

NEW ENGLANDER

Chess Club Update – Christmas 2013

Christmas Chatter

Christmas is a time for weighty decisions. You know the sort I mean.... “More pudding?”...“Another mince pie?”... So I have decided to offer you a few tasty morsels for the season of goodwill and in return, all you have to do is to give a few gifts – in this case, Greek gifts.

Before sacrificing a piece on h7, however, you have to find out whether it works. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to determine

- do I merely lose a piece?
- am I winning a pawn (but expending lots of time doing so)?
- will I stand to gain more material than I risk?
- can I deliver checkmate?

Merry Combinations and a Happy New Year!

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