



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>

Avdic and Gregg hold early lead in 2022 PHCC Championships

#	Name/Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Rd 9	Tot
1	Huso Avdic	B 9	W 8	B 7	W 6	B 5	W 4	B 3	W 2	W 10	
	2092	1	1								2
2	Alan Gregg	B 8	W 7	B 6	W 5	B 4	W 3	W 10	B 1	W 9	
	1918	1	1								2
3	Eric Rood	B 7	W 6	B 5	W 4	W 10	B 2	W 1	B 9	W 8	
	1883	1									1
4	Matt Morabito	B 6	W 5	W 10	B 3	W 2	B 1	W 9	B 8	W 7	
	1861	0.5	0.5								1
5	Lon Rutkofske	W 10	B 4	W 3	B 2	W 1	B 9	W 8	B 7	W 6	
	1731	1	0.5								1.5
6	Braeden Klaty	W 4	B 3	W 2	B 1	W 9	B 8	W 7	B 10	B 5	
	1719	0.5									0.5
7	Bill Wingrove	W 3	B 2	W 1	B 9	W 8	B 10	B 6	W 5	B 4	
	1534	0	0								0
8	Drew Malburg	W 2	B 1	W 9	B 10	B 7	W 6	B 5	W 4	B 3	
	1348	0	0								0
9	Brad Klaty	W 1	B 10	B 8	W 7	B 6	W 5	B 4	W 3	B 2	
	1222	0									0
10	Trenton Klaty	B 5	W 9	B 4	W 8	B 3	W 7	B 2	W 6	B 1	
	1171	0									0

Dates: 1/13 1/20 1/27 2/10 2/17 2/24 3/10 3/17 3/24

It seems the Cassia has blessed former club champions: **Huso Avdic** and **Alan Gregg** with early convincing victories over the club's lower rated opponents, but the nature of the round robin dictates the duo will face progressively more challenging opponents in successive rounds. This season's tournament features a more leisurely pace, with more make up opportunities because awards night is slated for April 28th. Palmer Park recreation supervisor, **Ronda Bingham** has once again graciously agreed to provide the plaques for award winners, and longtime PHCC member, turned benefactor, **Brian Ledsworth**, is funding the cash prizes from his snowy perch near Denver Colorado. From the looks of the games that have been played thus far, it appears that an undefeated champion will probably not be crowned this time around, but then only time will tell. Readers can take a peek at the games in the **Members' Games** section of each issue.

The Port Huron Area School District to resurrect the Phil Willard Memorial School tournament for
Mar. 19, 2022! – PHCC volunteers needed!



Phil Willard Memorial Chess Tournament



Saturday, March 19, 2022
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.

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 (I.E: 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.

*Club champion **Huso Avdic** managed to score 2.5/5 points at the 2022 MI Masters/Expert/Class tournament held in Lansing the weekend of January 8th and 9th. He remarked on his disappointment by saying: "I didn't have the stamina for the whole tournament, as it was very stressful and hard. I need experience for these two-day tournaments, but I enjoyed it and I hope next time to be better!" His games and the tournament cross table appear below. Thanks for representing the PHCC in Lansing!*

Houghton ,Ezekiel (1844) - Avdic,Huso (1949) [C09] French Tarrasch
 2022 Michigan M/E/C Tnmt
 Lansing (1), 08.01.2022
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 e6 4.d4 d5 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5 Bd6 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 Nge7 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Nb3 Bb6 11.h3 Qd6 12.Nbd4 Bd7 13.Ba4 a6 14.Ne2 Ng6 15.Bb3 Be6 16.Ned4 Nce5 17.Ng5 h6 18.Ngxe6 fxe6 19.Nxe6 Nf3+ 20.gxf3 Qg3+ 21.Kh1 Qxh3+ 22.Kg1 Nh4 0-1

Avdic,Huso (1949) - Hong,Elan (1834) [A25] English Opening
 2022 Michigan M/E/C Tnmt
 Lansing (2), 08.01.2022
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 f5 4.d3 Nf6 5.g3 Bc5 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.Na4 Bb6 9.b4 Nxb4 10.Qb3 c5 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.a3 Bd7 13.Rb1 Ba4 14.Qb2 Nc2 15.Qxb6 Qxb6 16.Rxb6 Bc6 17.Ng5 Rfc8 18.f4 e4 19.dxe4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 fxe4 21.Rb3 Ra4 22.e3 Rxc4 23.Bh3 Re8 24.Rd1 Ba4 25.Rxb7 Nxe3

26.Bxe3 Bxd1 27.Bd7 Re7 28.f5 Rc3 29.Bg5 Rb3 30.Rc7 Rxd7 31.Rxd7 e3 32.Rd8+ Kf7 33.Rd7+ Kf8 34.Rd8+ Kf7 35.Rd7+ 1/2-1/2

Mathlyzhagan ,Ashrith (1800) - Avdic,Huso (1949) [B56] Classical Sicilian
 2022 Michigan M/E/C Tnmt
 Lansing (3), 08.01.2022
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.f3 Qb6 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.Rb1 e5

10.Nde2 Be7 11.Qd3 Be6 12.Be3
 Qb7 13.b3 0-0 14.0-0 d5
 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Bf2 Rac8
 17.Ng3 Qc7 18.Na4 d4 19.Nf5
 Bb4 20.Nxd4 exd4 21.Qxd4 a5
 22.c4 Rcd8 23.Qh4 Rd2 24.Bd4
 Be7 25.Bb2 Ng4 26.Qg3 Bd6
 27.f4 Qa7+ 28.Kh1 Qe3 29.Rf3
 Qe4 30.Ra1 Qg6 31.Qe1 Bb4
 32.Qf1 Bf5 33.a3 Bd6 34.Bc3
 Rd3 35.c5 Bc7 36.h3 Ne3 37.Qf2
 Nd5 38.Bd4 Rxf3 39.Qxf3 Be4
 40.f5 Bxf5 41.Re1 Be6 42.Nb2
 Nf4 43.Nc4 Bd5 44.Qg4 Nxg2
 45.Qxg6 Nxe1+ 0-1

Vanderhoek ,Kalman (Unr) -
 Avdic,Huso (1949) [A29]
 English: 4 Knights

2022 Michigan M/E/C Tnmt
 Lansing (4), 09.01.2022
 1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3
 Bb4 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 Bxc3
 7.bxc3 h6 8.d3 d6 9.e4 Nb8
 10.Ne1 c6 11.f4 Qc7 12.Nc2
 Nbd7 13.Ne3 Nc5 14.fxe5 dxe5
 15.Ba3 Qa5 16.Bb4 Qb6 17.Rxf6
 gxf6 18.d4 exd4 19.Qxd4 Ne6
 20.Qxb6 axb6 21.Bxf8 Nxf8
 22.Nc2 Be6 23.Bf1 Ra4 24.Ne3
 Ra3 25.Kf2 Rxc3 26.Ke2 Ra3
 27.Kd2 Nd7 28.Nc2 Ra4 29.Kc3
 Nc5 30.Bd3 Nxd3 31.Kxd3 Bxc4+
 32.Ke3 Rxa2 33.Rc1 b5 34.Nd4
 Rxh2 35.Nf5 Re2+ 36.Kf4 Rd2
 37.Nxh6+ Kf8 38.Nf5 Ke8 39.Rh1
 b4 1-0

Lyn,Ethan (1842) -
 Avdic,Huso (1949) [D00] QP
 Game

2022 Michigan M/E/C Tnmt
 Lansing (5), 09.01.2022
 1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.f3
 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.e3 a6
 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 c5 10.Nge2
 Nc6 11.0-0-0 Rc8 12.g5 Nb4
 13.Qd2 Nd7 14.a3 Nc6 15.e4
 cxd4 16.Nxd4 e5 17.Nxc6 bxc6
 18.exd5 cxd5 19.Nxd5 Be7
 20.Nxe7 Qxe7 21.Rhe1 hxg5
 22.hxg5 Nc5 23.Qf2 f6 24.Be3
 Ne6 25.gxf6 gxf6 26.Qe2 Qc7
 27.Rd2 Qc6 28.f4 Ke7 29.fxe5
 fxe5 30.Bg5+ Kf7 31.Qxe5 Rh1
 32.Rf2+ Kg8 33.Bf6 Rc7 34.Qe3
 Rxe1+ 35.Qxe1 Nf4 36.Bc3 Rf7
 37.Rxf4 Qh6 38.Qe8+ Rf8
 39.Qxf8+ 1-0

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot.
1	Kalman Vanderhoek	Unr	W 13	D 4	W 7	W 8	D 2	4
2	Eddie Shelton Barber	1942	W 3	D 5	H	W 6	D 1	3.5
3	Ethan Toby Lyu	1842	L 2	W 13	W 10	D 4	W 8	3.5
4	Nick Schwerin	1879	W 10	D 1	D 9	D 3	D 5	3
5	Ashrith Mathiyazhagan	1800	W 11	D 2	L 8	W 9	D 4	3
6	Ezekiel Houghton	1844	L 8	W 11	W 12	L 2	W 9	3
7	Zachary Smith	1922	L 9	W 12	L 1	W 10	W 11	3
8	Huso Avdic	1949	W 6	D 9	W 5	L 1	L 3	2.5
9	Elan Hong	1834	W 7	D 8	D 4	L 5	L 6	2
10	Alex Kong	1800	L 4	B	L 3	L 7	W 12	2
11	Stanley J Jarosz	1900	L 5	L 6	B	W 12	L 7	2
12	Zhenglin Song	1800	B	L 7	L 6	L 11	L 10	1
13	James D Karakos	1866	L 1	L 3	U	U	U	0

Games from the 2022 PHCC Championships

Round 1 Games

Klaty,Brad (1222) - Avdic,Huso
 (2092) [B20] Sicilian Defense
 2022 PHCC Championships Port
 Huron (1), 13.01.2022

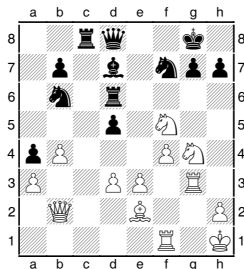
1.e4 c5 2.b3 Nc6 3.Bb2 d6 4.f4
 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Qf3 Nd4 7.Qd3
 Bd7 8.Nge2 Nc6 9.a3 a6 10.Ng3
 Be7 11.Be2 h5 12.h4 Qc7 13.Rf1
 b5 14.Qe3 Nd4 15.Bd1 Ng4
 16.Qg1 Bxh4 17.Rf3 Nxf3+
 18.gxf3 Nf6 19.Nce2 0-0-0

20.c4 Bc6 21.b4 Nd7 22.a4 bxc4
 23.b5 axb5 24.axb5 Bxb5
 25.Ra8+ Kb7 26.Ra3 d5 27.Bc3
 Ra8 28.Bb2 d4 29.Kf2 g5 30.Qh2
 Bxg3+ 31.Qxg3 gxf4 32.Qg5 f6
 33.Qh4 e5 34.Qh3 Qd6 35.Ke1
 h4 36.Ng1 Rxa3 37.Bxa3 Nb6

38.Qg4 Bd7 39.Qg7 Ra8 40.Bc1 Ra1 41.Bb2 Ra2 42.Bc1 Ka6 43.Qf7 d3 44.Bb3 Be6 45.Bxa2 Bxf7 46.Bb2 Be6 47.Kf2 h3 48.Bc3 Qd4+ 49.Bxd4 cxd4 50.Nxh3 Bxh3 51.Kg1 c3 52.dxc3 dxc3 53.Bb1 c2 54.Bxc2 dxc2 55.Kh2 c1Q 56.Kxh3 Qg1 57.Kh4 Qg5+ 58.Kh3 Qg3# 0-1

Klaty,Braeden (1719) - Morabito,Matt (1861) [B31] Sicilian Defense
2022 PHCC Championships Port Huron (1), 14.01.2022
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bxc6 bxc6 7.d3 Nf6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Nxd5 cxd5 10.Be3 d6 11.exd6 Qxd6 12.d4 c4 13.c3 0-0 14.b3 Bg4 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 cxb3 17.axb3 Rac8 18.Bf4 e5 19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.dxe5 Qxe5 21.Rxa6 Rxc3 22.Qd1 Rfc8 23.Ra5 Qb8 24.Rxd5 Rxb3 25.Qd2 Qc7 26.Rd1 Qc6 27.Rd8+ ½-½

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1731) - Klaty,Trenton (1171) [A03]Bird's Opening
2022 PHCC Championships Port Huron (1), 13.01.2022
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 Nf6 4.b3 e6 5.Bb2 Be7 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 a5 8.Ne5 a4 9.g4 Nbd7 10.g5 Ne4 11.Ng4 Nb6 12.Rf3 c4 13.Bd4 cxb3 14.cxb3 Bc5 15.Bxc5 Nxc5 16.b4 Ne4 17.d3 e5 18.Nxe5 Nxc5 19.Rg3 f6 20.Ng4 Nf7 21.a3 Re8 22.Qc1 Bd7 23.Qb2 Re6 24.Nd2 Bb5 25.Nf3 Bd7 26.Nd4 Rd6 27.Rf1 Rc8 28.Kh1 f5 29.Nxf5 [Diagram]



29...d4 30.Nxd6 Bxg4 31.Nxc8 Bxc8 32.e4 Be6 33.Rfg1 g5 34.Bh5 Kh8 35.Bxf7 Bxf7

36.Rxg5 Nc8 37.Qc2 b6 38.Qc6 Ne7 39.Qf6# 1-0

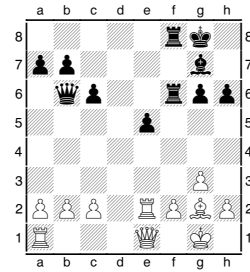
Wingrove,Bill (1534) - Rood,Eric (1883) [B07]Pirc Defense
2022 PHCC Championships Port Huron (1), 13.01.2022
1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f3 Bg7 5.Be3 c6 6.Qd2 Nbd7 7.0-0 b5 8.h4 h5 9.Nh3 Nb6 10.Nf2 Qc7 11.Be2 Nc4 12.Bxc4 bxc4 13.d5 c5 14.Rde1 Rb8 15.Ncd1 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 Qb7 17.c3 Qa6 18.a3 Bf5 19.Bf4 Kd7 20.Ne3 Rb3 21.Nxf5 gxf5 22.Ng5 Bxc3 23.bxc3 Qxa3+ 24.Kd1 Rb1+ 25.Ke2 Rb2 26.Rc1 Rxd2+ 27.Bxd2 Qa6 28.Ra1 Qb7 29.Rhb1 Qc7 30.Ra6 Rb8 31.Rc6 Rxb1 32.Rxc7+ Kxc7 33.f4 a5 34.Nf3 a4 35.Ne1 a3 36.Nc2 a2 0-1

Malburg,Drew (1348) - Gregg,Alan (1918) [B80] Sicilian Scheveningen
2022 PHCC Championships Port Huron (1), 13.01.2022
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be3 a6 7.f3 Be7 8.Qd2 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.g4 h6 11.Rg1 b5 12.h4 Ne5 13.Qg2 g6 14.g5 hxg5 15.hxg5 Nfd7 16.f4 Nc4 17.Bxc4 Qxc4 18.e5 d5 19.Rh1 Rf8 20.Kb1 Bb4 21.Nde2 Qc7 22.Rh4 Bb7 23.Bd4 Bc5 24.Qh2 Rc8 25.Qf2 Qb6 26.b4 Bxd4 27.Qxd4 Qxd4 28.Nxd4 Rxc3 29.Kb2 Rc4 30.c3 Nb6 31.Rdh1 Na4+ 0-1

Round 2 Games

[Incomplete]

Morabito,Matthew (1861) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1731) [A04] K-I Attack
2022 PHCC Championships Port Huron (2), 20.01.2022
1.Nf3 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 d6 4.0-0 f5 5.d3 Nf6 6.Nc3 c6 7.e4 e5 8.exf5 Bxf5 9.Re1 0-0 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Rxf6 12.d4 Nd7 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.Ne4 Bxe4 16.Rxe4 Qb6 17.Qe1 Raf8 18.Re2 [Diagram]



18...Rd6?? [The best try for a win here needed to be 18...e4! if 19.Be4 then 19... Rf2 ! If Rf2, Bd4! winning!] 19.c3 Rfd8 ½-½

Avdic,Huso (2092) - Malburg,Drew (1348) [A39] Symmetrical English
2022 PHCC Championships Port Huron (2), 20.01.2022
1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 Nf6 6.0-0-0 7.d4 b6 8.b3 Bb7 9.d5 Nb4 10.a3 Nbx5 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Bxa1 13.Bg5 Bf6 14.h4 Rb8 15.e4 d6 16.Bh6 Re8 17.h5 Bxd5 18.Qxd5 e6 19.Qd2 d5 20.e5 Be7 21.Qf4 c4 22.Ng5 Bxg5 23.Bxg5 Qd7 24.Bf6 1-0

Gregg,Alan (1918) - Wingrove,Bill (1534) [B55] Sicilian Defense
2022 PHCC Championships Port Huron (2), 20.01.2022
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Bd3 Nbd7 6.0-0 g6 7.c4 Bg7 8.Nc3 a6 9.h3 0-0 10.Be3 Qc7 11.Rc1 b6 12.Qd2 Bb7 13.Nd5 Qd8 14.Ne2 e6 15.Nxf6+ Nxf6 16.f3 Qe7 17.Bxb6 Nd7 18.Bd4 Ne5 19.Bb1 Rac8 20.b3 f6 21.Rcd1 Rfd8 22.Rfe1 d5 23.f4 Nf7 24.Bb6 Rd7 25.exd5 exd5 26.Nc3 Qd6 27.c5 Qc6 28.Be4 Re7 29.Bxd5 Rxe1+ 30.Rxe1 Qd7 31.Bxf7+ Qxf7 32.Ne4 f5 33.Nd6 Qd7 34.Qd3 Be4 35.Qc4+ Kf8 36.Nxc8 Qxc8 37.Rd1 Bf6 38.a4 Qc6 39.Rd6 1-0

Chess Should Be Required in U.S. Schools

Perhaps chess should be introduced into the curriculum as a fun way to teach logic and memory? **Alex Berezow**

Rook to B8. Checkmate.

There's nothing quite like the feeling of defeating a worthy opponent in a game of chess: the ultimate battle of the wits. Of course, it's not a feeling I have very often, since I'm not very good at chess. On the other hand, my father is officially an "Expert" and my friend is a "Master." In other words, they are both very, very good. To give an idea of how good, if I was to play 100 games with each of them, I would win precisely zero.

Worldwide, chess is still a popular game, but it is treated with particular seriousness in eastern Europe. For instance, the Bulgarian National Olympic Committee has been lobbying for chess to be recognized as an Olympic sport, as has [Kirsan Ilyumzhinov](#), the Russian president of the World Chess Federation. In September 2011, Armenia made chess a required subject for all children over the age of 6. (In the DW-TV news clip below, the children are in 2nd grade!)

Indeed, the Armenians may be on to something. One recent psychology study found that chess was associated with greater "cognitive abilities, coping and problem-solving capacity, and even socio-affective development of children." Of course, because it was a cohort (observational) study, the link could be due to some third factor or the possibility that smart, mature children are more inclined to play chess in the first place.

In the above video, the math/chess teacher says, "Chess trains logical thinking. It teaches how to make decisions, trains memory, strengthens will power, motivates children to win and teaches them how to deal with defeat. It's the only school subject that can do all this."

That is a very interesting insight. Not only does chess help train the brain, but it also teaches children basic life skills. In our culture, we hand out trophies to winners and losers — or neglect to keep score at all — out of some misguided, politically-correct notion that we should never hurt anyone's feelings. But, in Armenia, schools are teaching children reality: Sometimes you lose. That's an important lesson, and it should be taught at a young age.

What makes chess so fascinating is that no two games will ever play out the same. Checkers — really a game for intellectual wimps (like me) — has 500 billion billion possible positions, and in 2007, researchers reported that a computer has solved the game. (If neither side makes a mistake, the outcome is always a draw.) But chess is far more complicated than checkers. It is unlikely that a computer will ever "solve" the game.

Americans are concerned that our children aren't receiving a solid K-12 education. Perhaps chess should be introduced into the curriculum as a fun way to teach logic and memory? In fact, I should get back to practicing the game. Knowing that there are 7-year-old Armenians that could run me off the chessboard without breaking a sweat is a tad humiliating.

<https://bigthink.com/thinking/chess-should-be-required-in-us-schools/>

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. Memberships expiring as of February 1, 2022: **Bedy, Noel; Heinrich, Chuck; Muir Josh; Boucher, Dave**

Calendar of Events:

First Thursday of Each Month: Free Chess Clinics – 6:30 to 7:00 PM; **Private Lessons** can be arranged @ \$15/person per hour; **Open play:** 7:00 until 10:00 PM. 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!

Tentative 2022 Events Schedule:

May 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.)

June 23rd- 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.)

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

August 11, 18, 25 – 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 11, 18 & 25)! 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 4th so he can determine if there are enough entries to hold the event.

September 22nd – 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.

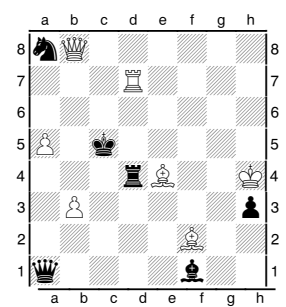
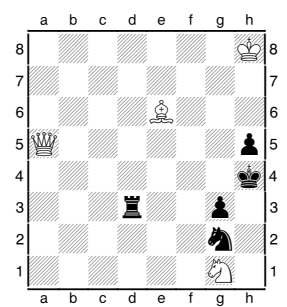
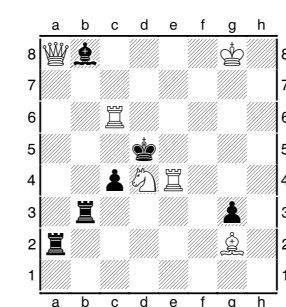
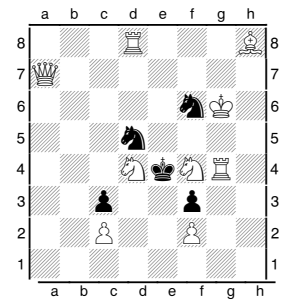
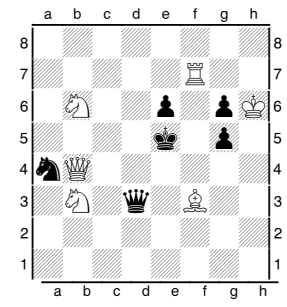
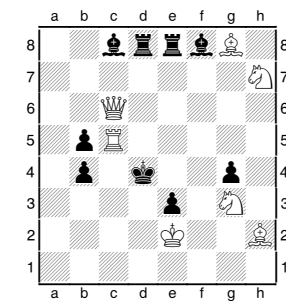
October 20th PHCC Speed Championships - The Port Huron Chess Club's 40th Annual Speed Championship Tournament will be held on Thursday, October 20th beginning at 7:00 PM. Registrations will determine the number of rounds and prizes. PHCC membership required. Entry fee will be \$5.00. Please

contact Lon if you plan to play. There will be no registrations on-site. If you intend to play, contact Lon before October 14th. (*Will be USCF rated if all entrants are USCF members.*)

November 17th – 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

You Gotta Problem with this???? (Answers on last page)

 <p>1. White to move and mate in two moves.</p>	 <p>2. White to move and mate in two moves.</p>	 <p>3. White to move and mate in two moves.</p>
 <p>4. White to move and mate in two moves.</p>	 <p>5. White to move and mate in two moves.</p>	 <p>6. White to move and mate in two moves.</p>

Ratings:

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 1/23/22

Name	Rating
Bruziewicz, Andy	2118
Avdic, Huso	2092
Bailey, Greg	2076
West, Tony	1967
Gregg, Alan	1918
Rood, Eric	1883
Morabito, Matt	1861
Wilkinson, Stu	1852
Rutkofske, Lon	1731
Klaty, Braeden	1719
Broyles, Tom	1692
Roome, Eric	1641
Bedy, Noel	1572
Jones, G. Avery	1561
Wingrove, Bill	1534
Heinrich, Charles	1508
Scholfield, Chris	1503
Muir, Josh	1450
Ledsworth, Brian	1400
Beneker, Gerrit	1380
Malburg, Drew	1348
Diachinsky, Robin	1300
DeFoy, Jay	1294
Bryne, Brandon	1294
Klaty, Brad	1222
Schmidt, Mark	1216
Klaty, Trenton	1171
Kenny, Joshua	1063
Yager, Jacob	904

PHCC Blitz Ratings as of as of 1/23/22

Name	Rating
Bruziewicz, Andy	2262
Avdic, Huso	2065
Gregg, Alan	1997
Wilkinson, Stu	1929
Rood, Eric	1824
Rutkofske, Lon	1810
Morabito, Matt	1797
Klaty, Braeden	1715
Broyles, Tom	1708
Muir, Josh	1662
Bedy, Noel	1599
Scholfield, Chris	1552
Wingrove, Bill	1518
Jones, G. Avery	1517
Bryne, Brandon	1327
Ledsworth, Brian	1317
Klaty, Trenton	1312
Diachinsky, Robin	1298
Klaty, Brad	1267
Schmidt, Mark	1216
Kenny, Joshua	1113
Malburg, Drew	1021
Yager, Jacob	904
DeFoy, Jay	895

USCF Ratings as of 1/23/22

Name	Rating
Bruziewicz, Andy	2082
Avdic, Huso	1931
Bailey, Greg	1900
West, Tony	1897
Wilkinson, Stu	1830
Rutkofske, Lon	1800
Morabito, Matt	1780
Muir, Joshua	1678
Klaty, Braeden	1583/P6
Bedy, Noel	1513
Rood, Eric	1506
Malburg, Drew	1471
Ledsworth, Brian	1400
Byrne, Brandon	1283
Klaty, Brad	1214/P6
Heinrich, Charles	1139
Klaty, Trenton	1062/P6

USCF Quick/Action Ratings as of 1/23/22

Name	Rating
Bruziewicz, Andy	2074
Avdic, Huso	1986
Morabito, Matt	1908/P
Klaty, Braeden	1836/P3
Bailey, Greg	1824
Wilkinson, Stu	1789/P
Rutkofske, Lon	1775
West, Tony	1774
Muir, Josh	1611
Bedy, Noel	1526
Klaty, Trenton	1224/P3
Rood, Eric	1282
Bryne, Brandon	1202
Ledsworth, Brian	1112
Heinrich, Charles	1070/P

USCF Blitz Ratings as of 1/23/22

Name	Rating
Bruziewicz, Andy	2152
Avdic, Huso	2012
Bailey, Greg	1868
Rutkofske, Lon	1833
Morabito, Matt	1732
Rood, Eric	1657
Klaty, Braeden	1609
Muir, Josh	1600
Bedy, Noel	1546
Ledsworth, Brian	1317
Klaty, Trenton	1309
Klaty, Brad	1290

Solutions for "The Perplexing Problems of Kenneth S. Howard" from The American Two-Move Chess Problem: Dover Publications, 1962.

#1. Rf7 - Benjamin J. Wash - 1887

#2. Qd2 - Benjamin J. Wash - 1888

#3. Ne6 - Otto Wurzburg - 1893

#4. Qh7 - Samuel Loyd - 1897

#5. Qd2 - William Meredith - Dec. 1889

#6. Rc1 - Otto Wurzburg - 1898