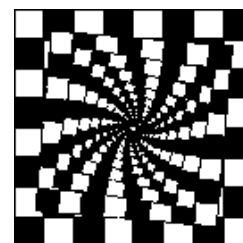


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Coming up.....A huge term of tournaments.



Term 1 finished with a bang when over 100 children played in the Brighton Grammar chess tournament.

It was a very successful day with Mt View dominating play and emerging as the team winners. Individual honors were shared between Isaac Ng of Brighton Grammar and Kevin Fan from Mt View, who both scored 7 out of 7 wins. (Congratulations to both players).



Schools to qualify for the finals in October were Mt View, Brighton Grammar, Greythorn, Brighton Primary and a very excited Deepdene Primary!

There are plenty of chances still to qualify with tournaments in term 2 at Mont Albert Primary on the 22nd May, Camberwell Girls Grammar on the 29th May, and Weeden Heights on the 5th June.

Good luck to all competitors.

Want to join our 'Kids Knight Class' on a Wednesday 5.30—6.30 in our offices in Ripponlea? Taught by Ross Neumann, term 2 runs from 22nd April - 17th June (cost \$90/term or \$12.00 casual rate/lesson). Casuals welcome. To find out more phone us on 9532 - 8370 or email admin@chessideas.com.au



A 400 year old trap for white.



One of the great Italian players of the of the late 16th and early 17th century was Gioacchino Greco who was thought to be a brilliant if not always sound player. The game below was recorded in one of Greco's manuscripts in which white skillfully leads black into an opening trap. Remember the 3 golden rules of chess openings? **Black throws them all away as he tries to trap white's Bishop.** **The result is disaster for black!**

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|---------|----|
| 1. d4 | f5 |
| 2. Bg5! | h6 |
| 3. Bh4 | g5 |
| 4. Bg3 | f4 |
| 5. e3! | |



Black to move and lose in 3!

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Did you know???



The 1920's was a golden age of chess with many wonderful players. One of the greatest was Capablanca, who today is still considered to be one of the truly great world champions. When he played in the New York tournament in 1927 against all the leading players of his day, he won by an incredible 2.5 points, but he was not truly recognised for the greatness of his play. In fact the chess magazines of the day said his play was arid and boring!



A serious study of his games however shows that this is far from the truth. Rather, his play showed a sublime and profound understanding of HIS OPPONENTS WEAKNESSES AND STRENGTHS. Just another example of sour grapes by the chess community.



For winning the New York Tournament he won \$2000.00 U.S.



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The evolution of the castling move – a notable move in chess.

The forerunner of castling was a move know as *‘The King’s Leap’*, when the king was permitted to move like a knight **only once** in a game subject to certain conditions. The conditions when the king was allowed to ‘Leap’ varied over time and from country to country, but were basically similar to those which govern the castling move today:

***The king must not have moved,
The king must not be in check,
The king must not pass through a square controlled by the enemy.***

Other variations of the Kings Leap were tried at different times. Some allowed the king to jump on his first move to the 3rd rank, some allowed the king to jump to the 8th rank! None were satisfactory.

The king’s Leap was a defensive move, but as time went on the castling move as we know it came into being. Not only was this a defensive move but it allowed the rook to come into play, although it is still considered to be a King’s move. In fact in tournament play, strictly speaking, the king should be moved first.

Castling as we know it was in use in Rome by 1585, but soon after 1600 *‘free castling’* was adopted which allowed the rook to be placed on any square up to the king square, and allowed the king to move to any square up to the rook square. ‘Free Castling’ didn’t stay around for very long and the castling move that we know today, became cemented into classic chess play.



Entrapment of the Black King.

**White to move and win in 6 moves, by pushing the black king into the corner!
Try it. A study by Troitsky 1895**



(Solution on page 4.)



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Darryl's Corner

(by Darryl Johansen - International Grandmaster)

Richard—Delmar new Year 1885

How often do chess tutors talk about back rank weakness?

The position below allows a checkmate because of black's weak back rank. But there are another couple of interesting themes as well.



1. Nf6=!
2. Qf8+!!

PxN (forced)

KxQ The queen sacrifice moves the king onto a black square and gains a tempo allowing a follow-up check to occur.



3. Bh6 +
4. Re8#

Kg8

A timely reminder to examine all checks and captures!

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Answers

Page 1. Gioacchino Greco

- h5
 6. Bd3 Rh6
 7. Qh5 Rh5
 8. Bg6 #

Page 2. Entrapment of a Black king

1. Bh6 Kg8
2. g7 Kf7
3. g8=Q Kg8
4. Ke6 Kh8
5. Kf7 e5
6. Bg7#

If 2. e5

3. Ke6 e4

4. Kf6 e3

5. Be3 and after 5..... h5 black's king is no longer stalemated. White wins.

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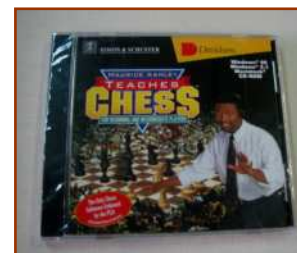


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