Interesting Endgames 17-20

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

Format: In all endgame classes, there will be 1 hour of presentation, then $\frac{1}{2}$ hour with puzzles, followed by the last $\frac{1}{2}$ hour with feedback on the puzzles.

The puzzles for this class, plus 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.

Thursday, July 30 at 7-9pm (ET).

Class 17: Rook + bishop versus rook

Under normal circumstances, this endgame is a draw, but it is hard to defend – the winning rate is around 70%. In this class, we will look at all relevant details of this endgame and give an understanding that will help you find your way in a practical game.

Thursday, August 6 at 7-9pm (ET).

Class 18: *The Carlsbad endgame*

This endgame arises if Black is allowed to play Bc8-f5 in a QGD, but at the price of doubled f-pawns after Bxf6, gxf6. Since the queens are exchanged in the process, Black hopes that his bishop pair and potential pawn majority on the queenside will outweigh his worse pawn structure on the kingside. This endgame is interesting and important in itself, but also to understand certain other opening lines/transpositions that also end up in the Carlsbad Structure.

Thursday, August 13 at 7-9pm (ET).

Class 19: *Bishop versus pawns*

Because of the long-range abilities of the bishop, usually the attacker needs several pawns to overcome the bishop, if possible. We shall see examples of this and learn from these endgames, but at the same time we shall compare similar positions with those of a knight fighting pawns, comparing to spot a difference between bishop and knight.

Thursday, August 20 at 7-9pm (ET).

Class 20: Rook versus knight – the basics with few or no pawns

When is rook vs. knight without pawns a win? And what if we add pawns to either the rook or knight side? And what about positions with more pawn on the same side, say rook + 2 pawns vs. knight + 3 pawns? In this class, we will get an understanding of the basics of rook vs. knight. The knowledge of this endgame can be useful in some endgames with rook vs. pawn (that later promotes to a knight).

General Information:

Dates: Thursdays on July 30 & August 6-13-20, 2020.

Time: Evenings at 7-9pm (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 already participant in another of my online programs, you can sign up for only \$65. I currently have 3 online programs.

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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. We plan a Chess Calendar for 2021 too.

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