

minnesota state / Illinois state championships

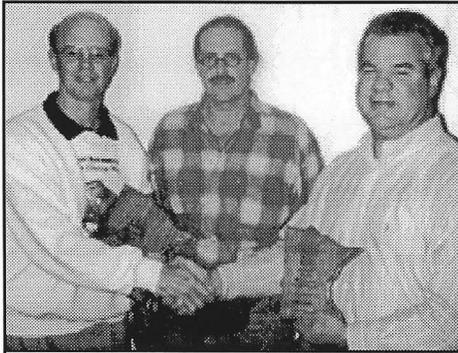
DAVIS AND KAPLAN WIN ABT STATE TITLES

Bill Davis and Wendy Kaplan were big winners over the past month at recent ABT State Championship events. Davis won the 1997 Minnesota State Championship double elimination tourney via the second chance bracket by besting the undefeated Tim Lawless twice: 15-14 and 15-7. It was his second Minnesota State title in a row and fell on his birthday.

Wendy Kaplan prevailed over a tough national field including Mike Senkiewicz, Malcolm Davis, Nack Ballard, Neil Kazaross and others to win the 1997 Illinois State Championships. Kaplan topped up-and-coming Richard Del Furia of Minnesota in an exciting double match-point finals to claim the trophy.

MINNESOTA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

OPEN (19): 1-Bill Davis, 2-Tim Lawless; 1C-Fred Kalantari. INTERMEDIATE (11): 1-Tom Penny, 2-Harold Roberson; 1C-Steve Maas. JACKPOT (8): Ray Fogerlund. DOUBLES (8): 1-Ray Fogerlund & Fred Gehlhoff, 2-Bill Davis & Peter Kalba.



Director Steve Maas (center) awards the Minnesota State champion's trophy to Bill Davis (left). Tim Lawless (right) finished second. [Photo by Peter Kalba.]



Wendy Kaplan and Richard Del Furia shake hands prior to the 15-point Illinois State Championship finals. Wendy won a thrilling double match-point victory.

ILLINOIS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHAMPIONSHIP (41): 1-Wendy Kaplan, 2-Richard Del Furia; 1C-Leslie Lockett, 2C-Kurt Schurecht; 1LC-Jake Jacobs. ADVANCED (33): 1-Milad Doueihy, 2-George Baar; 1C-Mary Franks, 2C-Alice Gerard; 1LC-Sam Pottle. LIMITED (10): 1-Michael Plog; 1C-Sonja Peacock; 1LC-Lee Pflugrad. AMERICA CUP: 1-Hugh Sconyers. MASTERS: 1-Fred Kalantari. DOUBLES (16): 1-Phil Simborg & Steve Mellen, 2-Paul Klein & Laila Leonhardt.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Information: 773/583-6464

- Oct. 19 Bar Point Sunday Tournament, Anyways Grill, Oakbrook Terr., IL
- Nov. 18 15th Bar Point Club Fall Trophy Tourney, Golden Flame, Chicago, IL
- Dec. 7 Bar Point Sunday Tournament, Anyways Grill, Oakbrook Terr., IL
- And: Jan 9-12 Backgammon On Board IV, Miami to Bahamas Cruise on NCL



1997 BPC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

TOP 60 COMPILED
THRU 30 SEPT.

Neil Kazaross	19.96	Peter Kalba	7.12	Michael Wilhoyt	1.84
Rick Bieniak	14.20	Jake Jacobs	7.12	John Jennings	1.60
Herb Roman	13.36	Norma Shyer	6.92	David Rubin	1.52
Gary Kay	13.32	John Demian	6.00	Georgina Flanagan	1.44
Harry Cohn	13.28	Don Jayhan	5.52	Jolie Rubin	0.96
Paul Franks	12.16	Stu Katz	5.52	Roland Dieter	0.96
Bob Zavoral	10.32	Tak Morioka	4.76	Jill Ferdinand	0.92
Leslie Lockett	10.32	Bobbie Shifrin	4.60	Marty Tatosian	0.88
Alice Kay	10.24	Bob Koca	4.32	Femi Owiku	0.88
Phil Simborg	10.24	Arline Levy	3.76	Elliott Winslow	0.88
Paul Friedman	9.96	Roger Hickman	3.36	Chuck Bower	0.88
Bill Keefe	8.80	Fred Badagnani	2.80	John Stryker	0.88
Phyllis Smolinski	8.68	Amy Valerio	2.60	Bob Steen	0.88
Ken Bond	8.64	Richard Lloyd	2.56	Andy Krenitz	0.88
Bill Davis	8.64	Dan Simborg	2.56	Larry Strommen	0.80
Joann Feinstein	8.44	Steve Mellen	2.56	Phil Barrett	0.80
Tim Mabee	7.96	Wendy Kaplan	2.44	Barbara Levinson	0.76
Paul Klein	7.32	Jerry Brooks	2.16	Tim Helms	0.72
Joe Wollick	7.28	Mary Franks	2.08	Laila Leonhardt	0.72
Ed Buerger	7.12	Frankie Farjood	1.92	Reggie Porter	0.72

LESLIE LOCKETT won two September events and 3.84 points to capture Player of the Month. Ken Bond had 3.76—good for second place. Phyllis Smolinski was third with 2.88.



ILLINOIS ACTION



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Tuesday, 6:15 P.M. at Golden Flame, 6417 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago; 773/792-0424.

Sunday Bimonthly, 12:00 NOON at Anyway's Chicago Grill & Bar, 5 E. Roosevelt Rd., Oakbrook Terrace; 630/932-9323.

PUB CLUB: Tourn. Monday, 7:30 P.M. at Smithfield's, 300 S. Schmale, Carol Stream. V. W. Zimmnicki (630/924-8632).

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY: Tourn. Monday, 6:30 P.M. at The Clique, 2347 S. Michigan, Chicago. Reggie Porter (773/471-5066).

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL BG CLUB: Tournaments Monday, 6:30 P.M. at Ride The Nine, 503 N. Prospect, Bloomington. Gary Daniels (309/452-3034)

SANGAMON VALLEY BG ASSN: Tournaments 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 Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln, Winnetka. Trudie Chibnik (847/446-0537).

CENTRAL ILL. BG CLUB: Tournaments 1st Thursday monthly, 6:30 P.M. at Peoria Pizza Works, 3921 Prospect., Peoria. Sue Will (309/699-6005).