Announcement: You know which knight always goes running into battle first? Sir Charge ☺ While, the knight that likes breakfast the most is Sir Up ☺ But both knights really like reading the greatest ever chess joke newsletter RNF ☺ Edn 100 coming soon.

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ROOK NO FURTHER # 84

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 couldn't the pirate stop playing chess?
A: He was hooked ☺

TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS:

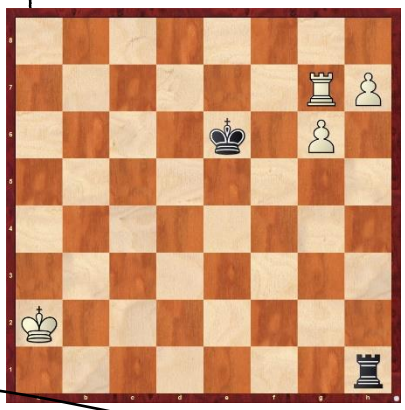
IDEAS TO KNOW IN GAMES #4
ACTIVE ROOKS IN THE ENDING

Hi everybody. Building up our experience in chess, one of the best ways to do this is to look at Rook endgames. I think the reason for this is Rook endgames come up all the time and they're extremely practical. That is, Rook endgames are often won by the side who has the more active Rook. Rooks can control lines (files and ranks). A good rule of thumb is as White, try to get your Rooks to the 7th rank in the endgame to attack opponent's pawns and hopefully trap your opponent's King. As Black, try to get your Rooks to the 2nd rank to do this. Often, even if you're down one or two pawns, if you have super active rooks while your opponent's rooks are passively defending pawns, this can be a big advantage. As always, the best way to learn rook endings is to practice them ☺

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 force Black to lose their Rook for a pawn? ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺



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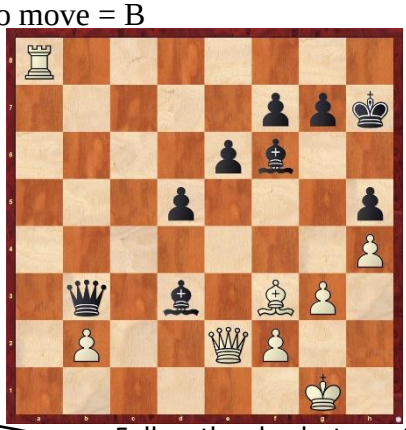

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Follow the checks to mate in 3

MAGIC MINIS

Each newsletter, a fun mini game.

1. e4 e6
2. d4 d5
3. Nc3 dxe4
4. Nxe4 Nd7
5. Nf3 Ngf6
6. Nfg5 Be7
7. Nxf7 Kxf7
8. Ng5 Kg8
9. Nxe6 Qe8!!
10. Nxc7? Bb4#

Final Position ☺ ☺ ☺

From the 1950 game Lohmann-Teschner. Black checkmates in the end with the power of a double check ☺

Bonus Chess Joke ☺ How do fish play online chess? They have to surf the net ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ :)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

EPPING SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 25TH MARCH **1:40pm- 4:50pm**
Online Code: C11I8ZIN90

EASTERN SUBURBS SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 26TH MARCH **12:40pm- 3:50pm**
Online Code: NQYHABO0GI

CHESS SQUAD U/18 TOURNAMENT 1ST APRIL **9:30am- 12:30pm**
https://www.chesssquad.com/subscribe/?plan=prod_Mt3KPP2meqMfNc

MOSMAN SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 1ST APRIL **1:30pm- 4:25pm**
Online Code: 9K3G3CCQGG

INNER WEST SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 2ND APRIL **9:20am- 1:00pm**
Online Code: CKXZX7YV9A

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SuperCoach signing off