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THE 106th U.S. OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.....

(CROSSVILLE, TN) will be held at the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa between August 14, 2005. We expect 400+ chess competitors to compete in the main event as well as enjoy being at this world famous resort located on 39 acres and which also offers refreshing lush gardens, cool pools, relaxing sauna, beautiful golf course, tennis and much more. Other events taking place at the Biltmore will be our Scholastic event; the GM Arnold Denker High School Tournament of Champions; the GM Susan Polgar Invitational Tournament for Girls as well as other daily side-events which includes a B Championship! The University of Texas at Dallas will award a four-year, full tuition and fees scholarship (value approx. \$30,000) to the highest finishing player who has not graduated from high school by August 11th grade and below finisher of each of the Denker & Polgar tournaments. The prize/scholarship fund for the GM Polgar Invitational for Girls is \$1,250.00. The U.S. Chess Trust will award \$1200 (\$500-300-200-200) in scholarship to the top four places at the Denker.

The guaranteed prize fund for the main event is \$40,000.00. If you cannot commit to the 6-day event a 6-day and 5-day option are available. You have until 5pm August 6, 2005 to enter the Traditional schedule. You have until Aug. 9, 10 am to enter the 6-day and until Aug. 10, 4pm to enter the 5-day. Entries for all events close two hours before the start of Round 1.

USCF Committee workshops will take place Aug. 10-12 and the annual Delegates meeting will be held Saturday, Aug. 13 and Sunday, Aug. 14. The Awards Luncheon will be held Saturday, Aug. 13 which includes World Chess Hall of Fame inductions. A FIDE Trainer's Seminar will be held Aug. 9 and Aug. 10 by Michael Khodarkovsky. A Chess lecture and simultaneous chess exhibition by WGM Anjelina Belakovskaia will take place on Friday, August 12th.

Each participant in the main event will receive a complimentary copy of "Test, Evaluate and Improve Your Chess" by IM Danny Kopec, Ph.D. and NM Hal Terrie. NM Terrie will hold an autograph session Wednesday, August 10 from 1-4pm in the Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom. If you need to purchase chess products, Rochester Chess Center will open a chess store on site for the duration of the event!

Why not become part of this historical chess event being held at one of the most famous resorts in the world? Additional details can be found at:
<http://www.uschess.org/tournaments/2005/2005USOPEN>.

The United States Chess Federation (USCF), founded in 1939, serves as the governing body for chess in the United States and is now headquartered in Crossville, Tennessee.

USCF is devoted to extending the role of chess in American society. It promotes the study and knowledge of the game of chess, for its own sake as an art and enjoyment, as a means for the improvement of society. The USCF is a not-for-profit membership organization nearing 90,000 members. For additional on the USCF see: <http://www.uschess.org>.

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