

## Champagne Tourney Alba Iulia 2025

The Tourney is opened worldwide.

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

A . ProofGames B. Any other kind of Retro problems

Starting from this edition, the Director and the Judge are

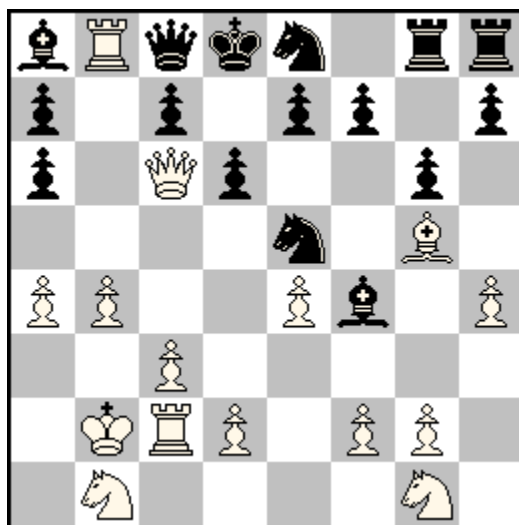
exchanging the fonctions they had in previous years.

This gave the idea for the 2025 theme :

Exchange of places of two pieces.

Example for Section A :

**Éric PICHOURON, Michel CAILLAUD, Nicolas DUPONT**  
**2° Prix, Probleemblad 2021-22**



SPG 19,0

(15+16) C+

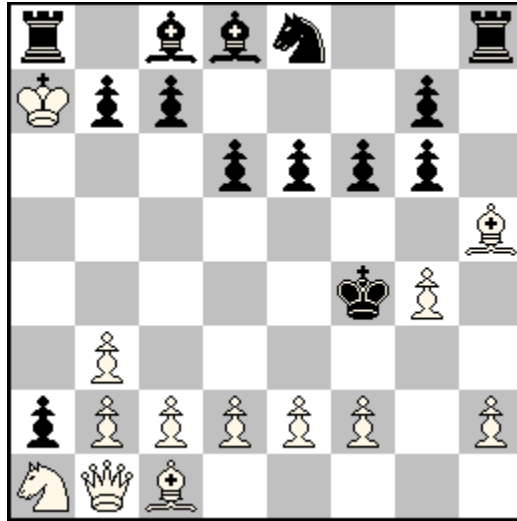
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1.é4 Cç6 2.Fa6 b×a6 3.h4 Fb7 4.Th3 **Tç8** 5.Tb3 **Fa8**  
6.Tb8 d6 7.b4 Dd7 8.Fb2 **Td8** 9.Ff6 **Dç8** 10.ç3 Rd7  
11.Da4 **Té8** 12.Rd1 **Rd8** 13.Rç1 Cé5 14.Dç6 g6 15.a4 Fh6  
16.Ta2 Ff4 17.Fg5 Cf6 18.Tç2 **Tég8** 19.Rb2 **Cé8**

Exchanges of places bRa8-bBç8, bRç8-bQd8, bRd8-bKé8, bRé8-bSg8

Example for Section B :

**Thomas VOLET, dedicated to Mannis CHAROSH**  
**2° Rec., The Problemist 1979-80**



Origin of bRa8 and bRh8 ? (13+14)

r1bbs2r/Kpp3p1/3pppp1/7B/5kP1/1P6/pPPPPP1P/SQB5

Last moves : -1.Rb8×Sa8+ Sb6-a8

Letting white King out of north cage requires driving bRb8 past f8, bBd8 to f8 and retracting e7-é6; then wK can escape through é6. Rh8-h6 and h7×Rg6 also have to be retracted for letting a bR back to a8. Black Rooks cannot exchange place in the corridor a8-d8-d7-f7-f8-h8-h6. bRa8 and bRh8 have exchanged their places from Initial Game Array!

Fairy conditions are allowed in both sections.  
(fairy pieces allowed only when integrated in a fairy condition,  
such as Chinese Chess, Berolina Chess, Knightmate...)

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

Maximum 1 non computer tested entry per composer in section A

Entries to the director Michel Caillaud, by Monday 7th July 20:00 PM

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who will transmit problems to the judge Éric Pichouron in anonymous form.

Prizes in each section :

subscription (pdf) to Phénix 2025 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-echeecs.fr/>

also on Facebook...

Winchloé light, developped by Christian, is a problem database, updated every month (now 963386 problems and studies).

The most complete database for Proofgames (now 9670 of them).

<http://winchloe.free.fr/>