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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 meeting will be held on **November 12**.

Forest Public Library - 9 to 11 a.m. (210 S. Raleigh St.)

Due to the Roosevelt Chess Classic, the next regular club meeting will be held on the second Saturday.

Everyone at every skill level is welcome!



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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Chess News Highlights

Tourney roster growing fast

MORTON – The first anniversary of our first tournament is set for **Saturday, Nov. 5** - the **2nd annual Roosevelt Chess Classic**. This year's event has already exceeded last year's registration turnout and is on pace for additional growth with just under a week left for more players to sign up.

The early bird deadline expired at 11:59 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29. Individual players who registered before that time could enter at the \$30 rate while teams could register at \$100. Now, as of midnight Sunday, individuals will pay \$40 and teams will pay \$120.

When the deadline expired, the tournament had registrations for **52** players and **7** teams. This is up from last year's tournament when more than 50 registered, but 46 actually played due to some last minute withdrawals. With more registrations expected based on verbal pledges, and the pace of the registrations received, it is possible the tournament could hit or exceed 60 players.

All of the businesses that sponsored last year's Roosevelt Chess Classic returned and one business was added.

All of the players registered are coming from across Mississippi. It is our hope that as we grow the game in Scott County, future local tournaments will include local residents. Local residents may come to Saturday's tournament at no charge and see what a major chess event looks like, and we encourage you to do so.

More information about the tournament is available on pages 5-7 in this newsletter and on our website.

State leadership includes SC

The Scott County Chess Club will have a voice at the table of state chess leadership for the next two years.

During the State Championship weekend on Oct. 15/16, the Mississippi Chess Association membership elected Chris Allen Baker, Scott County's Chess Club founder, to the MCA's Board of Directors. Following the meeting of the general membership, the Board of Directors then elected Baker as its Vice-President. Aside from assisting and advising on organization's activities, Baker's focus will be on media and publicity and raising awareness of chess in Mississippi.

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Chess News Highlights

New web site has traffic

The world can now see what the Scott County Chess Club is doing for chess advancement in our community.

Since launching the site on Sept. 24, it has attracted 343 visitors. Of that, 215 visitors have seen in it the past 30 days. Our host, GoDaddy, has given it an 83 score and recognized it as one of their top performing sites.

The site is a comprehensive one-stop-shop for anyone interested in chess in Scott County and for those outside to see what we are doing. The site provides information on how to reach us, our activities, how to get involved, about the game itself, and much more. Please visit it regularly as it will be regularly updated with news and features.

This is our window to the world!

www.scottcountychessclub.org

We also have a logo

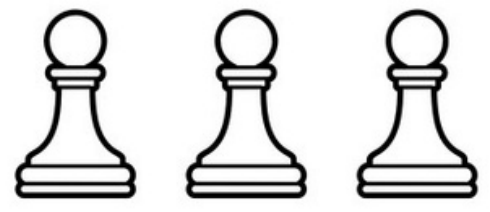
Branding is important in promoting an idea or other venture. Therefore, we have adopted a logo to represent us in printed and online resources. The logo was designed by one of our founders, Aaron Baker.



The branches around the edge represent olive for peace and sportsmanship in the game.

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SC Chess Club enjoys great coverage in Scott County Times

The Scott County Times newspaper was generous in its coverage of our recent activities in its Oct. 26 edition with two stories on page 12. We want to thank Editor and Publisher Tim Beeland and the SCT for the great publicity and its support as one of our partners in our mission to promote chess.

The coverage included details about our recent Chess Merit Badge Clinic for Scouts, the launch of our website, and introduction of our logo.



SC Chess Club helps Scout earn chess merit badges

On two occasions this year, our club will have helped Scouts earn their chess merit badges through our own event and participating in another one.

On Oct. 8, in recognition of National Chess Day, the club hosted a Chess Merit Badge Clinic at the Forest Baptist Church. While a number of local Scouts already have the badge, four Scouts from across the state including Flowood, Brandon, and Greenville participated. Chris Baker, club coordinator, gave instructions on the game's history and general information while his son, Aaron, taught strategy and tactics.

The Bakers will be at it again in November when they travel to the BSA Winter Camp at Hood Scout Reservation in Hazlehurst to teach the game to more Scouts.

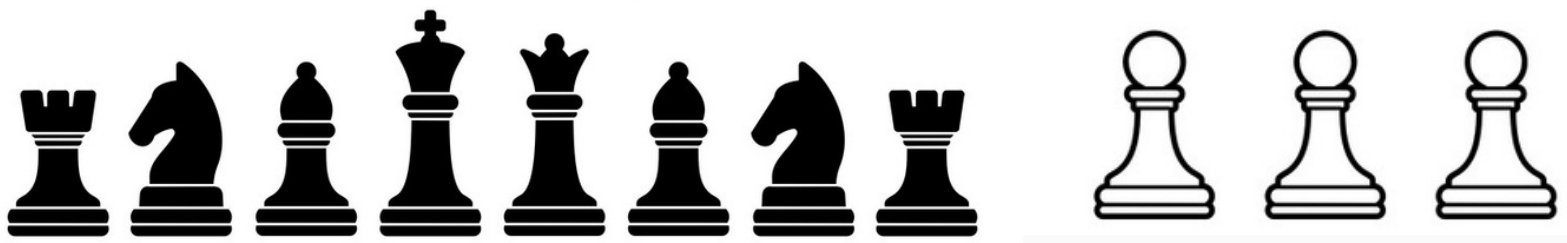
Plans include hosting another clinic sometime in 2023.

The badge, first introduced in 2011 with help from the St. Louis Chess Club, has become one of the more popular badges among Scouts with more than 250,000 members earning it.



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Scott County Chess Club sponsored tournament

2nd Annual Roosevelt Chess Classic is set

MORTON – The first anniversary of our first tournament is set for **Nov. 5** - the second annual Roosevelt Chess Classic tournament. Like the first one, this event will feature the opportunity for both individuals and teams to participate. It has been streamlined a little based on experience of our first two events.

Our first Roosevelt Classic in 2021 attracted 46 players from around Mississippi and we had players come from Tennessee, Louisiana, and Florida. This year, based on interest expressed so far, an even bigger turnout is possible.

Before we go any further, recognition goes to our past sponsors who generously donated funds to help make our first two 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. We are getting noticed around the state with strong showings of players visiting Scott County to play this great game. There is so much potential to make our community a chess destination in Mississippi.

2022 Individual/Team Tournament

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**

Individuals

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

U1200 (Trophy for 1st and medals for 2nd and\ 3rd)

U800 (Trophy for 1st and medals for 2nd and\ 3rd)

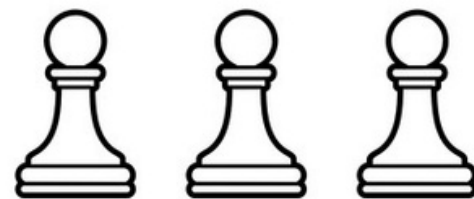
Teams

Teams can have any desired number of players, but the top 4 players' scores will determine finish

(Medals awarded to the top four players of the winning team)

\$40 for individual/ \$120 for team

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2022 Roosevelt Chess Classic - continued

**To Register: Players must provide their NAME,
Active Chess Federation ID#, desired SECTION,
and desired METHOD of PAYMENT**

to the following email address:

scottcountychessclub@gmail.com

***An email response will be sent within 24-48 hours after first contact
to finalize registration and make payment arrangements.***

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

******Please advise if participating with a team or organizing a team.
Leaders should provide team name & members with active ID#s.******

These payment methods are strongly preferred in advance:

PayPal, Venmo, CashApp

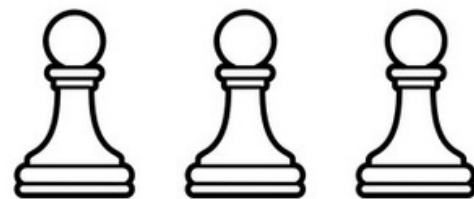
but cash, check can be accepted on site

****Skittles rooms will be available for casual play between rounds.***

Everyone is encouraged to bring chairs for lounging.

Updates will be provided by email during the final month
leading up to the event.

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Roosevelt Chess Classic - Concluded

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

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

Round 1 - 9:30 a.m.

Round 2 - 11:30 a.m.

Round 3 - 1:30 p.m.

Round 4 - 3:30 p.m.

Awards - *To be presented after all games are completed.*

*Byes due to inability to pair = 1.0 *Requested byes = 0.5

Please make requests before start of desired round.

No requested byes in final round

Tiebreakers to determine first place awards only.

Computer will settle ties in 2nd and 3rd places.

Cash prizes will be split.

Two-way tie: Best-of-Three G/5+0;

Three-way tie: round robin format;

Armageddon process used if needed.

TEAM POINT CALCULATIONS

A team may include more than 4 players among any sections desired.

Only top four players' scores will be used.

Individual tie breaks will not impact team scores.

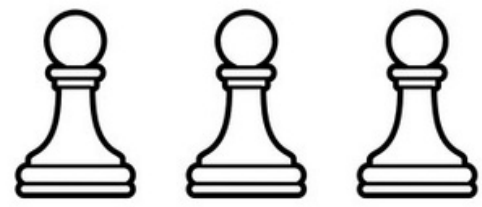
Wins = 1.0 point Draws = 0.5 point

For more information send email to

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'Life
is full
of
important
choices.'





Chess Calendar

For more information about all listings:
see our website at scottcountychessclub.org

*** Roosevelt Chess Classic - Scott County Chess Club**

Saturday, Nov. 5 - Roosevelt State Park, Morton

Fee \$40, starting at 9:30 a.m. and concluding late afternoon

See Pages 5-7 of this newsletter

*** Mississippi Quick and Blitz State Championships**

Saturday, Nov. 12 - Franklin Chess Center, Meadville

Fee \$20, starting at 9 a.m. and concluding late afternoon

*** Year Long Chess League - Capital City Chess Club**

2nd Sundays - Food Court Outlet Mall, Pearl

Entry fee - \$20 - for first five games

G/90+30 - 2 sections: Open and U1400; 10 rounds, Swiss Pairing

*** MHS Wildcat Clash Chess Tournament**

Saturday, Dec. 3, Meridian High School Library, Meridian

Entry fee - \$15 in advance - \$20 on site

*** St. Augustine Winter Chess Tournament**

Saturday, Dec. 10, St. Augustine School, Ridgeland

Entry fee - \$20 in advance - \$25 on site

*** Capital City Chess Club**

Tuesdays- Food Court - Outlet Mall, Pearl

Free - casual play - 5:30 until 8 p.m.

*** Vicksburg Chess Club**

Thursdays- Newk's Eatery, Vicksburg

Free - casual play - 6 until 8 p.m.

*** Mississippi Coast Chess Club**

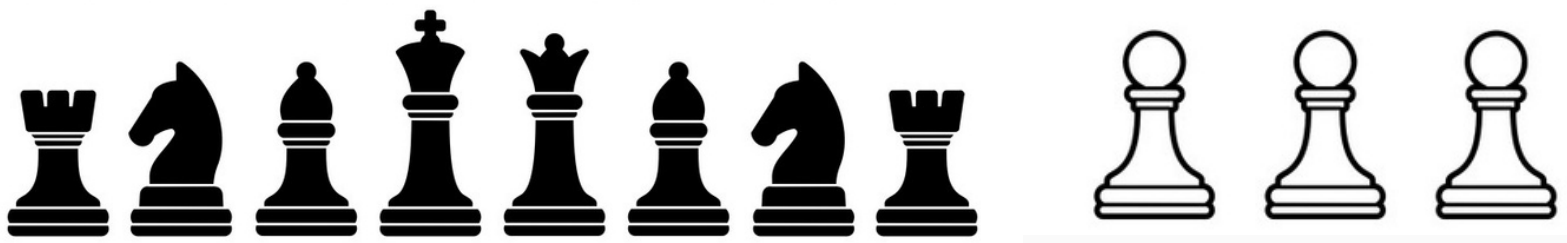
Thursdays- Newk's, Gulfport

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



*** Memphis Chess Club**

Weekly chess tournaments on Saturdays



U.S. Chess Federation

The U.S. Chess Federation regulates and governs the game in the United States. It sanctions tournaments and officials as well as oversees the ratings system that measures players' skills.

Chess is recognized as an essential tool that promotes inclusiveness and benefits education, rehabilitation, recreation, and friendly competition.

US Chess 2022 Goals

- Expand the educational, social, recreational and rehabilitative applications of chess.
- Increase the visibility of chess on mainstream communications channels.
- Develop the depth and breadth of our partnerships.
- Use chess to increase opportunities for under-represented segments of society.
- Continuously improve internal operations and member services.

US Chess Core Values

- **Education.** We promote the transformative power of chess for lifelong personal growth.
- **Customer Service.** We endeavor to be responsive, adaptive and proactive in providing services to our customers.
- **Excellence.** We strive to be the best we can be as an organization and in service to the game.
- **Integrity.** We honor, preserve and promote fair play.
- **Inclusion.** We believe everyone has a seat at the chess table.
- **Love of the Game.** We embrace chess as a historic and iconic game, and we celebrate its history, growth and evolution in our activities and services.

Players must join the Federation to obtain a membership number which is required when registering for rated tournaments and other rated events. Tournament directors submit results to the Federation which impacts a player's rating.

For more information and to join, visit <https://new.uschess.org/join-us-chess>

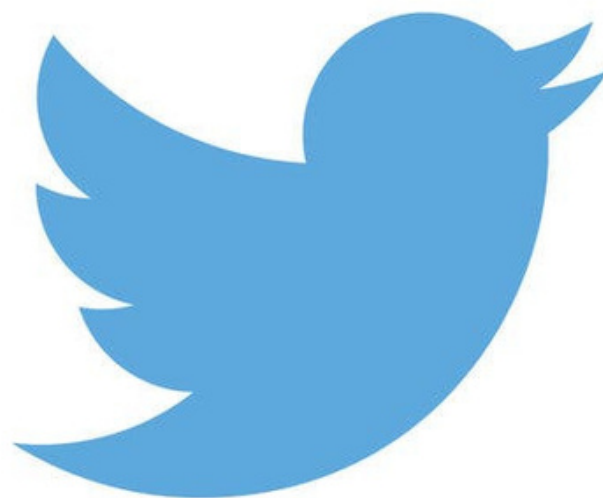


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