



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.yolasite.com>

An International Affair: Port Huron and Sarnia Chess Clubs Renew Their Partnership!

July 25, 2019 proved to be red-letter day for a recently reactivated **Sarnia Chess Club**, as it renewed a longstanding, friendly border rivalry by besting the **Port Huron Chess Club** 12-8 in a 10 board match. Each club fielded a 10 player squad facing off in a pair of games, one game with white and the next with the black pieces with each player having 30 minutes per game. The **Port Huron Recreation Department** hosted the event at its Palmer Park venue, and long time home of the Port Huron Chess Club, by providing its guests with complimentary refreshments, first class tournament equipment, and exceptional playing conditions. The match was really the brainchild of long time Sarnia councilman, **Andy Bruziewicz** and president of the fledgling Sarnia Chess Club, **Andre DesRochers** who approached Port Huron Chess Club Director, **Lon Rutkofske** with the proposal. Eager to assist our Canadian comrades in their endeavor to resurrect the Sarnia club after the passing of long time Sarnia native and chess activist, **Paul Millman**, this “international combine” quickly put in motion the plan that came to fruition on that fateful day in July.

Probably the most unique thing about the entire event was the fact that DesRochers is still a grade 10 student at St. Francis Xavier’s secondary school. Driven by a passion for chess and blessed with the enthusiasm and optimism of youth, Andre managed to parlay his activism into a personal “mission” to reinvigorate the dormant chess culture that had always been present in the Sarnia area, by combining the assistance of Andy and **Shardool Mhaskar**, who was happy to merge his fledgling club with Andre’s, successfully solidified the local chess scene into a single entity reborn as the new Sarnia Chess Club.

Enjoying its 50th year, the Port Huron Chess Club was more than happy to help create the positive environment that propelled the first international chess competition between Sarnia and Port Huron in over 20 years.

The return encounter will take place sometime in mid-September with Sarnia as the host and the PHCC hoping to regain a measure of respect with more positive results. (*For more information on the Sarnia Chess Club please read the article by Carl Hnatyshyn of **Sarnia This Week** reprinted on pages 8-9.*)

Results for Match of Port Huron Chess Club vs Sarnia Chess Club – July 25, 2019

Bd	#	Res	Port Huron CC	#	Res	Sarnia CC
1	1	.5/.5	Alan Gregg	2	.5/.5	Andy Bruziewicz
2	3	2	Tony West	4	0	Shardool Mhaskar
3	5	1	Glenn Paldan	6	1	Malcolm Carr
4	7	0	Tom Broyles	8	2	Gerry Crowley
5	9	1	Lonnie Rutkofske	10	1	Paul Martin
6	11	1	Josh Muir	12	1	Ramesh Rahalkar
7	13	2	Noel Bedy	14	0	Naomi Tominaga
8	15	0	Chris Scholfield	16	2	Todd Charlton
9	17	0	Josh Kenny	18	2	Avery Jones
10	19	0	Jay Defoy	20	2	Andre DesRochers
Totals		8			12	

Group Picture of Sarnia/Port Huron Chess Clubs' match players.



L-R front row: Lon Rutkofske(PH),Gerry Crowley(S),Ramesh Rahalkar(S),Andy Bruziewicz(S),Tom Broyles(PH),Alan Gregg(PH),**L-R back row:** Jay DeFoy(PH),Josh Muir(PH),Avery Jones(S),Glenn Paldan(PH),Todd Charleton (S),Malcolm Carr(S),Paul Martin(S),Shardool Mhaskar(S),Andre DesRochers(S),Naomi Tominaga (S); **Not Pictured:** Tony West(PH),Josh Kenny(PH);Chris Scholfield(PH),Noel Bedy(PH).



Shardool Mhaskar vs. Tony West



Lon Rutkofske



Paul Martin

vs.



Naomi Tominaga vs. Noel Bedy



Josh Muir vs. Ramesh Rahalkar



Glenn Paldan vs. Malcolm Carr



Chris Scholfield vs. Todd Charlton



Alan Gregg vs. Andy Buziewicz



Gerry Crowley vs. Tom Broyles



Andre DesRochers vs. Jay DeFoy

*******PHCC IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO FIELD A TEAM FROM THE PHCC TO PLAY THE REMATCH WITH THE SARNIA CHESS CLUB IN MID-SEPTEMBER. WE WILL BE PLAYING AT THEIR SITE BETWEEN 6-8 PM ON A TUESDAY. YOU MUST HAVE YOUR PASSPORT OR ENHANCED DRIVERS LICENSE IN ORDER TO COMPLETE. LET LON KNOW ASAP.**

Muir/Gregg take top spots in the final USCF Rated G/25

Tournament of the Season

First it was **Noel Bedy**, then **Josh Muir** that finally broke their losing skids in rated tournaments against the ever treacherous **Lon Rutkofske**. It seems the blunder bug hit the club TD particularly hard in this event, as time pressure produced two catastrophic miscues on the 17 time club champion. Well, they say revenge is sweet, but in this instance it has been a long time coming for this dynamic duo crunched their nemesis quite handily after developing commanding positions. **Alan Gregg** took home top honors and has been a terror since his return from the UK. Unfortunately for Noel, he was unable to build on his first round success, as **Bill Wingrove** nicked him for a draw in the 2nd round. **Brandon Byrne**, who has been improving rapidly with his penchant for opening play, assisted Lon in recording his games for publication in this issue **Chess Chatter**.

2019 PHCC July G/25 Mini-Swiss

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Tot
1	Alan Gregg	1898	W3	W2	W4	3.0
2	Joshua C. Muir	1610	W6	L1	W5	2.0
3	William Wingrove	1504	L1	D4	W6	1.5
4	Noel Bedy	1488	W5	D3	L1	1.5
5	Lonnie Rutkofske	1807	L4	W6	L2	1.0
6	Brandon Byrne	1234	L2	L5	L3	0.0



"The travel chess set was a great idea. 500 miles and not one, 'Are we there yet?'."

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

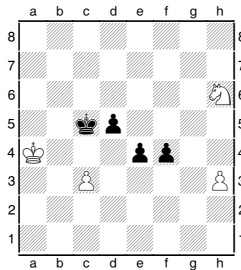
- I. Purpose: to provide club members the opportunity to challenge higher rated players on a regular basis to improve and test their skills in over the board non-tournament competition.
- II. Regulations: (Effective 11-8-2018)
 - a. Challenges may be made by any club member on the PHCC rating list under 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.

Paldan,Glenn (1832) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1804)

[C18] French Defense

G25 - Skittles St. Clair, 29.06.2019

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nc6 7.Qg4 Bf8 8.Nf3 a6 9.Be3 Nge7 10.Bg5 Qc7 11.Bxe7 Nxe7 12.0-0-0 Ng6 13.Re1 Bxa3 14.Qa4+ Bd7 15.Qxa3 Rc8 16.Bd3 Nf4 17.Rd1 Qb6 18.g3 Nxd3+ 19.Rxd3 Qxf2 20.Nh4 b5 21.Rf3 Qb6 22.Rhf1 Rf8 23.Ne2 b4 24.Qe3 Qa5 25.Kb1 Bb5 26.Nd4 Bxf1 27.Rxf1 Qc5 28.Rc1 a5 29.Qd3 Ke7 30.Nhf3 g6 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.Nxb5 h6 33.Nd6 Rc5 34.Nd4 a4 35.Rf1 f5 36.Rf3 g5 37.h3 Rb8 38.Ka2 Rb6 39.c3 bxc3 40.Rxc3 Rxc3 41.bxc3 Rxd6 42.exd6+ Kxd6 43.Ka3 f4 44.gxf4 gxf4 45.Kxa4 e5 46.Nf5+ Kc5 47.Nxh6 e4



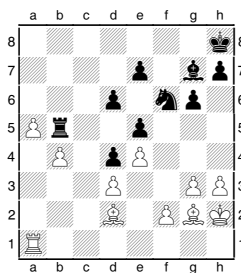
If 48.Ng4, Kd6 49.Kb4, e3 50.Nh2 Ke5 51. h4 e2 should win!] 0-1

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1804) - Paldan,Glenn (1832)

[A30] Symmetrical English

G/25 Skittles St. Clair, 29.06.2019

1.c4 c5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.e4 d6 5.h3 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Nge2 Be6 8.d3 Qd7 9.Nf4 Nd4 10.0-0 0-0 11.Kh2 Rab8 12.a4 a6 13.Nce2 b5 14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.cxb5 axb5 17.a5 b4 18.Qb3 Kh8 19.Bd2 e5 20.Ra4 Rb5 21.Rfa1 Ra8 22.Rxb4 Rab8 23.Rxb5 Qxb5 24.Qxb5 Rxb5 25.b4



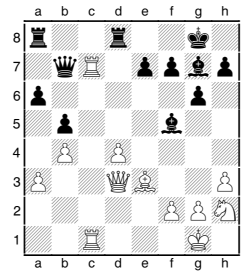
[Black Resigns] 1-0

Bedy,Noel (1488) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1807)

[B22] Sicilian Defense

2019 PHCC July G/25 Mini-Swiss Rapid Port Huron (1), 18.07.2019

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 Nc6 4.cxd4 a6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Be2 Bg7 8.Be3 Nf6 9.h3 Qa5 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qd2 Rd8 12.a3 b5 13.b4 Qc7 14.Rfc1 Qb7 15.Rc2 d5 16.e5 Ne4 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Nh2 Nxe5 19.Rac1 Nd3 20.Bxd3 exd3 21.Qxd3 Bf5 22.Rc7



22...Qd5?? [A stupendous Blunder!! Simply 22...Qxf7 wins the exchange!!! if 23.Qxf5, Qxc1+!!!] 23.Qc3 Bxd4 24.Bxd4 Qxd4 25.Qxd4 Rxd4 26.Rxe7 Rad8 27.Nf3 Rd3 28.Ng5 R3d7 29.Rc7 Rxc7 30.Rxc7 Bd7 31.Rc3 h6 32.Nf3 [White wins on time.] 1-0

Muir,Joshua (1610) - Byrne,Brandon (1234)

[C26]Vienna Game

2019 PHCC July G/25 Mini-Swiss Port Huron (1), 18.07.2019

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 Be7 4.Bg2 c6 5.Nf3 d6 6.h3 Be6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.d4 exd4 9.Nxd4 Qc7 10.Bf4 0-0-0 11.b4 Ne5 12.b5 c5 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.a4 Kd7 15.Bxe5 Ke8 16.Bf4 Nd7 17.Qh5+ g6 18.Qg4 Nf6 19.Qxe6 1-0

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1807) - Byrne,Brandon (1234)

[C01] French Exchange

2019 PHCC July G/25 Mini-Swiss Rapid Port Huron (2), 18.07.2019

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Nge2 0-0 7.0-0 b6 8.Bg5 Ba6 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.Nxd5 Qd6 11.Be4 c6 12.Nxb4 Qxb4 13.Rb1 Qd6 14.Re1 Nd7 15.Ng3 Nf6 16.Bf3 Rfe8 17.Qd2 Rad8 18.c3 Bc8 19.Qg5 h6 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.Nf5 Bxf5 22.Qxf5 Qe6 23.Qxe6 Rxe6 24.Kf1 g5 25.h3 Nd5 26.g3 f5 27.a3 Kf7 28.c4 Nf6 29.d5 cxd5 30.cxd5 Rd6 31.Rc1 Ke8 32.Rc7 a5 33.Rc6 Rxc6 34.dxc6 Ne4 35.Bxe4 fxe4 36.Ke2 Ke7 37.Ke3 Kd6 38.c7 Kxc7 39.Kxe4 Kc6 40.f4 gxf4 41.gxf4 Kd6 42.Kf5 Ke7 43.Kg6 Ke6 44.f5+ Ke7 45.Kg7 1-0

Byrne,Brandon (1234) - Wingrove,William (1504)

[A00] Grob's Opening

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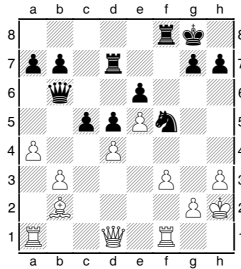
1.g4 d5 2.Bg2 e5 3.g5 g6 4.c4 Ne7 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Qb3 c6 7.Nc3 Nxc3 8.Qxc3 Qc7 9.d3 Bg7 10.Nf3 0-0 11.e4 Be6 12.h4 Nd7 13.Bh3 Rfe8 14.Bxe6 Rxe6 15.Be3 b6 16.Ke2 c5 17.b3 Rd8 18.h5 Nf8 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.Rac1 Red6 21.Rhd1 Ne6 22.b4 Nd4+ 23.Bxd4 exd4 24.Qa3 Rc6 25.bxc5 bxc5 26.Rc2 c4 27.Rxc4 Rxc4 28.dxc4 Qxc4+ 29.Rd3 Qc2+ 30.Nd2 Qc7 31.Qb3 Rb8 32.Qa3 Bf8 33.Qa4 Rb4 34.Qa6 Rb6 35.Qc4 Rc6 36.Qxd4 Rd6 37.Qc4 Rc6 38.Qd4 Rc2 39.a4 Qf4 40.Qe3 Qg4+ 41.Kf1?? [Touch move rule enforced.] 41...Rc1+ [White Resigns] 0-1

Rutkofske, Lonnie (1807) - Joshua, Muir (1610)

[A01] Larsen-Nimzovich Opening

2019 PHCC July G/25 Mini-Swiss Rapid Port Huron (3), 18.07.2019

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bc5 5.Bc4 d6 6.h3 0-0 7.Nf3 Be6 8.Be2 Nd4 9.0-0 Qd7 10.Ng5 Qe7 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Kh2 Rf7 13.d3 Raf8 14.Na4 d5 15.Nxc5 Qxc5 16.c3 Nc6 17.a4 Ne7 18.d4 exd4 19.cxd4 Qb6 20.e5 Nd7 21.f3 c5 22.Bb5 Nf5 23.Bxd7 Rxd7



24.Ba3!? [Best was 24.dc and after Qc6, 25 Re1.] 24...Nxd4 25.Rb1 Rc8 26.f4 [White loses on time, but in a terrible position.] 0-1

DesRochers, Andre - DeFoy, Jay [D20] QG Accepted

PHCC v Sarnia match Bd. 10 Port Huron (1), 25.07.2019

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.d5 Bxf3 6.Qxf3 Nd4 7.Qc3 c5 8.Qxc4 b6 9.b4 Nf6 10.Bd3 Qd6 11.Ba3 b5 12.Qxc5 Qxc5 13.bxc5 e5 14.dxe6 Nxe6 15.Bxb5+ Kd8 16.Nc3 Nxc5 17.Rd1+ Kc7 18.0-0 a6 19.Be2 Bd6 20.Rc1 Rhe8 21.Bxc5 Bxc5 22.Bf3 Rad8 23.Rfe1 Rd2 24.Na4 Nd7 25.e5 Rxa2 26.Nxc5 Nxc5 27.Rxc5+ Kb6 28.Rc6+ Ka5 29.Be2 Ra8 30.Bc4 Kb4 31.Bxa2 1-0

DeFoy, Jay - DesRochers, Andre [D00] QP Game

PHCC v Sarnia match Bd. 10 Port Huron (1), 25.07.2019

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bg4 4.h3 Bh5 5.b3 e6 6.Ne5 Bb4 7.Bb2 Ne4 8.Qd3 0-0 9.f3 Qh4+ 10.Kd1 Nf2+ 11.Kd2 Nxd3 12.Nxd3 Qxd4 13.e3 Bxc3+ 14.Bxc3 Qh4 15.Be2 Rd8 16.g3 Qxg3 17.Rhg1 Qxh3 18.Rxg7+ Kf8 19.Rag1 Ke7 20.Bb4+ Kd7 21.Ne5+ Kc8 22.Rg8 Bg6 23.Rxd8+ Kxd8 24.Nxg6 hxg6 25.Re1 Nc6 26.Bc3 Kc8 27.Kc1 a6 28.Kb2 b6 29.a3 e5 30.e4 d4 31.Bd2 Kb7 32.Bd3 f5 33.exf5 gxf5 34.f4 e4 35.Bf1 Qf3 36.Be2 Qg3 37.Rf1 Qg2 38.Re1 e3 39.Bb4 Nxb4 40.axb4 a5 41.bxa5 Rxa5 42.Bd3 Qd2 43.Rb1 Qc3+ 0-1

Kenny, Joshua - Jones, Avery [B15] Caro-Kann

PHCC v Sarnia match Bd. 9 Port Huron (1), 25.07.2019

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.Nf3 Bd6 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Re8 9.Be3 Nd7 10.Re1 Nf8 11.h3 Ng6 12.Bd3 Bd7 13.c3 Qc7 14.Qc2 Re7

15.Bd2 Rae8 16.Rxe7 Rxe7 17.Re1 Rxe1+ 18.Bxe1 Qa5 19.b4 Qh5 20.Be2 Nf4 21.Kf1 Nxg2 22.Ng1 Nxe1 23.Kxe1 Qg6 24.Qxg6 hxg6 25.Bg4 Be6 26.a3 Bd5 27.Bf3 Be6 28.Bg4 f5 29.Be2 g5 30.Nf3 f6 31.Nd2 b5 32.Bd1 0-1

Jones, Avery - Kenny, Joshua [D02] QP Game

PHCC v Sarnia match Bd. 9 (1) Port Huron, 25.07.2019

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.h3 Nbd7 4.Bf4 e6 5.Nbd2 Be7 6.e3 c5 7.c3 0-0 8.Bd3 b6 9.Ne5 Ne4 10.Nc6 Qe8 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.Nxe4 c4 13.Bd6 Qd8 14.Bc2 Bb7 15.Ng3 Re8 16.Ba4 a6 17.Bxd7 Qxd7 18.Ba3 e5 19.0-0 Re6 20.Qg4 Rae8 21.Nf5 Rg6 22.Nh6+ 1-0

Charlton, Todd - Scholfield, Chris [D24] QG Accepted

PHCC v Sarnia match Bd. 8 Port Huron (1), 25.07.2019

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 d5 3.c4 dxc4 4.Nc3 e6 5.e4 Bb4 6.Bxc4 Nxe4 7.0-0 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Bxc3 9.Rb1 0-0 10.Qd3 Ba5 11.Rb5 Bb6 12.Rh5 g6 13.Ng5 Qf6 14.Bb2 Nd7 15.Nxh7 gxh5 16.Nxf6+ Nxf6 17.Qg3+ 1-0

Charlton, Todd - Scholfield, Chris [B06] Modern Defense

PHCC v Sarnia match Bd. 8 Port Huron (1), 25.07.2019

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Be3 d6 4.Nf3 b6 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.Nc3 0-0 7.0-0 Bb7 8.d5 c6 9.dxc6 Nxc6 10.a3 e6 11.Bg5 Ne7 12.Re1 h6 13.Bh4 a6 14.Qe2 g5 15.Bxg5 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 d5 17.Nf6+ Kh8 18.Qd3 Nf5 19.Bxd5 Bxf6 20.Bxf6+ Qxf6 21.Bxb7 Rad8 22.Qxa6 Rg8 23.Qxb6 Rxg2+ 24.Kxg2 Qg6+ 25.Kf1 Rg8 26.Be4 Qg2+ 27.Ke2 Nd4+ 28.Qxd4+ Rg7 0-1

Muir, Joshua - Rahalkar, Ramesh [E97] Classical King's Indian Defense

PHCC v Sarnia match Bd. 6 Port Huron (1), 25.07.2019

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Be2 Nc6 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 h6 10.h3 Ne8 11.Be3 f5 12.c5 f4 13.Bd2 g5 14.Nh2 Ng6 15.c6 b6 16.a4 a6 17.a5 Nh4 18.axb6 cxb6 19.Na4 Rf7 20.Bh5 Rfa7 21.Bxe8 Qxe8 22.Nxb6 Rb8 23.Nc4 Bf8 24.Ng4 Kg7 25.Qa4 Rc7 26.Rfb1 h5 27.Nh2 Qf7 28.b5 axb5 29.Rxb5 Rxb5 30.Qxb5 f3 31.g3 g4 32.hxg4 hxg4 33.Qb8 Kg6 34.Nb6 Qh7 35.Nxc8 Ng2 36.Ra7 Qh3 37.Qxc7 Nf4 38.Qf7+ 1-0

Rahalkar, Ramesh - Muir, Joshua [B51] Sicilian Defense-Moscow Variation

PHCC v Sarnia match Bd. 6 Port Huron (1), 25.07.2019

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.0-0 g6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nf6 7.e5 Nd7 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.exd6 Nf6 10.dxe7 Bxe7 11.Qxd8+ Bxd8 12.Re1+ Be7 13.Nd4

Bb7 14.Nc3 Kd7 15.a3 Bc5 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.Na4 Rhe8
 18.Nxb6+ axb6 19.Bg5 Nd5 20.c4 Nc7 21.Rad1+ Kc8
 22.Rxe8+ Nxe8 23.Re1 Nd6 24.c5 bxc5 25.Nxc5 Ra5
 26.Nxb7 Kxb7 27.Bf4 Nf5 28.h3 Ra4 29.Be5 Rc4
 30.Bc3 Ka6 31.g3 Rc5 32.g4 Nd6 33.Re2 Rd5 34.Re7
 h6 35.Rd7 f5 36.f3 Nb5 37.Rxd5 cxd5 38.Kf2 d4
 39.Bd2 Nd6 40.Bxb6 Nc4 41.Bc1 d3 42.Ke1 fxc4
 43.hxc4 Na5 1-0

**Martin,Paul - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1804) [C01]
 French Exchange Variation**

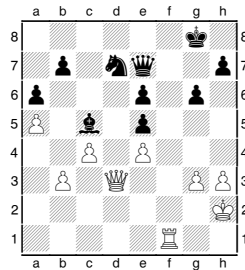
PHCC v Sarnia match Bd. 5 (1)Port Huron,
 25.07.2019

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4 Nc6 5.Nf3 Be7
 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bb5 0-0 9.0-0 Nb8 10.Re1
 Bf6 11.Qb3 c6 12.Nxd5 Qxd5 13.Bc4 Qh5 14.Bf4
 Nd7 15.Re3 Nb6 16.Be2 Qa5 17.Bd3 Nd5 18.Re5
 Bxe5 19.Bxe5 h6 20.Be4 Qb5 21.Qxb5 cxb5 22.Bxd5
 Rd8 23.Be4 a5 24.Rc1 Ra6 25.Rc7 Rb6 26.Bd5 Rxd5
 27.Rxc8+ Kh7 28.Kf1 Rc6 29.Rxc6 bxc6 30.Ke2 c5
 31.Kd3 f6 32.Ke4 Rd7 33.Bb8 cxd4 34.Nxd4 f5+
 35.Nxf5 Rd2 36.Ne7 Rxb2 37.a3 b4 38.axb4 axb4
 39.Nc6 Rxf2 40.Nxb4 Rxc2 41.Bc7 Rg4+ 42.Bf4 g5
 43.h3 Rxf4+ 44.Ke3 Rxb4 45.Kf3 Rh4 46.Kg3 0-1

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1804) - Martin,Paul [A36]

PHCC v Sarnia match Bd. 5 Port Huron (1),
 25.07.2019

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 d6 3.Bg2 c5 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.d3 g6 6.e4
 Bg7 7.h3 0-0 8.Nge2 Re8 9.0-0 Bd7 10.Bd2 a6
 11.Kh2 Rb8 12.a4 Nb4 13.Be3 e6 14.e5 dxe5
 15.Bxc5 Qa5 16.Be3 Red8 17.Qb1 Bc6 18.Ne4 Nxd3
 19.N2c3 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Bf8 21.Rd1 Nb4 22.Bg5 Rd4
 23.f3 Qc7 24.b3 Be7 25.Be3 Bxe4 26.fxe4 Rxd1
 27.Qxd1 Rd8 28.Qe2 Rd3 29.Rb1 Bc5 30.Bg5 Kg7
 31.Bf1 f6 32.Qg2 fxc5 33.Bxd3 Nxd3 34.Rf1 Bd6
 35.Qf3 Nc5 36.Qf6+ Kg8 37.Qxg5 Qe7 38.Qe3 Nd7
 39.Qd3 Nc5 40.Qe3 Nd7 41.Qd3 Bc5 42.a5



Black won on time] **0-1**

**Crowley,Gerry - Broyles,Thomas [C30] King's
 Gambit Declined**

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1.f4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d6 3.e4 e5 4.f5 Nf6 5.d3 d5 6.Bg5 Be7
 7.Bxf6 Bxf6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Be2 Bh4+ 10.g3 Bf6 11.0-0
 Re8 12.c3 Ne7 13.Kg2 c6 14.g4 h6 15.h4 g6 16.g5

hxc5 17.hxc5 Bxc5 18.Nxc5 Nxf5 19.exf5 Qxg5+
 20.Bg4 Bxf5 21.Kg3 Bxc4 22.Qxg4 Qxd2 23.Qf3
 Qg5+ 24.Kf2 Re6 25.Ke1 Qh4+ 26.Kd2 Qg5+ 27.Kc2
 Rf8 28.Rg1 Qe7 29.Rh1 e4 30.Qh3 exd3+ 31.Kb3 f5
 32.Qh8+ Kf7 33.Rh7+ Ke8 34.Rxe7+ Rxe7 35.Qd4 c5
 36.Qxd5 Rd7 37.Qxc5 d2 38.Kc2 Rf6 39.Qc8+ Ke7
 40.Rd1 Rfd6 41.Qc5 Kd8 42.Qxa7 f4 43.Qa5+ Kc8 1-0

**Broyles,Thomas - Cowley,Gerry [B30] Sicilian
 Defense**

PHCC v Sarnia match Bd. 4 Port Huron (1),
 25.07.2019

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 e6 4.d3 Be7 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be3
 Nf6 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.e5 dxe5
 11.Nxe5 Nd5 12.Qf3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Rb8 14.Nxc6
 Bxc6 15.Qxc6 Qa5 16.Bf4 Rb2 17.Qd7 Bf6 18.Bd6
 Rd8 19.Qc7 Qxc7 20.Bxc7 Rc8 21.Bd6 Rxc2 22.Rab1
 Rxc3 23.Rb7 Rxd3 24.Be7 Bxe7 25.Rxe7 c4 26.Rc1 c3
 27.Kf1 [And Black won a time scramble in the
 ending.] 0-1

Carr,Malcolm - Paldan,Glenn [B90] Najdorf Sicilian

PHCC v Sarnia match Bd. 3 Port Huron (1),
 25.07.2019

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6
 6.Bd3 e5 7.Nf3 Be7 8.h3 Nc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Be3 b5
 11.a3 Qc7 12.Rc1 Na5 13.Bg5 Nc4 14.Bxc4 bxc4
 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.Nd2 Bg5 18.Qe2 Bd7
 19.Ra1 Bxd2 20.Qxd2 f5 21.exf5 Bxf5 22.Ne3 Be6
 23.Rad1 Rf6 24.Qxd6 Qxd6 25.Rxd6 Rb8 26.Rb1 c3
 27.b3 Rbf8 28.Rf1 a5 [White went on to win the
 ending.] 1-0

**Mhaskar,Shardool - West,Tony [B50] Sicilian
 Defense**

PHCC v Sarnia match Bd. 2 Port Huron (1),
 25.07.2019

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Qc2 d6 5.Be2 g6 6.d4
 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.a3 Rc8 9.Nc3 Bg7 10.0-0 0-0
 11.Rd1 Bg4 12.Be3 Nd7 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 e6
 15.Rac1 a6 16.g3 Ne7 17.Bg2 f5 18.Qb3 Kf7 19.Qxb7
 fxe4 20.Nxe4 Nf5 21.g4 Rb8 22.Qxa6 Nxe3 23.fxe3
 Rxb2 24.Nxd6+ Kg8 25.Nc4 Re2 26.Qxe6+ Kh8
 27.Bf1 Qh4 28.Bxe2 Qg3+ 29.Kh1 Qxh3+ 30.Kg1
 Qg3+ 31.Kh1 Rf2 32.Qe8+ Nf8 0-1

**West,Tony - Mhaskar,Shardool [D78] Fianchetto
 Grunfeld**

PHCC v Sarnia match Bd. 2 Port Huron (1),
 25.07.2019

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 g6 4.Nc3 d5 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2
 0-0 7.0-0 Na6 8.Ne5 Ng4 9.Nxc4 Bxc4 10.cxd5 Qb6
 11.h3 Bf5 12.e3 e5 13.e4 exd4 14.Na4 Qc7 15.exf5
 cxd5 16.Bf4 Qd7 17.Rc1 Rac8 18.fxc6 hxc6 19.b3 d3
 20.Qxd3 b5 21.Rfd1 Qe6 22.Qxb5 Rfd8 23.Rxc8 Rxc8
 24.Qxd5 Qe2 25.Bf1 Nb4 26.Bxe2 Nxd5 27.Rxd5 Re8
 28.Bc4 1-0

Gregg,Alan - Bruziewicz,Andy [C24] Bishop's Opening

PHCC v Sarnia match Bd. 1 (1) Port Huron, 25.07.2019

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Be7 4.d3 0-0 5.Nge2 c6 6.Ng3 d5 7.Bb3 Be6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.h3 Nc5 10.Qe2 Nxb3 11.axb3 Nd7 12.f4 exf4 13.Bxf4 Nf6 14.Be3 a6 15.Qf2 ½-½

Bruziewicz,Andy - Gregg,Alan [A41] Modern Defense

PHCC v Sarnia match Bd. 1 Port Huron (1), 25.07.2019

1.d4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d6 3.c4 Bg4 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d5 Nb8 6.e4 e5 7.Be2 Be7 8.Be3 Nbd7 9.Qc2 a6 10.0-0 0-0 11.h3 Bh5 12.b4 b6 13.Rac1 a5 14.a3 Re8 15.Nd2 h6 16.f3 Nh7 17.f4 Bxe2 18.Nxe2 axb4 19.axb4 exf4 20.Nxf4 Ne5 21.Nf3 Ra6 22.Nxe5 dxe5 23.Nd3 Bg5 24.Rfe1 Bxe3+ 25.Rxe3 Qg5 26.Qe2 Qe7 27.c5 f6 28.Nb2 bxc5 29.Rxc5 ½-½

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:

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)! 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.

Sarnia & Lambton County This Week



Noted local chess expert Andy Bruziewicz takes on Sarnia Chess Club president Andre DesRochers in a friendly game during the weekly meeting of the Sarnia Chess Club on May 28. – Carl Hnatyshyn

Club makes move to make chess king again in Sarnia

CARL HNATYSHYN

A high school student has helped breathe life back into Sarnia's long dormant chess club.

St. Francois Xavier 10-grader Andre DesRochers – a recent convert to the classic game of strategy and skill – brought together a group of chess lovers last year and joined forces with another independent chess club in January to restart the Sarnia Chess Club.

With 21 registered members and weekly meetings/chess matches at the Sarnia-Lambton Francophone Community Centre Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m., the club is back and becoming extremely active.

DesRochers said. T

This summer, club members will be participating in a friendly tournament with their counterparts in the Port Huron Chess Club, while a whole host of both newbie and experienced chess players have been signing up with the club in recent weeks.

"We're really starting to gain a little traction over the past few weeks, so we're really encouraged by that," said DesRochers. "We have a very laid back atmosphere here and anyone with an interest in chess can join. The thing about chess is that it's a really simple game to learn – you could learn the rules in five or 10 minutes. Once

you have that down, the game becomes something you really want to know how to become better at."

DesRochers, president of the Sarnia Chess Club, said he hopes even more Sarnians will discover the considerable joy and countless benefits that come with playing chess.

"I would say that the big thing about chess is that it's so easy to spend hours diving into all of the strategies and practising," he said. "It becomes really fun once you get really into it, it becomes addictive."

While DesRochers first started playing the ancient game when he was just seven, he became a full-on convert about a year ago.

"My dad played chess – he's the one who kind of introduced it to me," he said. "But the thing that really sparked my recent interest was that I started playing chess with

my friends in the cafeteria because it seemed like something fun to do.

"And then I said, 'alright, I've got to get really good at this so my friends don't destroy me,'" DesRochers said, laughing. "From there it just became something I really enjoyed doing."

Accomplished local chess player and Port Huron Chess Hall of Fame member Andy Bruziewicz said he was heartened to see the re-emergence of the Sarnia Chess Club.

Bruziewicz said during its heyday, the club was a thriving entity and home to many talented players.

"The club had its glory days in the Seventies and Eighties, we had teams going to Windsor and Toronto for tournaments," he said. "I remember I played 119 games of chess simultaneously at Lambton Mall as part of a promotion for the club, back in 1979.

"After the president of the club John Paul Millman died, which was eight or nine years ago, (the club) kind of died down and club members drifted towards Port Huron," Bruziewicz continued. "Then all of the sudden, about a year ago, two chess clubs started in Sarnia. And now they're together as one."

Life-long chess aficionado Sharloo Mhaskar was the individual who had founded the other chess club in Sarnia. After gathering together a group of chess enthusiasts over Facebook, Mhaskar's group met at his home as well as at Sarnia's two Coffee Culture locations before DesRochers reached out and asked them to join the new and improved Sarnia Chess Club. Mhaskar's group happily accepted the offer.

Mhaskar said while he had taken

bit of a break from chess in recent years, the allure of the game was too much to resist.

"I'm not a consistent chess player, that's the bad thing about me," he said, smiling. "I learned from my father when I was a kid. But because of my career and schooling and a lot of other stuff, I wasn't able to play as much as I'd like. After completing my master's degree a few years ago, though, I started playing in tournaments, four or five a year. And this year I've already played four tournaments. "I'm so happy that we got our two chess clubs together, thanks to Andre and Tanya (Tamilio, president of Sarnia's francophone community centre, who offered a free space for the club)," Mhaskar added. "Tanya got connected with me on Facebook and that's when we got the two clubs together." When asked what new players can gain from playing chess, Mhaskar said that the possibilities are endless.

"It's all personal. Basically, chess is made up of people and the more people you play against, the more you gain in the process," he said. "But there are so many benefits in your day-to-day life you can gain from playing chess. Your concentration improves, your memory gets improved and your strategic thinking also improves. So I would say chess would benefit all people who try it."

For more information about the Sarnia Chess Club, visit their Facebook Page, email them at cchsarnia@gmail.com or visit the Sarnia-Lambton Francophone Community Centre (3-901 Rapids Parkway) on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m.

Update: Sarnia takes first match against Port Huron Chess Club 12-8

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CHESS CLUB MAKING A MOVE

Chess champs ready to take on the world A delegation from the Sarnia Chess Club will be heading over to Port Huron on July 25 to take on the cream of the crop from Port Huron Chess Club during the first leg of a two legged tournament. The return match will take place in Sarnia at a later date. Front Row (left to right): Malcolm James Carr, Gerry Crowley, Shardool Mhaskar, Ramesh Rahalkar, Andy Bruziewicz and G. Avery Jones. Back row (left to

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 7/18/19

<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
DeFoy, Jay	750

USCF Ratings as of 7/18/19

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2098
Gregg, Alan	1978
Wilkinson, Stu	1830
Rutkofske, Lon	1806
Morabito, Matt	1780
Broyles, Tom	1699
Jones, G. Avery	1652
Muir, Joshua	1616
Wingrove, Bill	1613
Bedy, Noel	1532
Claunch, Jackson	1430
Boucher, Dave	1406
Byrne, Brandon	1283P4
DeFoy, Jay	1111P3
Kenny, Joshua	1063
Pirouz, Niko	974
Kovatch, Eric	Unr

PHCC Blitz Ratings as of 7/18/19

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2249
Gregg, Alan	1938
Wilkinson, Stu	1929
Rutkofske, Lon	1926
Morabito, Matt	1755
Broyles, Tom	1708
Muir, Josh	1667
Bedy, Noel	1652
Scholfield, Chris	1552
Wingrove, Bill	1538
Jones, G. Avery	1408
Byrne, Brandon	1327
Diachinsky, Robin	1298
Kenny, Joshua	1113
DeFoy, Jay	895

USCF Blitz Ratings as of 7/18/19

<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