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DAVID & LINDA WIN THEIR THIRD DOUBLES TITLE

David & Linda Rockwell won their third BPC Doubles title since 2006 in one of the most exciting finals matches ever. 18 teams took part in the Bar Point Club's annual trophy event on Feb. 5 that also was the grand opening for our new venue: Ruby Tuesday, 5203 Old Orchard Road in Skokie.



Peter Kalba (R) awards Linda & David Rockwell their trophies for winning the BPC Doubles Club Championship.

The finals pitted Linda & David against Tak Morioka and Leslie Lockett. With the score knotted at 4–4 in the 7 point finals, David and Linda were faced with a difficult redoubling decision:

POS. #1. Black and White tied at 4–4 to 7. Black (David & Linda) on roll. Cube action?



With any 5, plus 3-2 and 3-4, the Rock-wells can send a third checker back. 3-3 is also an outstanding shake. They put the match on the line by cubing to 4. It's not a terrible recube, but there are simply not enough market-losers to make it correct.

Later on, this interesting 6-3 developed:

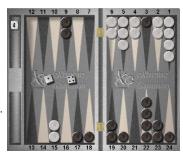
POS. #2. Tourney double match pt. Black (Linda & David) to play 6-3.



David convinced Linda that entering and then leaving the inner board anchor (B/22/16), although scary, was correct.

A few moves later, Taki and Leslie had a very tough 4-1:

POS. #3. Tourney double match pt. White (Taki and Leslie) to play 4-1.



Leslie wanted to break their board, but Taki lobbied for 15/11, 15/14. It was a bold play and the correct one.

The game progressed with Leslie and Taki gaining a huge racing lead. But Linda's arm was on fire. She caught up in the race and needed double 3s or better to win a pair of trophies. She tossed double 5s. A great win for a great couple.

If you haven't played at our new location Ruby Tuesday, give it a try. The accommodations are outstanding and the food and drink are very good and priced right. Δ

BPC DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP (5 Feb; Skokie, IL): 1-David & Linda Rockwell, 2-Tak Morioka & Leslie Lockett, 3/4-Bill Bartholomay & Beth Whitney / Mike Wolock & Mike Sutton; 1C/2C-Gary & Alice Kay / Herb Roman & Les Moshinsky.

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2011 BPC PLAYER OF THE YEAR COMPILED THRU 8 FEB.

David Rockwell	5.36	Tim Mabee	1.84	Serge Bondar	0.72
Rory Pascar	5.12	Larry Goldstein	1.84	Bob Zavoral	0.72
Carter Mattig	5.12	Bill Davis	1.52	Leslie Lockett	0.72
Bob Steen	4.56	Tak Morioka	1.44	Roger Hickman	0.68
David Rubin	3.28	Linda Rockwell	1.44	Bill Keefe	0.64
Herb Roman	3.04	Mike Sutton	1.28	Les Moshinsky	0.56
Bill Bartholomay	2.64	Joann Feinstein	1.24	Gary Kay	0.56
Mike Wolock	2.44	Adrian Rios	1.04	Alice Kay	0.56
Christopher Shanava	2.40	Eric Johnson	1.04	Phil Simborg	0.48
Steve Klesker	2.04	Nora Luna Righter	0.72	Beth Whitney	0.48

RORY PASCAR raced to January Player of the month honors with 5.12 points. Runner's up were Carter Mattig (4.40) and Bob Steen (3.60).

f you finish in the Top 20 for 2011, you'll be entered in a drawing for over \$300 worth of valuable prizes. The higher you finish, the better your winning chances. Individual awards: 1st: Trophy + \$80, 2nd: \$40, 3rd: \$20. Free \$30 entry to the top six finishers who play in the 2012 Illinois State Challenge Cup. 1st through 20th—one ounce silver eagle dollar coin.



ILLINOIS ACTION



Bill Davis 773/583-6464 Peter Kalba 312/316-1432 Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Ruby Tuesday, 5203 Old Orchard Road; Skokie. 847/967-8292.

Sunday Bimonthly, 12:00 NOON at Ruby Tuesday, 5203 Old Orchard Road; Skokie. 847/967-8292.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL CLUB: Tournaments Monday, 6:00 P.M. at Ride The Nine; 503 N. Prospect, Bloomington. Michael Flohr (309/662-7967).

MIDSTATE BG CLUB: Tourn. Tues., 6:00 p.m. at Ride The Nine; 503 N. Prospect, Bloomington. Ed Bauder (309/830-1632). SANGAMON VALLEY BACKGAMMON ASSOC.: Tournaments Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. at Capitol Teletrack, 1766 W. Wabash Ave., Springfield. Randy Armstrong (217/528-0117). WINNETKA BG CLUB: Tournaments Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. at Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln, Winnetka. Trudie Chibnik (847/446-0537).

PUB CLUB: Tournaments Thurs., 6:45 p.m. at Playoffs Bar, 720 E. North Ave., Carol Stream. Tim Mabee (630/606-2388). PEORIABG CLUB: Tourn. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at Peoria Pizza Works, 3921 Prospect, Peoria. Sue Will (309/699-6005).