No member may be challenged more than one consecutive time by the same challenger. This means that the lower rated player cannot challenge the same player two times in a row. He/she must play another match before this can take place, but this also means that the higher rated player may be challenged by the same rated player consecutively if he has not participated in a

match in between challenges within a six week period. Abuse (ie: Constant challenges and re-challenges or other annoying or inconsiderate behavior) must be reported to the Director and he has the option of suspending the violator indefinitely from participation in the Challenge system. Disputes will be adjudicated by the ratings director, with the advice of other players as he so wishes.

13. Challenges can take place on the first Thursday of each month, or at any time there is no other tournament or event scheduled.
14. **Games can be rated by the USCF**, provided both players are members in good standing with the USCF and agree to have it rated by paying in advance to the TD (*Lon Rutkofske, or other club official with a valid TD certification card.*) of \$1.50@ to cover rating costs.
15. Results will be rated by the PHCC (*Using the USCF rating system.*) using current PHCC ratings posted at the club and will be adjusted as necessary by the club rating director. Changes will also be posted on the club website.

Gregg,Alan (1882) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1805) [A37] Symmetrical English

2019 PHCC G/25 May Quad Section A Port Huron, MI (1), 16.05.2019

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 e5 6.Nc3 Nge7 7.d3 0-0 8.Be3 d6 9.Qc1 Nf5 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bd2 Re8 12.Nd5 Nce7 13.e4 Nd4 14.Nxd4 exd4 15.Nf4 Nc6 16.Nd5 Ne7 17.f4 Nxd5 18.cxd5 b5 19.Re1 Bd7 20.b4 Rc8 21.bxc5 Rxc5 22.Qb2 f5 23.Bb4 Rc3 24.Bxc3 dxc3 25.Qb3 Qb6+ 26.Kh1 a5 27.a4 Qd4 28.axb5 Rb8 29.Rxa5 Qxd3 30.b6 Bd4 31.b7 Qd2 32.Rf1 c2 33.Ra8 Kg7 34.Rxb8 c1Q 35.Rg8+ Kxg8 36.b8Q+ Qc8 37.Qxc8+ Bxc8 38.Qb8 1-0

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1805) - Morabito,Matthew (1898) [A01] Larsen-Nimzovich Opening

2019 PHCC G/25 May Quad Section A Port Huron, MI (2), 16.05.2019

1.b3 Nf6 2.Bb2 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Ne2 c5 7.c4 Nc6 8.0-0 Bg4 9.f3 Bd7 10.d4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Qb6 12.Kh1 Rfe8 13.Ne2 Ne5 14.Bd4 Qc7 15.Bxe5 dxe5 16.Nbc3 Qc8 17.Ng1 e6 18.Rf2 Bc6 19.Rc2 a6 20.Qe2 Qc7 21.Rf1 Rad8 22.h4? Nh5! 23.Kh2 f5 24.Nh3 f4 25.Qf2?? 0-1

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1805) - Muir,Joshua (1620) [A39] Symmetrical English

2019 PHCC G/25 May Quad Section A Port Huron, MI (3), 16.05.2019

1.c4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.0-0 Nf6 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 0-0 8.Nc3 Qb6 9.Nb3 d6 10.Be3 Qd8 11.h3 Bf5 12.Rc1 Rc8 13.Nd2 b6 14.Qa4 Qd7 15.g4 Be6 16.b3 d5 17.cxd5 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Ne4 f5 20.Nf6+?? Bxf6 21.Rfd1 e6 22.gxf5 gxf5 23.Bh6 Bg7 24.Bg5 Bf6 25.Bh6 Rfd8 26.e4 fxe4 27.Bxe4 Ne5 28.Bxd5 exd5 29.Qf4 Qf7 30.Kh1 Rxc1 31.Rxc1 Bg7 32.Qh4 Bxh6?? 33.Qxd8+ Kg7?? 34.Rc7 1-0

Bedy,Noel (1478) - Wingrove,William (1488) [D05] Colle System

2019 PHCC G/25 May Quad Section B Port Huron, MI (1), 16.05.2019

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nd2 d5 3.c3 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.e3 e6 6.Bd3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.e4 Qc7 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Ne4 Be7 12.Bg5 b6 13.Re1 Bb7 14.Bxe7 Ndx7 15.Qe2 Ng6 16.Rad1 Nf4 17.Qc2 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 Rfd8 19.Qe3 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Rd8 21.Rxd8+ Qxd8 22.Qd2 Qxd2 23.Nexd2 Ne7 24.Nd4 Ng6 25.Nb5 a6 26.Nd6 Bd5 27.c4 Ba8 28.Nc8 b5 29.cxb5 axb5 30.Nb6 Bb7 31.b4 Nf4 32.a3 Nxc2 33.a4 bxa4 34.Nxa4 ½-½

Wingrove,William (1488) - Kenny,Joshua (1063) [C45] Scotch Game

2019 PHCC G/25 May Quad Section B Port Huron, MI (2), 16.05.2019

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5 5.Nxc6 dxc6 6.Qxd8+ Kxd8 7.Bc4 Nf6
8.Nc3 Be6 9.Bd3 h6 10.0-0 Ke7 11.Bf4 Rac8 12.h3 Rhd8 13.Rad1 Kf8 14.Be2
Ne8 15.a3 a5 16.Rd2 Rxd2 17.Bxd2 Rd8 18.Rd1 g5 19.Be1 Rxd1 20.Bxd1 Nd6
21.Be2 Kg7 22.Kf1 Bc4 23.Nd1 Bxe2+ 24.Kxe2 Nxe4 25.f3 Nd6 26.Bc3+ Kg6
27.Nf2 b6 28.Nd3 [And white won the ending.]1-0

Defoy,Jay (1237) - Bedy,Noel (1478) [D30] QGD

2019 PHCC G/25 May Quad Section B Port Huron, MI (2), 17.05.2019

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.c4 c6 5.Bd3 Bd6 6.c5 Bc7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc3 Nbd7 9.b4
Qe7 10.Qe2 e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Qxe5 13.g3 Qxc3 14.Bb2 Qxb2 15.Qxb2
Re8 16.Rae1 Bh3 17.f3 Bxf1 18.Kxf1 a6 19.Qd4 Re7 20.Kf2 Rae8 21.e4 Be5
22.Qe3 dxe4 23.fxe4 Ng4+ 24.Kf3 Nxe3 25.Rxe3 Bd4 26.Re2 Re5 27.g4 h5
28.Rg2 hxg4+ 29.Rxg4 R8e6 30.Bc4 Rf6+ 31.Rf4 Rxf4+ 32.Kxf4 Rh5 33.h3 Rxh3
34.e5 Kf8 35.Ke4 Bc3 36.e6 fxe6 37.Bxe6 Rh4+ 38.Kd3 Bxb4 0-1

Wingrove,William (1488) - Defoy,Jay (1237) [C89] Closed Ruy Lopez

2019 PHCC G/25 May Quad Section B Port Huron, MI (3), 16.05.2019

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nge7 4.c3 a6 5.Ba4 b5 6.Bb3 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Be7
9.Re1 0-0 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re2 Nf4 14.Bxf4 Bxf4
15.Qd3 Re8 16.Bc2 g6 17.Nd2 Rxe2 18.Qxe2 Qd5 19.Nf3 Qh5 20.h3 Bxf3 21.Qxf3
Qxf3 22.gxf3 Re8 23.Kf1 g5 24.Be4 Kg7 25.Re1 h5 26.Bb7 Rxe1+ 27.Kxe1 a5 1-0

Kenny,Joshua (1063) - Bedy,Noel (1478) [D02] QP Game

2019 PHCC G/25 May Quad Section B Port Huron, MI (3), 16.05.2019

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.h3 e6 4.Nf3 c5 5.e3 Nc6 6.c3 h6 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.Nbd2 Be7 9.0-0
0-0 10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.Ne5 Bd6 12.Ndf3 Ne4 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Ne5
Nf6 16.Qa4 Rfc8 17.Qa3 Nd7 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.Qxc5 Rcb8 20.Qa3 Rb7 21.Rab1
Rab8 22.b3 Qc7 23.Rb2 Rb5 24.Rfb1 Ra5 25.Qxa5 Qxa5 26.b4 Qc7 27.a3 a5
28.Rc2 axb4 29.cxb4 Qb6 30.a4 Qa6 31.Ra2 Qc4 32.Rbb2 Rxb4 33.Rc2 Qa6
34.a5 Rb5 0-1

Wingrove,William (1613) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1805) [C01] French Exchange Variation

Skittles G/25 St. Clair, MI, 11.05.2019

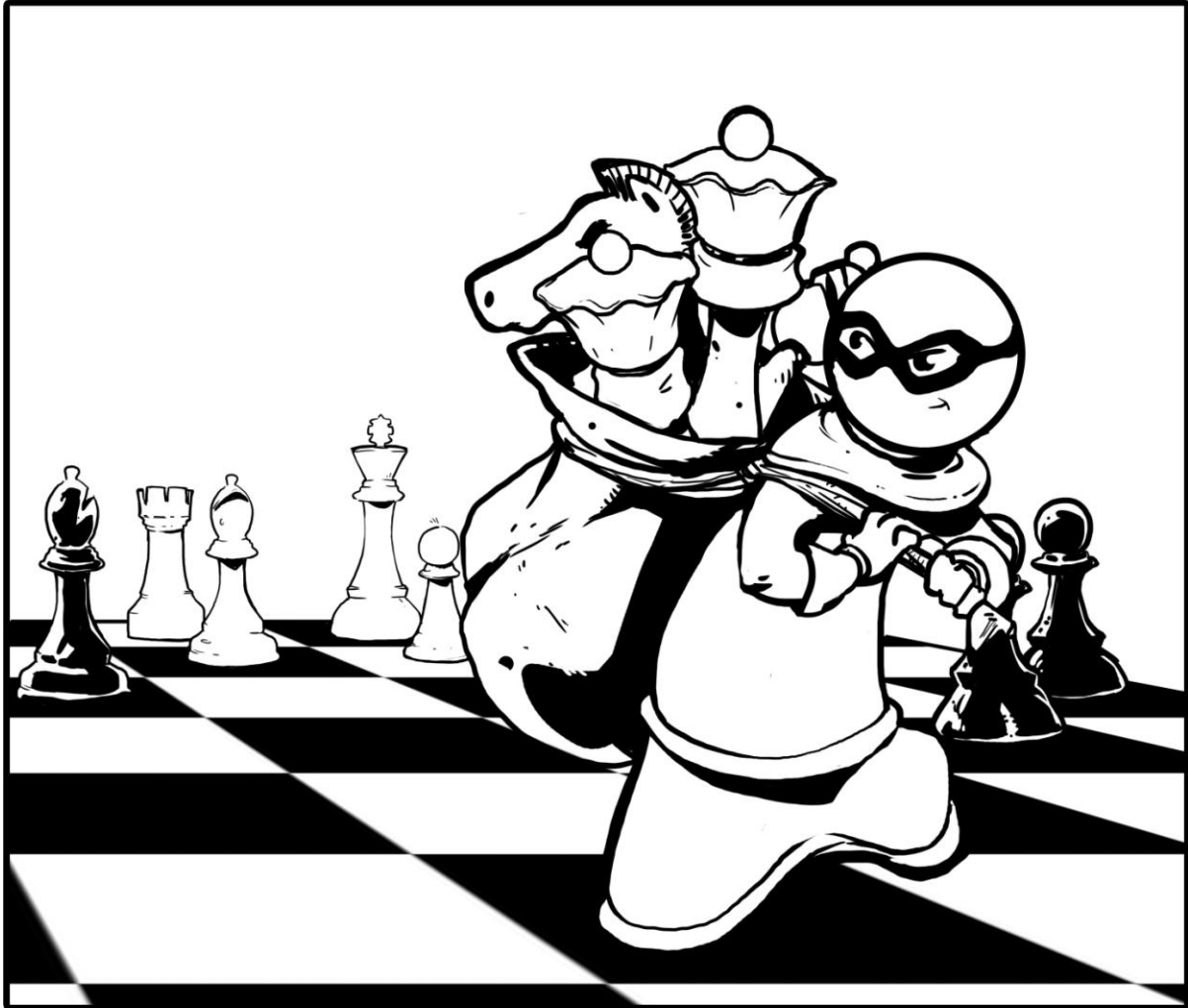
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nf3 dxe4 4.Ng5 Nc6 5.Be3 Nf6 6.Nc3 Nd5 7.Nxd5 Qxd5 8.c4
Qf5 9.Be2 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 e3 11.Bxb4 Qxf2# 0-1

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1805) - Wingrove,William (1613) [A00] Irregular Opening

Skittles St. Clair, MI, 11.05.2019

1.b4 d5 2.Bb2 e6 3.a3 Nf6 4.e3 g6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.d3 0-0 7.f4 Bd7 8.g4 Bc6 9.h4 d4
10.e4 Nfd7 11.Rh3 e5 12.f5 Nb6 13.Bc1 Bd7 14.Bg5 Bf6 15.Nf3 Qe7 16.Qd2 Na6
17.h5 gxf5 18.gxf5 Bxg5 19.Rg3 Kh8 20.Qxg5 Qxg5 21.Rxg5 f6 22.Rg1 Rg8
23.Nbd2 Rxg1+ 24.Nxg1 Rg8 25.Kf2 c6 26.Rc1 Na4 27.Nc4 Nc3 28.Bf3 Rg7 29.h6
Re7 30.Ne2 Nxe2 31.Bxe2 Be8 32.Rg1 Rd7 33.Rc1 Nc7 34.c3 dxc3 35.Rxc3 Nb5
36.Rc1 Nd4 37.Bd1 Rf7 38.Ke3 b6 39.a4 Rf8 40.Nd6 Bd7 41.Bh5 b5 42.Rg1 bxa4
43.Nf7+ Rxf7 44.Bxf7 1-0

Cartoon below courtesy of Club Member – Jay Defoy!



"The passed Pawn is a criminal, who should be kept under lock and key. Mild measures, such as police surveillance, are not sufficient." - Nimzovich

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!

2019 Events Schedule:

June, 20th - 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! 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.)

July 18th - 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.)

August 8, 15, 22 – USCF/PHCC Rated Mini-Swiss (or Quads based on entries) 3 Round- USCF Rated Mini-Swiss. Game/90 minutes with/5 sec. delay. USCF and PHCC membership required. One game per night (August 8, 15 & 22)! Play will begin at 7:00PM. EF: \$5.00 Play will begin at 7:00PM. A minimum of 4 participants are required. Prizes: based on entries. Please register in advance by contacting Lon Rutkofske by August 7th so he can determine if there are enough entries to hold the event.

September 19th – PHCC rated Thematic tournament: 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.) Players with the white pieces will be playing a game with a predetermined opening sequence such as the Ruy Lopez, or KI Attack based on one of the openings drawn at random by the TD. The game will begin from that opening position.

October 17th PHCC Speed Championships - The Port Huron Chess Club's 38th Annual Speed Championship Tournament will be held on Thursday, October 17th 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 17th. (*Will be USCF rated if all entrants are USCF members.*)

November 21st – 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.

No Tournaments in December

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 ending July 31: Claunch, Jackson; Kovatch, Daniela; Kovatch, Eric; Pirouz, Niko.

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 5/17/19

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2118
Gregg, Alan	1990
Rutkofske, Lon	1910
Morabito, Matt	1849
Wilkinson, Stu	1852
Jones, G. Avery	1743
Broyles, Tom	1692
Wingrove, Bill	1633
Muir, Josh	1633
Boucher, Dave	1565
Bedy, Noel	1580
Scholfield, Chris	1503
Claunch, Jackson	1325
Diachinsky, Robin	1300
Byrne, Brandon	1294
Kenny, Joshua	1063
Kovatch, Eric	1000
Kovatch, Daniela	1000
Pirouz, Niko	997
DeFoy, Jay	750

PHCC Blitz Ratings as of 5/17/19

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2249
Gregg, Alan	1936
Wilkinson, Stu	1929
Rutkofske, Lon	1919
Morabito, Matt	1755
Broyles, Tom	1708
Muir, Josh	1672
Bedy, Noel	1652
Scholfield, Chris	1552
Wingrove, Bill	1531
Jones, G. Avery	1408
Claunch, Jackson	1312
Byrne, Brandon	1340
Diachinsky, Robin	1298
Kenny, Joshua	1116
DeFoy, Jay	897
Pirouz, Niko	827
Kovatch, Eric	700
Kovatch, Daniela	500

USCF Ratings as of 5/17/19

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2098
Gregg, Alan	1978
Wilkinson, Stu	1830
Rutkofske, Lon	1805
Morabito, Matt	1780
Broyles, Tom	1699
Wingrove, Bill	1613
Jones, G. Avery	1573
Muir, Joshua	1596
Bedy, Noel	1532
Claunch, Jackson	1430
Boucher, Dave	1406
Byrne, Brandon	1283P4
DeFoy, Jay	1111P3
Kenny, Joshua	1063
Pirouz, Niko	974
Kovatch, Eric	Unr

USCF Quick/Action Ratings as of 5/17/19

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2125/P13
Gregg, Alan	1899
Morabito, Matt	1898/P17
Broyles, Tom	1801/23
Rutkofske, Lon	1790
Wilkinson, Stu	1782/P16
Muir, Josh	1616
Jones, Avery	1544
Wingrove, Bill	1496
Bedy, Noel	1488/P25
Claunch, Jackson	1403
Byrne, Brandon	1245P4
DeFoy, Jay	1111/P6
Kenny, Joshua	1105/P6
Pirouz, Niko	806
Kovatch, Eric	508/P8
Kovatch, Daniela	Unr

USCF Blitz Ratings as of 5/17/19

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1935
Rutkofske, Lon	1932
Morabito, Matt	1727
Muir, Josh	1617
Bedy, Noel	1606
Jones, G. Avery	1200
Pirouz, Niko	827