

Complex Middlegames 13-16

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

Format: In all endgame classes, there will be 1 hour of presentation, 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.

Monday, July 20 at 7-9pm (ET).

Class 13: *The Mar del Plata Variation in the KID*

This variation was first played in the 16th Mar del Plata tournament in 1953 between Najdorf and Gligoric. It is in many ways the most modern variation of the King's Indian Defence, and it is the main line to this day. The reason for this will be explained in this class where I will also give an overview over the KID with relevant historical developments.

Monday, July 27 at 7-9pm (ET).

Class 14: *Semi-Slav (and Slav) structures after c4-c5*

This pawn structure can occur from many different opening systems, and in this class, special focus will be given to position where White's pawn stays on c5. Or at least stays there for a while. Black's break with b7-b6 will be taken into consideration, but the central break of e6-e5/e7-e5 will be given the most attention. A standard position arises if White captures on e5, giving him an outpost on d4 for his knight.

Monday, August 3 at 7-9pm (ET).

Class 15: *Positional queen sacrifices (part 2)*

We already had a look at long-term queen sacrifices in class 7 where we looked at a wide variety of piece configurations to compensate for the queen. In this class, we will give special attention to the case of queen vs. 2 rooks - which is strictly speaking not a sacrifice, but a more or less equal exchange.

Monday, August 10 at 7-9pm (ET).

Class 16: *The Stonewall* – a complete overview with new insights

The Stonewall is an uncompromising setup where Black seeks to suppress a pawn break in the center on e4, and is willing to give up the e5-square in the process. The closed nature of the positions makes the Stonewall very strategic, and we will try to outline the good and bad sides of the setup. This will come in handy when we compare with other openings with a light-squared strategy in the center. New insights will also be included in this class.

General Information

Dates: Mondays on July 20-27 and August 3-10, 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.

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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. A Chess Calendar for 2021 is in the making.

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