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# CHESS JOURNAL

Official Newsletter of the Scott County Chess Club

## Come join us on first Saturdays!

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

The next meeting will be held in Forest on **October 1**  
Forest Public Library - 9 to 11 a.m. (210 S. Raleigh St.)

**Everyone at every skill level - beginner and up is welcome to attend either or both meetings!**



*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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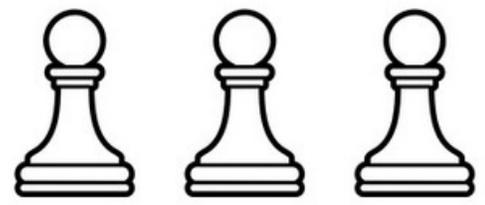
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## Chess News Highlights

# We have a new web site!!

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

At 2 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, Our web site was launched. It is a comprehensive one-stop-shop for anyone interested in chess in Scott County as well as an opportunity for those outside our borders 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 updated with new features as they are formulated.

This is our window to the world!

[www.scottcountychessclub.org](http://www.scottcountychessclub.org)

## We also have a new logo

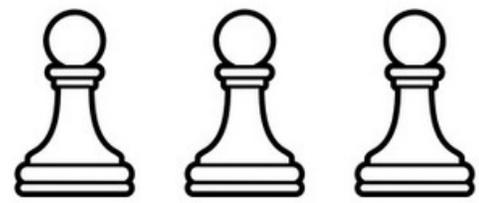
Branding is important in promoting an idea or other venture. Therefore, we have adopted a logo to represent us in printed and online resources. The logo was designed by one of our founders, Aaron Baker.



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

'In chess,  
there are no  
losers.  
Either you  
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sometimes  
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## Chess News Highlights

### National Chess Day is included this month

In 1976, by presidential proclamation, President Gerald Ford declared October 9th to be National Chess Day - a day to celebrate the royal game.

National Chess Day takes place every second Saturday in October. Everyone is encouraged to play a game - online or in person - to commemorate this special recognition.



### Chess Merit Badge Clinic for Scouts is planned

The Boy Scouts of America have embraced how special the game of chess is and offers a Chess Merit Badge for Scouts.

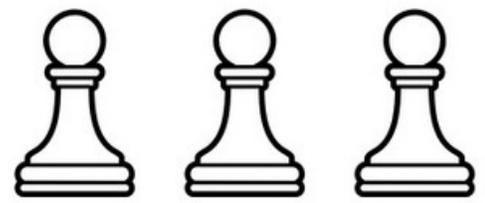
The badge, first introduced in 2011 with help from the St. Louis Chess Club, has become one of the more popular badges among Scouts with more than 250,000 members earning it.

In celebration of National Chess Day, The Scott County Chess Club is doing its part to promote the game and assist Scouts in the local area. We will host a Chess Merit Badge Clinic on Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Family Life Center at Forest Baptist Church. The clinic will be held from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. with a 1-hour break for lunch. There is a \$20 fee.

All Scouts are welcome to participate. For more information, send email to [scottcountychessclub@gmail.com](mailto:scottcountychessclub@gmail.com).

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# Chess News Highlights

## Wing Dang Doodle 2022

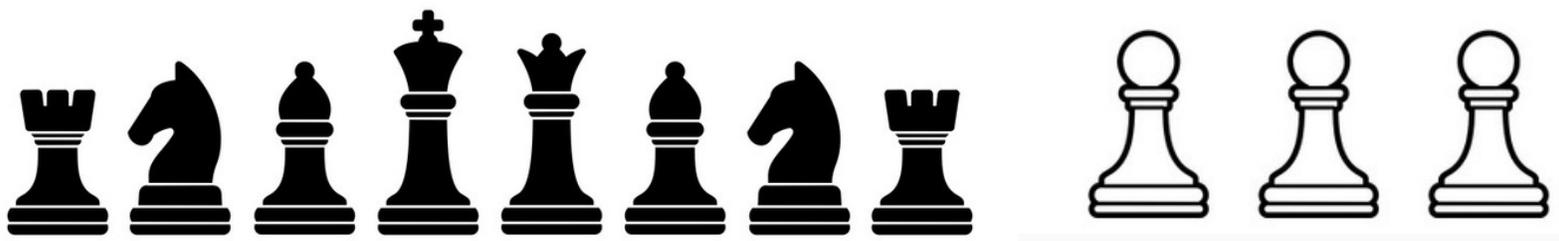
The Scott County Chess Club had a booth at the Wing Dang Doodle Festival held Saturday, Sept. 24, at Gaddis Park in Forest. It was a beautiful day with a good crowd back for the first time since 2019 (festival hiatus due to COVID).

We had a display board with information and two tables set up with chess sets under a tent. We had a lot of visitors come by to check us out and left their contact information. It was great exposure for our club and we look forward to continuing it.

Many thanks goes to the Forest Area Chamber of Commerce for allowing us to be a part of a longtime tradition.



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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

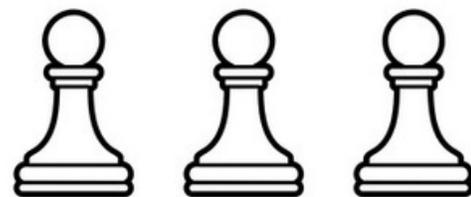
Teams can have any desired number of players, but the top 4 players' scores will determine finish

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

**\$30 for individual/ \$100 for team – early bird rate**

*After 11:59 p.m. **Oct. 29** - \$40 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](mailto: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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# Chess Calendar

For more information about all listings:

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**\* 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*

**\* National Chess Day/Chess Merit Badge Clinic**

*Saturday, October 8 - Forest Baptist Church, Forest*

**\* Mississippi State Chess Championship Tournament**

*Saturday-Sunday, October 15-16, C-Spire headquarters, Ridgeland*

*Fee to be announced - three rounds Saturday, two on Sunday*

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

*Saturday, Nov. 5 - Roosevelt State Park, Morton*

*Fee \$30, 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*

**\* 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**

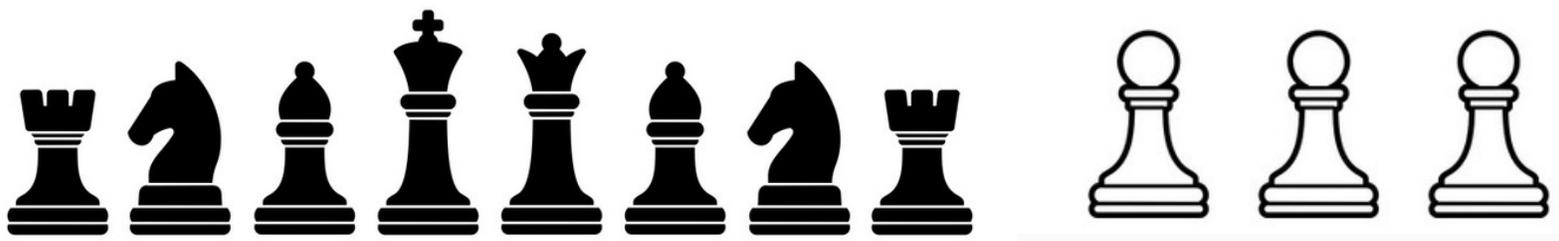
*Thursdays- Newk's, Gulfport*

**'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>

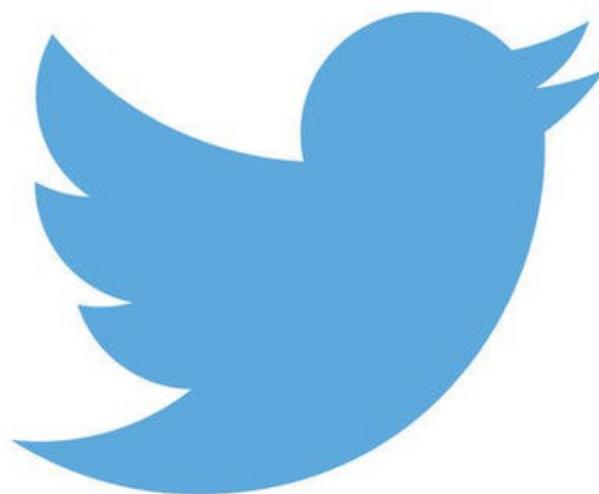


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