

15th International Solving Contest 2019

Category 1 — Round 1 — Solutions

1) Raymond Gevers, 1st honourable mention *Good Companion Folder*, 1918 (#2)

1. ♖f5! 5,0

2) Joe Bunting, *To Alain White*, 1945

1. ♔c7!
 > 2. ♖xd4 @
 1... ♗xb5 2. ♗xb5 @
 1... ♖d3 2. ♗d5 @
 1... ♖ch3 2. ♖xd4 @
 1... d3 2. ♗g1+ @
 1... exd6 2. ♖d7+ @

@ = 1,0 / 2,0 / 2,5 / 3,0 / 4,0 / 5,0

3) Jindrich Fritz, *Shakhmaty v SSSR*, 1963 (+)

1. ♖e1+ ♔e4 2. ♖g3+ 1,0
 2... ♔e5 3. e7 1,5
 3... ♖xe7 4. ♖f3+ ♔f4 5. ♖xh4 ♔g4 6. ♔e3 1,0
 6... ♔xh4 7. ♖f5+ 1,5
 7... ♖xf5+ 8. ♔f4 ♖d4 9. ♗g3#

* 1... ♔g4 2. ♖f2+ ♔g5 3. e7 ♖xe7 4. ♖f3+
 * 2... ♔f4 3. ♖d3+ ♔g5 4. ♖xf5 ♔xf5 5. e7 ♖e4 6. ♖e5
 * 3. ♖f3+? ♔xe6! 4. ♖xf5 ♖a4!

4) Dieter Müller & Rolf Wiehagen, 1st prize *Problem-Echo* (12th TT), 1995 (H#4)

I) 1. ♗f4 g4 2. ♔d6 ♖c8+ 3. ♔e5 ♖xe7 4. d6 ♖c6# 2,5
 II) 1. ♖f5 ♖xd7 2. ♔d5 ♖b8 3. ♔e5 g3 4. ♖d5 ♖c6# 2,5

5) Dieter Werner, 2nd prize *Schach-Aktiv*, 1994 (#8)

1. ♗h4 f6 2. ♗xf6 e4 3. ♗h4 ♖d3/♖c4 4. ♗g3+ ♖e5 5. ♖b7 ♗c7 6. ♖xc7 c5 7. ♖b7 5,0
 * 2... ♗f7(?) 3. ♔xf7 ♖f1 4. ♔e8 (#6)

6) Volker Gülke, 3rd prize *Die Schwalbe*, 2007 (S#3)

1. ♖e3!
 > 2. ♗f6+ ♔f4 3. b8 ♗+/b8 ♗+ (♖d6#) @
 1... ♔xe3 2. ♗d6+ ♗e4 3. ♗xc5+ (♖d4#) @
 1... ♗~ 2. ♗f4+ ♔f3 3. ♗c6+ ♖d5# (♖xd5#) @
 1... ♗g4 2. ♗d4+ ♗e6 3. ♗d3+ (♖xd3#) @

@ = 1,0 / 2,5 / 4,0 / 5,0

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Category 1 — Round 2 — Solutions

7) Efim Rukhlis, *Československý šach, 1976 (#2)*

1. ♔g7! 5,0

* 1. ♖c3? ♖d1!; 1. ♖c7? ♖d6!; 1. ♖e3? ♖c7!; 1. ♖e7? ♖c3!;

8) Otokar Votruba, 4th honourable mention *British Chess Federation, 1936 (#3)*

1. ♗d4!

> 2. ♗e6+ @

1... ♖dx4 2. ♖xh6+ @

1... ♖dx5 2. ♖f3+ @

1... ♖ex5 2. ♖f3+ @

1... ♖ex4 2. ♖f8+ @

1... ♖e3 2. ♖h6+ @

1... ♗xe5 2. ♖xg7+ @

@ = 1,0 / 1,5 / 2,0 / 3,0 / 3,5 / 4,0 / 5,0

* For the controllers: “1... ♖xe5 2. ♖f3+” = 2@; “1... ♖xe5 2. ♖f3+” = 1@

9) Martin Minski & Helmut Waelzel, *Original for Schach, 2019 (=)*

1. ♗e4 h3 2. ♗f3 1,0

2... ♗c5 3. ♗d6 1,5

3... ♗xd6 4. a7 e4+ 5. ♗g4 1,0

5... h2 6. a8 ♖ h1 ♖ 7. ♖h8+ 1,5

7... ♖xh8 stalemate

* 1. ♗d6? h3! 2. ♗e4+ ♗f5!-+

* 2. ♗xe3? h2 3. a7 h1 ♖-+

* 2... e4+ 3. ♗xe3! (3. ♗g3? ♗c5!-+) 3... h2 4. a7 h1 ♖ 5. a8 ♖=

* 3. ♗g3? e4! 4. ♗xh3 e3 5. ♗d6 (5. ♗g3 e2-+) 5... e2!-+

* 5. ♗xe4? h2 6. a8 ♖ h1 ♖-+ skewer; 5. ♗f2? ♗c5+ 6. ♗g3 ♗xa7-+; 5. ♗e2? h2 6. a8 ♖ h1 ♖ 7. ♖d8+ ♗e7-+

* 7. ♖d8+? ♗e7-+

* Ideal stalemate, after a game A. Alavkin – E. Sapunov, 53rd RUS–ch Samara 2000.

10) Christopher Jones, *Original for ISC, 2019 (H#3)*

I) 1. ♗xb2 ♖h7 2. ♗f4 ♖xf7+ 3. ♗xe5 f4# @

II) 1. ♖d1 ♗a6 2. ♖d2 ♖xe4+ 3. ♗d3 ♗b4# @

III) 1. ♖d5 fxe4 2. ♗d4 exd5+ 3. ♗xc5 b4# @

@ = 2,0 / 3,5 / 5,0

11) Herbert Kromath, *Die Schwalbe, 2013 (#4)*

1. ♖e5!

> 2. ♖d5+ ♖xd5 3. ♖xd5+ 2,0

1... fxe5 2. ♖xf7 (> 3. ♗f5+) 1,5

2... e4 3. ♖f5 1,5

12) Venelin Alaikov, 2nd prize *Thema Danicum, 1998 (S#5)*

1. ♗c8!

> 2. ♖d8+ ♗c6 3. ♗d7+ ♗d5 4. ♗g4+ ♗c6 5. ♗xf3+ (♗xf3#) @

1... ♗xc2 2. ♖a6+ ♗d5 3. ♗b6+ ♗c6 4. ♗c4+ ♗d5 5. ♗xe3+ (♗xe3#) @

1... f5 2. ♖h6+ ♗d5 3. ♗f6+ ♗c6 4. ♗e4+ ♗d5 5. ♗c3+ (♗xc3#) @

@ = 2,0 / 3,5 / 5,0