

## Michael Adams



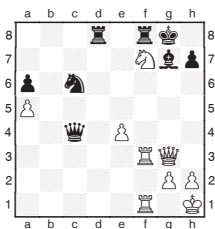
## Are you a grandmaster on paper?

Time to tackle the holiday quiz. The answers will appear here on January 2. Merry Christmas, and enjoy your chess in 2011.

**1.** Who won the World Problem Solving Championship for the third time this year? Hint: he also wrote an excellent endgame book.

**2.** Which grandmaster could be seen on billboards in many countries modelling for GStar this year?  
 a) Magnus Carlsen  
 b) Etienne Bacrot  
 c) Vladislav Tkachiev  
 d) Daniel King

**3.** In this position, which is a variation from a game in the 1974 candidates match between Anatoly Karpov and Lev Polugaevsky, how does White finish the game?

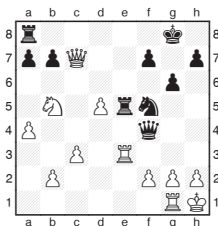


**4.** How many Russian teams participated in this year's open Olympiad held in Khanty-Mansiysk in Siberia?

**5.** Which two former world champions signalled a further improvement in

their relations by teaming up, sadly unsuccessfully, to battle Kirsan Ilyumzhinov in the election for FIDE president?

**6.** What is Black's strongest move here?

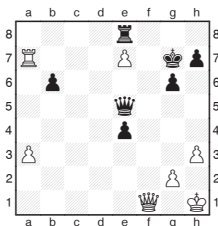


**Yudasin, L - Kramnik, V**  
 Wijk aan Zee 1994

**7.** In this game Black has just played:

**46... Qc3-e5**

Why was this not a good idea?



**Mchedlishvili, M - Podolchenko, E**  
 Khanty-Mansiysk Olympiad 2010

**8.** Two years after his death, Bobby Fischer was back in the news this year. Why was this?

**9.** Which romantic opening surprisingly featured in both games of the Cap d'Agde final between Vasily Ivanchuk and Hikaru Nakamura?

**10.** Which of the following English grandmasters was awarded an honorary doctorate this year?  
 a) Nigel Short

b) Julian Hodgson  
 c) Michael Adams  
 d) Mark Hebden

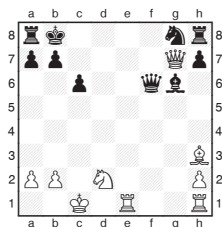
**11.** Who placed a bet with William Hill at odds of 25 to 1 on becoming a grandmaster?

**12.** The world chess simul record changes hands pretty frequently these days. Who broke the world simul record in October this year, overturning Morteza Mahjoob's record set last summer?

**13.** Who partnered Kasparov and Short in their very sharp alternate move game at the Darwin Strategic fund-raising dinner held at Simpson's-in-the-Strand this autumn?

**14.** What explosive event delayed the start of the Anand-Topalov World Championship match this Spring?

**15.** How can White force mate in this position?



**Fressinet, L - Malaniuk, V**  
 Bastia 2010

**16.** Which GM was beaten to the €1.7 million prize at the European Poker Tour Monte Carlo Grand Final this year and had to make do with the chunky second prize of €1 million?  
 a) Alexander Grischuk  
 b) Almira Skripchenko  
 c) Josef Klingner  
 d) Jon Speelman