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All Rounds begin at 1:00 p.m.  
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Wednesday, November 24	Round One
Thursday, November 25*	Round Two (Begins @ Noon)
Friday, November 26	Round Three
Saturday, November 27	Free Day (Kid's Simul)
Sunday, November 28	Round Four
Monday, November 29	Round Five
Tuesday, November 30	Round Six
Wednesday, December 1	Free Day (School Visits)
Thursday, December 2	Round Seven
Friday, December 3	Round Eight
Saturday, December 4	Round Nine
Sunday, December 5	Playoffs To be determined Awards Ceremony, 5 pm

### Kid's Simul

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Saturday, November 27th  
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GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

November 24, 2004

*U.S. Chess Championship*

We are pleased to send our warm greetings on the occasion of the U.S. Chess Championship Tournament.

The Golden State is proud to host stimulating events that showcase the talent and skill of Americans. This tournament marks a rebirth of the U.S. Chess Championship national title and brings hundreds of chess enthusiasts together to test their abilities and challenge other players. I salute each of the competitors for your commitment to excellence in chess.

I also congratulate the organizers and supporters of this tournament for your efforts to promote the use of chess in education. Playing chess enhances cognitive development and improves children's critical thinking abilities. Your cultivation of these vital skills benefits our youth and continues the great American chess tradition.

Thank you for your efforts, and please accept our best wishes for a successful tournament.

Sincerely,

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Arnold Schwarzenegger

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It is with great pleasure to welcome the U.S. Chess Championship players to San Diego, California. San Diego offers the perfect setting for the country's foremost chess tournament. For nine-days, the country's best players will be vying for the title of U.S. Champion in America's Finest City. The 2005 tournament will be the most exciting competition play ever.

America's Foundation for Chess (AF4C), was founded in June 2000 to invest in the education of our children and to bring chess into our cultural fabric. AF4C partnered with the United States Chess Federation to host the U.S. Championship, the highest level of competition in the United States.

We are proud to join with the NTC Foundation this year as we move the tournament to San Diego. The NTC Foundation is committed to bringing significant events to San Diego that will further their mission of bringing innovative experiences to this great region. Together, our organizations are increasing the awareness of the benefits of chess to a broader audience.

The 2005 U.S. Chess Championship will set new standards for national chess excellence, but also forward the Foundation's mission to strengthen the minds and character of young people by advancing chess in our schools and culture.

By bringing this tournament of elites to San Diego, we establish chess as a valued component of American culture. Young children learning chess across the country have something to strive toward – to one day become the holder of the U.S. Championship Title. It will provide them with role models to emulate and a reason to keep playing.

We wish to acknowledge and thank all of this year's sponsors. We are proud to have Chessmaster return as the title sponsor and ZMD as presenting sponsor. Their contribution is much appreciated and allows the tournament to continue to flourish.

All the best moves,

Erik Anderson  
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On behalf of the NTC Foundation Board of Directors, we welcome the U.S. Chess Championship players, families and sponsors to San Diego – America's Finest City. We are proud to be partners with America's Foundation for Chess in bringing the nation's elite tournament to San Diego. Paralleling values of enriching people's lives through learning and engaging activities, the NTC Foundation and AF4C joined together to bring this elite championship here. It is a great move for San Diego.

The City of San Diego is known for its extraordinary setting and a natural beauty that enriches the daily lives of its people. Inspired by a wealth of natural resources, the citizenry have built a community which reflects its surroundings. San Diego has been the host city for many widely-watched events – NFL Super Bowl, National Baseball All Star Game and World Series. And now – the U.S. Chess Championship will make its home in San Diego – and in 2006 will be at the NTC Promenade.

NTC Promenade will be the flagship for arts, culture, science and technology that will reflect, advance and strengthen San Diego as a Center for Innovation and Creativity. The center will be home to hundreds of non profit organizations offering enriching and interactive experiences for resident and visitors year-round.

From the traditional opening ceremonies to the final checkmate, the U.S. Championship will be a significant new event for San Diego.

We wish all the players the best of luck!

Sincerely,

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Phil Blair  
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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR TITLE SPONSOR

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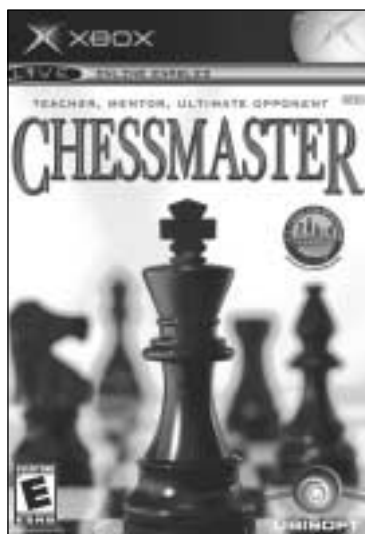
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We wish all the players good luck and happy gaming.

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# Changing the Face of The U.S. Chess Championship

The mission of America's Foundation for Chess (AF4C) is to strengthen the minds and character of young people by advancing chess in American schools and culture. AF4C advances chess in American schools by organizing scholastic chess programs that utilize its First Move chess curriculum. AF4C advances chess in American culture by hosting the U.S. Chess Championships.



Since taking over the running of the historic national title in 2000, AF4C has made several innovative changes to revitalize the Championships - the most significant of which was the integration of men, women and juniors all competing for the first time in an event that is now open for all Americans to qualify for.

## More People Compete For National Titles

Seventeen top-rated players (12 men, 5 women) – including the 2003 U.S. Champion Alexander Shabalov and the 2004 U.S. Women's Champion Jennifer Shahade, the 2003 and 2004 U.S. Junior Champions, Varuzhan Akobian and Lev Milman, and the 2002 and 2003 USCF Grand Prix Champion Aleks Wojtkiewicz – were automatically seeded into the event. For the first time, an online Champion of Champions event hosted by the Internet Chess Club saw Ronald Burnett of Tennessee become the first qualifier from all the State Champions. Making up the rest of the field will be 43 additional players (33 men, 10 women) who survived the qualifying events held at the National Open, Foxwoods Open, the Chicago Open, the World Open, the U.S. Open and the North American Open. This open-competition format has also allowed many young, non-titled players to compete for the first time for a cherished spot in the national championship.

In addition, AF4C will utilize two wild card spots, agreed to by the USCF, to further our mission of promoting chess. AF4C's Wild Card committee voted to invite returning superstar Gata Kamsky after a five-year lay-off from the game, who will be this year's top seed, as well as 14-year-old Salvijus Bercys, the #1 U.S. rated player under the age of 16.

## Richest Prize in U.S. Chess Championship History

AF4C has consistently boosted the prize fund since taking over in 2000, and this year the prize fund for the 2005 U.S. Chess Championships is a record \$253,600. This unprecedented amount - with \$25,000 slotted for the winner - should encourage more Americans to pursue a career in chess so that one day soon America finds its next Bobby Fischer – an American-born world champion who cultivated a new-found fascination with chess around the world.



# PLAYING FORMAT

## Time Control

Each player starts with 100 minutes on the clock, during which time he or she must complete the first 40 moves. After 40 moves, 50 minutes are added to the clock and 20 more moves must be completed. After a total of 60 moves, 10 more minutes are added to the clock for all remaining moves. In addition, the clock automatically adds 30 seconds each time the player has completed his/her move (the Fischer Method).

## The Nine-Round Swiss System

The Championships are a nine-round Swiss system. The Swiss system is a pairing method that determines how the players are matched against one another. In each round the players with the same number of points will combat each other. After each round the pool of players with the highest score will become smaller so that hopefully after 9 rounds one victor will emerge. If after nine rounds one or more people tie for first, a tiebreak will be played after the last round to determine the winner and prize money distribution.

## Tiebreaks

In case of a final tie for first place, the tie(s) will be broken through a playoff(s). The playoff(s) will be completed prior to the closing ceremony. Time, place and schedule will be announced as soon as possible after the tied players are known. Rules and regulations, covering all anticipated solutions, will be available prior to the first round.



## Chief Arbiter, Carol Jarecki

Ms. Jarecki is both a National Tournament Director and FIDE International Arbiter. She has been chief arbiter of a large array of chess events from multi-thousand-player scholastic tournaments to world championship matches such as the one between Kasparov and Anand at the top of the World Trade Center. She was the arbiter at the famous Kasparov/IBM Deep Blue match in New York.

## Media Information

During Championship days only, contact **Press Officer John Henderson** for information and results. **Tel: 206-229-9233 or [jbhthescots@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jbhthescots@yahoo.co.uk)**

Local San Diego media contact is **Toni Robin**, **Tel: 619-226-1491 or [trobin@ntcfoundation.org](mailto:trobin@ntcfoundation.org)**

Press room is located in the La Jolla Canyon meeting room.

Information and results will also be available on the U.S. Championship web site: **[www.uschesschampionship.com](http://www.uschesschampionship.com)**

## Live Commentary

International Masters John Donaldson and John Watson will provide game commentaries during the playing days of the U.S. Chess Championships. The commentaries will be in the Scripps Ballroom, 2:00 PM onwards.

## Live Web Coverage

All games of the U.S. Chess Championships will be broadcasted live on the Internet at the U.S. Championships Web site. Please visit **[www.uschesschampionship.com](http://www.uschesschampionship.com)** for details.

# PLAYING FIELD

	<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Rating</b>		
1	Grandmaster	Gata Kamsky	2777	Brooklyn	New York
2	Grandmaster	Gregory Kaidanov	2730	Lexington	Kentucky
3	Grandmaster	Alexander Goldin	2705	Lexington	New Jersey
4	Grandmaster	Boris Gulko	2705	Laura	New Jersey
5	Grandmaster	Igor Novikov	2690	Brooklyn	New York
6	Grandmaster	Alexander Shabalov	2689	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
7	Grandmaster	Alexander Onischuk	2680	Baltimore	Maryland
8	Grandmaster	Hikaru Nakamura	2676	White Plains	New York
9	Grandmaster	Ildar Ibraigimov	2671	West Haven	Connecticut
10	Grandmaster	Varuzhan Akobian	2665	N. Hollywood	California
11	Grandmaster	Alexander Yermolinsky	2642	El Cajon	California
12	Grandmaster	Alexander Stripunsky	2640	Rego Park	New York
13	Grandmaster	Alexander Ivanov	2633	Newton	Massachusetts
14	Grandmaster	Nick De Firmian	2626		Netherlands
15	International Master	Ben Finegold	2621	Ann Arbor	Michigan
16	Grandmaster	Joel Benjamin	2620	New York	New York
17	Grandmaster	Larry Christiansen	2611	Cambridge	Massachusetts
18	Grandmaster	Sergey Kudrin	2607	Stamford	Connecticut
19	Grandmaster	Gregory Serper	2598	Bellevue	Washington
20	Grandmaster	Aleks Wojtkiewicz	2590	Halethorpe	Maryland
21	Grandmaster	Yury Shulman	2590	Levittown	New York
22	Grandmaster	Julio Becerra	2582	Miami	Florida
23	International Master	Eugene Perlshteyn	2579	Swampscott	Massachusetts
24	Grandmaster	Alexander Fishbein	2575	New Providence	New Jersey
25	Grandmaster	Dmitry Gurevich	2551	Chicago	Illinois
26	International Master	Levon Altounian	2546	Tucson	Arizona
27	International Master	Renier Gonzalez	2536	Miami	Florida
28	International Master	Yury Lapshun	2527	Brooklyn	New York
29	Grandmaster	Walter Browne	2508	Berkeley	California
30	International Master	Stanislav Kriventsov	2504	Baton Rouge	Louisiana
31	International Master	Dmitry Schneider	2503	New City	New York
32	International Master	Jesse Kraai	2493	Sante Fe	New Mexico
33	Fide Master	Tegshuren Enkhbat	2481	Ellicot City	Maryland
34	International Master	Irina Krush	2472	Brooklyn	New York

	<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Rating</b>		
35	Fide Master	Marcel Martinez	2466	Miami	Florida
36	Fide Master	Joshua Friedel	2464	Goffstown	New Hampshire
37	Women's Grandmaster	Anna Zatonskih	2459	Bowling Green	Ohio
38	Fide Master	Lev Milman	2455	Woodbury	New York
39	Fide Master	Stephen Muhammad	2455	Columbus	Georgia
40	Grandmaster	Anatoly Lein	2436	Shaker Heights	Ohio
41	International Master	Ronald Burnett	2423	Antioch	Tennessee
42	Fide Master	Dmitry Zilberstein	2419	Fremont	California
43		Salvijus Bercys	2418	Brooklyn	New York
44	Fide Master	Brucci Lopez	2417	Miami	Florida
45	International Master	Blas Lugo	2413	Miami	Florida
46	Fide Master	Matthew Hoekstra	2409	Charlotte	North Carolina
47	Fide Master	Robby Adamson	2400	Phoenix	Arizona
48	Women's Grandmaster	Rusudan Goletiani	2375	Hartsdale	New York
49	Women's International Master	Jennifer Shahade	2346	Brooklyn	New York
50		Fabio LaRota	2336	Miami Beach	Florida
51		Michael Casella	2329	Irvine	California
52	National Master	Jake Kleiman	2310	Memphis	Tennessee
53	Women's Fide Master	Tatev Abrahamyan	2305	Glendale	California
54	Women's International Master	Anna Hahn	2256	New York	New York
55		Battsetseg Tsagaan	2238	Ellicott City	Maryland
56	International Master	Cyrus Lakdawala	2545	San Diego	California
57	Women's Fide Master	Laura Ross	2195	Forest Hills	New York
58	Women's International Master	Esther Epstein	2178	Newton	Massachusetts
59	Women's Fide Master	Olga Sagalchick	2154	Brooklyn	New York
60		Chouchanik Airapetian	2149	Mountlake Terrace	Washington
61		Vanessa West	2119	Gardena	New York
62	Women's Fide Master	Anna Levina	2099	Fayetteville	New York
63		Iryna Zenyuk	2094	New York	New York
64		Tatiana Vayserburg	2037	Brooklyn	New York

# AWARDS AND PRIZES

## Prize Fund

This year America's Foundation for Chess and the NTC Foundation are proud to award a \$253,600 prize fund. The prize categories are as follows:

### OVERALL

<b>1ST</b>	\$25,000
<b>2ND</b>	\$17,000
<b>3RD</b>	\$13,000
<b>4TH</b>	\$10,200
<b>5TH</b>	\$ 8,100
<b>6-9TH</b>	\$ 5,200
<b>10-14TH</b>	\$ 4,500
<b>15-24TH</b>	\$ 3,650
<b>25-34TH</b>	\$ 2,850
<b>35-44TH</b>	\$ 2,600
<b>45-54TH</b>	\$ 2,400
<b>55-64TH</b>	\$ 2,200

### WOMEN

<b>1ST</b>	\$12,500
<b>2ND</b>	\$ 9,200
<b>3RD</b>	\$ 7,100
<b>4TH</b>	\$ 5,500

The four highest placed women will receive only one cash prize, depending on their final classification.



## **U.S. CHESS CHAMPION TROPHY**

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## **Bent Larsen Championship Prize**

The organizers of the U.S. Championship proudly announce an exciting additional prize for this year's event. We want to give special recognition to players who consistently bring fighting spirit to the tournament, who decline the easy and perhaps convenient draw, and find ways to carry their games to exciting and successful conclusions. Hence, Professor Jim Roberts, Co-Founder of America's Foundation for Chess, his wife Pam and their children, Jacob and Emma, have generously donated a \$5,000 cash prize to reward the player who "brings it to the table" when it matters.

The Roberts family considers that the legendary and always gracious Bent Larsen of Denmark is the player who has best captured this ideal of over-the-board courage.

The winner or winners will be chosen by Jim Roberts in association with the organizers of the U.S. Championship. Their decision will be final.



## GM Joel Benjamin

Grandmaster Joel Benjamin was born in 1964 in the Big Apple. At the tender age of 13 he broke Bobby Fischer's record by becoming the youngest-ever U.S. Master. As a junior player Joel accomplished the rare feat of winning the National Elementary title (1976), the National Junior High crown (1978), and the National High School title (1980-81).

Other triumphs have included the U.S. Junior Championship in 1980 and 1982 and the U.S. Open Championship in 1985, a year in which Joel also found time to graduate from Yale University. He earned the Grandmaster title a year later. Joel was U.S. Champion in 1987, 1997 and 2000. He appeared in the movie "Searching for Bobby Fischer" and was hired by IBM as a consultant for supercomputer Deep Blue in its successful match against Garry Kasparov in 1997.

In 1998 the personable New Yorker was voted "Grandmaster of the Year" by the U.S. Chess Federation. This year Joel is competing in his 22nd consecutive U.S. Championship, a record!



## GM Boris Gulko

Grandmaster Boris Gulko was born in the former East Germany, but spent most of his early years in the Soviet Union. Boris became an international master in 1975 and a grandmaster in 1976 - just one year after that, he won one of the strongest tournaments of the time: the national championship of the USSR.

However, during the late 70's, political persecution thwarted a promising career. Boris and his wife Anna attempted to emigrate and had to endure persecution and even imprisonment.

Beaten by the KGB while a political prisoner, he engaged in a 40-day hunger strike in protest that brought international attention to his cause. Boris and Anna weren't allowed in top-level chess competition until 1986 when, under international pressure, the authorities granted them exit visas. Today the Gulkos live in Fairlawn, New Jersey.

Boris has won the U.S. championship in 1994 and 1999, and is the only player in to have won both the U.S. and Soviet championships. One of the few players with a plus score against Garry Kasparov (3-1), Boris has been a candidate for the World Championship title several times and has represented the U.S. team ten times at chess Olympiads and was a member of the team that brought home the gold during the World Team Championship event in Lucerne, 1993.



## GM Alexander Shabalov Defending Champion

Born in Latvia in 1967, defending champion Alexander Shabalov discovered the game of chess by watching his father play. He soon proved to be a promising talent by winning the highly competitive Under 16 Championship of the Soviet Union in 1982.

He studied chess under former world chess champion Mikhail Tal, and in 1988 chose the career of being a professional player; going on to become a grandmaster in 1991.

With the Soviet Union beginning to crumble, Shabalov and his wife left in 1992 and settled in Pittsburgh. They have two daughters, Anna, 15, and Kathy, 11.

In 1993 Alex won both the prestigious U.S. Open and the U.S. Championship sharing the latter title with Alexander Yermolinsky. In 2000 Alex, won the U.S. Championship together with Yasser Seirawan and Joel Benjamin. Winning his third title in 2003 proved to be a major turning point in Alexander's career, as he went on to win practically every top tournament in the U.S. since to become the country's leading money winner in the game.

Alex debuted for the U.S. team during the 1994 Moscow Olympiad, played second board at the Elista Olympiad, and only last month in Spain played his part in the U.S. team scoring fourth place at the Calvia Olympiad. Alexander is regarded as an "Open warrior" on the tournament circuit, and is often seen playing in events both in the U.S. and Europe.



## WGM Irina Krush

Born in Odessa, USSR (now the Ukraine) in 1983, Irina Krush is widely known for her series of chess training videos, the "Krushing Attacks" series.

Krush gained fame both inside and outside chess circles during the well-publicized "Kasparov versus The World" chess match in 1999 sponsored by Microsoft. Garry Kasparov played the white pieces and the Internet public voted on moves for the black pieces, guided by Krush and three other young chess experts. Thanks to Krush's efforts, the game was a splendid brawl, and the outcome was in doubt for more than fifty moves before Kasparov eventually won - but only after controversy when the World failed to play a Krush recommended move that could have saved the day.

Irina became the youngest woman ever to compete in the U.S. Women's Chess Championship, at age 11. A Master at age 12, Irina won the 1998 US Women's Chess Championship at the age of 14, and this year is the #1 seeded woman player.

Already a holder of the Women's Grandmaster (WGM) title, Irina also holds the title of International Master (IM) and has one of three tournament results (norms) necessary to qualify for a full International Grandmaster (GM) title. Last month in Spain, Irina was a leading member of the U.S. Women's team that captured the silver medal at the Calvia Olympiad - the first time the U.S. team has ever won a women's medal in a world team competition.



## WIM Jennifer Shahade

Women's International Master Jennifer Shahade discovered chess through her father. She likes the emotional intensity of the game and the joys of a critical win or a brilliant combination.

Her biggest chess accomplishments are U.S. Junior Open Champion in 1998 and a steadily improving record in the U.S. Women's Championship: 1997 - fourth place, 1998 - third place, 1999 - second place. The 2002 Championships became the jewel in the crown when Jennifer became the Women's Champion for the first time in a field that saw men and women compete for the titles together. Her final score of 5.0/9 gave her the additional satisfaction of earning her first International Master norm to become only the second U.S. woman in history to accomplish this level of excellence in chess competition.

After losing out in playoff in 2003 to Anna Hahn, during the summer Jenny recaptured her U.S. Women's Championship title and thus is the defending women's champion. With Irina Krush, Jenny was a member of the U.S. Women's team that captured silver at the Calvia Olympiad.

Currently Jennifer is a full-time student at New York University. She has been teaching chess part time for the last four years for Chess in the Schools, a non-profit organization based in New York and has found teaching chess to enthusiastic students to be great fun.



## GM Hikaru Nakamura

This unassuming teenager from White Plains, New York, who loves spaghetti, tennis and ping pong, is the brightest American star since Bobby Fischer.

Hikaru Nakamura was born in Japan and moved to the U.S. when he was two years old. He began playing chess at the age of seven and reached the level of National Master within a mere two and a half years. He holds a whole clutch of national youth titles and is the youngest American ever to earn the master title, which he achieved at the age of 10 years and 79 days.

Now 16 years old, Hikaru is already ranked among the world's elite players, and is currently the highest-rated player in the world at 16 and under with a world rating of 2601 on the July 2004 list. Recently, he scored several impressive victories in the 2004 FIDE World Championship held in Tripoli, Libya in June. In the 128 player knock-out format, he reached the quarter finals.

An active tournament player, Hikaru competes extensively both internationally and around the U.S. Hikaru holds the record for being the youngest American grandmaster ever. He earned his title in February 2003 at the age of 15 years 2 months, eclipsing the earlier record set in 1958 by former World Champion, Bobby Fischer.

Book signing and reading  
by Janet Wong, author of  
Alex and the Wednesday Chess Club



# COOL KIDS PLAY CHESS

Play with National Chess Champions

**WHAT:** Kid's Chess Simul – Beginners and Advanced Welcome  
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**WHEN:** 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Saturday, November 27, 2004

**WHERE:** Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.  
Enter through Gate 4 located off of Pacific Hwy.

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**COST:** \$5.00

**SIMUL PLAYER GOODIES:** Chessmaster CD, T-shirt, and a Chess Set

**LESSON PARTICIPANTS GOODIES:** Chessmaster CD

**PRE-REGISTRATION:** Dawn Spears dawn@af4c.org  
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Register early. Space is limited. Players and Lesson Participants check-in before 10:30 a.m.

Note: Base visitors have access to the Simul building and parking lot only.

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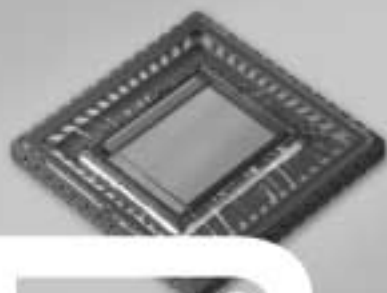
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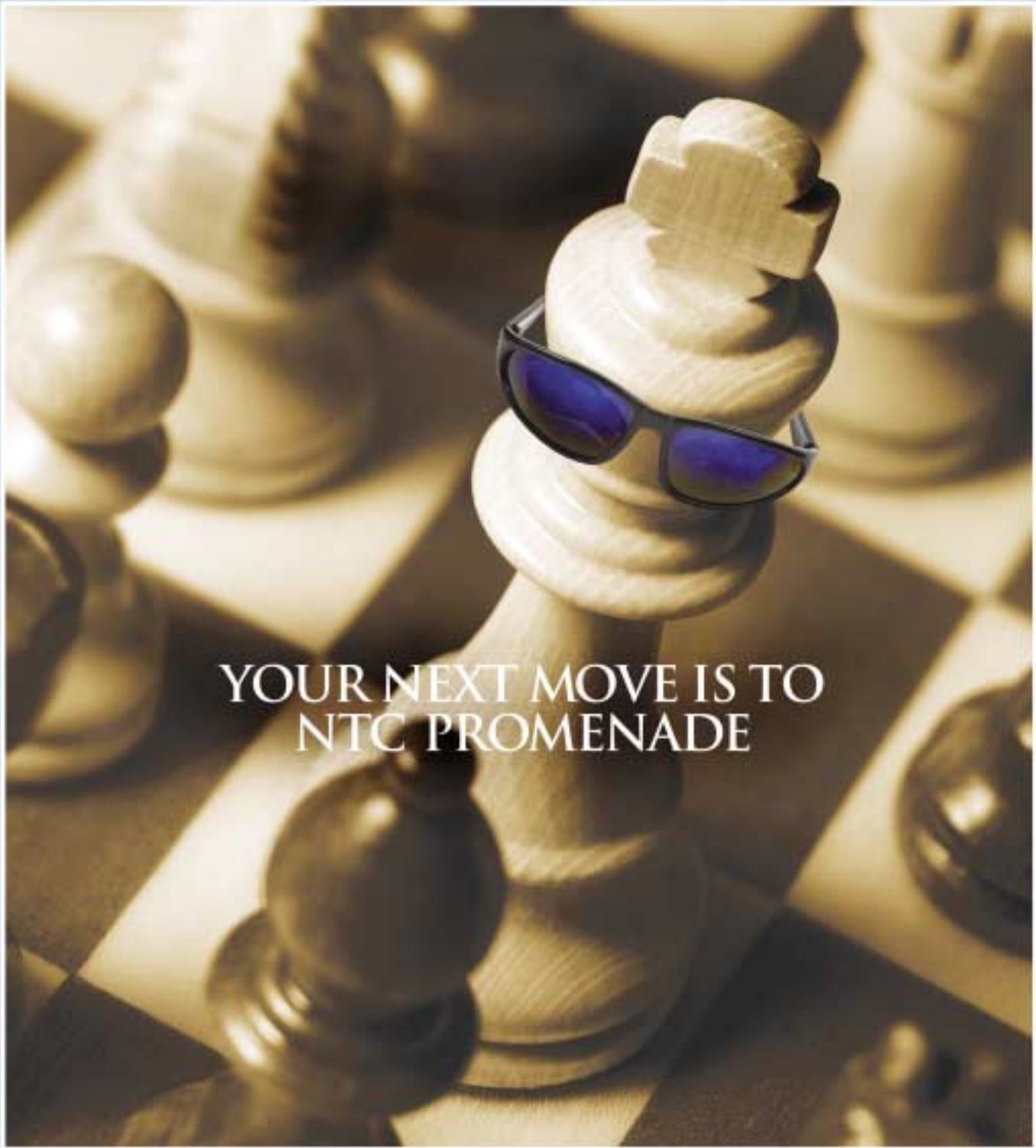
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