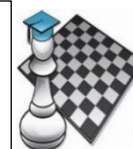


Announcement: YES, it's the return of the universe's greatest ever chess jokiest newsletter, ROOK NO FURTHER 2021 edition 😊 Get prepared for just as helpful tips, tricks, traps, zaps and puzzles and even more hilarious jokes. AreYouPrepared? :)



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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?

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COACH JOKES: Q: Who can dogs check the rules with in chess tournaments?
A: The rufferee 😊

TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS:

Learn a New Opening Pattern #1

The Lion Defence

Hi guys and welcome back to 2021! Hope everyone had a good holiday. This term, it's time to learn another opening. The opening we are going to learn is called "the lion." It's for black and is basically a system opening/an opening that aims for a particular setup of our pieces at the start. The setup we aim for (in no particular order) is, **pawn to d6, knight to f6, pawn to e5, (our other knight to d7), bishop to e7, castle, pawn c6 and Queen to c7**. This is known as the "castle variation". We can always bring out our other bishop after we move our d7 knight, or we can bring it out by moving it to b7. This setup is not only rare but works against white's 2 most common first moves (pawn to e4 and pawn to d4). The magic mini has a further example 😊

PESKY PUZZLES:

In each position find the best move/moves.

White to move = W Black to move = B

Question:

White's winning anyway Queen vs bishop here, but what's the easiest win? 😊



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MAGIC MINIS

Each newsletter, a fun mini game.

- e4 d6
- d4 Nf6
- Nc3 e5
- Nf3 Nbd7
- Bc4 Be7
- a4 0-0
- h3 c6
- 0-0 Qc7
- Ba2 b6
- d5 Bb7
- Be3 a6
- Qd2 cxd5!
- Nxd5 Nxd5
- Bxd5 Nf6
- Bxb7 Qxb7
- Qd3? Nxe4!!



Slow and steady wins the race. Black's position is rocksteady and rock solid. Safe and winning



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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| INNER WEST SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 7TH FEBRUARY | 9:20am- 1:00pm |
| Online Code: V024UC0GAA | |
| PARRAMATTA SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 13TH FEBRUARY | 12:50pm- 4:00pm |
| Online Code: QT4WPIDHLG | |
| HORNSBY SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 14TH FEBRUARY | 12:50pm- 3:50pm |
| Online Code: 5JUTLMH8RK | |
| PYMBLE SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 20TH FEBRUARY | 12:40pm- 3:50pm |
| Online Code: T4JUAWGAJD | |
| EPHING SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 27TH FEBRUARY | 1:40pm- 4:50pm |
| Online Code: WVHTFBC4Y1 | |

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SuperCoach signing off