

Come join us on first Saturdays!

Our meetings are *usually* held on the **first Saturdays** of each month so everyone can plan ahead to join us.

***** No Meeting in July *****

The **NEXT regular meeting** will be held on August 2 at the Forest Public Library - 9 to 11 a.m. (210 S. Raleigh St.)

Everyone is welcome! All ages and skill levels
NO membership fee to participate



Players may bring their own chess set if they have one.
We have boards and sets to use.
(provided by Friends of Forest Library group)



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Scott County Chess



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July 4th - Chess style

Check us out at Roosevelt State Park

The Scott County Chess Club will have a display set up **Friday, July 4**, at Roosevelt State Park as part of the day's many activities planned at the park by the Friends of Roosevelt group.

This will be the second time for the club to have a display at the 4th of July celebrations at the park and we are looking forward to promoting the game to the community.

There will be a full day of many activities for the whole family to enjoy at the park in celebration of our nation's birthday.



The 4th of July events planned for the day include a variety of arts and crafts vendors with displays set up offering their products for viewing and sale. **The Scott County Chess Club** will be among them with a tent housing a display of information and flyers to obtain about our activities and upcoming events. There will also be an opportunity for visitors to play chess and ask questions about the game and our club. We had many guests last year.

In addition to arts and crafts vendors, food trucks will offer a variety of meals, snacks and drinks. Live music will fill the air for entertainment as visitors browse their way through the day. Kids can take train rides through the activity area.

Visitors can also participate in old fashioned family games including 3-legged races, sack races, tugs-of-war, water melon eating contest, bingo games, and kayak racing. Kids and adults can dress up their bikes in patriotic trimmings to participate in a bike parade. Later in the evening, the park's traditional patriotic boat parade will be held on Shadow Lake.



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Highlights in Chess

Hispanic information added

Website information expanded

We believe that Chess is for everyone and all persons are welcome to the game. Given Scott County's significant Hispanic population, we are reaching out to make information available to our brothers and sisters in Hispanic communities.



Through this effort, we added a component of information to our website at scottcountychessclub.org that features Hispanic contributions to the game of Chess. One page includes notable players with Hispanic heritage and the other includes information about our club published in Spanish. Naturally, we could not recreate the entire site in Spanish, but this new page includes key information taken from other pages within the site to provide the same information for non-English speaking Hispanic persons interested in Chess and our activities.

This new page joins our existing salute to African-American chess players. We welcome all persons to our club meetings and events and encourage your participation regardless of your ethnic background.

No Chess Club meeting in July

The Scott County Chess Club will not hold its regular meeting in July. We will resume meetings on the first Saturday on August 2.

Due to the Forest Public Library being closed on July 5, our venue will not be available.

Our coordinator will be involved in tournaments on July 12 and 19 and therefore unable to lead a regular meeting on those dates.

The July 26 Saturday is only one week from the next regular meeting.

Additionally, given that families often travel during summer, we will take July off as well. We look forward to seeing you in August.



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Hispanic Heritage in Chess



With respect to our Hispanic brothers and sisters in Scott County, we honor Latin American heritage in Chess and welcome them to our events.

[Learn More](#)

La herencia hispana en el ajedrez



Con respeto a nuestros hermanos y hermanas hispanos en el condado de Scott, honramos la herencia latinoamericana en el ajedrez y les damos la bienvenida a nuestros eventos.

[Más información](#)

Chess is rich in Black History



We celebrate Black History Month in February with a tribute to players of African-American descent who contributed to the growth of chess in the U.S.A. and the world.

[Learn More](#)



Highlights in Chess

First Chess medal earned

Normally the Scott County Chess Club's Coordinator does not include stories about himself in the newsletter, but a milestone was recently reached in his Chess journey.



On June 21, Chris Allen Baker participated in the first State Games of Mississippi Chess Tournament in Meridian. Baker finished in second place in the U400 section with a win, a loss, and a stalemate. He received his first medal won in a Chess tournament in seven years since he started playing.

"So many times, I have finished fourth or fifth, just under the top three places that typically receive prizes," Baker said. "I finally broke through. I congratulate all the other winners in the tournament and thanks go to the State Games for adding Chess to their program."

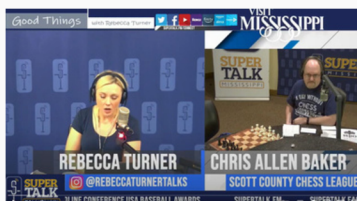
Chess is always a 'Good Thing'

The Scott County Chess Club is lining up another visit to appear on "Good Things with Rebecca Turner" on the SuperTalk Mississippi Radio Network in late May. **An airdate has not been finalized, but an announcement will be made on our website and on social media sites.**

We have been blessed with great support from Rebecca's show in spreading the message of chess across Mississippi. You can hear and view past shows and other appearances through our website at the following address: <https://scottcountychessclub.org/video%2Fmedia-gallery>

"Good Things" airs Mondays through Fridays from 2 until 3 p.m. and can be found at this address: <https://www.supertalk.fm/shows/goodthings/>

'Life
is full
of
important
choices.'





Chess Calendar

For more information about all listings:

see our website at scottcountychessclub.org

* **Scott County Chess Club** will hold its next regular meeting

Saturday, August 2, 9-11 am, Public Library, Forest

* **2nd Sunday Chess League**

Second Sunday, July 13, 2 p.m. - Food Court, Outlets of Mississippi, Pearl

* **Independence Day Celebration**

Thursday, July 4, Roosevelt State Park, Morton

* **Dogmud Chess Camp w/tournament**

Monday-Thursday, July 7-10, - Dogmud Tavern, Ridgeland

* **3rd annual J'Kennethon Smith Memorial Chess Tournament**

Saturday, July 12 - Food Court, Outlets of Mississippi, Pearl

* **Mississippi Team Championship**

Saturday, July 19 - Jackson Prep, Flowood

* **Forest Chess Challenge (Quick and Blitz)**

Saturday, August 16 - Penn's, Forest (Scott County Chess Club hosting)

* **MCA Women's State Championship**

September - TBA

* **MCA State Chess Championship**

October - Nissan Training Center, Canton

* **5th annual Roosevelt Chess Classic**

Saturday, November 1 - Roosevelt State Park, Morton (Scott County Chess Club hosting)

* **Capital City Chess Club**

Tuesdays, 5:30-8:30 p.m. - Schlotzkys, Flowood

'I'm here
because I
was told
there would
be chess.'



TOP TO BOTTOM CHESS:

* **Memphis Chess Club**

Weekly chess tournaments on Saturdays

* **Mississippi Coast Chess Club**

Thursdays- Newk's, Gulfport



Scott County Chess Club sponsored tournament

Forest Chess Challenge returns for speed chess

FOREST – The 2nd annual **Forest Chess Challenge tournament** is set for **Saturday, August 16, 2025**, at Penn's Restaurant in Forest. This event will feature individuals playing rated games in quick and blitz styles of chess.

Our first Forest Chess Challenge in August 2024 attracted 15 players from around Mississippi. It is the third tournament series created by the club and contributed to a current total of 347 players who have participated in nine tournaments held in Scott County.

The tournament will feature five rounds of Quick chess in the morning, which is games played with 15 minute limits, and five rounds of Blitz in the afternoon, which is games played with 5 minute limits. Cash prizes will be offered to winners.

While we continue to appreciate our sponsors who generously donate funds annually to help make our other two tournament series successful, this tournament series is self-supported without sponsor donations. Operation and prize funds are generated solely from registrations received.

Quick and Blitz are unique styles that challenge players' abilities to think even faster and play with greater speed. It has traditionally been a popular style within the chess community. We look forward to providing this opportunity to meet the needs of this segment of the chess family.

Penn's Restaurant, 1550 MS Highway 35, Forest

Exit 88 on Interstate 20 east of Jackson

10 rounds – Swiss System (no elimination)

active U.S. Chess Federation membership **required**

ALL RATED Sections - Open and U1000

Notation is *NOT* required; regular ratings from most recent USCF supplement used for pairings.

Quick

5 rounds G/15 (no delay or increment)

Registration 8 until 9:30 a.m.

Blitz

5 rounds G/5 (no delay or increment)

Registration/check-in 1:30 p.m.

Prize funds come from 80 percent of registrations; first and second place awards
Registration: <https://www.kingregistration.com/event/ForestChallenge2025>

Early Bird Entry Fee: Quick only - \$25, Blitz only - \$25, Both - \$30

Deadline: 11:59 p.m. August 9, fees increase after this deadline.

Visit scottcountychessclub.org for more information



Scott County Chess Club sponsored tournament

5th annual Roosevelt Chess Classic

MORTON – The 5th annual **Roosevelt Chess Classic tournament** is set for **Saturday, November 1, 2025**, at Roosevelt State Park in Morton. This event will feature individuals and teams playing rated games.

Our first Roosevelt Classic in November 2021 attracted nearly 50 players from around Mississippi and we had players come from Louisiana, Tennessee, and Florida. In 2022, the tournament included 69 players from Mississippi and Louisiana. We had 59 players in 2023 and we set a new record last year with 75 players. Our combined turnout for all tournaments is now 347 players, including those returning and new players.

Registration is open! The listing is on King Registration with initial information which may have some changes. All details will be final after July 1.

Before we go any further, recognition goes to our past sponsors who generously donated funds to help make our tournaments successful. Most of, if not all, of them have expressed an interest to continue this year and we may even have some new sponsors added. This is a tremendous benefit because their contributions help keep the registration fees and expenses as low as possible which means funds left over after all bills are paid can be carried over to the next event. We really appreciate the support from the community and the businesses who have helped make these tournaments possible.

Roosevelt State Park, Alfreda-Harris Lodge, 2149 MS Highway 13, Morton

Exit 77 on Interstate 20

4 rounds – Swiss System – Game control: 45+3

active U.S. Chess Federation membership and notation **required; All games are rated**

All Rated Sections - Open, U1200, U800, U400

INDIVIDUALS

Open (Cash - \$200 & trophy for 1st, \$100 & medal for 2nd; \$50 & medal for 3rd)

U1200 (Cash \$50 and trophy for 1st; medals for 2nd and 3rd)

U800 (Cash \$50 and trophy for 1st; medals for 2nd and 3rd)

U400 (Cash \$50 and trophy for 1st; medals for 2nd and 3rd)

TEAMS

Players may form teams with any number of players above the minimum of four.

Each team player will compete in their respective section according to their rating, or play up.

The four players with the best scores among their team members are used to calculate their team score.

The first place team will win championship and those four members will receive medals and \$100 collectively.

School sponsored and independent teams are welcome.

**** Please check your membership status with the U.S. Chess Federation to make sure your status is active and renew if necessary before registering.****



2025 Roosevelt Chess Classic - continued

REGISTRATION Online: <https://www.kingregistration.com/event/Roosevelt2025>

Early Bird Discount: \$35 per player

*Discount expires at 11:59 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. **Regular rate: \$40 per player begins***

*Late and Onsite Registration: **\$45 per player begins 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31***

No registrations accepted after 9 a.m. Nov. 1

TEAM REGISTRATION

Players wishing to form teams should designate a team captain who will register members together in one transaction.

School teams - Coaches should register players in same transaction

All teams should be registered by noon, Friday, October 31;

Individuals' final deadline is 9 a.m. Nov. 1

*King Registration utilizes **PayPal, Venmo, and credit/debit card payment methods**. King Registration is preferred, but if different payment method is needed, please contact tournament director via email at scottcountychessclub@gmail.com. In email, provide name, active USCF #, desired section, desired payment method, Other electronic options include CashApp and Zelle. Paper check and cash on site methods are available. Make checks payable to the Scott County Chess Club.*

Schedule

Registration and Check-in 8 a.m. until 9 a.m.

All players must arrive by 9 a.m. so tournament can start on time.

Welcome and Briefing of Rules 9:15 a.m.

Round 1 – 9:30 a.m.

Round 2 – 11:30 a.m.

Round 3 - 2 p.m.

Round 4 - 3:30 p.m.

Awards – To be presented after final round

(Please try to plan to stay for awards if possible)

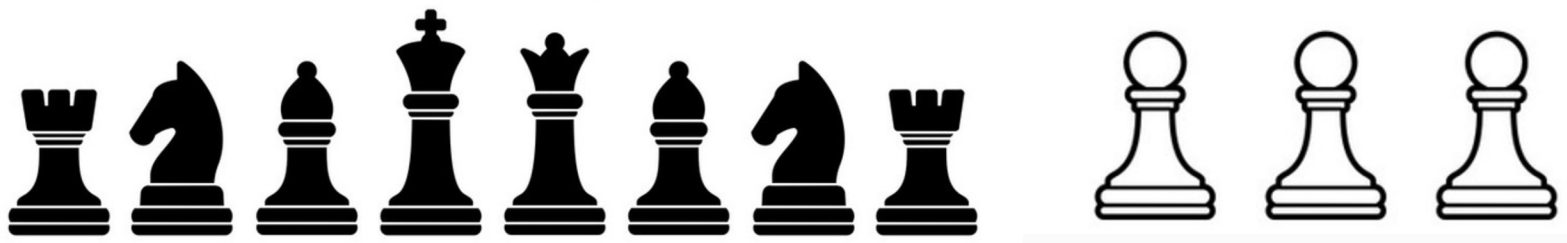
Byes due to inability to pair = 1.0

Requested byes = 0.5 (make requests before start of round)

Players who have byes in the same round may request to play extra rated game.

Tiebreakers Ties will be settled by SwissSys computer program. Cash prizes will be split per USCF rules.

Computer tiebreakers will determine trophy and medal recipients.



2025 Roosevelt Chess Classic - concluded

Important Tournament Notes

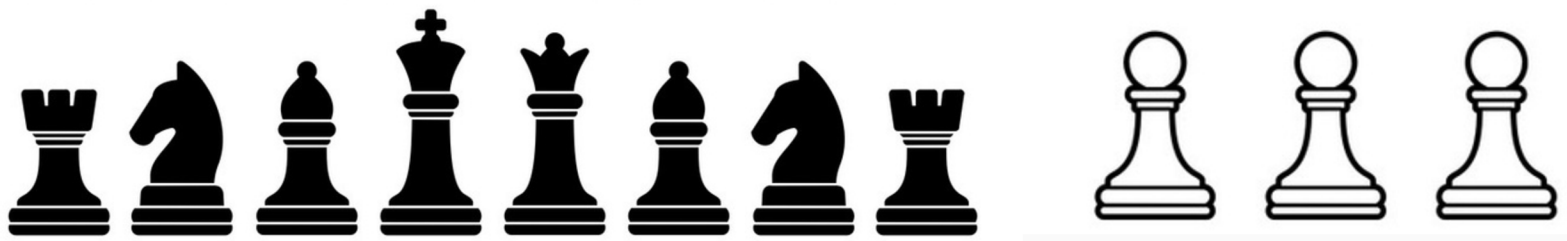
The park entry fee is already handled. Advise gate personnel that you are participating in the chess tournament.

- Registered players will receive a pre-event email on Wednesday prior to tournament including important last minute details.
- Everyone is encouraged to bring chairs for lounging between rounds, lobby seating is limited; an outdoor patio is available.
- Concession food options will be available on site. Cash and electronic payments (CashApp) accepted
- Skittles rooms will be available.
- Please submit any requests for change of section by 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31.

More information is available on our website scottcountychessclub.org

Send questions or requests via email to scottcountychessclub@gmail.com



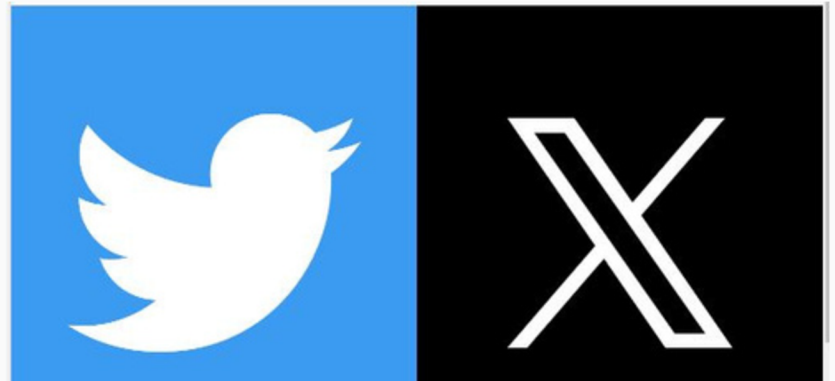


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