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# The Agony of Victory, The Thrill of Defeat

Cover Photo:  
*The Tournament Begins!*

After 48 solid hours of backgammon, only 18 of the original 37 Marathon contestants had dropped out. Playboy Towers hotel executives began to despair of ever being able to use their grand ballroom again. The celebrities had come, smiled and left. The media had arrived, flashed and split to cover other happenings. The dice rolled on.

It began as most fund raisers do with a celebrity cocktail party. Tournament Chairperson Len O'Connor was accepting challenge matches and winning most of them. Challengers paid between \$10 and \$100 to play the celebrities, with the money going to the American Cancer Society.

Besides Mr. O'Connor, other Chicago "names" taking up the challenge for charity included Floyd Kalber, WMAQ-TV; Jay Levine, Steve Edwards and

Sandi Freeman, WLS-TV; John Madigan, WBBM - Radio; Will Mercer, noted Chicago musician; and Bruce Becker, author of "Backgammon for Blood."

Following a lavish dinner, the first of the backgammon events began: the grueling Marathon, true test of stamina and unselfish love of the sport. The Marathon ran on through the night and would continue until the last remaining player could no longer roll his dice! Meanwhile, the entrants in the Tournament relaxed and watched while awaiting the start of their event the next day.

On Saturday, a special guest came to the Playboy Towers to help launch the Backgammon Tournament in true Hollywood style. Academy Award winner and avid backgammon player...Sandy Dennis.

Due to the fantastic response to the charity Tournament by National Backgammon League members and other devotees of the game, two classifications were established in the Championship and Open Divisions and three classifica-

tions competed in the Beginners Division. It was a long and tough contest and... when it ended... the Marathon players were still going at it!

Then, on Sunday, the Semi-finals and Finals matches were held and the winners decided. The main Flight Championship went to Jeff Mandel with runner-up Reza Nazarian, both NBL members. Consolation Championship winner was Sheldon Saitlin with Dennis Bell as runner-up. In the Main Flight Open Tournament, Hazel Garner took the championship with second place going to Joe Assaf. The Consolation Open went to Roger Bressler and runner-up Bill Davis.

Winning the Main Flight Classification, Beginner's Tournament was Lois Raymer, with runner-up position taken by Ed Pearl. In the First Consolation, Beginner Division, the title was won by Joan Feinstein with Carol Wolin taking second. In the Second Consolation, Beginner Division, Diane Blumenfeld

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11-5 SATURDAYS

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## Backgammon Strategy

By Phil Tavins

This issue's column is intended for those playing in the Open Master's Divisions.

You are in a bear-off position as is your opponent. Your count is 75, your opponent's 90. The problems to consider are: (a) whether to double, (b) whether to accept a double from your opponent, and (c) whether to accept the double and redouble.

Before you rush to judgement on the above, let's examine the following score situations in a 9 point match: (a) with the score at 5 to 2, (b) with the score at 6 to 2 and (c) with the score at 7 to 2.

At 5 to 2 the player ahead should double and his opponent ought not accept. The reasoning is simple. Getting to 6 when you already have 5 points will leave you with basically the same advantage. If, however, your opponent accepts your double and you win, the score will be 7, a very important number in a 9 point match. At 7 you're in a position to win the match without ever turning the cube. And you reduce the chance of losing if your opponent rolls numerous and consecutive doubles.

At 6 to 2 if the man ahead doubles, the opponent should take the double only if his inner table is more symmetrical.

At 7 to 2 obviously if you are the player behind and your opponent makes the mistake of doubling, grab the cube and redouble. If you get lucky and gammon your opponent you'll suddenly be ahead 8 to 7 and be a 75% favorite to win the entire match.

It isn't always those "big doubles" that beat you. What defeats many players is simply their lack of understanding about doubling. A player must consider each double in light of its effect on the match. If you can develop this ability you will lose far fewer of those close but "unlucky" matches.

## Blots and Slots

The Crawford Rule still seems to elude many members. First of all, the Crawford Rule does not apply to round robin tournaments. In elimination tournaments the rule is simple: Once a player gets within one point of victory, there can be no double by either player in the first game after the one being played. However, doubling is allowed in any game from then on. This gives the player who has come so close to victory, a one game safety in which his opponent cannot double immediately and then happen to win a lucky gammon or backgammon to snatch away the victory.

Another rule that many players overlook is that a spectator may be barred from watching a match. Though we like to keep our clubs as sociable as possible, it is sometimes difficult to concentrate when a spectator is hovering over your board. Particularly if that spectator is making comments on the game. Should this happen, feel free to call the tournament director and a ruling barring the spectator will be made.

Did you know that if you roll your dice before your opponent picks up the dice, that your opponent has the right to accept or reject your premature roll? He may insist that the premature roll be used or he may compel you to roll again.

Oswald Jacoby makes a good recommendation in his book: "If you must put a drink on the table, be careful not to confuse it with the dice cup, Dice don't quench your thirst in the slightest, and if you roll the drink it's even more frustrating!"

**Grand Prize Tournament Winners for the months of August and September are; Novices Margo Rogalin, Irwin Arkin, Larry Gerber and Bill Hass. Each winning \$75.00. Beginners David Wells, Denise Mayrent, Rick Baruch and Tony Licata each won \$100.00.**

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### The Agony of Victory, The Thrill of Defeat . . . (Continued from page 2)

was victorious while Seymour Wolin placed second.

. . . Meanwhile the Marathon continued into its third day!

Finally, backgammon history was made in Chicago, Illinois on Tuesday, October 7, 1975 when the Marathon concluded after 83 consecutive hours (almost 3½ days!)

The Final winner was Steve Blanchard, 26, a salesman for Perfection Equipment, from Highwood, Illinois. Second place Marathon player was John Johnson of Chicago and third place went to Con Gwodzik, also of Chicago.

For his endurance and love of backgammon, Steve was awarded a Jamaican holiday for two (so he'll still have a

backgammon partner) at the Playboy Club Hotel in Ocho Rios. For his second place finish, John Johnson received a 5 day trip to the Playboy Hotel in Great Gorge, New Jersey. And third prize, a get-away weekend for two at the Lake Geneva Playboy Club Hotel, went to Con.

Steve Blanchard's name will now be submitted to the "Guinness Book of World Records," where previously nothing had been recorded on backgammon.

The winners and runners-up of the Tournament also received prizes which were awarded to them on Saturday night at a special Awards Presentation. Our man, Jack Schacht, president of the National Backgammon League, assisted

in the presentations.

The First Annual Backgammon Marathon and Championship Tournament was a bonafide success. Already the NBL and the American Cancer Society are beginning preparations for the Second Annual event. Assisting the American Cancer Society and the NBL in this first Marathon and Tournament were Len O'Connor, WGN-TV, who served as Tournament Chairperson, and Marathon Chairperson Walter Jacobson, WBBM-TV. The Tournament Committee included Thomas F. Meagher, Bill Contos, Mike Howlett, Jr., Arnold Morton and Heather Morgan.

We'll see YOU next year at the Second Annual Backgammon Marathon and Championship Tournament.



Banned from a Marathon challenge by his mother, Kid Gammon warms up for the Tournament.

**SIX CLUBS FEATURE  
FREE TOURNAMENT ENTRY  
THROUGH NOVEMBER 30TH**

Five city and suburban clubs have been selected to host free tournament entry to any member who brings a guest for tournament play or for a backgammon lesson.

We offer this privilege as an incentive to bring new member-candidates into our clubs and to help you win your free annual membership!

Participating clubs are:

- Monday — Backgammon Club of Highland Park  
Edens and Lake Cook Rd.  
Northbrook
- Tuesday — Oak Street Backgammon Club  
11 East Oak St.  
Chicago, Ill.
- Wednesday — North Shore III Backgammon Club  
Holiday Inn  
2875 Milwaukee  
Northbrook, Ill.
- Thursday — Beef Steak Inn  
6935 N. Sheridan Rd.  
Chicago, Ill.
- Friday — Playboy Towers  
Michigan and Walton  
Chicago, Ill.



Tournament Chairperson and WGN-TV Commentator Len O'Connor dispatches a balding challenger.

**FRIDAY NIGHT BACKGAMMON  
COMES TO THE SUBURBS**

The new Old Orchard Backgammon Club will inaugurate tournament backgammon at its grand opening Friday, October 24th. Tournaments and free lessons will begin at 8:00 P.M. at the North Shore Hilton, 9599 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, Illinois.

In addition to regular tournament play, a TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS will also be featured. First, second and third place winners from other NBL suburban clubs will compete for double master points and for the entire cash prize pool. (Please note: Parking is free and there is plenty of it.)

**SINGLES AND BACKGAMMON. . .  
A FUN EVENING**

Though no one has reported any immediate plans for marriage as a result of playing backgammon at Shore Singles in Evanston, many have reported that the live entertainment, pizza, and sandwiches available are conducive to thoughts about the institution.

Come early and enjoy the Thursday night Backgammon Special.

**FRIDAY NIGHT TOURNAMENT  
OF CHAMPIONS WINNERS**

Players in these tournaments compete for the entire cash prize pool at Playboy Towers every Friday. Players are not listed if prize money was split in the finals.

<b>Novice Division</b>	<b>Beginner Division</b>
Jennifer Chileen	Allen Sachs
Peggy Stickler	Gary Gutwillig
Judy Turk	Laura Platt
Charles Cox	Charles Cox
Renee Porter	

**Intermediate Division**  
Randy Cone  
Reza Nazarian  
Stu Rothstein

# League Member News

## NBL TO OPEN IN 15 CITIES NEXT YEAR

The growth of tournament backgammon in the Chicago area has been phenomenal. So much so in fact, that plans are now underway to expand our club operations to 15 major cities within the next year allowing members to play in tournaments and earn master points all across the country. Your membership cards will, of course, be honored in all of these new locations.

A major factor in NBL growth has been membership referrals. It is our sincere hope that members will continue to introduce friends to tournament backgammon and league activities. The more members we have the more programs we can develop for them.

Watch for new club opening announcements in future issues of the newsletter.

## FREE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS STILL EASY TO WIN

Over 250 members have already won, or are on their way to winning a free annual membership in the 1975 NBL Membership Drive. It's easy. Just sponsor four new members, making sure they list your name on their application cards, and you win. Members who have not participated have until December 30 to recruit new members. Life members sponsoring new members will win a handsome \$60 backgammon set in lieu of an annual membership (which they already have).

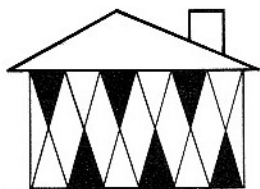
Members who have already won include; Lee Berkson, Roger Bressler, Pepi Brown, Joe Cara, Lillian Carlin, Bill Davis, Jack and Toby Foreman, Bob Hillman, Al Jacobs, Seymour Joseph, Paul Landman, Mel Lerman, Roman Mankus, Patti Paradise, Roberta Rubenstein, Roz Shapiro, Honey Weber, Sy and Kay Wolf and Sue Wyle.

## LARGE STOCK OF BACKGAMMON SETS ARRIVING SOON

The National Backgammon League has ordered a large supply of backgammon sets, ranging in price from \$25.00 to \$100.00 for member's Christmas gift needs. We'll also have doubling cubes, and brown and blue dice.

If we don't have what you want, there are two fine stores in the Chicago-land area. For those who live in Chicago, there's the Chicago Backgammon Company, 67 E. Oak. For those living in the suburbs, try the House of Backgammon, 9599 Skokie Blvd. Skokie, Ill.

Make your purchase soon, however, before we run out of stock again. Special orders take about 60 days and will take longer as the Christmas season approaches. We will try to keep a small stock of backgammon equipment on display at all clubs. The larger displays will always be at the Belden-Stratford Hotel on Monday.



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Left to Right are: Betty Johanson, Dennis Bell, Roberta Aronfeld, Lois Raymer, Jeffery Mandell, Hazel Garner, Judith Schacht and Jack Schacht.



NBC-TV Anchorman, Floyd Kalber ponders his doubles.



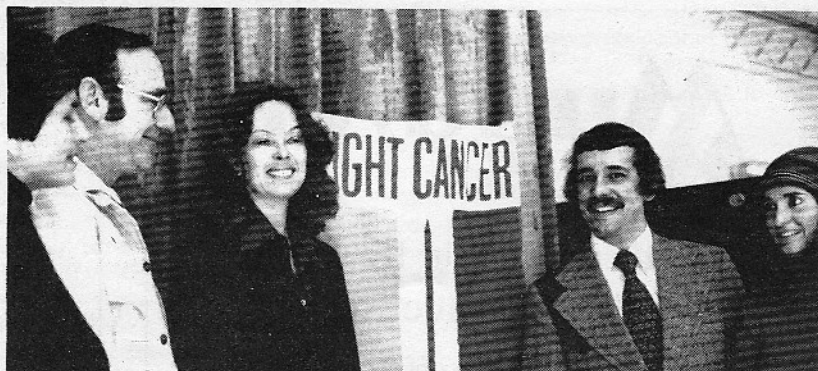
Bruce Becker, author of *Backgammon for Blood*, surveys the carnage.



Left to Right are: Joann Feinstein, Ed Pearl, Diane Blumenfeld, Reza Nazarian, Roger Bresler, Carol Wolin, Seymour Wolin and Sheldon Saitlin.



Marathon Winner Blanchard after a mere 67 hours of Play.



Even Sandy Dennis dropped in to kibitz. Shown here with Roberta Aronfeld, Dennis Bell and Jack and Judy Schacht.

# Master Point Standings

Gene Chait	24.65	Patti Paradise	4.25	Alan Fagman	2.13	Carl Paddor	1.44
Phil Tavins	21.89	Ed Fagel	4.23	Ellie Miller	2.12	Perle Fields	1.44
Kent Maynard	20.12	Jodie Feinstein	4.06	Sheldon Wolfe	2.10	Mark Novota	1.44
William Davis	17.71	Joseph Rosen	4.01	Ed Friedman	2.08	Jerry Albert	1.42
Charles Peres	17.28	Vern Schnell	4.01	Wm. Hastings	2.08	Arnold Rothstein	1.42
Brooks Robinson	16.51	Gloria Cooper	3.91	Dan Simon	2.08	Alex Maloy	1.40
Stan Podkowirow	14.75	Earl Green	3.91	Max Bartlestein	2.06	Beth Tyler	1.40
Fred Chamanara	14.27	Karol Pozniak	3.88	Mel David	2.04	Dean Morehouse	1.38
Harvey Miller	13.56	Ed Seidner	3.87	Nancy Domash	2.02	Dalia Gold	1.38
James Gibbs	13.45	Pat Anzalone	3.86	Ron Shifman	2.02	Marcia Kamm	1.38
Joseph Cara	13.37	Jamie Valberg	3.86	Hy Rahimzadeh	2.01	Kevin Rowland	1.36
Isaac Platt	13.13	Honey Weber	3.74	Robin Spitalny	2.01	Howard Golden	1.36
Eileen Cohen	12.92	David Toofan	3.69	Vivian Finleman	1.97	Barbara Cohen	1.36
Joseph Siegman	12.77	Liz Smith	3.68	Jan Brown	1.94	Hal Lauter	1.34
Robert Goldstein	12:38	Kathy Judson	3.68	David Wells	1.96	David Laber	1.32
Len Ernst	12.09	Kathy Pieri	3.63	Marty Wallace	1.93	Mary Lee Brown	1.31
Phil Arnowitz	12.08	Arlene Blonz	3.62	Betty Kuras	1.92	Dan Fischeimer	1.28
Ellen Goldsmith	12.06	Laura Platt	3.62	Rita Gregory	1.92	William Hass	1.28
Greg Defotis	12.00	Paul Pershin	3.59	Jon Witz	1.92	Jack Schulte	1.28
Reza Nazarian	11.29	Herb Roman	3.56	Steve Galanis	1.92	Michael Bucklo	1.28
Rich Sniezek	11.25	Dennis Bell	3.54	Elaine Kehn	1.90	Tom Serges	1.28
John Fernandez	10.98	John Aprahamian	3.46	Ira Sachs	1.88	Phil Marti	1.27
Roger Bresler	10.54	Sandy Hadfield	3.45	Wm. Hollander	1.87	Leah Simon	1.24
Randy Gingiss	10.29	David Ernst	3.44	Ascher Eckerling	1.86	Faith Costa	1.23
David Dury	10.25	Joan Aronsen	3.44	Joe Szymanski	1.86	John Bevington	1.23
Berge Aprahamian	10.25	Paul Reichel	3.42	Shari Blum	1.84	Bonnie Robinson	1.22
Randall Cone	10.23	Art Seigel	3.36	John Ratner	1.82	John Ward	1.22
Charles Shadoan	10.13	Arnold Levy	3.29	Charles Cox	1.82	Dana Winkler	1.21
James Shapiro	8.85	John Dickhart	3.29	Seymour Joseph	1.81	Mohammed Kherdsman	1.21
Norma Shyer	8.54	John Demian	3.27	Jack Spear	1.80	Diane Sweeney	1.21
Robert Rubenstein	8.45	Maynard Kier	3.22	Gary Gutwillig	1.80	James Blommer	1.21
George Hause	8.10	Craig Brunton	3.20	Margo Rogalin	1.80	Peggy Stickler	1.21
Adair Karlin	7.96	Helene Millenbach	3.14	Ed Masor	1.79	Al Jacobs	1.20
Joann Feinstein	7.88	Thad Cole	3.12	Rivian Simon	1.77	Robert Nimz	1.20
Robert Heller	7.55	Vince Barbieri	3.12	Charlotte Bank	1.76	Meg Folk	1.20
Jeff Mandell	7.54	Sandy Sabul	3.11	Jerry Solomon	1.76	Pepi Brown	1.20
Gordon Dunham	7.53	Beverly Hayden	3.08	Hans Fleskes	1.76	Claudia Schaffran	1.19
Mickey Davidson	7.38	Roz Shapiro	3.07	Lou Arkow	1.75	Phil Cobert	1.19
Star Christopher	7.32	Paul Feldman	3.06	Ed Ceasar	1.74	Sandy Bank	1.19
Sabah Ghulam	7.00	Beth Dolnick	2.95	Ollie Millenbach	1.74	Fred Seebach	1.18
Amin Karim	6.79	Dave Presser	2.94	Marv Weinstein	1.73	Romik Kesian	1.18
David Joyce	6.74	Linda Thornton	2.92	V.C. League	1.69	Harry Osoff	1.18
Brad Dolnick	6.68	Barry Stagman	2.92	Paul Landman	1.69	Eileen Green	1.18
Judie Davidson	6.48	Elaine Salcido	2.91	Ken Garen	1.68	Al Shifman	1.18
Marcia Feinstein	6.32	George Goldstein	2.88	Howard Schmid	1.65	Mike Racusin	1.17
Henry Schwartz	6.29	Joel Glickman	2.85	Dick Bennett	1.64	Jim Brown	1.17
Lee Berkson	6.28	Ida Weil	2.84	Sherry Heller	1.63	Susan Dann	1.16
Michael Wolock	6.12	Buzz Smith	2.84	Jane Wilson	1.63	Wm. Buchbinder	1.16
Michael Sachs	5.95	Diane Blumenfeld	2.76	Sandy Bartlestein	1.63	John Nicholson	1.15
Frankie Lerman	5.95	Michael Litt	2.71	Dean Elipas	1.62	Glen Baskin	1.15
Bobbie Springer	5.93	V.C. League	2.69	Stu Trais	1.62	Chuck Coren	1.14
Stu Rothstein	5.67	Penny Dolnick	2.64	Julie Newman	1.61	Val Podkowirow	1.12
Michael Bernstein	5.48	Dennis Paradise	2.58	John Park	1.61	Carolyn Lutgen	1.11
Nicky Bank	5.45	Joseph Blackburn	2.58	Alex Falcon	1.60	Barbara Marbell	1.11
Peggy Stotland	5.44	Rhona Soibel	2.58	Glen Greenbaum	1.60	Diane Dubois	1.10
Thomas Head	5.31	Marilyn Kaplan	2.56	Alan Stengal	1.60	Steve Hidvegi	1.10
Robert Anderson	5.24	Carol Feldman	2.48	Joyce Ellis	1.59	Ron Bredemann	1.09
Mary Rubak	5.24	Suzi Rokos	2.44	Mitchell Polk	1.58	Charlotte Lauter	1.08
Jack Foreman	5.13	Myra Conlin	2.40	Sam Sockett	1.56	Was Suzuki	1.08
Al Dolnick	5.05	Susan Malis	2.39	Briska Knabian	1.56	Thomas Hirsch	1.08
Donna Arnowitz	5.02	Marshall Fisher	2.37	Ron Alghini	1.56	Gerry Tuzzolino	1.08
Jack Goldberg	4.99	Tony Licata	2.37	Laurel Graham	1.56	Irv Zeman	1.08
Stan Green	4.97	Hugo Scala	2.36	Denise Mayrent	1.55	Les Turner	1.06
Jiby Ratner	4.95	Gloria Stevens	2.34	Jeff Zemansky	1.55	Fran Froy	1.06
Stuart Gold	4.94	Carol Haddon	2.33	Bernie Wolfe	1.53	David Mamam	1.06
Janet Schafer	4.93	Burk Schmidt	2.29	Chris Huck	1.53	David Silverman	1.05
Rick Baruch	4.88	Donn Shapiro	2.28	Jeff Friedman	1.51	Ruth Waller	1.04
Jay Stevens	4.86	Phil Shickler	2.28	Charles Witz	1.51	Ben Pomerantz	1.03
John Mellen	4.80	Gary Leib	2.28	Lynn Scharf	1.50	Lynn Greenbaum	1.03
John Ratner	4.76	Darryl Marcus	2.27	Donald Reents	1.50	Harvey Becker	1.02
Herb Wilson	4.69	Al Shapiro	2.26	Dennis Boyle	1.50	Ralph Hahn	1.02
Johnnie Balke	4.61	Scott Seidner	2.23	Susan Goldstein	1.50	Mike Balma, Jr.	1.02
Bob Kruger	4.58	David Williams	2.22	Elaine Gutheim	1.48	Mike Silverman	1.02
Stan Steele	4.41	Dan Geiger	2.19	Sy Porter	1.46	Lynn Fischer	1.01
Ray Angelini	4.40	Gail Newman	2.19	Molly Horwitz	1.46	Conrad Gwodzik	1.01
Jim Meitus	4.35	Hugh Wheeler	2.16	John Newmark	1.45	Becky Leija	1.01
Roman Mankus	4.31	Allen Sachs	2.14	Susan Field	1.45	Anita Benjamen	1.00
Spencer Orelowe	4.29	Richard Rosenblum	2.14	Rogers Fadan	1.45	Barbara Stone	1.00
Julie Deutsch	4.28	Ernie Fogg	2.14				

# October – November Schedule of Events

Events, times, and places are subject to change. PLEASE CHECK WEEKLY in any of our clubs for up to date changes or variations in tournament schedules. Should you have any questions call us at 338-9216.

<p><b>MONDAYS</b></p>	<p><b>LINCOLN PARK BACKGAMMON CLUB</b> Belden Stratford Hotel 2300 N. Lincoln Park West Chicago, Ill.</p> <p><b>GAMMON CLUB WEST</b> Hilton Inn East West Tollway at Route 31 North Aurora, Ill.</p> <p><b>* BACKGAMMON CLUB OF HIGHLAND PARK</b> Holiday Inn Edens and Lake Cook Rd. Northbrook, Ill.</p>	<p>Tournaments and Lessons at 7:30 P.M. <b>FEATURING:</b> Large gala tournament, private lounge area, FREE parking courtesy of Al Farbers. LARGE DISPLAY OF BACKGAMMON SETS with discounts for members.</p> <p>Tournaments and Lessons at 8:00 P.M. <b>FEATURING:</b> Plush setting in one of the Western suburbs finest hotels. FREE parking, excellent food.</p> <p>Tournaments and Lessons at 8:00 P.M. <b>FEATURING:</b> INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED LESSONS FOR MEMBERS. FREE dinners to all winners, experimental tournaments.</p>
<p><b>TUESDAYS</b></p> <p>Grand Opening Nov 4th</p>	<p><b>NORTH SHORE II BACKGAMMON CLUB</b> Pyrenees Restaurant 10035 N. Skokie Blvd. Skokie, Ill.</p> <p><b>* THE OAK STREET BACKGAMMON CLUB</b> Pickle Barrel Restaurant 11 E. Oak St. Chicago, Ill.</p>	<p>Tournaments and Lessons at 8:00 P.M. <b>FEATURING:</b> FREE coffee in the backgammon club. Excellent seafood platter \$3.95. FREE parking. Backgammon sets on display with discounts for members.</p> <p>Tournament and Lessons at 7:30 P.M. <b>FEATURING:</b> Exciting new facility for near north residents. GRAND OPENING TOURNAMENT on November 4th.</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAYS</b></p> <p>Grand Opening Oct 8th</p>	<p><b>LAKE SHORE BACKGAMMON CLUB</b> Bill &amp; Charlies Restaurant 505 N. Lake Shore Drive Chicago, Ill.</p> <p><b>GAMMON CLUB OF OAKBROOK</b> T. J. Brennans 1225 W. 22nd Street Oakbrook, Ill.</p> <p><b>*NORTH SHORE III BACKGAMMON CLUB</b> Holiday Inn 2875 Milwaukee Northbrook, Ill.</p>	<p>Tournaments and Lessons at 7:30 P.M. <b>FEATURING:</b> Backgammon dinner specials before the tournament. Live entertainment with piano bar. Elegant facilities.</p> <p>Tournaments and Lessons at 8:00 P.M. <b>FEATURING:</b> Backgammon dinner special before the tournament. FREE parking. Excellent dining at reasonable prices.</p> <p>Tournaments and Lessons at 8:00 P.M. <b>FEATURING:</b> A new home for the North Shore III Backgammon club. Lovely, spacious facilities. FREE parking.</p>
<p><b>THURSDAYS</b></p>	<p><b>*NORTH SHORE BACKGAMMON CLUB</b> Beef Steak Inn 6935 N. Sheridan Rd. Chicago, Ill.</p> <p><b>THE GAMMON CLUB</b> Nielsen's Restaurant 7330 W. North Ave. Elmwood Park, Ill.</p> <p><b>SHORE SINGLES BACKGAMMON CLUB</b> Holiday Inn 1501 Sherman Ave. Evanston, Ill.</p>	<p>Tournaments and Lessons at 8:00 P.M. <b>FEATURING:</b> FREE beer or root beer with all dinners. Completely private club area. Late night chouettes allowed until 2 A.M.</p> <p>Tournaments and Lessons at 8:00 P.M. <b>FEATURING:</b> FREE carafe of wine with all dinners for members. FREE parking. Excellent food.</p> <p>Tournaments and Lessons at 8:00 P.M. <b>FEATURING:</b> Backgammon for adult singles. Live entertainment, sandwiches, and pizza. FREE parking. Backgammon dinner specials.</p>
<p><b>FRIDAYS</b></p> <p>Grand Opening Oct 24th</p>	<p><b>*LAKE SHORE II BACKGAMMON CLUB</b> Playboy Towers Michigan and Walton Chicago, Ill.</p> <p><b>OLD ORCHARD BACKGAMMON CLUB</b> North Shore Hilton 9599 Skokie Blvd. Skokie, Ill.</p>	<p>Tournaments and Lessons at 8:00 P.M. <b>FEATURING:</b> THE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS for weekly winners of all city clubs. DOUBLE master points awarded to winners. Also regular tournaments and special events.</p> <p>Tournaments and Lessons at 8:00 P.M. <b>FEATURING:</b> THE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS for all weekly winners of suburban clubs, with DOUBLE MASTER POINT awards. Also regular tournaments and special events. FREE parking.</p>
<p><b>SATURDAYS</b></p> <p>Begins Oct 18th</p>	<p><b>CHILDREN'S BACKGAMMON</b> Hackney's Restaurant 1514 E. Lake Avenue Glenview, Ill.</p> <p><b>CHILDREN'S BACKGAMMON</b> Beef Steak Inn 6935 N. Sheridan Rd. Chicago, Ill.</p>	<p>Tournaments and Lessons for children, ages 7 thru 15 begins at 1:00. <b>FEATURING:</b> Trophies and gift certificates are awarded with a Backgammon Party at the end of the winter season.</p> <p>Tournaments and Lessons for children at 1:00 P.M. <b>FEATURING:</b> Same as Gammon Club North. More accessible to children living in the city. El and bus transportation is easy. Non-member children invited to participate.</p>
<p><b>SUNDAYS</b></p> <p>Grand Opening Oct 26th</p>	<p><b>THE CASABLANCA BACKGAMMON CLUB</b> Bogie's Restaurant 1 East Scott Chicago, Ill.</p> <p><b>BACKGAMMON CLUB of ROGERS PARK</b> Pickle Barrel Restaurant Howard &amp; Western Shopping Ctr. Chicago, Ill.</p>	<p>Tournaments and Lessons at 7:30 P.M. <b>FEATURING:</b> Chicago's most elegant backgammon club. Open play every night of the week in the backgammon room. 1:00 MATINEE TOURNAMENTS BEGIN NOVEMBER 2nd.</p> <p>Tournaments and Lessons at 8:00 P.M. <b>FEATURING:</b> New location for Sunday evening tournaments. FREE Parking. Excellent food at reasonable prices.</p>

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\* FREE TOURNAMENT entry to members who bring a non-member guest to these selected clubs. All Clubs closed Thanksgiving Day.