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TCA Annual Membership Meeting

The 2020 TCA Annual Membership meeting will be Sunday, September 13 at 2:00 PM CST through Zoom. We all need to spread the word. [YOU MUST REGISTER ON THE TCA WEB SITE TO GET THE ZOOM LINK](#). Officer elections include President (for one-year term), Vice-President, Internet Coordinator, Tournament Coordinator and Scholastic Coordinator for two-year terms as well as the East, Middle and West TN Directors.

Thanks,

Chris Prosser
TCA Secretary

[Register Here for TCA ZOOM Link](#)

Chess Advocate

Check out the latest issue of *Chess Advocate* created by TN Chess Hall of Fame Committee Member and Chess Historian, Dwight Weaver. Follow this link:

[Chess Advocate July 2020](#)

For it's vintage, comic-book feel and rich and fascinating content, the magazine earned 2019-2020's Best Newsletter Award from the Chess Journalists of America.

The newsletter even beat out the Mechanic's Institute. Here is their official awards link: <https://chessjournalists.weebly.com/cja-awards-2020.html>.

Congratulations to Dwight for the national recognition of his amazing work!



The CJA is Proud to Present To

Chess Advocate, Dwight Weaver

The Chess Journalist Award For

Best Online State/Local Newsletter/Magazine

Joshua M. Anderson

JOSHUA ANDERSON

Chairman - CJA Awards Committee

Online Chess Report

NM Alex King of the Memphis Chess Club hosts a Rapid Team Battle every Monday night at 7:00 PM CST on lichess. To participate you must belong to a team, such as, Murfreesboro or Memphis. Your team will provide the links for the current battle on their lichess page the day of the tournament. Please message [NM Alex King](#) for more information.

The Murfreesboro Chess Club hosts an Open Blitz Tournament on lichess every Thursday night at 7:30 PM CST. You will find the link on their website by the day of each event.

On Sunday, September 13, 2020 (right after attending the TCA Annual Membership Meeting at 2:00 PM CST), be ready to jump into lichess for the Murfreesboro Classical Swiss! The format is Open 3 Round Swiss, G/30+5. Round 1 begins at 3:00 PM CST. The entry fee is free. You must join the Murfreesboro Club Team before the event begins. For more information, you can contact the Murfreesboro

Chess Club at murfreesborochess@gmail.com or visit murfreesborochess.weebly.com/

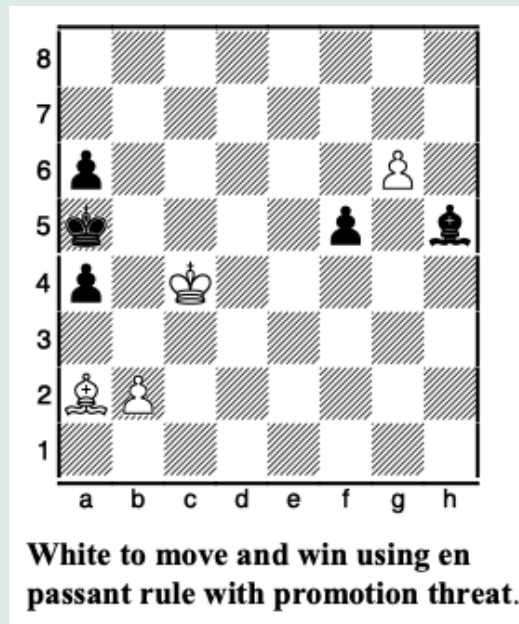
Thanks so much,

Norbert Thieman

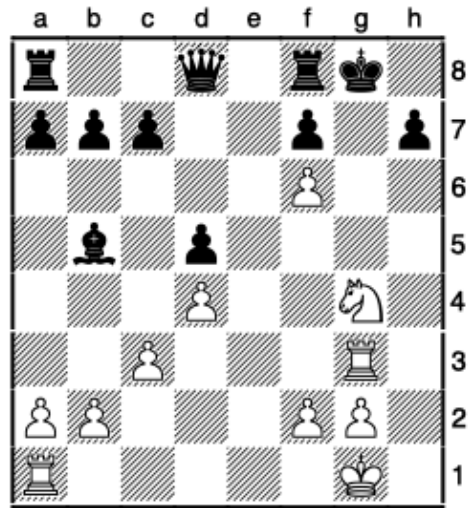
[Murfreesboro Chess Club Registration](#)

[Tournament Registration Link for 9/13/20](#)

Chess Puzzles

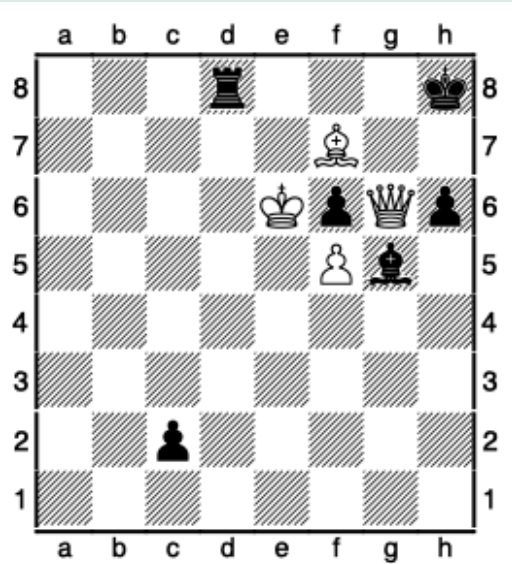


#1



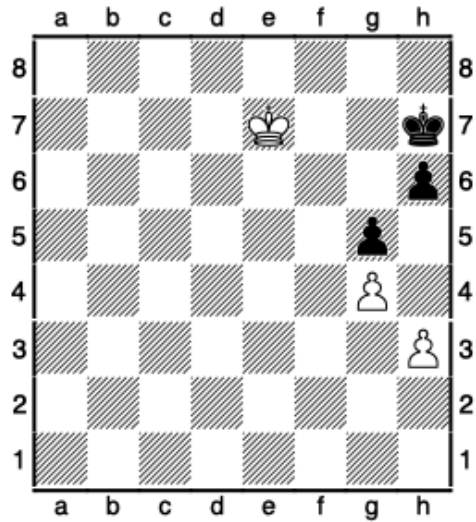
White to mate in 3 moves.

#2



White to move and mate.

#3



**White to move and timely queen,
enabling mate**

#4

Credit to chess.com for creation of these puzzles. They were of interest to and submitted by TN Chess Hall of Fame Member, Leonard Dickerson. Solutions can be found in announcements below.

Top 10 Tennessee Chess Players

1. IM
Jake
Kleiman
2480
2. IM
Ron
Burnett
2395
3. Sean
Vibbert
2391
4. Alex
King
2381
5. FM
Todd
Andrews
2350
6. CM
Forest
Chen

- 2318
7. Graham
Horobetz
2309
8. FM
Peter
Bereolos
2288
9. Logan
Wu
2283
10. Dean
Bruce
Lee
2279

For more US Chess Top 100 Rating Lists, visit www.uschess.org

Tennessee Chess Patrons and Membership

The TCA wishes to send special thanks to the current Patron and Life Members. Without their contributions, much of what the TCA accomplishes would not be possible.

TCA Patron Members:

DAVID SNODGRASS

PAUL SEMMES

MICHAEL NATH

SID PICKARD

Life Members:

PAT KNIGHT SMITH

PETER LAHDE

R. K. SHIMABUKURO

We need new Patrons for the 2020 year! The Tennessee Chess Association appreciates those who help sponsor the game and offers tax-deductible memberships to Patrons beginning at \$100 per year. Membership for all levels will be for 12 calendar months (including the month membership is paid). To check your membership expiration, please visit our [current members page](#). Renew or join for as little as \$10 per year.

[Click Here to Renew or Become a TCA Member Today!](#)

Tennessee Chess Calendar

September 9, 2020 [WGM Jennifer Shahade Webinar](#) for K-12 Students and their Families @ 6:00 - 7:00 PM EST

September 13, 2020 [Annual TCA Membership Meeting](#) @ Zoom 2:00 PM CST

September 13, 2020 [Murfreesboro Chess Club Classical Swiss](#) @ <https://lichess.org/swiss/1gYl27kj> 3:00 PM CST

September 19, 2020 Nashville Online Scholastic City Qualifier #1 @ Online 1:00-4:30 PM CST Details coming soon at www.nashvillechess.org

September 19, 2020 [Nashville Chess Center Friday Night Fights - Grand Reopening](#) @ Nashville Chess Center 7:00 - 10:30 PM CST Limited to 16 Players, Must Pre-Register

October 3, 2020 2020 Nashville Online Scholastic City Qualifier #2 @ Online 1:00-4:30 PM CST Details coming soon at www.nashvillechess.org

October 10, 2020 Tennessee Home School State Championship Online @ Online Details coming soon on www.tnchess.us

October 17, 2020 **Rescheduled to this new date** 2020 State Individual Scholastics to take place online. Qualifiers will be contacted individually by their Regional Coordinators

November 7, 2020 **Rescheduled to this new date** 2020 Tennessee All-Girls State Championship @ Online- Details coming soon on www.tnchess.us

November 14, 2020 Nashville Online Scholastic City Qualifier #3 @ Online 1:00-4:30 PM CST Details coming soon at www.nashvillechess.org

November 21, 2020 Tennessee Open State Championship Online @ Online Details coming soon on www.tnchess.us

December 5, 2020 Middle TN Scholastic Championship and Open @ Central Magnet School

January 8-10, 2021 2021 Nashville City Championships @ Nashville Chess Center

January 16, 2021 2021 Tennessee Winter Open @ TBD

May 7-9, 2021 [2021 SuperNationals VII](#) @ Opryland Hotel, Nashville

April 8-10, 2022 [2022 National High School Championship](#) @ Memphis Cook Convention Center, Memphis

Weekly Online Events

[Murfreesboro Monday Team Battles](https://lichess.org/team/murfreesboro-chess-club) @ <https://lichess.org/team/murfreesboro-chess-club> **Mondays** at 7:00 PM CST

[Murfreesboro Blitz Tournament](https://lichess.org/team/murfreesboro-chess-club) @ <https://lichess.org/team/murfreesboro-chess-club> **Thursdays** at 7:30 PM CST

[NCC Kids Grand Prix](#) @ the NCC Kids Club on Chesskid **Fridays** at 4:30 PM CST

[Shelby County Chess Online](#) @ Online **Fridays** at 7:00 PM CST plus other weekly events

Past Events Pending

April 18, 2020 Harry Sabine Memorial Chess Tournament @ Cumberland County Community Complex, Crossville POSTPONED

May 15 - 17, 2020 Tennessee Senior Open @ Fair Park Senior Center, Crossville POSTPONED

To add your event to this list, please email flyer or pertaining details to tiffany.elliott@comcast.net or regioniii@aol.com.

Event Flyers

Chess: Calculation and Decision Making

WGM Jennifer Shahade

September 9, 2020, 6:00PM-7:00PM, EST



This inspirational webinar is presented to K-12 students and their parents. Join the webinar to learn chess techniques and its relation to life and decision making.

About the speaker: Jennifer Shahade is a chess player, speaker, host, author and PokerStars Ambassador. She is a two-time **US Women's Chess Champion** and has the FIDE title of **Woman Grandmaster**. Jennifer is passionate about female empowerment and creative work. As the Director of Women's Program at US Chess, she aims to bring more females into the game. Among all the games, she loves chess and poker the most. She is the author of **three books**. She hosts **two award-winning podcasts**: the poker GRID and Ladies Knight.



Girls Achieving in Mathematics, Engineering, Science (GAMES)



NCC KIDS GRAND PRIX SERIES #3



September 4 - October 9, 2020

Fridays at 4:30 PM CST on



How to Join: Make a FREE www.Chesskid.com account

To join the "Nashville Chess Center Kids" Club on chesskid.com where the event will be played, assign a coach as your chesskid account guardian (this can be done in their settings): Coach Todd (**MusicCityMaster** on Chesskid, nashvillechess@gmail.com), Coach Tiffany (**Coach_Tiffany**, tiffany.elliott@comcast.net) and Coach Gainer (**CoachGainer**, chzwhiz09@gmail.com). The coach will add you to the group.

Register each Friday for the NCC Kids Grand Prix Between 4:15 - 4:29 pm:

Go to Chesskid, Login, Click on "PLAY" on the left menu, Click on "PLAY FAST" and you should see the tournament listed in the far right Chat Box where you can click "JOIN". Once you join the event, do not leave the "FASTCHESS" console – it will start games automatically and each subsequent round will begin automatically once all the games from the round are complete.

Grand Prix Points:

Players will accumulate their scores for each week over the 6-week series and will have opportunities for bonus points. Finishing 1st place in an event earns 5 bonus points, 2nd place - 4 bonus points, 3rd place - 3 bonus points, 4th place - 2 bonus points and 5th place - 1 bonus point. On ties, bonus points will be added together and split evenly.

Prizes will be awarded at the end of the 6-week series:

- 1st place – 69 piece Crystal Clear Glass Chess Set with Backgammon and Checkers
- 2nd Place – Mini Marble Chess Set
- 3rd Place – NCC Polo Shirt

Standings will be posted weekly on our website News at www.nashvillechess.org

Murfreesboro Classical Swiss

Sunday, September 13, 2020



Site: lichess.org

Open 3 Round Swiss: G/30+5.

Round 1: 3:00 PM CST

***Club Registration:** <https://lichess.org/team/murfreesboro-chess-club>

Tournament Registration: <https://lichess.org/swiss/1gYl27kj>

Entry Fee: Free

** You must join the Murfreesboro Club Team before the event begins.*

More Information:

murfreesborochess@gmail.com,
murfreesborochess.weebly.com/



Bids and Announcements

Are you interested in bidding on one of these upcoming tournaments? We need tournament organizers! Please send your bid including all proposed event details and sample budget to the Board of Directors to be considered.

Deadline November 1, 2020- 2021 TN All-Girls State Championship

Deadline November 1, 2020- 2021 TN Senior Open

Deadline November 1, 2020- 2021 TN Winter Open

Deadline November 1, 2020- 2021 TN Home School State Championship

Deadline January 16, 2021 - 2021 TN Open State Chess Championship

The Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame Committee is now accepting nominations for inductions to take place at the 2021 TN Open State Chess Championship. If you know of someone who has made a lasting impact in Tennessee chess and you would like to nominate them to the [Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame](#), please send your nomination and supporting information to the members of the Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame Committee:

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Solutions to Chess Puzzles: #1- 1.g7! Bf7+ 2.Kc5 Bxa2 3.b5+ axb e.p. 4. g8=queen
#2- 1.Nh6+ Kh8 2.Rg8+ Rxc7 3.Nxf7 ch mate #3- 1.Bg8! (Threatening Qh7 mate)
Rxc7 2. Kf7 Rxc7 3. fxc7 c1=Q 4.g7+ Kh7 5.g8=Q mate #4-1. Kf7! h5 (if 1... Kh8
2.Kg6 wins) 2.h4 Kh6 (2... hxc4 3.hxc4) 3.Kf6 gxc4 (3... hxc4 4.hxc4+) 4.g5+ Kh7
5.Kf7 and White queens and quickly mates.

The Nashville Chess Center will be re-opening on Friday, September 18th for in-person, over-the-board chess! [Friday Night Fights](#) returns! Pre-registration is required and only 16 players are allowed for now. There will be required safety protocol in place so that we do not violate any of the requirements from the Nashville Dept. of Health. Can't wait to see everyone! Our [Scholastic Chess Clubs](#) are up and running virtually. If your Tennessee student is looking for an online club, visit our website or contact us.

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If you're interested in serving on the TCA Board of Directors, please email the current board members. New officer elections will take place at the [2020 TCA Annual Membership Meeting](#) on September 13, 2020 at 2:00 PM CST on Zoom.



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