

The 8th European Small Nations Tournament - October 28th to November 5th 2023

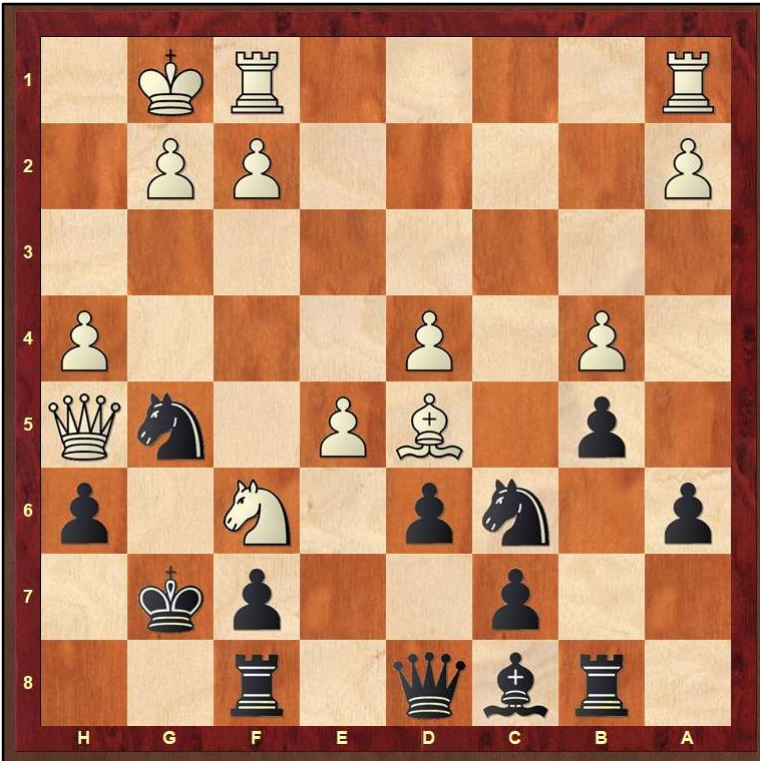
Guernsey participated in the 8th European Small Nations tournament held in Jersey from October 28th to November 5th. The other nations participating were Andorra (winners), Luxembourg, Cyprus, Jersey, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco, Faroes Islands & San Marino.

The venue was the well-appointed Pomme d'or in Central St Helier, and there was the usual friendly but competitive atmosphere between teams, especially when Guernsey played Jersey.

While at the event Storm Ciaran battered Jersey with large hailstones, the airport was closed and we were advised by the organisers to remain in the hotel on one day. The Faroe Islands team didn't heed these warnings and ventured out and were nearly hit by a flying piece of metal. The hotel wasn't damaged despite having a position directly looking over the harbour.



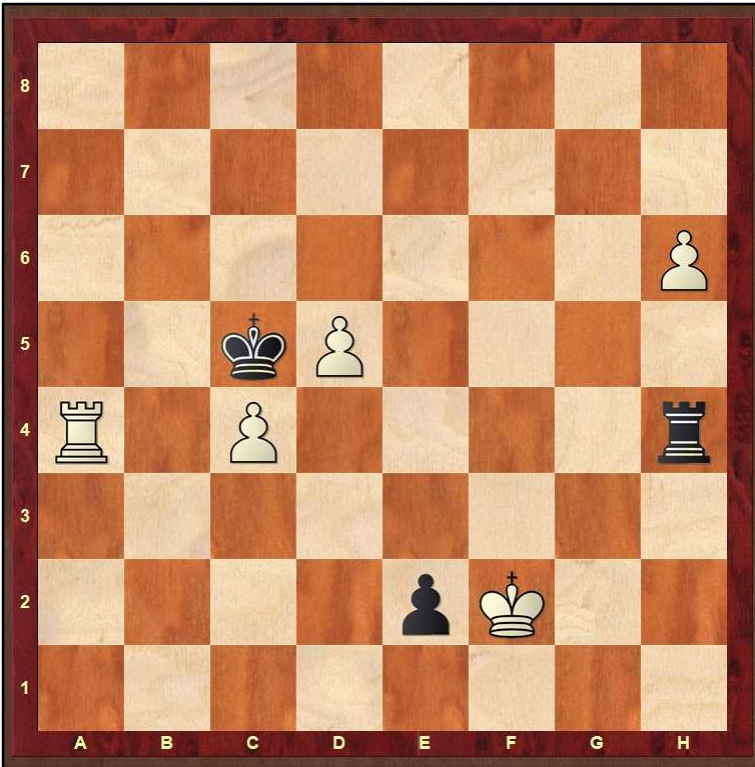
Guernsey Team from Left to Right, Peter Kirby, Gerda Nevska, Fred Hamperl, Arita Strade & Jamie Morgan



S. Ribera Veganzones (Andorra) White vs Gerda Nevska (Guernsey) Black. Black has 2 pieces en prise, how can she equalise? Answer at bottom.



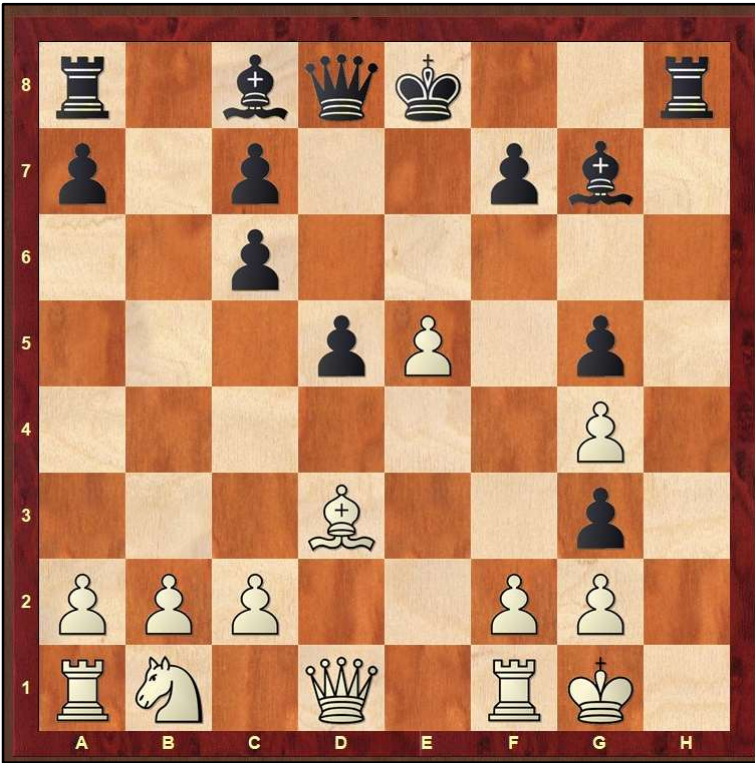
M. Krieger (Liechtenstein) White vs Arita Strade (Guernsey) Black. Can White play Qxd6? Answer at bottom.



Jamie Morgan (Guernsey) White vs J. Ribera Veganzones (Andorra) Black. White to play and win.



Peter Kirby (Guernsey) White vs Paul Carpenter (Jersey) Black. After move 8 an amusing position with both sides having symmetrical queenside and kingside. The position has arisen in 4 previous games.



Fred Hamperl (Guernsey) White vs F Porras Matteo (Guernsey) Black. Position after 12 moves, an unusual pawn configuration on the g-file, the position occurred in one previous game from 2005 and is better for Black.

Answers :-

- Nevska game - Nh3+, gxh3 dxe5, dxe5 Nxe5, Qxe5 Qxf6
- Strade Game - Qxd6 is a mistake, and Black plays Nd3, Rxe8 Rxe8, Bxh4 Nxf2+, Bxf2 Bxd6.
- Morgan game - Ra8 ! Rh3+, Ke1 Kxc4, d6 Rxh6, d7 and the pawn will promote or win the rook.

