



Chess Chatter

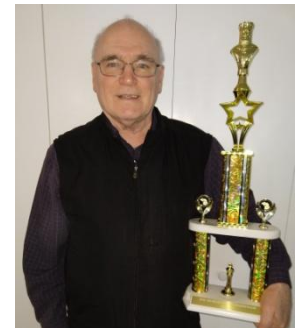
Newsletter of the Port Huron Chess Club

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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 Picks Up 3rd State Title By Winning The Class A Crown At The Masters/Expert/Class Championship Tournament Held January 11 & 12, 2020!

Our own **Alan Gregg** collected some prize money, and secured the coveted first place trophy in a splendid outing against some very tough competition at the 2020 Masters/Experts/Class Championships held in Lansing on January 11 & 12 despite the miserable weather. Seeded as first board in the Class A section, Gregg yielded only a pair of draws as he held serve against the top players in his rating group. (Be sure to check out the Spring 2020 issue of **Michigan Chess Magazine** when it arrives at the club in late February for details.)



This victory ties fellow club member, **Lon Rutkofske** with three state titles; 1982 MI Amateur and 1991 & 1992 MI Class A Champion. What makes this victory particularly sweet is that Alan achieved it at the advanced age of 75, establishing him as one of the most, if not **the** most senior players to accomplish this feat! Alan previously won titles at the 2010 MI Senior and 2015 MI Class A tournaments.

Congratulations to Alan for bringing yet another state title to add to the other state honors won by members of the Port Huron Chess Club!

Undefeated Matt Morabito leads the field after 3 rounds of the 2020 PHCC Championships!

A much needed win against former Champion **Lon Rutkofske** propelled **Matt Morabito** into the driver's seat after three rounds of this year's club championships. Should Matt be able to hold on to his advantage, it would signal the first time he has been able to secure sole possession of the title of Club Champion. Not wishing to jinx the perennial contender, who has been co-champion twice before, Matt has been playing some quality chess at a very high level of late! This, coupled with the fact that last year's co-champion, **Alan Gregg** dropped a half point as a result of a first round draw with **Bill Wingrove**, could make 2020 his year! Stay tuned, as it should still be a wild ride!

2020 Port Huron Championships - Round Robin Pairings

	<i>Dates of each round</i>	9-Jan	16-Jan	23-Jan	30-Jan	2/6/2020*	Totals
#	Name/Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	
1	Drew Malburg	W 2	B 4	W 3	B 5	W 6	
	unr.	0	0	0			0
2	Matthew Morabito	B 1	W 6	B 4	W 3	W 5	
	1796	1	1	1			3
3	Alan Gregg	W 6	W 5	B 1	B 2	W 4	
	1967	1/2	1	1			2.5
4	Lonnie Rutkofske	B 5	W 1	W 2	B 6	B 3	
	1800	1	1	0			2
5	Noel Bedy	W 4	B 3	B 6	W 1	B 2	
	1509	0	0	1/2			0.5
6	William Wingrove	B 3	B 2	W 5	W 4	B 1	
	1569	1/2	0	1/2			1

Three-way tie make nearly everyone a winner in the PHCC January Unrated tournament.

It appears that no one wanted to take first place honors alone in the PHCC first every January Unrated tournament held in conjunction with this year's club championships. Surely you have heard of the "Brady Bunch", that wacky clan made famous on late night TV from 1969-1974? Well the PHCC has its own version, affectionately called the "Klaty Bunch" featuring sons **Trenton** and **Braeden**, with dad, **Brad**...oh jeez, I just love the way this story rhymes!! Now I am unsure if they have a trusty housekeeper like, Alice, to keep things in order, I do know that her feminine equivalent has to be mom, **Rachel**, who is the mainstay that keeps this motley crew of chess hounds in line!

This welcomed trio of trusty travelers from the far reaches of the Thumb near Port Sanilac, have become weekly regulars of the PHCC, thirsting for chess knowledge, experiences and camaraderie through live experiences that the internet has failed to quench. This coupled by the presence of **Jay DeFoy**, who has become an invaluable resource for the PHCC as a greeter, teacher, and go-to person providing all encompassing chess support especially for new members willing to give chess at the PHCC a try!

All the pieces/players seem to fall in place for the creation of a quad tournament to be held in conjunction with the 2020 Club Championships, permitting a golden opportunity to offer, instruction, competition, and a personal touch. It filled the void for those interested in chess that might be left out as a result of the demands of participants engaged in the lengthy regular six week championship tournament.

The games and crosstable that follow clearly show that this new group of avid chess enthusiasts have carved out a place in the PHCC to call their own!

January 2020 Unrated Quads						
#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Totals
1	Braeden Klaty	1000	W 4	W 2	B 3	
			1	0	1	2
2	Jay Defoy	750	W 3	B 1	W 4	
			1	1	0	2
3	Trenton Klaty	750	B 2	B 4	W 1	
			0	0	0	0
4	Brad Klaty	750	B 1	W 3	B 2	
			0	1	1	2

Needed: PHCC volunteers for the 2020 PHASD/Phil Willard Memorial Chess Tournament slated for March 21st

Once again the **PHASD** has asked for PHCC to volunteer in lending support and expertise to the 2020 – 24th tournament. Please let Lon know if you can attend and help. We would need to be there by 8:00 am on Saturday morning March 21st. (See the flyer on the last page for specific details.)

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.

2020 PHCC Championship & Unrated Quads Games

Round 1

**Bedy, Noel (1509) -
Rutkofske, Lonnie (1800) [A45]
Trompowski Attack**
2020 PHCC Championships Port
Huron (1), 09.01.2020
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nd2 g6 3.e4 c5 4.c3
Bg7 5.Ngf3 d6 6.Bb5+ Nbd7
7.dxc5 0-0 8.cxd6 exd6 9.0-0
Nc5 10.Qc2 Ng4 11.h3 a6
12.Bc4 Nf6 13.Re1 b5 14.Bf1
Bb7 15.Bd3 Re8 16.e5 dx5
17.Be2 Rc8 18.Nb3 Be4 19.Qd2

**Nd3 20.Bxd3 Bxd3 21.Rxe5
Rxe5 22.Nxe5 Ne4 23.Qxd3
Bxe5 24.Qxe4 Qd1+ 0-1**

**Malburg, Drew -
Morabito, Matthew (1796)
[B30] Sicilian Defense**
2020 PHCC Championships Port
Huron (1), 09.01.2020
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Qc7
4.Bxc6 Qxc6 5.Nc3 d6 6.d4 cxd4
7.Nxd4 Qc7 8.0-0 a6 9.Be3 Nf6
10.Qd3 Bd7 11.f3 g6 12.Qd2
Bg7 13.Bh6 0-0 14.Bxg7 Kxg7
15.a4 b5 16.axb5 axb5
17.Ndxb5 Bxb5 18.Rfd1 Rxa1
19.Rxa1 Qb6+ 20.Kh1 Bc6
21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.exd5 Qxb2
23.Re1 Rc8 24.h3 Rxc2 25.Qg5
Re2 26.Rg1 Qe5 27.Qxe5 Rxe5
28.g4 Rxd5 29.h4 Rd2 30.h5 g5
0-1

**Gregg, Alan (1967) -
Wingrove, William (1569) [D00]
QP Game**
2020 PHCC Championships Port
Huron (1), 09.01.2020
1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 g6 3.e3 d5 4.Bd3
Bg7 5.c3 c5 6.Nd2 b6 7.Ngf3
Nh5 8.Bg3 Nc6 9.Bb5 Bd7 10.0-0
Nxc3 11.hxg3 a6 12.Be2 0-0
13.a4 c4 14.b3 b5 15.e4 e6
16.axb5 axb5 17.b4 Rxa1
18.Qxa1 Qc8 19.Rc1 Qb7
20.exd5 exd5 21.Rc2 Ra8
22.Ra2 Rxa2 23.Qxa2 Bf5
24.Nf1 Bh6 25.Nh4 Be6 26.f4
Ne7 27.Qa5 Nf5 28.Nxf5 Bxf5
29.Qd8+ Kg7 30.g4 Bxg4
31.Bxg4 Bxf4 32.Bf3 Qa7
33.Bxd5 Qa1 34.Qe7 Bd2
35.Qxf7+ Kh6 36.Qf8+ Kh5
37.Bf3+ Kg5 38.Qe7+ Kh6 39.d5
Bxc3 40.d6 Bxb4 41.Qe3+ Kg7
42.d7 Qf6 43.Qe8 Ba5 44.d8Q
½-½

Round 2

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1800) - Malburg,Drew [A23] English Opening

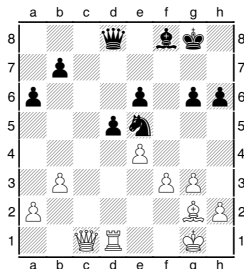
2020 PHCC Championships
Port Huron (2), 16.01.2020

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 e5 3.Nc3 c6 4.Bg2
Bc5 5.Nf3 d6 6.0-0 Be6 7.d3 0-
0 8.Bg5 Nbd7 9.Ne4 h6 10.Nxc5
Nxc5 11.Bd2 d5 12.Nxe5 Qd6
13.Bb4 b6 14.d4 dxc4 15.Nxc6
Qxc6 16.Bxc6 Rac8 17.Bg2 Rfd8
18.Bxc5 bxc5 19.e3 Bd5 20.Bh3
Rb8 21.Qc1 Ne4 22.f3 Ng5
23.Bg2 cxd4 24.exd4 Re8 25.h4
Ne6 26.Qc3 Nc7 27.Rfe1 Nb5
28.Rxe8+ Rxe8 29.Qd2 Rc8
30.f4 Bxg2 31.Kxg2 Nd6 32.Re1
f5 33.Re5 c3 34.Qc2 cxb2
35.Qxb2 Nc4 36.Qb3 Kh7
37.Rc5 Nd2 38.Rxc8 Nxb3
39.axb3 Kg6 40.Re8 Kf7 41.Re3
1-0

Morabito,Matthew (1796) - Wingrove,William (1569) [A04] K-I Attack

2020 PHCC Championships
Port Huron (2), 16.01.2020

1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-
0 Nc6 5.d3 e5 6.Nc3 Nge7 7.e4
0-0 8.Nd5 h6 9.Be3 d6 10.c3
Be6 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.d4 cxd4
13.cxd4 exd4 14.Nxd4 Ne5
15.b3 a6 16.Rc1 Rac8 17.f3
Rxc1 18.Qxc1 d5? [18..Rc8
followed by 19...Kh7 seems to
be a stronger
continuation.]19.Nxe6 fxe6
20.Bc5 Qd8 21.Bxf8 Bxf8
22.Rd1 [Diagram]



22...Qb6+ [22...d4 looks to offer
more counter chances with the
white monarch still on the g1
bating the rook, and preventing

the exchange, as well as
permitting the knight to time to
get back to c6 to protect, and
making more use of the dark
squares.] 23.Kh1 [The previous
continuation still appears to
work and organizes Black's
pieces to protect the passed
pawn!] 23...dxe4?? [This really
helps White by creating more
open pathways for his rook to
the Black K and helps mobilize
White's forces.]24.Rf1 Nd3
25.Qc2 Bc5 26.h3 exf3 27.Rxf3
Ne5 28.Rc3 Bf8 29.Rc7 Bd6
30.Rxb7 Qd8 31.Ra7 Qb6
32.Qc8+ Bf8 33.Rxa6 Qe3
34.Qxe6+ Kh7 35.Rc6 Qe1+
36.Kh2 Qe2 37.Rc7+ Bg7 38.Qf6
Nf3+ 39.Qxf3 Qe5 40.Qb7 h5
41.Rxg7+ Qxg7 42.Qxg7+ 1-0

Gregg,Alan (1967) - Bedy,Noel (1569) [A07] Reti Opening

2020 PHCC Championships
Port Huron (2), 16.01.2020

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Bf5
4.Nh4 Bg6 5.c4 c6 6.Qb3 Qb6
7.Qxb6 axb6 8.Nxg6 hxg6
9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 cxd5
11.Nc3 e6 12.Nb5 Kd7 13.b3
Be7 14.Bb2 Bf6 15.d4 Nc6
16.Kd2 Be7 17.e3 Na7 18.Nxa7
Rxa7 19.a4 Raa8 20.h4 Rhc8
21.h5 gxh5 22.Rxh5 Rc7 23.Rc1
Rac8 24.Rxc7+ Kxc7 25.Rh7 Bf6
26.g4 Rg8 27.Ba3 Kd7 28.f4 Be7
29.Bb2 Kc6 30.Rh1 b5 31.Rc1+
Kb6 32.a5+ Kxa5 33.Rc7 Bb4+
34.Kd3 Rf8 35.Rxb7 Ka6 36.Rd7
Kb6 37.Bc3 Bxc3 38.Kxc3 Rc8+
39.Kb4 Rf8 40.g5 Kc6 41.Ra7
Kb6 42.Re7 g6 43.Rd7 Kc6
44.Ra7 Rh8 45.Rxf7 Rh3 46.Rf6
Rxe3 47.Rxg6 Re4 48.Rf6 Rxd4+
49.Kc3 Re4 50.Kd3 Re1 51.g6
Kc5 52.Kd2 Rf1 53.Ke2 Rb1
54.Rxe6 Rxb3 55.Re3 Ra3 1-0

Round 3

Malburg,Drew - Gregg,Alan (1967) [B72] Sicilian Dragon

2020 PHCC Championships
Port Huron (3), 23.01.2020

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7
7.h3 a6 8.Qd2 b5 9.a3 Bb7
10.Bd3 h5 11.f4 e5 12.Nf3 Nbd7
13.0-0-0 Qc7 14.Rhg1 Nc5
15.Bxc5 dxc5 16.Nxe5 c4
17.Be2 Nxe4 18.Qd7+ Qxd7
19.Rxd7 Nxc3 20.bxc3 Bxe5
21.Rxb7 Bxf4+ 22.Kb1 0-0
23.Bf3 Rad8 24.Ra7 Be3
25.Rxa6 Bxg1 26.Ra5 Rb8
27.Bc6 Rfc8 0-1

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1800) - Morabito,Matthew (1796)

[A26] English Opening

2020 PHCC Championships
Port Huron (3), 23.01.2020

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7
4.Nf3 d6 5.d3 Nc6 6.Nc3 0-0
7.0-0 e5 8.Bd2 Nd4 9.Rb1 c6
10.b4 Nxf3+ 11.exf3 d5 12.Qc2
Be6 13.Rfd1 Qd7 14.Na4 b6
15.c5 b5 16.Nc3 a6 17.a3 Ra7
18.Re1 Qc7 19.Rbd1 Rfa8 20.g4
a5 21.Ne2 axb4 22.Bxb4 e4
23.dxe4 dxe4 24.h3 exf3
25.Bxf3 Bd5 26.g5 Bxf3 27.gxf6
Bxf6 28.Qd3 Bd5 29.Nf4?? 0-1

Wingrove,William (1569) - Bedy,Noel (1509) [B01]

Scandinavian Defense

2020 PHCC Championships
Port Huron (3), 23.01.2020

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4
4.Bb5+ Nbd7 5.Be2 Bxe2
6.Qxe2 Nxd5 7.Nf3 e6 8.0-0
Be7 9.c4 N5f6 10.Nc3 0-0
11.Bf4 c6 12.Rad1 Qa5 13.Rfe1
Qf5 14.Bg3 Rfe8 15.Qd2 Bb4
16.Qd3 Qxd3 17.Rxd3 Nb6
18.b3 Bxc3 19.Rxc3 Rad8
20.Bh4 Rd7 21.Bxf6 gxf6 22.a4
Rde7 23.a5 Nc8 24.Rd3 Nd6
25.g4 b5 26.c5 Nc8 27.Nd2 Rd7
28.Nf3 Ne7 29.Rd2 Nd5 30.Re4
Kh8 31.Nh4 Rg8 32.Nf3 Nc3
33.Rf4 Nd5 34.Re4 Nc3 ½-½

Round 1

Klaty,Braeden (1000) -

Klaty,Brad (750) [B30] Sicilian Defense

January 2020 Unrated Quad

Port Huron CC (1), 09.01.2020

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 a6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d4 e6 5.d5 exd5 6.exd5 Qe7+ 7.Be2 Ne5 8.0-0 d6 9.Re1 Nf6 10.Nxe5? [10. Bg5 developing a piece was a much better choice here.]10...dxe5 [Again, 11.Bg5 was much stronger, because of the threat of 12.d5. A superior post for the KB would have been on f3!]11.Bc4? Qd6 [Black's best move here is 11...b5 with the threat of the classic Noah's Ark trap with 12...c4 if White makes the error and goes to b3???]12.Bf4 Nd7 13.Qe2 f6 14.Bg3 Be7 15.f4 [15...b5?! could be a promising resource . but things are tough here because the black monarch is caught in the center which is the real problem with Qe7+ earlier!!]15...0-0 16.fxe5 fxe5 17.Bxe5 Nxe5 18.Qxe5 Qxe5 19.d6+!! Kh8 20.Rxe5 Bxd6 21.Rd5 Be6! [A nice resource and develops a piece as well.]22.Rxd6 Bxc4 23.b3 Bf7 24.Rf1 Bg6 25.Rxf8+ Rxf8 26.Rd7 b5 27.Ra7 Re8?? [Best was 27...Bc2 28.Ra7 Bd3with a mate threat at f1 and if 29.h3,b4 wins a piece!!]28.Rxa6 h6 29.Nxb5 [Now White goes pawn grabbing and eventually wins !]29...Bxc2 30.Rc6 Re5 31.Rd6 Bb1 32.Nc3 Bf5 33.Rd5 Rxd5 34.Nxd5 Be6 35.Nc3 Kg8 36.a4?? [Never give away a pawn needlessly...Now Black has drawing chances!]36...Bxb3 37.a5 Bc4 38.Ne4 Kf7 39.Nxc5 Ke7 40.Kf2 Kd6 41.Nb7+ Kc6 [Best was 41...Kd5 heading back to the K side, since the B should be able to hold the position.]

42.Nd8+ Kb5 43.Ke3 Kxa5 44.Kf4 [With his long range white squared B, Black needs to get his pawns on White squares for protection, so 44...g6! was required here since White's

Knight is hindered on by the Bishop.]44...Kb5?? 45.Ke5 Kc5 46.Ne6+ Bxe6 47.Kxe6 Kd4 48.Kf7 g5 49.Kg6 Ke4 50.Kxh6 Kf4 51.Kh5 g4 52.g3+ Kf5 53.Kh4 1-0

DeFoy,Jay (750) - Klaty,Trenton (750) (A25) English Opening

January 2020 Unrated Quad Port Huron CC (1), 09.01.2020

1.c4 [Jay gets an opportunity to demonstrate his tactical abilities in this one, mostly because Trenton gets to involved on the Q-side, without being fully developed.] 1...e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d3 Nc6 4.e3 Bc5 5.Nge2 0-0 6.g3 d6 7.Bg2 Bg4 8.0-0 Qd7 9.d4 Bb4 10.Qd3 Bh3 11.d5 Na5 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 b5 15.c5? [Very sneaky, for if 15...Bc5, the simple b4 snags a piece!]15...dxc5 16.a3 Nb3 17.axb4 Nxa1 18.bxc5 Rfe8 19.b4 a5 20.c6 Qd6 21.bxa5 Rxa5 22.Bd2 Ra6 23.Nd4 Qc5 24.Rc1 Qb6 25.Rb1 Ra2 26.Rxb5 Qa6 27.Qxe5 Rxe5 28.Rb8+ 1-0

Round 2

Klaty,Braeden (1000) - DeFoy,Jay (750) [C60] Ruy Lopez

January 2020 Unrated Quad Port Huron CC (2), 16.01.2020

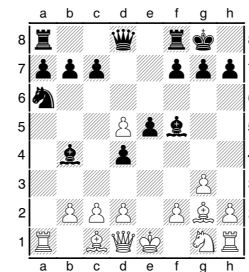
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f6?? [This is NEVER a good idea in the opening! Best is just the simple developing move of Nf6 or even Nge7 is far better, then Black can fianchetto his dark squared B to g7.]4.0-0 a6 5.Ba4 Bc5 6.Nc3 Nge7 7.Bb3 d6 8.d3 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nd4 11.Qg4 Ng6 12.Be3 Nxb3 13.axb3 Bxe3 14.fxe3 Qd7 15.Qxd7+ Kxd7 [Actually Black's plan is very sound as he calmly eliminates nearly all the attacking pieces, nullifying any threats and securing a good

square for his K.]16.d4 exd4 17.exd4 c6 18.Rad1 Rae8 19.d5 c5 20.Rde1 Ne5 21.Na4 Kc7 22.g4 h6 23.c3?? b5 24.Nxc5 dxc5 25.Rd1 Kd6 26.Ra1 Ra8 27.Ra5 Ra7 28.Rfa1 Rha8 29.Kg2 c4 30.b4 Nd3 31.R1a2 Nc1 32.Ra1 Nb3 0-1

Klaty,Brad (750) - Klaty,Trenton (750) [A00] Unusual Opening

January 2020 Unrated Quad Port Huron CC (2), 17.01.2020

1.a4?? [Probably the worst opening move possible!! Piece development or at least trying to control the central squares is the best!] 1...e5! [A sensible developing move opens up key diagonals.]2.a5?? d5 [Black has absolute domination over the central squares, which usually results in quick and crushing wins, it is like white has given Black the first two moves in a row!] 3.a6?? Nxa6! [All of those moves wasted, and White give away the pawn anyway!]4.Nc3 Nf6 5.g3 Bb4 6.Bg2 0-0 7.e4 d4 8.Nd5 Nxd5 9.exd5 Bf5!



Black has absolutely done all the right things, just look at his enormous advantage in development!] 10.c3 dxc3 11.bxc3 Bd6 12.Nf3 Re8 13.0-0 Qd7 14.Ng5 Nc5 15.Ba3 b5 16.Re1 Nd3 17.Re3 a5 [at this point, Black needs to plan for a winning attack on the White K. There are just so many weakness, in the White position, is sometimes becomes difficult to decide which plan to

use!] 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Qb3 Rab8 20.Rxa5 Qb6 21.d6 Qxa5?? 22.Qxf7+ Kh8 23.Qxf5!! [And Black falls for a cheapo!!! As you can see, a classic swindle - White made the most of his opportunities and had a plan in mind rather than just trade off pieces!] 1-0

Round 3

DeFoy, Jay (750) - Klaty, Brad (750) [D07] Queen's Gambit: Chigorin Defense

January 2020 Unrated Quad Port Huron (3), 23.01.2020
 1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.e3 Nc6 5.c5 g6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.0-0 a6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.Ne5 Bb5 10.Re1 Bg7 11.a4 Bd7 12.Nc3 0-0 13.b3 Nh5 14.Ba3 c6 15.b4 f6 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.a5 f5 18.Na4 Qe7 19.Nb6 Rae8 20.Bb2 Bh6 21.f4 Qh4 22.g3 Qh3 23.Nd7 Rf7 24.Ne5 Rg7 25.Qf3 Nf6 26.Qg2 Qh5 27.h3 g5 28.Rf1 gxf4 29.exf4 Ne4 30.Rf3 Bxf4 31.Rxf4 Rxf3 32.Qxg3+ Nxf3 33.Ra3 Ne2+ 34.Kh2 Nxf4 35.Rg3+ Kf8 36.Bc1 Qe2+ 0-1

Klaty, Trenton (750) - Klaty, Braeden (1000) [D91] Grunfeld Defense

January 2020 Unrated Quad Port Huron (3), 23.01.2020
 Quite a nice game by both players, and Trenton played a very good game, capitalizing on his brother's error on move 8! Too bad he fell into a swindling fork!!
 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 Bg4 7.Be2 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 0-0 9.e5 Nfd7 10.Bxb7 Nb6 11.Bxa8 Nxa8 12.0-0 Nc6 13.Be3 Nb6 14.Qd2 Nd5 15.Nxd5 Qxd5 16.Rfd1 Rd8 17.a3 e6 18.Rac1 f5 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.Qc3 Ne5 21.Bf4 Nd3 22.Bxc7 Nxc1 23.Bxd8 Ne2+ 0-1

Alan Gregg Games from 2020 MXC Tournament

Johnson, Timothy (1819) - Gregg, Alan (1967) [B40] Sicilian Defense

2020 MI MEC Championships Section A Lansing (1), 11.01.2020
 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd2 d5 9.e5 Nd7 10.Qg4 Bf8 11.f4 g6 12.h4 h5 13.Qg3 Nc5 14.Bxg6 fxg6 15.Qxg6+ Kd7 16.b4 Nb7 17.f5 exf5 18.Bg5 Be7 19.Qf7 Qf8 20.e6+ Kd8 21.0-0-0 Bxg5+ 22.hxg5 Nd6 23.Qg6 Rg8 24.e7+ Kxe7 25.Rhe1+ Kd7 26.Qe6+ Kc7 27.Qe3 Nc4 28.Qf4+ Kb7 29.a3 a5 30.Nxd5 cxd5 31.Rxd5 Nb6 32.Rb5 Bd7 33.Rc5 Rc8 34.Rxa5 Rc4 35.Qe3 Qd6 36.Re5 Rgc8 37.Qf3+ Qc6 38.Qxc6+ R8xc6 39.R1e2 Rg4 0-1

Gregg, Alan (1967) - Williams, Ronald (1908) [A05] Reti Opening

2020 MI MEC Championships Section A Lansing (2), 11.01.2020
 1.Nf3 Nc6 2.g3 e5 3.d3 Nf6 4.Bg2 d6 5.0-0 Be7 6.c4 Bg4 7.h3 Bd7 8.Nc3 h6 9.a3 g5 10.b4 Qc8 11.Kh2 Bxh3 12.Bxh3 g4 13.Bg2 gxf3 14.Bxf3 Nd4 15.e3 Nxf3+ 16.Qxf3 c6 17.Kg2 Qd7 18.Rh1 0-0-0 19.d4 Ng4 20.b5 f5 21.bxc6 bxc6 22.Qe2 h5 23.Rb1 Qc7 24.c5 Kd7 25.f3 Nf6 26.dxe5 dxe5 27.Qd3+ Ke8 28.Qxf5 Qa5 29.Qxe5 Qxc5 30.Qxc5 Bxc5 31.Rd1 Rxd1 32.Nxd1 Bb6 33.Nf2 Ke7 34.Bb2 Rd8 35.Bxf6+ Kxf6 36.Ne4+ Kg6 37.Rc1 c5 38.Kf2 Rd3 39.Rc3 Rd5 40.Ke2 Kf5 41.Rc4 Ke5 42.Nc3 Rd7 43.Rh4 Rh7 44.g4 Bd8 45.Rxh5+ Rxh5 46.gxh5 Kf5

47.Ne4 Be7 48.a4 c4 49.Kd2 Bb4+ 50.Kc2 a6 51.Nd2 Kg5 52.Nxc4 Kxh5 53.Kd3 Kg5 54.Ke4 Kf6 55.Kd5 1-0

Gregg, Alan (1967) - Bailey, Gregory (1934) [A03] Bird's Opening

2020 MI MEC Championships Section A Lansing (3), 11.01.2020
 1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.b3 g6 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.e3 0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.h3 b6 9.Qc1 Bb7 10.Nc3 d4 11.exd4 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4+ 13.Kh1 Ne4 ½-½

Gregg, Alan (1967) - Jarosz, Stanley (1931) [A11] English Opening

2020 MI MEC Championships Section A Lansing (4), 12.01.2020
 1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Bf5 4.c4 e6 5.0-0 c6 6.Qb3 Qb6 7.Qxb6 axb6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.d3 Be7 10.b3 0-0 11.Bb2 h6 12.Nc3 Nbd7 13.d4 b5 14.a4 bxa4 15.bxa4 Ne4 16.Nxe4 Bxe4 17.Ba3 Bxa3 18.Rxa3 Ra5 19.Nd2 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Rfa8 21.Rb3 b6 22.Rc1 c5 23.dxc5 Rxc5 24.Rxc5 bxc5 25.Ra3 Ra5 26.Nb3 Ra6 27.a5 c4 28.Nd2 Nc5 29.e4 Nxe4 30.Nxe4 dxe4 31.Rc3 Rxa5 32.Rxc4 f5 33.Rc2 Kh7 34.h4 Kg6 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!

2020 Events Schedule:

February 27th- **PHCC Rated Action Quads (or Mini-Swiss depending on registration) G/10** 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.)

March 19th- **PHCC Rated Action Quads (or Mini-Swiss depending on registration) G/10** 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.)

April, 16th; May, 21st; June, 18th - **PHCC Rated Action Quads (or Mini-Swiss depending on registration) G/25 with 3 sec. delay** (*Each tournament during these three months is separate.*) 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.)

July 16th - **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 6, 13, 20 – **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 6, 13 & 20)! 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 5th 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 15th PHCC Speed Championships - The Port Huron Chess Club's 38th Annual Speed Championship Tournament will be held on Thursday, October 15th 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 19th – PHCC Rated Quick Tournament DRR Game/15 PHCC Rated Action Quads (or Mini-Swiss depending on registration) 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.)

December – NO TOURNAMENT

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. The following have expired or expiring memberships: . Bruziewicz, Andy (Mar2020); Broyles, Tom(Oct2019); Byrne, Brandon(Nov2019); Defoy, Jay(Feb2020); Jones, George Avery(Jan2020); Muir, Joshua(Jan2020).



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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 1/17/20

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2118
Gregg, Alan	1993
Rutkofske, Lon	1906
Morabito, Matt	1865
Wilkinson, Stu	1852
Jones, G. Avery	1738
Broyles, Tom	1692
Muir, Josh	1633
Wingrove, Bill	1612
Bedy, Noel	1591
Boucher, Dave	1565
Scholfield, Chris	1503
Diachinsky, Robin	1300
Kenny, Joshua	1063
DeFoy, Jay	750

PHCC Blitz Ratings as of 1/17/2020

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2262
Gregg, Alan	1938
Wilkinson, Stu	1929
Rutkofske, Lon	1879
Morabito, Matt	1797
Broyles, Tom	1708
Muir, Josh	1667
Bedy, Noel	1599
Scholfield, Chris	1552
Wingrove, Bill	1538
Jones, G. Avery	1517
Diachinsky, Robin	1298
Kenny, Joshua	1113
DeFoy, Jay	895

USCF Ratings as of 1/17/20

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2098
Gregg, Alan	1995
Wilkinson, Stu	1830
Rutkofske, Lon	1800
Morabito, Matt	1795
Broyles, Tom	1699
Muir, Joshua	1661
Wingrove, Bill	1569
Bedy, Noel	1509
Jones, G. Avery	1506
Boucher, Dave	1406
DeFoy, Jay	1111P3
Kenny, Joshua	1063

USCF Quick/Action Ratings as of 11/17/2020

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andy	2125/P13
Gregg, Alan	1909
Morabito, Matt	1908/P17
Broyles, Tom	1801/23
Wilkinson, Stu	1782/P16
Rutkofske, Lon	1756
Muir, Josh	1686
Bedy, Noel	1523
Jones, Avery	1514
Wingrove, Bill	1507
Defoy, Jay	1103/P8
Kenny, Joshua	1102/P8

USCF Blitz Ratings as of 1/6/19

<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

Phil Willard Memorial Chess Tournament



Saturday, March 21, 2020

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Port Huron High School Cafeteria

Registration will take place from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED

5 Round Tournament

Round 1 - 9:00 a.m.

Round 2 - 9:45 a.m.

Round 3 - 10:30 a.m.

Round 4 - 11:15 a.m.

Round 5 - 12:00 p.m.

Tournament and trophy presentation will conclude by 1:00 p.m.

**Open Tournament—FREE to all students currently attending
Port Huron Schools in grades Kindergarten through 12th
Time limit 15 minutes per player per round (Game in 30 minutes)**

Prizes will be awarded according to the following grade classifications:

K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

**(Grade classifications without a minimum of 6 players will be paired
in the next highest grade classification)**

CHESS SETS WILL BE PROVIDED

- ◆ Parents are responsible for the transportation and supervision of their children.
- ◆ Participants may bring their own refreshments.
- ◆ Concessions will not be available for purchase.