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# CHESS JOURNAL

Official Newsletter of the Scott County Chess Club

## 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.

The **NEXT regular meeting** will be held on **October 5** 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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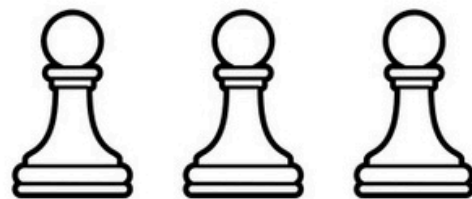
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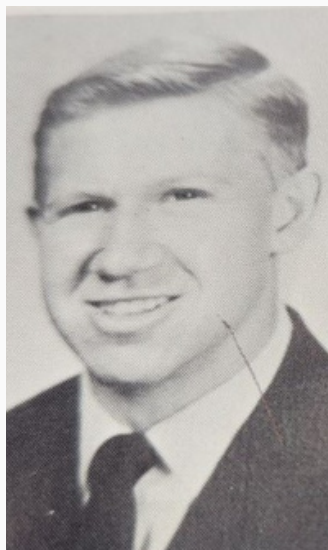
### Kids chess camp

**2nd annual Randy Richardson Memorial Chess  
Camp is set for October 12**

The Scott County Chess Club is looking forward to its second chess camp designed for youth and children interested in becoming chess players through providing an introduction to the game.

The one day camp will be part of celebrating **National Chess Day** on **Oct. 12** at the Forest Public Library. Participants will have the opportunity to learn the basics of the game and play a small tournament-style event to try their new or existing skills.

**See details next 2 pages.**



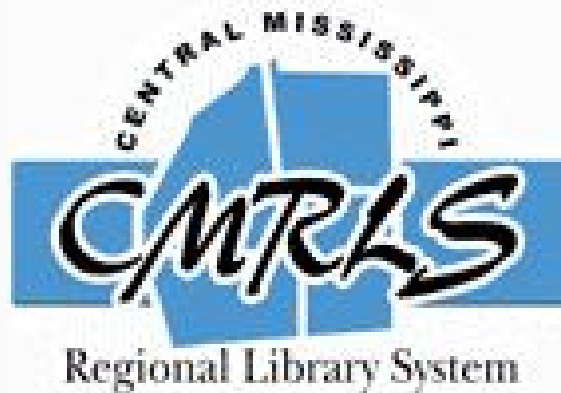
The camp was first made possible through a gifted a \$1,000 donation to support chess and activities promoting chess education. Former Forest resident and native retired Lt. Col. Michael Hawkins donated the funds in memory of a former classmate who taught him how to play chess.

Hawkins said he wished for the funds to be used to obtain whatever materials the library needed to educate and promote chess in the community, particularly among children. The donation was also used to buy chess books and sets.

The classmate Hawkins referred to is the late Randy Richardson who, with Hawkins, was a 1960 graduate of Forest High school. Chess was among many activities they were involved in during their school years.

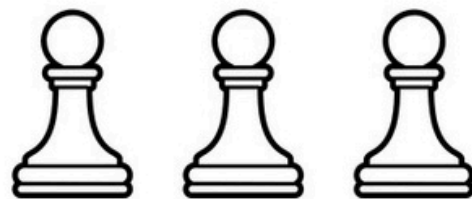
“He taught me the game and I just became hooked. I love it so much. We played 24 straight games with him winning all of them before I was able to beat him on the 25th try,” Hawkins said. “It was a great experience. I appreciated the opportunity Randy gave me to learn the game and I still play it whenever I can.”

'Life  
is full  
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*In partnership with*





## Highlights in Chess

# Chess Camp Schedule

Kids interested in participating should contact the Forest Library to register. Forms are available at the library and online at the website <https://scottcountychessclub.org/chess-education> and can be downloaded and printed. Forms are due at the library by noon on Oct. 5. **The event is FREE** as the forms are used only for planning purposes.

The camp includes three sections of students divided by school grades 2-4, 5-8, and 9-12. Home schooled children were also welcome.

The morning session includes instruction on the basic details on how the game is played. The afternoon session includes a tournament where the players use what they learned in the morning. Lunch snacks are included. If the first session moves quickly, participants may begin the playing part a little earlier than scheduled. Players who participated in last year's camp are welcome to come back.

In the mock tournament, first place winners in each grade section receive a trophy while second and third place winners receive a medal. All participants received a certificate and souvenirs. The medals are supplied by Mississippi Trophy, LLC in Brandon and the trophies are made by Larchwood Designs in Madison.

Our #1  
rule in  
Chess is to  
HAVE FUN!!



- **Check-in time is 9 to 9:30 a.m.** *It is important to arrive on time so the camp can begin on time.*
- **Morning session: 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.**
- The morning session will include all age groups for basic instructions on the game of chess.
- Some actual playing time will be included near the end of the morning session.
- Any participants who know how to play may skip this session and play casual games.
- **11:30 to 12:30: Lunch snack provided by the library.** (Participants may play casual games during lunch.)
- 12:30 p.m. until 12:45 p.m.: Pairings of players for competition if not already done.
- **12:45 p.m. until 2 p.m.: Miniature mock tournament play.**
- This will be an unrated tournament where players will be paired with others in their age group.
- Players may ask questions of tournament director during play.
- We will try to get in as many rounds as we can play.
- **2 p.m.: Prizes will be awarded and the camp ends.**



## Chess Celebration

### National Chess Day

**October 12, 2024 - 45 years and counting**

In 1976, President Gerald Ford declared October 9 as National Chess Day.

He considered chess a king's game and was an avid follower.

This annual observance has taken place **on the second Saturday of October** since 1979, with millions of beginners and experts delving into the unique world of chess.



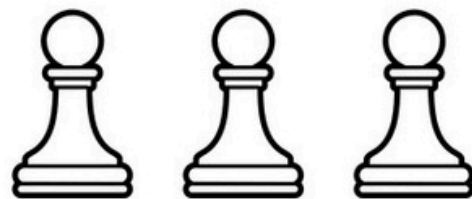
#### From President Gerald R. Ford:

*"I welcome this opportunity to greet America's chess players and to give special recognition to a game that generates challenge, intellectual stimulation, and enjoyment for citizens of all ages.*

*"This national observance focuses on the champions who have mastered the intricate skills of this exciting game as well as the countless fans who find it a constructive way to spend their leisure hours.*



*"For both professionals and amateurs, chess is a game that sharpens the mind, tests human faculties, and encourages healthy competition. It has captivated the attention of players and spectators worldwide and will continue to do so as long as competition and excellence challenges mankind."*



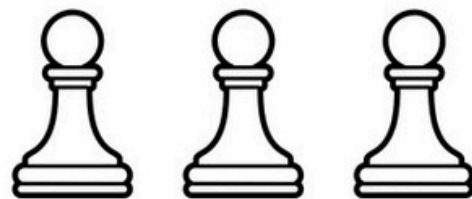
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MS Scholastic Chess Association  
Capital City Chess Club  
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Forest Chamber of Commerce  
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City of Morton  
Town of Sebastopol  
King Registration  
Friends of Roosevelt State Park





## Highlights in Chess

### Festival-goers visit club booth

*SC Chess participated in Wing Dang Doodle Festival*

On a warm, sunny and windy day, Scott County Chess Club was among many participants in the 2024 Wing Dang Doodle Festival at Gaddis Park in Forest.

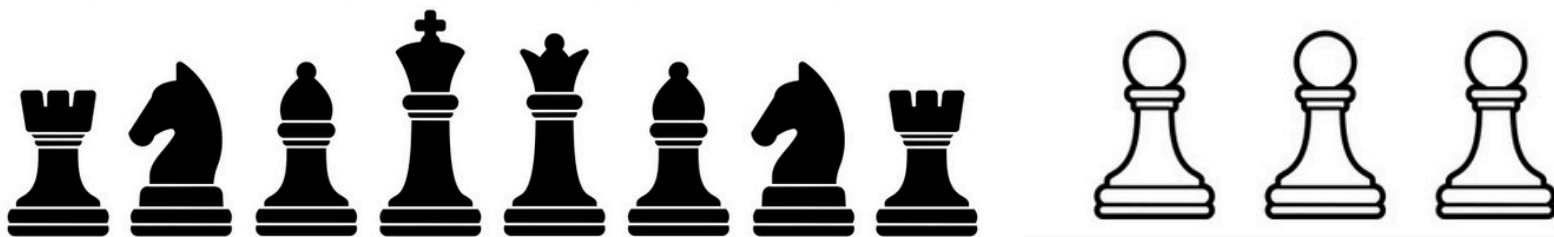
Originally known as the Broiler Festival, the event was rebranded to its new name to feature all things poultry and includes fun, fellowship, music, arts and crafts, great food, and more.



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The Scott County Chess Club's information booth included details about how to get involved in chess, registration forms for the upcoming chess camp, and other activities within the event.





**Scott County Chess Club sponsored tournament**

## 4th annual Roosevelt Chess Classic

MORTON – The 4th annual **Roosevelt Chess Classic tournament** is set for **Saturday, November 9, 2024**, 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. Last year's tournament attracted 59 players. Our combined turnout for the three Roosevelt Classic events and the spring Bienville event is now 309 players, including those returning and new players.

**Registration is open!** We are blessed to join forces with King Registration in offering an efficient and easy way to register for all of our events online.

Before we go any further, recognition goes to our past sponsors who generously donated funds to help make our first three 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+5**

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

### 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.**

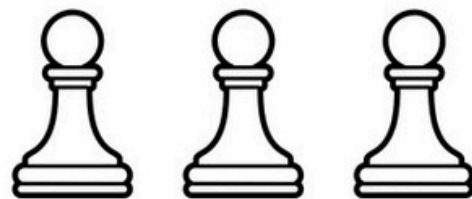
**The four players with the best scores among their team members are used to calculate their team score.**

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

School sponsored teams are welcome as well as independent teams.

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





## 2024 Roosevelt Chess Classic - continued

### REGISTRATION

#### **Early Bird Discount: \$35 per player**

*Discount expires at 11:59 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2. **Regular rate: \$40 per player begins***

*Late and Onsite Registration: **\$45 per player begins 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8***

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

### 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**

**Use coupon code TEAMROOSEVELT to receive \$2 discount per team member**

**All teams should be registered by noon, Friday, November 8;**

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

*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](mailto: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)*

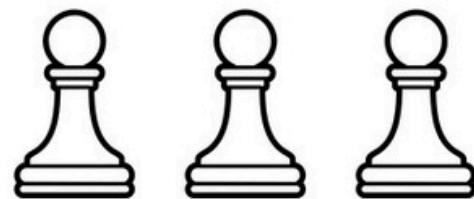
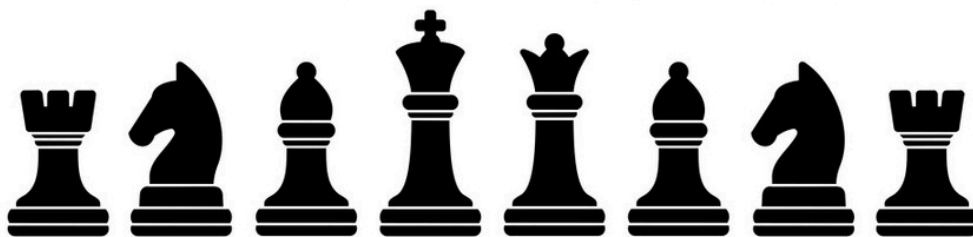
Byes due to inability to pair = 1.0

Requested byes = 0.5 (except Round 4; 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.



2024 Roosevelt Chess Classic - concluded

## Important Tournament Notes

**Roosevelt State Park enforces a daily admission fee for persons entering the park and this will apply to those attending our tournament.** *Visitors will be given a hang tag to place on your rear view mirror. This will allow re-entry during the same day.*

**The park admission fee is \$2 per person.**

*Children age 5 and under are allowed free.*

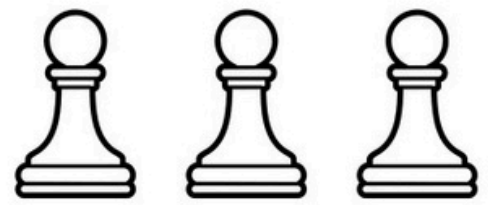
- Registered players will receive a pre-event email on Wednesday prior to tournament including important last minute details.
- Everyone is encouraged to bring chairs for lounging between rounds, lobby seating is limited; an outdoor patio is available.
- Concession food options will be available on site. Cash and electronic payments (CashApp) accepted
- Skittles rooms will be available.
- If possible, please submit any requests for change of section by 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8.

**More information is available on our website** [scottcountychessclub.org](http://scottcountychessclub.org)

**Send questions or requests via email to** [scottcountychessclub@gmail.com](mailto:scottcountychessclub@gmail.com)







## Chess Calendar

For more information about all listings:  
see our website at [scottcountychessclub.org](http://scottcountychessclub.org)

**\* Scott County Chess Club** will hold a regular meeting  
Saturday, October 5, 9-11 am, Public Library, Forest  
This will be our regular meeting - everyone is welcome.

**\* 2nd annual Randy Richardson Memorial Chess Camp**  
Saturday, October 12, 9:30 to 2 p.m. - Forest Public Library, Forest

**\* Southwest Chess Jamboree (scholastic)**  
Saturday, October 12 - Franklin Chess Center, Meadville

**\* 2nd Sunday Chess League**  
Second Sunday, October 13, 2 p.m. - Food Court, Outlets of Mississippi, Pearl

**\* Mississippi State Fair Blitz (unrated)**  
Saturday, October 13, 2-4 p.m. - Mississippi Trade Mart, Jackson

**\* Mississippi State Championship**  
Saturday-Sunday, October 19-20 - CSpire Headquarters, Ridgeland

**\* Roosevelt Chess Classic - Scott County Chess Club hosting**  
Saturday, November 9 - Roosevelt State Park, Morton

**\* Northwest Chess Jamboree (scholastic) & Cleveland Open**  
Saturday, November 16 - Delta State University, Cleveland

**\* Capital City Chess Club - NEW LOCATION ANNOUNCED!**  
Tuesdays from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m., Scholtzky's, Flowood  
Club tournaments and league games will continue at the Food Court at the Outlets of Mississippi mall in Pearl.

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



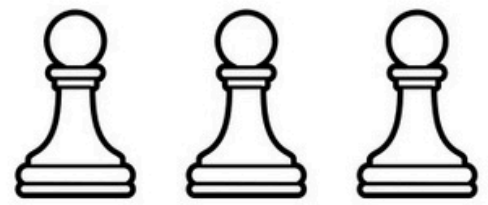
### TOP TO BOTTOM CHESS:

**\* Memphis Chess Club**

Weekly chess tournaments on Saturdays

**\* Mississippi Coast Chess Club**

Thursdays- Newk's, Gulfport



## State Fair Blitz

**Sunday, October 13, 2024**

Mississippi Trade Mart

State Fairgrounds, Jackson

Take High Street Exit from Interstate 55

**Unrated/ Open to all players**

Swiss System; *Notation is not required.*

**2 p.m. until 4 p.m.**

*Please arrive by 1:30 p.m. for check in  
Rules briefing 1:45 p.m.; First Round 2 p.m.*

**4 rounds – G/10+3**

*Each round starts after previous round ends;  
pairings are posted; and players are seated and ready*

## Prizes

Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> places

*For new and returning players:*

*Complimentary memberships in U.S. Chess Federation and  
Mississippi State Chess Association*

**NO ENTRY FEE**

**NO OFFICIAL PRE-REGISTRATION**

*Although you are welcome to let us know in advance that you plan to participate*

**There is an admission fee to enter the State Fair**

For more information, visit <https://authenticate.tickets/store/msstatefair/1068>

Pre-Sale rate is \$8 until October 2

For more information, email [chris@mcachess.org](mailto:chris@mcachess.org)



'Chess is like  
life.  
There are  
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