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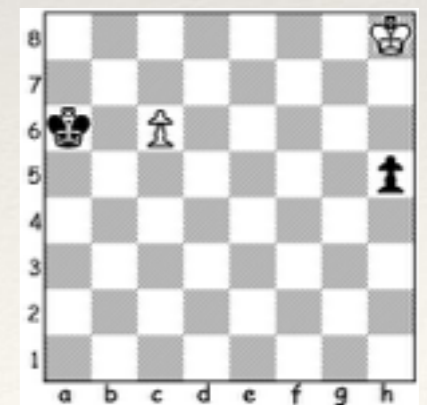
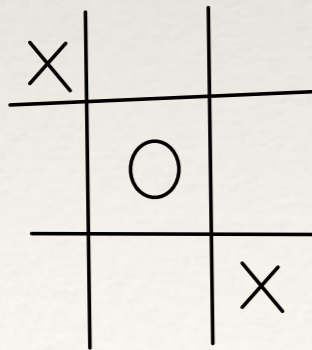
- ❖ **Captain** of South Korean Olympiad Chess Team
- ❖ **Trainer** of Chess Teachers
- ❖ **Teacher** of bridge from beginners to advanced level
- ❖ **Organiser** of major chess, bridge and other tournaments

FIDE Arbiter

FIDE Master

Simple vs Complex Games

- ❖ What are complex and simple games?
- ❖ Does simple mean easy?
- ❖ Are complex games more educational?



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- **Do not scare away children and parents!**

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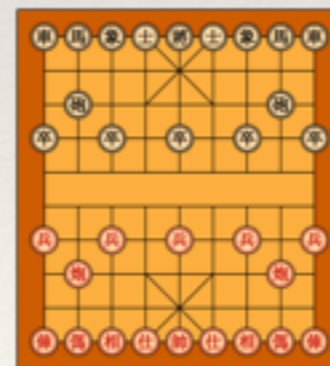
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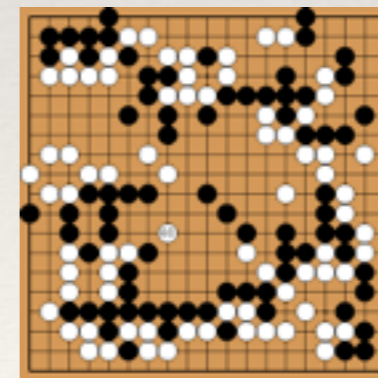
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Chess



Xiangqi



Go

How to Reap Benefits

Do not expect miracles

- Hard work is a must

Disorganised activities provide little benefit

- Trained coaches must be onsite

Fun itself is a great benefit

- Happiness is invaluable commodity

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NEW GAME

- ❖ Do not treat new game lightly
- ❖ Do not take anything for granted
- ❖ Do not combine different games

Questions?



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