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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 5** 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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Chess News Highlights

Speed chess event held

Forest Chess Challenge is now an annual event



The annual Forest Chess Challenge was held August 15 in its third incarnation.

The Challenge essentially included two tournaments, one for Quick play and one for Blitz play and most of the players participated in both segments.

It was a down year for turnout this time as eight players gathered at Penn's restaurant in Forest. The Quick tournament ran five Swiss paired rounds with a time control of G/15. The Blitz tournament ran five Swiss paired rounds with a time control of G/5. There were no increments or delays.

Both sessions included two sections, Open and U1000, and cash prizes were awarded to first and second place winners respectively.

Chris Allen Baker, founder and coordinator of the Scott County Chess Club, said plans are underway to continue the series at least one more year. However, the search for a new location is underway.

"It was a good day for chess in Scott County and I appreciate everyone who traveled across the state to participate in our event," Baker said. "We will be seeking a new location for the tournament due to the permanent closure of Penn's. It was a great partnership for three years and I appreciate Penn's for their support of our club and chess activities."

The Forest Challenge is different from the two tournaments already offered including the Bienville Classic in the spring and Roosevelt Classic in the Fall, both which use G/45+3.

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Scott County Chess Club sponsored tournament

6th annual Roosevelt Chess Classic

MORTON – The 6th annual **Roosevelt Chess Classic tournament** is set for **Saturday, November 7, 2026,** 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. We had 59 players in 2023; set a new record in 2024 with 75 players and 50 players last year. Our combined turnout for all tournaments is now 540 players, including those returning and new players.

Registration is open! The listing is on King Registration with initial information which may have some changes. All details are now final.

Before we go any further, recognition goes to our past sponsors who generously donated funds to help make our 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, Group Camp Meeting Room, 2149 MS Highway 13, Morton

Exit 77 on Interstate 20

4 rounds – Swiss System – Game control: 45+3

active *U.S. Chess Federation membership and notation* ***required; All games are rated***

All Rated Sections - Open, U1200, U800, U400

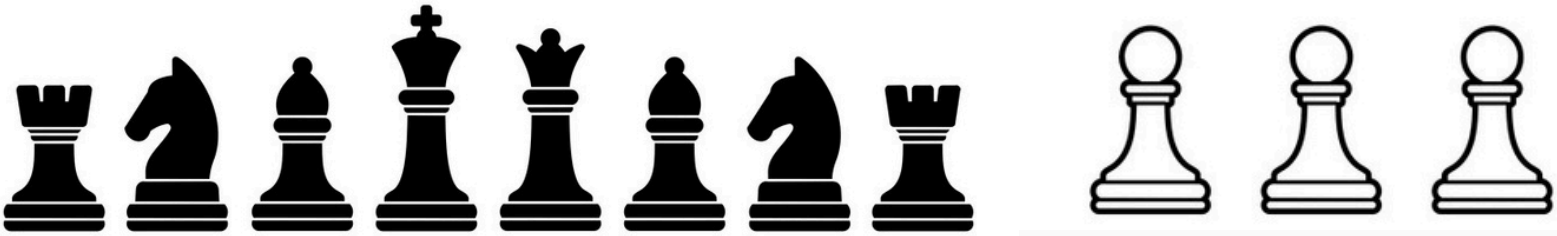
INDIVIDUALS

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 and independent teams are welcome.

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



2026 Roosevelt Chess Classic - continued

REGISTRATION Online: https://www.kingregistration.com/event/Roosevelt2026

Early Bird Discount: $35 per player

Discount expires at 11:59 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. **Regular rate: $40 per player begins**

Late and Onsite Registration: **$45 per player begins 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6**

No registrations accepted after 9 a.m. Nov. 7

TEAM REGISTRATION

Players wishing to form teams should designate a team captain who will register members together in one transaction.

School teams - Coaches should register players in same transaction

All teams should be registered by noon, Friday, November 6; Individuals' final deadline is 9 a.m. Nov. 7

*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. 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 (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.

Important Tournament Notes

Due to renovations to the Lodge, our tournament will move to the Group Camp Meeting Room on the other side of the lake. Signs will point the way.

- 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, there is no lobby; an outdoor patio is available.
- Concession food options will be available on site. Cash and electronic payments (CashApp) accepted
- Please submit any requests for change of section by 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6.

More information is available on our website scottcountychessclub.org

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