Chess Comes to Ocean County Parks

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Chess has arrived in Ocean County. With the recent rise of popularity of chess in the past few years, the rise of new chess players has followed suit. Ocean County Parks and Recreation offers chess classes for new players as well as savvy veterans.

The first class being offered is Pushing Pawns in the Park. This class is offered to arrange a time and place for people of all skill levels, ages and backgrounds to come and play multiple games of chess against many different people. Staff is also there to teach and answer questions if needed.

The second class will be Beginners Chess. This class is designed to teach all the basics of an intricate game. The class goes over how pieces move, basic strategies and more.

The goal of these classes is to attract people to learn and play chess in the Ocean County Parks while hopefully making friends and memories in the process. Chess may not be the first program that comes to mind when thinking about Parks and Recreation. Other unusual programs are offered like the disc golf or foot golf programs. These programs are not as well known, but offer great gratification and relaxation.

Both are similar to golf, but are played with a disc and soccer ball respectfully. Field hockey and lacrosse classes are provided for those wanting to learn the basics or even just to have some fun. The Ocean County Parks and Recreation Department offer classes of all types for all ages and aim to serve the public in the best ways possible. For more information, you can contact **sfoley@co.ocean.nj.us**.