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4th tournament of the americas

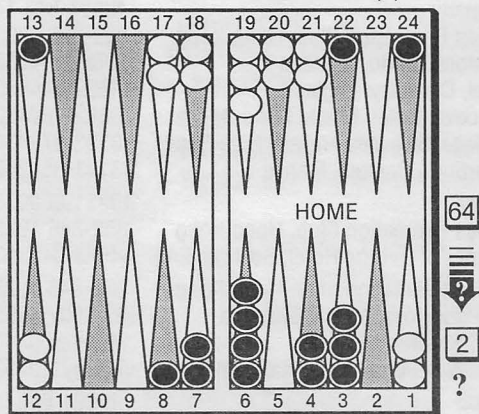
## SCONYERS & GLASS WIN BIG IN COSTA RICA

With one Tournament of the Americas day remaining, Hugh Sconyers (Austin, TX) was alive in everything: Herradura, Open and Blitz. Although he didn't maintain his undefeated record, his Herradura finals victory over Reno master Wilcox Snellings, and runner-up Open finish behind L.A.'s Bob Glass netted him two beautiful exotic wood trophies and a lion's share of the five-figure prize money.

The \$10,000 added event, held 19-23 April at the Herradura Hotel in San José, Costa Rica drew sparse participation (75 total players in the main events); however there was no shortage of world-class backgammon, good times and camaraderie. Mario Madrigal and the Costa Rican BG Association organized the festive tournament for the fourth year in a row. Bill Davis directed the event, assisted by Carol Joy Cole, Peter Kalba and Dru Heggen.

Sconyers defeated Snellings 15-5 in the Herradura finals. Game 4 with Hugh (Black) leading 3-1 proved to be the pivotal game. [Recording provided by Antonio Ortega.]

SNELLINGS (1)



SCONYERS (3)

SCONYERS

Take

SNELLINGS

Double to 2  
65: 7/1\*, 6/1

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16th chicago open

## RUSSELL GOES UNDEFEATED Tops Trice Twice To Win Chicago Open

1989 World Champion Joe Russell marched undefeated through a strong national field to win the 16th Chicago Open. The tournament was held 26-29 May at the Hyatt Woodfield in Schaumburg, IL. Joann Feinstein and Howard Markowitz directed the tournament which is the longest-running in Chicagoland. Attendance jumped 15% in the main events to 124 players—the event's biggest turnout since 1983.

Joe Russell (Reno, NV) faced Boston expert Walter Trice in the 13-point finals of the undefeated bracket. Trailing 9-6, Joe rallied to tie the contest at 9-all, and then went on the win a doubled gammon sending Walter into the one-loss bracket.

Trice's 11-4 victory over Jeff Kane (on the strength of an 8-cube) set up another Russell/Trice pairing. But Joe was too strong,

winning the rematch and title 13-5.

Congratulations to Maurice Barie (MI) on his 13-5 victory over Bruce Pollack (IL) in the big 74-player Intermediate division. Results: Δ

16th CHICAGO OPEN

CHAMPIONSHIP (50): 1-Joe Russell (NV), 2-Walter Trice (MA), 3-Jeff Kane (WI); 1C-Doug Roberts (MA), 2C-Joe Freedman (DC) INTERMEDIATE (74): 1-Maurice Barie (MI), 2-Burce Pollack (IL), 3/4-Jolie Rubin (IL) / Jerry Smith; 1C-Peter Kalba (IL), 2C-Frank Dickerson (IL)

MASTERS (32): 1-Wilcox Snellings (NV), 2-Ismet Demirel (AR), 3/4-Dean Muench (IL) / Michael Ungerleider (CA)

DOUBLES (32): 1-Wally Wolf (MI) & Dennis Rutkowski (CA), 2-George Barr & Trudie Stern (IL), 3/4-Andy Bittman & Gary Kay (IL) / Roz Ferris (IL) & Howard Markowitz (NV)

BLITZ (64): 1-Bob Glass (CA), 2-Michael Ungerleider (CA)

MINI-MATCH (128): 1-John Stryker (IL)

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## LETTERS

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## GERMANY GAINS GREG

Just wanted to drop you this note to inform you that I am leaving the States: I have been offered a job in Germany.

Really enjoyed the Midwest Championships. You guys did a super job: terrific organization and unbelievable field.—  
*Gregory Shore*

## BACKGAMMON IN THE CARIBBEAN

While visiting St. Thomas earlier this year, I stopped in the Hotel 1812 and was surprised to see a number of backgammon tables in the bar area. There is backgammon there every night and one evening a week, they have a tournament. Any backgammon players visiting St. Thomas should definitely visit the Hotel 1812.—  
*Bruce Pollack, Buffalo Grove, IL*

## POPULAR REQUEST

I would like a copy of the article "They Play To Win" from the 13 March 1995

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coming attractions

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BACKGAMMON														
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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by Carol Joy Cole  
810/232-9731

\* Denotes new or revised listing

American Backgammon Tour events underlined.

## NATIONAL

Jun 11	Bar Point Club Sunday Tournament, Braxton Seafood Grill, Oak Brook, IL	312/252-7755
Jun 11	New England Club Monthly, Sheraton-Commander, Cambridge, MA	617/643-8154
Jun 15	Third Thursday Bonus Tournament, Ramada Inn, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
Jun 25	Greater New York Club Monthly, Ramada Inn, Woodbury, NY	718/341-3779
Jun 25*	Atlanta Monthly Tournament, Caffiends, Atlanta, Georgia	404/441-2074
Jun 29*	Special Thursday Warm-Up Tournament, Novi Hilton, Novi, MI	810/232-9731
Jun 30-Jul 3	<u>Michigan Summer Championships, Novi Hilton, Novi, MI</u>	<u>810/232-9731</u>
Jul 15-16*	Summer Open Tournament, Promenade Cardroom, Bethesda, MD	301/530-0604
Jul 16*	Austin Sunday tournament, Bombay Bicycle Club, Austin, TX	512/261-8518
Jul 19	RSCARDS Summer 1995 Computer Modem Tournament, GENie	800/638-9636
Jul 20	Third Thursday Bonus Tournament, Ramada Inn, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
Jul 28-30	<u>Thousand Islands Tournament, Pine Tree Point, Alexandria Bay, NY</u>	<u>716/442-8221</u>
Aug 6	Summer Cool Tournament, Braxton Seafood Grill, Oak Brook, IL	312/252-7755
Aug 11-13*	33rd G/A Invitational, Holiday Inn, Woodland Hills, CA	818/901-0464
Aug 16-20	Las Vegas Open, Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV	702/893-6025
Aug 17*	Third Thursday Bonus Tournament, Ramada Inn, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
Aug 23-27*	Backgammon Vacation Tournament, Stratton Mt. Inn, VT	305/527-4033
Sep 1-4	<u>43rd Indiana Open, Ramada Inn East, Indianapolis, IN</u>	<u>317/845-8435</u>
Sep 10*	New England Club Monthly, Sheraton-Commander, Cambridge, MA	617/643-8154
Sep 21*	Third Thursday Bonus Tournament, Ramada Inn, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
Sep 29-Oct 1	<u>Towpath Inn Tournament, Towpath Inn, Turin, NY</u>	<u>716/442-8221</u>
Oct 6-8	<u>Nation's Capital Fall Championships, Promenade, Bethesda, MD</u>	<u>301/530-0603</u>
Oct 8*	Bar Point Club Sunday Tournament, Braxton Seafood Grill, Oak Brook, IL	312/252-7755
Oct 11-15*	<u>5th Illinois Champs/America Cup, Sheraton North Shore, Northbrook, IL</u>	<u>708/945-7801</u>
Oct 15*	New England Club Monthly, Sheraton-Commander, Cambridge, MA	617/643-8154
Oct 18*	RSCARDS Fall 1995 Computer Modem Tournament, GENie	800/638-9636
Oct 27-29	<u>Autumn Gran Prix, Embassy Suites Hotel, La Jolla, CA</u>	<u>619/294-2007</u>
Nov 3-5*	<u>35th G/A Invitational, Holiday Inn, Woodland Hills, CA</u>	<u>818/901-0464</u>
Nov 3-5	<u>Backgammon In The Berkshires, Oak &amp; Spruce Center, South Lee, MA</u>	<u>603/863-4711</u>
Nov 10-12	<u>NY/NJ BG CO-OP Big Apple Series, Oritani Hotel, Hackensack, NJ</u>	<u>201/833-2915</u>
Nov 19*	Flint Area Club Championships, Ramada Inn, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
Nov 19*	New England Club Monthly, Sheraton-Commander, Cambridge, MA	617/643-8154
Jan 19-22*	Backgammon On Board III, Miami to Key West cruise tourney on NCL	312/252-7755

## OUTSIDE USA

Jun 9-11	1995 Swedish Open, Arvi Hotel, Farsta Stockholm, Sweden	468-605 3600
Jun 10-14*	BG Tournament, Ile du Levant, Ile d'or, Hotel Le Ponant, Hyeres, France	3394-059041
Jun 12-14*	Backgammon Tournament, Hotel Villa Condulmer, Venice, Italy	39422-969305
Jun 15-18	7th International Tournament City of Venice, Casino Municipale, Italy	3941-521 1029
Jun 17-18	Wansbeck Trophy Tourney, Buccaneer Pub, Newcastle, England	44670-812787
June 17-18*	Monte Carlo Cup 95, Studententerfor, Huset, Copenhagen, Denmark	4539-400607
Jun 29-Jul 2	1st Kaiserbrunnen Cup, Bielefeld, Germany	49521-643 14
Jul 3	Hong Kong Monthly Tournament, Ladies Recreation Club, Hong Kong	852-846 1923
Jul 7-9	Monte Carlo Warm-up, Loews Hotel, Monte Carlo, Monaco	305/527-4033
Jul 8-9	Hilton Trophy Tournament, Hilton Hotel, Coventry, England	44522-546993
Jul 10-16	World Backgammon Championship, Loews Hotel, Monte Carlo, Monaco	3392-162133
Jul 17-18*	3rd Open Championship of Nice, Lido Plage, Blve. des Anglais, Nice France	3393-879436
Jul 20-23	Riviera's Cup Championship, Hotel Martinez, Cannes, France	33141-050259
Aug. 4-6*	Franken ganz Open, Nürnberg, Germany	49911-699678
Aug 7*	Hong Kong Monthly Tournament, Ladies Recreation Club, Hong Kong	852-846 1923
Aug 26-27	Studio Anne Carlton Trophy Tournament #3, George Hotel, Solihull, Eng.	44522-546993
Sep 4*	Hong Kong Monthly Tournament, Ladies Recreation Club, Hong Kong	852-846 1923
Sep 8-10*	5th Mitteleuropa Tournament, Casino Park Nova Gorica, Slovenia	392-4007 4658
Sep 8-10*	3rd Malmö Open, Savoy Hotel, Malmö, Sweden	4640-300340
Sep 8-10*	4th Montreal Open, Le Gammon Chess & BG Club, Montreal, Canada	514/521-9253
Oct 1-6	2nd German Open, Bielefeld, Germany	49521-64314
Oct 6-8	Asian Championships, Ladies Recreation Club, Hong Kong	852-846 1923
Oct 14-15	Sandy Osborne Memorial Trophy, Hilton Hotel, East Midlands, England	44522-546993
Oct 14-15	Åbne Fynsmesterskaber, Odense, Denmark	4539-400607
Nov 3-5	1st Japan Open, Nakano Sun Plaza Hotel, Tokyo, Japan	813-3373 3814
Nov 6*	Hong Kong Monthly Tournament, Ladies Recreation Club, Hong Kong	852-846 1923
Nov 16-19*	International Tournament, Intermar Kurhotel Bad Segeberg, Germany	4930-461 9624
Nov 18-19	Solihull Trophy Tournament #4, George Hotel, Solihull, England	44522-546993



## LETTERS...

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Forbes magazine. Also enclose the new Backgammon and Speed-gammon clock rules. I appreciate the effort you go through to provide these copies.—Joubert Malouf, Copperopolis, CA

Thanks for the kind words, Joubert. The

three mailouts you requested were our most popular ever. To receive copies, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: CHICAGO POINT; 3940 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.; Suite 504; Chicago, IL 60659-3128. Foreign subscribers should send \$1 instead of the stamped envelope.—Ed.

### STICK WITH 'JELLY'

I'm looking to buy the Saitek computer

backgammon game. Where can I find it?—Buddy Cummings, New York, NY

We're not sure where to buy it, Buddy, or even if it plays well enough for you to bother spending your money on it. If you have a 486 computer, there's no question that you should purchase the JellyFish computer program. If you can beat it more times than it beats you, you're good enough to play in any Open tournament in the world. For more JellyFish information, contact Carol Joy Cole (810/232-9731) or U.S. distributor Larry Strommen (317/545-0224).—Ed. Δ



## AMERICAN BACKGAMMON TOUR ★ 1995

Compiled through 29 May 1995 after 7 tournaments  
(Coming 30 June–3 July: Michigan Summer Championships)



Mike Colgan	22.88	Bruce Pollack	6.47	Paul Symington	3.90	Lee Pflugrad	1.99
Abbas Zaltash	22.80	Joe Sylvester	6.40	John Jennings	3.75	Cecilia Pedroza	1.85
Walter Trice	21.69	Herb Gurland	5.78	Alan Steffen	3.75	Elijah Miller	1.77
Joe Russell	21.01	Mike Pettigrew	5.75	Wally Watson	3.75	Wayne King	1.60
Odis Chenault	20.83	Martin Lee	5.60	Jeff Kane	3.51	Jim Roston	1.54
Dave Williams	18.90	Bob Green	5.58	Frank Dickerson	3.32	Paul Paris	1.54
Doug Roberts	14.89	Judy Brown	5.58	Bill Rudd	3.20	Mary Kuchenbrod	1.23
Maurice Barie	14.24	Milad Doueihy	5.20	Pete Ryder	2.79	Al Mason	1.17
David Rubin	13.75	Ed Johnson	5.00	Troy Longman	2.79	Gayle Wolf	1.15
Jim Muirhead	13.25	Jim Forbes	4.95	Jolie Rubin	2.60	Edward Heiman	1.14
Gene Entel	11.73	Pat Gibson	4.94	Jerry Smith	2.60	Johnnie Roberts	1.06
Nora Luna	11.44	Dorn Bishop	4.56	Ed Buerger	2.40	Randy Douthat	1.06
Arnold Zousmer	10.40	Richard Armbruster	4.56	Bob Lumbra	2.35	Fred Bement	1.02
Hal Heinrich	9.45	Bob Koca	4.50	Art Benjamin	2.26	Gary Tong	0.92
Clarine	9.03	William Counts	4.50	David DeVries	2.14	Jessica Brandlin	0.86
Ray Fogelund	9.03	Kit Woolsey	4.50	Glenn Swanson	2.14	Harold Roberson	0.80
Blake Sorem	9.00	Joe Freedman	4.49	Lou Florio	2.13	Keith Hvamsted	0.80
Dean Adamian	9.00	John Smulders	4.38	Patti Beadles	2.08	Mark Damish	0.78
Peter Kalba	7.77	Dean Muench	4.16	Steve Baksic	2.08	Lourdes Tarrago	0.29
Jack Takala	7.50	Howard Ring	4.16	James Kasarjian	2.00		

## EUROPEAN BACKGAMMON NEWS EDITOR AND MANAGER RESIGN

Ron Held and Joke Schretlen have resigned their duties as editor and manager of the European Backgammon News. The two had been with Martin de Bruin's publication since its inception in July 1993.

A 24 April letter written by Held and Schretlen cite irreconcilable differences as the reason for their resignation.

De Bruin will continue publishing the EBN. His first issue (No. 17) without Held and Schretlen notes their departure and wishes them luck in their future journalistic endeavors.

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## CHICAGO BAR POINT CLUB 1995 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

COMPILED  
THRU 31 MAY

Harry Cohn	16.48	Reggie Porter	3.70	Stu Katz	1.68	Jill Ferdinand	0.72
Neil Kazaross	13.36	Mary Franks	3.36	Norma Shyer	1.60	John O'Hagan	0.72
Jake Jacobs	8.84	Georgina Flanagan	3.28	John Stryker	1.60	John Meyers	0.64
Tak Morioka	7.76	Phyllis Smolinski	3.20	Ken Bond	1.52	Ali Morovati	0.64
John Demian	7.56	Amy Valerio	2.88	Elijah Miller	1.52	David Rockwell	0.64
Tim Mabee	7.36	Paul Friedman	2.82	Mojie Shishineh	1.52	Jay Ward	0.64
Herb Roman	7.08	Ed Buerger	2.80	Elaine Kehm	1.48	Barbara Levinson	0.48
Arline Levy	6.56	Yamin Yamin	2.80	Jon Hartman	1.28	Leslie Lockett	0.48
Paul Franks	6.40	Ralph Levy	2.80	Alex Itkin	1.12	René Wojtysiak	0.44
Frankie Farjood	6.20	Phil Simborg	2.80	Marty Tatossian	0.96	Tom Fahland	0.40
Alice Kay	6.12	Jolie Rubin	2.76	Alan Zimmerman	0.88	Andy Bittman	0.40
Bill Keefe	5.84	Harold Seif	2.56	Nan Feiber	0.88	Monica Miller	0.40
Joann Feinstein	5.60	Nora Luna	2.56	Roland Dieter	0.88	Mark Murray	0.34
Richard Lloyd	5.36	Peter Kalba	2.24	Wilcox Snellings	0.88	Mark Zoll	0.32
David Rubin	5.12	Sarg Serges	1.92	Richard Stawowy	0.88	Patrick Desmond	0.32
Gary Kay	4.92	Dean Muench	1.92	Roz Ferris	0.88	Willie Franklin	0.32
Paul Klein	4.32	Paul Ruterma	1.80	Don Jayhan	0.80	Stan Kucharz	0.18
Bobbie Shifrin	4.20	Bill Davis	1.80	John Brussel	0.76	Tim Carroll	0.16
Jeff Kane	4.16						

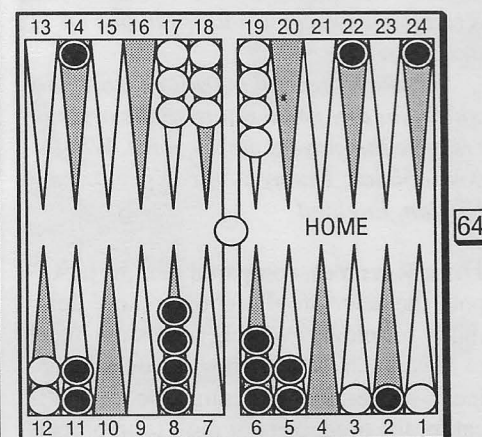
April Player of the Month: **FRANKIE FARJOOD** coupled a 6 April consolation victory with two wins on 9 and 18 April to earn 3.00 points. Frankie's 11 victories in a row earned him a spot in the 1000:1 Club. Herb Roman (2.56) and Harry Cohn (2.40) placed 2nd/3rd in April.

May Player of the Month: **HARRY COHN**'s impressive 5.36 monthly total was highlighted by two tournament wins and 11 wins in a row. Congratulations to Harry who also joins the 1000:1 Club. Joann Feinstein (2.80) and Bill Keefe (2.64) were runner's up in May.

your move

## PROBLEM #214

Match to 9 points. White leads Black 7 to 6. **BLACK TO PLAY 2-2.**



# ASK DANNY



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## STOP POTS

**D**ear Danny: At the recent, very well attended Nordic "Wide" Open in Copenhagen, Denmark, "StopPots" were offered instead of the more usual mini-jackpots. Columns (1) to (4) of the following table were on public display. Column (5) is my calculation:

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Points	Entry Fee	Return	Return %	Odds for not stop
5	25	40	80.00%	
7	50	85	85.00%	45/40
7	100	175	87.50%	90/85
7	200	360	90.00%	185/175
7	400	740	92.50%	380/360
7	800	1500	93.75%	760/740
7	1600	3100	96.87%	1600/1500
7	3200	6250	97.66%	3150/3100

You enter a StopPot at any row you wish. For example, if you choose row 3, you play a 7-point match with an entry fee of 100 units. If you win, you can either stop and get back 175 units, or play another match. If you win again, you can either stop and get back 360 or play a third match with a win return of 740 units. And so on.

Column (4) shows the posted return at each level. Column (5) shows that you always get better than evens by not stopping. For example, having entered and won at row 3, you risk 175 to gain an extra 185 by not stopping.

The organizers say that StopPots cut out the wait for your next opponent, though they were so popular in Copenhagen that there were long queues to register! Tournament Director Chris Ternel told me that a computer system would speed this up next year.

StopPots seem an ingenious innovation which, for any given return to the organizers, give the players more choice. What's your opinion, Danny?—Ray Kershaw, London, England

**DEAR RAY:** Yes, compared to mini-jackpots, the new "StopPots" offer more flexibility for players waiting for a slow match to finish in the Main Draw. I would imagine, however, that they might be impractical for the organizers of most tournaments.

Suppose Hy Rollah wishes to enter at Row 8 simply from his desire to gamble. (Never mind your calculation that Row 8 offers the highest rate of return.) Nobody else, however, has the \$3200 to invest in a Row 8 entry and wishes to risk it all on a single 7-point match.

The organizers can deal with Hy, of course, by apologizing, "Sorry, Hy. We can't find you an opponent for those stakes, but we'd be happy to enter you at Row 4." (No other player is willing to enter for more than \$200.)

No problem. Hy hasn't been injured.

Not so Percentage Percy. Percy, a very fine player with a tiny bankroll, gets knocked out early in the Main Draw. He enters a StopPot at Row 2, and wins five matches in a row. Nobody else, however, reaches Row 7 by winning matches, nor is anybody willing to put up \$1600 to play Percy now. (Hy Rollah isn't available, being fully occupied in a long match in the Main Draw.) Percy (as his choice to continue at every stage has demonstrated) is interested in a big prize, actually the \$6250 for winning in Row 8. Frustrated, he demands extra money from the organizers:

"I entered this StopPot intending to keep playing until I lost or won it all. In principle, I'm entitled to \$1562.50—my so-called 'equity'—not just \$1500. In practice, I'm entitled to more, for I'm by far the best player here. I figure I'm 60% to win any match. That makes my expectation even greater: \$2250, if my calculations are correct.

Actually, Percy is not the best player. William Worldbeater is. But William is busy playing Hy in the Main Draw. Nonetheless, I really don't know how I'd rule if asked to adjudicate. Mini-jackpots do not create such problems.

Why have either mini-jackpots or StopPots, however? They are no more relevant to a tournament than any other "side action" is. It means something to win a championship, be it the "Nordic Wide Open" in Denmark, the "El Cariari" at the Tournament of the Américas in Costa Rica, or a PAL ("Police Athletic League") tournament for boys and girls under 13 in the Bronx. But if you win a 3-round mini-jackpot, or a StopPot in which some enter at Row 2 and others at Row 6, you're not the champion of anything.

You may as well stick to side action, which needn't be in the form of chouettes. While waiting for your next match, you can play a 7-point (or 5-point, or 11-point, whatever time permits) match with any agreeable opponent for any mutually agreeable stake: for \$50, for \$1000, for

sport or practice. As a convenience to the players, the organizers might accept signups for \$50 7-point matches with "pot luck" draws (you don't know whether your opponent will be the player who sighed up before you or the player who will sign up next): no rake, 100% return.

StopPots are "ingenious," but only a gimmick. I expect they will thrive for a while, then fade into obscurity like other fads. But who am I to second-guess fashions? Give the public what it wants and is willing to pay for.—Yours, Danny Δ

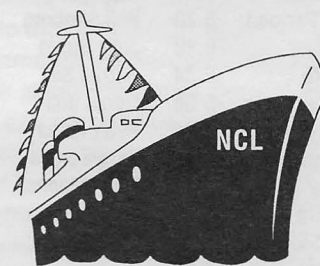
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## Chicago Bar Point Club 1000-to-1 Club

Name	Wins in a Row	Date Completed
David Rubin	11	1 Feb 94
Neil Kazaross	10	8 Feb 94
Phil Simborg	11	5 Apr 94
Frankie Farjood	11	25 Apr 95
Harry Cohn	11	9 May 95

The named players listed above have won at least 10 matches in a row in Chicago Bar Point Club competition and have earned an engraved doubling cube to honor their achievement.

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Backgammon on Board III  
Miami to Key West



## COSTA RICA...

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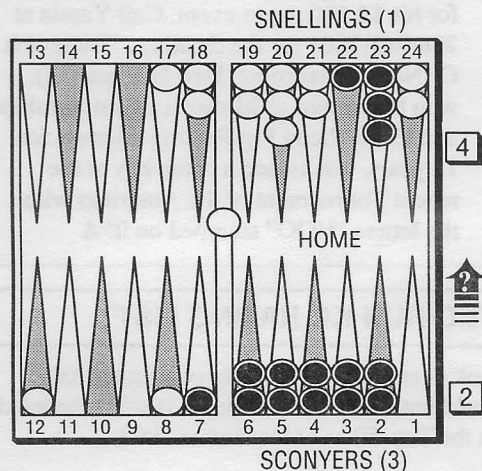
### SCONYERS

55: Dances  
52: B/23  
11: Dances  
54: Dances  
22: B/23\*(4)!  
41: 6/2\*, 3/2  
11: 23/22, 7/5, 6/5  
41: 23/22, 7/3

### SNELLINGS

44: 7/3\*, 24/12\*  
43: 24/17\*  
31: 3/2\*, 8/5  
41: 12/7  
62: B/23, 13/7  
62: Dances  
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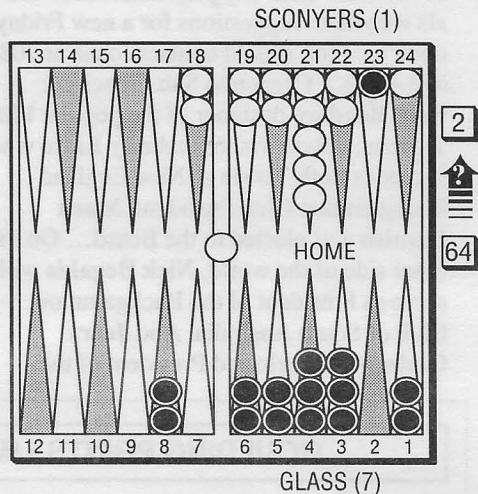


51: 23/17\* : Dances  
Black on roll. Cube action?  
52: 22/15 : Dances  
55: 17/12\*, 22/7 : Dances  
62: 7/1, 3/1

Close out. Sconyers wins a 4 point gammon and never looks back in the match eventually winning 15-5.

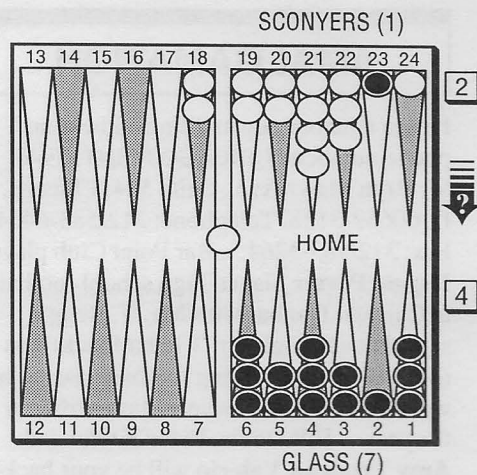
LEADING 7-1 in the 17-point Open finals, Bob Glass (Black) virtually locked up his 17-8 victory in the following game that involved an 8-cube. [Recording provided by Antonio Ortega.]

Black on roll. Cube action?

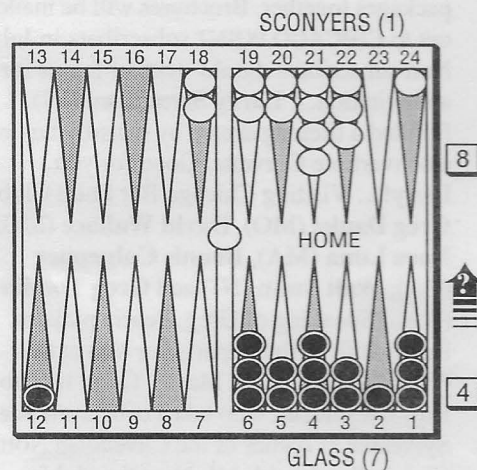


GLASS (7) Double to 2  
42: 8/6, 8/4  
31: 3/2\*, 4/1  
SCONYERS (1) Take  
21: B/23, 4/3  
Redouble to 4  
31: Dances

White on roll. Cube action? (See diagram above right.)

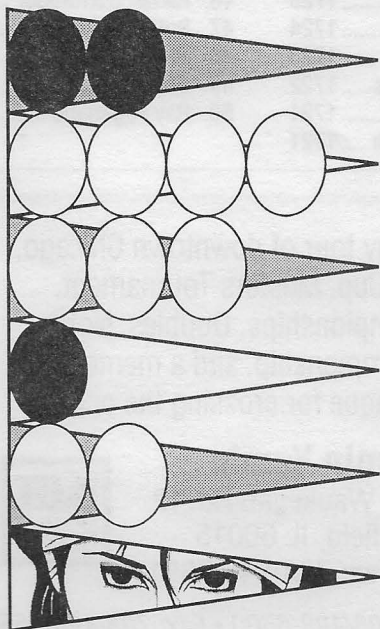


GLASS (7) 65: 23/12  
SCONYERS (1) 64: Dances  
Black on roll. Cube action?



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## AMALGAMATION

Please note our new mailing address and phone numbers: CHICAGO POINT; 3940 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.; Suite 504; Chicago, IL 60659-3128. Telephone: 312/583-6464. Fax: 312/583-3264... Bar Point Club player **Reggie Porter** played high school football at Chicago Dunbar with **Mr. T**. Reggie says that although Mr. T (a halfback) was over 200 pounds during football season, he wrestled in the 165 weight class earlier in the year... **Bill Davis**, **Peter Kalba** and **Amy Trudeau Valerio** will be your backgammon/cruise directors for Backgammon On Board III: Miami to Key West in January. **Scott & Holli Will** of The Cruise Consultants (Normal, IL) are putting the NCL packages together. Brochures will be mailed out to CHICAGO POINT subscribers in July. Non-subscribers should write or fax us for an invitation... **Larry Strommen** (IN) fulfilled a lifelong dream by recently buying a convertible Corvette. Good for you, Larry!... Visiting Chicago Bar Point Club: **Greg Daniel** (MO), **David Wallace** (MO), **Nora Luna** (MA), **Dennis Culpepper** (CA), **Walt Swan** (NJ) and **Greg Tomlin** (IL)... Speaking of Greg, Peoria players held a 40th birthday party for him at the Chicago Open on 27 May... Good luck to **Bud Olejniczak** who takes over from **Joe Sylvester** as owner of the Cavendish North Club in Southfield, MI. Note the club's new phone number: 810/540-0197... After selling his 25,000 comic book collection, POINT contributing editor **Jake Jacobs** (IL) took off for Korea and The Philippines. Expect a few good stories upon his return... We received a computer backgammon game disk for IBM compatibles from a company called Tommy's Toys. It's always fun to check out a new game's skill level. Obviously this is nowhere near the

excellent "JellyFish" program, but it's nowhere near the \$110 price tag, either. If you're interested in obtaining a copy, write: Tommy's Toys; Box 11261; Denver, CO 80211... Friday night Prime Backgammon Club tournaments remain in limbo as director **Joann Feinstein** searches for a new location. The Belden North Restaurant, unwilling to commit to long term backgammon play, cancelled out with the Prime Club after two play dates. Individuals who have suggestions for a new Friday night location should contact Joann at 708/674-0120... Oregon to San Francisco: **Patti Beadles**, designer of the popular FIBS T-shirts... Best wishes to **Andy Latto** who succeeds **Seth Towle** as New England Backgammon Club President. **Mark Damish** was elected to the Board... On the other side of the world, **Nick Begakis** will serve as President of the Backgammon Club of South Australia. And **Jerry Godsey** was reelected President of the

Hong Kong Backgammon Club with **Steve Nelson** as 1st Vice President... Cheers to **Herb Gurland**, the New England Backgammon Club 1994-1995 "Monarch of Monday Night"... **Patrick Gibson** informs us of his new play locations: Tuesdays (7:00 p.m.) at El Matador in Reseda, CA; Sundays (2:00 p.m.) at Hampton's Kitchen in Burbank, CA. For more info, call Patrick at 818/901-0460... Congratulations to **Russell Sands** and **Martha Reamy** (FL) who plan a September wedding... It's America Cup qualifier time. Illinois State & America Cup (11-15 Oct.) director **Yamin Yamin** plans some in June and July for his \$2,500 mega-event. Call Yamin at 708/945-7801 for the details... "Believe It Or Not" Department: **Dru Heggen** (IL), who has served as Midwest Championships and Costa Rican Pig-Rolling mistress for 12 years, was issued a room key at the recent Tournament of the Americas with the letters "HOG" stamped on it! Δ

## GOULDING PRINTS LIMITED-RUN KG RATING LIST

With 500 players expected, Kent Goulding took over a limited number of updated KG rating lists to the Nordic "Wide" Open (now sold out). The annual update is still scheduled for a summer release. In the meantime, here's the Top-50 as of December 1994.

1. Billy Horan ..... 1831	18. Kent Goulding ..... 1746	35. Joel Schiff ..... 1719
2. Peter Jes Thomsen... 1797	19. John Simon ..... 1741	36. Marty Storer ..... 1719
3. Sigurd Karwen ..... 1794	20. Jorma Haspenen .... 1739	37. Harry Cohn ..... 1718
4. Harry Zilli ..... 1790	21. Scott McKenzie ..... 1738	38. Thomas Lumper ..... 1717
5. Ed O'Laughlin ..... 1789	22. Bob Bishop ..... 1732	39. Gus Contos ..... 1714
6. Tino Lechich ..... 1778	23. Howard Markowitz.. 1731	40. Steve Nelson ..... 1714
7. Abbas Zaltash ..... 1773	24. Ralph Stowell ..... 1731	41. Frank Kirschner ..... 1713
8. Frank Frigo ..... 1770	25. Craig Chellstorp .... 1730	42. Ali Zaltash ..... 1711
9. Mika Inkinen ..... 1767	26. Ray Glaeser ..... 1730	43. Dennis Culpepper ... 1710
10. Neil Kazaross ..... 1766	27. Doug Roberts ..... 1730	44. John O'Hagan ..... 1709
11. James Colen ..... 1765	28. Ralf Jonas ..... 1729	45. Evan Diamond ..... 1707
12. Kit Woolsey ..... 1764	29. Alan Steffen ..... 1725	46. Farzan Garmroodi .. 1706
13. Steve Sax ..... 1762	30. Roy Friedman ..... 1724	47. Bob Holyon ..... 1704
14. Hal Heinrich ..... 1760	31. Mike Svobodny ..... 1723	48. Jurek Sarzynski ..... 1704
15. Evert Van Eijck ..... 1759	32. Wilcox Snellings ..... 1722	49. Don Desmond ..... 1702
16. Matthias Pauen ..... 1758	33. Tak Morioka ..... 1721	50. Ray Foglerlund ..... 1701
17. Joe Sylvester ..... 1750	34. Rageb Shadallah .... 1721	

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## COSTA RICA...

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### GLASS (7)

Redouble to 8

### SCONYERS (1)

Pass (Glass leads 11-1)

THE WEEK BEGAN with an outstanding Island Cruise tournament/party to Tortuga Island. Nearly 40 fun-lovers attended. There was drinking, dancing, volleyball, snorkeling . . . and of course backgammon. The island cookout was delicious.

Unfortunately, about six of us (including yours truly) came down with traveler's sickness. It was a rough session for 36 hours, but Dr. Jorge Tsao pulled us through with the proper medicine. At the fabulous Awards dinner, we honored him with what had been our most valued possession: six rolls of toilet paper!

The tournament included a cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres, a Calcutta breakfast, an Awards Dinner party and two nights of dancing. As usual, the Costa Rican BG Assn. made sure that fresh Costa Rican coffee was always available in the playing room. And for an hour each day, there was free Heineken Beer served by the beautiful Rocio. What a tournament!

Congratulations to all the other winners including Intermediate champ Dennis Rutkowski, Herradura Limited winner Steve McCormick, Doubles victors Nora Luna & Evan Diamond, Blitz champ Andy

Glazer, Island Cruise winner Andy Krenitz, and junior champion Nathan Aron. And special thanks to Joe Sylvester and Kent Goulding for three outstanding seminars and closed circuit TV analysis of the finals.

We'll see you in two years at the next Tournament of the Americas, tentatively scheduled for April 1997. Results:

#### 4TH TOURNAMENT OF THE AMÉRICAS

OPEN (43): 1-Bob Glass (CA), 2-Hugh Sconyers (TX), 3/4-Garreth Bell (DEN) / Antonio Ortega (CR); 1C-Ed O'Laughlin (VA), 2C-Odis Chenault (CA); 1LC-Nack Ballard (CA)

INTERMEDIATE (24): 1-Dennis Rutkowski (CA), 2-Walter Montero (CR); 1C-Nora Luna (MA), 2C-Salomon Tawill (MEX); 1LC-Richard Armbruster (CA)

NOVICE(8): 1-Tomas Aguilar (CR), 1C-Rita Manlove (FL), 1LC-Gayle Wolf (MI).

MASTERS HERRADURA (16): 1-Hugh Sconyers (TX), 2-Wilcox Snellings (NV)

LIMITED HERRADURA (16): 1-Steve McCormick (MO), 2-Mike Ungerleider (CA)

DOUBLES (16): 1-Evan Diamond & Nora Luna (MA), 2-Donald & Steve Kahn

BLITZ (128): 1-Andy Glazer (GA)

ISLAND CRUISE TOURNEY: 1-Andy Krenitz (IL)

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT (7): 1-Nathan Aron (CR), 2-Leia Coto (CR)

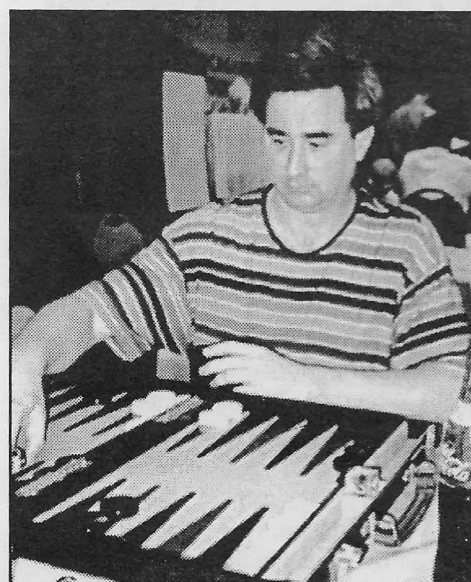
PIG ROLLING: Bobbie Shifrin (IL)

PIG BASKETBALL: Dennis Rutkowski (CA)

DOUBLES TENNIS: Peter Kalba (IL) & Steve McCormick (MO)



Carol Joy Cole presents Bob Glass with a beautiful trophy for defeating Hugh Sconyers in the Open division finals. [Photo by Nora Luna.]



Hugh Sconyers moving towards the Masters Herradura title vs. Wilcox Snellings.



Costa Rican Backgammon Assn. President Mario Madrigal honors Wally & Gayle Wolf with a friendship award at the prize-giving ceremony. [Photo by Nora Luna.]



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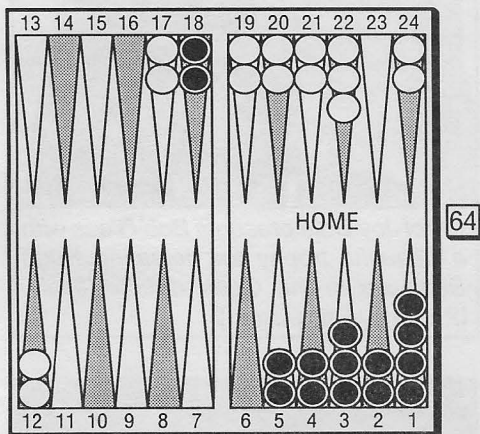
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# PROBLEM #213 SOLVED

by Walter Trice

23-pt. 1995 Reno Masters finals. Howard Ring (Black) leads Mike Senkiewicz (White) 8 to 6. **BLACK TO PLAY 5-2.**



**B**lack can leave 24 shots and one blot with play (A): 18/11, or 21 shots and two blots with play (B): 18/13, 18/16. The choice is technical, and it involves gammons and the cube as well as several subvariations. We'll begin by simplifying the problem and assuming double match-point. Later we can incorporate the other factors.

Could the exposure of the second blot make White's 21 hitting numbers after play (B) as good as the 24 following play (A)? After making play (A), I wouldn't take a double in a money game if I knew in advance that I would be hit. Hits must win at least 75% of the time. On the other hand, hitting doesn't guarantee a win for White, either.

Black will be up 19 pips after playing the 5-2. He may get an immediate 5-2 or 6-2 return shot. And if he rolls a 2 before White closes the deuce point, he has racing equity. In addition, White might be later forced to hit loose on the 2-point giving Black another angle. My intuition says that a hit makes it just a bit closer to "take" than to "gin," so I'll put Black's chance of winning after being hit at 86%.

After play (B), when White hits one blot, she's a clear favorite to hit the other one as well. (If this seems surprising, you will find it easy to verify that White's five immediate double-hits plus the hit/dance/hit sequences already add up to 47% of the total.) When the two men are hit, White is a big favorite to close them both out. And even if Black anchors, his chances are quite poor. Thus it seems that the exposure of the second blot should snuff almost half of

Black's "life-after-death" vig. White's hits should win about 92% of the time after play (B).

The two plays are not equal when White misses either. Black can clean up his blots more easily after (B). 10 rolls repeat, and Black gets hit 8.9% of the time given an initial miss. Play (A) repeats with 16 numbers, assuming that White clears the 17-point when she misses. Black then gets hit 15.2% of the time. But (B) gives White better diversification between hitting and racing numbers: play (A) non-hits average nine pips and play (B) non-hits average 10. Deducting a couple of pips from Black's lead for extra wastage, we'll make him 75% in the (A) racing variations and 73% when he is missed after (B). White's winning probabilities in these variations, assuming 85% effectiveness for the second roll hits are:

$$(A): 0.152 \times 0.85 + 0.848 \times 0.25 = 34\%$$

$$(B): 0.089 \times 0.85 + 0.911 \times 0.27 = 32\%$$

Combining these figures with our conclusions about the first roll hits gives us the following for White's total probability of winning:

$$(A): (24/36) \times 0.86 + (12/36) \times 0.34 = 69\% \text{ total White wins}$$

$$(B): (21/36) \times 0.92 + (15/36) \times 0.32 = 67\% \text{ total White wins}$$

Therefore Black would make play (B), minimizing immediate shots, at double match-point.

But Black will get gammoned more with play (B). To estimate the gammon factor, assume that with (B), a hit results in getting both blots closed out half the time and that 40% of these games are gammons. (Note: these assumptions involve a slight overstatement to compensate for gammon chances in "loose end" variations that we will ignore.) Play (A) hits will win gammons about 4% of the time. (The remaining outfield blot is a factor.)

White equities for the two plays with gammons incorporated are:

$$A: (24/36) \times (0.86 + 0.04 - 0.14) + (12/36) \times (0.34 - 0.66) = 0.40$$

$$B: (21/36) \times (0.92 + 0.20 - 0.08) + (15/36) \times 0.32 - 0.68) = 0.46$$

These numbers indicate a clear edge to play (A) for Black at this point.

Finally, we need to consider whether the presence of a live cube affects the checker play decision. Since there is a long

way to go in the match and the score is close, we can assume that the correct money play is also right here. White will, of course, be doubling after either play. Black will often redouble shortly after a miss, and (B) gives him more and better opportunities to do so.

But even after White's worst roll (3-2), she can still take a recube and at a winning probability of 68% on average, Black's equity gains from the redouble will not be enough to alter our conclusion that play (A) is correct.

However, if Black stood about four pips better in the race, the cube factor would be significant enough to make the plays equal. A still greater lead would make (B) the right play.  $\Delta$

## book review

## COSTA RICA 1993— MATCH ANALYSIS AT IT'S BEST

by Kit Woolsey

*Costa Rica 1993* by Antonio Ortega, Max Esquivel, Mario Madrigal & Neil Kazaross; San José, Costa Rica, December 1994; spiral-bound soft cover; 185 pages; \$35. Available from Carol Joy Cole, 3003 Ridgecliffe Drive, Flint, MI 48532. Add \$3 for surface postage and handling.

**W**hen annotating a backgammon match, most authors simply give their opinions about a play and their reasons for these opinions. In the newly released *Costa Rica 1993*, Antonio Ortega, Max Esquivel, and Mario Madrigal have done a lot more. They have gone through the final 1993 Tournament of the Americas Masters match between Wilcox Snellings and Mike Senkiewicz and rolled out by hand many of the controversial positions. In addition, many of the positions were given to the computer program "Expert Backgammon" to obtain roll-out data.

The authors included American expert Neil Kazaross as a special guest coauthor, and Neil provides many new insights into several key positions. Also, there is commentary by the players Snellings and Senkiewicz themselves, letting the reader see what was actually going through their minds during the match.

*Costa Rica 1993* contains the most accurate and thorough match analysis I have ever seen in print. No serious student of the game should fail to get a copy of this book.—Kit Woolsey  $\Delta$



## SCHREUDER TOPS HUGE NORDIC OPEN FIELD

by Chris Ternel

**D**anish master Rolf Schreuder defeated the red hot Matthias Körner (Germany) to win the 7th Nordic "Wide" Open. The victory earned Schreuder over \$22,000. As is the tradition, the event was held over the Easter weekend (14-17 April) at the beautiful Radisson SAS Hotel in Copenhagen.

Once again, this year's Nordic "Wide" Open was a resounding success with an increase in player attendance to 485 with 200 more participating in StopPots. Players from 16 nations competed.

A very special thanks to Kent Goulding for his excellent, informative and amusing seminar. Over 150 players attended the closed circuit TV coverage of the exciting

finals. Goulding, along with "JellyFish" and author Fredrik Dahl, also supplied the entertaining commentary, assisted by *Backgammon Magazin* editor Harald Johanni.

The tournament committee, all old hands (Joan Andersen, Asger Kring, Mark Bertz, Jens Neregaard, Harald Espenhain, Niels Haarbo, Peter Krag and yours truly), enabled the record 485 player event (largest in the world) to function like a Swiss watch. We do hope to see many more of the world's top players Easter weekend 5-8 April 1996 for an even bigger event. So mark your calendar today. Results:

**CHAMPIONSHIP** (92): 1-Rolf Schreuder (NL), 2-Matthias Körner (GER), 3/4-Tony Elmroth (SWE) / Thomas Zimmer (GER); 1C-Manfred Gerlach (GER), 2C-Rino Mathis (GER), 3C/4C-Phil Laak (USA) / Francois Tardieu (FRA); 1LC-Kioomars Mostafavi (DEN), 2LC-Stefan Blanke (GER); Ladies Prize-Ingrid Neugebauer (GER). **ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE** (130): 1-Oliver Pott (GER), 2-

Christian Jensen (DK), 3/4-Bjorn Isberg (SWE) / Patrik Thelin (SWE); 1C-Mike Loughman (IRE), 2C-Flemming Olesen (DK), 3C/4C-John Madsen (DK) / Andreas Förster (DK); 1LC-Jan Bloxham (DEN), 2LC-Roar Nakken (NOR). **INTERMEDIATE** (183): 1-Samie Maroun (DK), 2-Simon Pii Thomsen (DK), 3/4-Henrik Gwinner (DK) / Morten Kasperen (DK); 1C-Claus Eskebræk (DK), 2C-Jes Jensen (DK), 3C/4C-Christian Andersen (DK) / Torben Nielsen (DK); 1LC-John Thomas (GB), 2LC-Vousenman (FIN). **BEGINNER** (80): 1-Georg Wallin (SWE), 2-Hugo Thomsen (DEN), 3/4-Peter Petersen (DEN) / Søren Holme Hansen (DEN); 1C-Kenneth Straarup (DEN), 2C-René Christensen (DEN), 3C/4C-Jens Christensen (DEN) / Søren Hummel (DEN); 1LC-Lennart Straarup (DEN), 2LC-Raju Steffens (DEN). **TEAM EVENT** (46): 1-*BTC Born To Calculate* (Rainer Birkle, Patrick Neumann, Jurgen Orłowski (GER), 2-*The Kilroys* (Steen Mikkelsen, Karsten Bredahl, Flemming Jensen (DEN). **CONSULTATION DOUBLES** (41): 1-Dag Ekmark & Fredrik Dahl (NOR), 2-Dario De Toffoli & Giorgio Caldera (ITA). **INTERNATIONAL MATCH**: Sweden defeats Denmark, 4-1. Δ

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## WINNER'S CORNER



Mar.-May 1995

**21st Winter Championships** (St. Moritz, Switzerland; 23-26 Mar.)... **CHAMPIONSHIP**: 1-Freddy Narboni (SWZ), 2-Mario Sequeira (POR).

**South Australian Open** (Adelaide, S. Australia; 26 Mar.)... **OPEN** (25): 1-Terry Efthimiou, 2-Angelo Ali, 3/4-Nick Begakis / Gordon Neilson. "On The Side" Tournament: 1-Ilmars Skulte, 2-Brian Carlyle.

**1995 Argentine Championship** (Buenos Aires, Argentina; Mondays in Apr.)... **CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS**: Oded Minond, Mario Pesah, Rafael Dana, Juan Rosa. **JUNIOR WINNERS**: Manuel Nogueira Trigas, Basilio Theocharidis, Daniel Nobati, Oscar Portolán. **BEGINNER WINNERS**: Carlos Eder (2), Daniel Chirillo, José Zaed.

**Kaivohuone Open** (Helsinki, Finland; 1 Apr.)... **CHAMPIONSHIP** (28): 1-Arno Stormborn, 2-Teppo Salo, 3/4-Mika Inkinen / Jorma Tattari.

**British Open** (East Midlands, England; 1-2 Apr.)... **OPEN** (59): 1-Graham Sievers, 2-John Bazigos, 3/4-Robin Clay / Rick Janowski; 1C-John Wright, 2C-John Broomfield, 3C/4C-Carl Dell / Steve Taylor; 1LC-Peter Fallows, 2LC-Keith Screene. **SUICIDE!** (38): 1-Richard Wenban, 2-Paul Turnbull. **FRIDAY NIGHT KNOCKOUT** (21): 1-John Broomfield. **DOUBLES** (13): 1/2-Michael Crane & Jack Darian / Donald Hatt & Roy Hollands.

**Hong Kong Monthly** (Hong Kong; 3 Apr.)...

**OPEN**: 1-André Hoffman, 2-Save Nelson; 1C-Gregg Westrick, 2C-John Simon. **CHAMPIONSHIP**: 1-Peter Wong, 2-Bodo Sprungk; 1C/2C-Sunil Blani / Ed Cartledge.

**6th Carlsberg Cup 1995 Finals** (Copenhagen, Denmark; 22 Apr.)... **OPEN** (240): 1-Henrik Poulsen, 2-Per Svensson, 3-Thomas Friberg, 4-Peter Krogsgard; 1C-Michael Nikolaisen, 2C-Morten Daugbjerg; 1LC-Niels Meidahl... *A record 5,502 players participated in the annual nationwide café tournament sponsored by Carlsberg Beer. Carlsberg antes up over \$150,000 US to hold this annual extravaganza which helps make Denmark the most active backgammon country in the world. Prizes include three all-expense-paid trips and entry into the Monte Carlo World Championship and plenty of Carlsberg Beer. (The 4th place finisher received 300 bottles!)*

**NEBC Sunday Monthly** (Cambridge, MA; 23 Apr.)... **EXPERT** (23): 1-David Wells, 2-Walter Trice, 3/4-Glenn Johnston / Ed Ahola; 1C-Garbis Zerdelian, 2C-Alex Perry. A DIV. (13): 1-Michael Zehr, 2-Joe Moore, 3/4-Ming Lee / Ernesto Adrienzen; 1C-Mark Damish, 2C-Jim Sullivan. B DIV. (6): 1-Al Mason, 2-Daniel Gauland; 1C-Scott Gourley, 2C-Paul Sciaraffa.

**New England Championships-ABT** (South Lee, MA; 28-30 Apr.)... **CHAMPIONSHIP** (25): 1-Gene Entel (NY), 2-Herb Gurland (MA); 1C/2C-Alan Steffen (NY) / Wally Watson. **ADVANCED** (21): 1-Ed Johnson (NY), 2-Bob Lumbra (VT); 1C-Lou Florio, 2C-Fred Bement. **NOVICE** (7): 1-Al Mason (MA), 2/3-Lourdes Tarrago (NY) / Gayle Wolf (MI). **NEW ENGLAND TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP** (8): 1-Marc Gray, Marty Storer & Walter Trice, 2-

Jeff Acierno, Bob Bishop & Dr. Bob Hill.

**Spring Gran Prix-ABT** (La Jolla, CA; 28-30 Apr.)... **OPEN** (45): 1-Dave Williams, 2-Hal Heinrich (CAN), 3-Jim Forbes, 4-Patrick Gibson; 1LC-Kit Woolsey, 2LC-Art Benjamin. **ADVANCED** (23): 1-Mike Pettigrew, 2-Paul Symington, 3-Cecilia Pedroza. \$500 Super 16: 1-Gus Contos, 2-Save Clark. **DOUBLES** (8): 1-George Photias (NV) & Norm Wiggins. \$10 MEGABLITZ (32): 1-Treena Bouque. \$25 MEGABLITZ (32): 1-Karen Colgan.

**RSCARDS Spring1995 Tournament**: (GENie Computer Service; Apr.-May.)... **OPEN** (15): 1-Rudolph Silich (MI), 2-John Jennings (IL), 3/4-Dan Shirley (NY) / Steven Pleva (CT).

**1st European BG News Labour Day Tournament** (Almería, Spain; 28 Apr.-1 May)... **CHAMPIONSHIP**: 1-Matthias Körner (GER), 2-Catherine Bladh-Risselin, 3-Brian Bushfield (UK); 1C-Bruno Miccaardi (ITA), 2C-Evert Van Eijck (NL), 3C-Colin Martin (SPA/UK); 1LC-Rolf Schreuder (NL), 2LC-Eddie Velasco (SPA), 3LC-Brian Lever (UK). **INTERMEDIATE**: 1-Don O'Neal (UK), 2/3-Pietro Zanca (ITA) / Steven Ferrer (SPA/UK). **BEGINNER**: 1-Bill Hyman (SCOT/USA), 2-Narrisa Ferrer (UK), 3-Alicia Nasiru (SWZ).

**Hong Kong Monthly** (Hong Kong; 1 May)... **OPEN**: 1-Melody Rae, 2-Gregg Westrick; 1C-Marc Mostacci, 2C-Jerry Godsey. **CHAMPIONSHIP**: 1-Ed Cartledge, 2-Nancy Wong; 1C-John Schneeberger, 2C-Harry Turner... Club president Jerry Godsey reports that Andre Hoffman continues to lead in the race for Hong Kong Player of the Year.

**NEBC Sunday Monthly** (Cambridge, MA; 21 May)... **EXPERT**: 1-Seth Towle. A DIV.: 1-Charles Stathis. B DIV.: 1-Scott Gourley. Δ

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- Intermediate-Flight (DM 2.000,- added, DM 300,- entry fee)
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- Super-Jackpot (DM 1.000,-)
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- Tennis- & nine pins-Tournament
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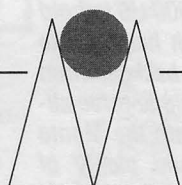
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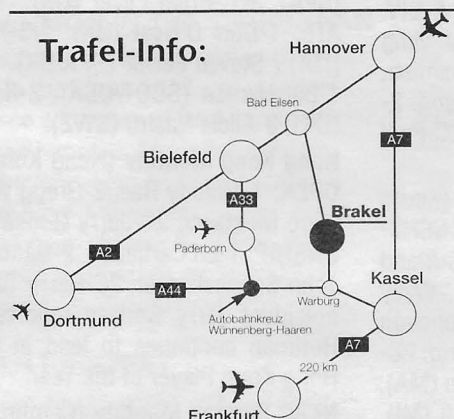
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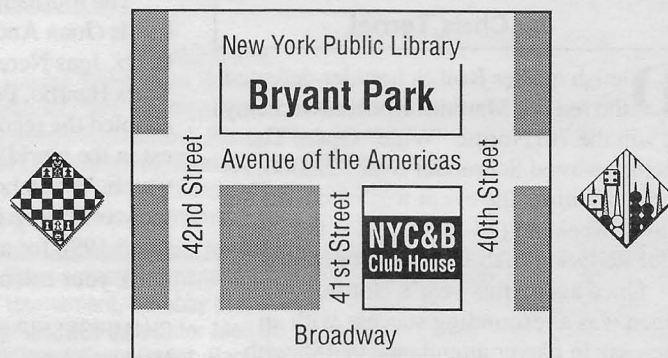
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