

July 15, 1928 - August 26, 2019

Pál Benkő Memorial Tourney 2020

Sponsored by Andrew Kalotay

In memory of my dear friend grandmaster Pál Benkő, also international master of composition, I am pleased to sponsor a Memorial Tourney. I am grateful to János Mikitovics, another close friend of Pál's, for agreeing to be Tournament Director. Special thanks to distinguished composers Christopher Jones and Mike Prcic for agreeing to be the judges.

The tourney will consist of two sections — one for helpmates and the other for help-stalemates. Submissions must be tested by the Alybadix, Popeye or WinChloe programs. Participants should state which software they used. In both sections, a maximum of three compositions is permitted, including joint submissions. Fairy pieces and conditions are not allowed.

Section 1: Helpmate in 3 or more moves

1) Theme: a white pawn and an officer (or officers) promoted from the same pawn, must give mates on the same square in [a] & b] twin problem. (Example No.1 below)

Related Important terms:

2) In start position the theme-pawn cannot be stand on 7th row, only on 2. 3. 4. 5. or on 6th row, because cannot give a pawn-mate from the 7th row.

Examples:

- <https://pdb.dieschwalbe.de/P0500665> : e) wPd7 to c4 is no thematic Twin
- <https://pdb.dieschwalbe.de/P0508207> : e) wPf7 to e5 is no thematic Twin

3) The theme-pawn must in every twin position must remain on their same square.

4) Plus [c] & d]; [e] & f], etc. twin positions can be created by moving the theme pawn. So, you can move the theme pawn to another square, but in this case, rules 1-3 apply to each twin pairs.

5) The theme pawn can have multiple promotional pairs. For example: in a H#3 problem with 5 solutions, may be 1 pawn mate plus 4 AUW-mates: a) 3...Pe7# b) 3...Se7# c) 3...Be7 # d) 3...Re7# and e) 3...Qe7#

Here is a thematic H # 4 problem, with 2 solutions:

- <https://pdb.dieschwalbe.de/P1005473>

5) Battery mates are acceptable (Example No.2 below).

Judge: Christopher Jones

Section 2: Help-stalemate in 3 or more moves

Theme: Free.

Judge: Mike Prcic

Tournament Director: János Mikitovics

Entries must be sent only by email to the Director at j.mikitovics@gmail.com.

Participants should include their postal address with their submission.

The closing date is August 31, 2020

The Director will send standardized anonymous diagrams of the submissions to the judges by September 15, 2020. The judges will decide the winners by November 15, 2020. The results will be published on the Internet by December 1, 2020, and they will be declared as final two months later, to allow for claims of anticipation and unsoundness.

The prize money pool in both sections:

€ 2,500 - € 2,500.

The awards will be announced in *The Problemist*, and also on the [Hungarian Chess Composers](#) website.

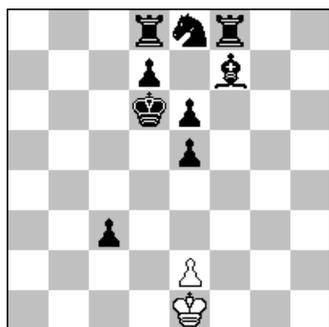
Please forward this announcement to interested parties, and reprint it in magazines and websites aimed at composers.

Thank you in advance for your participation in the memorial tourney. It is a fitting way to remember the genius of Pál Benkő.

Andrew Kalotay
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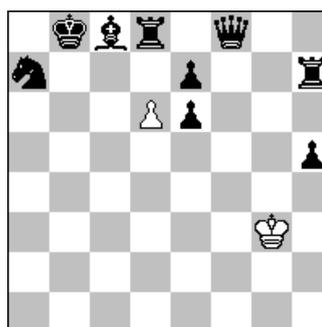
Examples for Section 1, provided by János Mikitovics, checked by Popeye 4.83

No.1



H#5.5 0-position (2+9)
A) bKd6 to c5 B) bPe5 to e4 C+

No. 2



H#3 0-position (2+9)
A) h2=wB C+ B) h8=wR (with cooks)

No. 1

A) 1...e2-e4 2.d7-d5 e4*d5 3.Kc5-d4 d5*e6 4.Kd4-e3 e6*f7 5.Rd8-d3 f7*e8=Q 6.Rf8-f3 Qe8*e5 #
B) 1...Ke1-f2 2.Rd8-c8 Kf2-e3 3.Rc8-c6 Ke3*e4 4.Se8-c7 Ke4-d4 5.Rf8-e8 e2-e4 6.Re8-e7 e4-e5 #

No. 2

A) 1.Qf7-f3 + Kg3-h4 2.Qf3-a8 Bh2-e5 3.Bc8-b7 d6-d7 #
B) 1.Bc8-b7 d6*e7 2.Rd8-d2 e7*f8=S 3.Rh7-c7 Sf8-d7 #