

Announcement: Where do Dolphins try to get their pawns to in chess? The Dolphinish line 😊. With Dinosaurs, it's the triceratop of the board 😊. Hi guys, in this RNF let's look at the Slav defence for Black at the start of the game vs. a white pawn to d4 😊 😊



# ROOK NO FURTHER # 61

## 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?

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**COACH JOKES:** Q: What do you call it if you help a crocodile out in its chess game?  
A: Gator aid 😊

## TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS: Structure openings: THE SEMI SLAV SETUP- See Example in Magic Mini

Hi guys. With this newsletter, I just wanted to provide a brief overview of the Slav setup for black mainly vs. white's 1st move, pawn to d4. After white goes pawn to d4, if we want the Slav we should answer pawn to d5 and usually white will now enter the Queen's Gambit with 2. Pawn to c4. This kickstarts the Slav, when we go pawn to c6 here. There's a couple of different key setups Black can try, after the main white follow up Knight to f3, we go Knight to f6, and white goes Knight to c3. The most solid, structural based approach now I would say is for Black to push their pawn to e6 and enter what's called a Semi Slav. This is often very very hard for the white player to break down. After a white Bishop g5 say, Black can simply play moves like Bishop e7, castle, Knight b to d7, pawn b6 and Bishop to b7 and just be solid and have a very safe sort of position. That is, with all their pieces developed 😊 😊

## PESKY PUZZLES:

In each position find the best move/moves.

White to move = W Black to move = B

Question:  
Here we are white. How can we make Black's King move so our King can win some pawns? 😊



## MAGIC MINIS

Each newsletter, a fun mini game.

1. d4 d5
2. c4 c6
3. Nf3 Nf6
4. Nc3 e6
5. Bg5 Be7
6. e3 O-O
7. Bd3 Nbd7
8. O-O b6
9. Qe2 Bb7!
10. e4 dxe4



### Bonus Chess Joke

How was the dessert going in its chess game? It was in truffle 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <b>MOSMAN SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 5TH FEBRUARY</b>      | <b>1:30pm- 4:25pm</b>  |
| Online Code: WCRTYZXN24                                 |                        |
| <b>INNER WEST SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 6TH FEBRUARY</b>    | <b>9:20am- 1:00pm</b>  |
| Online Code: EKJNVWLQPS                                 |                        |
| <b>PARRAMATTA SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 12TH FEBRUARY</b> | <b>12:50pm- 4:00pm</b> |
| Online Code: 51XQ3P2758                                 |                        |
| <b>HORNSBY SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 13TH FEBRUARY</b>      | <b>12:40pm- 3:50pm</b> |
| Online Code: 73NU2BIEZ3                                 |                        |
| <b>PYMBLE SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 19TH FEBRUARY</b>     | <b>12:40pm- 3:50pm</b> |
| Online Code: OJ3TRKEPPQ                                 |                        |

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SuperCoach signing off

Typical plan in the Semi Slav. The one thing Black has to be careful about is white getting more space with pawn e4. But the computer says take it and black is doing ok 😊.