



# 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](mailto:PtHuronChessClub@aol.com) or Website: <http://porthuronchessclub.yolasite.com>

## **Thematic Opening Tournament challenges contestants' resourcefulness using the Vienna Game!**

It's always tough to break through against the club's premier player when you go against his favorite openings. This month's thematic mini-Swiss tested the creative juices for 6 of the club regulars as they all took aim at Huso Avdic in attempts to upend the tournament favorite. TD Lon Rutkofske selected the Vienna Game for the inaugural thematic opening because it has shown to be a very sound opening system but well suited for a wide range of player styles from the very aggressive to more defensive minded. Although score keeping was not required, there were several games that were recorded by the more confident few that can be found in this issue's games section.

#	Name	Ratings: Pre/Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Total
1	Huso Avdic	2097/2101	W4 (w)	W3 (b)	W5 (w)	3
2	Ryan Urick	1861/1844	L5 (b)	W6 (w)	W3 (w)	2
4	Bill Wingrove	1491/1497	L1 (b)	D5 (w)	W6 (b)	1½
5	Trenton Klaty	1355/1444	W2 (w)	D4 (b)	L1 (b)	1½
3	Braeden Klaty	1744/1731	W6 (w)	L1 (w)	L2 (b)	1
6	Brad Klaty	1353/1332	L3 (b)	L2 (b)	L4 (w)	0

## **Many Thanks to Bill Wingrove for keeping the club on track while Lon was recovering from back surgery!**

PHCC regulars should be particularly appreciative of the efforts of **Bill Wingrove** who captained the ship through the rather rough weather and inconveniences that kept the club on a steady course for most Thursdays while Lon was recuperating. Thanks, Bill!

# 2023 PHCC Speed Championships slated for October 19<sup>th</sup>!

Just a reminder of the fast-approaching PHCC 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Speed Tournament that will be taking place in October. Please review the details in the Events Calendar online or in this issue.

## 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

## Club Speed Champions Cont'd

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 due to Covid 19  
2021 Huso Avdic  
2022 Huso Avdic

## 2023 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!

**October 19<sup>th</sup> PHCC Speed Championships** - The Port Huron Chess Club's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Speed Championship Tournament will be held on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>. (Will be USCF rated if all entrants are USCF members.)

**November 16<sup>th</sup>** – **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 14<sup>th</sup>** – **Bughouse Tournament** – Details to follow in November.

# 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 were available at the time of this printing. Email them to me or give them to me personally if you wish. The 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 by a lower rated player only.
    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. scheduled.
    15. **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.
    16. 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.

Ishking (1959) -  
 Muhammad\_Farooqi (2008) [A10]  
 [A10 English Opening] Rated Rapid  
 game <https://lichess.org/Z9NPwsk1>,  
 04.09.2023

1.c4 b6 2.b4 Bb7 3.Bb2 e6 4.a3 h6  
 5.Qb3 Nf6 6.g3 Bxh1 7.Nf3 Bxf3  
 8.Qxf3 Nc6 9.Bg2 Rb8 10.d4 Be7  
 11.e4 a5 12.e5 Nh7 13.b5 Na7 14.h4  
 0-0 15.Nd2 f5 16.Qh5 Qe8 17.Qe2  
 Qg6 18.Bf3 c5 19.Bh5 Kf7 20.Bxg6+  
 Kxg6 21.d5 Bd8 22.d6 Rf7 23.0-0-0  
 Nf8 24.Nf3 Kh7 25.Qc2 Kg8 26.Rg1  
 h5 27.Kb1 g6 28.Bc1 Rh7 29.a4 Rf7  
 30.Nh2 Nh7 31.f3 Nc8 32.g4 hxg4  
 33.fxg4 Bxh4 34.gxf5 exf5 35.Rxg6+  
 Kf8 36.Qg2 Ke8 37.Rg8+ Nf8 38.Qg6  
 f4 39.Bxf4 Ne7 40.dxe7 Bxe7 41.Ng4  
 Rb7 42.Nh6 Kd8 43.Qxf7 Ra7  
 44.Rxf8+ Bxf8 45.Qxf8+ Kc7 46.e6+  
 Kb7 47.e7 Ra8 48.e8Q Rxe8 49.Qxe8  
 d5 50.Qb8# [Normal White wins by  
 checkmate.]1-0

Mitchellthewise (1718) - ishking  
 (1760) [C15] French Defense  
 Online Game Chess.com ,13.09.2023  
 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+  
 5.bxc3 dxe4 6.Qg4 Nf6 7.Qxg7 Rg8  
 8.Qh6 Rg6 9.Qh4 Qd5 10.Be3 Qa5  
 11.Bd2 Qh5 12.Qf4 c6 13.Qc7 Nbd7  
 14.Nh3 Nd5 15.Qd6 e5 [ishking won  
 by resignation 0-1] 0-1

This month's tournament featured a thematic opening, requiring all contestants to play the same opening throughout the event. Lon selected the Vienna Opening for its solid reputation. While it has not been seen in club play to any great extent thereby permitting players to avoid prepared and well-analyzed lines, it still provides for active and creative play. Since this was a Mini-Swiss featuring a rapid play time control of G/25 with 3 second delay, and 6 entrants this provided for games that could be completed within the regular weekly club meeting. Score keeping was not required, but we have a few brave souls that took

the opportunity to record their games for our benefit!

Avdic,Huso (2097) -  
 Wingrove,William (1491) [C25]  
 Vienna Game PHCC Sept 2023  
 Thematic Tnmt Port Huron (1),  
 21.09.2023

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 c6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d4 d5  
 5.exd5 cxd5 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.dxe5 Ne4  
 8.Qxd5 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Qc7 10.Ne2  
 Bxb5 11.Qxb5+ Nc6 12.0-0 a6  
 13.Qa4 Qxe5 14.Bf4 Qc5 15.Rab1 b5  
 16.Qe4+ Be7 17.Nd4 Rc8 18.Rfe1 0-  
 0 19.Nxc6 Bf6 20.Ne7+ Bxe7 21.Qxe7  
 Qxc3 22.Qg5 Rfe8 23.Be5 Rxe5  
 24.Qxe5 1-0

Klaty,Braeden (1744) - Avdic,Huso  
 (2097) [C25] Vienna Game PHCC  
 Sept 2023 Thematic Tnmt Port  
 Huron (2), 21.09.2023

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Bc5 3.Bc4 d6 4.d3 Be6  
 5.Bxe6 fxe6 6.Nge2 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0  
 8.Na4 Nbd7 9.Nxc5 Nxc5 10.f4 exf4  
 11.Bxf4 e5 12.Be3 Ne6 13.c4 Ng4  
 14.Qd2 Qh4 15.h3 Nxe3 16.Rxf8+  
 Rxf8 17.Qxe3 b6 18.Rf1 Rxf1+  
 19.Kxf1 Kf7 20.Qf2+ Qf6 21.b4 c6  
 22.a4 Ke7 23.Qxf6+ Kxf6 24.Kf2 h5  
 25.Ke3 g6 26.d4 c5 27.dxc5 dxc5  
 28.bxc5 Nxc5 29.Nc3 Ke6 30.Kf3 a6  
 31.Kg3 g5 32.Kf3 Kd6 33.Ke3 Ne6  
 34.Nd5 Kc5 35.g3 a5 36.Kd3 h4  
 37.gxh4 gxh4 38.Ne7 Nf4+ 39.Kc3  
 Nxb3 40.Ng6 Nf2 41.Nxh4 Nxe4+  
 42.Kd3 Nd6 43.Ng6 Nxc4 44.Kc3 e4  
 45.Nf4 Nd6 46.Ne2 Nf5 47.Kb3 Nd4+  
 0-1

Klaty,Braeden (1744) - Klaty,Brad  
 (1353) [C25] Vienna Game  
 PHCC Sept 2023 Thematic Tnmt Port  
 Huron (1), 21.09.2023

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.f4 d5 4.fxe5  
 Nxe4 5.Qf3 Nxc3 6.dxc3 Be6 7.Bb5+  
 Nc6 8.Be3 Qd7 9.h3 a6 10.Ba4 Be7  
 11.0-0-0 b5 12.Bb3 Nxe5 13.Qg3 Bf6  
 14.Nf3 Nxf3 15.Qxf3 c6 16.Bc5 Be7  
 17.Qe3 0-0 18.c4 Qd8 19.Bxe7 Qxe7  
 20.cxd5 cxd5 21.Bxd5 Rae8 22.Bxe6  
 Qxe6 23.Qxe6 Rxe6 24.Rhe1 Ra8  
 25.Rxe6 fxe6 26.Rd6 Kf7 27.Rd7+ Kf6  
 28.Kd2 e5 29.Ke3 h5 30.Ke4 g5  
 31.Rd6+ Ke7 32.Kxe5 Rc8 33.Rd2  
 Rc5+ 34.Ke4 Ke6 35.g4 hxg4 36.hxg4  
 Re5+ 37.Kf3 Rc5 38.c3 a5 39.Rd4 Ke5

40.a4 b4 41.Re4+ Kd5 42.cxb4 axb4  
 43.Rxb4 Rc1 44.Rb5+ Kc4 45.Rxg5  
 Rf1+ 46.Ke4 Rb1 47.Rb5 Ra1 48.b3+  
 Kc3 49.Kf5 Rf1+ 50.Kg6 Rd1 51.g5  
 Rd6+ 52.Kh5 Kd4 53.g6 Rd7 54.Kh6  
 Re7 55.g7 Re6+ 56.Kh7 Re1 57.g8Q  
 Rh1+ 58.Kg7 Rg1+ 59.Kf7 Rf1+  
 60.Ke7 Re1+ 61.Kd6 1-0

Avdic,Huso (2097) - Klaty,Trenton  
 (1355) [C25] Vienna Game  
 PHCC Sept 2023 Thematic Tnmt Port  
 Huron (3), 21.09.2023

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.f4 d5 4.fxe5  
 Nxe4 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.d3 Nxc3 7.bxc3  
 Nd7 8.d4 Be7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 c5  
 11.Be3 Qa5 12.Bd2 Qc7 13.Bg5 f6  
 14.Bf4 Nb6 15.Bg3 Qc6 16.Rb1 a6  
 17.h3 Bh5 18.Kh1 Rac8 19.exf6 Bxf6  
 20.Ne5 Bxe5 21.dxe5 Rxf1+ 22.Qxf1  
 Rf8 23.Qd1 Bxe2 24.Qxe2 Nc4 25.Rf1  
 Rxf1+ 26.Qxf1 Qe6 27.Qf4 b5 28.Qg5  
 Kf7 29.Qd8 Nxe5 30.Qc7+ Nd7 31.Bf2  
 c4 32.Bd4 g6 33.Kg1 Qe1+ 34.Kh2  
 Qe6 35.Kg1 Qe1+ 36.Kh2 Qe6  
 37.Qd8 Qf5 38.Qh8 Qf4+ 39.Kg1  
 Qc1+ 40.Kh2 Qf4+ 41.g3 Qd2+  
 42.Kg1 Qe1+ 43.Kg2 Qe2+ 44.Bf2  
 Qe4+ 45.Kg1 Black Timed out 1-0

Urick,Ryan (1861) - Klaty,Braeden  
 (1744) [C25] Vienna Game  
 PHCC Sept 2023 Thematic Tnmt Port  
 Huron (3), 21.09.2023

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 c6 4.d3 h6  
 5.Nf3 d5 6.exd5 cxd5 7.Bb5+ Bd7  
 8.Nxe5 Bxb5 9.Nxb5 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 d4  
 11.Nc4 Qc7 12.Ne2 Bb4+ 13.c3 dxc3  
 14.bxc3 Be7 15.Bf4 Qd7 16.0-0 0-0  
 17.h3 Nc6 18.d4 Qe6 19.Ne3 Ne4  
 20.d5 Qg6 21.dxc6 Rad8 22.Qa4 bxc6  
 23.Rad1 Bh4 24.Nd4 c5 25.Nf3 Rxd1  
 26.Nxd1 Rd8 27.Nxh4 1-0



## 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 9/22/23*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andy	2118
Avdic, Huso	2101
West, Tony	1976
Gregg, Alan	1930
Urlick, Ryan	1844
Morabito, Matt	1830
Rood Eric	1822
Rutkofske, Lon	1763
Klaty, Braeden	1731
Webb, Austin	1729
Young, William	1640
Oriel, Paul	1569
Wingrove, Bill	1497
Kuhn, Timothy	1478
Klaty, Trenton	1444
Malburg, Drew	1400
Ledsworth, Brian	1400
Beneker, Gerrit	1380
Klaty, Brad	1332
Bryne, Brandon	1294
Schmidt, Mark	1216
Fisher, Sandi	1156
DePuey, Nathan	Unr
Douglas, Cameron	Unr
Gibson, William	Unr

### *PHCC Blitz Ratings as of 9/22/23*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andy	2262
Avdic, Huso	2137
Gregg, Alan	1968
Urlick, Ryan	1883
Rood Eric	1810
Morabito, Matt	1804
West, Tony	1774
Webb, Austin	1729
Rutkofske, Lon	1723
Klaty, Braeden	1696
Young, William	1640
Wingrove, Bill	1519
Kuhn, Timothy	1500
Klaty, Trenton	1384
Bryne, Brandon	1365
Beneker, Gerrit	1354
Ledsworth, Brian	1317
Klaty, Brad	1306
Schmidt, Mark	1216
Malburg, Drew	1021
Fisher, Sandi	1000
DePuey, Nathan	Unr
Douglas, Cameron	Unr
Gibson, William	Unr

### *USCF Ratings as of 9/18/23*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andy	2054
Avdic, Huso	1940
West, Tony	1901
Alan Gregg	1893
Rutkofske, Lon	1800
Morabito, Matt	1780
Webb, Austin	1692
Rood, Eric	1577
Kuhn, Timothy	1500
Ledsworth, Brian	1308
Malburg, Drew	1274/P17
Fisher, Sandi	781/P12

### *USCF Quick/Action Ratings as of 9/18/23*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andy	2027
Avdic, Huso	1968
Morabito, Matt	1908/P
Gregg, Alan	1852
Rutkofske, Lon	1775
West, Tony	1774
Kuhn, Timothy	1494
Webb, Austin	1363
Rood, Eric	1321
Ledsworth, Brian	1058
Fisher, Sandi	Unr

### *USCF Blitz Ratings as of 9/18/23*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruzewicz, Andy	2152
Avdic, Huso	2035
Gregg, Alan	1837
Morabito, Matt	1732
Rutkofske, Lon	1612
Rood, Eric	1579
Kuhn, Timothy	1545
Ledsworth, Brian	1317
Malburg, Drew	120
West, Tony	Unr
Fisher, Sandi	Unr

## 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 in October 2023: Beneker, Gerrit; Memberships expiring in November 2023: Byrne, Brandon; Klaty, Braeden; Klaty, Brad; Klaty, Trenton; Schmidt, Mark.**