

Dorset Junior Chess Newsletter

Welcome to the **Christmas Special** Edition.

Welcome to this **Christmas Special** Edition Newsletter. We have some fun Christmas theme puzzles and quiz questions to keep you 'chess busy' over the holidays.

You can either do the puzzles and quiz just for fun, or you can send it through to **Dorset Junior Chess** (nikkiforster2015@gmail.com) for a prize. Answers will be published in January 2022.

Wishing everyone a very **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and a **wonderful 2022** where your dreams come true.

Let's get started.....

Christmas Chess Puzzles

Spot the chess pieces hiding in the decorations.....

1. Star =
2. Red Bauble =
3. Gold bauble =
4. Snow globe =
5. Maroon bauble =



Christmas Chess Puzzles

Try these Christmas Tree Puzzles.....

Puzzle 1 - How many different ways has Black to mate in 1? (List the moves)

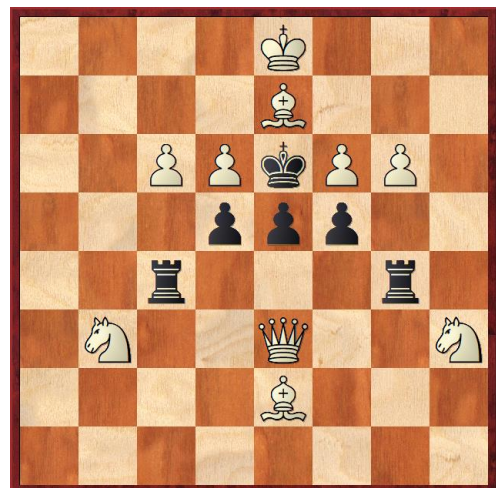


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Puzzle 2 - White to move and mate in 2. What are the white and black moves?



Puzzle 3 - White to move and mate in 2. What are the white and black moves?



Name the chess tactic quiz.

Which chess tactic is shown below in each picture?

1.

2.

3.



A few more chess puzzles.....

Puzzle 4: Black to move. What is Black's worst possible move?



Puzzle 5: Black to move. What is Black's worst possible move?



Chess joke:

Q: What do chess players eat at Christmas A: Chess- nuts!!!

Chess Word Search

Can you find the chess words listed in the grid? Words can be across, backwards, up or down or diagonal (so just like the queen moves).



O	D	F	O	R	K	B	K	C	W	Q
L	P	A	B	W	E	L	I	H	E	U
B	O	E	P	I	A	A	N	E	T	E
I	X	S	N	N	S	C	G	C	I	E
S	R	U	S	I	T	K	I	K	H	N
H	O	Y	P	I	N	Q	P	A	W	N
O	O	M	A	T	E	G	X	W	Z	C
P	K	N	I	G	H	T	E	M	A	G

WHITE	WIN
MATE	LOSS
CHECK	BLACK
OPENING	QUEEN
KING	BISHOP
PAWN	FORK
ROOK	PIN
KNIGHT	GAME

And now something a little bit different...

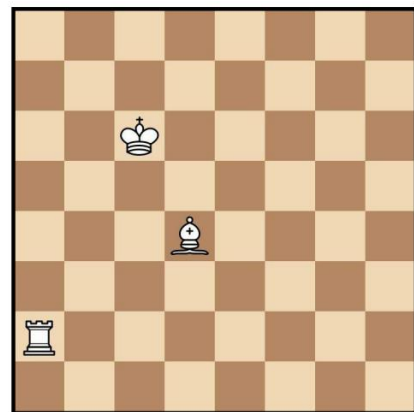
A Triple Loyd

In a "Triple Loyd" puzzle, the black king is missing from the board.

You must place the black king in 3 different positions:

- 1) In the first position: the black king is in **checkmate**
- 2) In the second position: the black king is in **stalemate**
- 3) In the third position: white **can deliver checkmate** in one **move** (and write down this move)!

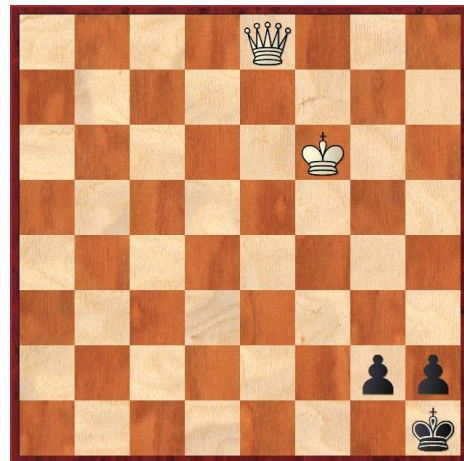
(Thanks to Delancey UK Chess Challenge for this puzzle)



Puzzle time again.....

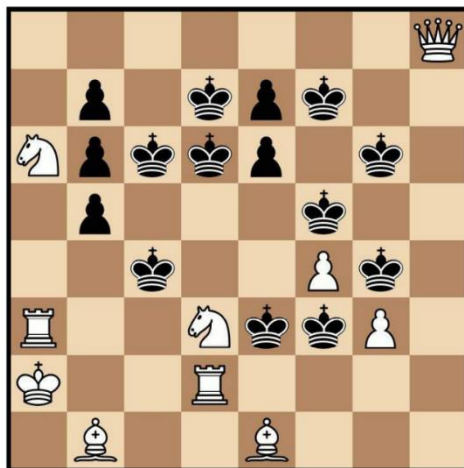
Puzzle 6: Mate in two (with a twist). White to move and mate in 2.

Many thanks to Dorset junior chess player, Florence Spirling, for this interesting puzzle!



Puzzle 7: Find the move that checkmates all 10 black kings!

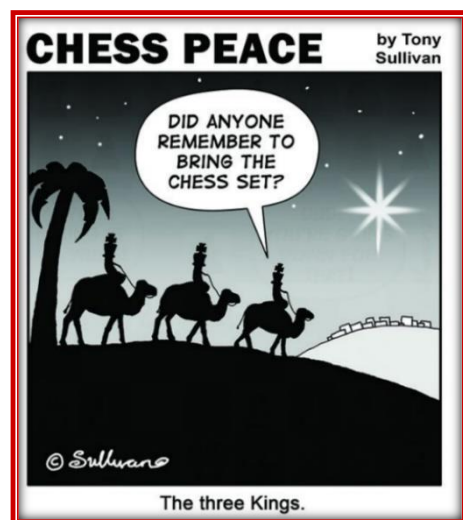
Hint: Two kings together (one beside another) are both checkmated by the same piece.



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And finally, an all important message from the three Kings.....

Many thanks to Tony Sullivan, a cartoonist, humour writer/illustrator who is creating a book of cartoons dedicated to chess. Find him on Facebook



We hope you enjoyed this newsletter. We always welcome new juniors of all levels and volunteers, so please contact the B&DCL and DCCA junior chess coordinator, **Nikki Forster** at nikkiforster2015@gmail.com if you wish to find out more on any junior chess matters or check out the Dorset Junior chess webpage <https://www.dorsetchess.co.uk/junior-chess>