Champagne Tourney Batumi 2023

The Tourney is opened worldwide.

It is divided in 2 sections (with separate awards):

A . ProofGames B. Any other kind of Retro problems

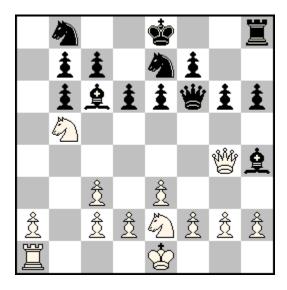
In the past year, we had to say a sad farewell to two esteemed Champagne participants: Anna O'Donovan and Marco Bonavoglia.

Theme (Marco Bonavoglia in memoriam):

Castling (in any form : normal, fake, illegal, fairy...)

Example for Section A:

Marco BONAVOGLIA Happy New Year, Best Problems 2023



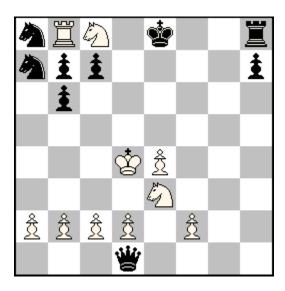
SPG 17,0

(13+15) C+

1.63 66 2.Ld3 L67 3.Lg6 h×g6 4.Dg4 Th5 5.S62 Tç5 6.0-0 Tç3 7.b×ç3 Lh4 8.La3 Df6 9.Ld6 S67 10.Lf4 d6 11.Sa3 Ld7 12.Tfb1 Lç6 13.Tb6 a×b6 14.Kf1 Ta5 15.K61 Th5 16.Sb5 Th8 17.Lh6 g×h6 In diagram position, no castling move is possible: White has already castled and Rook h8 is an impostor. A last proofgame by Marco, composed in hospital.

Example for Section B:

Marco BONAVOGLIA feenschach 1990



h‡2 b) △ é4→é5

(10+9)

- a) 1.Dg4 Sd5 2.Dd7 Sd6‡ (1.0-0? illegal)
- b) 1.0-0 Sf5 2.Tf7 Sçé7‡

If 0-0 is legal then white Rook b8 is promoted and 7 captures by white Pawns occurred: $62 \times d3 \times c4 \times b5 \times a6(-a7) \times b8 = T$ and $g \times f \times e$ In a), the only black square available for a capture is b8, that black Bishop f8 cannot reach.

Fairy conditions (but not fairy pieces) are allowed in both sections.

Maximum 2 entries per composer per section (collaboration counts for 1 full entry).

Maximum 1 non computer tested entry per composer in section A

The formula with Eric as a director and Laurent and Christian as sponsors was first prompted by unusual conditions.

It ran smoothly in the past years, so it was decided to keep it!

Entries to the director Eric Pichouron, by Tuesday 5th September 20:00 PM e-mail : chesschampagne@gmail.com

who will transmit problems to the judge Michel Caillaud in anonymous form.

Prizes in each section:

subscription to Phénix 2024 for the first place, Winchloé light for the second place

Thanks to Laurent Riguet and Christian Poisson for providing the Prizes!

Phénix, created by Denis Blondel, now edited by Laurent, is the french problem magazine, with retro section run by Thierry Le Gleuher, and regularly published retro articles.

http://www.phenix-echecs.fr/

Winchloé light, developped by Christian, is a problem database, updated every month (now 892493 problems and studies).

The most complete database for Proofgames (now 9154 of them).

http://winchloe.free.fr/