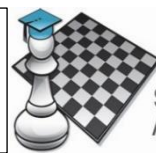


Announcement: Ho, ho, ho! Merry Christmas! Remember, keep playing chess in the holidays! And well done to everyone getting into the classic chess jokes, advice and puzzles in the greatest newsletter of them all, **ROOK NO FURTHER!** 😊😊😊



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THE WHAT

So, kids, do you want to test your chess skills in a NEW, FUN and EXCITING WAY? And Parents, do you want to know more about upcoming junior tournaments? Then rook no further!

COACH JOKES: I recently met an award winning chess player farmer. He was "OUT-STANDING" in his field 😊

TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS: General Tips 5: Having Fun Playing Chess + Reading Rook No Further 😊

Hi guys, the final Rook No Further of 2019!! Wow!! However, never fear, Rook No Further will be back and better than ever in 2020!! 😊 Until then, perhaps the most important general advice I have for players is this, REMEMBER TO HAVE FUN WHEN PLAYING. For that's what chess is, a fun game! Win, lose or draw, remember, everyone loses. Even the world champion! You just don't hear about his losses too often 😊 Even SuperCoach loses from time to time himself, which I know is also pretty surprising 😊 But we should always learn something from every game we play and this just comes with the more experience we get. The most important thing to remember is to enjoy chess. And also, enjoy all the Rook No Furthers. For, they all build of each other 😊

PESKY PUZZLES: In each position find the best move/moves.
White to move = W Black to move = B



MAGIC MINIS

Each newsletter, a fun mini game.

1. d4 Nc6 11. Ke1 Qh4+ **Draw .5-.5**

2. d5 Ne5

3. e4 e6

4. f4 exd5

5. fx e5 Qh4+

6. Ke2 Qh5+

7. Kd2 Qh6+

8. Kc3 Qc6+

9. Kd2 Qh6+

10. Ke2 Qh5+



King trapped in a Qh4, Qh5, Qh6 and Qc6 check Box. The king takes a walk again 😊

CHESS SUMMER TERM FUN 😊

1. The longest chess problem in history is checkmate in a whopping 290 moves! A pesky, pesky puzzle you might say! 😊
2. The first mechanical chess clock was invented in 1883. Before this, hourglasses with sand inside were used.
3. The record number of moves without capture is an astounding 100 moves! The players involved really must have been "afraid to trade"!
4. The oldest recorded chess game in history is from the 900s, between an historian and his student!

Christmas Knock Knock Joke 😊 Knock knock. Who's there? Rook. Rook who? Rook who just put you in check! 😊



SuperCoach signing off