

monte carlo world championship

MEYBURG WINS AGAIN IN MONTE CARLO

by Harald Johanni

July, Monaco and backgammon. The three seem to go together. This year was no different. Now in its 23rd year, the World Backgammon Championship at Loews Monte Carlo Hotel remains a grand event. Over 400 players from around the globe were in attendance 13–19 July to share in all the glitz and glamour that is Monte Carlo.

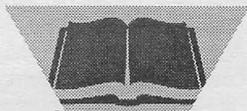
The finals were exceptionally exciting this year with former 1991 World Champion Michael Meyburg from Nuremberg, Germany pitted against Elliott Winslow of San Francisco, California. To add to the excitement, the large audience for the 25-point finals was treated to detailed commentary from the one-and-only Paul Magriel. X-22 is still the best!



Germany's Michael Meyburg holds his 2nd World Championship trophy high as Chairman André Rolfo Fontana (left) looks on. [Photo by Harald Johanni.]

Both competitors played at a very high level. Elliott got off quick to lead 16–7. Then Michael Meyburg rallied for 13 unanswered points to grab a 20–16 advantage. But Elliott came back to win the next

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Backgammon— An Independent View

Reviewed by Walter Trice

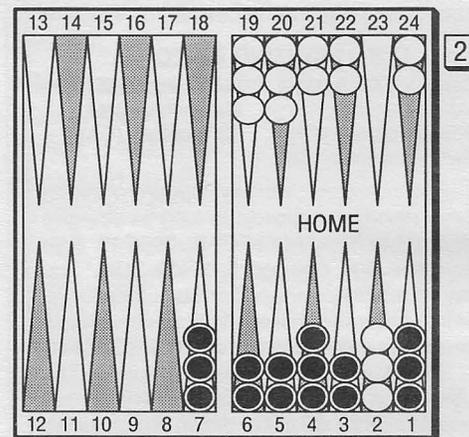
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“Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot...”

Chris Bray's new book, *Backgammon: An Independent View*, consists of a collection of his backgammon columns for the British newspaper *The Independent*, together with a few stray articles that have appeared elsewhere. Many of the problems in the book will seem familiar to players in the United States, since Mr. Bray often recycles the work of other writers and analysts.

For example, from page 92 . . .

25 point match. Black leads White, 21-13. **BLACK TO PLAY 3-1.**



Readers of *The Independent* must have wondered why they were being treated, in 1994, to a position from the 1979 World Championship. This one had appeared in both editions of Bill Robertie's *Advanced Backgammon*.

In the actual game Black overlooked 6/5, 6/3, and played 7/3. Robertie comments:

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CONTEST: CAN YOU FIND BOB GLASS?

Backgammon expert Bob Glass had the chance to view the North American Sumo-Wrestling Heavyweight Championships in Los Angeles this past June. There he met up with the current champ Manuel Yarborough who weighs in at over 660 pounds and stands 6'–8" tall. Tell us: is Bob Glass to the right or the left?

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A SLIGHT CORRECTION

In last month's Amalgamation column, Paul Weaver had part of the story right. Since I was one of the earliest chess players to beat Bobbie Fischer, I doubt that I was the last.—*Herb Avram, California, MD*

LOOKING TO CRUISE

I was talking to my fellow backgammon buddies here in Minneapolis and asked about when the next backgammon cruise would be held. Tom Penny told me that you may be directing another one in the near future. Do you have any info?—*Harold Melamed, via e-mail*

Our next Backgammon On Board Cruise Tourney and vacation is tentatively scheduled for some time in 2000. By popular request, we'll extend this one for a full week.—Ed.

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coming attractions

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by Carol Joy Cole

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* Denotes new or revised listing

NATIONAL

American Backgammon Tour events underlined.

Aug 16	Backgammon by the Bay, San Mateo Bridge Center, San Mateo, CA	408/688-9722
Aug 20	Connecticut Monthly Tourney, Stromberg Technologies, Southington, CT	203/592-9207
Aug 20	Third Thursday Bonus Tournament, Ramada Inn, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
Aug 22	Dr. Bob's "Sweet 16" Invitational, New York Chess & BG, New York City	212/302-5874
Aug 23	Peoria Summer Sizzler, Sly Fox Pub, Lacon, IL	309/674-0557
Aug 30	Ace Point Sunday Tournament, Ace Point Club, New York, NY	212/753-0842
Aug 30	Louisville Monthly Tournament, Oldenberg Grill, Louisville, KY	502/458-9660
Sep 1*	Official GamesGrid Monthly Tourney, via computer modem	tournaments@gamesgrid.com
Sep 4-7	<u>46th Indiana Open, Sheraton/Westin Hotel, Indianapolis, IN</u>	<u>317/255-8902</u>
Sep 13	New England Club Monthly, Sheraton-Commander, Cambridge, MA	508/829-3283
Sep 13*	Northern Ohio Monthly Tourney, Belden Commons Restaurant, Canton, OH	330/966-2811
Sep 13	Sunday Bimonthly Tournament, John Hawks Pub, Milwaukee, WI	414/463-2498
Sep 17*	Connecticut Monthly Tourney, Stromberg Technologies, Southington, CT	203/592-9207
Sep 17*	Third Thursday Bonus Tournament, Ramada Inn, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
Sep 18-20	<u>Minnesota State Championships, Minneapolis Athletic Club, MN</u>	<u>612/378-1536</u>
Sep 19*	Dr. Bob's "Sweet 16" Invitational, New York Chess & BG, New York City	212/302-5874
Sep 20*	Backgammon by the Bay, San Mateo Bridge Center, San Mateo, CA	408/688-9722
Sep 25-27	1st NetGammon Festival, Comfort Inn Airport, Bloomington, MN	rayb@cp.duluth.mn.us
Sep 25-27	<u>Towpath Inn Tournament, Towpath Inn, Turin, NY</u>	<u>716/442-8221</u>
Sep 27*	Ace Point Sunday Tournament, Ace Point Club, New York, NY	212/753-0842
Sep 27*	Louisville Monthly Tournament, Oldenberg Grill, Louisville, KY	502/458-9660
Oct 1*	FIBS 1998 Fall Tournament, via computer modem	davide@sco.com
Oct 9-11	<u>Nation's Capital Championships, Promenade, Bethesda, MD</u>	<u>301/530-0604</u>
Oct 11	Bar Point Sunday Tournament, Anyway's Grill, Oakbrook Terrace, IL	773/583-6464
Oct 11*	New England Club Monthly, Sheraton-Commander, Cambridge, MA	508/829-3283
Oct 15*	Connecticut Monthly Tourney, Stromberg Technologies, Southington, CT	203/592-9207
Oct 17-18*	TENTATIVE: Crystal Park Tournament, Crystal Park Casino, Compton, CA	818/901-0464
Oct 23-25	<u>South Florida Championships, Day's Inn, Ft. Lauderdale, FL</u>	<u>954/938-4304</u>
Oct 30-Nov 1	<u>Northeast Regional, Best Western Airport Hotel, Albany, NY</u>	<u>603/863-4711</u>
Nov 1*	20th Flint Area Club Championships, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
Nov 10-14	1998 Las Vegas Open, Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV	702/893-6025
Nov 27-29	<u>Northern Ohio Thanksgiving Tournament, Belden Holiday Inn, Canton, OH</u>	<u>330/966-2811</u>
Dec 4-6	<u>Gammon/Associates Invitational, A.R. Private Club, Los Angeles, CA</u>	<u>818/901-0464</u>
Dec 6*	Bar Point Sunday Tournament, Anyway's Grill, Oakbrook Terrace, IL	773/583-6464
Dec 26-27	<u>Ace Point Holiday Tournament, Ace Point Club, New York, NY</u>	<u>212/753-0842</u>

OUTSIDE USA

Aug 13-16	Franken ganz Open IV, Hotel Schwarzer Adler, Uttenreuth, Germany	49911-737514
Aug 13-16	Palace Summer Championships, Badrutts Hotel, St. Moritz, Switzerland	41612-710137
Aug 14-16	Team Tournament, Grand Hotel, Leicester, England	44181-928-0639
Aug 20-21	DM Mixed Doubles, Humlebæk Club, Humlebæk, Denmark	45491-93400
Aug 22-23	Jarvis Trophy, Jarvis International Hotel, Watford/London, England	44161-4380966
Aug 24-30	2nd Mind Sports Olympiad, Royal Festival Hall, London, England	44171-4859146
Aug 29-30	Sjællandsmesterskaberne, Roskilde BG Klub, Roskilde, Denmark	4539-400607
Sep 4-6	8th Mitteleuropa Tourament, Casinò Park, Nova Gorica, Slovenia	392-40074658
Sep 5-6	Bonus No. 2, Stakis Birmingham Metropole, Birmingham, England	44152-2546993
Sep 19-20	6th Irish Open, Camden Court Hotel, Dublin, Ireland	3531-6689332
Sep 25-26*	6th Italian Festival of Games, Cagli/Urbino, Italy	3941-5211029
Sep 25-27	Inner Table Tournament #3, Grand Hotel Leicester, England	44152-2721630
Sep 26-27*	1st Humlebæk Open, Humlebæk Centre, Humlebæk, Denmark	4549-193630
Oct 1-4	Asian Championships, Ladies Recreation Club, Hong Kong	852-28461923
Oct 1-4	4th Kaiserbrunnen Cup, Hotel am Kaiserbrunnen, Brakel, Germany	49521-64314
Oct 3-4	12th British National Champs, Jarvis Hotel, Watford, London, UK	44161-438 0966
Oct 10-11	Sandy Osborne Memorial Trophy, Stakis Birmingham Metropole, England	44152-254 6993
Oct 13-18	2nd Moscow Open, Cosmos Hotel & Casino, Moscow, Russia	Spain: 3450-133009
Oct 16-18	CH-Meisterschaften '98 & Swiss Open, Kursaal Bern, Bern, Switzerland	4179-358 4825
Oct 30-Nov 1	Swedish Open, First Hotel Amaranten, Stockholm, Sweden	468-6523033
Nov 3-8*	Grand Prix de Suisse 1998, Lugano, Switzerland	4179-3374425
Nov 12-15	Bodensee Grand Prix 1998, Bregenz, Austria	4179-337 4425
Nov 12-15*	French National Championships, Paris, France	331-4015 0870
Nov 14-15*	Townharbour Trophy, Stakis Birmingham Metropole, England	44152-254 6993
Nov 21-22*	UK Classic, Jarvis Hotel/Watford/London, England	44161-4380966
Nov 21-23*	1998 Japan Open, Nakano Sun Plaza, Tokyo, Japan	813-3373 3844
Nov 27-29*	Inner Table Tournament #4, Grand Hotel Leicester, England	44152-2721630

LETTERS...

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SHOULD CLUB MASTER POINTS BE AWARDED FOR FORFEIT WINS?

In our weekly tournaments, we award 0.04 master points for matches won by players not reaching the main flight and consolation brackets finals. A question arose whether master points should be awarded

in cases where the "win" occurs because one's opponent defaulted a match for one reason or another. Obviously, the "winner" advances to the next round. Should the 0.04 master points be awarded? Should the defaulting player be penalized through negative points?

How do you handle such situations? We would appreciate your thoughts on this matter.—Ben Zemaitis, Director,

Sangamon Valley BG Association, Springfield, IL

Carol Joy Cole answers: *The Flint Area Club does not award master points for forfeited matches. The player simply advances to the next round. It's true that it's not his fault that the match was not played; but he didn't "earn" any points, either. He also didn't have to face the chance that he would lose the match. His reward is simply that he advances closer to the prize rounds.*

How many places do you pay? How long are the matches? Do the players go home or do they jump into a chouette? What's the reward for winning master points? Somehow you have to make it attractive enough to keep the players playing.

To attract more players or keep the ones you have, maybe you need to look at your prize structure or tournament format. What about awarding bonus prizes to top finishers at the end of the year based on their standings? There are also external factors like day of the week, location and/or starting time. I wish you good luck!—Carol Joy Cole, Director, Flint Area BG Club, Michigan Δ

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

Thanks for publishing such a nice group of tributes to Dean Muench. I will miss him.—Larry Strommen, Indianapolis, IN



AMERICAN BACKGAMMON TOUR ★ 1998

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Compiled through 2 Aug. 1998 after 8 tournaments
(Coming in Sept.: Indiana Open, Minnesota State, Towpath Inn)



AMERICAN BACKGAMMON TOUR ★ 1998

Maurice Barie 27.73	Howard Markowitz 6.40	Paul Dibiasse 3.99	Lenny Loder 2.08
Dennis Culpepper 23.53	Odis Chenault 6.11	Peter Kalba 3.92	Kieth Hramstad 1.81
Steve McCormick 22.88	Ray Fogelund 6.11	Don Faix 3.67	Rob Keast 1.55
Mike Friedman 22.45	Paul Stebbing 5.88	Karen Davis 3.41	Julian Haley 1.44
Bob Glass 17.42	Larry Yudin 5.88	John Graas 3.41	Jolie Rubin 1.44
Alex Caraplis 15.95	David Simpson 5.77	Richard Del Furia 3.41	Ken Lazar 1.40
Steve Hast 14.36	Andy Glazer 5.77	Bob Wilensky 3.41	Tom Machaj 1.35
Doug Mayfield 13.74	Mike Cyrkiel 5.60	Kim Haubert 3.15	Roger Baff 1.25
Perry Gartner 13.64	Jeremy Kirkpatrick 5.46	Eliot Bean 3.05	Bruce Brown 1.22
Merrill Schragger 13.22	Bill Keefe 5.20	Butch Meese 3.00	Bill Tallmadge 1.22
Doug Roberts 11.76	Wendy Kaplan 5.04	Sam Pottle 2.88	Wilder Radford 1.17
Malcolm Davis 11.75	Jack Kissane 4.89	Francois Margot 2.88	Almon Hall 1.15
Jannica Tornqvist 11.63	Joe Freedman 4.80	John Mazur 2.81	Frank Rogers 1.15
Jim Hickey 11.55	Denny Leatherman 4.80	Linda Resnicoff 2.39	Dennis Cupp 1.14
Frankie Farjood 11.44	Mike Lauzon 4.74	Matt Reklaitis 2.39	Ray Bills 1.08
David Wells 11.20	Mike Hendrikson 4.72	Hunter Jones 2.36	Julius High 1.05
Mike Rezaei 9.59	Zia Afshani 4.68	Wally Wolf 2.35	Paul Armbruster 0.88
Art Benjamin 8.71	Lucky Nelson 4.55	Mark Cohen 2.34	Elaine Kehm 0.79
Lincoln Bedell 8.56	Dave Orandle 4.36	Gordon Bass 2.34	Boris Mindich 0.70
Jeff Acierno 8.09	Rob Maier 4.36	Adam Versaw 2.33	Jennifer Waller 0.63
Mike Fujita 7.97	Walt Swan 4.21	James Roston 2.16	Wanda de la Barre 0.63
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**CHICAGO BAR POINT CLUB
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THRU 31 JULY**

Steve Mellen 16.76	Jerry Brooks 4.36	Dave Cramer 2.24	Greg Defotis 0.72
Joe Wollick 15.92	Paul Franks 4.24	Rodney Bell 2.00	Roland Dieter 0.64
Tak Morioka 12.92	Tim Mabee 4.20	Joseph Esfahani 1.92	Roz Ferris 0.60
Paul Friedman 10.00	Elaine Kehm 4.08	Reggie Porter 1.92	Reginald Porter 0.56
Laila Leonhardt 9.80	Kary Kay 4.08	Georgina Flanagan 1.80	Steve Rota 0.56
Neil Kazaross 9.36	Norma Shyer 3.92	Paul Baraz 1.76	Joann Feinstein 0.38
Paul Klein 8.76	Marty Tatosian 3.44	Marc Rosset 1.32	Rich Gast 0.32
Alice Kay 7.12	Bill Keefe 3.28	Richard Lloyd 1.28	Sonia Peacock 0.32
Ed Buerger 7.00	Tim Carroll 3.24	Romeo Kap 1.28	Ken Tyszko 0.32
Herb Roman 6.76	Don Jayhan 3.16	Val Zirnicky 1.16	Linda Woods 0.32
Harry Cohn 6.56	Jake Jacobs 3.04	Barry Miller 0.96	Jannica Tornqvist 0.32
Phyllis Smolinski 6.36	John Demian 2.72	Earl Risch 0.96	Henry Gray 0.28
Bill Davis 6.12	George Barr 2.56	Ed Zell 0.96	Barbara Levinson 0.24
Bob Zavoral 5.96	Arline Levy 2.42	Sam Pottle 0.92	Mark Ryan 0.16
Mary Franks 5.88	Richard Stawowy 2.40	Rex Savage 0.88	Boris Mindich 0.16
Phil Simborg 5.00	Steve Klesker 2.40	Wendy Kaplan 0.84	Frankie Farjood 0.16
Andy Krenitz 4.64	Peter Kalba 2.40	Bob Steen 0.80	Paul Lombardo 0.16
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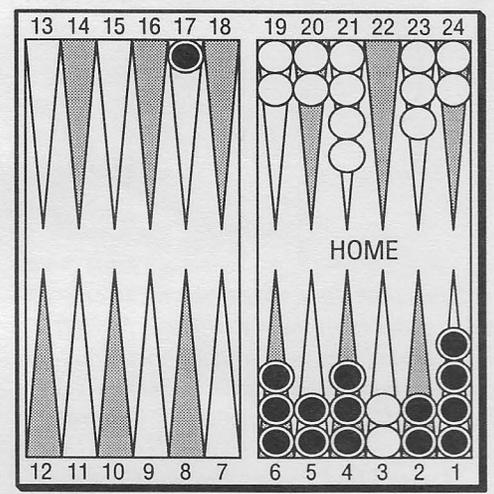
TAK MORIOKA (4.40) ended the last two tournaments of the month with victories en route to July Player of the Month honors. Runner's up were Tim Mabee (2.92) and Joe Wollick (2.00).

your move

PROBLEM #246

to be analyzed by Kit Woolsey

Tournament double match-point.
BLACK TO PLAY 1-1.



SHADES OF GRAY

A RULES AND RULINGS COLUMN

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CONFLICTING MATCH SCORES

Dear Danny: Byron (White) plays against Hugo (Black) in a tournament. Early in their 9-point match, Byron loses a redoubled game and credits him (Hugo) with 4 points on his scoresheet. Hugo sets up the board for the next game, but then makes a mistake in arithmetic, adding only 3 points to his own score. The scoresheets read:

Byron's Sheet		Hugo's Sheet		Actual Score	
ME	HIM	ME	HIM	Hugo	Byron
2	0	0	2	0	2
2	1	1	2	1	2
2	5	4	2	5	2

Before rolling the dice to start the next game, Hugo says, "I'm ahead four-two." Though this differs from Byron's score, Byron says nothing.

Next game Hugo rolls two sets of double-4s early, and doubles Byron out. Hugo announces, "Now I lead five-two," and adds 1 point to his score. Byron again remains silent, but makes no entry on his own scoresheet. The scoresheets now read:

Byron's Sheet		Hugo's Sheet		Actual Score	
ME	HIM	ME	HIM	Hugo	Byron
2	0	0	2	0	2
2	1	1	2	1	2
2	5	4	2	5	2
		5	2	6	2

Finally, in what Hugo thinks is the Crawford Game, Byron wins a gammon, and claims victory. The complete record of the match:

Byron's Sheet		Hugo's Sheet		Actual Score	
ME	HIM	ME	HIM	Hugo	Byron
2	0	0	2	0	2
2	1	1	2	1	2
2	5	4	2	5	2
6	5	5	2	6	2
7	5	5	6	6	6
7	6	5	7	6	7
7	8	6	7	7	7
9	8	8	7	9	7
		8	9		

Some time later, Roger the Kibitzer picks up the scoresheet that Hugo has left on the table, runs over to Hugo (who has joined a chouette) and says, "You bee-geed Byron the Unbackgammonable? Congratulations!"

"I wish I had," sighs Hugo. "I had a

blitz going in the next-to-last game and would have won the match if Byron hadn't rolled double-5s on the last shake to run his last two men from my home court."

Roger points to the place on Hugo's scoresheet where 3 point were recorded. Digging Byron's scoresheet from the trash, Hugo sees the discrepancy in the number of entries, reconstructs what happened, and asks a director what should be done.

How would you rule? Does it matter if Byron has begun his next match, or that the error was discovered only because of Roger's remark?—Director Debbie

DEAR DEBBIE: The "Madison Backgammon Club Tournament Rules and Procedures" included in ...*But Only The Hogs Win Backgammons* states clearly, "12. SCORE. Each player shall keep a running score of the match . . . and check his score with his opponent's at the start of each game." U.S. Tournament Rules and Procedures state similarly.

Hugo made an error in arithmetic, but obeyed the rules by calling out the score as he had recorded it so that Byron could draw attention to any discrepancy. Byron violated the rules three times:

- (1) By neglecting to say "I have you leading 5-2" after the third game.
- (2) By failing to correct Hugo's "5-2" score after the fourth game.
- (3) By omitting an entry for the fourth game from his scoresheet entirely.

You don't have to be a lexicographer to understand that to "keep a running score" means to add points to the winner's total after each game, and that to "check a score with your opponent" means to correct any error in his announcement.

Likewise, you don't have to be a Supreme Court Justice to understand that Byron must not be permitted to benefit from his obviously deliberate infractions. It does not matter whether the person who notices the infraction is Hugo himself, Roger the Kibitzer, or Judy the Janitor when she empties the trash three hours later. Byron loses the match, and gets a warning not to repeat his behavior. A mere warning, rather than expulsion from the whole tournament, is in order because the rule violated is unusual in requiring affirmative action. No other rule places a burden on a player to correct an opponent's error.

If Byron has begun his next match, his new opponent may either continue the match with its current score or start it anew, with Hugo taking Byron's place as his opponent. If Byron has already won any

additional matches, then his last defeated opponent takes his place in the tournament and is subject to the same guidelines as described above. In this instance, Hugo is out of luck entirely. Thus Hugo may still pay a price for his error even though Byron is not permitted to profit from it.—Yours, Danny Δ

Have you ever been involved in a questionable ruling? Get Danny Kleinman's opinion. Write to: Shades of Gray; c/o CHICAGO POINT; 3940 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. 504; Chicago, IL 60659-3155.



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PUB CLUB: Tourn. Monday, 7:30 P.M. at The Old Main Inn, 2330 N. Main St., Wheaton. V. W. Zimmnicki (630/924-8632).

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BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL BG CLUB: Tournaments Monday, 6:30 P.M. at Ride The Nine, 503 N. Prospect, Bloomington. Gary Daniels (309/452-3034)

SANGAMON VALLEY BG ASSN: Tournaments Wednesday, 6:00 P.M. at Brewhaus, 617 E. Washington, Springfield. Ben Zemaitis (217/483-4028).

WINNETKA BG CLUB: Tournaments Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. at 620 Lincoln, Winnetka. Trudie Chibnik (847/446-0537).

PEORIA BACKGAMMON CLUB: Tourn. Thurs., 6:30 P.M. at Peoria Pizza Works, 3921 Prospect, Peoria. Ed Zell (309/673-7622).

BOOK REVIEW...

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"Black's punishment was swift and horrible to behold. After White rolled 61 and played 23/16, Black rolled the dreaded 65, and was forced to play 7/1, 6/1, leaving two blots. White rolled a perfect 41, hitting both. Black danced, and White finished his coup with a 43, closing his board and eventually winning a gammon. White (Luigi Villa) went on to win the match and the World Championship."

Bray's parallel text will be appreciated by connoisseurs of the Art of the Paraphrase:

"For once the backgammon gods were awake. After white had rolled 61, black rolled 65 and had to leave two blots with 7/1, 6/1. White hit them both with 41, later closed his board and won a gammon. Black, his morale and concentration shattered, faded fast, and white—Luigi Villa—went on to become World Champion . . ."

A BIT OF PAUL MAGRIEL's *Backgammon* also finds its way into *BG—An "Independent" View*. Here is Magriel introducing the value of the Golden Point:

"Backgammon is often a game of sudden reverses. A player who is in a winning position may get hit by a freak shot, or stay out a crucial roll against a 2- or 3-point board. You can never completely prevent a sequence of fluke rolls and unexpected disasters . . ."

Bray's version from page 35:

"Backgammon is a game with outrageous reversals of fortune. You can be cruising to victory and suddenly fail to enter on a 2 point board for three rolls. Or you may get hit by a freak shot..."

Unsurprisingly after this intro, Bray's Golden Point problem on page 35 is the first position in Magriel's Golden Point chapter. It is the play of 2-2 in response to an opening 32 played 13/11, 13/10. Magriel's (and Bray's) solution is 24/20(2), which is correct at certain match scores (when gammon avoidance is especially important) but slightly wrong for money, according to current expert opinion. Considered best is 6/4(2) 13/11(2).

I won't bore you with a long list of Bray's borrowings. These two happen to be the clearest instances approaching outright plagiarism that I have found, but there are a number of others.

Curiously, Bray mentions on an "Acknowledgements" page that he has "made use of one or two positions taken from games published in" *Inside Backgam-*

mon, Flint Area Backgammon News, and Chicago Point. The British are known for irony and understatement. I noticed six positions that had come from the *Chicago Point* alone. These positions had made their way across the Atlantic with narrative structures, key descriptive phrases, and in one case rollout results and match equity numbers attached.

You'll find "old friends" of another sort in *BG: An Independent View* as well. They include the "Thorpe Count," the "Robertie 8%/9%/12% Rule" for race doubles, the "Jacoby Paradox," several well-known 5-5 opening blitzes, the 3-to-1 odds rule for take/drop decisions, and a few elementary bear-offs. Bray's explanations of the basic arithmetic of backgammon are lucid. He also does a decent job of describing the mechanics of tournament play including the "Crawford Rule" and the free drop.

THE MOST ORIGINAL MATERIAL in the book is often the weakest. In one sketch, Sherlock Holmes muses about how many market losers you need to justify doubling. In the course of a chat with Dr. Watson he gives a fine explanation of what constitutes market-loss, but then he blows it by concluding that if 25% of all 2-roll sequences are market-losers you should double. Holmes provides no justification for this rule of thumb and as far as I know it has no value, either theoretical or practical.

It is easy to find bear-off positions in which more than 25% of the 2-roll sequences lose your market, but all of the others lose the game. Similar situations arise in the middle-game. Every backgammon player has had positions in which he is croaked unless he rolls a specific winning number, which would lose his market 31% of the time. At the other end of the spectrum, holding games that are clear redoubles, even though you can't lose your market unless you roll double-twos or better, are quite common. Certain close-out endgames cut the market-loss requirement right down to the vanishing point.

Bray writes with fluidity and assurance, the result being that sometimes you may not notice, at first, that what he is saying makes no sense. For example, an article called "Thinking About Backgammon (Part II)" contains the following paragraph from page 103:

"Consider the volatility of the position. Many people make their cube decisions by simply comparing the position based upon their memory of similar positions (i.e. their experience.) For example, 'I have a 3-point holding game with racing equity—it must be a take.'"

You are left hanging, wondering just how volatility affects the take/drop decision in a 3-point game. Actually it doesn't.

A FAIR NUMBER of the articles consist of positions from the author's own games. Needless to say, any position that was problematic to someone can be rolled out by Jellyfish™ and written up instructively. In many cases Bray succeeds. But he is not an expert player, and his choices range from the trivial to the abstruse. Bray writes down positions that he dropped, for instance, only to discover later that the real question was whether his opponent should have doubled. This is one of the reasons I would hesitate to recommend the book, even to a beginner. It takes an expert's judgement to pick good problems, to reliably determine how difficult they are, and to fit the analytical text to his audience.

Unfortunately for the would-be writer of a backgammon book for beginners, the competition is almost impossible to beat. Bill Robertie's *Backgammon for Winners* is marvelously lucid, acutely instructive without being intimidating, and in short virtually perfect for the complete newcomer to our game. And Paul Magriel's *Backgammon*, though beginning to show its age, is still "The Way" for the serious beginner who wants to move into the upper ranks without taking any unnecessary detours. Δ

ARLYNNE SIMON DIES OF CANCER

Arlynn Simon, long time Chicago backgammon player died of lung cancer 31 July 1998. She was 53.

Ms. Simon was active with Valerie Valentine's Backgammon Club of Chicago in the 1970s and served as a Chicago Cup tournament coordinator through 1983.

She continued to play backgammon and occasionally attended the Bar Point Club. Ms. Simon's other passion in life was thoroughbred horse racing. Δ



The late Arlynn Simon (left) pictured at the 1977 Chicago Cup UNICEF charity tournament with former Backgammon Club of Chicago director Valerie Valentine.

MEYBURG...

[Continued from page 1]

three games and knot the score at 20-all. Now we had a 5-point match to determine the 1998 World Champion . . .

[Look for the entire match analysis in the next issue of Backgammon Magazin. For order information, see the advertisement on page 9.—Ed.]

25-point final match. Meyburg (Black) and Winslow (White) tied at 20-20. Game 24.

Meyburg: 20

Winslow: 20

- 1) 52: 13/8, 13/11
- 2) 51: 8/3*, 24/23

- 52: 13/8, 24/22

A hit on the 3-point doesn't promise big gains. Fighting for the 4- or 5-point would be more understandable. The big split (24/18) is better than 24/23 8/3* because it fights for a more valuable point with less risk.

- 2) 21: 25/22*
- 3) 53: 25/20, 23/20
- 4) 31: 8/5, 6/5

- 53: 8/3, 6/3
- 55: 13/3, 6/1*, 6/1

13/8, 13/8 is slightly better than 13/3. As a rule of thumb, each checker landing deep in your board behind open points represents some degree of wastage!

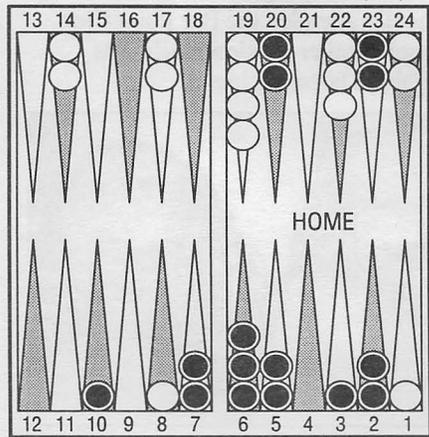
- 5) 62: 25/23, 11/5
- 6) 64: 13/7, 6/2
- 7) 31:
- 8) 32: 25/23*, 5/2
- 9) 32: 25/23, 6/3*
- 10) 63: 13/7, 13/10
- 11) 21: 8/6, 8/7

- 22: 24/22, 13/11(3)
- 21: 8/6, 3/2*
- 53: 11/3
- 41: 25/24, 22/18*
- 51: 25/24, 18/13
- 43: 13/6

10/7 forms a stronger prime, leaves fewer blots, and therefore is better.

- 11) 43: 24/17
- 2) 22: 10/8*, 7/3, 7/5

Winslow (20)



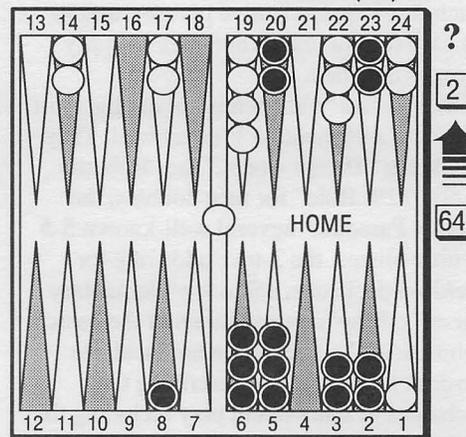
Meyburg (20)

This is a blunder. 10/8*, 8/4, 6/4 makes a superior point (4-point instead of the 3-point), keeps

the bar-point and is better by far (equity difference = 0.14).

- 12) 62: Take
- 13) Double to 2

Winslow (20)



Meyburg (20)

Elliott should pass this cube. In a 5-point match, the takepoint in a gammonless position is lower than in a money game, but the gammon price is much higher than in a money game. Therefore the takepoint in a gammonish position is higher than in money play.

The position is a marginal take/pass in a money game. But in a 5-point match, it's an easy pass.

- 14) 11: 8/7, 6/4, 5/4 (Joker!)
- 15) 64: 7/1*, 20/16
- 16) 33: 23/20, 16/7
- 17) 63: 7/1, 23/20
- 18) 62: 20/12
- 19) 61: 12/5
- 20) 42: 20/16, 20/18
- 21) 22: 18/16, 6/2, 6/4
- 22) 21: 16/13
- 23) 33: 16/7, 13/10
- 24) 63: 10/1
- 25) 51: 7/2, 5/4

Gammon wins are worth a lot at this match score. They take Meyburg to Crawford lead. Therefore Meyburg should take a little risk to increase his chances to win a gammon: 7/2 1/off.

- 25) 41:
- 26) 55: 5/0(2), 4/0(2)
- 27) 64: 4/0, 4/0
- 28) 42: 3/0, 2/0
- 29) 52: 3/0, 2/0
- 30) 44: 2/0(2), 1/0(2)

Meyburg wins 4 points.

Game 25

Meyburg: 24

Winslow: 20

- 1) 63: 24/18, 13/10
- 2) 61: 13/7*, 8/7
- 3) 44: 13/5*, 13/5
- 4) 31: 24/21, 6/5

- 63: 25/20, 24/23
- 62: 25/23, 13/7
- 64: 10/4*, 8/4

- 5) 54: 25/20, 24/20
- 51: 13/7

Elliott has to win this game to stay in business. Gammons don't count. Therefore he must fight! Elliott does not have the timing to remain on the 23-point. 23/22, 7/2 (first choice) or 23/22, 13/8, actively try to win the game with the direct game plan of escaping with the back checkers and is much better than the "no plan" 13/7.

- 6) 33: 13/10(2), 6/3(2)
- 7) 61: 10/4, 5/4
- 8) 61: 10/3
- 9) 66: 7/1(2)
- 10) 54: 20/11

Leaving the board with both checkers makes Elliott's job harder to close the board or to form a prime. Winslow wants to make the 5-point. When Meyburg runs one back man, Elliott may hit loose, slotting the 5-point in the process. 20/15 20/16 wins almost 5% more games than 20/11.

- 10) 11: 6/5*, 4/1
- 11) 54: 25/20*, 20/16
- 12) 61: 16/9
- 13) 41: 11/7*, 7/6
- 14) 52: 8/3, 8/6
- 15) 55: 9/4, 6/1, 5/0(2)
- 16) 52: 6/1, 3/1
- 17) 31: 4/0

More checkers off with no visible additional risk wins more games! 3/off 1/off is best (wins 2% more games than 4/off)!

- 17) 51: 20/15, 6/5
- 18) 32: 6/3, 6/4
- 19) 55: 4/0(3), 3/0
- 20) 21: 3/2*, 2/0
- 21) 44: 3/0(2), 1/0(2)

Meyburg wins one point, the match and becomes the second player to win two Monte Carlo World Championships (Bill Robertie did it in 1983 and 1987).

THE 34-YEAR-OLD CHAMP recently married the charming Giana from Russia. He really is on a winning streak!

All German players coming from Nuremberg had reason to celebrate: Meyburg won the World Championship, Werner Hertel, Rudolf Frisch and Dragan Mitrovic won the World Team Championship, beating the other Nuremberg team (Manfred Hollederer, Dimitios Pappas, Mark Anders) in the semifinals. This reporter was 3rd/4th in the 2nd Consolation bracket and recent German Open winner Manfred Hollederer reached the finals of the Last Chance.

Wonderful backgammon days in Monte Carlo! Complete results follow on page 7.—Harald Johanni, Editor, Backgammon Magazin Δ

1998 MONTE CARLO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

CHAMPIONSHIP (220): *Main*: 1-Michael Meyburg (Germany), 2-Elliott Winslow (USA/Denmark), 3/4-Rageb Shadallah (USA) / Achim Müller (Germany). *1st Consolation*: 1-Tobias Christensen (Denmark), 2-Jorge-Alberto Pan (Argentina), 3/4-Andreas Märtens (Germany) / 3-Dirk Schiemann (Germany). *2nd Consolation*: 1-Hugh Sconyers (USA), 2-Markus Michel (Germany), 3/4-Mario Kühl (Germany) / Harald Johanni (Germany). *Last Chance*: 1 - Richard Whitehouse (Great Britain), 2- Manfred Holleder (Germany). *Lady's Prize*: Bai-Ling Nelson (Hong Kong).

INTERMEDIATE (76): *Main*: 1-Sтивен Choi (USA), 2-Lui Vardj (Israel), 3/4-Rudolf Frisch (Germany) / Arthur Muradyan

(Armenia). *1st Consolation*: 1-Ronald Reinhardt (Germany), 2-Souhail Atie (Lebanon). 3/4-Torben Nielsen (Denmark) / Jesper Christiansen (Denmark). *2nd Consolation*: 1-Jakov Nepominiachi (Russia), 2-Anders Nielander (Denmark), 3/4-Oliver Schneiter (Switzerland / Rasmus Hansen (Denmark). *Last Chance*: 1-Serge Nadjar (France), 2-Peter Winkler (Austria). *Lady's Prize*: Gitte Dalgaard (Denmark)

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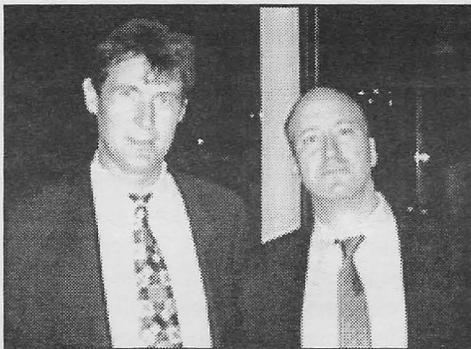
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SUPER JACKPOT (64): 1-Ralf Jonas (GER), 2-Vichai Kwatra, 3/4-Hugh Sconyers (USA) / ?.

THE FORTIS WORLD TEAM EVENT: 1-"Kutscher"—Werner Hertel, Rudolf Frisch, Dragan Mitrovic (Germany), 2-"Feuer"—Leonid Riskin, Slava Prijadkin, Nadjib Salamzy (Mixed).

TENNIS TOURNAMENT: Men's Doubles: 1-Marco Valpiani/Oliver Schnieter, 2-Raul Timerman/Parker Calvalho. GOLF TOURNAMENT: 1-Bruno Le Milinaire (France), 2nd-Robert Lindbom (Sweden).

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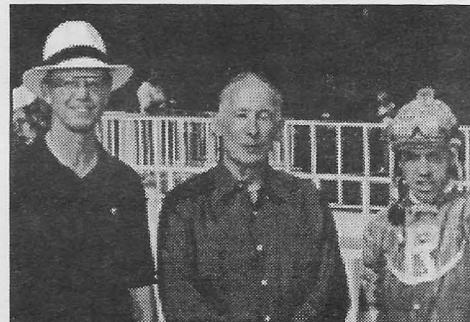
Meyburg with runner-up Elliott Winslow at the awards ceremony.

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THE HAWTHORNE WINNING PARLAY: CRAMER & FERRIS

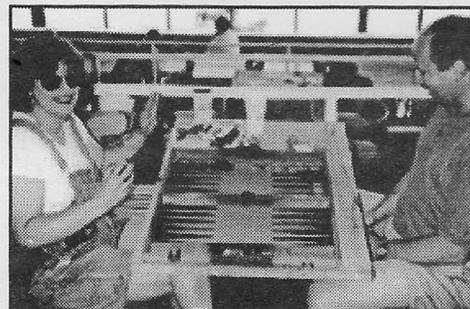
Dave Cramer and Roz Ferris found the surroundings of Hawthorne Race Course to their liking as both were victorious at the Hawthorne Backgammon Classic. The 10th Annual event was staged at the course in Cicero, Illinois on 18 July.

Cramer defeated Joe Wollick in a tight Open division battle to earn his winner's circle appearance in "an event I've always wanted to win."



Hawthorne Open winner Dave Cramer (center) in the winner's circle with BPC director Bill Davis and winning jockey Jesse Campbell.

Roz Ferris put on a great stretch drive to win among the Intermediates. Trailing Ken Tyszko 6-0 in the 7-point finals, she "went to the whip" and pulled out victory 7-6.



Roz Ferris making her comeback in the Intermediate division vs. Ken Tyszko.

Following the tourney, 10 of us went to Tommy Gunn's Garage for dinner and a roaring 20s show. Roz Ferris was even called up on stage and proved she could ham it up with the best of them! Lots of fun.

Thanks to Caryl Meadows of Hawthorne Race Course for her assistance in staging this popular event. Results:

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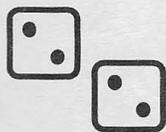
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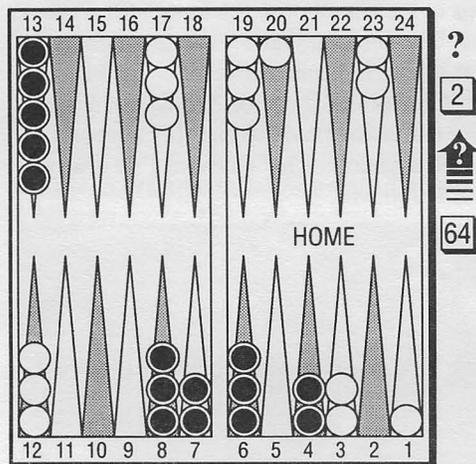


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**PROBLEM #245
ANALYZED**

by Jake Jacobs

Match to 5 points. Black leads White, 2 to 0. **Black on roll. CUBE ACTION(S)?**

This problem came to me in the mail—the e-mail. My friend Phil Simborg plays backgammon online. FIBS, GamesGrid, anyplace that will accept his little electrons as members. When confronted with a position that baffles him, he saves the screen, then sends copies to his friends seeking feedback. Currently he is generating more feedback than a vintage Deep Purple concert.

Phil was Black, and doubled. His opponent, Loner, took. JellyFish™ (level

7) agrees with the take. So, we have two reliable robots that believe this to be double/take. We also have several less reliable humans who see this as anything from no double to drop.

Let's decide what we should do for money, then see what effect, if any, the score will have on our decision.

Three-point games, indeed, holding games in general, are often misunderstood. If the race were close, this might not be a double. Here White trails by 29 pips. Can she hit often enough to take? Black has a hole in his prime. Can White exploit the gap in Black's grin often enough to wipe the smile off Black's face? Black's chances of filling in the gap are quite good. With large numbers he will bring down builders, and with small numbers he will make the point. Even if White is lucky enough to hit an early fly shot (e.g. each side rolls 6-2 this turn), Black will remain the favorite.

The extra man, back on the acepoint, is just that—an extra man back. Yes, sometimes that man will get and hit shots missed by the primary anchor, but my rule of thumb is: if I can't see the shot coming this roll, I'll move that man if I can. With that in mind, the third man back is a liability. White loses some gammons because of that checker.

JF's rollouts are at variance with its evaluation, and confirm that Loner should have passed. White wins about one game in four, and loses about one gammon in eight games. Ownership of the cube is not enough to overcome the gammon losses, as

we'll see in a minute. This is a clear pass for money.

Leading in a match, players are rightly reluctant to cube, and happy to take. This score, 3-away, 5-away, is one of the weird ones. If we simply compute White's takepoint (I'm trying to spare everyone the numbers) we find it to be slightly higher than at money. But if we compute Black's takepoint when White redoubles, we find it higher still. In other words, White has a wide doubling window, and a powerful recube. If White can make use of this powerful cube, she will have an easy take.

One way to test this ability was to reroll the position with the settlement lowered to 0.33. This approximated White's recube action at the score. The rollouts confirmed my suspicion. White's normal plan for redoubling is to wait until she is in the window, and has market-losers, then ship it over. To redouble, White needs at least 40% game-winning chances. Typically, White will get a shot, but will not have enough equity to redouble before she hits. Even a 15 number shot, with a closed board, might not come to 40%. So, White waits, hits, and then has blown completely through her market. She cashes a game she has already almost won. According to the rollouts, she wins an extra 3% with the cube. In 100 games, she wins 28, gets gammoned 12 and loses another 60.

The correct action is double/pass. Nice going, Phil! Looks like we should be sending our posers to you, rather than the reverse. Δ

AMALGAMATION

Congratulations to **Laila Leonhardt** (Denmark/IL) who was granted an O-1 Visa by the US Government. This special visa is only awarded to extraordinarily talented people. Laila is the first to be granted such a visa for backgammon which is regarded as a "mind sport"... GamesGrid is offering a Stripgammon tournament online. Get the juicy details at: <http://www.lvdi.net/~eric/royalflush/grid.html>... Now you can buy backgammon supplies online with your credit card. Visit **Richard McIntosh's** "Backgammon Deli" at <http://www.straight8.com/bg.deli>. It's quite a site... Get well wishes to **Tim Carroll** (IL) who was hospitalized last month... Also, we wish all the best to long-time Bar Point Club and Pub Club player **Don Jayhan** (IL) who is recovering from a blood clot in his lung. We're glad you're out of the hospital, Don!... Congratulations to **Carol Joy Cole** (MI) on maintaining an

award-winning website: "Mark Your Calendar—Alive!" The Internet address is: <http://homepage.interaccess.com/~chipoint/calendar.html>... Both **Jake Jacobs** (IL) and **Jerry Feinstein** (IL) were on a recent "Wild Chicago" television show. Jake for his gimmick road rallye hobby, Jerry for his Civil War reenactment interests... Backgammon By The Bay director **Beth Skillman** and Richard McIntosh are putting out feelers on behalf on a national backgammon organization. If you wish to be involved, contact Beth at 831/688-9722, or e-mail her at: beth@backgammon.org... If you're going to the Peoria Summer Sizzler on Sunday, 23 August in Lacon, IL, be sure to consider the 22 August Picnic (hosted by **Cliff Mayoh**) at Peoria director **Ed Zell's** new house. \$8 gets you a filet mignon, baked potato, sweet corn, beer, wine, and soda. Call Ed for the details: 309/674-0557 or Cliff at: 309/691-8983. And don't forget to bring a bathing suit!... Here's another cooling idea: Backgammon By The Bay director **Beth Skillman** (CA) awarded

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•**Northern Ohio Monthly Tournament** (Canton, OH; 14 June)... OPEN (16): 1-Mary Hickey, 2-Adam Versaw (PA).

•**5th German Open** (Brakel, Germany; July 3-8)... OPEN: 1-Manfred Holleder.

•**10th City of Venice Tournament** (Venice, Italy; 9-12 July)... CHAMPIONSHIP (74): 1-Teppo Salo (Finland), 2-Vittorio Castro (Italy), 3/4-Paul Magriel (USA) / Carlo Facchetti (Italy); 1C-Francois Tardieu

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•**BIBA Bonus No. 1** (Birmingham, England; 11-12 July)... MAIN (32): 1-Alistair Hogg, 2-Matthew Pinnell. CONSOLATION (30): 1-Chris Evans, 2-Julian Hayhurst.

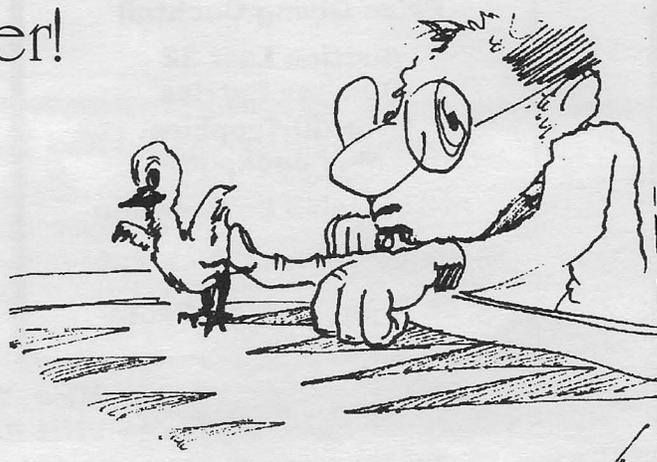
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•**Backgammon by the Bay Monthly** (San Mateo, CA; 19 July)... OPEN (21): 1-Rawlin Pullen, 2-Mike Fujita, 3/4-Nick Ballard / Ray Fogelund; 1C-Paul Albert, 2C-Ken Arnold. INTERMEDIATE (16): 1-Timothy Jaxon, 2-Lorien Phippeny; 1C-Richard Gibson, 2C-Hristo Zahov. BEGINNER (8): 1-Zaya Roveil, 2-Brad Vogt, 3/4-Igor Krivokon / Eileen Wilkins.

•**Bar Point Sunday** (Oakbrook Terrace, IL; 9 Aug.)... OPEN (10): 1/2-Phil Simborg / Joe Wollick, 3/4-Steve Mellen / Dave Cramer; 1C-Paul Friedman, 2C-Andy Krenitz. INTERMEDIATE (12): 1-Joe Wehrle, 2-Roz Ferris, 3/4-Rich Stawowy / Marc Rosset; 1C-Mark Murray, 2C-Stan Kucharz. Δ

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