

2017 Reykjavik Open Pub Quiz



Question #1

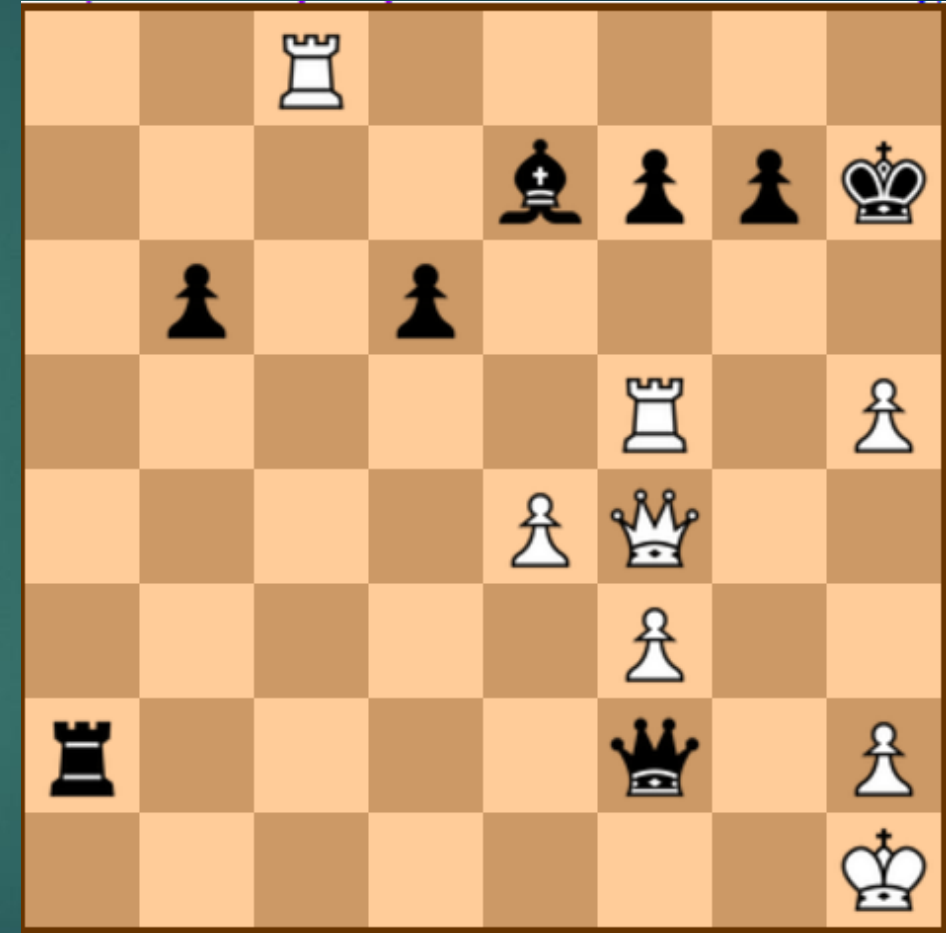
Last years Reykjavik Open was won by Abhijeet Gupta from India. Tania Sachdev, also from India had a fantastic tournament as well, claiming the 1st prize for women.

Out of over 200 participants, how many came from India?
2, 7, 12 or 16?



Question #2

From which game is this (specifics please!) and what was the move played here by white?



Question #3

Grandmaster is of course the highest title that can be attained in chess. According to the 2017 FIDE rating list, how many Chess Grandmasters are there on the list?

(Your guess will be judged on +/- 50)

Question #4

Who is this gentleman, of course well known for his achievements on the chessboard.



Question #5

At the Chess Olympiad in Baku in 2016, who racked up the most number of points for his country in the Open section, a whooping 10 out of 11?



Question #6

Magnus Carlsen managed to defend his World Title after a tough match and tiebreaks vs Sergey Karjakin.

In the classical portion of the match, each player only managed to win one game. Which game (number) did Carlsen win and which game did Karjakin win?



Question #7

In 2016, Abhijeet Gupta was the outright winner of the Reykjavik Open.

Aside from him, there are 2 more players who are playing in the 2017 GAMMA Reykjavik Open that have won the tournament outright (i.e. Not joint winners)

Name one of these two players.



Question #8

At the Gibraltar Chess Festival, Hou Yifan made a now famous protest by playing essentially a non-game against GM Babu Lalith.

At first Babu Lalith thought that Hou Yifan's surprising first move was perhaps prepared and she might have some idea in mind.....

.....however after Hou Yifan's second move with the white pieces there was no doubt there was no preparation but something strange going on!

What were the first two moves by white?

Question #9

This is from a movie in the Top 250 list on Imdb.com

Max von Sydow plays a knight returning home from the crusades. Death appears to tell him it's his time but the knight challenges Death to a game of chess for his life.

What is the name of the movie?



Question #10

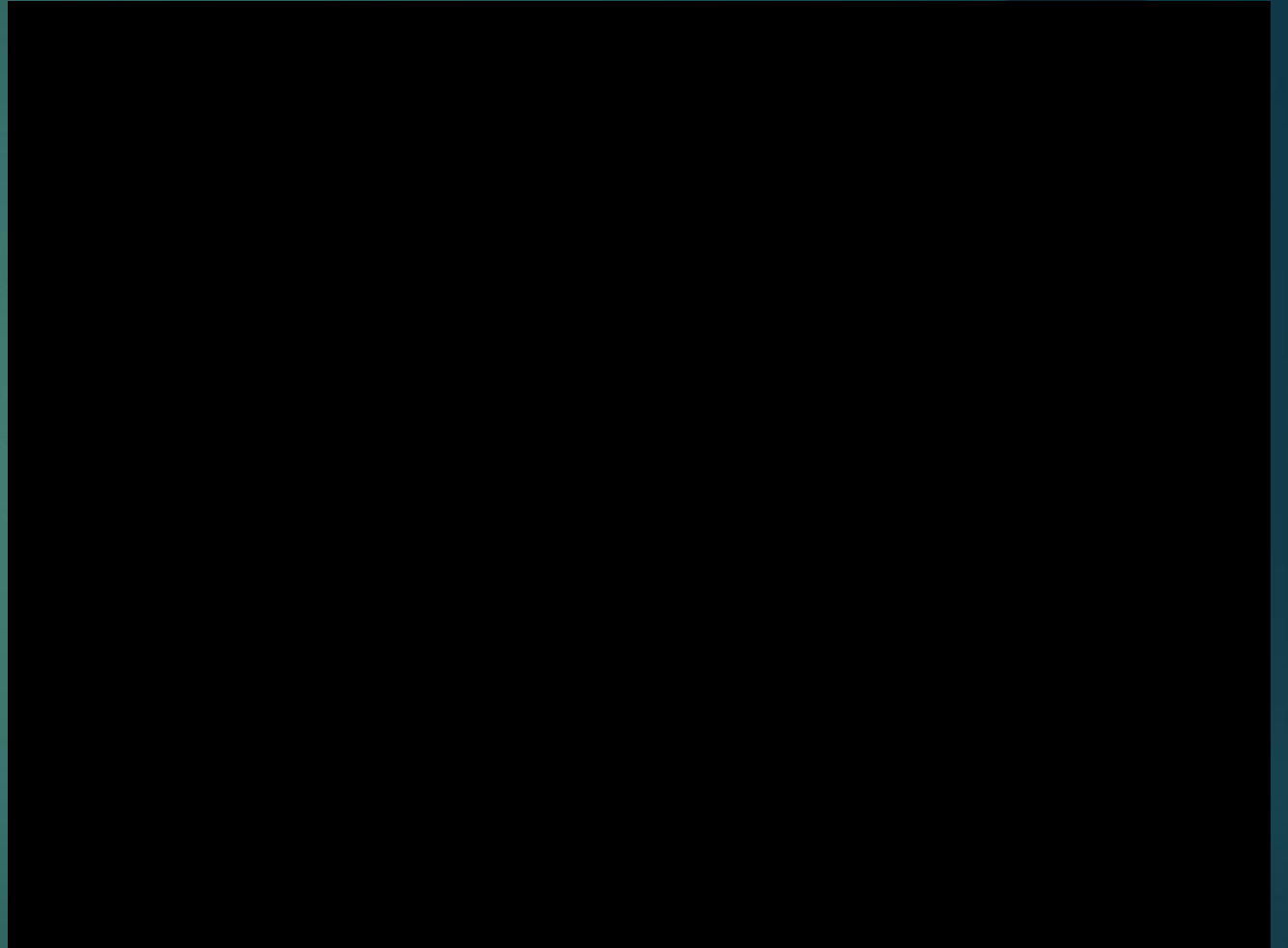
Who is the only player ever to have won both the World Chess Championship and the World Senior (60+) Chess Championship?



Question #11

A famous 80's song, one night in Bangkok by Murray Head.

This song is actually from a musical. What is the name of the musical?



Question #12

We go back to the Baku Olympiad. In the Open section, a surprising team came in 10th place.

This is not a traditional power house at all and until recently had very few Grandmasters. This was their best result ever. What makes this more surprising is that they played without their best player who is a well known strong Grandmaster with a peak rating of just around 2700. This player has of course played in the Reykjavik Open and well known for his natural ability.

This country is NOT in Europe, but which country is this?



Question #13

In 1994 the PCA along with sponsor Intel staged a series of knockout Grand Prix events.

These events were filled with the top players at the time and for instance winners of the legs included: Kramnik in New York, Kasparov in Paris and Anand in Moscow to name a few.

In the London leg the Chess Genius program fueled by an Intel processor played in the event and scored an upset win in the first round!

Who was this player knocked out by the Chess Genius program 1,5-0,5?

Question #14

The ECO code from D80 to D99 represents which chess opening?

Question #15

If we order all the Grandmasters of the world in Alphabetical order (A-Z) based on their last names, which name would appear first on the list?



Question #16

What is the name of this gambitand who is the most high profile player to have played this in a serious game (played in Linares 1999)?

(½ point for gambit name, ½ point for player)



Question #17

Friedrich Saemisch is best known for his contribution to opening theory having two well known variations named after him.

We will however ask about two tournaments he played in 1969 Busum (Germany) and Linköping (Sweden). In the former he played 15 games but in the latter he played 13 games.

What happened in all his games in both tournaments?



Friedrich Saemisch

Question #18

...Qe5 in this position was a famous blunder in chess history. It was a double blunder of sorts though because white didn't take his chance two moves in a row.

Which players were playing in this game and what move did white miss?



Question #19

What are the names of these three chess players?



Question #20

This is from an American TV Show, „Mr Robot“.

The sequence that they are playing out doesn't seem to make much sense. What they are playing out however is well known as what?



Question #21

These are all provocative or weird openings, from top left to right: Ware Opening 1.a4, Norwegian variation 3...Nh5 of the modern, 2...Ng8 the Brooklyn variation of the Alekhine and finally the HillBilly attack vs the Caro-Kann.

What do these variations have in common?



Question #22

The hand and the picture should provide enough characteristics to recognize.

Who is the owner of the hand in the picture that was taken at an interesting and famous moment of a certain incident.

Who was his opponent in the game?



Question #23

Chessbase has been well known throughout the years for some tricky and cheeky April Fools jokes. One of the more famous and naughty was one from 2012 which still resurfaces on message boards till this day. In the article, it was claimed that the King's Gambit had been more or less busted by the author of Rybka after exhaustive computer work. After 1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 the moves Bc4 and Nf3 were said to be „refuted“ by ...Nf6 and ...d6 respectively and black is winning.

Which (somewhat silly) move was supposed to be the ONLY move that drew for white after these opening moves?

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Rajlich: Busting the King's Gambit, this time for sure

4/2/2012 – Fifty years ago Bobby Fischer published a famous article, "A Bust to the King's Gambit", in which he claimed to have refuted this formerly popular opening. Now chess programmer IM Vasik Rajlich has actually done it, with technical means. 3000 processor cores, running for over four months, exhaustively analysed all lines that follow after 1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 and came to some extraordinary conclusions.





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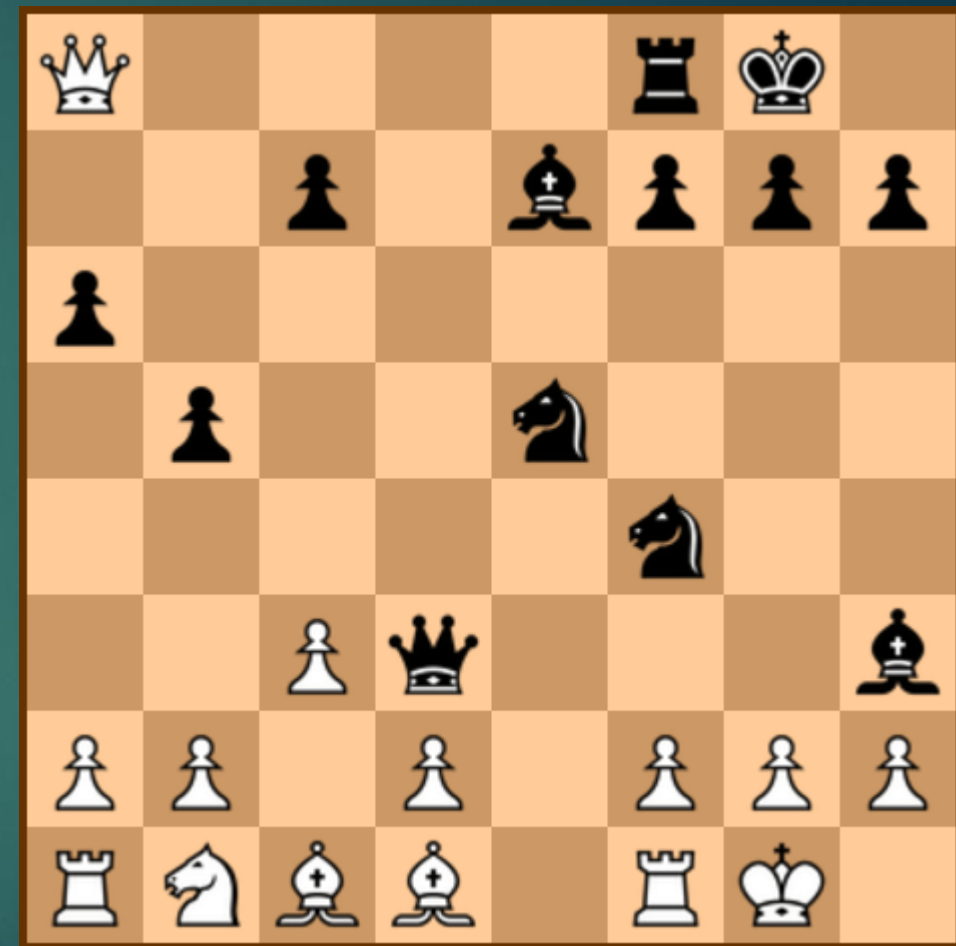


Question #24

This position arose in the game: Roesch – Willi Schlage in Hamburg 1910. The sequence that followed was: 14.Qxa6 Bxg2 15.Re1 Qf3 and white resigned.

Curiously this might actually be one of the most viewed sequences in chess history. What makes this position and sequence so famous?

Hint: (Qf3 was announced as „Queen Bishop Three“ which is not correct)



Question #25

Famous players: Arkadij Naiditsch, Alexei Shirov, Mikhail Tal and Aron Nimzovitsch.

What unites these players? i.e. What do they have in common?



Question #26

Here we have two positions, position A and position B. In both positions, black to move oversteps the time limit.



According to the FIDE rules of chess, what is the result of position A and position B respectively?

Question #27

Pictured are the joint winners of the 1971 Alekhine Memorial in Moscow.

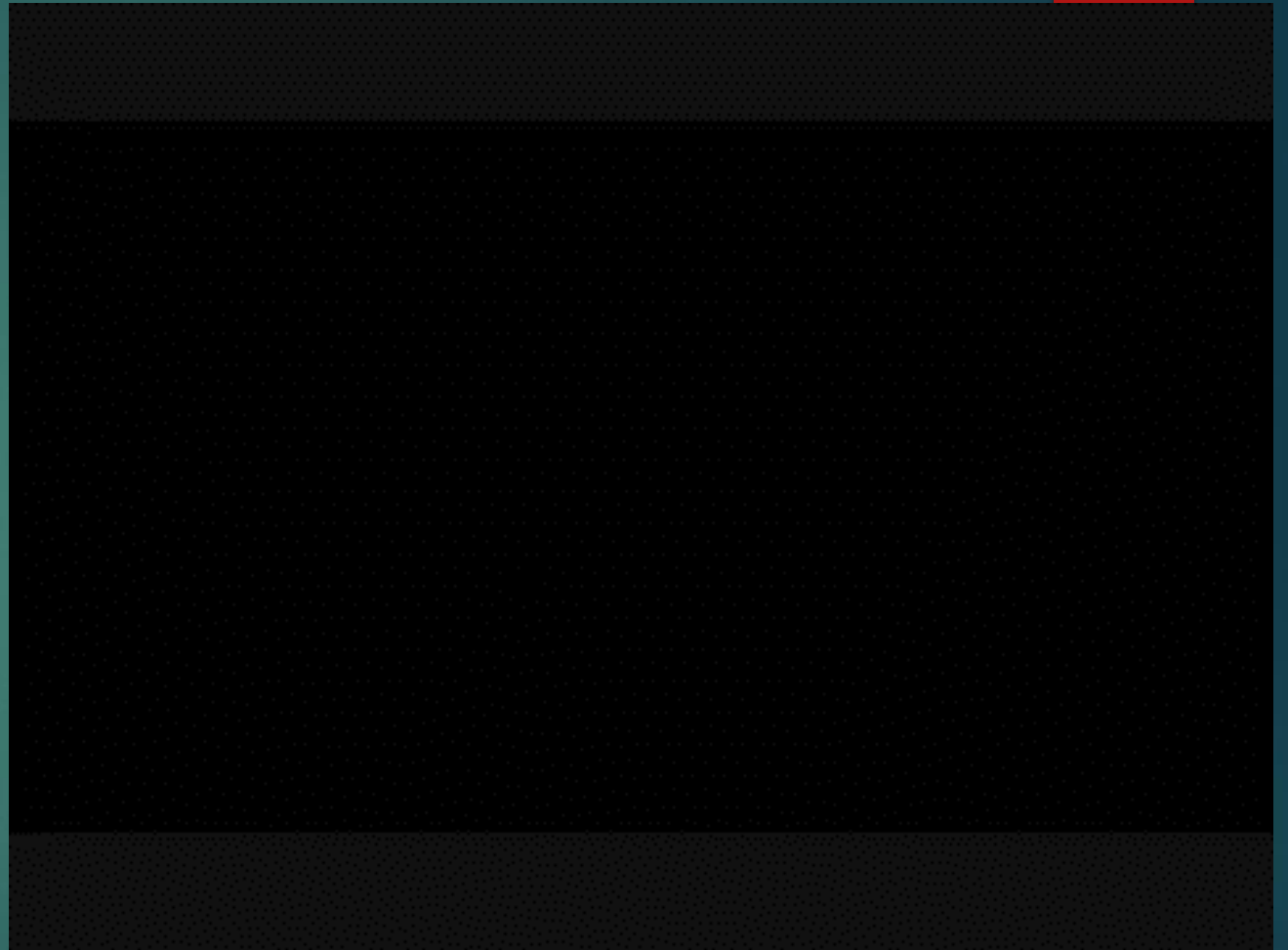
One of them is well known but the other perhaps not as well known as he should be. He was an absolute top player, multiple Soviet champion but had consistent bad luck at Interzonal tournaments where he was often the victim a FIDE rule (at the time) which prevented more than 3 players from the same country to play in the Candidates.

Who are these players?



Question #28

From which movie is this chess scene?



Question #29

What do these historic tournaments have in common?

Berlin 1865 (Won by Neumann)

New York 1893

New York 1913

Moscow 1919-1920

US Championship 1963/64

Question #30

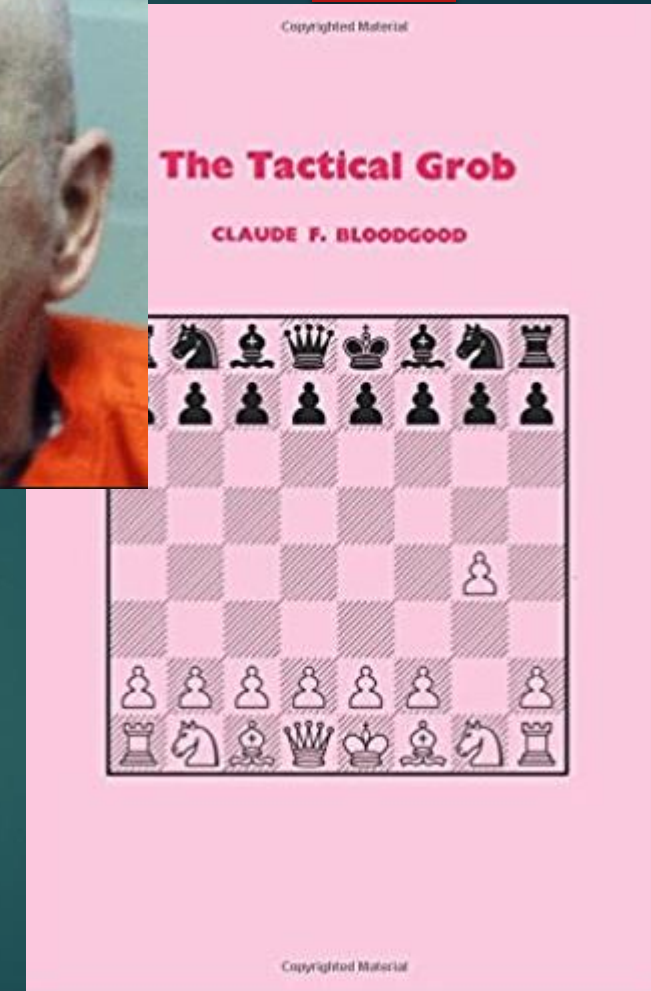
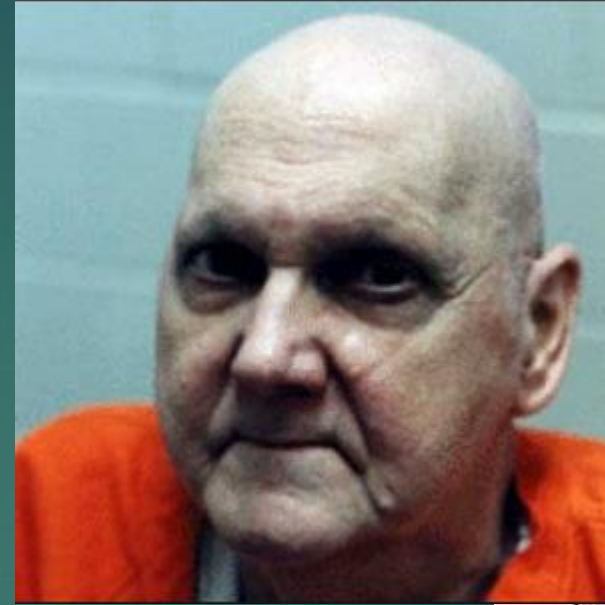
This is Claude Bloodgood. An interesting yet most likely somewhat twisted character. He spent a large part of his life in prison for murdering his mother.

In prison he got very engaged with chess and for instance wrote some chess books such as "The Tactical Grob" among others.

He was an active correspondence player while in prison but also played with and taught fellow inmates. In prison they also held rated USCF tournaments.

Considered about master strength, what was the peak USCF rating of Bloodgood?

a) Just over 1800 b) just over 2330 c) just over 2700 d) just over 2050



End of the Quiz

