



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>

Port Huron Area School District/Phil Willard Memorial Tournament marks its 24th year!

The Port Huron Area School District has chosen to continue with its district-wide chess event after a two-year hiatus. Posthumously renamed after a charter member of the Port Huron Chess Club, Phil Willard, the tournament was launched by then Port Huron Director of Secondary Curriculum, Lon Rutkofske in 1996. The event was established after Rutkofske had authored a Department of Education grant that provided sets, clocks and boards to all the schools in the district to encourage the development of chess education in their buildings. Highlighting research showing the benefits chess education has demonstrated in the intellectual and skill development critical to academic, social, and emotional growth, it tends to negate many of traditional roadblocks that gender, physical size, age, race, economic/social status, religious and heritage conditions inherent in many competitive/recreational activities. Additionally, chess creates avenues for individual and team-building opportunities that reward curiosity/exploration, critical/creative-thinking, and cooperative learning.

After Rutkofske left the district for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, he convinced Phil's son, **Jeff** (Chess club advisor and teacher working at Chippewa MS and later, Central MS.) to assume the role of tournament director. Jeff, with the assistance **of Theresa Catalina, Jennifer Allen, Mark Hanton and Kristen McRobie**, PHASD Enrichment and Summer Programs Coordinator and a host of parent, teacher, and student volunteers, has shaped the tournament into a well-oiled machine that provides students and parents with innumerable opportunities to watch and participate in a quality annual event on a district-wide scale.

Many thanks to all those who have been involved over the years to make the Phil Willard Memorial Tournament, a resounding success. Please take time to review the pictures and names of the winners for the March 19, 2022 Tournament.

Award Winners from Phil Willard Memorial Tournament:

Kindergarten: Edwyn Lewis- Keewahdin
2nd Grade: Oliver Malinski- Thomas Edison
3rd Grade: Braden Hill- Michigamme
4th Grade: Olivia Kaidan- Keewahdin
5th Grade: Conner Huber- Keewahdin
6th Grade: Marleigh Lee- Holland Woods MS

7th Grade: Ben Hartman- Fort Gratiot MS
8th Grade: Owen Pelton- Fort Gratiot MS
9th Grade: Jacob Ayotte- Port Huron Northern HS
10th Grade: Luke Maher- Port Huron Northern HS
11th Grade: Aidan Buckhana- Port Huron HS
12th Grade: Jerimiah McCue- Port Huron Northern HS

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| Edwyn Lewis Kindergarten: Keewahdin | Oliver Malinski- 2 nd Grade: Thomas Edison | Braden Hill 3 rd Grade: Michigamme | Olivia Kaidan 4 th Grade: Keewahdin |
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| Conner Huber 5 th Grade: Keewahdin | Marleigh Lee 6 th Grade: Holland Woods | Ben Hartman 7 th Grade: Fort Gratiot | Owen Pelton 8 th Grade: Fort Gratiot |
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| Jacob Ayotte 9 th Grade: Northern HS | Luke Maher 10 th Grade: Northern HS | Aidan Buckhana 11 th Grade: Port Huron HS | Jerimiah McCue 12 th Grade: Northern HS |



Tournament Director, Jeff Willard sits to reconstruct a position with students at the end of the Tournament.

Another email touts the PHCC website:

Wow, it appears the PHCC website enjoys popularity on the East Coast!

"My name is Harry Rizzo and as a library media specialist out here in Maine, I wanted to thank the Port Huron Chess Club for putting together your collection of chess websites! I'm currently updating our library's reference guides and I have some student volunteers assisting me. Right now we're working on our 'Chess Strategies' guide for our games collections. Your links page helped us a bunch, so my students requested I reach out and let you know!

As a thank you, I wanted to pass along this chess reference guide. Not only does it give you a history of the game, but it covers the rules, strategies and tactics, the mathematics and psychology of the game, and lots of other websites for practicing and reading about chess... www.titlemax.com/resources/car-games-chess/.

My student Ashley found it and she was very excited to share it with you! She thought other chess fans would find it useful and that it would make a good addition to your page... <https://porthuronchessclub.yolasite.com/links.php>.

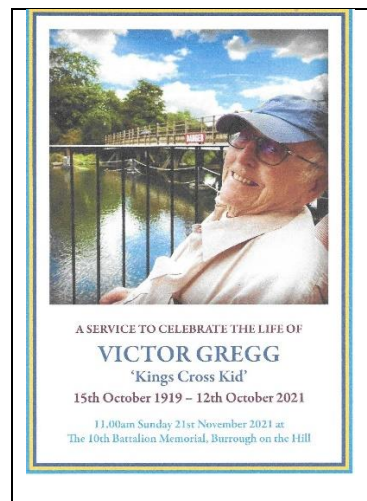
I'd be delighted to show Ashley if you add it! I know she would be thrilled to see her contribution included. Let me know! Thanks again for the help :)"

Thanks very much for sharing your investigations with us.

Final Standings from the 2022 PHCC Championships

| # | Name | New/Rtg | Rd 1 | Rd 2 | Rd 3 | Rd 4 | Rd 5 | Rd 6 | Rd 7 | Rd 8 | Rd 9 | Total | |
|----|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|------------|
| 1 | Huso Avdic | 2100 | W9 (b) | W8 (w) | W7 (b) | W6 (w) | W5 (b) | W4 (w) | W3 (b) | D2 (w) | W10 (w) | 8½ | Champion |
| 2 | Alan Gregg | 1922 | W8 (b) | W7 (w) | W6 (b) | W5 (w) | D4 (b) | W3 (w) | W10 (w) | D1 (b) | L9 (w) | 7 | 2nd Place |
| 5 | Lon Rutkofske | 1758 | W10 (w) | D4 (b) | D3 (w) | L2 (b) | L1 (w) | W9 (b) | W8 (w) | W7 (b) | W6 (w) | 6 | |
| 4 | Matt Morabito | 1830 | D6 (b) | D5 (w) | W10 (w) | D3 (b) | D2 (w) | L1 (b) | W9 (w) | L8 (b) | W7 (w) | 5 | |
| 3 | Eric Rood | 1837 | W7 (b) | D6 (w) | D5 (b) | D4 (w) | L10 (w) | L2 (b) | L1 (w) | W9 (b) | W8 (w) | 4½ | |
| 6 | Braeden Klaty | 1693 | D4 (w) | D3 (b) | L2 (w) | L1 (b) | W9 (w) | L8 (b) | W7 (w) | W10 (b) | L5 (b) | 4 | Jr. Champ |
| 8 | Drew Malburg | 1468 | L2 (w) | L1 (b) | W9 (w) | L10 (b) | W7 (b) | W6 (w) | L5 (b) | W4 (w) | L3 (b) | 4 | U1700 |
| 10 | Trenton Klaty | 1308 | L5 (b) | D9 (w) | L4 (b) | W8 (w) | W3 (b) | D7 (w) | L2 (b) | L6 (w) | L1 (b) | 3 | upset vs 3 |
| 7 | Bill Wingrove | 1480 | L3 (w) | L2 (b) | L1 (w) | W9 (b) | L8 (w) | D10 (b) | L6 (b) | L5 (w) | L4 (b) | 1½ | |
| 9 | Brad Klaty | 1239 | L1 (w) | D10 (b) | L8 (b) | L7 (w) | L6 (b) | L5 (w) | L4 (b) | L3 (w) | W2 (b) | 1½ | upset vs 2 |

A tribute to Victor Gregg, Alan Gregg's dad!



Victor Gregg enjoyed a long and rather exciting life both on and off the battlefield. As a WWII veteran and P.O.W survivor this tribute represents a detailed story of his life and service to his country as a member the British army in Europe and Africa. Following his separation from service at the end of the war, he worked as a chauffeur and tried his hand in the fine arts as a co-author of a book on his exploits, as well as being interviewed a resource for a number on videos and articles documenting his service. Alan provided the attached pdf that celebrated his life at his memorial service. - LWR



Victor Gregg Order of service.pdf

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.

The two make-up games of the 2022 PHCC Championships. *The complete set of games from the championships can be found at the PHCC website!*

Rood, Eric (1883) - Klaty, Braeden (1719) [E12] Queen's Indian Defense

2022 PHCC Championships Port Huron (2) make-up game, 31.03.2022

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Rc1 b6 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.0-0 c5 10.cxd5 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd5 12.Bxe7 Nxe7 13.Be4 Nc5 14.Bxb7 Nxb7 15.Ne4 Rc8 16.Qf3 Qd7 17.b3 Nd5 18.h4 Nd6 19.Ng3 Nf6 20.Rfd1 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Rc8 22.Rd1 Qc7 23.Qe2 Nde4 24.Nxe4 Nxe4 25.Nb5 Qe7 26.Qd3 Nc5 27.Qc4 a6 28.Nd4 b5 29.Qc2 Rc7 30.g3 h6 31.Rc1 e5 32.Ne2 Ne6 33.Qb2 Rxc1+ 34.Qxc1 Qc7 35.Qxc7 Nxc7 36.Nc3 f5 37.b4 Kf7 38.Kf1 g5 39.hxg5 hxg5 40.Ke2 Ke6 41.Kd3 Kd6 42.f4 gxf4 43.gxf4 exf4 44.exf4 Ke6 45.Kd4 Kd6 46.a3 Ke6 47.Kd3 Kd6 48.Kd4 Ke6 49.Kd3 Kd6 50.Kd4 ½-½

Rutkofske, Lonnie (1731) - Malburg, Drew (1348) [A26] English Opening

2022 PHCC Championships Port Huron (7) make-up game, 31.03.2022

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.e4 Bg7 5.Ne2 d6 6.0-0 Be6 7.d3 Qd7 8.Nbc3 Bh3 9.Nd5 Bxg2 10.Kxg2 0-0-0 11.b4 Nce7 12.Nec3 f5 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qa4 a6 17.b5 Qd7 18.Rab1 fxe4 19.dxe4 Rhf8 20.Qa3 Qe6 21.Nd5 Kd7 22.bxa6 bxa6 23.Qa4+ c6 24.Rb7+ Kc8 25.Qxc6# 1-0

1987 PHCC CLUB Championships - Closed Section Feb 5 thru April 16, 1987

1987 PHCC Closed Championships -- Standings

| # | Name/Rtng/ID | Rd 1 | Rd 2 | Rd 3 | Rd 4 | Rd 5 |
|---|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 | Timothy Gillion 1819 | W 2 | B 4 | W 3 | B 5 | W 6 |
| | | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 3.5 |
| 2 | Lonnie Rutkofske 1764 | B 1 | W 6 | B 4 | W 3 | W 5 |
| | | 0.5 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 3.5 |
| 3 | Christopher Eagle 1761 | W 6 | W 5 | B 1 | B 2 | W 4 |
| | | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| 4 | James Alexander 1710 | B 5 | W 1 | W 2 | B 6 | B 3 |
| | | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 |
| 5 | Frederick Goodell 1688 | W 4 | B 3 | - 6 | W 1 | B 2 |
| | | 1.0 | 1.0 | X2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| 6 | Jeffery Tanton 1405 | B 3 | B 2 | - 5 | W 4 | B 1 |
| | | 0.0 | 0.0 | F0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Tricky opening play leads Black astray!

Eagle, Christopher (1761) - Tanton, Jeffery (1405) [C44] Scotch Game

1987 PHCC Closed Championships Port Huron (1), 05.03.1987

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 d5 5.Bxd5 Nf6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Qxd4 0-0 11.0-0 Nb4 12.Qe4 Bd7 13.a3 Nd5 14.c4 Nb6 15.b4 c5 16.b5 a5 17.Nc3 Be6 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.cxd5 Rad8 20.Rad1 Rfe8 21.Rfe1 h6 22.Nh4 c4 23.Nf5 Qxa3 24.Qg4 Qf8 25.Nxh6+ Kh8 26.Nf5 Nxd5 27.Rd4 Qg8 28.Qf3 g5 29.Rxd5 g4 30.Qe4 Rxd5 31.Qxd5 c3 32.Nh6 Qg7 33.Nxf7+ Kh7 34.e6 c2 35.Qh5+ Kg8 36.Nh6+ Kf8 37.Qc5+ Re7 38.Nf5 1-0

Alexander, James (1710) - Goodell, Frederick (1688) [B09] Pirc Defense-Austrian Attack

1987 PHCC Closed Championships Port Huron (1), 16.04.1987

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.f4 Nf6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 c6 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.e5 dxe5 11.fxe5 Ne8 12.Be3 Nc7 13.Ne4 Nd5 14.Bd2 Qb6 15.Qf2 Nb4 16.Bc4 Nxc2 17.Bxf7+ Kh8 18.Bc3 Nxa1 19.Qh4 Nxe5 20.Ng5 h6 21.Kh1 Nxf7 22.Nxf7+ Kg8 23.Qxe7 Rae8 24.Qd7 Qb5 25.Rxa1 Re2 26.Rf1 Qd5 27.Qg4 Rxf7 28.Qxe2 Rxf1+ 29.Qxf1 Qxa2 30.Qd3 Kh7 31.Qe4 Qf7 32.Qd3 Qd7 33.Qe4 a5 34.Qd3 b5 35.b3 b4 36.Bb2 c5 37.Qe4 cxd4 38.Bc1 Qf5 39.Qb7 Qf1+ 40.Kh2 Qxc1 0-1

Cat and Mouse play to a boring draw!

Gillion, Timothy (1819) - Rutkofske, Lonnie (1764) [A05] Reti Opening

1987 PHCC Closed Championships Port Huron (1), 05.03.1987

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 0-0 5.d3 d6 6.e4 e5 7.Nbd2 Nbd7 8.c3 Re8 9.Ne1 Nf8 10.f4 Ng4 11.Ndf3 f6 12.Nc2 c6 13.Qe2 Qe7 14.h3 Nh6 15.Qf2 Nf7 16.Bd2 a5 17.a4 c5 18.Ne3 Qd8 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

All it takes is one mistake to ruin a good position!

Rutkofske, Lonnie (1764) - Tanton, Jeffery (1405) [A22] English Opening

1987 PHCC Closed Championships Port Huron (2), 05.02.1987

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.e4 d6 6.Nge2 Nbd7 7.0-0 0-0 8.d3 h6 9.b3 Nc5 10.h3 Be6 11.f4 exf4 12.Nxf4 Nfd7 13.d4 Na6 14.d5 cxd5 15.cxd5 Bf6 16.Bb2 Ne5 17.dxe6 Qb6+ 18.Kh2 Nc4 19.Ncd5 Qd8 20.Nxf6+ 1-0

"Like Time through the hourglass...." it also waits for no man!

Gillion, Timothy (1819) - Alexander, James (1710) [B18] Classical Caro-Kann

1987 PHCC Closed Championships Port Huron (2), 26.02.1987

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.N1e2 h6 7.Nf4 Bh7 8.Bc4 Nf6 9.0-0 e6 10.Re1 Bd6 11.c3 Bxf4 12.Bxf4 0-0 13.Qe2 Re8 14.Rad1 Nbd7 15.Nf1 Nd5 16.Bg3 N7f6 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Rxd3 Ne7 19.Nd2 Nf5 20.Be5 Nd7 21.Ne4 f6 22.Bg3 Nxc3 23.Rxc3 Qe7 24.Re3 Nf8 25.Nc5 e5 26.Qc4+ Kh8 27.b4 Qc7 28.dxe5 fxe5 29.f4 Ng6 30.f5 Nf4 31.Ne6 Qd7 32.Nxf4 exf4 33.Qxf4 Rxe3 34.Qxe3 Qxf5 35.Rf1 Qd7 36.h3 Re8 37.Qf2 b6 38.Qf7 Qxf7 39.Rxf7 White loses on time. -:+

This first game turned out to be a wild one! Gun Slinging at its best!

Eagle, Christopher (1761) - Goodell, Fredrick (1688) [D23] Closed Sicilian

1987 PHCC Closed Championships Port Huron (2), 05.02.1987

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Qe1 Nbd7 8.d3 a6 9.a4 b6 10.e5 dxe5 11.fxe5 Ne8 12.e6 fxe6 13.Qxe6+ Kh8 14.Nd5 Ne5 15.Qxb6 Qd6

16.Bf4 Nxc4 17.Bxd6 Nxb6 18.Nxb6 exd6 19.Nxa8 Nf6 20.Nb6 Bb7 21.Rae1 Ng4
22.c3 Bc6 23.Ng5 Rxf1+ 24.Rxf1 d5 25.Nc8 Bf6 26.Nxh7 Kxh7 27.h3 Bg7 28.hxg4
Bxa4 29.Ne7 d4 30.Kf2 dxc3 31.Rh1+ Bh6 32.g5 1-0

Gillion's Scandinavian sets the birdman's feathers ablaze!

Eagle,Christopher (1761) - Gillion,Timothy (1819) [B01] Scandinavian Defense
1987 PHCC Closed Championships Port Huron (3), 19.03.1987

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Nxd5 4.c4 Nb6 5.Nf3 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.c5 Nd5 8.Bc4 c6
9.Qb3 e6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Ne4 Nd7 12.Bxd5 cxd5 13.Ng3 Qc7 14.h4 b6 15.Be3 bxc5
16.dxc5 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Rab1 Qc7 19.Qd1 Bb7 20.b4 d4 21.Bd2 Bd5 22.a4
e5 23.b5 e4 24.c6 e3 25.Bxe3 dxe3 26.Qxd5 exf2+ 27.Kh2 Rad8 28.Qf3 Rd4
29.Rxf2 Rxh4+ 30.Kg1 Bd4 31.a5 Rf4 32.Qd5 Bxf2+ 33.Kf1 Bxg3+ 34.Kg1 Bf2+
35.Kf1 Bb6+ 0-1

Alexander succumbs to the stealthy English Clergyman!

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1764) - Alexander,James (1710) [A36] Symmetrical English
1987 PHCC Closed Championships Port Huron (3), 19.03.1987

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.e4 d6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.Nge2 0-0 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d3 a6 9.Bg5
h6 10.Bd2 Rb8 11.a4 Bd7 12.f4 Nd4 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Nd5 e6 15.Nb4 Qc7 16.b3
h5 17.Rc1 Ng4 18.Nc2 Qb6 19.Rb1 Bc6 20.Qe1 Nf6 21.Ba5 Qa7 22.Bc7 Rbd8
23.Bxd8 Rxd8 24.h3 Qb6 25.a5 Qc7 26.b4 Ne8 27.Rc1 Qd7 28.Na3 Nc7 29.Kh2
Kh7 30.Rf2 Qe7 31.Qe2 Kg8 32.Rcf1 f5 33.exf5 gxf5 34.Re1 Qf6 35.Bxc6 bxc6
36.Ref1 Bf8 37.Nc2 Rb8 38.Rb1 Kf7 39.Ne1 Kg8 40.Nf3 1-0

The birdman demolishes White's position in a demonstration of his tactical trickery

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1764) - Eagle,Christopher (1761) [C44] Scotch Gambit
1987 PHCC Closed Championships Port Huron, (4)12.03.1987

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d3 Nf6 4.g3 d5 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.c4 Qd8 7.Bg2 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 Bf5
9.0-0 Qxd3 10.Qa4 0-0 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.cxd5 Qxd5 13.Nh4 Be4 14.Bxe4 Qxe4
15.a3 Nd4 16.Ng2 Be7 17.Qd7 Bd6 18.Be3 Rad8 19.Qh3 Qc2 20.Qh5 Qg6 21.Qd1
Bc5 22.Rc1 Bb6 23.Rc4 Qe4 24.Qa4 Rd5 25.Kh1 Rfd8 26.Bg5 Rf8 27.Be3 h6 28.b4
Qf5 29.Qd1 Rfd8 30.a4 Nf3 31.Qe2 Bxe3 32.fxe3 e4 33.Nh4 Qh3 34.Nxf3 exf3
35.Qxf3 Rd2 36.Qxf7+ Kh8 37.Rh4 Qg2# 0-1

Alexander the Great parlays his ponies to perfection!

Tanton,Jeffery (1405) - Alexander,James (1710) [E51] Nimzo-Indian Defense
1987 PHCC Closed Championships Port Huron (4), 19.02.1987

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 0-0 7.e3 b6 8.cxd5 exd5
9.g3 Ne4 10.Qc2 Nd7 11.Bg2 Ndf6 12.0-0 Nd6 13.Nd2 Bf5 14.Qd1 Bd3 15.Re1 Re8
16.Nf3 Be4 17.a4 Nc4 18.Ng5 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Qe7 20.Qe2 h6 21.Nf3 Ne4 22.Qd3 Qf6
23.Re2 g5 24.Nd2 Ncxd2 25.Bxd2 g4 26.Kg1 Kg7 27.Ra2 h5 28.c4 c6 29.cxd5 cxd5
30.Qb5 Qf3 31.Be1 Ng5 32.Rec2 Nh3+ 33.Kf1 Rxe3 0-1

This was shaping up to be an interesting struggle, but White was a bit too hasty!

Goodell,Fredrick (1688) - Gillion,Timothy (1819) [E88] King's Indian Defense
1987 PHCC Closed Championships Port Huron (4), 19.02.1987

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.c4 d6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 c6 8.Bd3 Nh5 9.Nge2
f5 10.Qd2 f4 11.Bf2 Na6 12.0-0-0 c5 13.Kb1 Nc7 14.Bc2 Rb8 15.Bxc5 dxc5 16.d6
Ne6 17.d7 Nd4 18.dxc8Q Rxc8 19.Nxd4 cxd4 20.Nd5 Nf6 21.Nxf6+ Rxf6 22.Bd3
Rb6 23.Qa5?? Rxb2+ 0-1

Rutkofske, Lonnie (1764) - Goodell, Frederick (1688) [A24] English Opening

1987 PHCC Closed Championships Port Huron (5), 26.03.1987

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d6 5.e4 0-0 6.Nge2 e5 7.0-0 Bd7 8.d3 c5 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bd2 Kh7 11.h3 Na6 12.a3 Nc7 13.Qc1 Qc8 14.Kh2 Nfe8 15.f4 f5 16.Be3 Ne6 17.Nd5 Qd8 18.Rb1 Rb8 19.b4 b6 20.Qd2 N8c7 21.Nxc7 Qxc7 22.Rbe1 fxe4 23.Bxe4 exf4 24.Nxf4 Nxf4 25.Bxf4 Rf6 26.Re2 Rbf8 27.Rfe1 Bc6 28.Bxc6 Qxc6 29.b5 Qa8 30.h4 Qd8 31.Qe3 Rxf4 32.gxf4 Qxh4+ 33.Kg2 Rxf4 34.Rf2 Qg4+ 35.Kf1 Rxf2+ 36.Qxf2 Qf5 37.Qxf5 gxf5 38.Re6 Be5 39.Re7+ Kg8 40.Rxa7 Bc3 41.Ra6 Ba5 42.Rxa5 1-0

Gillion, Timothy (1819) - Tanton, Jeffery (1405) [A07] Reti Opening

1987 PHCC Closed Championships Port Huron (5), 02.04.1987

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 e6 4.0-0 Nbd7 5.d3 Bd6 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 e5 9.Qe2 Re8 10.Nc4 Bc5 11.h3 a6 12.a4 Qe7 13.Nh4 Nf8 14.Ne3 Bxe3 15.Bxe3 Be6 16.Rfe1 N8d7 17.Bd2 Nb6 18.b3 c5 19.Bc3 Nfd7 20.Qh5 1-0 Black loses on time.

Alexander, James (1710) - Eagle, Christopher (1761) [C89] Ruy Lopez-Marshall Attack

1987 PHCC Closed Championships Port Huron (5), 09.04.1987

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 0-0 7.c3 b5 8.Bb3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6 12.g3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qd7 14.d4 Qh3 15.Qf3 Bf5 16.Be3 Rae8 17.Nd2 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qh5 19.a4 Bh3 20.Qf3 Bg4 21.Qg2 Re6 22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.axb5 axb5 24.Ra5 Bf4 25.Rxb5 Bxe3 26.Rxe3 Ra8 27.Nb3 Bf3?? 28.Qxf3 Resigns 1-0

Chess Quotes from the Masters!

“As proved by evidence, [chess is] more lasting in its being and presence than all books and achievements; the only game that belongs to all people and all ages; of which none knows the divinity that bestowed it on the world, to slay boredom, to sharpen the senses, to exhilarate the spirit.” – Stefan Zweig

“Chess doesn’t drive people mad, it keeps mad people sane.” – Bill Hartston

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 June 1, 2022: **Chuck Heinrich; Huso Avdic; Greg Bailey; Tony West.**

Ratings:

The following list represents only current members of the Port Huron Chess Club. Current USCF ratings were used for members that had them, 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 4/10/22

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Rating</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Avdic, Huso | 2100 |
| Bailey, Greg | 2076 |
| West, Tony | 1967 |
| Gregg, Alan | 1922 |
| Rood, Eric | 1837 |
| Morabito, Matt | 1830 |
| Rutkofske, Lon | 1758 |
| Klaty, Braeden | 1693 |
| Broyles, Tom | 1692 |
| Roome, Eric | 1641 |
| Jones, G. Avery | 1561 |
| Heinrich, Charles | 1508 |
| Scholfield, Chris | 1503 |
| Wingrove, Bill | 1480 |
| Malburg, Drew | 1468 |
| Ledsworth, Brian | 1400 |
| Beneker, Gerrit | 1380 |
| DeFoy, Jay | 1294 |
| Bryne, Brandon | 1294 |
| Klaty, Brad | 1239 |
| Schmidt, Mark | 1216 |
| Klaty, Trenton | 1308 |
| Yager, Jacob | 904 |

PHCC Blitz Ratings as of as of 4/10/22

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Rating</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Avdic, Huso | 2065 |
| Gregg, Alan | 1997 |
| Rood, Eric | 1824 |
| Rutkofske, Lon | 1810 |
| Morabito, Matt | 1797 |
| Klaty, Braeden | 1715 |
| Broyles, Tom | 1708 |
| Scholfield, Chris | 1552 |
| Wingrove, Bill | 1518 |
| Jones, G. Avery | 1517 |
| Bryne, Brandon | 1327 |
| Ledsworth, Brian | 1317 |
| Klaty, Trenton | 1312 |
| Klaty, Brad | 1267 |
| Schmidt, Mark | 1216 |
| Malburg, Drew | 1021 |
| Yager, Jacob | 904 |

USCF Ratings as of 4/10/22

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Rating</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Avdic, Huso | 1931 |
| Bailey, Greg | 1900 |
| West, Tony | 1897 |
| Rutkofske, Lon | 1800 |
| Morabito, Matt | 1780 |
| Klaty, Braeden | 1583/P6 |
| Rood, Eric | 1527 |
| Malburg, Drew | 1471 |
| Ledsworth, Brian | 1343 |
| Byrne, Brandon | 1283 |
| Klaty, Brad | 1214/P6 |
| Heinrich, Charles | 1139 |
| Klaty, Trenton | 1062/P6 |

USCF Quick/Action Ratings as of 4/10/22

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Rating</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Avdic, Huso | 1986 |
| Morabito, Matt | 1908/P |
| Klaty, Braeden | 1836/P3 |
| Bailey, Greg | 1800 |
| Rutkofske, Lon | 1775 |
| West, Tony | 1774 |
| Rood, Eric | 1315 |
| Klaty, Trenton | 1224/P3 |
| Bryne, Brandon | 1202 |
| Ledsworth, Brian | 1058 |
| Heinrich, Charles | 1070/P |

USCF Blitz Ratings as of 4/10/22

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Rating</u> |
|------------------|---------------|
| Avdic, Huso | 2012 |
| Bailey, Greg | 1868 |
| Rutkofske, Lon | 1833 |
| Morabito, Matt | 1732 |
| Klaty, Braeden | 1608 |
| Rood, Eric | 1568 |
| Ledsworth, Brian | 1317 |
| Klaty, Trenton | 1309 |
| Klaty, Brad | 1290 |
| Malburg, Drew | 1208 |

Port Huron Chess Club Hall of Fame

Club Champions

1971 Robert Wilson
 1972 Robert Wilson
 1973 Gerald DeLugt
 1974 Robert Wilson
 1975 Lonnie Rutkofske
 1976 Lonnie Rutkofske
 1977 Lonnie Rutkofske
 1978 Lonnie Rutkofske
 1979 Robert Fiedler
 Jack Heikamp
 Lonnie Rutkofske
 1980 Michael Petty
 1981 Robert Fiedler
 1982 Lonnie Rutkofske
 1983 Lonnie Rutkofske
 1984 Holger Seig
 1985 Lonnie Rutkofske
 1986 Lonnie Rutkofske
 1987 Lonnie Rutkofske
 Timothy Gillion
 1988 Philip Willard
 1989 Stewart Wilkinson
 Scott Douglas
 1990 Lonnie Rutkofske
 1991 Lonnie Rutkofske
 1992 Robert Duncan
 Lonnie Rutkofske
 1993 Andrew Bruziewicz
 1994 Andrew Bruziewicz
 1995 G. Avery Jones
 1996 Hugo Ortiz
 William Wingrove
 1997 William Wingrove
 1998 Andrew Bruziewicz
 1999 Andrew Bruziewicz
 Noel Bedy
 Lonnie Rutkofske
 2000 William Wingrove
 Lonnie Rutkofske
 2001-2006 No Tourney
 2007 Lonnie Rutkofske
 2008-2009 No Tourney
 2010 Alan Gregg
 2011 Alan Gregg
 2012 Alan Gregg

2013 Alan Gregg
 2014 Tony West
 2015 Alan Gregg
 Matthew Morabito
 2016 Matthew Morabito
 Lonnie Rutkofske
 2017 Tony West
 2018 Alan Gregg
 2019 Lonnie Rutkofske
 Alan Gregg
 2020 Alan Gregg
 2021 Huso Avdic
 2022 Huso Avdic

Club Speed Champions

1971 Robert Wilson
 1972 Dan Thomas
 1973 Robert Wilson
 1974 No Tourney
 1975 Douglas Cope
 1976 Lonnie Rutkofske
 1977 Chris Scholfield
 1978 Lonnie Rutkofske
 1979 Robert Fiedler
 1980 Lonnie Rutkofske
 1981 Lonnie Rutkofske
 1982 Lonnie Rutkofske
 1983 Holger Seig
 1984 Peter Wood
 1985 Lonnie Rutkofske
 1986 Lonnie Rutkofske
 1987 Lonnie Rutkofske
 1988 Stewart Wilkinson
 S. James Alexander
 1989 Andrew Bruziewicz
 1990 Lonnie Rutkofske
 1991 Andrew Bruziewicz
 1992 Andrew Bruziewicz
 1993 Andrew Bruziewicz
 1994 Andrew Bruziewicz
 1995 Andrew Bruziewicz
 1996 Andrew Bruziewicz
 1997 Andrew Bruziewicz
 1998 Lonnie Rutkofske
 1999 Lonnie Rutkofske
 2000-2006 No Tourney

2007 Lonnie Rutkofske
 2008-2009 No Tourney
 2010 Lonnie Rutkofske
 2011 Eric Roome
 2012 Andrew Bruziewicz
 2013 Alan Gregg, Stewart
 Wilkinson, Lonnie
 Rutkofske
 2014 Stewart Wilkinson
 2015 Lonnie Rutkofske
 2016 Andrew Bruziewicz
 2017 Jason Morris
 2018 Lonnie Rutkofske
 2019 Andrew Bruziewicz
 2020 No tourney :Covid-19
 2021 Huso Avdic

Junior Champions (Under 19)

1971 John Willmarth
 1972 Dan Thomas
 1973 Brian Wilson
 1974 Bob Bland
 1975 Doug Cope
 1976-1979 No Tourney
 1980 Chris Eagle
 1981 Jeff Willard
 1982 Jeff Willard
 1983 Jeff Willard
 1984 Jeff Willard
 1985-1989 No Tourney
 1990 Wes Tilson
 1991 Sami Lumpola
 1992 Wes Tilson
 1993 Brian Ortiz
 1994 Brian Ortiz
 1995 Brian Ortiz
 1996 Mark Ortiz
 1997 Mark Keller
 1998 Charlie West
 1999 No Tourney
 2000 Charlie West
 2001-2011 No Tourney
 2012 Adam Nowiski
 2013 Nathan Allen
 2014 Nathan Hartwig
 2015 No Tourney
 2016 Chuck Heinrich
 2017-2021 No tournament
 2022 Braeden Klaty

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