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Heard about the National Chess Day? Learn all you need to know about the game of kings right here. Checkmate

INTRODUCTION

National Chess Day is celebrated on the second Saturday of October in the U.S. If you have attempted to be athletic but cannot catch a ball to save your life then chess is the sport for you, pick up a chessboard, challenge yourself intellectually and celebrate with us today.

The game of chess goes back as far as 1500 years and it is said to have originated in the North of India, Chess is a game that can be enjoyed by people of all ages, you know you are better than everyone else when you can play chess. It is called the game of kings for a reason.

EXCERPTS

Wipe your chess boards as we dive into the most intellectually and mentally stimulating game of all time.

HISTORY

You don't have to be a professional chess player with an intelligence quotient of 150 to pick up a chessboard, you can enjoy a thrilling game with family and friends or with a stranger miles away from your mobile phone.

Chess is an ancient, beautiful game played between two players on a square board, it is made up of 64 squares, with two interchanging dark and light colors. Each player has a king, queen, 2 rooks, 2 bishops, 2 knights, and 8 pawns.

Despite amassing great players such as Bobby Fischer that reigned supreme within 1960-1970, the U.S. did not have a specific day celebrating chess devotees, competitors, and the beauty of the game until the 38th president of the United States, Gerald Ford declared October 9, 1976, the National Chess Day which is celebrated annually.

He was not a chess player but he acknowledged the importance of chess asserting that it sharpened the mind and encouraged healthy competition. National Chess Day is a day to celebrate chess enthusiasts, the history of chess, how chess has connected people around the world and changed many lives.

Chess can be dated back to the sixth century and is said to emerge from India, found its way to Persia, was adopted by the Muslim community and subsequently southern Europe. One of the earliest forms of chess was a war game called Chaturanga from India and gradually evolved into Chaturanga two-player game.

The first international chess tournament was held in 1851 and by the nineteenth century, chess had become a modern-day sport. The United States chess federation is the body that regulates

chess in the United States, a representative of FIDE (Fédération Internationale des Echés) in the U.S.

Key moments in National Chess Day History

Sixth century B.C

Chess was born

Chess originated in the sixth century about 1500 years ago

1924

FIDE was Born

Federation Internationale de Echecs also called the World Chess Federation was founded in the year as the overseeing body that unites all national chess federations in the world

1886

First World Champion

Wilhelm Steinitz, an Austrian chess player, was the first official world chess champion.

1939

The Matrimony of chess in the U.S.

The United States Chess Federation USCF was formed by the merger of the chess federation and the National chess federation, was created to preside over the activities of chess in the U.S.

HOW TO CELEBRATE OR OBSERVE NATIONAL CHESS DAY

1. Play some Chess

Buy a Chessboard if you don't have one and play some chess with family and friends, organizing mini-tournaments with incentives attached, you can also play on a computer or phone.

2. Teach someone how to play.

Teach a newbie about chess, you can go to a school where young and bright minds are gathered, and pass on your knowledge to the next generation.

3. Read about chess.

There is a wide range of books and articles on chess that will help you sharpen your techniques and skills. You are already on the right path by reading this one, Grandmaster.

4. Watch the "Queen's Gambit on Netflix"

Sit down, hit the sofa, relax and binge watch episodes of the Queen's gambit with family and friends, Netflix, and chill.

5 Facts About Chess That You Don't Know

1. **Grandmaster** The term grandmaster is the highest title a chess player can attain, it is a status of esteem and only a few players have attained it.
2. **Russians love chess**
Russia loves chess, this is evident by the fact that the country has the most number of grandmasters. It is a common sight to see people hovering over a chessboard battling it out on the field of play. The present Grandmaster is Margnus Carlsen
3. **Checkmate** The word checkmate is coined from the phrase Shah Mat which means the King is dead
4. **Game of Kings** Chess is also known as the game of kings as it was restricted to royalty and a certain social class for some time.
5. **The queen**
The queen is the only chess piece that represents a female and is the most powerful and can be moved in a straight direction, vertically, horizontally, or diagonally.

Why we love National Chess Day

A) Great mental exercise

Chess is a mentally stimulating game, it builds multiple skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, improves memory and the ability to plan to foresee moves that your opponents might take. It opens the mind and is a great way to spend free time.

B) Chess has changed lives. Chess has improved the living conditions of many individuals, creating a source of income and increasing their purchasing power. Some organizations take this game to orphanages or slums to discover bright minds and talented individuals.

A fine example is Tanitoluwa Adewunmi, who won the 2019 K- 3 New York state championship at the tender age of 8 and is currently a chess master at the age of 10, he was formerly a Nigerian refugee living in a homeless shelter in Manhattan.

C) A day to celebrate Chess

The game of chess has brought various individuals from different parts of the world together, people from different cultures with one passion, Chess. It improves social relationships, communication skills, and the spirit of sportsmanship. National Chess day is a day to celebrate the beauty of chess.

Frequently asked questions

Is there a National Chess Day

Yes, there is a National Chess Day and it is celebrated on the second Saturday of October

Why is chess day celebrated

Chess day is celebrated to celebrate all players of all ages of the game in the United States, the history and the beauty of chess.

What Country is the strongest in chess

Russia is the country with the most grandmasters and is the number one in chess, with the U.S. following