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JOHN'S HILARIOUS CHESS JOKE'S TO MAKE SURE YOU RETELL

1. How was the Olympic diver's chess game going? Swimmingly :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :)
2. Why did the chess player setup a board near an empty swimming pool? He wanted to test the water :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :)
3. What happened when the chess player played a brilliant chess move at the World Aquatics? He made a splash :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :)
4. Can you ever play chess near a swimming pool? It deep ends :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :)

JOHN'S CONCISE & PRECISE NUGGET'S

On 'natural' moves. Hi everyone. This idea of 'natural' moves is probably one of the most important concepts for a beginner (and improver) to understand. It's also one of the most useful. That is, a natural move, is the move in any position that just feels right to you. It's often the first move you think about without thinking. Your brain just goes in a certain way. And such moves are often the best moves. However, once you instantly spot the natural move, it never hurts to spend some time thinking/double checking. Emmanuel Lasker, World Champion for the longest time ever- 27 years, said "once you think of a move try to find a better move. If you can't then go with your first [option]."

PROBLEMS

Your Task: Find the best move(s) below.

P.S. If your dog eats your newsletter at this point don't worry 🐶

REMEMBER FIDO
SAYS THERE'S
AWARDS FOR SIMPLY
HAVING A REAL GO



It's Black to play and win. The White player former World Champ Anand-resigned here as White. Why? Hint:

Knights have horsepower to trap the King



Here, it's White to play and win. Simply follow the yellow brick road of forcing moves to win Black's rook :)



Here you play White. How can White force a checkmate in a few moves? Hint: How do we get our Rooks and Knight working together with checks? :)



BITE SIZED SNACK GAME

Harriott Tyrell v Katharina Reinecke 2025 (Stonewall Attack) 1-0 This game from a titled tuesday tournament last year, shows how to use structure right from the start most effectively. White's opening aims all their pieces at the Black King, and Black simply can't defend. 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

01. d4 d5	07. c3 Nc6	13. g4 bxc3
02. e3 Nf6	08. Nbd2 c4	14. bxc3 Nd7
03. Bd3 e6	09. Bc2 b5	15. g5 f6
04. f4 Be7	10. a3 a5	16. Bxh7+! Kxh7
05. Nf3 O-O	11. Ne5 Bb7	17. Qh5+ Kg8
06. O-O c5	12. Qf3 b4	18. g6 1-0

A nice attack! In the final position mate is simply unstoppable!! :)



INSPIRING
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THINGEYS

"Nothing is impossible.
The word itself says I'm
possible!"



Super Coach signing off