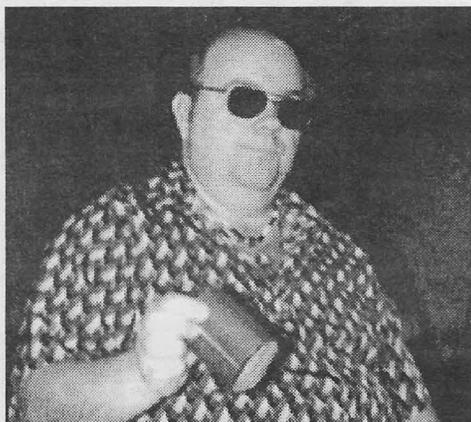


22nd chicago open

EVERYTHING'S JAKE

**Jake Jacobs captures Chicago Open
Fred Kalantari is Masters Champ**

Everything's clicking for Jake Jacobs in 2001. A February win in Pittsburgh, 1st Consolation at the March Midwest Championships, a 12-match win streak at the Chicago Bar Point Club, and now victory at the Chicago Open and a huge American Backgammon Tour lead. Jake's playing well and rolling well. It's an unbeatable combination.



Jake Jacobs rolls on at the Chicago Open.

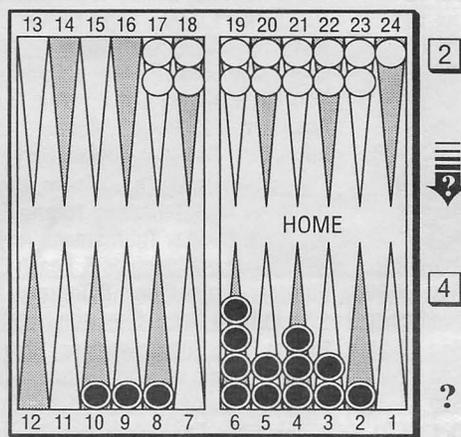
The 22nd Chicago Open was held over the Memorial Day weekend (25–28 May) at the Wyndham Hotel in Itasca, Illinois. Nevada Backgammon Association director Howard Markowitz organized the event and John Brussel made his successful debut as a director. Although overall attendance was down 18% from 2000, the 46-player Championship division was as tough as ever with Corbett, Goulding, Markowitz, Senkiewicz, and Woolsey in the field.

Jake's win over KG in the semifinals of the double elimination undefeated bracket set up a critical match against fellow Chicagoan Tak Morioka. The winner would need only one victory in his next two matches to claim the title; the loser would go to the one-loss bracket needing five wins in a row to take the top trophy. Jake bested Tak with an exciting double match-point victory to earn his spot in the

catbird seat.

Richard Del Furia, a fine player from Minnesota, was Jake's eventual finals opponent. But Jake is one of the best players in the world. His indisputable skill advantage gave him a tough doubling decision in the fourth game of the 13-point finals:

POS. 1. 13-point Chicago Open finals. Jake Jacobs (White) leads Richard Del Furia (Black), 3 to 1. White on roll holding a 2-cube. **CUBE ACTION(S)?**

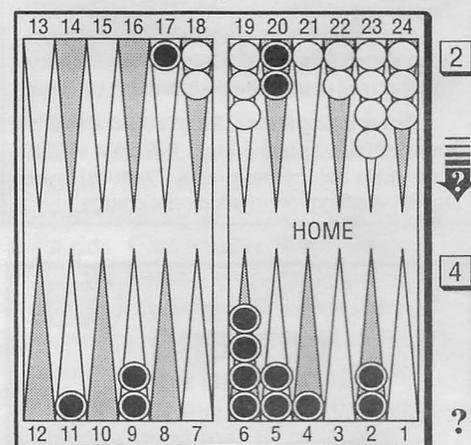


Leading the race 71–81, Snowie™ evaluates the position as a marginal recube

and an easy take. (Thanks to Steve Sax for all Snowie™ data.) Assuming equal competition, Jake made the right play. But does he really want to face a Del Furia recube and risk 8 points on dice alone? In Pos. 1, the opponents' skill differential makes the correctness of the initial recube too close to call.

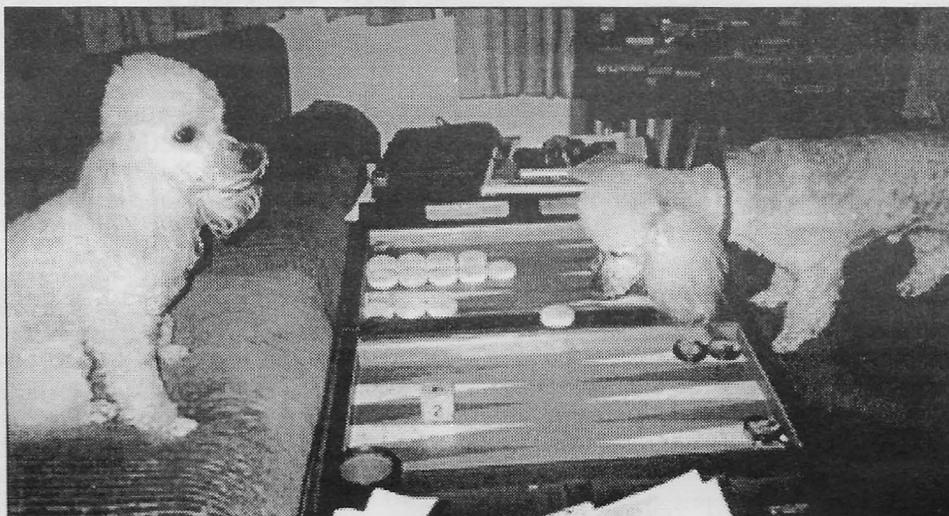
Jake won the bearoff to take a 7–1 lead. Let's move to a recube problem from game 8:

POS. 2. Jacobs (White) leads Del Furia (Black), 9–2 to 13. White on roll holding a 2-cube. **CUBE ACTION(S)?**



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MAN ON THE "ROOF, ROOF"



John Meyers (Racine, Wisconsin) sent us this photo of his two dogs, Moose (left) and Zerbert playing backgammon. Moose's 4-cube is obviously a tough one. Zerbert has been sniffing out clues on whether to take or drop for 10 minutes! Δ

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PROMOTERS SHOULD COMPLETELY BAN SMOKING

Elsewhere in this issue, you will see a memorial to my friend Jan Carlstrom. Jan had been a heavy smoker before he quit 12 years ago. We will never know whether his smoking caused the cancer which was discovered six years later and eventually took his life on May 11 at the age of 56. Nevertheless, I would like to take this opportunity to suggest most strongly that it is time for us to take the final steps in creating a smoke-free environment at all backgammon events.

In 1990, Bill Davis took the first courageous step by declaring that the Midwest Backgammon Championships would forbid smoking in the main playing room. We were pleasantly surprised to discover that his move—which was quickly emulated by other tournament promoters—did

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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NATIONAL

American Backgammon Tour events underlined.

Jun 8-10	<u>Carolina Invitational, Comfort Suites, Gastonia, NC</u>	704/398-8480
Jun 10	Bar Point Sunday Tournament, Anyway's Grill, Oakbrook Terrace, IL	773/252-7755
Jun 10	Backgammon By The Bay Monthly, TGI Friday's, Oakland, CA	831/688-9722
Jun 10	Greater Columbus Club Monthly, Lucky's Grille, Hilliard, OH	614/771-0981
Jun 10	New England Club Playoffs, Holiday Inn, Somerville, MA	617/491-8710
Jun 12-17	8th Worldwide Twin Championships, Treasure Island, Las Vegas, NV	702/893-6025
Jun 16	Redwood Empire Club Monthly, Embassy Suites, San Rafael, CA	707/824-9715
Jun 21	Father's Day Open, Triple Crown Sports Bar, Houston, TX	713/567-1639
Jun 21	Third Thursday Bonus (Georgia Championships), Day's Inn, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
Jun 24	Ace Point Club Monthly Tournament, Ace Point Club, New York, NY	212/753-0842
Jun 24	Austin Sunday Bimonthly Tournament, JC's Bar & Grill, Austin, TX	518/261-8518
Jun 24	Milwaukee Club Monthly, John Hawks Pub, Milwaukee, WI	414/962-8549
Jun 27	Michigan Summer Championships Warm-up, Novi Hilton, Novi, MI	810/232-9731
<u>Jun 28-Jul 1</u>	<u>Michigan Summer Championships, Novi Hilton, Novi, MI</u>	<u>810/232-9731</u>
Jul 1*	MSN Gammonzone Medallion Monthly, via computer	GZMedallion@gammonzone.net
Jul 1*	Official GamesGrid Monthly Tournament, via computer	tournaments@cyberarts.com
Jul 8	Backgammon By The Bay Monthly, TGI Friday's, Oakland, CA	831/688-9722
Jul 8	Northern Ohio Club Monthly, Thirsty Dog Brewery, Canton, OH	330/966-2811
Jul 15*	Greater Columbus Club Monthly, Lucky's Grille, Hilliard, OH	614/771-0981
Jul 19*	Third Thursday Bonus Tournament (Indiana Open), Day's Inn, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
Jul 19*	Firecracker Classic, Triple Crown Sports Bar, Houston, TX	713/567-1639
Jul 21*	Redwood Empire Club Monthly, Embassy Suites, San Rafael, CA	707/824-9715
Jul 22*	Milwaukee Club Monthly, John Hawks Pub, Milwaukee, WI	414/962-8549
Jul 28*	Georgia Warm-up & Peach Cup Qualifier, Tony's Grille, Roswell, GA	770/333-1876
Jul 29*	Ace Point Club Monthly Tournament, Ace Point Club, New York, NY	212/753-0842
Jul 28-29	8th Annual Summer Cooker, Steve Hast residence, Pittsburgh, PA	412/823-7500
<u>Aug 3-5</u>	<u>Thousand Islands Tournament, Pine Tree Point, Alexandria Bay, NY</u>	<u>716/387-0767</u>
Aug 4*	Universal Mall Bimonthly Tourney, All the King's Men, Warren, MI	810/558-4790
Aug 5*	Bar Point Sunday Tournament, Anyway's Grill, Oakbrook Terrace, IL	773/252-7755
<u>Aug 9-12</u>	<u>Georgia Championships & Peach Cup, Hilton Garden Inn, Atlanta, GA</u>	<u>770/333-1876</u>
Aug 18-19*	Summer Sizzler Picnic & Tourney, Zell's, W. Peoria & Sly Fox, Lacon, IL	309/674-0557
<u>Aug 31-Sep 3</u>	<u>49th Indiana Open, Sheraton Hotel & Suites, Indianapolis, IN</u>	<u>317/255-8902</u>
Sep 21-23	Florida State Championships, Sheraton Suites, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	954/564-0340
Sep 22-23*	Vietor Invitational, Jon Vietor's residence, La Jolla, CA	858/456-3829
<u>Sep 28-30*</u>	<u>Towpath Tournament, Towpath Inn, Turin, NY</u>	<u>716/387-0767</u>
<u>Oct 19-21</u>	<u>Illinois State Championships, Springfield Hilton Hotel, Springfield, IL</u>	<u>217/528-0117</u>
<u>Nov 2-4</u>	<u>48th Gammon Associates Invitational, A.R. Private Club, Los Angeles, CA</u>	<u>818/901-0464</u>
<u>Nov 16-18</u>	<u>Minnesota State Championships, Thunderbird Hotel, Bloomington, MN</u>	<u>612/378-1536</u>
<u>Nov 24-25</u>	<u>Ohio State Championships, Akron Holiday Inn, Akron, OH</u>	<u>330/966-2811</u>
Nov 28-Dec 1	Las Vegas Open, Harrah's Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV	702/893-6025

OUTSIDE USA

Jun 10	Toronto Club Monthly, Doghouse Riley's, Toronto, ON, Canada	416/722-9709
Jun 16-17*	POSTPONED: Roma Colosseum Cup, Circolo Le Barbù, Rome, Italy	39333-4809363
Jul 5-8	13th City of Venice International Tournament, Lido, Venice, Italy	3941-5900769
Jul 7-8	Keren Di Bona Memorial, Hilton National Hotel, Coventry, England	441522-888676
Jul 8	Toronto Club Monthly, Doghouse Riley's, Toronto, ON, Canada	416/722-9709
Jul 9-15	World Championship, Grand Hotel, Monte Carlo, Monaco	USA contact: 954/527-4033
Jul 16-17	10th Nice Open, Lido Plage, Nice, France	33493-879436
Jul 18-22	Czech Open III, Corinthia Towers Hotel, Prague, Czech Republic	49911-409505
Jul 18-22	Master Chouette & 6th Grand Prix de Lugano, Hotel Eden, Lugano, Switz.	4179-3374425
Jul 27-29	Bergen Open 2001, Sardinien, Bergen, Norway	4755-981544
Aug 3-6	Backgammon Summer Bash, Cairn Croft Hotel, Niagara Falls, Canada	Fax: 661/275-6460
Aug 4-5	Studio Anne Carlton Trophy, Hilton National, Coventry, England	441522-888676
Aug 18-19*	Danish Doubles Championship, Solrød, A.B.C., Denmark	4556-144282
Aug 18-27	BG at Mind Sports Olympiad V, Alexandra Palace, London, England	441522-888676
Aug 31-Sep 3	13th European Championship, Hit Casino Park, Nova Gorica, Slovenia	3902-69018168
Sep 8-9*	Roy Hollands Trophy, Hilton National Hotel, Coventry, England	441522-888676
Sep 8-9*	Sjælland's Mesterskaber, Roskilde Backgammon Klub, Denmark	4546-366012
Sep 29-30*	Humblebæk Backgammon Klub, Humlebæk, Denmark	4520-671995
Sep 29-Oct 3	8th German Open, Kaiserbrunnen Hotel, Brakel, Germany	49521-64314
Oct 5-7	Canadian Open, Le Nouvel Hotel, Montreal, QC, Canada	904/777-8816
Oct 6-8	7th Japan Open & 31st Championship, Nakano Sun Plaza, Tokyo, Japan	813337-33814
Oct 6-7*	Sandy Osborne Trophy, Hilton National Hotel, Coventry, England	441522-888676
Oct 11-14*	4th Austrian Open, Casino Seefeld, Seefeld, Austria	431-9715889
Oct 13-14*	10th Åbne Fynske Mesterskaber, Bridgehuset, Odense, Denmark	4566-177719

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not lead to a decrease in attendance, but actually caused non-smokers to return to the tournament scene.

It is now time to recognize that we are not doing anyone a favor by allowing players to smoke at our weekly tournaments. I'm happy to say that many players have quit smoking in recent years. While it is clearly not practical to have a separate smoking area at weekly tournaments, the fact of the matter is that nonsmokers clearly outnumber smokers today and have a right to as smoke-free an environment as is possible.

I recognize that many weekly tournaments are played at bars and restaurants that permit smoking. However, that should not prevent promoters from banning smoking during matches or in the immediate

area of the tournament that area is separated from the rest of the bar or restaurant.

I believe such a move will cause many players to return to weekly play; but whether it does or not, it is simply the right thing to do.—*John Brussel, Chicago, Illinois*

PAUL'S ERRORS IN _____

I find it hard to believe that you would print anything written by Paul Weaver. Who really cares about a personal assessment of his errors in the Grand Crystal Beaver event? Maybe Paul, because the article reminds us that he won.

As far as the mistakes that he made, no experts would find anything particularly difficult about making the right plays, IMHO. Not only was I able to choose the right play, but based on his performance under pressure, I could guess which plays he had made.

I think he should have really entitled

this article, "Look at me! See how few mistakes I made while I was winning a big event. You do remember the Grand Crystal Beaver, dontcha? The one I won last month?" Come on!

Honest, hard working people like Mary Hickey deserve to be spotlighted in the CHICAGO POINT. If you have to print Weaver's stuff, then print "My Boo-Boos in (Fill in the blank), Part IV" on the last page, where it belongs.—*Ray Fogerlund, Bakersfield, California*

We asked Paul Weaver to submit an article about his Grand Crystal Beaver victory and found it to be very well written. Thanks again to Mr. Weaver for his submission—Ed.

Paul Weaver sets a good example for others by analyzing his errors in a match. His degree of self-effacement in the article was amusing, though clearly Paul is already a strong player, and now I can see the extent of his devotion. Next time I expect him to beat me 11-2 instead of 11-4.—

Nack Ballard, Richmond, California



AMERICAN BACKGAMMON TOUR ★ 2001

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(Coming in June & July: Carolina Invitational, Michigan Summer Champs)



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Jake Jacobs	52.87	Chris Wilson	5.60	Norm Wiggins	3.22	Landon Leming	1.56
Bruce Russell	24.13	Keith Kuligowski	5.20	Doug Roberts	0.00	Matt Armbruster	1.56
Gyl Savoie	21.45	Marianne Gatenby	5.11	Mark Tremayne	3.20	Roger Hickman	1.44
Steve Sax	16.20	Brian Barber	5.11	Bill Keefe	2.95	Hunter Jones	1.44
Richard Del Furia	15.67	Dana Nazarian	4.50	Ken Lazar	2.62	Ali Malik	1.34
Bob Wachtel	12.89	Paul Weaver	4.44	Mike Flohr	2.40	Ed Buerger	1.13
Chen Fu Yu	12.69	Howard Shapiro	4.44	Glenn Ramsey	2.27	Bob Courtney	1.00
James Roston	11.44	Richard Munitz	4.44	Mark Haley	2.27	Suzanne Hayden	0.83
Dennis Culpepper	10.46	Tim Mabee	4.14	Adam Versaw	2.27	Tracy Galloway	0.82
Bob Glass	10.46	David Rockwell	3.90	Steve Maas	2.08	Jay Cordes	0.78
Glen de Guzman	6.73	David Groner	3.90	John Meyers	2.08	Lynn Marsella	0.62
Herb Roman	6.69	Tom Daniel	3.59	Mariano Gonzalez	1.92	Jim Zinkhon	0.62
Eliot Bean	6.45	Ron Rogers	3.56	Connie Tipton	1.78	Dick Nelson	0.53
Greg Merriman	6.34	Tim Carroll	3.35	Paul Lombardo	1.78	Erik Erland	0.53
Rob Maier	6.34	Bill Minser	3.35				



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Bob Zavoral	16.28	Phyllis Smolinski	4.72	David Araiza	2.40	Joe Ausmann	0.88
Jake Jacobs	10.28	Don Jayhan	4.60	Steve Klesker	2.16	Karsten Nielsen	0.88
Bill Bartholomay	10.04	Bill Keefe	4.48	Mark Murray	1.76	Wayne Weist	0.80
Brian Barber	9.04	J.A. Miller	4.32	Paul Lombardo	1.76	Brian Leventhal	0.64
Glenn Martells	8.24	Alice Kay	4.08	Georgina Flanagan	1.68	Paul Friedman	0.64
Tim Mabee	8.24	Scott Richardson	3.68	Roger Hickman	1.60	Mike Sutton	0.64
Tim Carroll	7.76	Elaine Kehm	3.60	John Brussel	1.36	Roger Blaine	0.64
Joe Wollick	7.68	Peter Kalba	3.52	Don Marek	1.28	Brian Kozin	0.64
Norma Shyer	6.88	Bill Davis	3.04	Ken Bond	1.28	Beverly Becker	0.64
Carter Mattig	5.92	Marc Rosset	2.96	Erik Erland	1.12	Reginald Porter	0.56
Herb Roman	5.60	Lucky Nelson	2.88	Leo Campos	0.88	Tom Roberts	0.48
Bob Steen	5.60	Joann Feinstein	2.80	Bob Katz	0.88	Joe Szvedo	0.32
Tak Morioka	5.12	Mark Ryan	2.56	Richard Lloyd	0.88	Barbara Levinson	0.24
Howard Chow	4.96	Arline Levy	2.48	Wendy Kaplan	0.88	Sakura Wells	0.24

JAKE JACOBS parlayed a 12 match winning streak into 5.04 May points and Player of the Month honors. Brian Barber was second with 4.56 points. Bob Zavoral and Alice Kay tied for third with 3.20.

Second call for a psychological profile on Paul Weaver re his May 2001 first person error analysis account of his match with Nack Ballard in the Midwest Championships Grand Crystal Beaver. The guy wins Indy last fall and then grabs first in your "field of 16" and continues to take himself to task mercilessly! I have this overwhelming urge, next time I see him, to walk up to him and say, "Paul, you worthless piece of . . . !" (Literary license for my "French" on

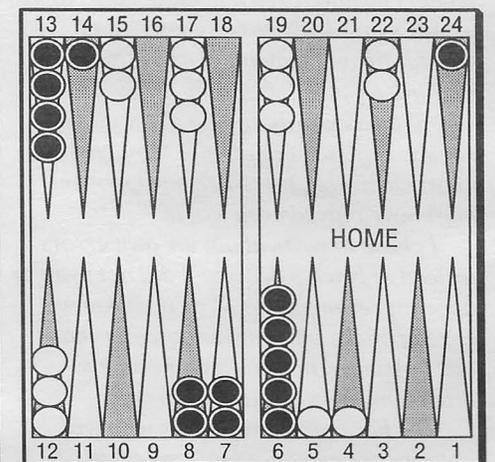
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your move

PROBLEM #273

to be analyzed by Walter Trice

Tournament double match-point.
BLACK TO PLAY 4-1.



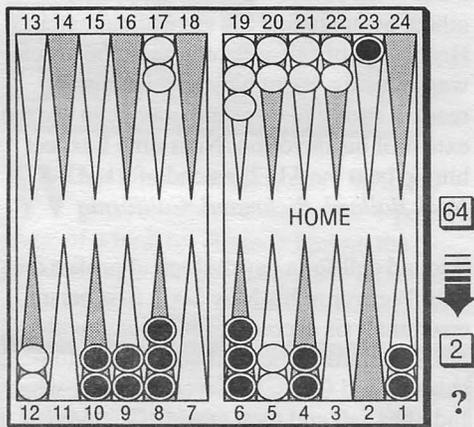
ASK
DANNY

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WANNA BET?

Dear Danny: I picked up a new partner for the Doubles event at a recent weekend tournament. Basically, we played well together, but still had our share of disagreements:

7 point match. We (Black) lead our opponents (White) 1-0. White doubles. **SHOULD BLACK TAKE?**



There was something about this position that I just didn't feel comfortable with and although my partner vehemently wanted to take the cube, I forced my decision to drop.

While we were setting up for the next game, our opponents (who were excellent players) sided with my partner claiming that the position was an "easy take" and offering to bet me that Snowie would concur. Although I didn't accept the wager, they did succeed in embarrassing me in front of my partner.

I believe that their actions to "divide and conquer" were inappropriate. Is there anything in the rules of play or etiquette that supports my position? Also, without using Snowie, how do you evaluate my decision to drop?—Feeling Exploited

DEAR EXPLOITED: Of course the position isn't "comfortable" for you and your partner. When excellent players (as you say your opponents were) double, it seldom is. They have the four best inside points, you have only a mediocre three point board. Their blockade contains five of six consecutive points, yours only four of five. They own the best anchor, you have a blot subject to attack. I can understand your wanting to pass.

Nonetheless, I concur with your partner and opponents in thinking the cube takable (though I would not call the take "easy"). The advantages your opponents enjoy are substantial but not overwhelming, and your position has a saving grace: you have one man back to their two. If you escape, your modest lead in the race will shift the advantage in the game to you. This puts pressure on your opponents, who will usually hit loose on their 2-point when they can't point on your blot. A return hit won't

devastate your opponents, but it will inconvenience them greatly by sending a third man back. If you are not on the bar at the time, it will be dangerous for your opponents to break anchor, for you'll have three or four hitters poised to attack the blot that remains.

Did your partner cite these or other reasons for wanting to take? Did you say why (other than being "uncomfortable" with the position) you wanted to pass? If so, the disagreement might have been instructive for one of you or both.

I would expect rollout results using Snowie (or JellyFish, another excellent computer program) to confirm my appraisal, but I wouldn't be astounded if they didn't. Your opponents' eagerness to bet on Snowie's "opinion" suggests that their own opinion was sincere. Don't view it as an attempt to "divide and conquer" or as "siding" with your partner *against* you.

You needn't be embarrassed if you were wrong about the position, nor does anything in your account indicate that anyone was trying to embarrass you. No breach of etiquette occurred. Of course, had you said, "Please, gentlemen, let's stop the post-mortem of the last game and get on with the next," it would have been rude of them to continue.—*Yours, Danny Δ*

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this occasion, please.)—*Bruce Russell, Madison, Wisconsin*

Paul Weaver responds: Evidently some readers misinterpreted my intentions in last month's article discussing my Grand Crystal Beaver match errors vs. Nack Ballard. By acknowledging my errors, I was not necessarily saying that I played poorly. Nor was I implying, "I played poorly and won, therefore my opponent must have played even worse."

I chose to write about my own errors instead of Nack's because I did not want to appear presumptuous — as if my knowledge of backgammon were greater than his. I assumed that it would be safe to discuss my own mistakes.

The backgammon players who will improve the most are those students who

are willing to seek out their own errors, study them, and learn from them.—Paul Weaver, Birmingham, Alabama

SOUND GENERAL PRINCIPLE?

Danny Kleinman says "...it is a sound general principle that one should not step into an opponent's cube-turn voluntarily."

Firstly, how could a move be involuntary, unless forced by the rules? Secondly, surely we make every move with the aim of minimizing our opponent's equity, whether or not we provoke a cube turn.—*Ray Kershaw, London, England*

THIS CLUB'S ON FIRE!

I am interested in entering a Chicago Bar Point Club tournament. What do I need to do to be able to play on Tuesday next week at the Flaming Restaurant on Higgins?—*Scott Bratcher, Chicago, Illinois*

The "Flaming Restaurant"? Bring a fire

hose! Seriously, the name of the restaurant/banquet hall is "Golden Flame." All you need to do is arrive before 6:00 p.m. and bring the \$10 entry fee. The membership is free. You will be guaranteed at least two matches for your \$10.—Ed. Δ

Backgammon Tournament

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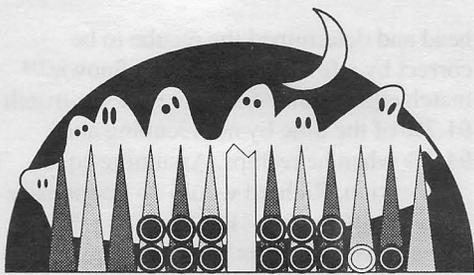
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THE PHANTOM ACE

by Duane Jensen



It takes little if any skill to win a backgammon tournament. Now before all you former tournament winners band together to tar-and-feather me, let me explain what I mean by “skill.”

Take a group of 32 people to a golf course, a basketball court, a bowling alley, and a backgammon tournament. What are the odds that someone in that group will:

- Make five birdies in a row?
- Shoot five three-pointers in a row?
- Bowl five strikes in a row?
- Win five backgammon matches in a row?

While it’s possible that someone in the group may accomplish one of the first three tasks, it’s not guaranteed. That’s because these activities demand skill, and achievements like a, b, and c are demonstrations of that skill. However, winning five backgammon matches in a row in field of 32 is not a measure of skill. Someone is guaranteed to do it regardless of how well or how poorly he plays. The winner is just a little more skillful or lucky than the other 31 people in that tournament.

The elimination tournament format guarantees that an individual player will win a string of consecutive matches. Some backgammon clubs honor a member who wins 10 or more matches in a row. I received a nice rectangular plaque for winning 15 matches in a row at our club in Minneapolis. This award is my wife’s favorite, not because she’s impressed with my accomplishment but because the plaque filled a blank spot on the wall where her photographs are hung.

Consider the imaginary town of Shmooville, Ohio which has a very loyal backgammon club. The same 32 players show up each week and all players have identical abilities, so each has an equal chance to win. In a 32-player, single elimination tournament, what are the odds that *someone* in the club will win 10 matches in

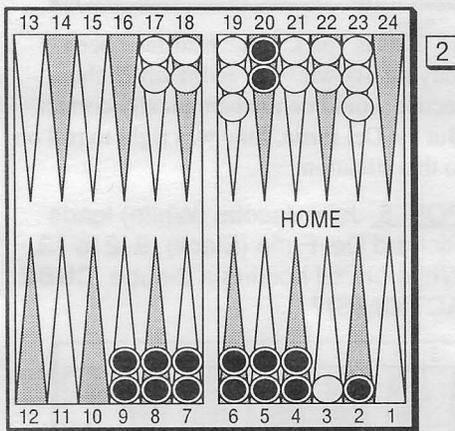
a row during the year?

The winner of week 1 has a 1-in-32 chance to win the tournament the second week. If he doesn’t win, the winner of week 2 has a 1-in-32 chance to win the third week, and so on. Over the span of 52 weeks, the odds that someone will win 10 matches in a row (two consecutive tournaments) is over 80%. The Shmoos in Shmooville enjoy receiving awards, but they realize that the one honoring 10 matches in a row is not a great treasure. It’s not a question of *will* someone win 10 consecutive matches but *who* will it be. It’s not a measure of great skill but merely some statistical fallout.

What if someone won 20 matches in a row in Shmooville. Would that be an expected happening like 10 consecutive wins?

Winning 20 matches (four consecutive tournaments) is much more rare. The odds of winning 20 matches in Shmooville is about 1-in-700. It does happen in the real world as well. Steve Brown of St. Paul, Minnesota won 21 matches in a row at the Twin Cities Backgammon Club last year and received a nice plaque to put on his wall. Steve is a fine player and I’ve watched him play for years. The position below is a typical Steve Brown position . . .

Money game. STEVE BROWN (BLACK) TO PLAY 3-2.



Steve has trapped an enemy blot behind his 6-prime (a typical example of Steve’s skillful play) and rolls a 3-2 (a typical example of Steve’s inability to leap a 3-prime). Nobody in backgammon has as much trouble leaping 3-primes as Steve Brown. But he’s used to this failing, so it doesn’t bother him. Steve studied this position for several minutes before making his play—the correct play. Can you see the best play for 3-2?

The first moves to eliminate are those

that hit. Playing 8/3* leaves too many blots, and playing 5/2, 5/3* leaves a blot and an open 5-point.

Playing 7/2 is constructive in that it builds the 2-point, and playing 9/4 brings four builders into play; but both plays leave a blot. If Steve’s opponent hits the blot as he’s escaping, he can sit on the cube for many rolls while trying to convert his huge racing lead into a match-winning gammon. It’s best to not leave a blot.

This leaves us with four choices:

- 4/1, 4/2.** This play relies on a passive defense, hoping the 5-prime will keep the blot contained. Things get scary as soon as the opponent rolls an ace, coming to the edge of the 5-prime. We are under pressure to come up with a really good roll or a really good play. From the rollouts I did, 4/1, 4/2 is inferior to some of the following plays that position builders in an attacking formation.
- 9/7, 9/6.** Breaking the back point to bring the attack towards the blot has a touch of purity in it. However, this play leaves us with only three builders on the blot.
- 8/6, 8/5.** This play gives Black four builders on the blot, and one of our rolls (5-1) doesn’t completely escape. For these reasons this play is superior to 9/7, 9/6.
- 7/5, 7/4.** This is my favorite play. We still have four builders on the blot, and now two White rolls (4-1 and 4-2) don’t completely escape. It’s unfortunate that my favorite play is one of the worst. In fact, compared to 8/6, 8/5 you could classify it as a blunder.

Why the big difference between the two plays? The secret rests with Black’s blot on the 2-point. If you position the builders correctly, that blot becomes an asset, a “phantom builder.” If you play 8/6, 8/5, the blot on the 2-point becomes another builder, a “phantom ace.” The rolls of 6-1, 4-1, 3-1, 2-1, and 1-1 hit and make the 2-point. My *favorite play* of 7/5, 7/4 puts a builder on the 4-point which duplicates the ace that could have been used to build the 2-point.

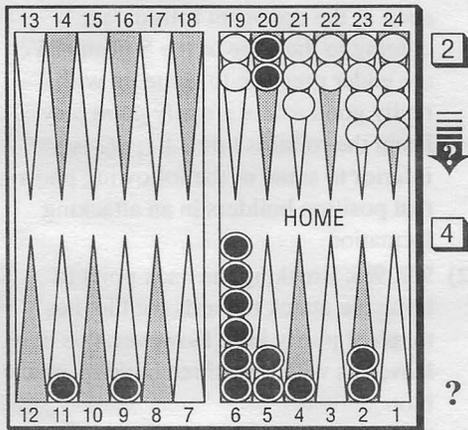
Steve Brown knew that his play could determine the outcome of the match. He took his time, sorted through all the choices, tossed out the trashy ones and focused on the two or three best candidates. He played 8/6, 8/5 picking the best of the choices.—Duane Jensen Δ

JAKE...

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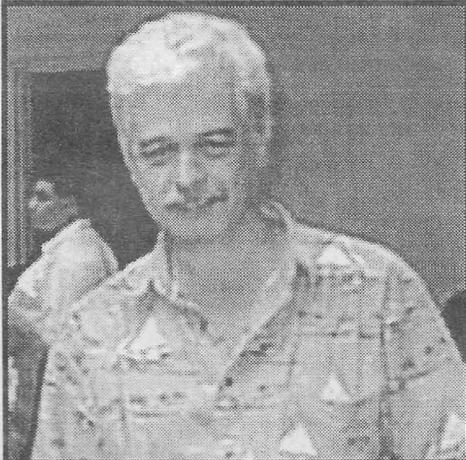
Although many players would simply cash two points and take their 11-2 lead into the next game, Jake gained over 1% match equity by correctly rolling on for the gammon. There were more tough decisions for Jacobs along the way:

POS. 3. Jake Jacobs (White) leads Richard Del Furia (Black), 9-2 to 13. White on roll holding a 2-cube. **SHOULD WHITE REDOUBLE? WHITE TO PLAY 3-2.**



Although the gammon is unlikely, losing this game would take a real parlay from hell. (Getting hit alone is near 30-to-1).

Jan Carlstrom (1944-2001)



Jan Carlstrom (West Mifflin, PA) lost his six-year battle with cancer in Pittsburgh on May 11 at the age of 56. Jan was born in Sweden and moved to the US in 1969. He was an excellent player who won many tournaments in Pittsburgh, including the first two annual charity events in 1976 and 1977. Jan's expert play and his gentle good humor will be missed by the many who knew him. [Photo provided by Butch Meese.]

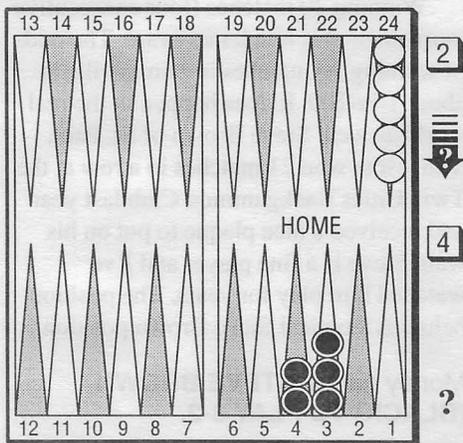
Jake played on, tossing 3-2. Should he simply clear the 6-point and end all worries? Not the Jakester. He correctly took two off reasoning that if Richard next threw a big running number, he could then redouble Richard out without jeopardy.

Del Furia's next roll was 6-2 (played 20/12). When Jacobs rolled 5-1 bearing off and Richard responded with 6/1 hitting, the "parlay from hell" was up and running.

Although Richard eventually attained a near-close-out position, Jake entered from the bar with a timely 5-5 to commence a tight bearoff battle.

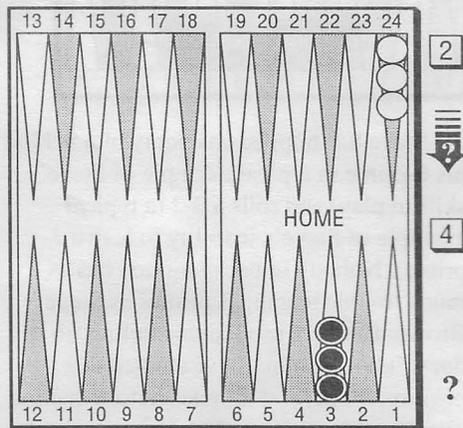
Down to the wire with Jacobs on shake, another tough recube decision arose:

POS. 4. Jake Jacobs (White) leads Richard Del Furia (Black), 9-2 to 13. White on roll holding a 2-cube. **CUBE ACTION(S)?**



This is "pick 'em." Had Jake been playing Snowie™ or JellyFish™, the recube would be mathematically correct. But vs. Del Furia, Jake was right to roll on to this situation:

POS. 5. Jake Jacobs (White) leads Richard Del Furia (Black), 9-2 to 13. White on roll holding a 2-cube. **CUBE ACTION(S)?**



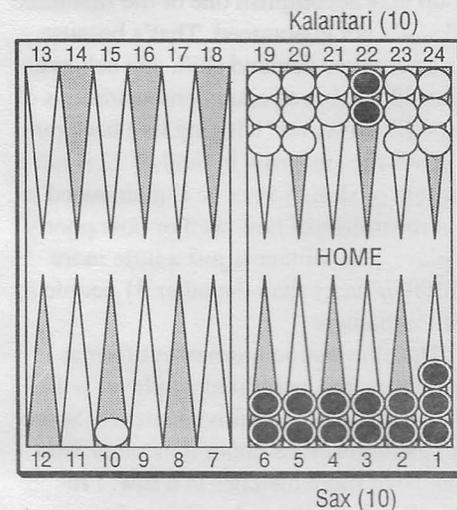
Now what do you do? No problem for Jacobs. He crunched the numbers in his

head and determined the recube to be correct by a few percent. Using Snowie™ match equity numbers, Jake wins the match 91.7% of the time by not recubing and 94.7% when he reshops. Assuming equal competition, Richard would do fractionally better (6.8% vs. 5.3%) by dropping. But Richard wisely accepted the 4-cube, redoubled to 8 and tried to roll double 3s or better. No dice.

Jake's victory gives him 52.87 points in the 2001 American Backgammon Tour race (a 28 point lead over Bruce Russell of Wisconsin) with a decent chance to eclipse Neil Kazaross's all-time one year record of 72.98 points set in 1994.

THE 32-PLAYER Master tournament was captured by the always-tough Fred Kalantari (MN). Fresh off a big Amateur Jackpot victory at the Las Vegas Pro-Am, Freddie rallied from a 6-10 deficit in the 11-point finals against Steve Sax (CA) for the win. The double match-point game was highlighted by an interesting problem for Steve:

POS. 6. 11-point Chicago Open Masters finals. Fred Kalantari (White) and Steve Sax (Black) are at 10-10 (DMP). **BLACK TO PLAY 4-3.**



Not a good position to be in, but Sax maximized his winning potential by playing 22/15, putting pressure on Kalantari's straggler. Fred threw a 6-3 to safe up his outfield blot and was able to bear off without incident.

ALTHOUGH NEITHER Glen de Guzman (KS) nor 2000 BPC Player of the Year Tim Carroll has won an Intermediate tournament, both play very well . . . generally. Check out this interesting position from midway through their 11-point finals:

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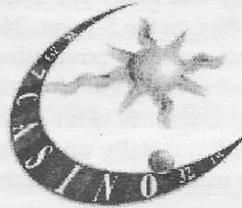
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Name	Wins in a Row	Date Completed
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Neil Kazaross	10	19 Sep 95
Neil Kazaross	11	12 Dec 95
Herb Roman	10	11 Aug 96
Andy Krenitz	12	5 Nov 96
Neil Kazaross	10	23 Dec 96
Wendy Kaplan	10	7 Jan 97
Phil Simborg	12	6 May 97
Phyllis Smolinski	10	6 Jan 98
Laila Leonhardt	10	27 Jan 98
Steve Mellen	12	1 Feb 98
Tak Morioka	12	17 Mar 98
Don Jayhan	10	14 Dec 99
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Bill Bartholomay	11	20 Mar 01
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Jake Jacobs	12	22 May 01

Players listed above have won at least 10 matches in a row in Chicago Bar Point Club competition since 1994.



—Anonymous submission



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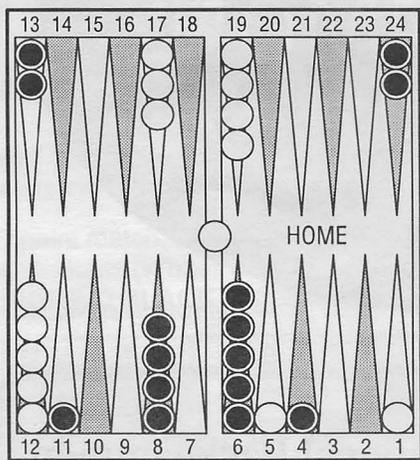
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14.30 - 17.30	Registration Champion
14.30 - 20.00	Registration Interm. and Beginner
15.00	Double Consultation
18.00	Champion Public Draw
18.30	Champion tournament start
21.00	Intermediate and Beginner Public Draw
22.00	Interm. & Beginner tournament start
Saturday, 7 th July	
14.30	Progressive Consolation
16.00	Tournament continues
23.00	Superjackpot
Sunday, 8 th July	
13.00	Last Chance
15.00	Finals
19.00	Prize-giving & cocktail

**PROBLEM #272
ANALYZED**

by Kit Woolsey

Money game. **BLACK TO PLAY 6-5.**

What kind of a roll is this? So many good numbers to make the 4-point, some of which hit White's blot on the 5-point as well. We probably gave a fleeting

thought to sending over a speculative cube. And we rolled this thing!

Occasionally this will happen: you roll a number which just doesn't compute. At first there don't even appear to be any candidates! But we can't just sit there. We have to find some way to play the roll. So, let's see what we have.

One obvious try is the good old lover's leap, 24/13. Thematically this isn't bad. Black is ahead in the race and has no spares on the midpoint, so this play does put checkers in the right places. But tactically it looks just awful. We were supposed to have had the initiative. Playing 24/13 gives the initiative back to White. White almost can't fail to do something good if she enters, with 3s, 4s, and 6s to hit, and 5s to make the golden point. Then where will we be? There just has to be something better.

All other reasonable candidates involve hitting something. But what? The natural blot to hit is the blot on the 5-point. 24/18, 6/1* doesn't seem nearly as productive. If White doesn't roll a 4 or a 5 to hit back, we will have good possibilities to make an instant board. Unfortunately, we still have to play the other part of the roll, and that is

ugly. 13/8, 11/5* gives up the midpoint and piles a fifth checker on the 8-point. 11/5*, 8/3 is super-pure, but too likely to wind up with a bunch of checkers back.

There is one possibility left, and we all know what it is. The granddaddy of banana plays: double-hitting in the inner board and leaving three inner board blots for White to shoot at. Is this at all reasonable? Yes, it is! The key is that while White is shooting at three blots, she also will have three men on the bar. White is a favorite to hit one of the blots, but she is not a favorite to hit two of them. Unless White rolls doubles, she will have at least one checker on the bar after her roll. The bottom line is that Black will be a favorite to make at least one good inner board point before the dust settles. If White should happen not to hit any of the blots, Black's board will come together very quickly. It might seem surprising, but 11/5*, 6/1* is actually a standout play.

When you have a seemingly impossible choice of ugly plays, it is often right to look for the play which maximizes your chances of seizing the initiative if things go well. The double hit may look crazy, but upon reflection it is a very sound play.—Kit Woolsey Δ

**WINNER'S
CIRCLE**

Mar.–May 2001

•**Atlanta Open Doubles/Singles** (Roswell, GA; 31 Mar.)... DOUBLES: 1-Don Faix (NC)/Jeb Horton (NC), 2-Dave Cardwell/Steve Kovach. OPEN: 1-Stuart Thomson, 2-Larry Taylor.

•**Armbruster's Friday the 13th Bash** (Los Angeles, Ca; 13 Apr.)... DOUBLES (7): 1-Ray Foglerlund & Marilyn Johnson, 2-Carla & Patrick Gibson. BLACK CAT TOSS: 1-Marilyn Johnson.

•**Houston Tax Refund Classic** (Houston, TX; 19 Apr.)... OPEN (20): 1-Tom Wright, 2-Derrick Crisp; 1C-Rod Sprouse, 2C-Bob Mann.

•**Redwood Empire Saturday Monthly** (San Rafael, CA; 21 Apr.)... OPEN (10): 1-C.D. Nordlinger, 2-Kit Woolsey, 3-Nack Ballard.

•**Milwaukee Sunday Monthly** (Milwaukee, WI; 22 Apr.)... OPEN (9): 1/2-Bob Holyon / Rudy Langenbach; 1C-Tony Burback.

•**NEBC Sunday Monthly** (Somerville, MA; 22 Apr.)... OPEN (18): 1-Herb Gurland, 2-Bill Robertie, 3/4-Ed Abou-Zeid / Mark Damish; 1C-John Leonard, 2C-Ed Ahola.

•**12th Carlsberg Cup Finale** (Copenhagen, Denmark; 28 Apr.)... MAIN (227): 1-Peter Holm Stampe, 2-Jesper Jensen, 3-Lars Brich,

4-Daniel Levy; 1C-kasper Nagel Nielsen, 2C-Søren Hanghøj, 2C-Brian Ullitz, 4C-Thomas Myhr; 1LC-Per L. Ron Rasmussen, 2LC-Bernhard Nordentoft.

•**7th EBN Backgammon & Gin Rummy Tournament** (San Roque, Spain, 1-6 May)... CHAMPIONSHIP (64): 1-Rageb Shadallah (USA), 2-Mike Svobodny (USA), 3/4-Paul Magriel (USA) / Peter Jes Thomsen (Denmark); 1C-Carsten Joh (Germany), 2C-Tobias Christensen (Denmark), 3C/4C-Ronald Reinhardt (Germany) / Gyl Savoie (Canada); 1LC-Torben Hasseriis (Denmark), 2LC-François Tardieu (France). INTERMEDIATE (18): 1-Peter Winkler (Austria), 2-Walter Jarč (Canada/Spain), 3/4-Christian Zenkner (Germany) / Anatoly Machulsky (Russia); 1C-Hans Dannert (Germany), 2C-Luis Rico Ruiz (Finland/Spain); 1LC-Mikhail Steingardt (Germany), 2LC-Henning Frick (Germany). NOV-ICE (8): 1-Gay Roberts (England), 2-Peter Fonkert (Holland); 1C-Elana Lastochkina (Russia), 2C-Yuri Piskov (Russia). \$1,000 SUPER JACKPOT (16): 1-Mads Andersen (Denmark), 2-Dennis Jersov (Lithuania). PARTOUCHE KICKOFF (128): 1-Tobias Hellwag (Germany), 2-Konstatine Puskov (Russia). GIN RUMMY (64): 1-Paul Martin (England), 2-Dario De Toffoli (Italy) -\$755. TEAM TOURNAMENT (8): 1-Riskin/Pryadkin/Nepomniachichi, 2-Humke/Meyburg/Shadallah.

•**County Cups Trophy** (Coventry, England; 5-

6 May)... OPEN (64): 1-Dod Davies, 2-Mike Butterfield, 3/4-John Clark / Bob Young. FRI-DAY KNOCKOUT (12): 1-Brian Lever, 2-John Renicks. DOUBLES (15): 1-Daddy & I, 2-Yorkshire Puddings.

•**Games People Play Sunday** (Chicago, IL; 6 May)... OPEN (16): 1-J. A. Miller, 2-Bob Zavoral, 3/4-Phil Simborg / Roger Hickman.

•**1st City of Jesolo** (Venice, Italy; 18-20 May)... CHAMPIONSHIP (42): 1-Guido Flamigni, 2-Francesco Mauri, 3/4-Luciano Rubbi / Roland Reinhardt (GER); 1C-Gianfranco Franceschetti, 2C-Fabio Cultrera. INTERMEDIATE (31): 1-Ennio Gioppato, 2-Giuliano Riavez, 3/4-Francesco Balsamo / Mauro Da Lio; 1C-Dario Baso, 2C-Gianni Baldo. TEAM TOURNAMENT (15): 1-I Piccioni (Reinhardt, Körner, Shevach—Germany), 2-Gli Sfigati (Da Lio, Gioppato, Di Natale). DOUBLES (15): 1-Alfonso Sara & Carlo Facchetti, 2-Franca Boscarri & Lorenzo Laganá. CASA BIANCA AL MARE TROPHY (18): 1-Andrea de Zandonati, 2-Carlo Facchetti.

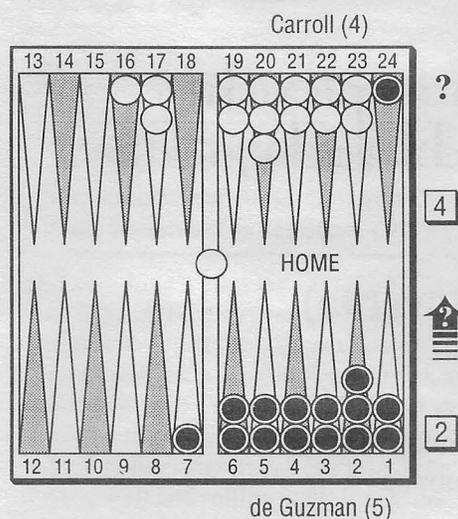
•**NEBC Sunday Monthly** (Somerville, MA; 20 May)... OPEN (22): 1-Joe Moore, 2-Ed Ahola, 3/4-Marty Storer / Ed Abou-Zeid; 1C-Herb Gurland, 2C-Mark Damish.

•**Ace Point Monthly** (New York, NY; 27 May)... OPEN (15): 1-Antoinette-Marie Williams; 1C-Boris Golobov. INTERMEDIATE (11): 1-1st Eydie Nobel; 1C/2C-Theodore Kirit / Simon Baker (UK). NOVICE (2): 1-Elan Elghanian. Δ

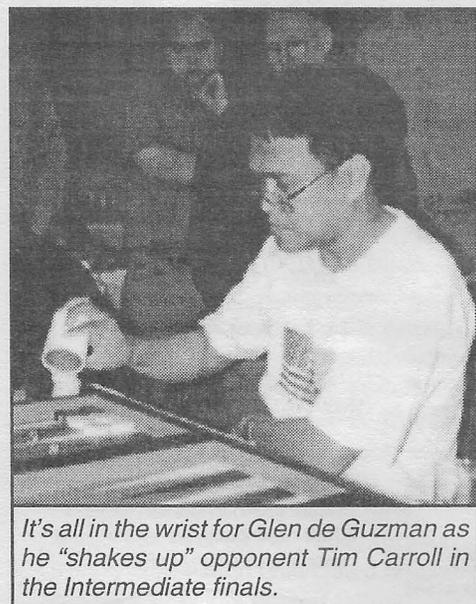
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POS. 7. 11-point Chicago Open Intermediate finals. Glen de Guzman (Black) leads Tim Carroll (White), 5 to 4. Black on roll. **CUBE ACTION(S)?**

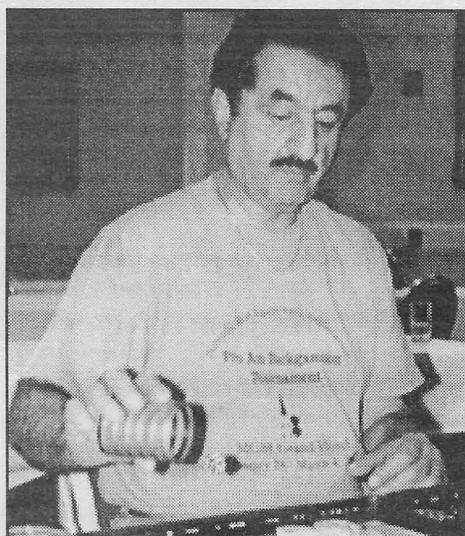


Of course if Glen rolls an immediate 6, the drop is a slam-dunk. But 6s don't grow on trees. There's a 57% chance that de Guzman will be forced to break his board before escaping. According to Snowie™, the recube hurts Glen's match-winning chances by nearly 2%. But it's a great double if he thinks there's a 25% chance that Tim might drop, which is exactly what happened!



Perhaps Tim was overly fearful of losing a doubled gammon. Given the timing of the position, it's not that easy for de Guzman to pick up a second checker. And even if he does, the gammon is still a toss-up. Passing the 4-cube cost Tim over

6% match equity and justified Glen's aggressive 4-cube.



Fred Kalantari rolling to victory over Steve Sax in the 32-player Masters.



Doubles champs Tak Morioka & Joe Wollick.

HOWARD MARKOWITZ announced that longtime partner Joann Feinstein will be returning as co-director of next year's Chicago Open. There will be a new hotel location (probably in Oakbrook) and a return to the popular continuous play format for the Intermediates. That will no doubt increase participation in Chicagoland's longest-running major event. Complete results. Δ

22nd CHICAGO OPEN

CHAMPIONSHIP (46): 1-Jake Jacobs (IL), 2-Richard Del Furia (MN), 3-Doug Roberts (MA); 1C-Bruce Russell (WI), 2C-Tim Mabee (IL).

INTERMEDIATE (32): 1-Glen de Guzman (KS), 2-Tim Carroll (IL), 3-Ed Buerger (IL); 1C-Bill Minser (WI), 2C-Hunter Jones (MD).

BEGINNER (11): 1-Mariano Gonzalez (IL), 2-Suzanne Hayden (AZ). **MASTERS JACKPOT (16):** 1-Fred Kalantari (MN), 2-Steve Sax (CA).

DOUBLES (16): 1-Tak Morioka & Joe Wollick (IL), 2-Fred Kalantari & Steve Brown (MN).

BLITZ: 1-Steve Brown (MN).

2-POINT MINI-MATCH: 1-Stan James (KY)

AMALGAMATION

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10:30 Excursion
19:30-20:00 Registration at Park Hotel
20:00 Black-jack Tournament at the
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22:30 Quarter-entries, Jackpots
and Minijackpots

Wednesday, August 29

10:30 Excursion

19:30-20:00 Registration at Park Hotel
20:00 Black-jack Tournament at the Casino
22:30 Quarter-entries, Jackpots
and Minijackpots

Thursday, August 30

17:30 Public draw for warm-up Memorial
Heiner Hausleiter (free of charge)
18:00 Start of play Warm-up,
Quarters, Jackpots
and Minijackpots
20:00 Black-jack Tournament at the
Casino; Public draw for Sperti Trophy
(free of charge - only for WBF supporters)
20:00-22:30 Break for Dinner
22:30 Start of Sperti Trophy

Friday, August 31

17:00 Warm-up, Sperti Trophy,
Quarters, Jackpots
and Minijackpots continues
19:00-20:00 Registration at Park Hotel
20:00 Welcome cocktail in hotel lounge;
Black-jack Tournament at the Casino
22:00 Last registration
22:30 Public draw
23:00 Start of play, Quarters, Jackpots
and Minijackpots

Saturday, September 1

16:00 Main Tournament continues and
start of Progressive Consolation
Tournament
17:00 Quarters, Jackpots
and Minijackpots

20:00 Black-jack Tournament at the Casino
20:00-22:30 Break for Dinner
22:30 Saturday Franz Josef
Super-Jackpot and play continues

Sunday, September 2

15:00 Start of Last Chance Tournament,
Finals, Quarters, Jackpots
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17:00 Black-jack Tournament at the
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