The 8x8 area marked by heavy lines is a chessboard. After you solve the puzzle, put chessmen on the corresponding squares (colors are indicated by small circles in the upper right of the shaded squares) and solve the problem given in the puzzle.

ACROSS
1 Salacious
6 Showtime
14 Was a pain in the neck?
15 Something for nothing
16 Letters on dределс
17 Athlete’s foot
18 Whit
19 “___ Blues” (1997 Taj Mahal album that won a Grammy)
20 The NHL’s
21 “joyeux ___” (French holiday card sentiment)
22 Highly venomous snakes
24 Disneyland’s
26 Shirts and skirts et al.
30 Letters on a fax button
32 Palm dates: Abbr.
35 Deal breaker?
36 One with a C-section scar
37 What one of the five Olympic rings represents
38 Jose Cruz, for most of his career
39 Tomb raider played by Jolie
41 7/4 parties, often
43 Proterozoic, for one
44 Spanish sparkling wine
45 Borders
46 Dander
47 It might be cashiered for pounds
48 Recordholder for most Oscar nominations for acting
49 “Hooked on Classics” record company
51 Fun run
55 Words of wistfulness
62 “Marriage is too interesting an experiment to be tried only once” quipper
64 Iraq neighbor
65 Music to woo to
66 Beams on the water
67 Ready for transplanting
68 That is to Tiberius
57 Wedding rings?
60 Instructions, part 1
61 Yukon ___ (luxury GMC model)
62 Tee sign abbr.
63 Fairy tale ender
77 “Three Sisters” sister
78 Some pieces of Impressionism
79 Scarcey
10 Pizza crust’s shape
11 “Maya & Miguel” cousin
12 Ready for delivery, as a speech
13 Wired, e.g.
19 Some Uno cards
23 Dict. offerings
25 Pitcher Jim with 16 Gold Gloves
27 Instructions, part 2
28 Slip
29 Teahouse treat
30 CDLX x V
31 Singer Jones
33 ___ Xtra (soda brand)
34 Perfume that sounds verboten
35 League: Abbr.
36 Recommended reading for newbies
37 Sticks in the nursery
45 Stunt pilot
48 U.N. successor of Dag Hammarskjold
50 Green-lit
52 Eat away at
53 Dog-___ (shabby)
55 Actors Jannings and Stika
56 Slightest
57 Bach’s “___, Joy of Man’s Desiring”
58 It takes the cake
59 Williams film role
63 Tracker maker
64 Common Polish name ending
65 Common
66
67

DOWN
1 Bathroom fixture
2 Sound before “Bless you!”
3 Instructions, part 1
4 Yukon ___ (luxury GMC model)
5 Tee sign abbr.
6 Fairy tale ender
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE