11th Annual Golden Buckeye Senior Open Chess Tournament

An Ohio Championship Event!
September 26-27, 2026
Salt Fork State Park, Cambridge, Ohio

A relaxed schedule, intimate atmosphere, rustic secluded venue and natural surroundings all combine to make a unique and memorable weekend! Must be 50 or older as of 12/31/26 to enter. Out of state players welcome! Held concurrently with the Salt Fork Adult Open, Seniors may enter either.

Site: Salt Fork State Park Lodge, www.saltforkstateparklodge.com, 11073 Natural Resources 3 Road, Kimbolton OH 43749 (near Cambridge). $149/night group room rate, special rates on cabins, some pet friendly. Call 800-ATA-PARK for reservations, ask for ***Golden Buckeye Chess Tournament*** room block (code GBCT2835). **Rooms are likely to sell out, reserve early to stay on site**, other hotels are 30 minutes away.

2 Sections Senior Championship, U1800. At organizer's discretion, U1800 may be combined with Salt Fork Adult Open for pairings and/or prizes.

Format: 5 round Swiss, G/75, d10. One ½-point bye rounds 1-4, commit by end of round 2. Sets provided**, *please bring clocks!*** Optional Friday evening blitz, details below. Bonfire social Saturday evening, weather permitting.

Prizes: Trophies, Door Prizes. *Ohio Senior Champion* title & trophy to top-finishing Ohio resident in Senior section.

Entry Fee: $50 for entries **paid** by 5pm 9/21, $60 thereafter. No checks at door. Enter online (check or credit card) or mail entry with check payable to Fellowship of the King Chess Club, c/o Grant Neilley, 13270 Saylor Rd, Baltimore, OH 43105. Refund less $5 admin fee if withdraw by noon 9/25, then 50% until end of registration. *Online entry/payment recommended due to increasing mail theft and delivery issues; if you choose to mail, send as early as possible to ensure receipt.*

Schedule: Registration Sat 9-9:45am, rounds 10-2:15-6:30; Sunday 9:30-1:30. Bonfire social Saturday evening, weather permitting. Side blitz tournament Friday evening, G5 d/2, register on site by 7:45pm, round 1 8pm. Entry fee $15, 60-70% paid out as prizes; pairings & rounds at TD discretion.

On line Registration Here or see website for link. **Flyer and paper entry form** at www.neilley.com/chess.
More Info: Grant Neilley, grant@neilley.com (preferred) or 614-314-1102.

BACK AGAIN!! Bring an interesting set or chess related item to display on Saturday. Best of Show prize as voted by players. Background info on items welcome but not required.

Note: The playing hall tends to be cool, consider an extra sweater or jacket and dress in layers.

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Entry Form

Three ways to enter:

1) Online at https://www.kingregistration.com/register/GBSO26 (recommended due to postal service issues and increasing mail theft).
2) Mail entry form with check or money order payable to Fellowship of the King Chess Club, c/o Grant Neilley, 13270 Saylor Rd, Baltimore, OH 43105; mail with ample time to be **received** by 9/21.
3) Enter on site, cash or credit card only, no checks. (Advance RSVPs appreciated.)

Section: ___ Senior Championship ___ U1800

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Email: Cell phone*: Other (optional):

(*number where we can reach you if needed during the event or when you're en route)

USCF ID: Expiration: Rating:

Date of Birth:

Entry Fee: $50 if paid by 9/21, $60 thereafter.

Optional: Request bye for round: __1* __2* __3 __4 __5
Limit one half-point bye, must request by end of round 2, all others zero-point byes.

Additional Comments, if any:

Hotel: Salt Fork State Park Lodge*, www.saltforkstateparklodge.com, 4755 Cadiz Rd, Lore City, OH 43755 (near Cambridge). $149/night group room rate Friday & Saturday evenings. Call 740-437-2751 or 800-ATA-PARK for reservations, ask for *Golden Buckeye Chess Tournament* room block, group rates on cabins too, some pet friendly. *Rooms likely to see out, reserve early to stay on site!* Offsite hotels are at least 30 minutes away.

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