



## 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 **December 7** at the Forest Public Library - 9 to 11 a.m. (210 S. Raleigh St.)

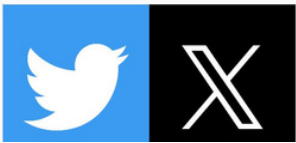
**Everyone is welcome! All ages and skill levels**  
**NO membership fee to participate**



*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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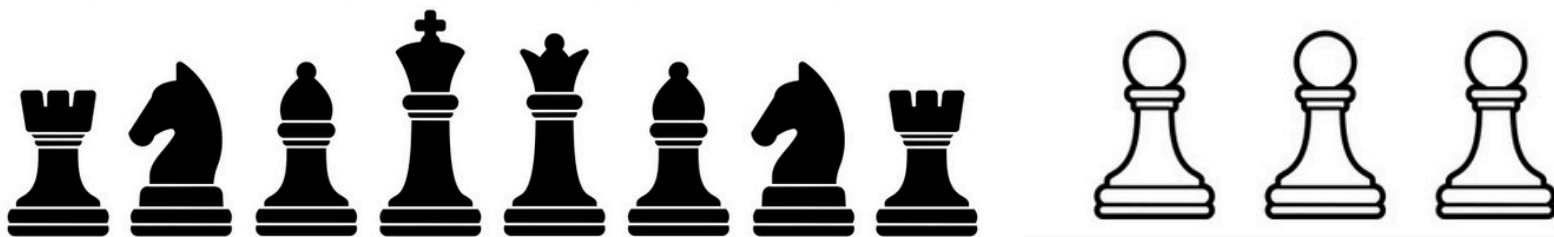


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**Scott County Chess Club sponsored tournament**

## 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.

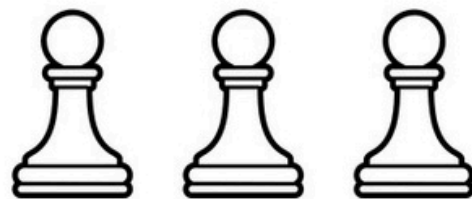
**Each team player will compete in their respective section according to their rating, or play up.**

**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

<https://www.kingregistration.com/event/Roosevelt2024>

**Registration: \$40 per player**

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

**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)*

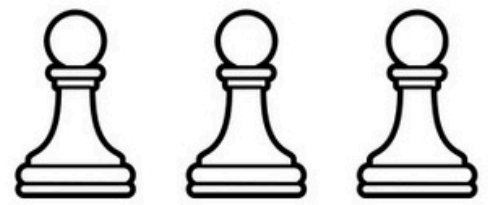
Byes due to inability to pair = 1.0

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.**

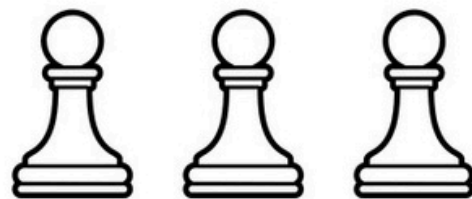
*Children age 5 and under are allowed free.*

- 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](https://scottcountychessclub.org)

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





## Highlights in Chess

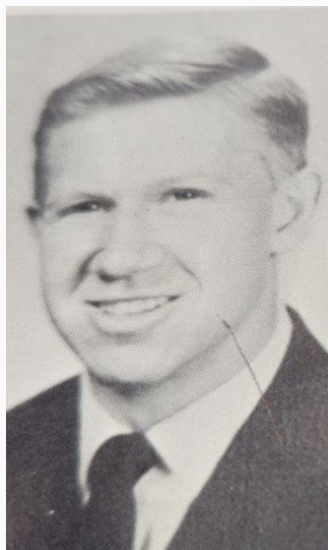
### Chess Cam was a success

*2nd annual Randy Richardson Memorial Chess  
Camp was held October 12*

The Scott County Chess Club held 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 was part of celebrating **National Chess Day** on **Oct. 12** at the Forest Public Library. Participants had the opportunity to learn the basics of the game and played 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.”

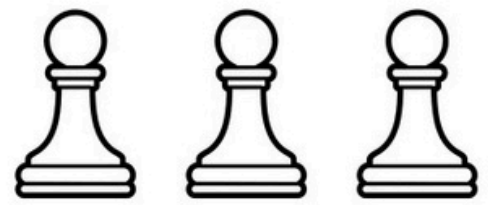
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*In partnership with*







## Highlights in Chess Chess Camp Scenes

The event is **FREE** and 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. The medals are supplied by **Mississippi Trophy, LLC** in Brandon and the trophies are made by **Larchwood Designs** in Madison.

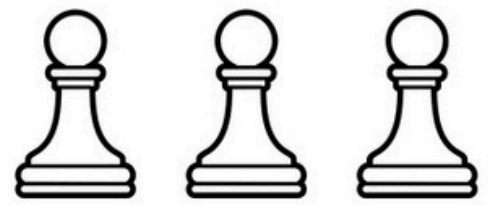
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rule in  
Chess is to  
**HAVE FUN!!**







## Chess Camp Scenes



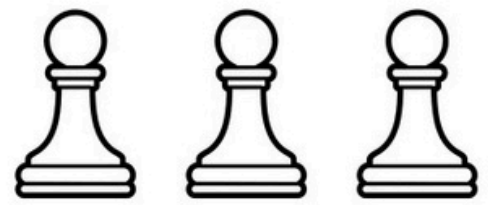
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Community Bank  
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## Partners

Central MS Regional Library System  
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MS Chess Association  
MS Scholastic Chess Association  
Capital City Chess Club  
Roosevelt State Park  
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City of Morton  
Town of Sebastopol  
King Registration  
Friends of Roosevelt State Park





## Highlights in Chess

### Chess is popular at State Fair

***Mississippi Chess Association sponsors exhibit***

The Scott County Chess Club joined forces with the Mississippi Chess Association to host an exhibit at the Mississippi State Fair on October 13 at the Trade Mart in Jackson.

Tables were set up with many chess sets for Fairgoers to sit and play if they already know the game, or ask questions about how the game is played. Information was also available about chess activities across the state.

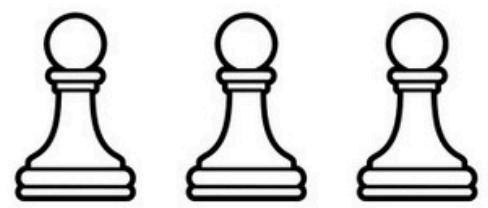
A new addition this year included a blitz tournament where players competed for complimentary memberships in the U.S. Chess Federation as a means to promote participation in other tournaments.

The exhibit was met with enthusiasm from visitors, some who have played the game for a while and others who played for the first time. Plans are underway to host exhibits at future state fairs.

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## 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, December 7, 9-11 am, Public Library, Forest  
This will be our regular meeting - everyone is welcome.
- \* **Roosevelt Chess Classic** - Scott County Chess Club hosting  
Saturday, November 9 - Roosevelt State Park, Morton
- \* **St. Augustine Fall Chess Tournament**  
Saturday, November 16 - St. Augustine School, Ridgeland
- \* **Northwest Chess Jamboree (scholastic) & Cleveland Open**  
Saturday, November 16 - Delta State University, Cleveland
- \* **Mississippi Quick and Blitz**  
Saturday, December 7 - Nissan Training Center, Canton
- \* **Capital City Chess Club - NEW LOCATION!**  
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



## 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.

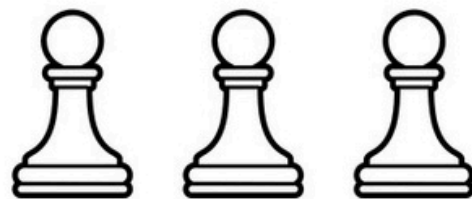
Some players enjoy just playing in a random tournament for fun and experiencing the opportunity to learn and grow. Other players are more competitive and really get into tournaments, seeking to win and advance as far as they can go. They may have aspirations for earning master, grandmaster status within 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 9 and our website for more information!**

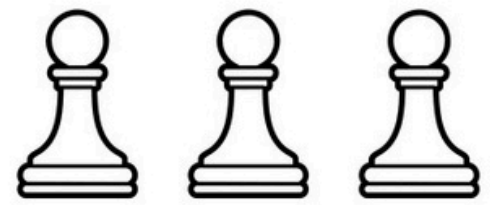
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**'A day  
without chess  
probably  
wouldn't kill  
you,  
but  
why risk  
it?'**







## Grow through chess tournaments

### Clocks and notation

When getting into playing tournaments, two major differences a player will find as opposed from casual play is the use of a **clock** and chess **notation**. These are adjustments that a player needs to bring into his participation, but they are not impossible to incorporate.

The clock simply keeps games from lasting forever and allows tournaments to run smoothly on schedule. It also teaches players the value of making decisions in a reasonable amount of time. While some traditional settings may use analog clocks for nostalgia purposes, most clocks using in modern tournaments are digital.

Notation is a means of players writing down their moves and those of their opponents using algebraic symbols and abbreviations. Notation allows players to keep track of their moves so if there is a question or dispute over the legality of a move during a tournament, a decision can be made by a tournament director. In most cases, notation is required when playing rated games.

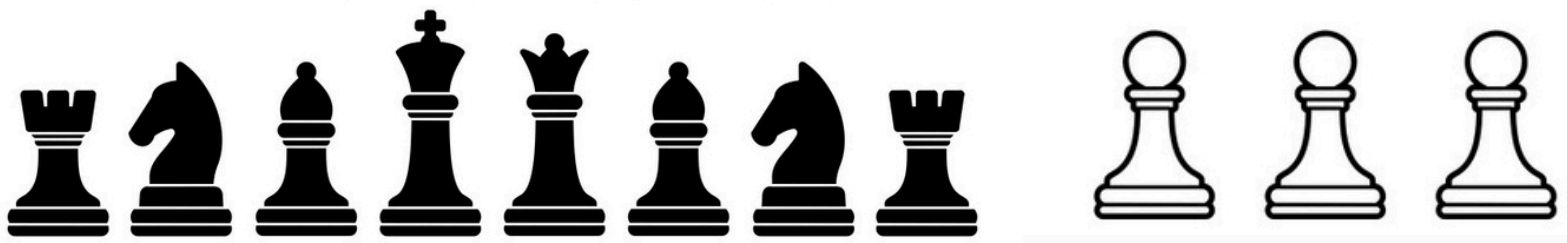
Even more valuable, notation allows players to keep their games for purposes of reviewing them later to see what mistakes may have been made. Chess teachers use notations with students in helping them improve. Notation also allows more experienced players to make their games available to other players to help them improve. It is widely used in chess publications where games are shared.



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Move	Player 1 White	Player 2 Black
1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bc4	Bc5
4	b4	Bxb4
5	c3	Ba5
6	d4	d6
7	Qb3	Qd7
8	O-O	Bb6
9	dxe5	Nxe5
10	Nxe5	dxe5
11	Rd1	Qe7
12	Ba3	Qf6
13	Bxf7+	Qxf7
14	Rd8+	Kxd8
15	Qxf7	Bd7
16	Qxg7	c6
17	Qxh8	Kc7
18	Qxe5+	Kd8
19	Bd6	Be8
20	Na3	Rc8
21	Rd1	Bd7
22	Qg5+	Ke8
23	Qxg8#	
Result	1	0



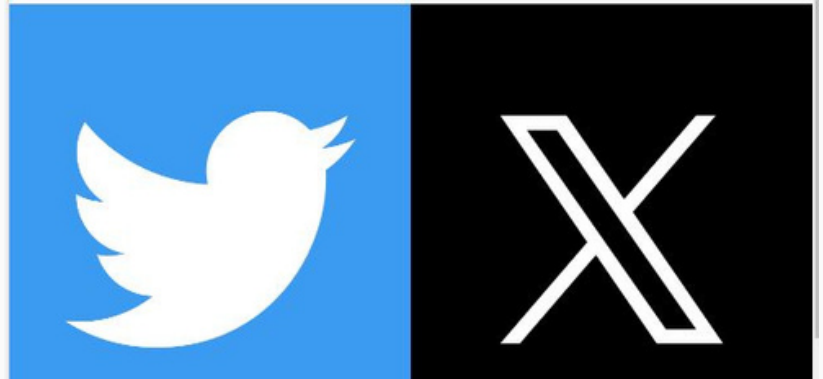


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