

Announcement: Why did the grizzly resign the chess game? Because he just couldn't bear his position anymore 😊 And, why is Yogi so good at writing down his chess moves? You guessed it. He knows his bearings 😊 RNF 103 continuing to bring hilarious jokes :)



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# ROOK NO FURTHER # 103

Remember, large zoo animals are pretty good at chess because they have the elephant of surprise 😊

## 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: Why don't they let fast cats play speed chess?  
A: Because they're cheetahs 😊

## TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS: HELPFUL TIPS TO PRACTICE "Highways" of the Chess Board #3

Do practice them :)

UPDATED EDN

Hi guys. For this newsletter, I thought we'd look at the useful theme of "opening up files and diagonals." This is because, our strongest long-range pieces move along these lines, (our Queens, Rooks and Bishops). So, it is important to give our best pieces **AS MUCH SPACE AS POSSIBLE**, on the ranks [lines going across the board], files [lines going up and down the board] and diagonals [lines going diagonally] of the chess board. In other words, these lines are actually our "highways into the opponent's camp". Finally, what's better than having one piece on an open line? Having two- or even three. That is, doubling or tripling up our pieces to take complete control over the line in question. This is a powerful idea known as a **BATTERY**. It literally can be as simple as

stacking 2 rooks on an empty

## PESKY PUZZLES:

In each position find the best move/moves.

White to move = W Black to move = B file. Try it out in a game :)

### PLAN OF ATTACK

This was from a game between 2 Woman Grandmasters. Black is winning by Queen g7 & Bishop c8 to b7. Why? 😊



W



White can double on which key diagonal? 😊

How does WHITE best activate the rook?

## MAGIC MINIS

Each newsletter, a fun mini game.

1. e4 c5
2. f4 Nc6
3. d3 g6
4. c3 Bg7
5. Be2 d5
6. Nf3 dxe4
7. dxe4 Qxd1+
8. Bxd1 Nf6
9. Bc2 Bg4
10. Be3 Bxf3
11. gxf3 b6
12. Nd2 0-0-0
13. Ba4 Na5
14. 0-0-0 Nh5
15. Nb3 Nxb3+
16. Bxb3 Rhf8
17. f5 gxf5
18. exf5 Nf6
19. Rhg1 Bb8
20. Bf4 Nd7
21. Bc4! e6??
22. Ba6# 1-0 :)



Cats tend to start their chess games from scratch 😊

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/tournaments/upcoming>

**PARAMATTA U/12 CHESS TOURNAMENT 16TH MARCH**

12:45pm- 4:00pm

Online Code: 5ZUQY5NYGA

**CHESS SQUAD U/18 TOURNAMENT 17TH MARCH**

9:30am- 12:30pm

[https://www.chesssquad.com/subscribe/?plan=prod\\_P404NM4pP4Ljgx](https://www.chesssquad.com/subscribe/?plan=prod_P404NM4pP4Ljgx)

**BURWOOD U/400 JCL CHESS TOURNAMENT 23RD MARCH**

1:00pm- 4:00pm

Online Code: WKX8HOQHSY

**BURWOOD U/8 CHESS TOURNAMENT 23RD MARCH**

9:00am- 12:00pm

Online Code: 5C83KPLA3L

**PYMBLE SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 23RD MARCH**

12:40pm- 3:50pm

Online Code: 78ZHRIWL1V

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SuperCoach signing off