

# The Southern Utah Chess Festival

## MOAB, UTAH -- JULY 4-6, 2002

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Barbeque
- Bughouse Tournament
- 7 round, USCF rated tournament
- "Moab Random Chess" tournament

**Tournament Prizes: \$1000 Prize Fund GUARANTEED:** \$250, \$100; u2150, u2000, u1850 each \$80, u1700, u1550, u1400 each \$65; u1200, u1000, unrated, each \$50. Upset prizes: \$50, \$25 (must have established USCF rating to qualify for upset prizes). Prizes get larger, proportional to entries, if there are more than 56 full entries. Bughouse and Moab Random Chess tournaments are just for fun; no cash prizes.

**Entry fee: \$39** (\$36 if received by 7/3, \$30 if received by 6/7). Players rated over 2300 play free; entry fee deducted from prize, register early for smaller deduction. \$5 discounts for seniors (over 62), juniors (under 20), unrated players, and Moab Chess Club members; may combine discounts. Bughouse and Moab Random Chess tournaments are free! Register Friday 8:30 to 9:15am, or at the Bughouse tournament on Thursday evening.

**Location:** The Moab Arts and Recreation Center ("The MARC"), 111 East 100 North Street, in Moab, Utah. Barbeque and Bughouse tournament at Rotary Park on Mill Creek Drive (see complete directions below).

**Round Times:** Friday 10, 1:30, 4, 7; Saturday 10, 1:30, 4. Half-point byes available any round if requested before pairings are made; round 6 and 7 byes must be arranged before round 2 begins. Players from the same club will not be paired against each other, if possible, unless otherwise requested. Accelerated pairings will be used in rounds 1 and 2, and prize-based pairings will be made in the final round. Bughouse tournament Thursday 6:30-9:30 at Rotary Park; Moab Random Chess tournament Saturday 7-9:30 at the MARC.

**Entries:** Make checks payable to Moab Chess Club. Send to Damian Nash, 3820 Kerby Lane, Moab, UT, 84532. Include full name, USCF ID#, expiration and rating. New and renewing USCF members also include mailing address, email address, phone number, gender, birth date and USCF membership dues (\$40 regular, \$32 without magazine, \$30 over age 64, \$20 under age 20, \$13 under age 15). For online payment go to [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) and send to [chess@krusemer.com](mailto:chess@krusemer.com), including all registration information in the message with the payment.

**Additional Events:** 4<sup>th</sup> of July barbeque and **Bughouse** party in the park! 6:30 to 9:30pm (before the fireworks) at Rotary Park on Mill Creek Drive across from Red Rock Elementary School. Bring chess sets, clocks, your own picnic and something to share. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the park. Come early and play Frisbee golf, volleyball, croquet, hackey-sack, music, etc. Stay Saturday for a **Moab Random Chess tournament** at the MARC, 7:00-9:30pm.

[Rules for Moab-Random Chess: There are two phases, the set-up and the game. The set-up phase begins with pawns in the usual second rank formation and all other pieces off the board. White moves first and players alternate turns, putting any white piece on any square on white's first rank, or any black piece on any square on black's first rank. Each player's bishops must start on opposite color squares. When all pieces are on the board, the game phase begins. Starting from the initial position, all USCF quick-chess rules apply, except that castling is replaced with "evacuation:" The king may move, once, to any unoccupied square on the first rank, except to escape check. Clocks are started at the beginning of the set-up phase.]

**MARC Location:** The Moab Arts and Recreation Center ("The MARC"), 111 East 100 North Street, in Moab, Utah. The play room has high ceilings, large windows, and wooden floors (please wear soft-sole shoes). Top boards may be on an elevated stage. Smoking and alcoholic beverages are not permitted inside the tournament site; food and beverages are allowed in the skittles rooms downstairs.

**Rotary Park Location:** On Mill Creek Drive, across from Red Rock Elementary School. Go to 400 East and find Dave's Corner Market near 300 South. Mill Creek drive starts in front of Dave's. Follow it for about 3-4 blocks; if you reach the stop sign you've gone too far. The park is to the right, set below the level of Mill Creek Drive.

**About Moab:** The area immediately surrounding Moab, Utah, has some of the most spectacular scenery in the world, including red rock canyons, towering arches and natural bridges, stunning buttes and pinnacles, the mighty Colorado River, and the majestic LaSal mountains that rise to nearly 13,000 feet. Moab is considered to be the mountain biking capital of the world, and is well-known and loved by photographers, river-runners, rock-climbers, painters, movie-makers, backpackers and 4-wheel drive enthusiasts. The community itself is a village of only 9000 permanent residents, yet hosts a disproportionate number of recreational and cultural events -- including a small but active chess club. Because millions of people visit Moab and the surrounding parks each year, it contains an unusual variety of tourist accommodations and attractions. July days are usually hot (high 90's) and sunny with short afternoon rain storms. Nights are warm and evenings and mornings are usually sublime. For more information visit [www.moab-utah.com](http://www.moab-utah.com) or [www.discovermoab.com](http://www.discovermoab.com).

**Accessibility:** Moab is located within a day's drive of several major metropolitan areas including: **Salt Lake City** (4.5 hours), **Denver** (6 hours), **Albuquerque** (7 hours), **Phoenix** (7.5 hours), and **Las Vegas** (8 hours). Moab has a small municipal airport served by United and Frontier Airlines. Car rental, shuttle and taxi service is available from the airport to downtown Moab. A mid-sized airport in Grand Junction, Colorado, 2 hours away (airline code GJT) hosts several major airlines and has more competitive rates. The closest international airport is in Salt Lake City; daily shuttle service goes directly from the SLC airport to downtown Moab. Greyhound stops in Crescent Junction (30 miles North of Moab), Amtrak stops in Green River (1 hour from Moab). For shuttle and more travel information visit [www.moab-utah.com](http://www.moab-utah.com) or [www.discovermoab.com](http://www.discovermoab.com).

**Lodging:** Special chess rates are available at all of the following until June 20th: For **groups and families**, the best location is the Red Valle Homes (a pleasant mobile home park converted into a guest lodge, one block from the tournament site), 435-259-5408. The Red Rock Lodge and Rustic Inn are **decent motels owned by local chess players** (both are 2 blocks from the tournament site) 877-207-9708 and 435-259-6177. The Lazy Lizard Hostel has the **least expensive** group and individual rates (approx. 1 mile from the tournament site), 435-259-6057. The Gonzo Inn is Moab's **classiest** hotel, and has bedroom suites that sleep 4-6 (about 5 blocks from the tournament site), 800-464-6696. The Castle Valley Inn (19 gorgeous miles from tournament site) has the most **spectacular scenery**, 888-466-6012. The Portal Campground gives **RV campers** nice facilities and incredible views (about 1.5 miles from the tournament site), 800-574-2028. Up the Creek Campground has peaceful, creek-side, **tent camping** (4 blocks to tournament site) 435-259-6995. Beautiful **camping near town** can be found at BLM campsites along the Colorado River (Hwy 128), Moonflower Canyon along Kane Creek Road, or the Sandflats Recreation Area (inquire locally for directions). For showers visit The Lazy Lizard Hostel or Up the Creek Campground. To find other lodging visit the website [www.moab-utah.com](http://www.moab-utah.com) or [www.discovermoab.com](http://www.discovermoab.com).

**Food:** A dozen excellent restaurants with good prices are located near the tournament site. Fast-food chain restaurants are also available on Main Street, less than a mile from the tournament; Wendys is 2-blocks away. There are two large supermarkets in Moab, and an excellent health-food store (located 1 block west of the tournament site, across from the post-office). For Moab dining information, visit [www.moabdiningguide.com](http://www.moabdiningguide.com).

**Connectivity:** Internet access is available at the Red Rock Bakery and Internet Café, located three blocks from the tournament site on Main Street. Good cell phone reception is available in Moab but is spotty or non-existent in the canyons and remote areas around Moab. Check with your service provider for more information.

**Recreation:** For more information about Moab's extraordinary recreation opportunities visit [www.moab-utah.com](http://www.moab-utah.com) or [www.discovermoab.com](http://www.discovermoab.com). For golf information visit [www.discovermoab.com/golfing.htm](http://www.discovermoab.com/golfing.htm).