

CHESS HUMOR

GENERAL JOKES

SHOPPING: Where can you buy used chess sets? At the pawn shop!

SMART KITTEN: Maria visits Rob and is amazed to find him playing chess with his cat. She watches the game in astonishment for a while.

Finally she says, "Wow! You've got a smart cat".

Rob replies, "Nah, he's not so smart. I've beaten him twice already.

Maria, "How many games have you played?"

Rob, "Twenty".

BUT LIQUOR IS OK: A man meets a friend at the bar on a Thursday night. He announces to his friend, "My wife threatened to leave me if I ever again play chess at the club on Friday nights".

"What are you going to do?" inquired his friend.

"1.e4 if I'm White."

HEAVEN MAY HELP: A very sick chess player visits a psychic.

The psychic tells him, "I've got some good news and bad news. What do you want to hear first?"

"The good news first, of course!"

"You don't have to worry about bills anymore."

"And what is the bad news?"

"You are going to die tonight."

The chess player was incredibly unruffled and asked the psychic if there was any more news.

"You're playing Black against Fischer in the All Hades Open".

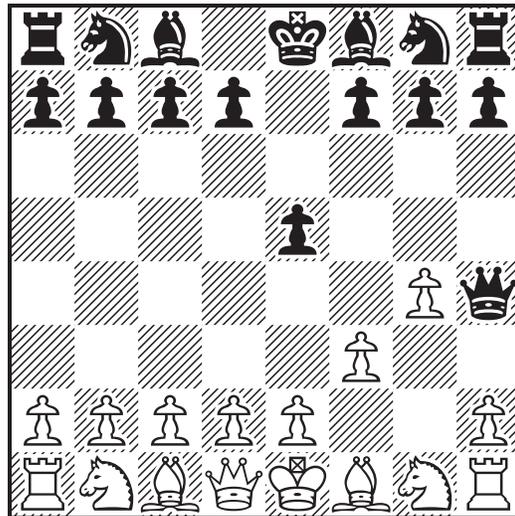
GOOD ADVICE: Never have lunch with a chess player - I did once; there was a checkered tablecloth, and it took him half an hour to pass me the salt.

CAT JOKE #2

My cat's favorite opening is the Catalan, starting with 1.Paw to d4.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: What is the difference between a large pepperoni pizza and a Grandmaster?

The pizza can feed a family of four.



EIGHT EXCUSES FOR LOSING A GAME

(1) I was time trouble

(2) You got lucky

(3) I had a big lunch

(4) I'm allergic to milk, coffee, tea, fruit, corn tortillas, zucchinis, celery, cereals, nuts, soy products, bread, and bottled water

(5) I had a seizure

(6) I suffer from PTSD

(7) I don't do well against weak players

(8) Global warming

YOU MIGHT BE A CHESS ADDICT WHEN,

You read about King Arthur only because it has kings, queens, and knights.

Your pets are named Capablanca, Lasker, and Fischer.

You make a point to notice if the chess sets in movies, television series, magazine ads, and book covers are properly set up. You also want to know whose turn is it to move.

Your dinner table, bed sheets, and shower curtains, all have white and black squares.

You are already compiling your best games book. It already has over 1000 games in it.

You've got a TN to play on the 35th move of your favorite variation of the Najdorf, but you are saving it for the "really big game".

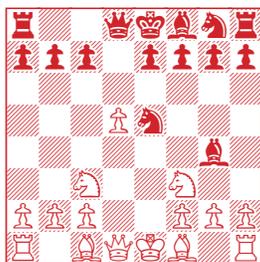
You play so many correspondence games you have your own zip code.

You analyze on your large, power-hungry, main frame chess-playing computer and the lights dim in the city.

You always carry a board, a clock, and a set with two extra queens when you go on a date. If you ever date.

Mieses-Oehquist Nuremburg, 1895

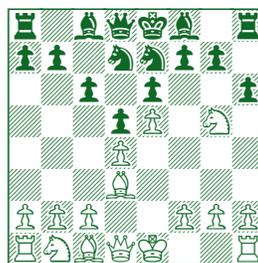
1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♖xd5 3.♘c3 ♖d8
4.d4 ♘c6 5.♗f3 ♗g4 6.d5 ♗e5



7.♗xe5! ♗xd1 8.♗b5+ c6 9.dxc6
(9...Qc7 10.cxb7+ Kd8 11.Nxf7mate)
1-0

Bensch (2279)-C. Mueller (2205) Bayern, Germany, 2003

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 e6 4.♗f3
♗d7 5.♗d3 ♗e7 6.♗g5 h6?



7.♗xe6! ♖b6 8.♗xf8 ♗xf8
9.c3 ♗e6 10.O-O ♗d7 11.♗d2
O-O-O 12.b4 g5 13.a4 ♗dg8
14.♗b3 g4 15.a5 ♖c7 16.b5 cxb5
17.♗a3 ♖d8 18.♗xb5 a6 19.♗d3
♖b8 20.♗c5 ♗xc5 21.♗xc5
♗c8 22.♖b3 ♖a8 23.♗fe1 ♖c7
24.♗a4 ♗d8 25.♗b4 1-0

YOU MIGHT BE A WEAK PLAYER WHEN,

You think Fischer and Karpov are names of fish.

You call a chess board a checkerboard.

You wonder why there is no algebra in algebraic notation.

You think a miniature is a very small chess player.

You know O-O is a result of a double forfeit but are entirely confused with O-O-O.

You think Scholar's Mate is something college professors would be looking for. Preferably young.

You wonder why the Chess Olympics does not feature running, jumping, swimming, fencing, or even jumping jacks.

You wonder how the Grandmaster plays blindfold since he just winked at you.

You ask why the Queen's Indian does not involve Indians or Queens.

You ask why the Nimzo Indian does not involve Indians or Nimzos.

You wonder if a Bad Bishop is going to heaven.

You insist using the terms, "Horse" for a Knight, "Castle" for a Rook, and "That piece with a pointy hat" for a Bishop.

You think "Vienna", "Budapest", "Berlin", and "London" refer to only European cities.

When you see the word "BYE" next to your name on the wallchart, you wonder why they are saying "Goodbye" to you.

You think the word, "ELO" is slang for "Hello".

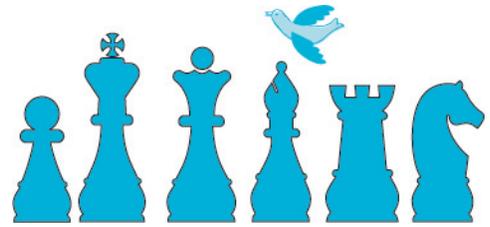
You think that Capablanca is a black and white movie.

You think the moves 1.g4, followed by 2.f4, is a good way to throw your opponents off balance.

You wonder why so many good players have the first name of "GM". You wonder how to pronounce it and if it is a coincidence.

You win the "MOST IMPROVED PLAYER AWARD", three times in a row. And will probably win a fourth.

You think becoming a master, or even a Grandmaster, is an easy thing.

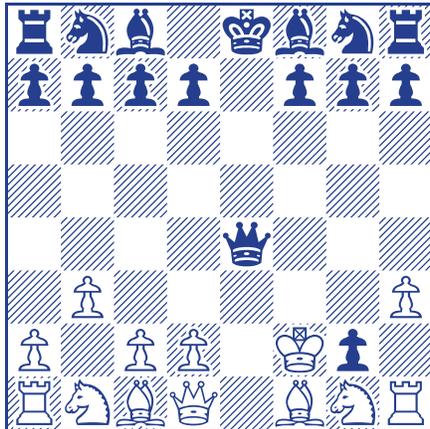


MORE MINIATURES!

Wiede-Goetz

Strasbourg, 1880

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.b3 ♖h4+ 4.g3? f×g3 5.h3? (Black now has a forced mate in three.) 5...g2+ 6.♗e2 ♗×e4+ 7.♗f2



7...g×h1=♗mate! 0-1

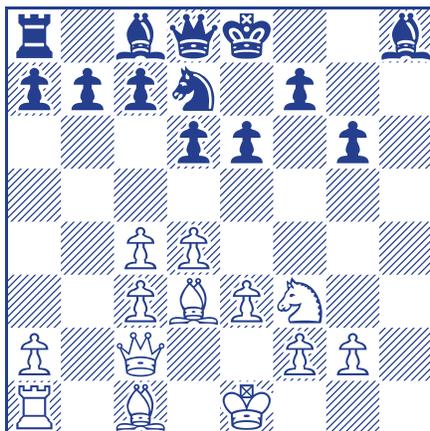
Koser-Winckelmann
corres.

Thematic Tournament, 1993

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♖b4 4.a3 ♗×c3+ 5.b×c3 d×e4 6.f3 c5 7.♖b5+ ♗d7 8.♗e2 ♗a5 9.♞b1 ♗×c3+ 10.♗d2 ♗×a3 11.♗×d7+ ♗×d7 12.♞×b7 ♗a1+ 13.♗f2 exf3 14.♗×f3 ♗×h1 15.♞×d7 ♗f6 16.♞×f7 ♗×f7 17.♗g5+ ♗f8 18.♗×e6 ♗g4+ 19.♗×g4 ♗×h2 20.♗f5+ ♗e7 21.♗e6+ ♗d8 22.♗a5+ ♗c7 23.♗f7mate 1-0

Szuzszta-Grzelak
Poland, 1971

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 ♖b4 4.e3 ♗e4 5.♗c2 ♗×c3?! 6.b×c3 ♗f8 7.♗d3 g6 8.h4 ♗g7 9.h5 d6 10.♗f3 ♗d7 11.h×g6 h×g6 12.♞×h8+ ♗×h8



13.♗×g6! f×g6 14.♗×g6+ ♗f8 15.♗g5 ♗e8 16.♗h6+ ♗g7 17.♗×e6+ ♗e7 18.♗×g7+ (Better than 18.Nxg7, as this move continues the attack) 18...♗×e6 19.d5+ ♗f5 20.g4+ ♗e4 21.♗d4+ ♗f3 22.♗f4+ ♗g2 23.♗g3+ ♗h1 24.♗f1 (or 24.Bd2 and 25.O-O-O#!) 1-0

Bird-Owen

London, 1868

1.e4 b6 2.d4 ♖b7 3.♗d3 e6 4.♗e2 c5 5.O-O c4 6.♗×c4 ♗×e4 7.♗bc3 ♗b7 8.d5 ♗c7 9.♗d3 a6 10.♗f4 e5 11.♗g3 b5 12.♗b3 ♗c5 13.♗h1 d6 14.f4 exf4 15.♗×f4 ♗e7 16.♗f3 ♗f5 17.♞ae1+ ♗d8 18.♗g4 ♗d7 19.♗h4+ ♗c7 20.♗d3 ♗×h4 21.♗×h4 f6 22.♞e6 ♗b6 23.♗×c5! ♗×c5 24.♗f2+ ♗b4 25.♗b6! 1-0

L. Schmid-Sahlman

Essen, 1948

1.e4 c5 2.♗e2 ♗c6 3.c4 ♗f6 4.♗bc3 g6 5.d4 c×d4 6.♗×d4 d6 7.f3 ♗b6?! 8.♗e3 ♗×b2 9.♗a4 ♗a3 10.♗c1 (10.Bc1 Qb4+ 11.Bd2 Qa3 12.Nb5 +-) 1-0

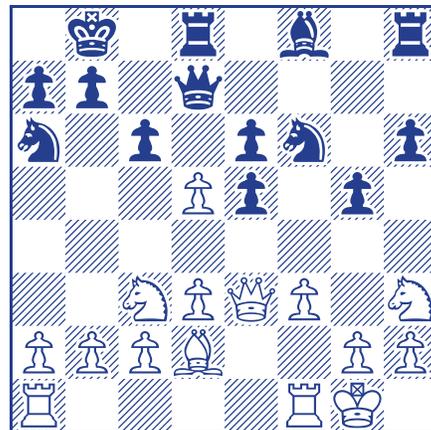
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Blitz Game

Yahoo, Nov. 12 2006

[The Postman may ring twice – or sometimes not at all]

1.e4 e5 2.♗h5 ♗e7 3.♗c3 ♗f6 4.♗f3 d6 5.♗c4 c6 6.♗h3 ♗g4 7.♗g3 ♗d7 8.♗g5 ♗e6 9.♗×e6 f×e6 10.O-O h6 11.♗h3 g5 12.♗e3 ♗a6! 13.f3 O-O-O 14.d3 ♗b8 15.♗d2 d5 16.exd5



16...♗c5! 17.d4 ♗×d4 18.♗×d4 exd4 19.♗e4 ♗×e4 20.f×e4 c×d5 21.exd5 ♗×d5 22.♞ae1 ♞hf8 23.♗a5 ♞×f1+ 24.♞×f1 ♗×a5 0-1