

PensaMensa Newsletter

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July 15th at the Zoo!!!

Lions and Tigers and Bears!! Oh My!! This is a special event for Mensa kids of all ages! Come visit with us at The Zoo, 5701 Gulf Breeze Parkway (HWY98), Gulf Breeze (850) 932-2229. See more than 900 animals on over 30 acres. Northwest Florida Mensa will be having a day at The Zoo on **Saturday, July 15, 2006 at 10:00 AM**. Bring the kids! Check out their web site at www.the-zoo.com for more details and directions.

Prices are: Senior Citizens (62 and up) \$9.95; Adults (12 and up) \$10.95; Children (3 to 11) \$7.95; Train ride \$3.00 Strollers rent for \$2.13.

No outside food is allowed in the zoo but they have picnic tables outside on first-come, first-served basis. They also have a snack bar area inside. The ExComm will meet at 11: 00 AM in the snack bar area.

More info: call Gifted Children Coordinator, Jonathan Miller at 939-9785 or John Mochan at 585-3194.

If you are getting both the electronic and the print version of *PensaMensa*, and you're willing to give up the print version and save us a buck, please let me know at bobwick@gnt.net.

Has your membership lapsed? Is there a frowny face on your mailing label? Please come back. . .

Interested in getting certified to scuba dive? We are getting a group together for the required training and dive trips. Contact Cameron Pouncey for more details. CPouncey@quanticeng.com

"M"embership News

by Bob Ulrich

The month of May had the group climbing back toward the 200 member threshold we'd like to attain. There were 6 additions to the group and 3 members relocated to other states so our net gain was 3 for a roster total of 193 as of 5/31/2006. Only 2 of the additions were a result of folks moving to our area so the net gain to American Mensa was 4 members. To add a little historical perspective the total of 193 is 4 more members than we had at the end of May last year, and the highest total ever for an end of May report.

The members departing were: Olest Byrd moving from Panama City, FL to Blairsville, GA, Fred Fuld III going from Pensacola, FL all the way across country to Concord, CA, and Stephanie Swain relocating from Pensacola, FL to Jacksonville, NC. Good luck with your new homes and new local groups.

The 2 Mensa members who moved to Northwest Florida are **William Ward** who comes from Alexandria, VA to my neck of the woods in Navarre, and **Thomas M. Sanders** who moves even farther than Fred Fuld III relocating from Kailua, HI to Shalimar, FL. Welcome to our area.

The other 4 additions in May are a result of 2 reinstatements and 2 brand new members. Rejoining after a short absence is **Patricia Levesque** in Fort Walton Beach. Coming back after a more extended absence from Mensa is **Shawn Horn** in Milton. The totally new "M"s are **Lydia Del Rosario** in Milton and **Georgie Kelley** in Crestview. We are glad you 4 are in or back in Mensa.

It was nice to see a large turnout at Morrie Beitch's Tuesday open house in May. There was a significant number of folks who made the long drive from Pensacola to Destin. Your effort and presence was appreciated. Morrie has stated that he enjoys hosting these events if he can see a good crowd and some new faces every so often. That was accomplished in May. So if and when Morrie decides to host again, let's give another big turnout.

ExComm Minutes

by John Mochan

The Executive Committee Meeting was held during the Annual Pool Party at the Hornes' in Fort Walton Beach on June 17, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 2:21PM. Attending were: Terri Culbertson, John Mochan, Bob Ulrich, Bobbye Wicke, Bob Horne, and Bill Nichols. John Mochan moved and Terri Culbertson seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as published in the newsletter.

President: The group's new bank account has been established at Compass Bank. Arrangements have been made for electronic deposits from American Mensa to go to the new account. Remaining funds will be transferred and the old account will be closed after the upcoming election. The deadline for regular nominations was June 15. Further nominations by petition can

be made until August 15. Contact Bill Nichols, Chairman of the Nominations Committee at 609-3372 or bnichols23@cox.net or Mabel Loesch at 433-2358 or mloesch@bellsouth.net or Bob Horne at 315-0255 or rhorne@cox.net.

Vice President: The Yard Sale was another huge success. I tested one prospect so far during the June Two For One Special for the Mensa Admissions Test.

Treasurer: No report.

Membership Officer: We gained 6 new members and lost 3. (See article.)

Publications Officer: We renewed our subscription for electronic publication of the newsletter. We send out 154 copies of the newsletter by email at this time; 77 of these choose only email to help the group save duplication and postage fees.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS: The Nomination/Election process is going smoothly. Ballots are being prepared for the September newsletter. An email address is being set up to send ballots to the Election Committee Chairman for those who choose to vote electronically. They must include their Mensa membership number with their ballot.

National Testing Day is now known as Mensa Testing Day (MTD) and is set for October 21, 2006.

We will again participate with testing offered in several locations.

Next month's meeting will be Saturday, July 15, 2006 at 2:00PM at The Zoo in Gulf Breeze.

Adjourned at 3:05.

Geo-friendly Competition Anyone?

by Heidi Daniels

Begin your training for the upcoming Northwest Florida Mensa Xtreme Geocaching Competition. I'll cover geocaching basics in this article, and in next month's article I'll reveal the competition date, team selection, location, and rules of the game. If you aren't familiar with geocaching it is an adventure aimed to find hidden "caches" using a GPS receiver.

There are many types of caches. A cache can be as simple as a logbook for people to sign who find it or it can be a container with varying items inside for trade. If you take an item, you leave an item. Caches are hidden by anyone who would like to start a cache and are located in various environments (buildings, parks, trails, some even requiring a boat trip to a small island)! The Pensacola area alone has close to 400 caches already hidden (you can check them out at www.geocaching.com). Each cache is ranked with a difficulty level and some caches require going to two locations answering clues to reveal the GPS coordinates of the second location. Geocaching began in 2000. On May 2nd, the government stopped the process of Selective Availability. Selective Availability was the intentional degradation of Global Positioning System (GPS) signals. This change effectively allowed civilians to pinpoint locations up to 10 times more accurately using a GPS receiver. On May 3rd a GPS enthusiast, Dave Ulmer, wanted to test the accuracy by hiding a navigational target in the woods. He placed a black container near Beaver Creek, Oregon containing videos, books, software, and a slingshot. The rules were to find the stash using only a GPS receiver and "take some stuff, leave some stuff". He posted the GPS coordinates to an online community and geocaching was born.

Historical information was gleaned from www.geocaching.com where more information can be

found on geocaching as well as cache locations and descriptions.

The Tenth Story

RVC Column for Region 10

There has been much discussion lately on the Mensa Forums about at members get for their dues. This past weekend I saw a perfect example of one of the major benefits of being a member of Mensa - the Mensa family.

You see, a long-time Mensan in Broward County, Joe Vitale, passed away a few days ago, and the memorial was on Saturday evening. So many people showed up that the funeral home had to move the event into the larger chapel, and there were still people standing in the back. I know that there were people attending who were his extended family and friends from beyond Mensa, but more than half were Mensans. But what was really heartwarming was the realization that the Mensans weren't just from Broward County. There were also Mensans there from Dade County, Palm Beach County, Polk County, Orange County, and Volusia County that I could readily identify. All of us attending were part of Joe's Mensa family. Joe will be sorely missed in the Broward Mensa group. He was always the entertaining auctioneer at their scholarship auctions. He hosted the joke-offs and Pun-demoniums. And he and his wife, Carol, were renowned for having hosted more than 300 parties (almost one per month for many years) for Broward Mensa. We are into the home stretch of getting things in place for the World Gathering. At the time of this writing, early in June, there are already more than 1700 people registered for the WG with another month to go. If you haven't registered yet, it isn't too late for you to register, either for the gathering or for the hotel - and you can do both through the website, at (WG06.us.mensa.org). You can also check out the list of speakers and program, and you can plan your schedule for attending those programs, as they are listed by their scheduled time. And don't forget to sign up to be a Speaker Shepherd for some of your favorite speakers! You might as well, as you are attending their programs, anyway! Contact Kay Klasen, Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteers@wg06.us.mensa.org to sign up.

I mentioned the Mensa Discussion Forums earlier. I know that a lot of you haven't been there yet. But it might be worth the time to go check it out! It is in the Member Only section of the national website. (us.mensa.org)

Stay safe! See you next month at the WG.

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Potpourri

A Day Trip - 8th Grade Exam

A Day Trip

By Mabel Loesch

Just one hour from Pensacola, in Alabama before you cross the Mobile Bay bridge, is a state park that offers a variety of activities. Blakeley State Park is a well-preserved area offering both historic sites and natural attractions. The last major battle of the Civil War was fought in Blakeley, on the same day that General Lee had already surrendered. Over five miles of fortifications are scattered about.

A quarter mile of boardwalk runs along the Tensaw River where you may observe alligators and dozens of different kinds of birds. Nature trails and a nature center offer interesting activities for the whole family. Picnic and camping areas are available.

But best of all is the Delta Explorer boat tour. This is a two-hour tour of the several rivers that feed into Mobile Bay. The captain of the boat is a font of information on the wildlife and history of the area. The boat tours are available on weekends only to "walk-ons." It is best to call 251-626-0798 to get a schedule for the boat tours. The park itself is open every day.

There is a \$3 admission charge for the park, and \$20 for the boat trip. Check www.blakeleypark.org for details.

Could any of us have passed the 8th grade in 1895?

This is one section of the eighth- grade final exam from 1895 in Salina, Kansas, USA. It was taken from the original document on file at the Smokey Valley Genealogical Society and Library in Salina, KS, and reprinted by the Salina Journal.

Orthography (Time, one hour) *Do we even know what this is??*

1. What is meant by the following: Alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, syllabication.
2. What are elementary sounds? How classified?
3. What are the following, and give examples of each: Trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals.
4. Give four substitutes for caret 'u.' (HUH?)
5. Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e.' Name two exceptions under each rule.
6. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.
7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: bi, dis, mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, sup.
8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last.
9. Use the following correctly in sentences: cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.
10. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.

Calendar

Where no specific phone number is given, call 850-377-5042.

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Friday, July 7, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. First Friday in Pensacola, L-o-n-g Lunch at Scenic 90 Café, 701 Scenic Highway, Pensacola. Drop in for a long visit if you can, a short one if you can't. As you enter the restaurant, go to your right and to the rear.

Sat., July 8, 11:30 a.m. Second Saturday in Panama City. Lunch at Chef Imondi's Downtown, 448 Harrison Avenue, Panama City.

Saturday, July 15, 10 a.m. Zoo event for kids of all ages! 5701 Gulf Breeze Pkwy. (Hwy. 98), see cover for more details or www.the-zoo.com. John Mochan, 585-3194 or Jonathan Miller, 939-9785. ExComm will meet at 11 a.m. in the snack area.

Saturday, July 15th, 7:00-9:00 p.m., GenX meets at Brews Brothers, 830 N. Navy Blvd, Pensacola, FL. Heidi Daniels, 433-1465 or hsdaniels@gmail.com

Friday, July 21, 5 p.m. - Happy Hour! Bitburger Pub, in the Winn Dixie Shopping Center in Bluewater Bay. From Destin, Mid Bay Bridge north to Highway 20 West, about a mile on Hwy. 20 on the right. From FWB, Highway 85 North to Highway 20 East, about 5 miles on Highway 20, on the left. Imported German beer, and great German Food. Dave Howard is our coordinator - he and Tehane will be there at 5 p.m. davehoward01@earthlink.net or 897- 5702.

July 28, 11:00 a.m., Last Friday in Shalimar. Lunch at Shalimar Cheers Pub, 1270 North Eglin Parkway: their # is 651-2740. It's at the back of a yellowish office building immediately north of the courthouse, turn at the red-and-yellow sign and go through the parking area all the way to the back and to the right.

July 29, 2:00 p.m. Newsletter Assembly and Games - at the home of John and Mary Ann Mochan, 616 Overbrook Drive. Ft. Walton Beach. Bring a snack or beverage, enjoy John's brownies, fold, staple, mutilate and stamp and get your newsletter early. jmochan@cox.net or 850-585-3194.

Tentative August events: Aug. 4, Lunch, Pensacola; Aug. 12, Lunch, Panama City; Aug. 18, Happy Hour TBA; Aug. 19, Open House and ExComm, at the Ulrichs' home in Navarre; Aug. 25, Lunch at Cheers, Shalimar; Aug. 26 Newsletter/Games Day, FWB.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Crestview Lunch Group. Call Lovic Thomas at 682-4133 to arrange a get-together.

Photography SIG. Dan Murray in Pensacola (455-6339) found out there was no camera club anywhere near him, so he started one.

Pinochle SIG. Contact Bob Mundorff in Navarre at 850) 939-5882 or pinochledd@aol.com. He will coordinate dates/times/schedules and is willing to host the games. For beginners too.

Shooting SIG. Contact Bob Mundorff in Navarre at pinochledd@aol.com or 939-5882 to go shooting during the week at the Escambia River Muzzleloader's range - modern small arms allowed.



Inner Peace

Photo by Jo Horne: Andy Schack, Sue Nichols, Bill Nichols, Bob Ulrich, and in the pool, Dana Shack and Fraser Sherman.

I am passing this on to you because it definitely worked for me and we all could use more calm in our lives. By following the simple advice I heard on a Dr. Phil show, I have finally found inner peace.

Dr. Phil proclaimed the way to achieve inner peace was to finish all the things you have started. So I looked around my house to see things I started and hadn't finished; and before leaving the house this morning I finished a

bottle of Merlot, a bottle of White Zinfandel, a bottle of Baileys, a bottle of Kahlua, a package of Oreos, the remainder of both Prozac and Valium prescriptions, the rest of the cheesecake, some Saltines and a box of chocolates. You have no idea how freaking good I feel.

You can safely assume that you've created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do. ~ Anne Lamott

Brews, Zoos and "News"

by Heidi Daniels

Brews - Our July event will be **Brews Brothers Saturday, July 15th from 7:00 - 9:00 PM**. Brews Brothers is an excellent repeat location due to its multitude of entertainment options: NTN trivia, pool, darts, and karaoke begins at 9:00. Brews Brothers has a wide beer selection, full bar, and good food selection.

Zoos - **Explore the Gulf Breeze Zoo with all fellow Mensans on Saturday, July 15th at 10:00 AM**. The cost is \$11 for adults and \$8 for kids. 900 animals are on display surrounded by botanical gardens. The zoo also has a Safari Line train riding through 30 acres of free roaming animals (costs \$3) It is sure to be Grrreeeaat!

News - We have no official August GenX event but if you are one of the "news" then plan for the **New Members party Saturday, August 19th**. It will be held after the Executive Committee "ExComm" meeting at the Urlichs' home in Navarre. Look for more details next month.

I remember what it was like when I first joined Mensa. I looked at the events in the newsletter each month and considered attending. I chickened out each time. What if I can't find the table? What if I am the outsider? What if I say something dumb and I get kicked out of Mensa? Assuage your fears. This event is for you!

Heidi Daniels - GenX Coordinator, hsdaniels@gmail.com

The GenX group is comprised of all Mensans born between 1961 and 1981 whose sole purpose is to provide an opportunity to cavort with like-aged Mensans. No ID needed, so, if you aren't GenX but any event interests you, please join us!

Pool sharks at Tuesday at Morrie's: Cameron Pouncey, Earl Newton, and John Mochan. Photo by Ed Wicke.

Seven Trivia Questions

Dr. Dan Finley, Brain Bowl Coach & Health Sciences Professor, Gulf Coast Community College, Panama City.

Dr. Dan invites you to submit a guest trivia question to dfinley@gulfcoast.edu for possible inclusion in future columns.

1. What is Occam's (or Ockham's) Razor?
2. What is the better-known name of the mountain that locals call Chomolangma and/or Sagarmatha?
3. What is the Native-American name for Alaska's Mount McKinley?
4. What is the Aboriginal name for Australia's Ayer's Rock?
5. What is the origin of the word "cappuccino?"
6. What is the origin of the word "mocha?"
7. Name the three daughters of Phorcys [FOR-sis], the old man in the sea and Ceto, the female sea monster; the daughters had snakes for hair and who's glance could turn men into stone?

News from all over

Jo, Morrie and Dot Wicke at work. Photo by Bobby Wicke.

Terrific-Tuesday dinner at Morrie's was a treat! Our friends from England, Ed and Dorothy Wicke were the impetus for traditionally English foods (or what we thought were English foods). We tasted such treats as Shepherd's pie (vegetarian from Heidi and turkey from Bob (Is it still Shepherd's pie if there is no mutton?). Bangers from the grill expertly prepared by Dave. Custard and "Toad in the hole" – one a dessert and the other a main course - cooked up on the spot by Dorothy. There were other dishes spread enticingly out across the serving counter, but I soon lost track of what dish came from where.

There was a wild pool competition in the next room with all sorts of dastardly doings by some who were willing to sneak through with a win by whatever means possible. Terri, our group president, brought along a group of Gen-Xer's that contributed to the interesting conversations and demonstrated pool skills equal to their elders. We had great fun and, as Dorothy would say, "The evening was quite lovely. Shall we do it again?"

Reported by Joanne Horne

Way to go, Jennifer!

Pensacola Company awarded \$100,000 WIRED Grant by Florida's Great Northwest, Inc. Thursday, May 18, 2006 (Tallahassee, FL)

Florida's Great Northwest, Inc. had the first meeting of its WIRED Northwest Florida Initiative Governance Council today. The Council approved two grant requests, with one awarded to Ceryph, Inc.

of Pensacola for a \$100,000 entrepreneurship grant.

“We are excited and honored to have been chosen by Florida’s Great Northwest, Inc. as a recipient of the WIRED Grant,” said **Jennifer Clark, President of Ceryph, Inc.** “This award will help Ceryph to achieve one of its main goals – to create new jobs to help attract and retain local talent within the Pensacola community.”

More from Jo Horne: We had such a terrific party at our home on Saturday the 17th. The pool temperature was perfect, the weather was perfect, the company was as perfect as Mensans can be, the contributed food stuffs were delicious – tomatoes and basil from Bobbye’s garden, cheesecake from Bob U’s gourmet kitchen, cookies from Frazier, grapes, strawberries, cashews and peanuts, wines, sodas -all just yummy. Everyone brought something. Sue knitted away the afternoon while she enjoyed the fresh air and conversation. Hal and Mabel drove in from Pensacola. New member Dana Schack and her very bright and certainly qualifying husband, Andy arrived with – yikes! – RHUBARB Crisp. Andy picked, chopped and froze that rhubarb in Iowa, and then they got it home, Dana, bless her heart, baked some up for the party. What a rare treat. While we wallowed in the pool, we yakked (nothing to do with the Tibetan animal) and caught up on the doings of our Mensa friends. Thanks to all of you who made this party a great summer event – and to you and all our other Mensa members – do come out for a repeat at the Ulrich’s home and pool in August!

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Meet the Mensans

By Chris McArdle

Meet Mensa member Dana Schack, as she says to her husband Andy "Now this, hon, is a hammer lock." Dana, 27, met Andy at Iowa State where she received a fine arts degree, and now enjoys painting murals and portraits, creating stained glass artwork, and also does artwork by commission. The skiing, camping, outdoors type, Dana also grows orchids and does landscapes, having installed several fish ponds in hers and friends' yards.

In her spare time (?), Dana teaches a children's Hapkido class in Navarre, where she's working on a black belt. Being more advanced than Andy (who's currently stationed at Hurlburt) isn't a problem, as she's always willing to lend a helping hand to him or any newbie who takes an interest in the practical-application martial art. For more info on Hapkido, speak with Dana. To learn about marriage to an outdoorsy, tree-hugging, brainy artist-type who knows hammer locks, ask Andy.

Milestones

Mensaversaries: As of this month, the following Mensans have maintained continuous membership in American Mensa Ltd. for the years shown. These anniversaries may not accurately reflect the total number of years in Mensa if a break in membership for one or more years has occurred.

26 William H. White
24 C. Walter Ruckel Jr.
20 Douglas L. Mann
11 Tami L. Volk
9 Joanne A. Horne
8 Steven D. Claus
5 Susan Richardson Nichols
3 Matthew Kirchoff

Happy July Birthdays!

1 Carey Huff
1 Mabel L. Loesch
3 Marya M. Bard
3 Lynn A. Atkinson
3 C. A. Mattie Kain
14 Thomas Maxwell Stewart
15 Ross Goldberg
18 John Chris McArdle
21 Glenn Boyd
21 Jennifer Jenkins
25 Janet N. Evans
25 Jonathan Miller

27 Steven D. Claus
29 Nicki Dalton
31 Stepanie Mather

If your birthday isn't listed, it's because it is not on the membership roster we get from the national office each month - and that's because you instructed National to withhold it. Please go to us.mensa.org and change your listing (or write to the address in your Mensa Bulletin, or call them). We promise not to tell anyone how old you are.

Answers to Seven Trivia Questions:

1. It is a philosophical principle traditionally attributed to William of Occam, also spelled Ockham (1285- 1349) applied in areas of philosophy and science. Literally, the principle states that "Entities are not to be multiplied beyond necessity." Simply put, " All things being equal, the simplest explanation is the best one."
2. Mount Everest. Chomolangma is the Tibetan name and means “mother of the universe.” Sagarmatha is Sanskrit for “forehead of the sky.” The British surveyor-general of India, Andrew Waugh named it for his predecessor Colonel George Everest.
3. Denali
4. Ularu. It was named by Australian surveyor William Gosse in 1873 after Sir Henry Ayers, the then Chief Secretary of South Australia.
5. The espresso coffee mixed with frothed hot milk or cream that is often flavored with cinnamon is named for likeness of its color to that of a Capuchin's habit. The Capuchins are an order of Catholic friars in Italy. The South American capuchin monkey is also named for them because of the color of their hair.
6. The flavoring made of a mixture of cocoa or chocolate with coffee is named for the Yemen seaport of Mocha.
7. Medusa, Stheno [STHEE-no] and Euryale [YUR- EYE-eh-LEE].

Précis

Fraser Sherman

Bad Science: Sometimes it's funny—

SUBTERRANEAN WORLDS: 100,000 years of dragons, dwarves, the dead & UFOS from inside the earth by Walter Kafton Minkel is a delightful look at the crackpot hollow-earth theories under which the inside of our planet was variously populated with noble savages, sinister degenerates, advanced races and mystic masters—not to mention the idea the idea the world is not only hollow, but we're living on the inside (something some Nazis believed in enough to try photographing “up” to capture images of Allied fleets). Very good, except for a poor chapter on hollow-earth fiction that indicates the author did little research on that end; still, well worth reading.

Sometimes it isn't—

THE MASTER PLAN: Himmler's Scholars and the Holocaust, by Heather Pringle, chronicles Himmler's creation of a “scientific” bureau that assigned both crackpot theorists and respectable

researchers to analyze Aryan history and come up with rationales to justify Hitler's racial policies. This led to research teams hunting for the Lost Goth Empire of the Crimea, seeking Atlantean descendants on the Canary Islands, studying Finnish magical chants for clues to Aryan psychic powers, trying to build the Aryan super-weapon behind the legend of Thor's hammer or murdering prisoners to build a collection of Jewish anatomical specimens. Well done, though certainly grim.

A Chess Problem

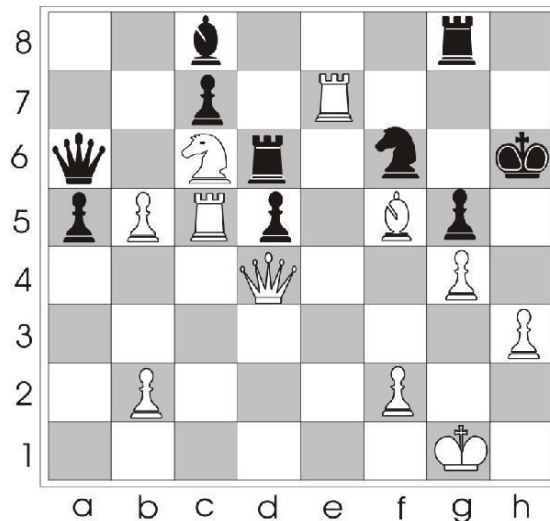
from Lars Runar

June solution:

1. Qd7 Rd7
2. Rc8 Rd8
3. Bb5 Mate

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MATE IN TWO - WHITE TO MOVE



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