

Endgame Studies 5-8

Sunday afternoons Eastern Time – easier for chess players outside the US to participate!

The 4 classes outlined below are part of the online program *Endgame Studies*. Sign up for only \$75 for 8 hours of chess training!

Format: In all endgame classes, there will be 1 hour of presentation (with questions), then ½ hour with puzzles, followed by the last ½ hour with feedback on the puzzles.

The puzzles for this class, together with the Zoom Meeting link, will be emailed out to the participants shortly before the class. Afterwards, I will follow up by sending out a raw database of the material used in the class.

Sunday, May 31 at 2-4pm (ET).

Class 1: *2 bishops + knight vs. rook + pawn.*

A famous theme among study composers. The piece configuration of 2B + N will prevail against the rook under normal circumstances, even if a pawn is added to the rook side. However, circumstances are usually not normal in studies, and a far-advanced pawn or the clumsy placement of minor pieces can make the picture more complicated. We shall look at some great examples within this theme.

Sunday, June 7 at 2-4pm (ET).

Class 2: *Favorite endgame studies.*

A collection of my favorite endgame studies. No particular theme or piece configuration is covered, just the best among the studies I have come across over the years. I will, however, try not to choose very famous studies that I suspect that people already know.

Sunday, June 14 at 2-4pm (ET).

Class 3: *2 Bishops vs. knight + pawn.*

An intriguing endgame where the side with the 2 bishops are able to mate the knight side in most cases, but with perfect play it often takes more than the required 50 moves. The addition of a pawn can complicate matters, and in this class we shall see some great escapes and beautiful ideas and mates. As part of this class, I will also outline how the bishop side is aiming to win according to endgame theory.

Sunday, June 21 at 2-4pm (ET).

Class 4: *Introduction to the work of Alexey Troitzky.*

Troitzky is one of my favorite composers. The main reason is the close connection of his studies to endgame theory. At times, he can go to extremes in his studies to show a point – for instance how a correct move-order can lead to a winning 2N vs. pawn that would otherwise be drawn. But mostly, his studies are closely connected to endgame theory and display many beautiful and instructive ideas. This class will be based on his *Collection of Chess Studies (With a Supplement on the Theory of the End-Game of two Knights against Pawns)* – without going into specifics about the 2N vs. pawn endgame.

General Information

Dates: Sundays on May 31 and June 7-14-21, 2020.

Time: Afternoons at 2-4pm (Eastern Time).

Rating level: Approximately 1600-2200. Ambitious players or players on their way up might want to join.

Pricing: \$75 for one program consisting of 4 classes.

Discount: If you are signed up for multiple of my online programs *at the same time*, I offer a discount of -\$10 so that the price for the 2nd program is \$65, the price for the 3rd program is only \$55. Currently, I have 3 online programs. The lowest possible price for a program is \$55.

Payment: via PayPal or Venmo using the email: mulu0328@gmail.com

The presentation tool *Zoom* is used for all online classes.

Signup & questions: send an email to silas.lund@gmail.com

About me

An International Master and 7-time chess author, I settled in New York in 2017 and currently work full time with chess as a trainer, writer and blogger on silasesbenlund.com. My 4 books for Quality Chess include *Opening Simulator: King's Indian Defence* (2019, co-written with IM Andreas Hagen), *Sharp Endgames* (2017), *The Secret Life of Bad Bishops* (2014) and *Rook versus Two Minor Pieces* (2005). I use ideas from my books in the online classes, but always with new material. It is my trademark style to always have handouts for the students during class. In 2018, my wife Lu and I launched SILU Game Products LLC with a variety of products, most notably our math game *Equation Gamble* and the *2020 Chess Calendar*. Our products can be found on our Amazon Store. The chess calendar has 366 positions, one for each day of the year, with solutions the next day. A Chess Calendar for 2021 is in the making.

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