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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 **August 5**.
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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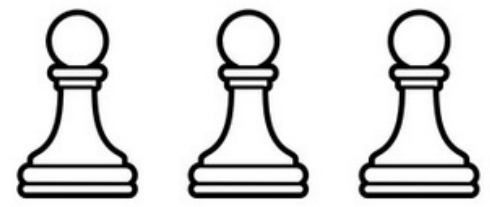
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Chess News Highlights

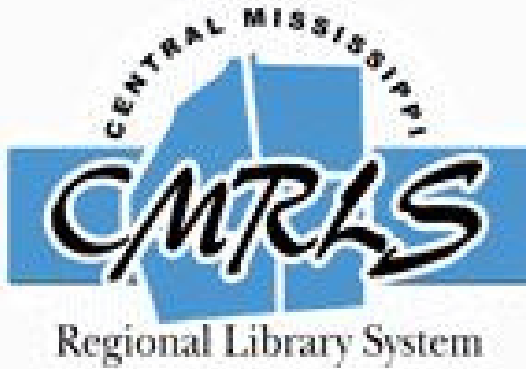
Chess @ Children's Summer Reading Program

The Forest Public Library hosted its annual summer reading program during June with the theme "All Together Now" and we were on hand as a supporting partner.

While the library featured a wide variety of activities during the month, the Scott County Chess Club had a display set up and was available to answer questions about Chess. We participated in the first Tuesday, June 6, but missed the second, June 13. We came back on the last Tuesday on June 27.

The club is always appreciative of all that the library does to support our activities and serve the public. It is a great partnership.

Be sure to catch up with us at our monthly meetings and during the library's annual Back to School Bash held near the start of school in the fall.



We appreciate our partners at CMRLS and we are always willing whenever possible to participate and support activities at libraries in Scott County.

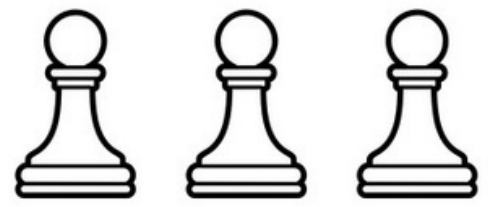


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- Community Bank
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- Bank of Morton
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- Priority One Bank
- French's Pharmacy
- Fountain ACE Hardware
- Bank of Forest
- Jack Batte and Sons Lumber Mill

Partners

- Central MS Regional Library System
- Forest Public Library
- Friends of Forest Library
- U.S. Chess Federation
- MS Chess Association
- MS Scholastic Chess Association
- Capital City Chess Club
- Roosevelt State Park
- Bienville National Forest
- Forest Baptist Church
- Andrew Jackson Council - BSA
- Community Bank
- SwissSys
- MS Trophy
- Larchwood Designs
- Go Daddy (web hosting)
- MS Secretary of State
- Billy Freeman Photography
- Ingram Printing
- Scott County Times
- SuperTalk MS
- Forest Chamber of Commerce
- Town of Lake City of Morton



Chess News Highlights

Chess Camp is on the way

Children across Scott County will soon have an opportunity to participate in a Chess Camp in the late summer or early fall. The event will be held at the Forest Public Library.

This will be an opportunity for children to learn how Chess works through an introduction to the game. Activities will include how to set up a chess set properly, how the pieces move, and the rules of the game. There will also be some instruction about tournaments for the older children and any who are already playing the game.

Participants will be grouped according to skill levels such as Beginner, Intermediate, Novice, Experienced.

Experienced participants may play casual games in a tournament setting. A limited number of boards will be provided therefore players may bring their own boards if they have one.

The date and details are still being worked out and will be announced in an upcoming newsletter and on our website at scottcountychessclub.org.

'In chess,
there are no
losers.
Either you
win or you
learn ...
sometimes
both.'





Chess Club Memories

Chess at the Festivals - Forest, S'Pol

We are making plans to participate in the two local festivals in September around Scott County.

SCCC will have booths set up at the Wing Dang Doodle in Forest on Sept. 30. Sebastopol's festival is reportedly planned for Sept. 23. We hope to see you at one or both locations. Tell your friends!

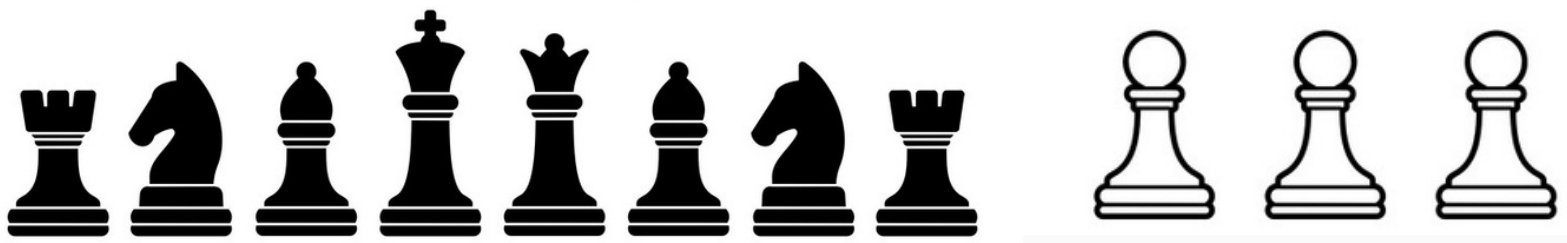
'A day without chess is probably not fatal.'

But why risk it?'

We were also at Morton Day in the Park on May 6 at Farris Park.

We saw a great turnout on May 13 at the Train Depot for LakeFest. A lot of people came by to play chess and learn about the game.





Scott County Chess Club sponsored tournament

3rd Annual Roosevelt Chess Classic is set

MORTON – The next anniversary of our first tournament series is set for **November 4, 2023** - the 3rd annual **Roosevelt Chess Classic tournament**. Like the first one, this event will feature individuals and teams.

Our first Roosevelt Classic in November 2021 attracted 50 players from around Mississippi and neighboring states. Our second Roosevelt Classic attracted 69 players from across Mississippi and from Louisiana. Combined with our spring Bienville classic series, in our four tournaments so far, we have had 192 players participate from Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana, and Florida.

Before we go any further, recognition goes to our past sponsors who generously donated funds to help make all of tournaments successful. Our original sponsors have remained with us and we have added more each year. 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.

2023 Individuals and Teams 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 for rated games**

Open (Cash - \$200 & plaque 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 may have any desired number of players.

The top 4 players' scores will determine team score

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

\$30 entry fee through Saturday, October 28, 11:59 p.m. (midnight and after - \$40)

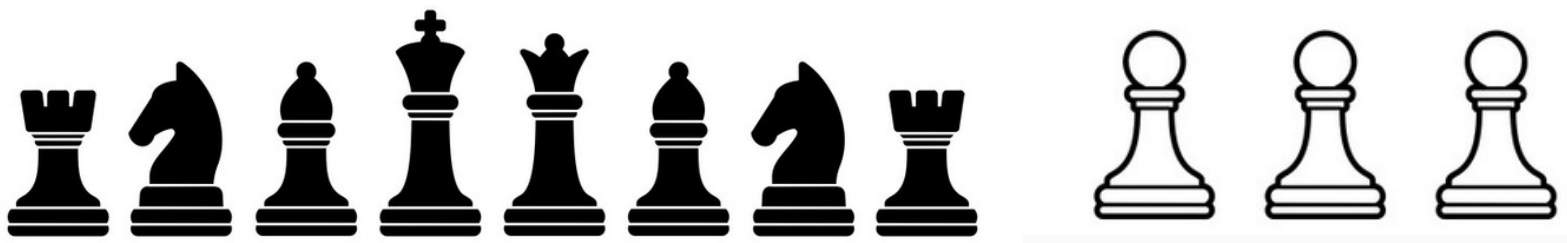
To Register: Players must provide their NAME, Active Chess Federation ID#, desired SECTION, and desired METHOD of PAYMENT

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 send email with information BEFORE making any payment

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2023 Roosevelt Chess Classic - continued

*****Please advise if participating with a team or organizing a team.**

Leaders should provide team name and members' names with **active ID#s**

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

These payment methods are strongly preferred in advance:

PayPal, Venmo, CashApp

but cash or 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 week leading up to the event, other times when necessary, and posted on our website.

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 - 2 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

For more information, visit scottcountychessclub.org



Chess Calendar

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

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

*** Capital City Chess Club**

Special meeting time - Food Court - Outlet Mall, Pearl

Monday, July 3, Free - casual play - 5:30 until 8 p.m.

(This is a re-scheduled meeting moved from July 4)

*** J'Kennethon Smith Sacrifice Memorial Chess Tournament**

Food Court - Outlet Mall, Pearl

Saturday, July 8, starting at 10 a.m. - 4 rounds - 45+5 game control

\$24 entry fee before Friday, July 7, 11:59 p.m.; \$36 day of event

see web site for more information

*** Second Sunday League Chess Tournament**

Food Court - Outlet Mall, Pearl

Sunday, July 9, 2 p.m. - Must be pre-registered.

*** Dogmud Chess Camp - Madison County**

July 10-13, Ridgeland

<https://new.uschess.org/dogmud-chess-camp-july-2023>

*** Scott County Chess Club will hold a regular meeting**

Saturday, August 5, 9-11 am, Public Library, Forest

This will be our regular meeting - everyone is welcome.

*** Two-Person Chess Team Tournament (Partner Showdown)**

Saturday, August 12 - Food Court - Outlet Mall, Pearl

\$24 entry fee before Friday, July 11, 11:59 p.m.; \$36 day of event

game time control 45+5 - 10:30 a.m. first round

*** Vicksburg Chess Club**

Thursdays- Newk's Eatery, Vicksburg

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



TOP TO BOTTOM CHESS:

*** Memphis Chess Club**

Weekly chess tournaments on Saturdays

*** Mississippi Coast Chess Club**

Thursdays- Newk's, Gulfport



Tournament action is all around

Many chess players are content to just play casually whenever the opportunity arises. This may include accepting a spontaneous invitation from a fellow chess player or attending a local chess club. However, there is another level to the game of chess - tournaments.

Tournaments are great ways to see how much progress a player is making in learning and growing in the game by discovering how they stack up against other players. It is also an opportunity to learn from other players in seeing a variety of strategies and styles of play. Like any other competitive activity, it is good to keep a healthy attitude and perspective, but playing in tournaments can reap many rewards.

Some players enjoy just playing in a random tournament for fun and experiencing the opportunity to learn and grow. Other players are more competitive and really get into tournaments, seeking to win and advance as far as they can go. They may have aspirations for earning master, grandmaster status within the U.S. Chess Federation through their rating. It is up to each individual to determine what kind of chess life they wish to have.

In Mississippi, there are many opportunities to participate in tournaments. The Mississippi Chess Association sponsors a state tournament each fall for adults and youth. Youth may also participate in the annual scholastic tournaments. These events are precursors to representing the state on the national level at many events.

Tournaments usually include registration fees and players choose what sections they wish to participate in, based on their skill level as determined by their U.S. Chess Federation rating. Tournaments may also include team play where individual players' scores are combined and calculated for overall scores. Prizes may include cash, trophies, plaques, medals, ribbons, and certificates.

See calendar on page 7 and our website for more information!

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'A day
without chess
probably
wouldn't kill
you,
but
why risk
it?'

