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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 **September 2**.
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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Chess News Highlights

It's Festival Time!

SC Chess will attend 2 events

The Scott County Chess Club will attend two community festivals set for September to promote the game to residents and visitors.

The club will have booths set up at the **Sebastopolooza festival on September 23 at Bishop Park in Sebastopol.** This will be the first time for us to participate in this event so we're looking forward to talking about chess to that area of the county.

The very next week, we will return to the **Wing Dang Doodle on September 30 at Gaddis Park in Forest.** We had a great experience last year and we look forward to building on that momentum and expanding our game to more people.



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City of Morton



Chess News Highlights

Chess Camp is set

School age children welcome

The Randy Richardson Memorial Chess Camp will be held next month providing an opportunity for children on multiple age levels to learn and play the game of chess.

The Camp will be held on Saturday, October 14, at the Forest Public Library, 210 S. Raleigh Street, in Forest.

The Camp is free to all participants and is named in memory of Randy Richardson, a 1960 Forest High School graduate, who taught chess to classmates and enjoyed playing. A donation of \$1,000 was made to the library in his memory and proceeds are funding the Camp.



Richardson

The Camp is free to all participants, but registration in advance is requested for planning purposes.

Registration forms will be available at the library starting in September if not before and other locations as well as on the SC Chess Club web site at scottcountychessclub.org.



The Camp will include three sections of students divided by school grades 2-4, 5-8, and 9-12. Home schooled children are also available and may participate in any grade class appropriate to their ages.

The Camp will begin at 10 a.m. and include all participants in a classroom setting to receive instructions on how the game is played. Any students who already know how to play may participate in the classroom activity or play among themselves.

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





Chess News Highlights

The Camp will break for lunch whereas sack lunches will be provided. It is requested that none of the participants leave the Camp during the break unless they are withdrawing and leaving with a parent.

The Camp will resume at approximately 12:30 p.m. A brief question and answer session will be held to cover any topic discussed during the morning session.

Participants may then be allowed to play casually on boards provided until pairings are assigned for the next activity.

As soon as possible, participants will be paired with opponents based on their grade level to participate in a tournament style activity. General rules of the U.S. Chess Federation will be applied, but the games **will not be rated** and some rules will be relaxed.

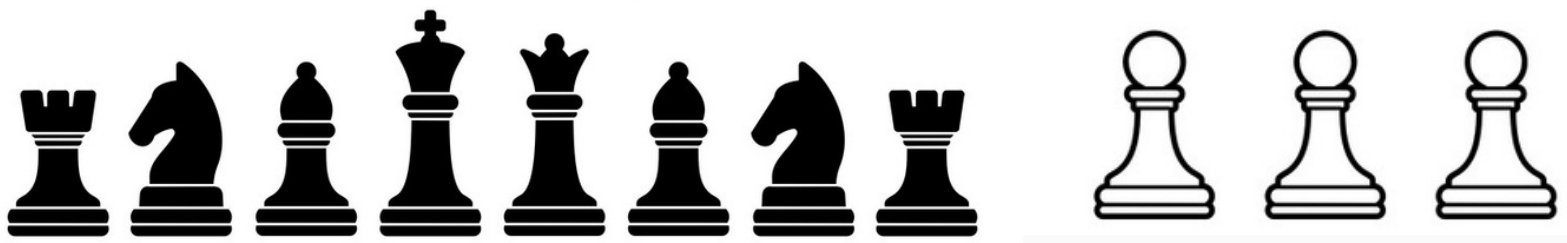
First place winners in each grade section will receive a trophy while second and third place winners will receive a medal. All participants will receive a certificate. Souvenirs will also be available.

Applications are preferred to be returned to the library by October 12 but may be turned in the day of the Camp.

'Chess is like
life.'

There are
rewards for
good choices,
consequences
for the bad
choices.'





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)

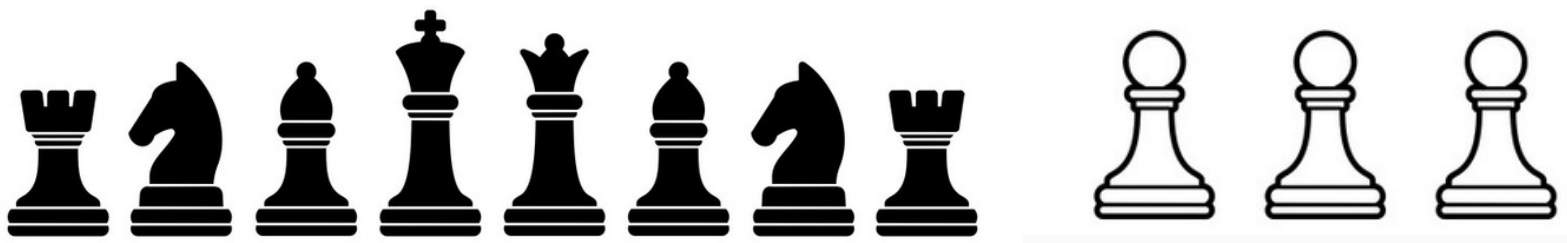
To Register: Players must provide their NAME, Active Chess Federation ID#, desired SECTION, and desired METHOD of PAYMENT

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

*** Scott County Chess Club** will hold a regular meeting
Saturday, Sept. 2, 9-11 am, Public Library, Forest
This will be our regular meeting - everyone is welcome.

*** Battle by the Beach Chess Tournament**
USM Gulf Coast Campus, Long Beach
Saturday, September 9, all day.

*** Second Sunday League Chess Tournament**
Food Court - Outlet Mall, Pearl
Sunday, September 12, 2 p.m. - Must be pre-registered.

*** Pawns and Pajamas Chess Tournament**
Children's Museum, Jackson
Friday, September 15, 5-8 p.m. - players may wear jammies.

*** Sebastopolooza Festival - Chess booth available**
Bishop Park, Sebastopol
Saturday, September 23, all day.

*** Mississippi Action Chess Tournament**
Franklin Chess Center, Meadville
Saturday, September 23, all day.

*** Wing Dang Doodle Festival - Chess booth available**
Gaddis Park, Forest
Saturday, September 30, all day.

*** Capital City Chess Club**
Food Court - Outlet Mall, Pearl
Tuesdays - casual play - 5:30 until 8 p.m.

'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



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?'

