

## **Beginner Class Description**

- Rules of the game: how pawn/pieces move & and capture; castle, 'en passant', pawn promotion; check; checkmate; notation chess 'abc'
- Basic strategy:
  - a. checkmate is the goal of the game
  - b. development of the pieces
  - c. stalemate
  - d. capturing the opponent pieces
  - e. pieces value (absolute)
- Check Mate Concept ('how to')
  - a. mate with queen & king
  - b. mate with 2 rooks
  - c. mate with 1 rook and king
  - d. mate traps in the beginning of the game
  - e. mate traps in the middle game
- Basic End-Of-Game principles
  - a. King becomes very strong at end-of the game
  - b. Pawn & King against King
  - c. Simple end-game positions for practice