

## **Problem Page 23 Christmas Quiz 2014**

### **Christmas Quiz**

**A few chess problems and questions just to test your brain over the festive period**

**1. Fit the missing pieces in the following chess sayings**

- (a) .... are the soul of the game (Philidor)**
- (b) A .... on the 7th rank is like a bone in the throat (Fischer)**
- (c) Even the laziest .... flees wildly in the face of double check (Nimzowitsch)**
- (d) I have added these principles to the law: get the ..... into action before both ..... are developed (Lasker)**
- (e) Every .... is a potential queen (Mason)**
- (f) A ..... on the rim is dim (Tarrasch)**

**2. Translate the names of these pieces into English**

- (a) Springer (German)**
- (b) Fou (French)**
- (c) Reina (Spanish)**
- (d) Lodya (Russian)**
- (e) Loper (Dutch)**
- (f) Basilissa (Greek)**
- (g) Tour (French)**
- (h) Peon (Spanish)**
- (i) Krol (Polish)**

**3. Name the only Scottish Grandmaster who has won the British Championship 3 years in a row - and which school did he go to?**

**4. Give the name and nationality of the current**

- (a) Men's World Champion**
- (b) Women's World Champion**

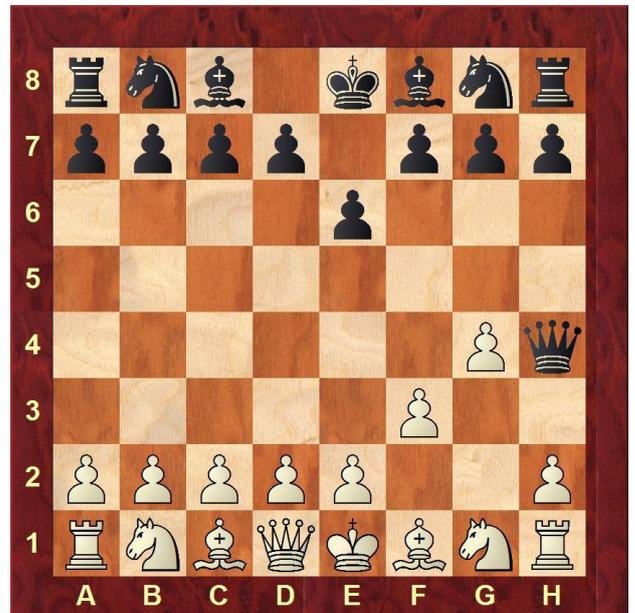
**5. What do the following chess expressions mean?**

- (a) j'adoube**
- (b) zugzwang**
- (c) en passant**
- (d) zwischenzug**
- (e) swindle**
- (f) simultaneous display**
- (g) castle short**
- (h) castle long**
- (i) royal fork**
- (j) poisoned pawn**

Now to some problem diagrams

6a What is this mate called

6a



6b and this one?

(b)



**6c with Black to play what is this position called?**

**6c**



**7a OK, the first 3 diagram questions were easy - this is trickier. What is this type of position called and how does White win from here?**

**7a**

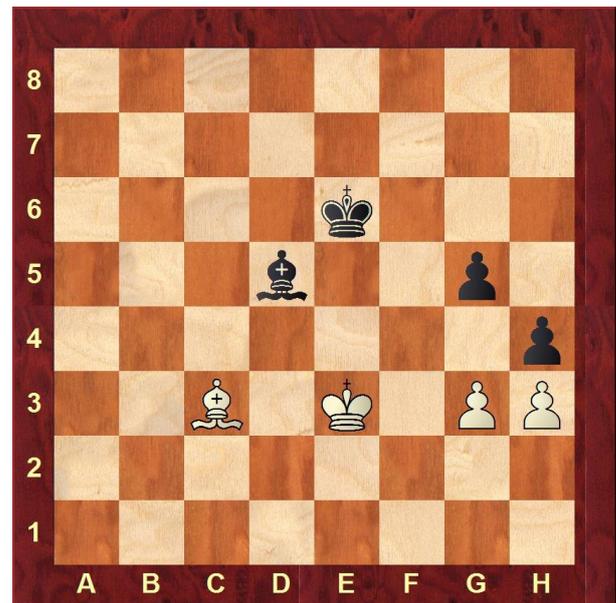


**7b - still on same diagram (7a) what if it is Black's move. What is the result (with best play) and how is it achieved?**

**8a. Here is an different colour bishops endgame - often these are a draw but Black had a surprise move up his sleeve, what was it?**

**8a**

**8b** in the same position but with White to move could you find a drawing line?



**9a** The easy question is if it was White's move what would you play?

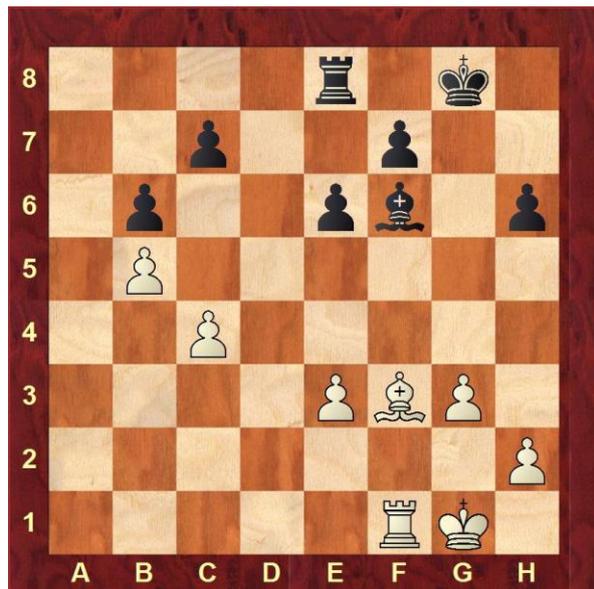
**9a**



**9b** Actually it was Black's move and can you found out how he won?

## Solutions to last month's problems - Novice

### Problem N43



N43. a) The best move for White is?

b) if it were Black's move what would you play?

Answer:

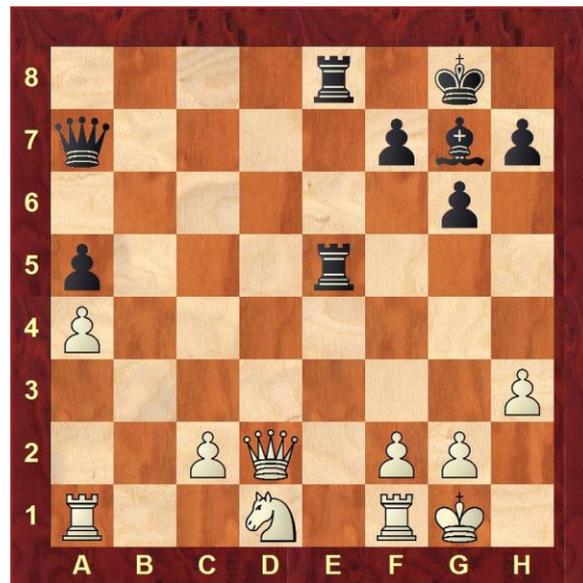
(a) White plays

1. Bd6 The bishop moves to attack the rook while the rook has a discovered attack on the bishop at f6  
 (b) Black has several good moves e.g.

1. Rd8 controls the open d file and being on a black square is not under possible attack by a bishop move  
 OR

1. ....Kg7 protects the bishop at f6 and so the discovered attack no longer works.

### Problem N44



N44. a) How does Black win the exchange?

b) if it were White's move what would you play?

Answer:

(a) White plays

1. Re2 - the rook attacks the queen (which needs to move) and reveals a discovered attack by the bishop at g7 on the rook at a1

(b) The rook at a1 needs to move so there is no discovered attack so

1. ....Rb1 is good as rook is now on a white square and cannot be attacked by the bishop

## Solutions to last month's problems - Intermediate

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143. a) The best move for Black is?  
 b) if it were White's move what would you play?

Answer:

(a) Black plays

1. .... Bc5! This attacks the white bishop at b6 and the rook at e1. If
2. Rxe8+ Rxe8 threatens the back rank mate of
- 3..... Re1# and still keeps the threat of Bxb6

(b) White plays

1. Rde3 and uses the pressure of the doubled rooks on the e-file, forcing Black to move the king to f8.



144. a) The best move for White is?  
 b) if it were Black's move what would you play?

Answer:

(a) White plays

1. Bd4 and threatens a double mate with either
2. Rxe8#
- OR
2. Qxa7#

(b) ..... Rxe5 wins the bishop and prevents the back rank mate