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Dear US Chess Life Member,

You are the foundation of US Chess. Whether you joined yesterday or long ago, your Life Membership is a reflection of your commitment to US Chess and the game we all love. We are grateful for your enduring support.

As a 501(c)(3) organization, US Chess takes its fiduciary responsibility seriously. Part of our duty is to properly steward (y)our resources. US Chess has the *Life Member Asset Trust* (LMA Trust), a separate, member-governed trust that manages your Life Membership dues. The LMA Trust regularly earmarks a percentage of its holdings to meet the obligations US Chess has to support your Life Membership. The last distribution from the LMA Trust was four years ago, before which, we sent a similar letter to this one.

The US Chess Bylaws recognize that, from time to time, it may be necessary to seek confirmation of continued eligibility for Life Member benefits. For the reasons mentioned above, we are contacting all Life Members to confirm and/or update their contact information and magazine preference.

We know that our Life Members represent a wide range of ages and preferences. We want to hear from you so we can ensure we have current contact information for you, including an email address. A **unique** email address on your account is your gateway to accessing your full membership benefits. As we continue to migrate content off our old website to the main website, some information will be available only through our new Member Dashboard, including your digital *Chess Life* files. When you update and/or verify your contact information with us, we can better serve you.

We also want to know about the method you wish to receive *Chess Life* – Digital (Online Access Only) or Printed (Paper Copy Mailed to You). Whatever you choose is okay with us – we want to meet you where you're most comfortable accessing your member benefits.

You have several options to share this information with us:

1. If you already have a **new** member account on [new.uschess.org](http://new.uschess.org), you can review and update your information online, any time. Just login using the link in the upper right hand of the US Chess homepage that says, Member Site Login. Enter your Login and Password. Click on the Manage My Profile button. Scroll down to Magazine Preference under Communication Settings. Choose your preference and hit Submit to save your preferences; or
2. Complete the enclosed pre-addressed card and drop in the mail; or
3. Email your US Chess ID number, Name and Publication Preference to [membership@uschess.org](mailto:membership@uschess.org). US Chess will assign that email to your member record so that you can access your full member benefits.

**Please verify your membership, contact information, and publication preference by March 31, 2021, or your membership will become inactive. You may reactivate your membership, update your contact information or publication preference at any time.** Your prompt attention and reply to this request is appreciated so **please act today.**

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Chair, LMA Trust & VP of Finance

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