

### 19th illinois state challenge cup

## ONLY FIVE TEAMS TO PARTICIPATE IN CUP Winnetka & Games People Play will not make the trip downstate

The 19th Illinois State Challenge Cup, scheduled for Springfield, Illinois February 7, will have it's lowest participation since 1991—only five teams. This is due to the inability of two Chicago area clubs, Winnetka and Games People Play, to field enough players to travel downstate. The Challenge Cup is played downstate in odd years and in the Chicagoland area in even years.

The five teams scheduled to participate in this year's Cup are the Pub Club (Joe Wollick, director), Peoria Club (Ed Zell, director), Bloomington-Normal Club (Gary Daniels, director), Sangamon Valley Club (Ben Zemaitis, director) and the defending champion Bar Point Club (Bill Davis, director. Team members: Steve Mellen, Tak Morioka, Neil Kazaross, Jake Jacobs, Alice Kay and Phyllis Smolinski).

Challenge Cup results and a photo of the winning team will appear in the March CHICAGO POINT. Δ

### Chicago Bar Point Club Top 25: 1983-1998

1. .... Tak Morioka .....	344.40
2. .... Yamin Yamin.....	225.70
3. .... Gary Kay .....	186.52
4. .... Neil Kazaross .....	171.29
5. .... Jake Jacobs .....	155.20
6. .... Deeb Shalati .....	151.88
7. .... John Demian .....	151.64
8. .... Bill Davis .....	146.24
9. .... Phyllis Smolinski .....	142.38
10. ... Dave Cramer.....	135.88
11. ... Don Jayhan .....	135.84
12. ... Peter Kalba .....	135.44
13. ... Stu Katz .....	128.52
14. ... Herb Roman.....	128.40
15. ... Sarg Serges .....	121.12
16. ... Joann Feinstein.....	117.98
17. ... Paul Franks .....	117.84
18. ... Ken Bond .....	115.20
19. ... Bobbie Shifrin.....	105.88
20. ... Ed Buerger .....	98.44
21. ... Harry Cohn.....	95.00
22. ... Alice Kay .....	91.86
23. ... Tim Mabee .....	90.72
24. ... Norma Shyer .....	89.82
25. ... Mary Franks .....	83.26

### BPC's Laila registers first in MBC Lady's Treasure

Laila Leonhardt was the first lady to register for the 4-woman Lady's Treasure tournament at this year's Midwest Championships. The tournament boasts a \$9,000 entry fee. First prize is \$35,000. Three ladies, Laila, Antoinette-Marie Williams (NY) and Mika Lidov (NY) are now registered for competition.

Laila is selling shares of herself in increments of \$90 (1% of the entry fee). If Laila wins, she will return \$324 for each \$90 share. Those interested in buying shares should contact Bill Davis at 773/583-6464. Δ

### UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Information: 773/583-6464

- Feb. 6 Springfield Heineken Series #4, Hilton Hotel, Springfield, IL
- Feb. 7 19th Illinois State Challenge Cup, Hilton Hotel, Springfield, IL
- Feb. 21 Bar Point Sunday Tournament, Anyways Grill, Oakbrook Terrace, IL
- Mar. 19-21 1999 Midwest Championships, Radisson Hotel, Lisle, IL



### 1999 BPC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

COMPILED  
THRU 31 JAN.

Steve Mellen	3.44	Mark Rosset	1.28	Don Jayhan	0.88
Jerry Brooks	2.56	Phil Simborg	1.28	Joe Wollick	0.72
Brian Kozin	2.56	Gary Kay	1.28	Alice Kay	0.64
Tak Morioka	2.40	Neil Kazaross	1.28	Marty Tatosian	0.48
Arline Levy	1.60	Tim Carroll	1.04		
Paul Franks	1.60	David Araiza	0.96		
Herb Roman	1.52	Bill Davis	0.88		
Bob Steen	1.28	Laila Leonhardt	0.88		

**STEVE MELLEN**, the 1998 BPC Player of the Year, continued his winning ways becoming the January 1999 Player of the Month. Jerry Brooks and Brian Kozin tied for 2nd/3rd with 2.56 points each. On 26 January, Brian won the first tournament he has ever entered. But as former owner of the No Exit (Chess) Café in Chicago, he has gaming experience.

If you finish in the Top 20 for 1999, you'll be entered in a drawing for over \$300 worth of valuable merchandise. The higher you finish, the better your winning chances. Individual awards: 1st—Trophy + \$150, 2nd—\$100, 3rd—\$50. 1st through 20th—one ounce solid silver dollar. 1st through 6th—Invitation to participate on the Chicago Bar Point Club team in the 2000 Illinois State Challenge Cup.



### 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 The Old Main Inn, 2330 N. Main St., Wheaton. Joe Wollick (847/755-0887).

**GAMES PEOPLE PLAY:** Tourn. Monday, 7:00 P.M. at The Clique, 2347 S. Michigan, Chicago. Reginald 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, 6:30 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 Chibnik (847/446-0537).

**PEORIA BACKGAMMON CLUB:** Tourn. Thurs., 6:30 P.M. at Peoria Pizza Works, 3921 Prospect, Peoria. Ed Zell (309/674-0557).