

PensaMensa Newsletter

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Photo submission tips: Sometimes I get photos with low resolution, i.e., a dpi (dots - or pixels per inch) setting of 150. There's not much photo in there and they're tough to edit! Standard dpi is a resolution of 600 dots per inch. If you could set the resolution on your cameras to 600 dpi, you might be happier with the way they print. (Press Quality is 2400 dpi - not necessary and best delivered to me by disk instead of my slooow dial- up.) Finally, practice patience! - focus carefully, have steady hands. But however you get them here, please keep sending photos!

June is busting out all over. . .

and here are a pair of our favorite laid-back events where maybe nobody knows your name, but everybody's glad you came!

June 6, 5:30 p.m. - Tuesday at Morrie's! It's an English food theme this time, with bangers on the grill. Ed and Dorothy Wicke are here from England, bringing Eccles cakes, Battenburg, Yorkshire Tea Ginger Cake, Bakewell Tart, Custard and Crumble, Marmite on Toast, and maybe Toad in a Hole. Mark your calendar and bring something to share (Watney's Nut Brown Ale would be nice), and enjoy the pool, pool table, food and camaraderie. Please RSVP to Morrie at 654-1240 or moedes@cox.net by Sunday, June 4 so he can coordinate what people are bringing. 108 Country Club Drive West, Destin; directions in the calendar.

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attended - a good chance to meet other members. Bring a snack or beverage to share, and your swimsuit and towel (or not). Directions/info: 315- 0255, johorne@cox.net or rhorne@cox.net.

"M"embership News

by Bob Ulrich

As I told you in last month's column the March membership renewal period is usually a time of membership loss because some members always choose not to renew. 2006 was no exception, but our decline was less than it has been in the previous 2 years. The end of April report showed a net membership loss of 20 for a new group total of 190. The group experienced a loss of 33 in 2005 and 23 in 2004, which indicates that this decline, while unfortunate, is normal. Our membership total this time last year was 181. As I frequently mention, some of these losses are temporary because some "m"s rejoin often after only a short absence.

On the good news front, the last 2 months have had a large number of prospect inquires, so hopefully some of those prospects will take and pass the test and become new members. If you read May's newsletter you may have noticed the insert on the calendar page that told of Mensa's 2 for one test offer. In June we will offer 2 tests at the same session for the price of 1. So tell all your smart friends to get together and save a little money.

The net loss of 20 members was caused by 25 non- renewals that were offset by 5 additions.

Three of these additions were from members who were rejoining after extended absences of more than 1 year. We welcome back **Rebecca Cox** in Pensacola, **Robert Hock** in Niceville, and **Sterling Underhill** in Lynn Haven. The other 2 gains were for 2 brand new members. They are: **Phillip Jones** in Pensacola and **Jason June** in Milton. And interestingly their names appear right next to each other on my monthly alphabetical roster. So welcome to the 2 new alphabetically close Ms.

ExComm Minutes

by John Mochan

Minutes (?) of the May EXCOMM Meeting

For the first time in a very long while, we were not able to have a quorum attend the monthly meeting, so there was none. So these aren't really minutes. But don't worry, we are within our bylaws and are planning to meet in June. In the meantime, Northwest Florida Mensa business goes on as usual. We will just have more to report on in the next issue.

Please remember that the deadline for committee nominations for the election of our officers is June 15. Contact Bill Nichols or Mabel Loesch. After that, nominations must be made by petition no later than August 15. Please vote in September.

During June new prospects are encouraged to bring a friend along to take the Mensa Admission Test. Their friend will test for free. That's right! Two for one! If you know someone interested in testing, help them contact one of our Proctors.

The next EXCOMM meeting will be June 17 at 2 PM in Fort Walton Beach during the Pool Party at the home of Bob and Joanne Horne.

Nutritional Counseling We Can All Live With

Dr. Buford Teapotts - somewhere on the Internet

Q: I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life. Is this true?

A: Your heart is only good for so many beats and that's it. . .don't waste them on exercise.

Everything wears out eventually. Speeding up your heart will not make you live longer; that's like saying you can extend the life of your car by driving it faster. Want to live longer? Take a nap.

Q: Should I cut down on meat and eat more fruits and vegetables?

A: You must grasp logistical efficiencies. What does a cow eat? Hay and corn. And what are these? Vegetables. So a steak is nothing more than an efficient mechanism for delivering vegetables to your system. Need grain? Eat chicken. Beef is also a good source of field grass (green leafy vegetable) and a pork chop can give you 100% of your recommended daily allowance of vegetable slop.

Q: Is beer or wine bad for me?

A: Look, it goes to the earlier point about fruits and vegetables. As we know, scientists divide everything in the world into three categories: animal, vegetable, or mineral. Beer and wine are not animal and they are not on the periodic table of elements, so that leaves one thing, right? My advice: Have a burger and a beer and enjoy your liquid vegetables.

The Tenth Story

RVC Column for Region 10

April saw 198 members attending MindGames in Oregon. It is growing every year! In case you weren't there this time, here are the five winning games: Deflexion, Hive, Keesdrow, Pentago, and Wits & Wagers.

If you have friends and family (over age 14) who you think would qualify for Mensa, this would be a great month to recommend that they sign up for testing. We have another special offer, this time with testing: During June, applicants can test at 2 for the price of 1. So each applicant can bring a friend who can test free, or they can split the cost. This might be a good time for the whole family to take the test! And the local group will still receive the regular funding for both test takers.

Many Florida Mensans are planning to attend the World Gathering in August, since it is right here in Florida (at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, near Orlando). If you are coming, please do consider signing up as a volunteer to be a speaker shepherd. You could either sign up for a 4-hour block of time (and watch the programs while you are "working") or check out the list of

programs and pick out some that you already know you are planning to attend. Speaker shepherds escort the speaker to the room, make sure they have the correct equipment, introduce them if they wish, and give them a signal when the time is coming to an end. We desperately need many more speaker shepherds than have signed up, so do contact Kay Klasen at WG06.us.mensa.org, click on contacts.

Another big event in the near future is the Colloquium, "Revolution in Cosmology", scheduled for October 6-8 on Albany, New York. This will be a major intellectual and scientific event with many prominent and well-known expert speakers. More details are available on the Mensa national website. Remember Project Inkslinger? It has been reactivated, with the aim to assist with restocking libraries damaged by last year's hurricanes. If you wish to help or even to learn more about it, email inkslinger@us.mensa.org.

At the time of this writing, enrollment to participate in the Mensa Discussion Forums is at about 1600. Are you involved yet? It is worth checking out. You can find it in the members only section of the national website (you need your membership number and your password). Just to whet your appetite, here are a few of the ongoing discussions in the "Brainstorm" forum: Proper Role of Government in Society; The Israel Lobby and US Foreign Policy; Living in the Face of Disaster; Income Tax - Retain as Social Engineering Tool or Reform It?; Genius Denied - Education Advocacy for Gifted Kids K-12; and Reengineering Marriage. Sound interesting? These and more are waiting for your comments. Join us there! Are we holding our breath and crossing our fingers yet about the 2006 Hurricane Season? Stay safe!

Until next month,

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News from all over

Good news from Kelly Hannum in Iraq,

trignation@hotmail.com

May 11, 11:51 p.m.

Howdy all,

Sorry I haven't been too good about emailing. Things have been rather crazy over here.

Thankfully, I will be headed back to the States in about 2 weeks. 6 months over here is a long time.

As a funny coincidence, Amy is just a little over 6 months pregnant. She is due in July, and we found out we will be having a little boy. Luckily, we already have the nursery painted, though I do have a long list of things to do when I get home.

Hope this finds you well. I will write more later.

Kel

And not so good news from David Luther Woodrow:

"I went to Hunan for dinner last night and everyone but me is a no-show. Hunan said the group had grown progressively smaller until there was one.

"Sorta reminds you of the "Whooley Bird syndrome". (The Whooley bird is that bird which flies in an ever- decreasing spiral and eventually flies up his own rear- end, only to remark, "Whooley, it's dark in here!")

I had heard about this from John Bolyard (jbolyard@uwf.edu), but don't have a solution (remember, I am just your humble, annoyed and often annoying editor and do not want to be more than that). We probably have more members in Pensacola/Gulf Breeze than anywhere else. Would one of you like a membership list? Would you like to fix this? I can give you print and e-mail help anytime.

Calendar

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Friday, June 2, 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.

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Directions: From US 98, turn north on Airport Road in Destin (it's the eastern end of Airport Rd., Destin Diner on the corner). The road will curve left, while you will take the first right on Indian Bayou Trail, where there is a stucco sign saying "Indian Bayou." Indian Bayou Trail will dead-end, and you will turn right on Country Club Drive East. Drive one mile to another dead end, and turn left on Indian Bayou Drive. Take the first left on Country Club Drive West, and look for number 108. Info/directions: 654-1240 or moedes@cox.net

Sat., June 10, 11:30 a.m. Second Saturday in Panama City. Lunch at Chef Imondi's

Downtown, 448 Harrison Avenue, Panama City.

Saturday, June 10th 6:00-8:00 p.m., GenX meets at RagTyme Sports Grille, 201 S Jefferson St. in downtown Pensacola. Dinner and drinks with live music by local Jazz musicians. Heidi Daniels at 433- 1465 or hsdaniels@gmail.com

Friday, June 16, 5 p.m. - Happy Hour! We will go to La Paz, in the Cantina, in Destin. The Cantina should be less than full until about 6:30, according to the manager, The singer starts at 6, and that brings in the people. It is at 950 Gulf Shore Drive, the road that goes around to the other side of Destin Harbor, about ¾ mile east of the East Pass Bridge on the south side of 98, more or less across from Target. La Paz is about a quarter mile off 98 on Gulf Shore Drive. Dave Howard is our coordinator - he and Tehane will be there at 5 p.m. 897-5702 or davehoward01@earthlink.net.

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Tues., June 20, 7 p.m., Third Tuesday in Pensacola. Dinner at Hunan's Chinese Buffet, 3102 E. Cervantes St. (Hwy 90 E). Our early arrivals will stake out the best available area,

generally past the cash register and to the left, but look for the Mensa logo or a newsletter. John Bolyard, 435-3169 or jbolyard@uwf.edu.

June 30, 11:00 a.m., New time! 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 1, 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 July events: July 7, Lunch, Pensacola; July 8, Lunch, Panama City; July 18, Dinner, Pensacola; July 21, Happy Hour TBA; July 22, Open House and ExComm, TBA; July 28, Lunch at Cheers, Shalimar; July 29 Newsletter/Games Day, FWB. GenX July Event: Brews Brothers, Saturday, July 15th at 7:00-9:00 p.m., 830 N. Navy Blvd, Pensacola, FL. Heidi Daniels, 433-1465 or hsdaniels@gmail.com

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.

December 24, 2000

by Phillip W. Woolley

Could I have this last dance,
For it could be our last chance.
For these times to be passing here
Could be our chance to be so near.
Time was when we looked at each other
We couldn't wait to see and discover.
The eyes are bright, the mind so clear
I want you now, I want you near.
These Times are ours, they fly as swallows
Each thought we have as each follows.
A Moment here and a Day ahead
We take these words as they are read.
The firelight here, the time it flies
When you are here with those dark eyes.

We come together and hold each other tight
In the Dark and in the Light.
In these words and feelings we create
The touch and care we celebrate.
This Time we know is brightly flashing
The Time we have is only passing.
So lift these spirits and we will know
We spend our Time till you have to go.

Computer Tech Support

forwarded by Morrie Beitch

Customer: I can't get on the Internet.
Tech support: Are you sure you used the right password?
Customer: Yes, I'm sure. I saw my colleague do it.
Tech support: Can you tell me what the password was?
Customer: Five stars.

Tech support: Okay Bob, let's press the control and escape keys at the same time. That brings up a task list in the middle of the screen. Now type the letter "P" to bring up the Program Manager.
Customer: I don't have a P.
Tech support: On your keyboard, Bob.
Customer: What do you mean?
Tech support: "P"on your keyboard, Bob.
Customer: I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT!

Profound thoughts

from the proletariat

Political news from Cheryl Rothwell

In an attempt to thwart the spread of bird flu, President George W. Bush has bombed the Canary Islands.
Turkey is next.

Why We Split Up - from Bill Campbell

She told me we couldn't afford beer anymore and I'd have to quit.
Then I caught her spending \$65.00 on make-up.
I asked how come I had to give up stuff and she didn't.
She said she needed the make-up to look pretty for me.
I told her that was what the beer was for.
I don't think she's coming back.

June Jazz and Jabber

by Heidi Daniels

Photo by Cameron Pouncey: Heidi Daniels, London Bradshaw, Mary Ann Mochan and Terri Culbertson at the wine tasting.

“By and large, jazz has always been like the kind of a man you wouldn't want your daughter to associate with.” - Duke Ellington.

Our June event will be dinner and drinks at RagTyme Grille where we will dine to the sounds of local Jazz musicians. RagTyme is a small restaurant and bar with a casual menu and live entertainment on the weekends. Look for the Mx sign on the table.

Vino Victors: a few favorite white wine selections from our Wine Tasting event in May:

Eroica, Riesling (2004): Overall winner. Gooood. One glass away from erotica!

Schmitt Söhne, Leibfraumilch (2004): YES! Sweet but not sugary.

Columbia Crest, Chardonnay (2002): Great chardonnay. Not too oakey, just enough.

McManis, Viognier (2004): Hint of fruit and not too sweet. On the dry side. Slight bitter “dark beer” taste.

Favorite quote from the wine tasting: “Medicinal with a hint of ER” June Event: Dinner and drinks with live music by local Jazz musicians: **Saturday, June 10th 6:00-8:00 PM, downtown Pensacola, RagTyme Sports Grille**, 201 S Jefferson St.

July Event: Brews Brothers, Saturday, July 15th at 7:00-9:00 PM, 830 N. Navy Blvd, Pensacola, FL. They have 20 beers on tap plus a full bar and good food selection. Brews Brothers also has NTN trivia and karaoke starts at 9:00 PM. Look for the Mx sign on the table.

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!

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.

Note: Thanks to Bob Horne who advises us that a portmanteau (see May Trivia column) is also a suitcase that divides into two hinged compartments.

1. In the recent controversy concerning the contract to operate American eastern seaports, a spokesman for the President stated that the contract with the Dubai company had been fully-vetted. In its transitive verb form, what is the meaning of the word “vet?”

2. Although possibly based on an urban legend, what is the name of the eponymous village whose literal meaning refers to an impressive facade or show, designed to hide an undesirable fact or condition?

3. From what disease did Joseph Merrick, also known as the Elephant Man, suffer?
4. What is the most common ailment for which a child might require the insertion of a cardiac pacemaker?
5. Who was the first U.S. President to die while in office?
6. Referred to in the Men at Work song Land Down Under (1982), what is a vegemite sandwich?
7. What is the literal meaning of a "Catch 22," as in Joseph Heller's book of the same title?
8. **Guest Trivia Question from Mensa Member Heidi Daniels:** What famous scientist, whose mother and wife were deaf, founded a school for the deaf and mute and had a lifelong fascination with sound and speech?

The Proctor

by Joanne Horne

"Hello, my name is Joanne Horne and I am the proctor for today's Mensa Admission test."

It's October 22, 2005 and I began my morning three hours ago. It has been at least two years since I last held a testing session. Though I have stayed officially qualified as a Mensa test proctor, other members of our Northwest Florida group have been handling the testing – Steve Brumm in the Panama City area, John Mochan in Ft. Walton Beach and Mabel Loesch in Pensacola. Until recently I was the local Membership Officer and wife of the group's president. Those two jobs along with my 40-hour-a-week job were sufficiently time-consuming that I was glad to have others do the Mensa testing.

However, today I am back again, proctoring a Mensa Admission test session on Mensa's National Testing Day.

I don't really expect anyone to be attending this test session. Local advertising, for several reasons, never materialized so I'm surprised at how nervous I am. I re-read my testing procedures manual – 3 times. I check and re-check my materials (and I checked them last week and again last night!). I sharpen a few more #2 pencils - leftovers from the 1st Northwest Florida Ungathering in what, 1999? I add a pencil sharpener to my bag – just in case. I've already packed my digital clock so I can accurately time the test segments. I add a couple current issues of the newsletter and back copies of the Mensa Bulletin. Ready.

My husband agrees to come with me. We get in the car and he drives the half hour to the Robert L.F. Sikes Library just north of Crestview proper. I'm very glad to have him driving. I am still surprised at how jumpy I am and I yak at him during the whole trip.

We arrive early and enjoy a few minutes of Northwest Florida's sunny early autumn morning while standing outside the still closed library. I peek in the window and then knock on the glass.

"No, we're not open," mouths the woman inside, gesturing at her watch.

"I'm here to use the meeting room," I say, knowing she can't hear me. I make my own gestures while wondering what gestures might communicate my spoken words. She disappears through a doorway.

I turn to find a tall man about my age arriving on the library patio.

"Are you here for the test?" he asks.

"Absolutely," I respond and my nervousness falls away. "Hello, my name is Joanne Horne and I am the proctor for today's Mensa Admission test."

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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.

38 Barbara I. Sands
30 Shirley A. Defries
28 John L. Mohre II
22 Jefferson Damon-Davis
20 Steven H. Brumm
13 Glenn T. Boyd
13 Bill Campbell
12 Phillip W. Woolley
9 Barbara B. Woolwine
8 Robert C. Henderson
7 Bill Nichols
7 Christine S. Pincince
1 Heidi Daniels
1 Tiair K. Foust
1 Jonathan Miller

Happy June Birthdays!

1 Tiarr K. Foust
2 Colby F. Van Atta
3 Bill Nichols
21 Darlene M. Owens
21 John Saltzman
22 Milton B. Rogers
22 David A. Akerman
23 Donald VanNorman
27 Della N. McGuire
28 Barbara L. Sands
29 Robert L. Ignasiak Sr.
30 Sandra L. Bast

And, Happy Birthday to Leslie Grill on May 10!

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. "Vet" means to "subject to expert appraisal or correction; to evaluate."
2. Potemkin village, which is named for Grigory Potemkin who toured the Ukraine and Crimea with Russia's Catherine II (the Great) in 1787 and allegedly built fake villages along the route to impress her.
3. Proteus syndrome, characterized by multiple lesions of the lymph nodes, overgrowth of one side of the body, oversized head, darkened spots or moles on the skin and partial gigantism of the feet, is a rare hereditary disorder. Merrick's condition was misdiagnosed as elephantiasis or neurofibromatosis (von Recklinghausen's disease).
4. Muscular dystrophy.
5. William Henry Harrison died thirty-one days after his inaugural address, during which he may have contracted pneumonia, which was the ultimate cause of his death.
6. Vegemite is a thick, dark spread that is made from leftover brewers' yeast extract (from beer manufacturing) and with various vegetables and spices. Though tasting significantly different, a vegemite sandwich is the Australian analogue to the American peanut butter and jelly sandwich.
7. It is a question with circular logic; permanent revolution. In Joseph Heller's novel, published in 1955, the Catch-22 states that to be excused from further missions, Yossarian must ask to be grounded from flight duty, on the basis of insanity. According to the logic, only a sane man would recognize the dangers of flying and request to be grounded. By requesting not to fly, Yossarian demonstrates that he is, in fact, sane enough to recognize the dangers of combat and is, therefore fit for duty.
8. Answer to Guest Question: Alexander Graham Bell. Bell's grandfather was a respected orator and an influential speech teacher, producing several key writings on the subjects of elocution and speech pathologies. Bell's father, Alexander Melville Bell developed "visible speech," a phonetic system that used a visual alphabet of symbols of the lip, throat and tongue positions needed to produce certain sounds. At the age of 25, in 1872, Alexander Graham Bell founded the school, in order to offer training for teachers of the deaf and publicize the Visible Speech System.

Précis

by Fraser Sherman

Who, among us, does not love surfers and masked wrestlers?

THE MEXICAN MASKED WRESTLER AND MONSTER FILMOGRAPHY by Robert Michael Cotter is a fun book on the weird world of Mexican cinema, where real-life wrestling stars (Santo, the Blue Demon) routinely appeared in movies playing themselves but battling werewolves, vampires, mummies and mad scientists (with a penchant for planting monster brains into wrestlers' bodies, thereby leading to an in- the-ring smackdown). The book also covers nonwrestling horrors such as the Mexican version of Universal's DRACULA (widely considered better than the Lugosi) and other horror films; not for everyone, I admit, but if you enjoy movies with titles such as THE WRESTLING WOMEN VS. THE AZTEC MUMMY, this is your book.

HOLLYWOOD SURF AND BEACH MOVIES: The First Wave, 1959-1969 by Thomas Lisanti does an excellent job chronicling the world of surfing films that began with GIDGET (which Lisanti argues turned surfing from an obscure California hobby into a national craze) and went on to the Frankie Avalon/Annette Funicello Beach Party movies, the classic documentary ENDLESS SUMMER and such oddities as surfing horror, crime and spy movies, plus ski-party movies that followed a similar formula. Again, not for everyone, but a good reference book for movie geeks.

Food for Thought

from David Luther Woodward

The following chart appears in the Florida Bar News. If you are directly familiar with Florida geography, Leon County is Tallahassee, Hillsborough County is Tampa, Orange is Orlando, and Liberty is Bristol, the county of smallest population in the state. For years-- until he died--E. E. Calloway was the only lawyer in Liberty County, and he spent most of his time looking for the Garden of Eden which he said he found at the headwaters of the Chipola River in Jackson County.

Ratio of Residents to Lawyers

Leon County – 94 to 1
Miami-Dade County – 198 to 1
Orange County – 237 to 1
Hillsborough County – 299 to 1
Duval County – 303 to 1
Escambia County – 411 to 1
Polk County – 661 to 1
Liberty County – 3,791 to 1

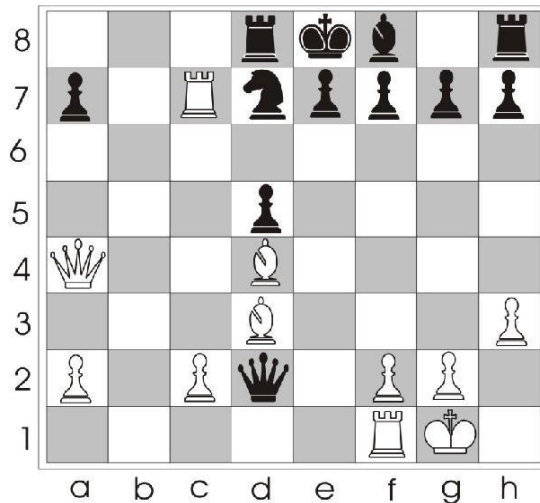


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A Chess Problem

from Lars Runar

MATE IN THREE – WHITE TO MOVE



May solution:

1. Ne7 Ne7
2. Bh7 Qh7
3. Qh7 Mate

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