



## A NEW GOLDEN AGE 2000 - 2019

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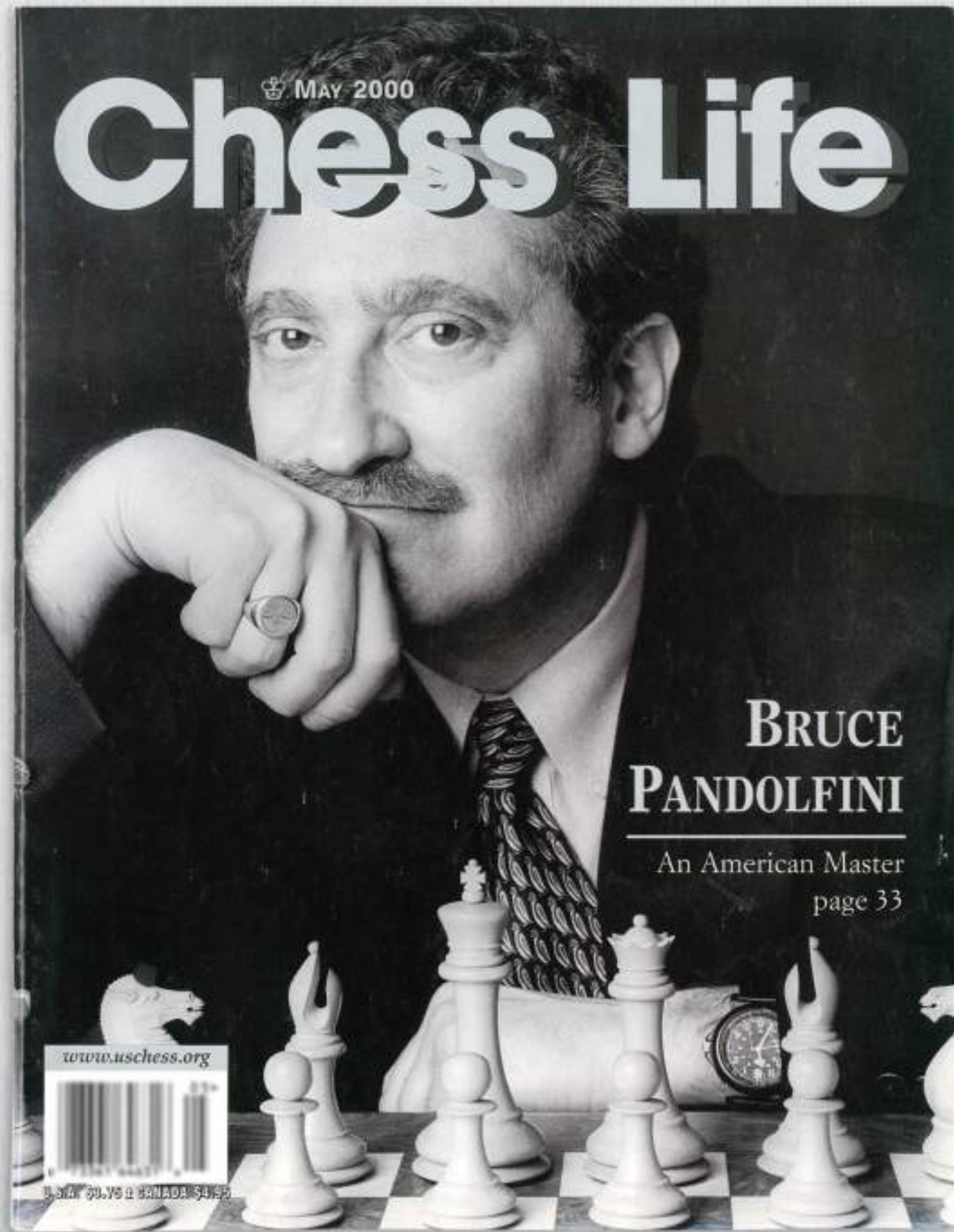
In 2006, US Chess, moved its headquarters to Crossville, TN, after over 50 years based in New York state (first New York City and later Newburgh and New Windsor). The second decade of the 21st century has ushered in a new golden era for American chess. The Saint Louis Chess Club opened in the summer of 2008 and has hosted both the U.S. Championship and U.S. Women's Championship for over a decade during which time both events have gotten increasingly stronger. It has also hosted the U.S. Junior and U.S. Girls Junior Chess Championship as well as the Sinquefeld and Cairns Cups.



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Five of the top players in the world—Fabiano Caruana, Wesley So, Hikaru Nakamura, Leinier Dominguez, and Sam Shankland—currently represent the United States. In 2016, the U.S. won the Open section of the Olympiad for the first time in 40 years. In 2018, Fabiano won the Candidates Tournament and became the first American to compete for a unified World Chess Championship since Bobby Fischer in 1972. As American players achieve these milestones, US Chess is currently approaching the 100,000 member mark.



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## 2000

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President: Bob Smith, Tim Redman, Executive Director: Dr. Gerry Dullea, George DeFeis

### February 5

Former US Chess President George Koltanowski, the “Dean of American Chess” dies at the age of 96 in San Francisco, CA.

### July 16

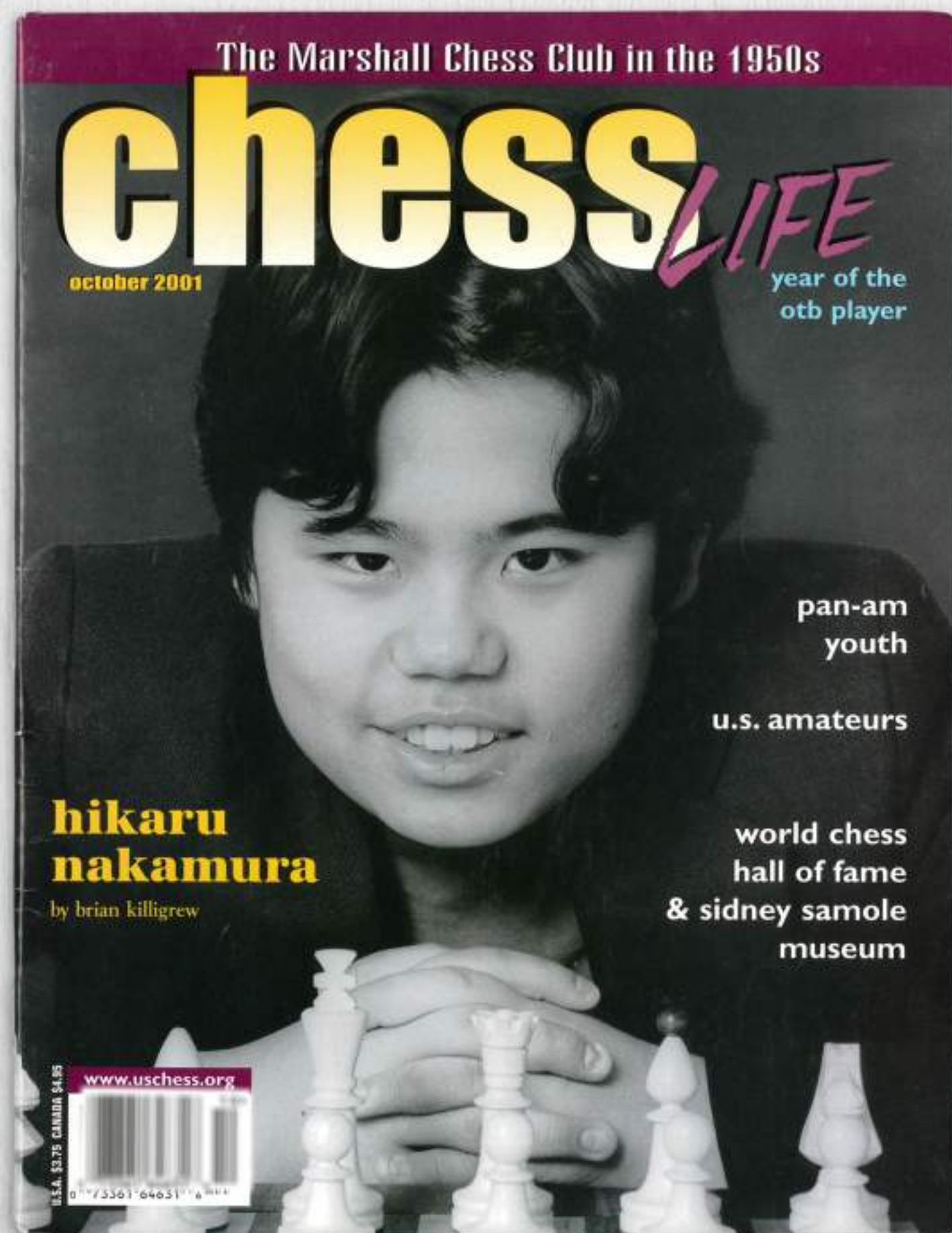
Eugene Perelshteyn is victorious in the U.S. Junior Chess Championship (Invitational) in Catonsville, MD

### August 5 - 13

Alex Yermolinsky wins the U.S. Open Chess Championship held in Minneapolis, MN.

### September 25 - October 6

Yasser Seirawan wins his fourth and final U.S. Chess Championship, tying for first place with Joel Benjamin and Alexander Shabalov, in Seattle, WA. Elina Groberman and Camilla Baginskaite tie for first in the U.S. Women’s Chess Championship. America’s Foundation for Chess sponsors the tournaments.



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## 2001

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President: Tim Redman, John McCrary, Executive Director: George DeFeis

### March 9 - 11

Vladimir Akopian and Zhang Zhong tie for first in the National Open in Las Vegas, NV.

### July 24 - 29

Hikaru Nakamura wins the U.S. Junior Championship (Invitational) held in Tulsa, OK. He is the youngest winner of the tournament since Bobby Fischer.

### August 4 - 12

Alex Wojtkiewicz, Joel Benjamin, Alexander Stripunsky, and Fabian Doettling tie for first in the U.S. Open Chess Championship held in Framingham, MA.

### December 16

Miami's new World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum kicks off its two-day Grand Opening celebration with a crowd of 1,500 at its grounds just off the Florida Turnpike's 152nd Street SW exit.



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## 2002

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President: John McCrary, Executive Director: George DeFeis, Frank Niro

### January 5 - 13

Larry Christiansen defeats Nick de Firmian in a playoff to win his third U.S. Chess Championship in Seattle, WA. Jennifer Shahade wins the U.S. Women's Chess Championship.

### April 11 - 14

John Bartholomew wins the National High School Championship held in Louisville, KY.

### July 27 - August 4

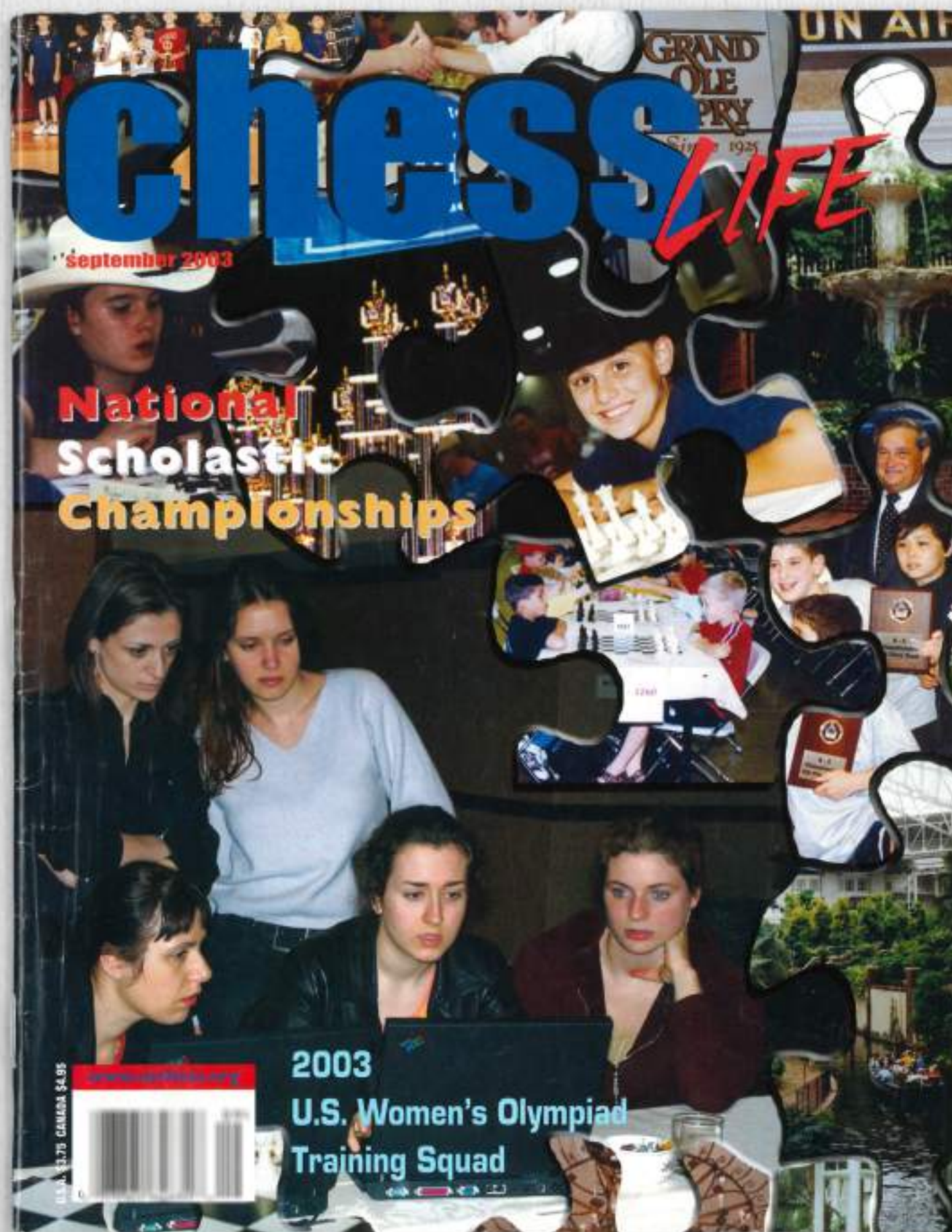
Gennadi Zaichik and Evgeny Najer tie for first in the U.S. Open Chess Championship in Cherry Hill, NJ.

### August 1

US Chess sets its all-time membership record (88,908) under President John McCrary.

### November 28 - December 1

Pavel Blatny and Yury Shulman tie for first in the American Open in Los Angeles, CA.



*Chess Life* Vol. 58, No. 9 (September 2003)

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## 2003

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President: John McCrary, Beatriz Marinello, Executive Director: Frank Niro, Grant Perks (acting)

### January 5 - 13

Alex Shabalov wins his third U.S. Chess Championship in Seattle, WA. Anna Khan (like Shabalov, born in Latvia) wins the U.S. Women's Chess Championship.

### February 5

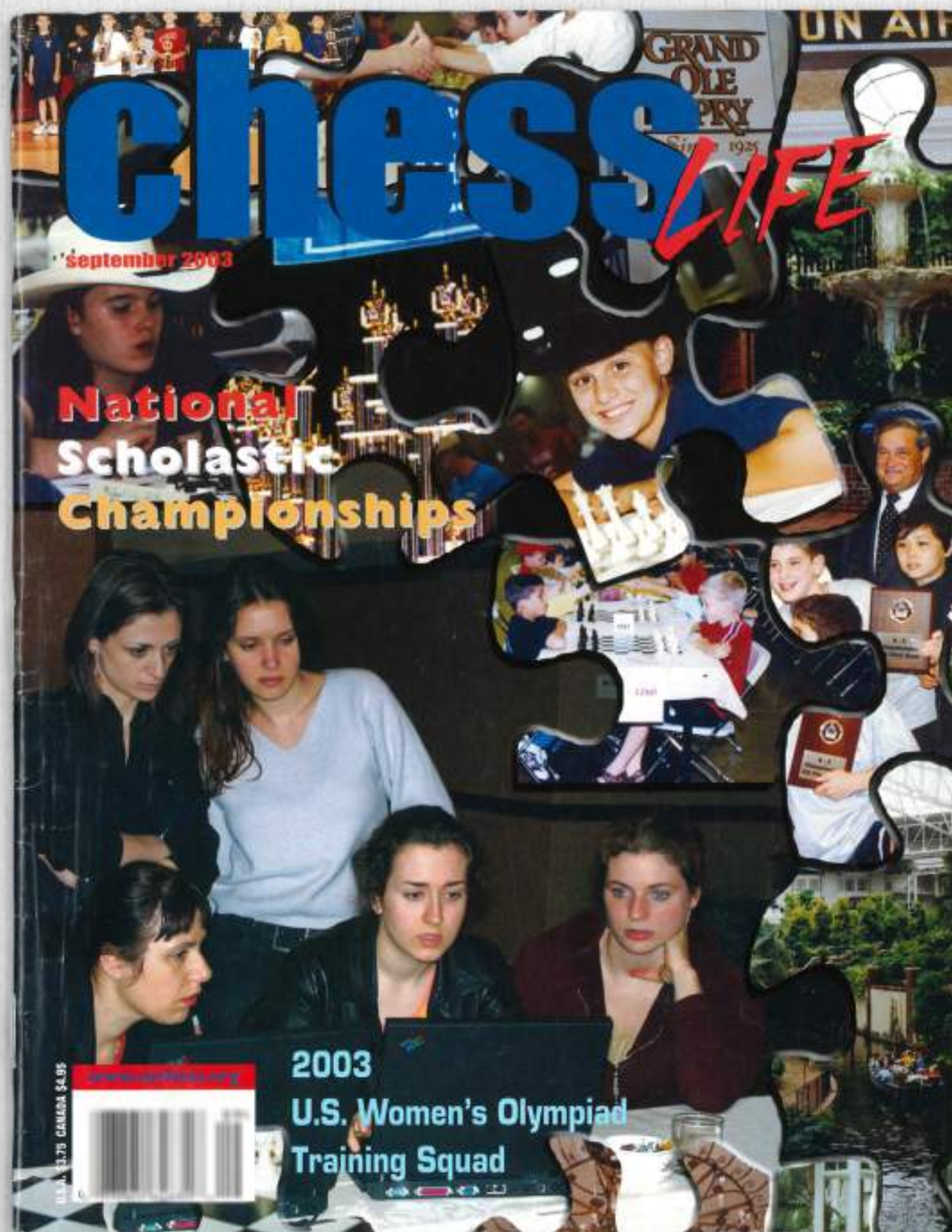
In the Bermuda International, Hikaru Nakamura makes his third and final grandmaster norm. At age 15 years, one month, and 27 days, he breaks Bobby Fischer's previous record as the youngest American to achieve the grandmaster title.

### August 3 - 15

Alex Shabalov continues his dominant play, winning the 104th U.S. Open Chess Championship held in Los Angeles, CA.

### July 15

10-year-old Fabiano Caruana, rated 2196, is named to the All-America Chess Team for the fourth time.



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## 2003

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President: John McCrary, Beatriz Marinello, Executive Director: Frank Niro, Grant Perks (acting)

### August 1

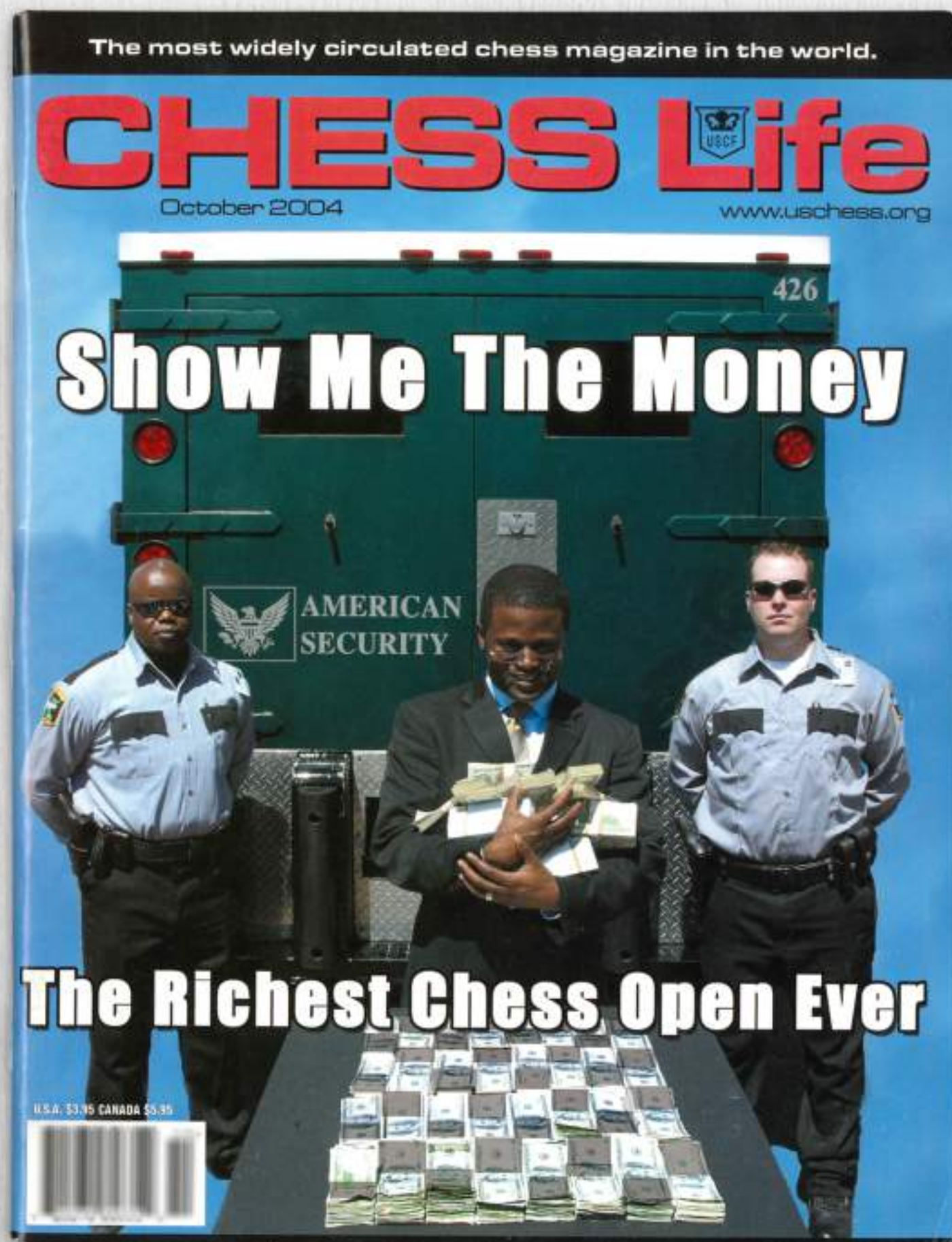
Beatriz Marinello becomes the first female president of US Chess. She serves in that position until 2005.

### October 11 - 26

In Key West, FL, Boris Gulko wins the U.S. Chess Championship. He is the only player to win both the U.S. and U.S.S.R. Chess Championships.

### December 31

Alexander Ivanov of Brookline, MA, edges out Michael Brooks of Kansas City, MO, to win the 1994 Novag Grand Prix. This is Ivanov's third title, and either Alexander or his namesake Igor Ivanov (no relation) win the Grand Prix every year from 1982 to 1994 (except 1987, when Jay Whitehead takes the title).



*Chess Life* Vol. 59, No. 11 (October 2004)

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## 2004

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President: Beatriz Marinello, Executive Director: Bill Goichberg

### May 6 - 9

11-year-old Fabiano Caruana wins the National Junior High School Championship in Tucson, AZ, with a score of 6½ from 7. Over 1200 players participate.

### June

Jennifer Shahade wins the U.S. Women's Chess Championship, earning herself a spot on the U.S. Women's Chess Olympiad team. The 23-year-old Shahade scores 4½ from 6 to finish half a point ahead of Anna Zatonskih and Irina Krush. Dr. Frank Brady organizes the event, which is held at St. John's University in New York City.

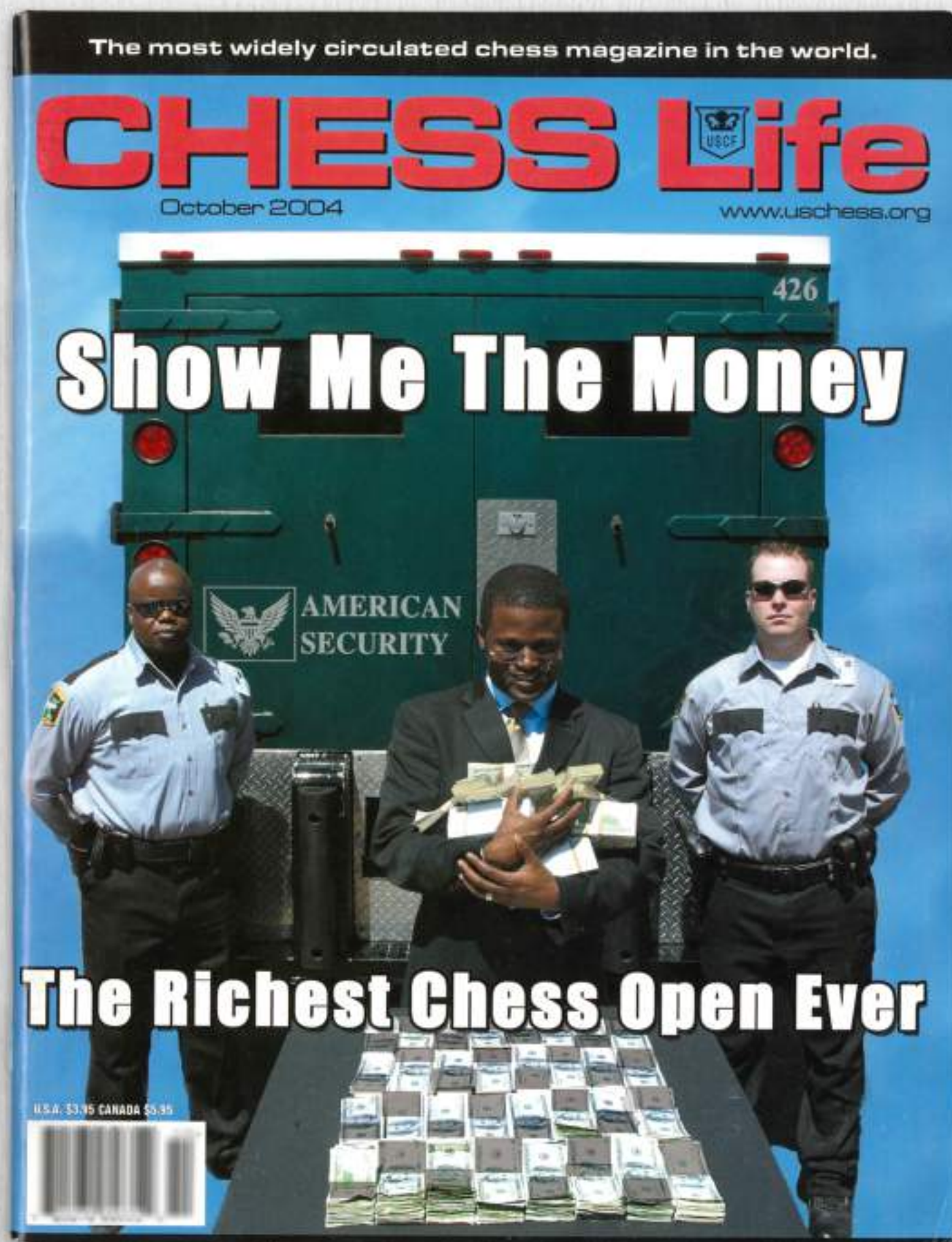
### June 18 - 20

Alex Yermolinsky wins the National Open in Las Vegas, NV, on tiebreak with a score of 5-1.

### July 20 - 25

Mikhail Korenman organizes and Frank Berry directs the U.S. Junior Invitational (under 21) and U.S. Cadet Championships in Lindsborg, KS. Lev Millan wins the Junior, and Daniel Ludwig is victorious in the Cadet.





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## 2004

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President: Beatriz Marinello, Executive Director: Bill Goichberg

### July 23 - 25

Deepyaman Datta wins the U.S. Junior Open Chess Championship, held in Lindsborg, KS.

### October 14 - 30

The U.S. Women's Chess Olympiad team, which includes Susan Polgar, Irina Krush, Anna Zatonskih, and Jennifer Shahade, takes second in the 36th Women's Olympiad held in Calvia, Spain. This marks the first time the U.S. Women's team finished on the podium. Susan Polgar wins a gold medal for the best individual record of the Olympiad.

### November 24 - December 4

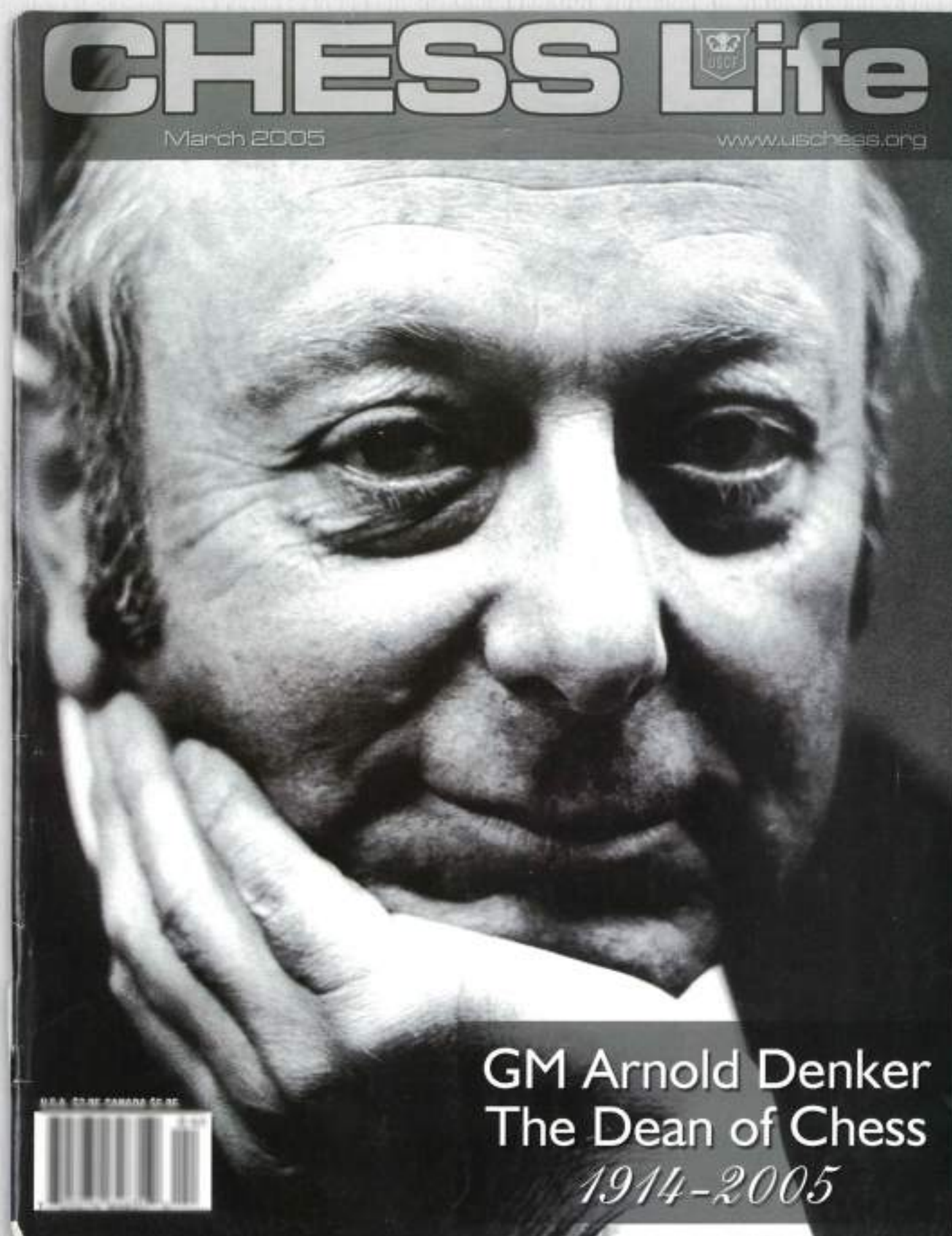
Sixteen-year-old Hikaru Nakamura defeats Alexander Stripunsky in a playoff and becomes the youngest U.S. chess champion since Bobby Fischer. Rusa Goletiani takes home the title of U.S. women's chess champion.

### November 25 - 28

Melikset Khachiyan wins the 40th Annual U.S. Open Chess Championship in Los Angeles, CA.

### December 1

Alex Wojtkiewicz wins the Grand Prix for the sixth year in a row.



*Chess Life* Vol. 60, No. 3 (March 2005)

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## 2005

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President: Beatriz Marinello, Bill Goichberg, Executive Director: Bill Goichberg, Bill Hall

### June 10 - 12

Dmitry Gurevich wins the National Open in Las Vegas, NV, for the eighth time.

### June 13 - 18

Walter Browne takes top honors in the U.S. Senior Open Chess Championship held in Las Vegas, NV.

### June 11 - 17

Daniel Fernandez wins the U.S. Junior Invitational, and Elliott Liu the title of U.S. Cadet Champion, in Mason, OH.

### July 18 - 29

Alex Lenderman wins the gold medal in the boys under 16 section of the World Youth Championship in Belfort, France.

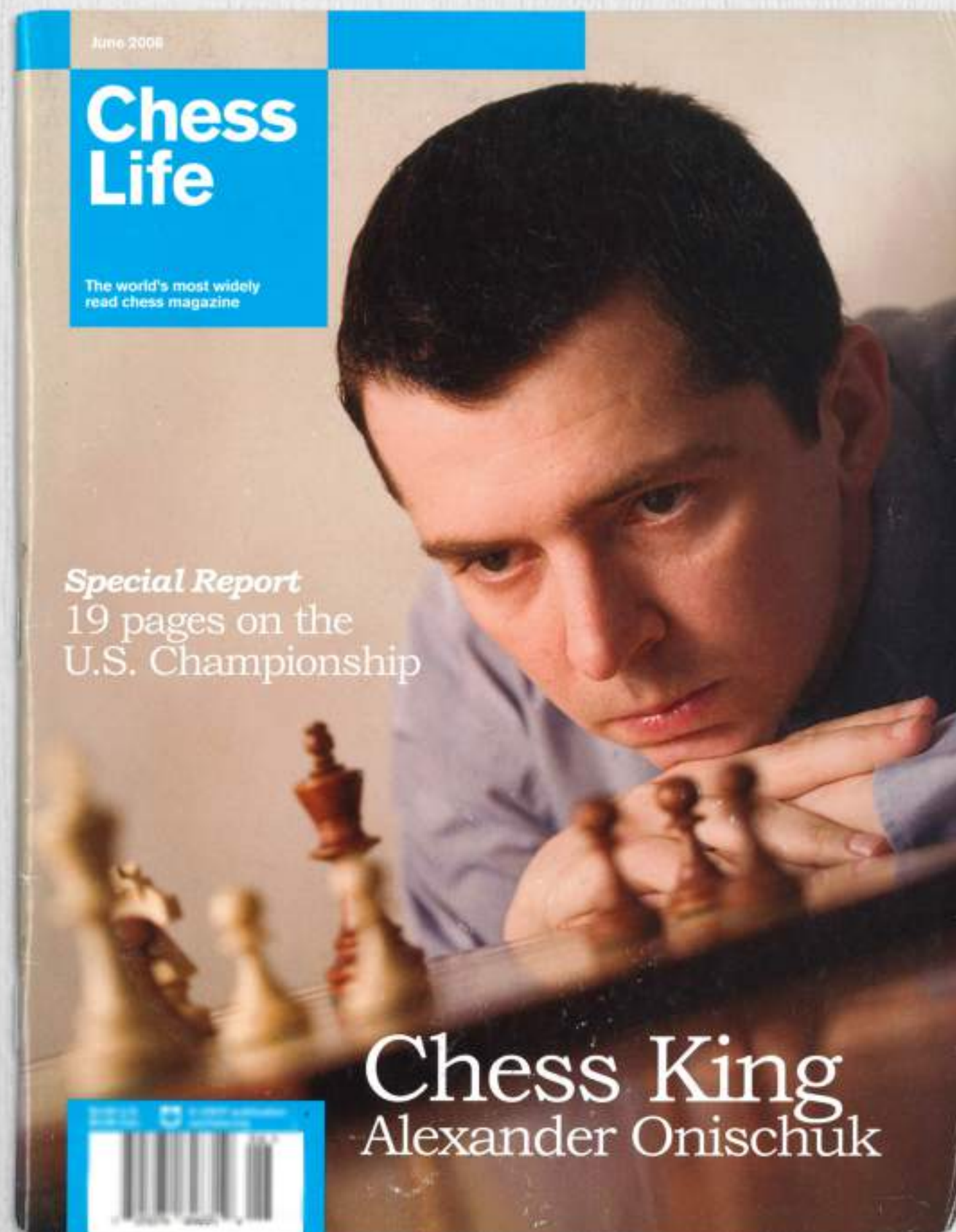
### August 6 - 14

Joel Benjamin and Vadim Milov share first place in the U.S. Open in Phoenix, AZ.

International Master Vladimir Mezentsev wins the 41st American Open held in Los Angeles, CA.

### December 2

Twelve-year-old Fabiano Caruana (rated 2367) is among those named to the US Chess Federation's All-America Team.



*Chess Life* Vol. 61, No. 6 (June 2006)

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## 2006

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President: Bill Goichberg, Executive Director: Bill Hall

### February

Glenn Petersen, the only person to serve as editor of *Chess Life* on three occasions, finishes his final issue.

### March 1 - 12

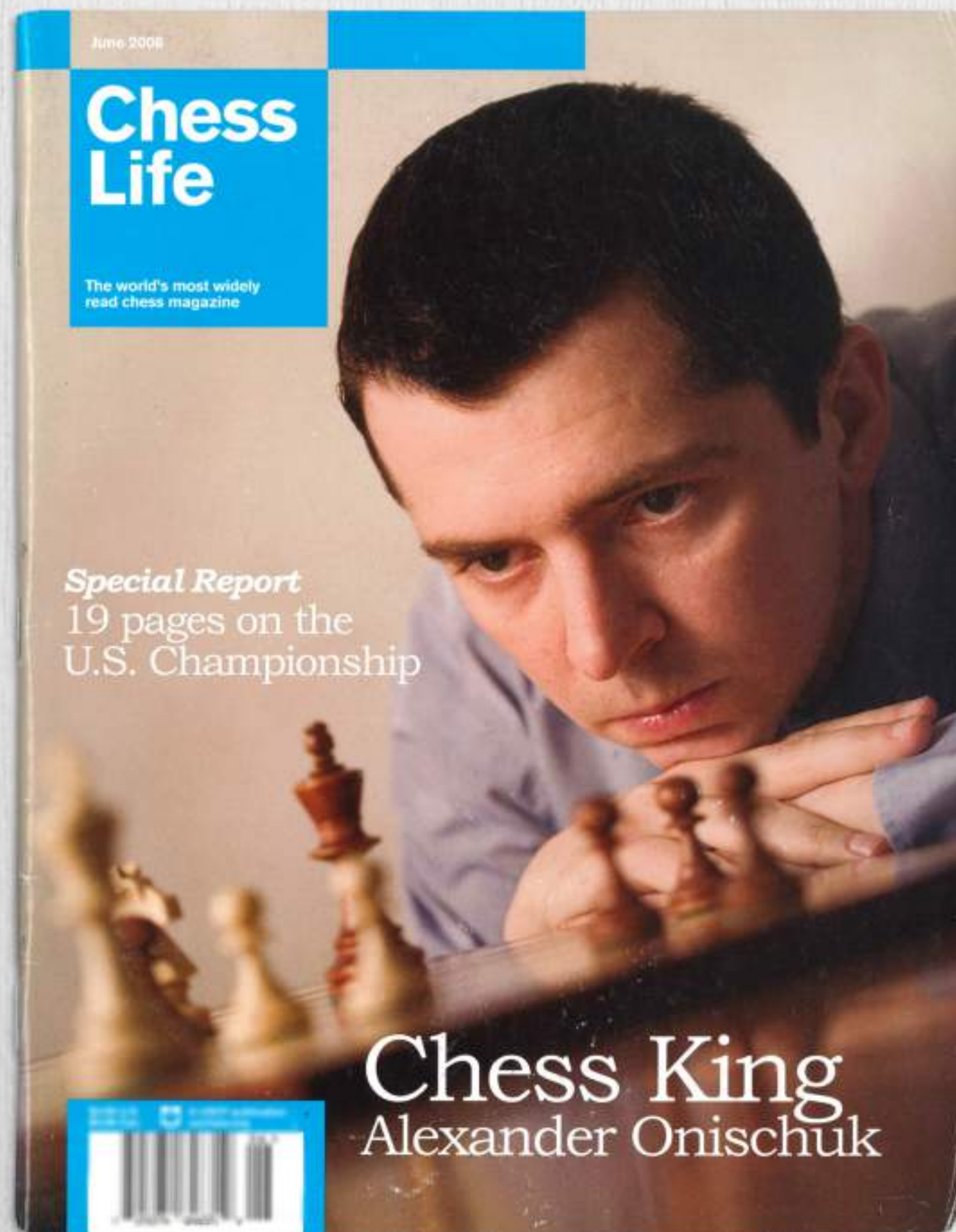
Alex Onischuk and Anna Zatonskih win their first U.S. and U.S. Women's Chess Championship titles in San Diego, CA. This is the fifth and final U.S. Chess Championship organized by America's Foundation for Chess (now First Move), with Erik Anderson playing a key role.

### May 20 - June 4

In the final round of the 37th Chess Olympiad, the American team of Gata Kamsky, Hikaru Nakamura, Alex Onischuk, Ildar Ibragimov and Varuzhan Akobian defeats the Norwegian team led by future World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen with a score of 3½-½. Their victory earns them the bronze medals. The U.S. Women's Olympiad Team, consisting of Anna Zatonskih, Irina Krush, Rusa Goletiani, and Camilla Baginskaite, finishes fourth.

### June 16 - 18

Alex Wojtkiewicz, who would die less than a month later, wins the National Open on tiebreak over Nicola Mitkov, Varuzhan Akobian, Merab Gagunashvili, and Lubomir Ftacnik.



*Chess Life* Vol. 61, No. 6 (June 2006)

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## 2006

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President: Bill Goichberg, Executive Director: Bill Hall

### August 5 - 13

Yury Shulman wins the 107th U.S. Open Chess Championship in Oak Brook, IL.

### August 27 - September 1

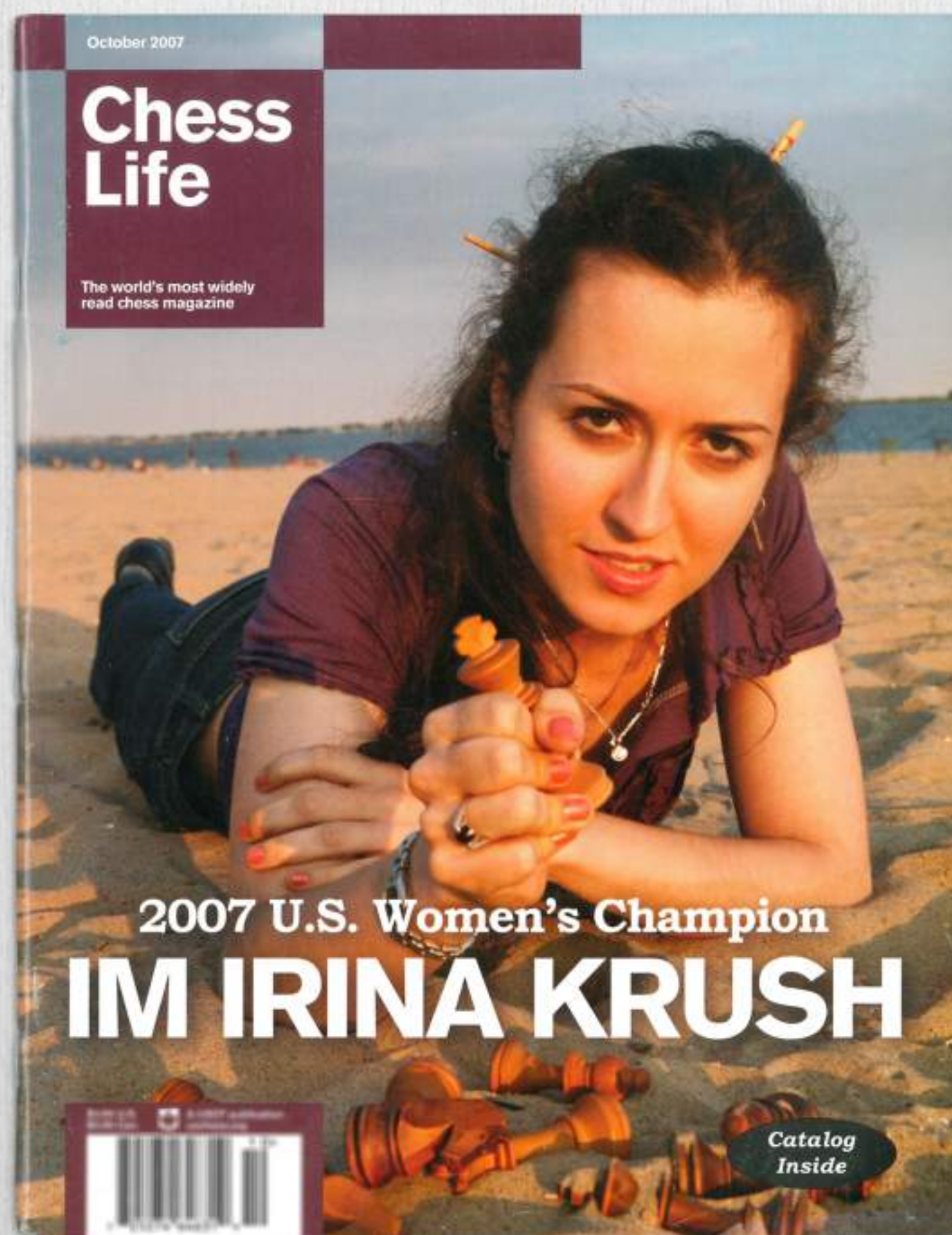
Joe Bradford, winner of the 1978 U.S. Open, comes back to take top honors in the U.S. Senior Open Championship in Nashville, TN.

### November 23 - 26

David Pruess and Melikset Khachiyan share first place in the 42nd American Open held in Los Angeles, CA.

### December 31

Jaan Ehvest wins the Grand Prix ahead of Alexander Ivanov.



*Chess Life* Vol. 62, No. 10 (October 2007)

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## 2007

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President: Bill Goichberg, Executive Director: Bill Hall

### May 15 - 23

Alex Shabalov achieves his fourth U.S. chess championship victory in Stillwater, OK.

### July

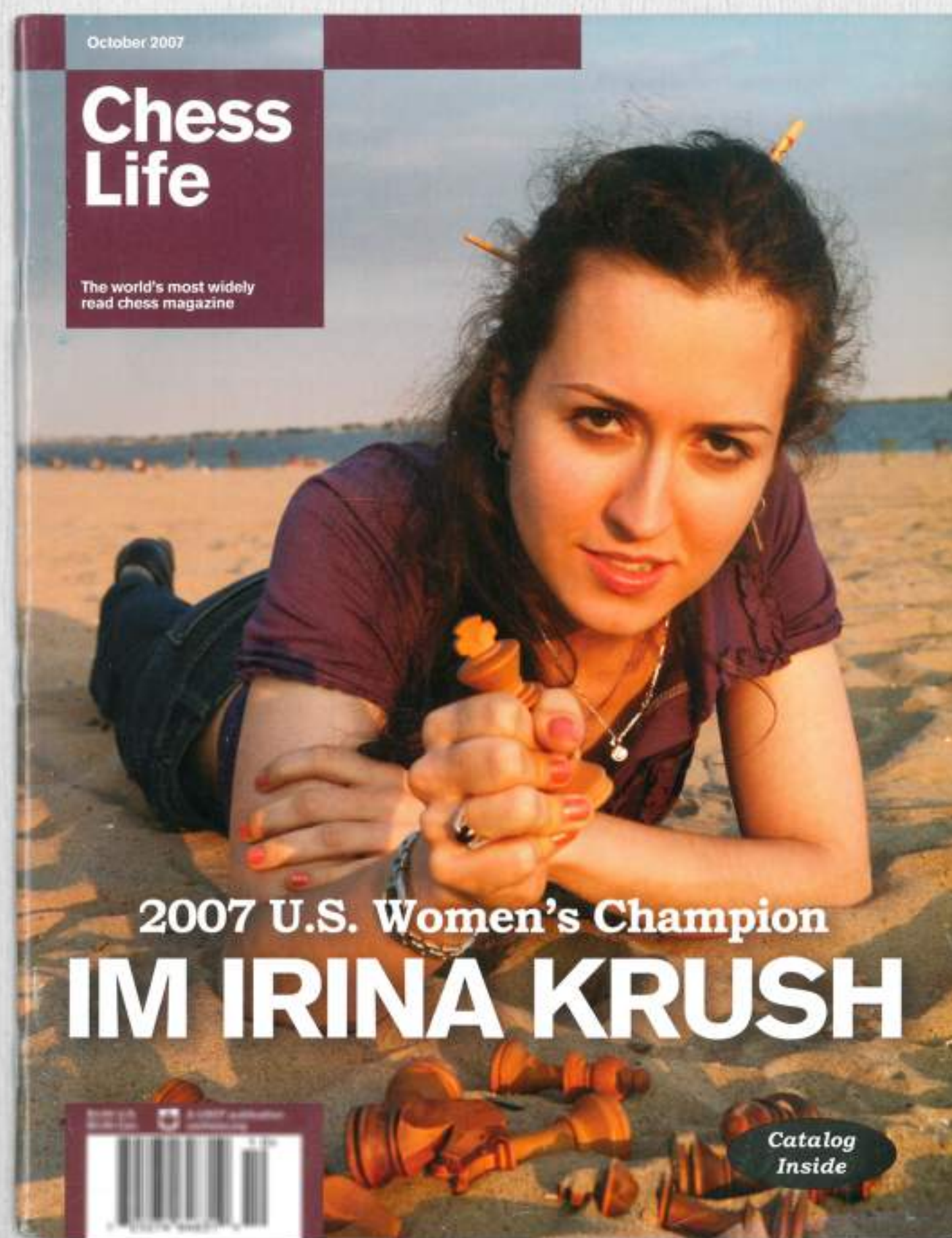
Fabiano Caruana breaks the record for the youngest American grandmaster at 14 years, 350 days.

### July 26 - 20

Irina Krush wins her second U.S. Women's Chess Championship in Stillwater, OK.

### July 28 - August 5

The U.S. Open Chess Championship in Cherry Hill, NJ, finishes in a seven-way tie for first among Boris Gulko, Alex Shabalov, Sergey Kudrin, Ben Finegold, Michael Rohde, Michael Mulyar, and Anton Del Mundo.



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## 2007

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President: Bill Goichberg, Executive Director: Bill Hall

### August 14 - 19

Joel Johnson is the victor of the U.S. Senior Open held in La Quinta, CA.

### November

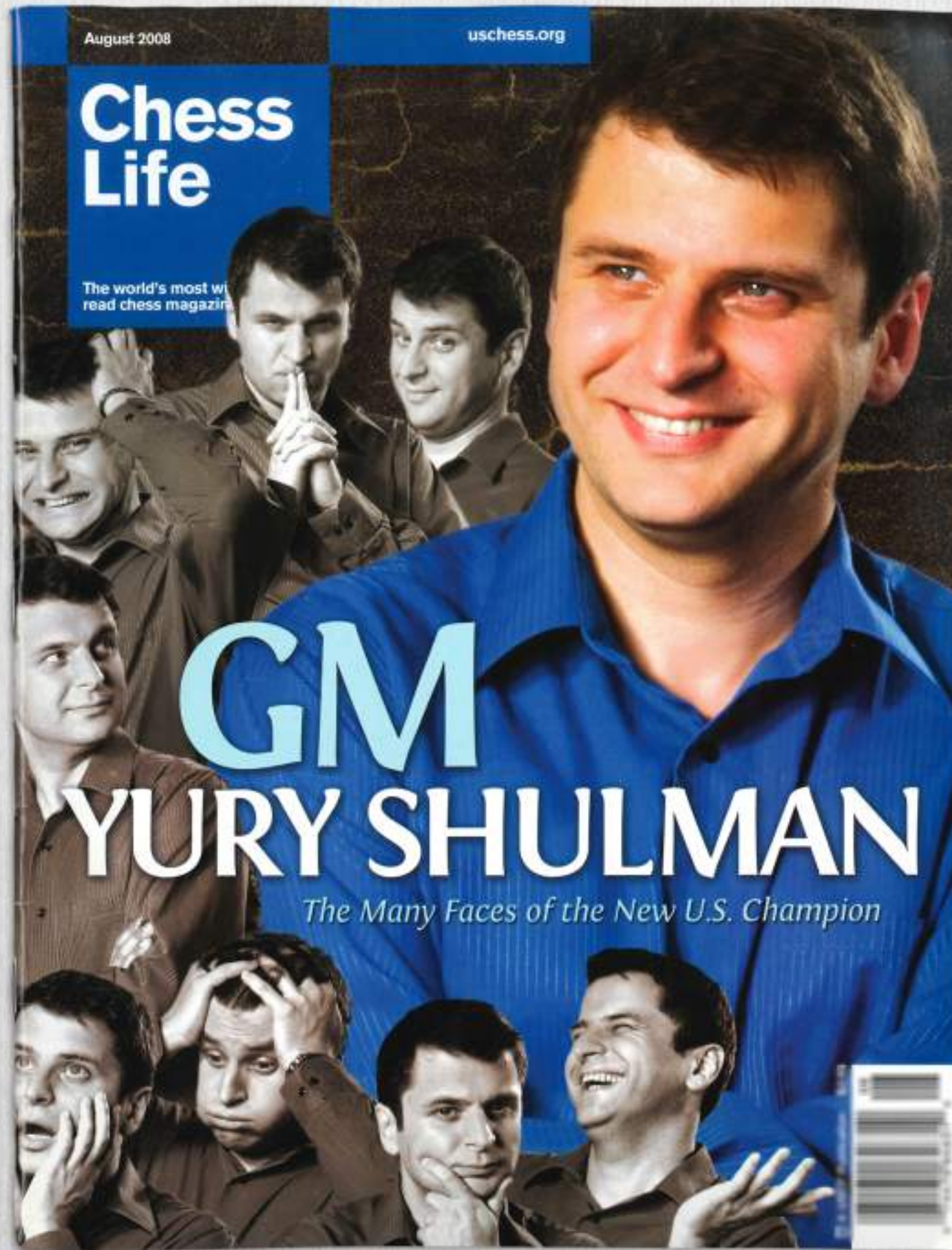
Daniel Naroditsky wins the World Under 12 Championship in Antalya, Turkey.

### November 22 - 25

Alex Yermolinsky wins the 43rd American Open in Los Angeles, CA.

### November 24 - December 16

In Khanty Mansiysk, Russia, Gata Kamsky becomes the first—and to date only—American to win the FIDE World Cup.



*Chess Life* Vol. 63, No. 8 (August 2008)

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## 2008

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President: Bill Goichberg, Executive Director: Bill Hall

### April 28 - May 3

Larry Kaufman wins the U.S. Senior Open Championship.

### April 12 - 15

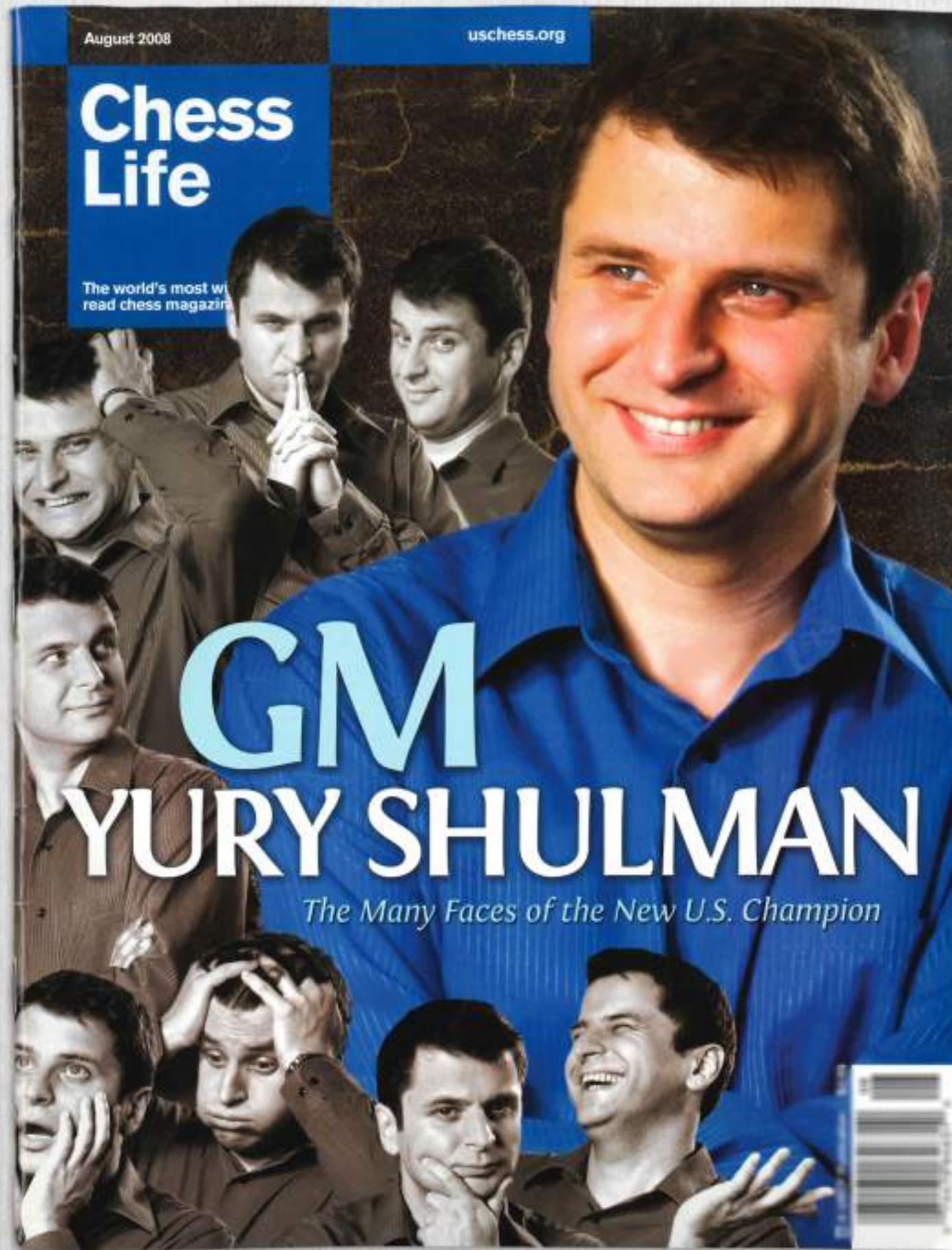
Alex Lenderman, Alex Barnett, and Michael Zhong tie for first in the National High School Championship in Kansas City, MO.

### May 13 - 21

Yury Shulman and Anna Zatonskih win the U.S. Chess Championship and U.S. Women's Championship in Tulsa, OK.

### July 17

The Saint Louis Chess Club opens in Saint Louis, MO. Founded by Dr. Jeanne and Rex Sinquefield, the Club becomes the home of U.S. Championship chess as well as elite tournaments like the Sinquefield and Cairns Cup.



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## 2008

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President: Bill Goichberg, Executive Director: Bill Hall

### October 28 - November 8

Larry Kaufman wins the World Senior Chess Championship held in Bad Zwischenahn, Germany, and he earns the grandmaster title.

### November 13 - 25

The U.S. team of Gata Kamsky, Hikaru Nakamura, Alex Onischuk, Yury Shulman, and Varuzhan Akobian defeats Ukraine 3½-½ in the last round of the 38th Chess Olympiad in Dresden, Germany, to take home the bronze medals.

### November 13 - 25

The U.S. Women's team, consisting of Irina Krush, Anna Zatonskih, Rusa Goletiani, Katerina Rohonyan, and Tatev Abrahamyan, wins bronze medals in Dresden, Germany. This is only the second occasion Americans have medaled in this section and the only time both squads have medaled at the same olympiad. Zatonskih won individual gold on Board Two, and Goletiani earned silver on Board Three.

### November 27

Melikset Khachiyan wins his fourth American open title in Los Angeles, CA.





Saint Louis Chess Club  
GM Hikaru Nakamura with Rex Sinquefield after Winning the 2009 U.S. Chess Championship (2009)  
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# 2009

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President: Bill Goichberg, Jim Berry, Executive Director: Bill Hall

## February 16 - 28

Veselin Topalov defeats Gata Kamsky 4½-2½ in the Candidates Final held in Sofia, Bulgaria, for the right to challenge World Champion Viswanathan Anand.

## May 8 - 18

For the first time, the U.S. Chess Championship is held in Saint Louis, MO. Hikaru Nakamura picks up his second title. Saint Louis has been the home to U.S. championship chess since 2009.

## July 3 - 16

Fourteen-year-old Ray Robson wins the U.S. Junior Invitational Championship held in Milwaukee, WI

## August 1 - 9

Dmitry Gurevich, Sergey Kudrin, Alex Lenderman, Alex Yermolinsky, Jacek Stopa, & Jesse Kraai tie for 1st in the U.S. Open.

## October 3 - 13

Anna Zatonskih dominates the U.S. Women's Chess Championship in Saint Louis, MO, by finishing two points ahead of the rest of the field.

## December 31

Alex Lenderman wins the 2009 World Chess Live Grand Prix with a score of 517.02 points, over 200 points ahead of second place-finisher Sergey Kudrin.



Saint Louis Chess Club

Irina Krush Competes at the 2010 U.S. Women's Chess Championship (July 10, 2010)

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# 2010

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President: Jim Berry, Executive Director: Bill Hall

## January 4 - 13

Hikaru Nakamura, Alex Onischuk, Yury Shulman, Varuzhan Akobian, Robert Hess, and Ray Robson finish second in the seventh World Team Championship held in Bursa, Turkey.

## May 13 - 25

Saint Louis, MO, once again hosts the U.S. Championship. Gata Kamsky defeats Yury Shulman in a playoff for the U.S. Championship title.

## June 10 - 13

Timur Gareev wins the National Open in Las Vegas, NV.

## July 10 - 19

Irina Krush wins her third U.S. Women's Championship in Saint Louis, MO.

## July 10 - 19

Sam Shankland wins a playoff over Ray Robson and Parker Zhao to win the U.S. Junior Championship (Invitational).

# 2010

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President: Jim Berry, Executive Director: Bill Hall

## July 31 - August 8

Alejandro Ramirez wins the U.S. Open Chess Championship held in Irvine, CA.

## September 20 - October 4,

The U.S. Women's team of Irina Krush, Anna Zatonskih, Tatev Abrahamyan, Camilla Baginskaite, and Sabina Foisor ties for third through eighth in the Olympiad held in Khanty Mansiysk, Russia, finishing fifth on tiebreak.

## October 20 - 30

Stephen Zierk wins the World Youth Under 18 Championship in Porto Carras, Greece, with 9½ from 11 for a performance rating of over 2700 FIDE. To date he is the only U.S. player to win this section in the over thirty year history of this event.

## December 31

Alex Lenderman repeats as Grand Prix champion.



Lori Matler  
Scouts BSA Chess Merit Badge Launch  
September 10, 2011  
Collection of the World Chess Hall of Fame

## 2011

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President: Jim Berry, Ruth Haring, Executive Director: Bill Hall

### April 13 - 28

Gata Kamsky repeats as U.S. Champion, and Anna Zatonskih wins the U.S. Women's Championship

### June 10 - 12

Varuzhan Akobian and Loek Van Wely tie for first in the National Open.

### July 15 - 26

Led by Yasser Seirawan, who wins a silver medal on board four (2773 performance), the U.S. team (seed 9th) ties for fourth in the World Team Championship held in Ningbo, China.

### July 30 - August 7

Alex Lenderman wins the U.S. Open held in Orlando, FL.

### September 9

The World Chess Hall of Fame reopens to the public in Saint Louis, MO. Dr. Jeanne and Rex Sinquefeld provide funding for the move and seed funding to support the institution. The following day, the Scouts BSA chess merit badge debuts at a special event at the World Chess Hall of Fame. Astronaut Greg Chamitoff presents the first group of scouts with their badges.

### December 31

Sergey Kudrin wins the Grand Prix.



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## 2012

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President: Ruth Haring, Executive Director: Bill Hall

### May 7 - 20

Irina Krush wins her fourth U.S. Women's Championship and Hikaru Nakamura takes home his third U.S. championship title in Saint Louis, MO.

Kayden Troff wins the World Under 14 Championship and Samuel Sevian the Under 12 section in Maribor, Slovenia.

### August 4 - 12

John Bartholomew wins the National High School Championship held in Louisville, KY.

### July 27 - August 4

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William "Lacy" Clay (D-MO) and Rep. Chris Stewart (R-UT) during Congressional Chess Tournament (April 18, 2013)

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# 2013

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President: Ruth Haring, Executive Director: Bill Hall, Jean Hoffman

## May 6

The U.S. Senate passes a resolution declaring Saint Louis, MO, to be the National Chess Capital of the United States.

## May 2 - 13

Gata Kamsky reclaims his U.S. championship title by defeating Alejandro Ramirez in a playoff, and Irina Krush defends her U.S. Women's Chess Championship title in Saint Louis, MO.

## May 31 - June 2

Sergey Kudrin, James Rizzitano, Alexander Ivanov, and Nathan Resika tie for first in the U.S. Senior Open in Tarryton, NY..

## June 13 - 23

Daniel Naroditsky wins the U.S. Junior Chess Championship (Invitational) in Saint Louis, MO.

## July 27 - August 4

Julio Sadorra, Mackenzie Molnar, and Dmitry Gurevich tie for first in the U.S. Open Chess Championship held in Madison, WI.

# 2013

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President: Ruth Haring, Executive Director: Bill Hall, Jean Hoffman

## September 6

Jean Hoffman becomes the first female executive director of the U.S. Chess Federation and serves in that position until 2017.

## September 9 - 15

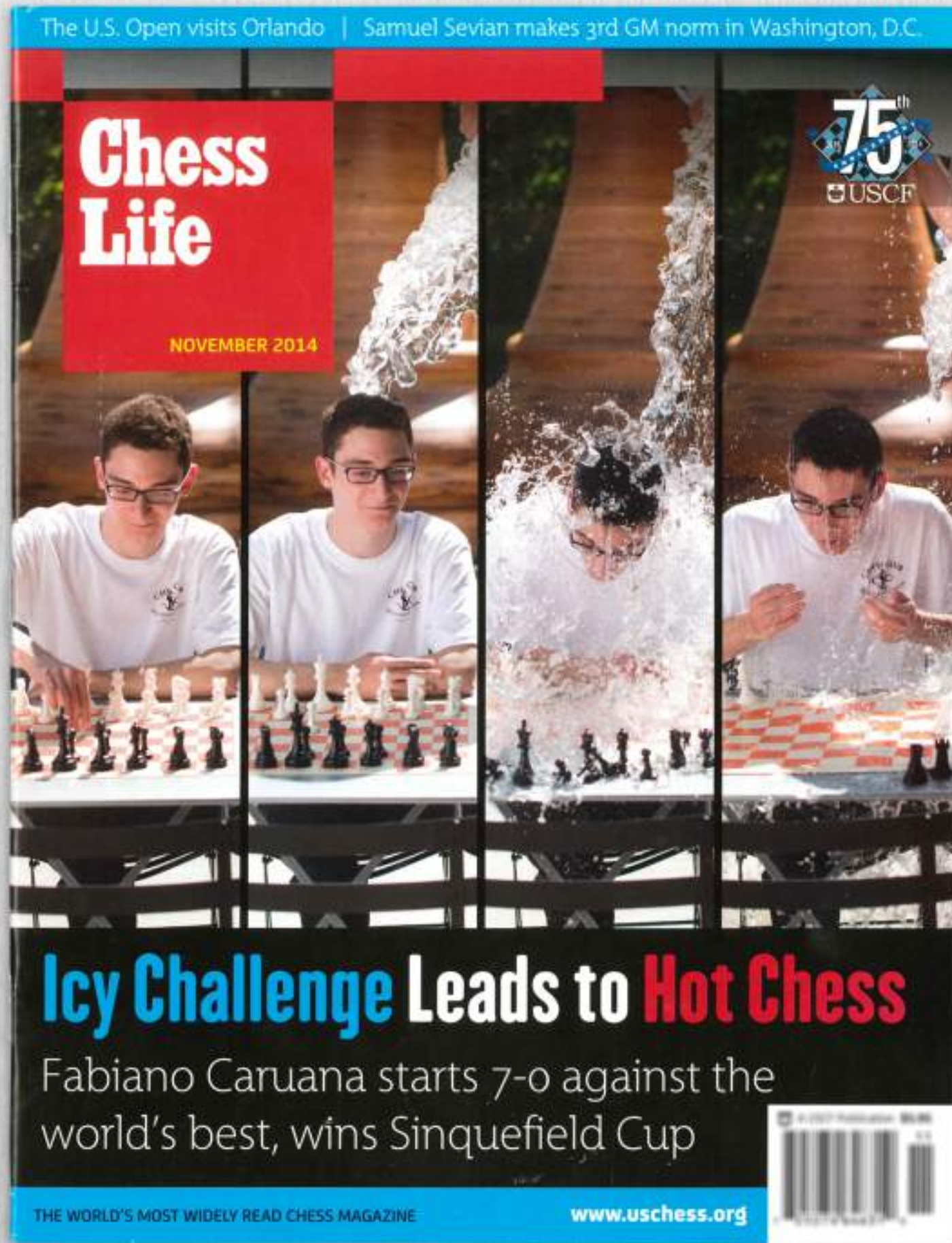
The inaugural Sinquefeld Cup is held in Saint Louis, MO. The tournament, which includes two of the top American chess players—Hikaru Nakamura and Gata Kamsky—as well as World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen and Levon Aronian, is won by Carlsen.

## December 18 - 29

Awonder Liang wins the gold medal in the World Under 10 Championship held in Al Ain, United Arab Emirates.

## December 31

Alex Lenderman wins the Grand Prix.



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## 2014

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President: Ruth Haring, Executive Director: Jean Hoffman

### April 2

US Chess becomes a 501(c)(3) organization.

### May 7 - 20

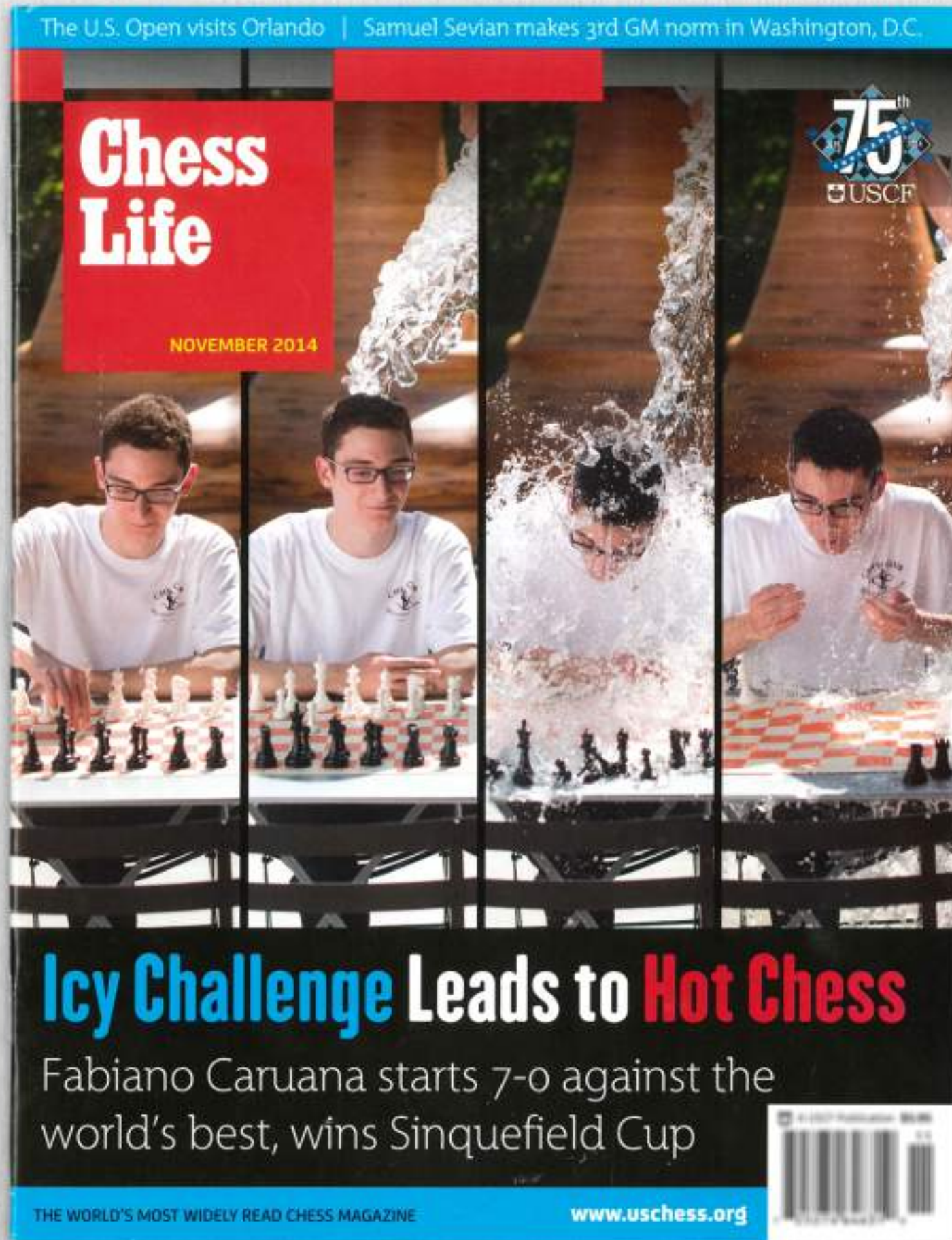
Irina Krush and Gata Kamsky successfully defend their U.S. Women's and U.S. Chess Championship titles in Saint Louis, MO. The latter ties with Alex Lenderman and Varuzhan Akobian, but is the winner of the playoff.

### July 26 - August 3

Conrad Holt wins the U.S. Open Chess Championship in Orlando, FL.

### August 1 - 14

With a 2831 FIDE performance, Sam Shankland wins gold as the best reserve player in the Tromso, Norway, Chess Olympiad.



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## 2014

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President: Ruth Haring, Executive Director: Jean Hoffman

### September

US Chess celebrates its 75th anniversary.

### September 14 - 21

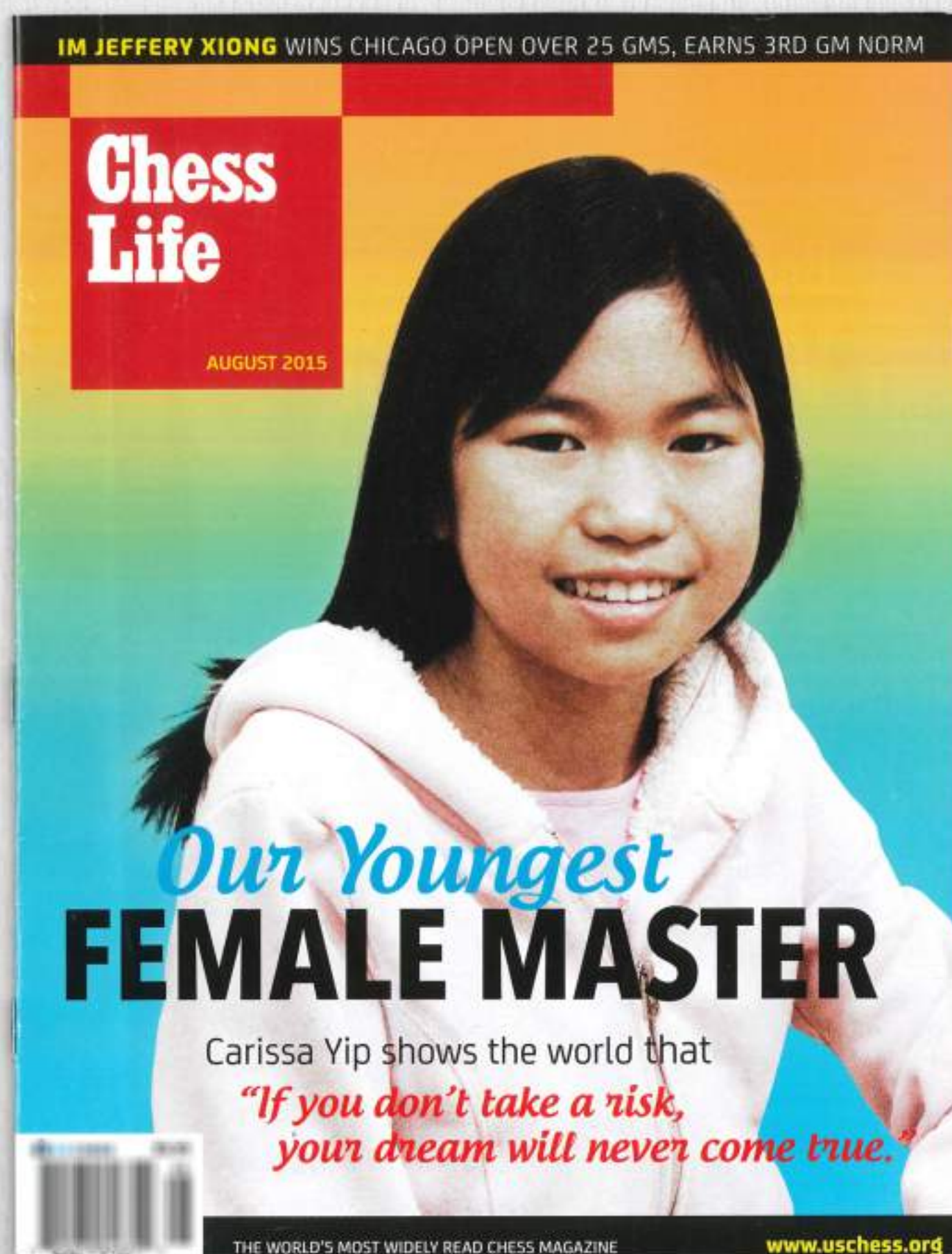
Walter Browne wins the U.S. Senior Open Chess Championship while cruising the Caribbean.

### December 27 - 30

Webster University (Illya Nyzynik, Le Quang Liem, Vasif Durabayli, Ray Robson and Coach Susan Polgar) wins the Pan American Intercollegiate Competition for the third time in a row in South Padre Island, TX.

### December 31

Mark Paragua wins the 2014 Trophies Plus Grand Prix, narrowly edging out Gata Kamsky 298.28 to 293.41.



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## 2015

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President: Ruth Haring, Gary Walters Executive Director: Jean Hoffman

### February

11-year-old Carissa Yip becomes the youngest U.S. female player to reach master level (2200) in the Billerica February Swiss held in Concord, MA.

### March 31-April 14

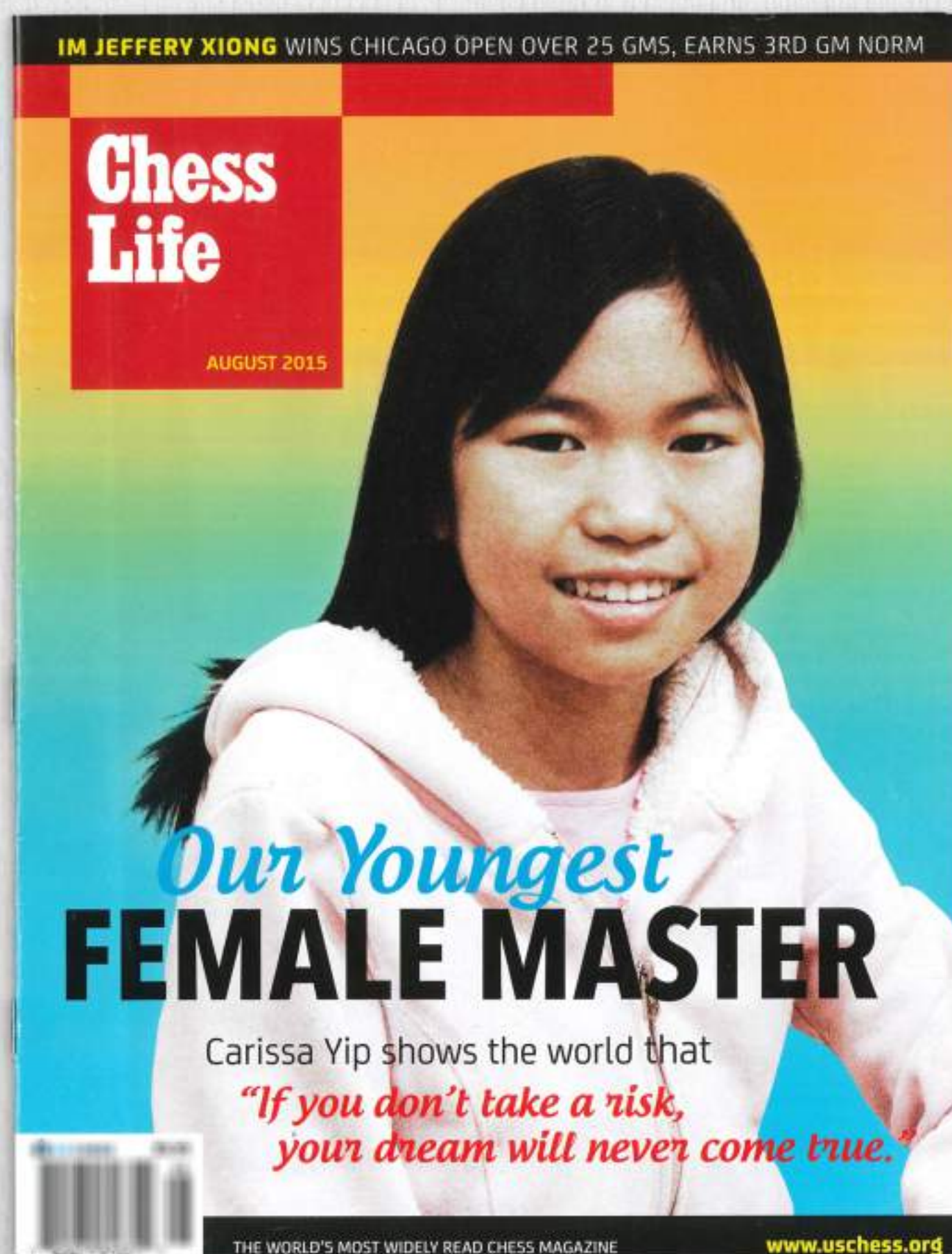
Hikaru Nakamura wins his fourth U.S. Chess Championship, and Irina Krush gains her seventh U.S. Women's' Chess Championship in Saint Louis, MO.

### April 10-12

Akshat Chandra wins the National High School Championship in Columbus, OH.

### June 19-21

Alexey Dreev wins the National Open in Las Vegas on tiebreak over Axel Bachmann, Gata Kamsky, and Ilya Nyzhnik.



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## 2015

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President: Ruth Haring, Gary Walters Executive Director: Jean Hoffman

### July

For the first time since the introduction of FIDE ratings in 1970, the U.S. has three players rated in the top ten (4. Hikaru Nakamura 2814, 5. Fabiano Caruana 2797 and 8. Wesley So 2780).

### July 7 - 15

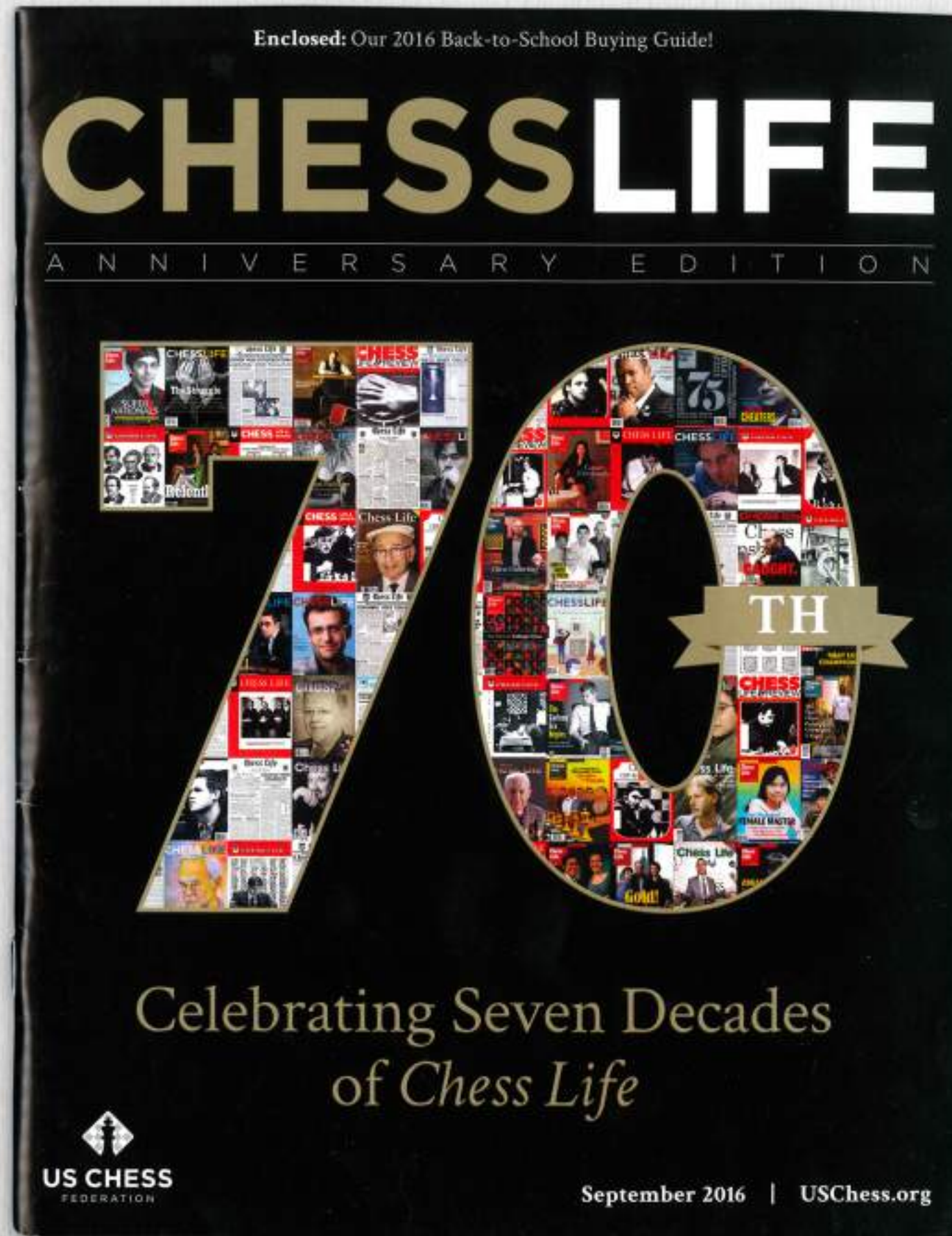
Akshat Chandra wins the U.S. Junior Invitational Chess Championship held in Saint Louis, MO.

### August 1 - 9

Alex Shabalov wins his sixth U.S. Open title in Phoenix, AZ.

### August

The US Chess Federation announces its rebranding as US Chess.



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## 2016

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President: Gary Walters Executive Director: Jean Hoffman

### March 11 – 30

Fabiano Caruana finishes second in the FIDE Candidates tournament behind Sergey Karjakin in Moscow, Russia, narrowly missing a chance to play in the World Chess Championship.

### April 14 – 25

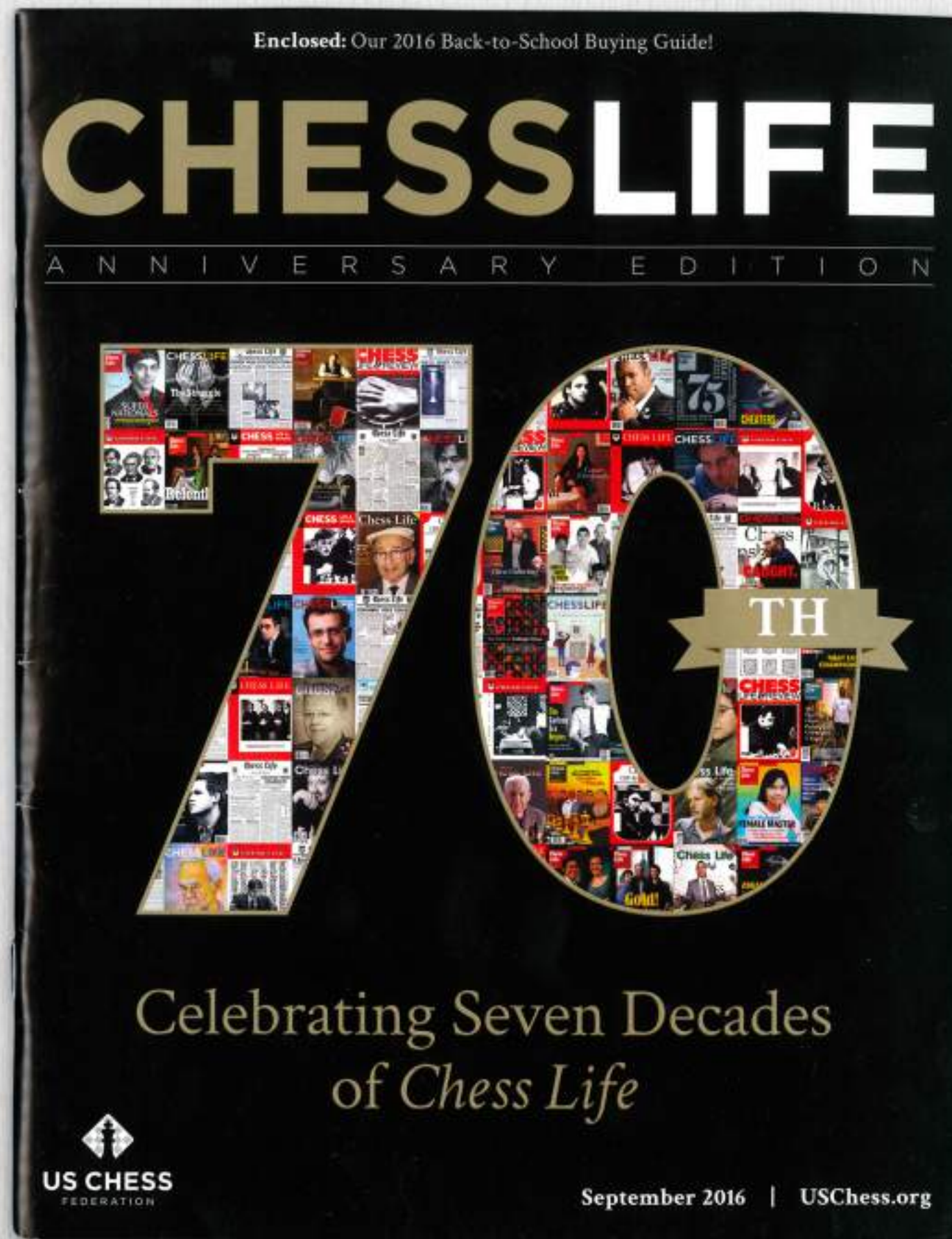
Fabiano Caruana and Nazi Paikidze win the U.S. Chess Championship and U.S. Women's Chess Championship in Saint Louis, MO.

### June 22 – 27

Ruifeng Li wins the National Open on tiebreak over Daniel Fridman in Las Vegas, NV.

### July 30 – August 7

Alex Shabalov becomes a seven-time winner of the U.S. Open Chess Championship in Indianapolis, IN, by defeating Gil Popilski in a playoff. Shabalov is now tied for second with Reuben Fine (who has won all seven U.S. Opens in which he competed) and behind Pal Benko who has eight titles.



## 2016

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President: Gary Walters Executive Director: Jean Hoffman

### August 8 - 21

16-year-old Jeffery Xiong wins the World Junior Chess Championship, held in Bhubaneswar, India.

### September 1 - 14

The United States team of Fabiano Caruana, Hikaru Nakamura, Wesley So, Sam Shankland, and Ray Robson wins the 42nd Chess Olympiad in Baku, Azerbaijan.

### November 19

9-year-old Christopher Yoo makes U.S. chess history at the 9th David Elliott Memorial when he breaks the 2200 barrier, 30 days shy of his 10th birthday.

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Sabina Foisor at the Closing Ceremony of the U.S. Women's Chess Championship (April 10, 2017)

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# 2017

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President: Gary Walters, Mike Hoffpauir, Executive Director: Jean Hoffman, Carol Meyer

## March 29 - April 9

Wesley So and Sabina Foisor take top honors in the U.S. and U.S. Women's Chess Championships held in Saint Louis, MO.

## May 12 - 14

SuperNationals VI becomes the largest rated chess event, with 5,577 competitors in Nashville, TN.

## June 16 - 18

Tigran Petrosian wins the National Open held in Las Vegas, NV.

## July 7 - 18

Saint Louis, MO, hosts both the U.S. Junior Chess Championship and, for the first time, the U.S. Girls' Junior Championship. Awhonder Liang wins the U.S. Junior Chess Championship and Akshita Gorti wins the U.S. Girls' Junior Championship.

## July 21 - 23

Alex Bian wins the U.S. Junior Open Chess Championship, and Alex Yermolinsky wins the U.S. Senior Open. Both are held in Northfield, MN.

## July 29 - August 6

Alex Lenderman wins the U.S. Open Chess Championship held in Norfolk, VA.

## August 29

Carol Meyer is named executive director of US Chess.



Nick Dunaevsky  
Fabiano Caruana after Winning  
the 2018 Candidates Tournament (March 28, 2018)  
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## 2018

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President: Mike Hoffpauir, W. Allen Priest, Executive Director: Carol Meyer

### March 10 - 28

Fabiano Caruana wins the Candidates Tournament and qualifies to challenge Magnus Carlsen for the World Championship. Caruana is the first American since Bobby Fischer to compete in a unified World Chess Championship.

### April 17 - 30

Sam Shankland wins the 2018 U.S. Chess Championship and Nazi Paikidze wins the U.S. Women's Championship. Both events are held in Saint Louis, MO.

### July

Melinda Matthews becomes the new editor of Chess Life, succeeding Daniel Lucas, who is the second-longest serving editor of the publication behind only Burt Hochberg. Hochberg, Lucas, and Montgomery Major are the only editors to serve over a decade.

### July 11 - 21

Awonder Liang and Carissa Yip win the U.S. Junior and U.S. Girls Junior Chess Championships held in Saint Louis, MO.



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the 2018 Candidates Tournament (March 28, 2018)  
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## 2018

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President: Mike Hoffpauir, W. Allen Priest, Executive Director: Carol Meyer

### September 23 - October 7

The American team of Fabiano Caruana, Wesley So, Hikaru Nakamura, Sam Shankland, and Ray Robson finishes second in the 43rd Chess Olympiad in Batumi, GA.

### October 21

Jessica Lauser of Kentucky becomes the first woman to win the U.S. Blind Chess Championship with her upset victory over Stephen De Joseph. The event is held in Pittsburgh, PA.

### November 9 - 28

American grandmaster Fabiano Caruana challenges Magnus Carlsen for the World Championship in London, England. After 12 draws (the first time this has happened in a championship match), Carlsen defeats Caruana in tie-breaking rapid chess, winning the first 3 out of 4 games, and retaining the title.

### December 31

Fidel Corrales Jimenez wins the U.S. Chess Grand Prix.



Crystal Fuller  
2019 Cairns Cup Opening Ceremony (February 5, 2019)  
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# 2019

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President: W. Allen Priest, Executive Director: Carol Meyer

## US Chess celebrates its 80th anniversary.

### February 5 - 16

Inspired by its mission to further promote the game of chess to women and girls, the Saint Louis Chess Club creates the Cairns Cup, a nine-round classical chess tournament that brings together one of the strongest international fields ever assembled in women's chess with one of the largest prize funds for an all-female tournament. The tournament is named in honor of STLCC co-founder Dr. Jeanne Sinquefield, whose maiden name is Cairns, and is won by Valentina Gunina.

### March 18 - April 2

The U.S. and U.S. Women's Chess Championships are held in Saint Louis, MO.

### July 10 - 31

The U.S. Junior, Girls' Junior, and Senior Chess Championships are held in Saint Louis, MO.