

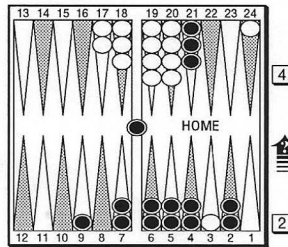
minnesota state championships

### BILL DAVIS SWEEPS IN MINNEAPOLIS

Bill Davis celebrated his birthday weekend by sweeping the Open and Doubles events (with BPC regular Steve Klesker) at the premiere Minnesota State Championships. The ABT sanctioned event, held at the Minneapolis Athletic Club, renewed regional backgammon to the area. Steve Maas directed, assisted by auctioneer Fred Kalantari.

Davis went undefeated in the main bracket of the double elimination tournament before facing Indiana's John O'Hagan in the 15-point finals. Trailing 11-9 and holding a 2-cube, O'Hagan faced an interesting cube decision:

15-point finals.  
O'Hagan (Black) trails Davis (White) 11-9. Black on roll. **CUBE DECISION?**



Over the board, O'Hagan decided not to recube. He ended up winning the game. Two games later, with John leading 13-11, Davis hit a last shot to tie the score at 13-all. Then in the last game, Davis stole an incredible race position with three sets of doubles to take the title. Results:

OPEN (18): 1-Bill Davis (IL), 2-John O'Hagan (IN); 1C-Ralph Stowell (MN). INTERMEDIATE (16): 1-Janice Newman (IN), 2-Fred Espie (MN); 1C-Gary Fletcher (MN). MASTERS (8): 1-Fred Kalantari (MN), 2-Bob Holyon (WI). DOUBLES (8): 1-Bill Davis & Steve Klesker (IL), 2-Steve Brown & Shel Segal (MN).



### 1996 BPC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

COMPILED  
THRU 30 SEP.

Neil Kazaross	22.04	Arline Levy	4.84	Bruce Pollack	1.20
Herb Roman	18.80	Tim Serges	4.08	Ernest Ho	1.12
Tim Mabee	15.08	Bill Keefe	3.92	Ralph Levy	1.02
Reggie Porter	14.80	Wendy Kaplan	3.92	Wally Wolf	0.96
Richard Lloyd	13.84	Bob Koca	3.84	George Barr	0.92
Paul Friedman	13.04	Leslie Lockett	3.80	Darryl Purpose	0.88
Jake Jacobs	12.64	Dean Muench	3.80	Jon Vietor	0.88
Harry Cohn	11.04	Georgina Flanagan	3.68	Mark King	0.88
Phyllis Smolinski	10.58	Steve Klesker	3.44	Gary Fries	0.88
Paul Franks	10.56	Amy Valerio	2.84	Jim Painter	0.88
Peter Kalba	10.44	Frankie Farjood	2.80	Jolie Rubin	0.82
Andy Krenitz	9.84	Marty Tatosian	2.56	Sarg Serges	0.80
Gary Kay	8.16	Don Jayhan	2.52	Fred Gehlhoff	0.72
Joann Feinstein	8.12	John Jennings	2.48	Scott Richardson	0.68
Stu Katz	7.56	Jerry Brooks	2.24	David Flinn	0.64
Ken Bond	7.52	David Rubin	2.16	Marv Arnol	0.60
John Demian	7.12	Fred Badagnani	1.92	Peaches Stewart	0.56
Norma Shyer	6.28	Tak Morioka	1.76	Roz Ferris	0.56
Ed Buerger	6.16	Elaine Kehm	1.68	Dave Groner	0.48
Bobbie Shifrin	5.68	Henry Gray	1.60	Richard Stawowy	0.44
Jeff Kane	5.48	Marcy Sloan	1.52	Elijah Miller	0.42
Phil Simborg	5.36	Nora Luna	1.44	Tom Fahland	0.40
Mary Franks	5.24	Harold Seif	1.28	Elaine Andrews	0.24
John Stryker	5.20	Russell Harris	1.28	Travis Kane	0.20
Alice Kay	5.12	Dave Cramer	1.28	Nan Feiber	0.20
Paul Klein	4.96	V.W. Zimnicki	1.20	Scott Kaplan	0.16
Bill Davis	4.92				

Credit **TIM MABEE** with September Player of the Month honors. Tim's 3.04 points outpaced runners-up Phyllis Smolinski (2.60) and Steve Klesker (2.56).

### UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

- Oct. 3-6 Illinois State Champs & America Cup, Holiday Inn, Rolling Meadows, IL
- Oct. 19 Springfield Fall Open, Parker's Sports Bar, Springfield, IL
- Nov. 2 Springfield Series, Parker's Sports Bar, Springfield, IL
- Nov. 17 Milwaukee Sunday Bimonthly, John Hawks Pub, Milwaukee, WI
- Nov. 19 BPC 14th Annual Fall Trophy Tourney, Golden Flame, Chicago, IL
- Dec. 7 Springfield Series, Ride the Nine, Bloomington, IL
- Dec. 8 Bar Point Sunday Tourney, Braxton Seafood Grill, Oak Brook, IL
- Mar. 21-23 1997 Midwest Championships, Drake Oakbrook, Oak Brook, IL

For further information on any of the above events, contact  
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**Tuesday**, 6:15 P.M. at Golden Flame, 6417 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago; 312/792-0424.

**Sunday Bimonthly**, 12:30 P.M. at Braxton Seafood Grill, 3 Oakbrook Center Mall, Oak Brook; 708/574-2155.

**PUB CLUB:** Tourn. Monday, 7:30 P.M. at Harpo's, 290 S. Schmale, Carol Stream. V. W. Zimnicki (708/924-8632).

**GAMES PEOPLE PLAY:** Tourn. Monday, 6:30 P.M. at Alexander's, 3101 E. 79th St., Chicago. J.A. Miller (312/734-9430).

**BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL BG CLUB:** Tourn. 1st, 3rd, 5th Monday, 6:15 P.M. at Ride The Nine, 503 N. Prospect, Bloomington. Lane O'Connor (309/454-1947)

**SANGAMON VALLEY BG ASSN:** Tourn. 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 Stern (847/446-0537).

**CENTRAL ILL. BG CLUB:** Tourn. Thur., 6:30 P.M. at River Station, 212 Constitution Ave., Peoria. Linda Woods (309/686-6662).

**PRIME BG CLUB:** Tournaments Friday, 7:30 P.M. at Honest John's (Holiday Inn), 1000 Busse Road, Elk Grove Village. Joann Feinstein (847/674-0120).

**NORTH CLUB:** Daily except Sunday, 1:00 P.M. at 4747 W. Peterson (Suite 2), Chicago. Greg Defotis (312/286-6719).