

Announcement: Remember, my chess teacher at school was called Mr. Turtle. You could say he 'tortoise' well XD And, when you play in chess tournaments, always try to be like a porcupine. Why, because they always have the most points @ RNF 140 coming soon 😊😊😊😊😊



2025 RNF 138



THE WHAT?

ROOK NO FURTHER 138!

Snails never want to play chess with a timer as they always move at a snails pace!!



=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?

Rook no further! Find me on sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/newsletters + on our Facebook Page



COACH JOKES

Q: How do trains hear instructions in chess tournaments?

A: Engine ears 😊

TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS:

Rapunzel won the princess chess tournament but it was close. She won by a hair"

"Chess

Lessons Learnt #3"

PIECE

IMBALANCES x2

See a useful little chess game to practice below

Hi everyone. For this newsletter, I thought it would be good to go back and look at a recent topic covered in a previous newsletter earlier this year. That is, piece imbalances. As again, this useful idea will win you lots of games. An imbalance just means a difference, like the difference between a knight and bishop (even though both are worth 3 points), Queen and pawn (10 points) v 2 rooks (10 points). or Knight and Bishop (6 points) v Rook and pawn (6 points) etc. Note in particular this one, for I've had lots of students in the past when they play against me, trade two pieces for my rook and pawn. The two pieces (knight and bishop or 2 knights or two bishops etc), are nearly always better I would say, as they literally are two pieces. One fun piece imbalance game

PESKY PUZZLES:

Puzzle One

Find the checkmate in 3 moves here for White from one of my own games 😊 Hint: Queen moves



Find the best move/moves.

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to practice is White starts King + 8 pawns v 2 knights + 2 pawns



'Peasants Revolt'

Fun variant game

There's a few ways to start this game. But using 1 chess set, probably easiest is-



Plan for Black

Black's plan should be to try and keep 1 pawn to promote and get their knights in. Knights have Horse Power

POINT OF THE GAME

Plan for White

So, it's actually 8 points v 8 points here. I've seen lots of strong players win with both sides. White's pawns need to charge down and keep out the knights.

2) Why shouldn't Black take our Bishop on e2? Whats the counter?

3) Find the winning idea for

Black. Hint: One of my own games.

Horsepower

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

BURWOOD U/8 TOURNAMENT 22ND NOVEMBER 9:00am-11:50am

Online Code: XSYIXU0JB8

PENRITH SATURDAY TOURNAMENT 22ND NOVEMBER 9:40am- 12:20pm

Online Code: PONEXSIEKN

PYMBLE SATURDAY TOURNAMENT 22ND NOVEMBER 12:40pm- 3:50pm

Online Code: ND0834EBE0

BURWOOD U/600 TOURNAMENT 22ND NOVEMBER 1:00pm- 3:50pm

Online Code: MHPXRWTP94

ASHFIELD U/10 SUN TOURNAMENT 23RD NOVEMBER 10:00am- 12:50pm

Online Code: 9XYGRD5LP

To enrol in any of the above please pay online with your credit card or debit card at www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment enter the relevant code, and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

BONUS CHESS JOKE

Too many aliens at a chess tournament are 'extra' terrestrials 😊😊

SuperCoach signing off