

*2000 pittsburgh championships—abt*

## BISHOP BESTS BARR

**Record Crowds In Pittsburgh**

**B**ob Bishop, Long Island backgammon veteran of 20+ years, won 6 matches in a row to win the 2000 Pittsburgh Championships. Record crowds (165 in the main events) faced blizzard conditions to attend the 22nd annual charity event directed by Steve Hast, held 18–20 Feb. at the Greentree Radisson Hotel.

Bishop, who owns a mortgage company, hadn't played in a major event for three years, but that didn't stop him from winning six straight matches in the sold-out 64-player field, including his 13–2 defeat over Chicagoland's George Barr.

Another 20 year veteran of the game (but with only 5 years of Open experience), Barr surprised many excellent players including Kalantari, Culpepper and Zaltash before facing Georgian Steve Kovach in a hard-fought 13-point semifinals. At right is the pivotal position from that match:

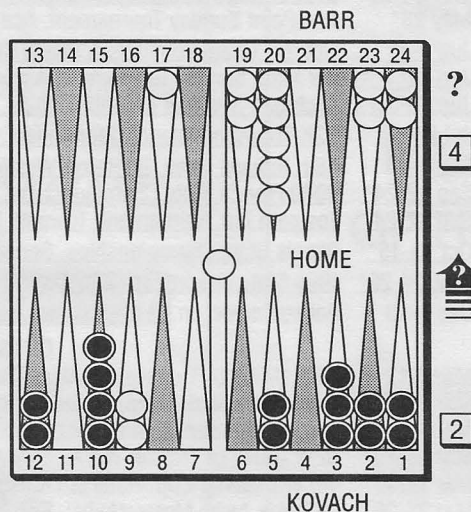
### 2000 PITTSBURGH CHAMPIONSHIPS—ABT

**CHAMPIONSHIP (64):** 1-Bob Bishop (NY), 2-George Barr (IL), 3/4-Timothy Jaxon (CA) / Steve Kovach (GA); 1C-Andy Palumbo (NY), 2C-Alan Gaarder (FL); 1LC-Walt Swan (NJ). **OPEN OVERFLOW (5):** 1-Matt Reklaitis (PA). **ADVANCED (64):** 1-John Grenici (PA), 2-Guy Nicosia (MN), 3/4-Sal Chehayeb (MI) / Gary Fries (VA); 1C-Bill Tallmadge (NY), 2C-Phil Michelson (OH); 1LC-Ed King (OH), 2LC-Tom Hodous (WV). **NOVICE (32):** 1-Steve Michelson (OH), 2-Joe Davidson (PA); 1C-Dee Webster (Canada), 2C-Fran Miller (OH). **MASTERS JACKPOT (32):** 1-Mike Corbett (FL), 2-Mary Ritchie (KS), 3/4-Bob Bishop (NY) / Bob Zavoral (IL). **AMATEUR JACKPOT (32):** 1-Jay Guittari (RI), 2-Timothy Jaxon (CA), 3/4-Denny Leatherman (PA) / Greg Cattanaach (GA). **OPEN DOUBLES #1 (16):** 1-Laila Leonhardt (IL) & Julian Haley (SC), 2-Mary Hickey (OH) & Jan Carlstrom (PA). #2 (8): 1-Andy Palumbo (NY) & Herb Avram (MD). **LIMITED DOUBLES (4):** 1-Wally & Gayle Wolf (MI). **NACKGAMMON (16):** 1-Jim Hickey (GA). **MICROBLITZ #1 (64):** 1-Jeff Acierno (NY). #2 (64): 1-Steve Mellen (NY). **WHO WANTS TO BE A HUNDREDAIRE?:** 1-Hans Wang (MN).



*Director Steve Hast presents 1st and 2nd place Pittsburgh Champ trophies to Bob Bishop (left) and George Barr (right).*

13-point semifinals. Steve Kovach (Black) and George Barr (White) are tied at 10-all. **CUBE ACTION(S)?**



Kovach leads the race 89–108 (counting 25 pips for Barr's man on the rail). Does George have enough race and shot-potential equity to justify a take? If he drops, he will trail 12–10 Crawford and need two victories in a row—a 25% possibility. So to take the recube, he needs to win the recubed position more than 25% of the time.

Barr took the cube and rolled 6-6 on his first turn, eventually breaking all contact and winning a tight race and the match.

**THE FINALS** was curious to say the least. George found himself rushing through the 13-point match like it was speed backgammon because he had an early flight to catch. The time pressure definitely hurt his game. Here's a case in point:

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*world cup challenge VI*

## LOCAL PLAYER OENGEL WINS IN TURKEY

**Grandell Grabs Another Giant Jackpot**

Local Turkish player Engin Oengel overcame a 7–1 deficit in his final match vs. Karsten Bølge to capture World Cup Challenge VI. The event, directed by Abraham Eitan, was held Jan. 6–17 at the Hyatt Regency Istanbul.

Oengel won two doubled gammons en route to his 23–19 victory over his Danish challenger. It was the best finish of his life.

In the other major event, Sweden's Jerry Grandell won the Giant Jackpot, defeating Israeli Joel Schiff. Last year, Grandell swept both tournaments, defeating Schiff in the World Cup Challenge finals.

Although a drop in attendance forced the \$50,000 added money to be substantially reduced, but this event still remains one of the biggest prize money tournaments in the world. Complete results: Δ

### WORLD CUP CHALLENGE VI & GIANT JACKPOT

**GIANT JACKPOT:** 1-Jerry Grandell (SWE), 2-Joel Schiff (ISR), 3/4-Nevzat Dogan (DEN) / Harold Johanni (GER). **WORLD CUP CHALLENGE: Championship (72):** 1-Engin Oengel (TUR), 2-Karsten Bølge (DEN), 3/4-Chris Ternel (DEN) / Tobias Christensen (DEN); 1C-Mike Natanzon (USA), 2C-Christian Leibe-Harkort (GER), 3C/4C-Dag Ekmark (NOR) / Elliott Winslow (USA); 1LC-Rubin Martirosyan (ARM), 2LC-Avetis Rostomyan (ARM). **Intermediate (22):** 1-Jerzy Behnke (GER), 2-Levon Kamalian (TUR), 3/4-Alexander Li (RUS) / Dan Frank (GER); 1C-Jakov Neopomnachi (RUS), 2C-Stacey Clarke (NEW Z), 3C/4C-Andreas Franken (GER) / Peter Lego Fursund (DEN); 1LC-Hasan Tiryaki (TUR), 2LC-Zakaria Gugulashvili (GEO). **Beginner (20):** 1-Georgi Tukhareli (GEO), 2-Andranik Harutunian (TUR), 3/4-Kolya Mosoyan (ARM) / Adem Nar (TUR); 1C-Boris Mamporia (RUS), 2C-Marc Werner (GER); 1LC-Cheznovy Meesha (TUR), 2LC-Cevat Araz (TUR). **\$1000 SUPER JACKPOT #1 (32):** Johannes Levermann (Germany), 2-Nevzat Dogan (Denmark). #2: Gianni Bizzarro (ARG), 2-Dirk Schiemann (GER). **1-POINTER:** 1-Ronen (ISR), 2-Mosoyan (ARM). **DOUBLES #1:** 1-Alpay & Nazim, 2-Yavus & Haim. #2: Nevza & Hayim, 2-Carsten Joh & Franken. **TEAM TOURNEY (18):** 1-Jokers, 2-Psychotic Dice. **LADIES PRIZE:** 1-Martha Ghio (USA).

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## CORRECTING AN ERROR

I made a terrible mistake in the position that was used on the front page of the Jan./Feb. CHICAGO POINT ("Sizzling BG Action Heats Up Cancun"). The diagram shown is from the Meyburg/Goulding match, *not* the Meyburg/Witt match. The position is correct, but the caption should read: "15-point Masters finals. Kent Goulding (White) leads Michael Meyburg (Black), 4-2. Black on roll. CUBE ACTIONS?"

Goulding went on to win the match, 15-9. In the Open finals, Witt defeated Meyburg 19-13. Sorry for any confusion this error may have caused.—*Max Esquivel, Costa Rican Backgammon Association*

## THE BEST PLAY

I played at a tournament here in Dallas last night. During the tourney, a debate started

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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\* Denotes new or revised listing

American Backgammon Tour events underlined.

### NATIONAL

Mar 12	Fleet Underwood Charity Tournament, Holidome, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
Mar 12	New England Club Monthly, Holiday Inn, Somerville, MA	781/938-7852
Mar 16*	Third Thursday Bonus (Las Vegas), Days Inn, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
Mar 17-19	<u>2000 Midwest Backgammon Championships, Radisson Hotel, Lisle, IL</u>	<u>773/583-6464</u>
Mar 18*	Charlotte Monthly Bonus Tourney, O'Charley's, Charlotte, NC	704/814-0850
Mar 19*	Austin Bimonthly Tournament, Bombay Bicycle Club, Austin, TX	512/261-8518
Mar 19*	Colorado State Championship, Arthritis Foundation Office, Denver, CO	719/574-5598
Mar 25*	Connecticut State Championships, Danbury Hilton, Danbury, CN	203/596-1443
Mar 26	Ace Point Sunday Tournament, Ace Point Club, New York, NY	212/753-0842
Mar 26*	Atlanta Monthly Tournament, Tony's American Grille, Roswell, GA	770/333-1876
Apr 1*	FIBS 2000 Spring Tournament, via computer	<a href="mailto:davide@sco.com">davide@sco.com</a>
Apr 1*	Official GamesGrid Monthly Tournament, via computer	<a href="mailto:tournaments@cyberarts.com">tournaments@cyberarts.com</a>
Apr 1	Springfield Series #7, Parker's Sports Bar, Springfield, IL	217/483-4028
Apr 7-9	<u>45th Gammon Associates Invitational, A.R. Private Club, Los Angeles, CA</u>	<u>818/901-0464</u>
Apr 8*	Universal Spring Championship, Universal Mall, Warren, MI	810/558-4790
Apr 9	New England Club Monthly, Holiday Inn, Somerville, MA	781/938-7852
Apr 9*	Bar Point Sunday Tournament, Anyway's Bar & Grill, Oakbrook Terrace, IL	773/252-7755
Apr 15	Springfield Grand Finale, Parker's Sports Bar, Springfield, IL	217/483-4028
Apr 20	Third Thursday Bonus (Chicago Open), Days Inn, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
Apr 23*	Atlanta Monthly Tournament, Tony's American Grille, Roswell, GA	770/333-1876
Apr 25-30	International Twin Championships, Desert Inn, Las Vegas, NV	702/893-0043
Apr 30	Ace Point Sunday Tournament, Ace Point Club, New York, NY	212/753-0842
May 7*	New England Club Monthly, Holiday Inn, Somerville, MA	781/938-7852
May 14*	Ace Point Doubles Tournament, Ace Point Club, New York, NY	212/753-0842
May 26-29	<u>21st Chicago Open, Wyndham NW Chicago Hotel, Itasca, IL</u>	<u>847/674-0120</u>
May 28*	Ace Point Sunday Tournament, Ace Point Club, New York, NY	212/753-0842
Jun 8-11	<u>Georgia Championships &amp; Peach Cup, Holiday Inn Select, Atlanta, GA</u>	<u>770/333-1876</u>
Jun 11*	Bar Point Sunday Tournament, Anyway's Bar & Grill, Oakbrook Terrace, IL	773/252-7755
Jun 30-Jul 3	<u>Michigan Summer Championships, Novi Hilton, Novi, MI</u>	<u>810/232-9731</u>
Jul 28-30	<u>Y2K Thousand Islands Tournament, Pine Tree Point, Alexandria Bay, NY</u>	<u>716/387-0767</u>
Sep 1-4	<u>48th Indiana Open, Sheraton-Westin Hotel, Indianapolis, IN</u>	<u>317/255-8902</u>
Sep 22-24*	<u>2000 Florida State Championships, Sheridan Suites, Ft. Lauderdale, FL</u>	<u>954/938-4304</u>
Sep 22-24	<u>Towpath Inn Tournament, Towpath Inn, Turin, NY</u>	<u>716/387-0767</u>
Oct 13-15*	<u>Illinois State Championships, Springfield Hilton, Springfield, IL</u>	<u>217/528-0117</u>
Nov. 24-26*	<u>Ohio State Championships, Akron Holiday Inn, Akron, OH</u>	<u>330/966-2811</u>
Dec 3-10	Backgammon on Board V Cruise, New Orleans-Montego Bay-Cozumel	773/583-6464

### OUTSIDE USA

Mar 9-12*	NEW DATE: Le Trophée des Alpes Champs & Pro-Am, Gstaad, Switzerland	4179-3374425
Mar 11-12	Slattery Scottish Open, Stakis Hotel, East Kilbride, Scotland	44152-2888676
Mar 12	Toronto Sunday Monthly, Doghouse Riley's Toronto, ON, Canada	416/722-9709
Mar 16-19*	NEW DATE: Le Trophée des Alpes, Badrut's Palace, St. Moritz, Switzerland	4179-3374425
Mar 17-19	4th Warsteiner Cup, Hotel am Kaiserbrunnen, Brakel, Germany	49521-64314
Mar 25-26*	De Åbne Jyske Mesterskaber, Royal Casino, Århus, Denmark	4533-363601
Apr 8-9	BIBA's 10th Birthday Party, Hilton National Hotel, Coventry, England	44152-2888676
Apr 9	Toronto Sunday Monthly, Doghouse Riley's Toronto, ON, Canada	416/722-9709
Apr 20-24*	12th Nordic "Wide" Open & U2, Scandic Hotel, Copenhagen, Denmark	4533-363601
Apr 28-May 1*	Il Recife Open, Monte Hotel, Boa Viagem Beach, Brazil	5581-4688216
Apr 29-May 7*	CANCELLED: 1st Cancún Cup, Hotel Meridien, Cancún, Mexico	USA: 781/641-2091
May 6-7	County Cups Trophy, Hilton National Hotel, Coventry, England	44152-2888676
May 14*	Toronto Sunday Monthly, Doghouse Riley's Toronto, ON, Canada	416/722-9709
May 15-20*	NEW DATE: 6th EBN May Day International Tournament, Spain	34950-133009
May 18-20*	500 Years Discovery Tournament, Hotel XAO, Porto Seguro, Brazil	5571-3511478
Jun 3-4*	NEW DATE: Copenhagen Open 2000, Frederiksgård Skole, Denmark	45436-416035
Jun 3-4*	Hilton Trophy, Hilton National Hotel, Coventry, England	44152-2888676
Jun 30-Jul 2*	WBF Marbella 2000, Casino Marbella, Costa Del Sol, Spain	3902-69018168
Jul 6-9	12th City of Venice Tournament, Casinò Municipale, Venice, Italy	3941-5900769
Jul 8-9*	Andrew Sarjeant Trophy, Hilton National Hotel, Coventry, England	44152-2888676
Jul 10-16	World Championship, Monte Carlo Grand Hotel, Monte Carlo, Monaco	USA: 954/527-4033
Jul 19-23	2nd Czech Open, China Palace Casino, Prague, Czech Republic	49911-409505
Jul 28-30*	6th Kaiserbrunnen Cup, Hotel am Kaiserbrunnen, Brakel, Germany	49521-64314
Aug 5-6*	Studio Anne Carlton Trophy, Hilton National Hotel, Coventry, England	44152-2888676
Aug 17-20*	Grand Prix de Lugano 2000, Hotel Grand Eden, Lugano, Switzerland	4179-3374425
Aug 19-28*	Mind Sports Olympiad/British Open, London, England	44152-2888676
Sep 1-3*	12th European Championship, HIT Casino Park, Nova Gorica, Slovenia	3902-69018168



## LETTERS...

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about Snowie. Malcolm Davis was saying just how much he believes in it, particularly the new version he has (Jake Jacobs has it, too).

Shortly after this, he sits down in the chouette, rolls an opening 6-4 and makes his 2-point! I tell him that Snowie ranks that third best (I had just looked it up the other day). Malcolm responds that the plays are all so close that it really doesn't matter. He says he likes making the deuce point for a lot of reasons, but the main one (especially in money play) is that so few opponents know how to play the responses properly. He feels this gives him enough of an edge to make it correct.

I thought that was very interesting. That was the same reason that Joe Sylvester told me he likes playing an opening 4-3 24/20, 24/21. So better players are not just looking for the best play statistically, they are

looking for the best play given all of the variables of the situation at hand. You can't get that information from a "bot."—Phil Simborg, Chicago, IL, via e-mail.

### BINGO?

I thought your website [www.chicagopoint.com] had Bingo. Please let me know what I am missing.—Heidi Bowman, via e-mail

You need N32 and G48.—Ed.

### SNOWIE: THE PRICE OF UPGRADES

The new Snowie Professional 3 costs \$380. That's not cheap, but I have no complaint about the price. Rather, I question the price of the upgrades. Initial purchasers paid \$299 for Snowie 1, another \$85 to upgrade to Snowie 2, and now another \$180 for the Snowie 3 upgrade. That's a total of \$564.

Those who bought earlier, experimental versions of Snowie should not be required to pay \$184 more than new Snowie cus-

tomers. I believe old customers should be treated as well as new and urge that the price for this and future upgrades be reduced.—Antonio Ortega, San Jose, Costa Rica

Early Snowie buyers in agreement with Antonio can e-mail Olivier Egger or Roberto Gobbo of Snowie at: snowie@tin.it —Ed.

### 'CUBE YA' IN CUBA?

I am going to Cuba, basically to learn salsa and español. But it would be fun to find some nice people to Chouette with. Do you know of any backgammon in Cuba?—Jürgen Orlowski, Höchberg, Germany

Sorry, we can't help you with that request, Jürgen. As you know, Americans are not permitted to visit Cuba. Can any of our international readers help out? There might be a Cuban cigar in it for you!—Ed.

### TIM HOLLAND

Whatever became of Tim Holland? I essentially learned backgammon by reading and practicing from his introductory books written in 1973 and 1974, but haven't heard anything about him since then. Is he still alive today? If so, does he still play backgammon?—Ron Barry, via e-mail

Maybe one of your New York readers can help, Ron.—Ed.

### JELLYFISH VS. SNOWIE?

Do any CHICAGO POINT readers have

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## AMERICAN BACKGAMMON TOUR ★ 2000

Compiled through 20 Feb. 2000 after Pittsburgh tourney  
Coming events: 2000 Midwest Champs (March), G/A 45th (April)



Bob Bishop	22.35	Timothy Jaxon	5.00	Matt Reklaitis	5.00	Ed King	2.50
John Greci	10.75	Steve Kovach	5.00	Steve Michelson	3.53	Joe Davidson	1.81
George Barr	10.59	Alan Gaarder	5.00	Sal Chehayeb	2.50	Dee Webster	1.81
Andy Palumbo	10.59	Guy Nicosia	5.00	Gary Fries	2.50	Tom Hodous	1.25
Walt Swan	5.47	Bill Tallmadge	5.00	Phil Michelson	2.50	Fran Miller	0.86



## CHICAGO BAR POINT CLUB 2000 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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Tak Morioka	6.96	Mike Sutton	2.48	Romeo Kap	1.28	Bridget McCoy	0.80
Tim Carroll	4.80	Herb Roman	2.40	Ralph Byrns	1.28	Peter Kalba	0.72
Joe Wollick	4.16	Bill Keefe	2.16	Bob Steen	1.28	George Marasas	0.64
Phyllis Smolinski	3.88	Harry Cohn	1.92	Elaine Kehm	1.12	Brian Barber	0.64
Harold Elgazar	3.36	Paul Lombardo	1.84	Andy Natale	1.12	John Brussel	0.48
Tim Mabee	3.24	Joe Ausmann	1.84	Marc Rosset	1.00	Rodney Bell	0.40
Jake Jacobs	2.88	Sam Yoyen	1.76	Reggie Porter	0.88	Roger Blaine	0.20
Bill Bartholomay	2.64	Carter Mattig	1.52	Don Jayhan	0.88	Richard Stawowy	0.20
Bob Zavoral	2.64	Paul Baraz	1.44	Norma Shyer	0.88	Tom Machaj	0.12
Paul Klein	2.56	Ed Buerger	1.32	Ken Bond	0.80	Jon Sion	0.08

January: Congratulations to **TAK MORIOKA**, January POM with 3.44 points. Morioka, Chicagoland's all-time master point leaders, returned to the top with his first monthly award since November 1998. Runner's-up were Phyllis Smolinski (2.92) and Tim Carroll (2.80).

February: Again, **TAK MORIOKA** wins the top monthly honors, this time with 3.52 points. Jake Jacobs (2.88) and Bill Bartholomay (2.64) placed 2nd/3rd.

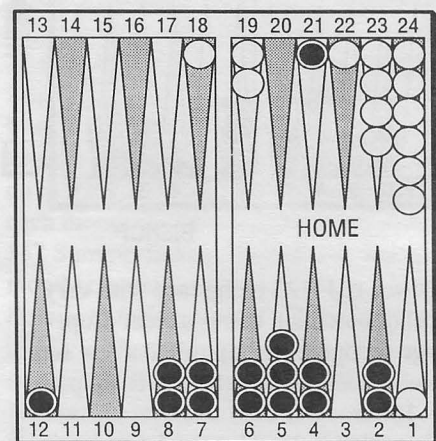
If you finish in the Top 20 for 2000, you'll be entered in a drawing for over \$300 worth of valuable merchandise. The higher you finish, the better your winning chances. Individual awards: 1st—Trophy + \$150, 2nd—\$100, 3rd—\$50. 1st through 20th—one ounce solid silver dollar. 1st through 6th—Invitation to participate on the Chicago Bar Point Club team in the 2001 Illinois State Challenge Cup.

your move

## PROBLEM #261

to be analyzed by Walter Trice

Match to 7 points. No score with White holding a 4-cube. **BLACK TO PLAY 2-2.**



# ASK DANNY

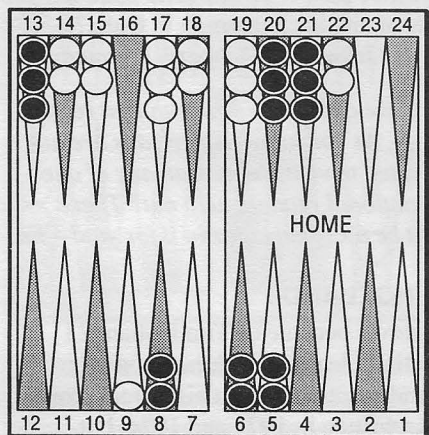


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## A TRICKY DOUBLE FOUR

**D**ear Danny: While playing an online match last month, this position arose:

Match to 7 points. Black leads White 3-2. **BLACK TO PLAY 4-4.**



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Trailing the race 136 to 200 before my move, it seemed correct to continue my

back game, so I played 13/9\*, 8/4, 20/12. After White rolled 6/5 (dancing), my 6-6 raced me forward too quickly. White entered, but was only forced to hit one of my blots en route to her escape. My back game self-destructed and when I did hit a shot off my 4-anchor, I couldn't contain it.

Should I have directed my game towards trapping the White straggler right then with 20/16, 13/9\*, 8/4(2)? I'm really not sure.—Still Learning

**DEAR STILL:** My first guideline for back games is: be ready to play them if you must, but avoid them if you can.

Your blot-happy play committed you to a back game; therefore, I can understand your second thoughts. I agree it would be better to play a positional game. You control the outfield, and your opponent, having made her 3-point, has two men out of play. You have the better inside points. While your opponent has a strong outside broken prime, she lacks the timing to maintain it. If you can trap her straggler, she'll be forced to move forward on her side of the board.

I disagree with the alternative play you propose, however. Switching from the 8-point to the 4-point does little to contain

your opponent's straggler; the 8-point is almost as good as the 4-point for this purpose. 20/12, 13/9\*(2) creates a more effective blockade than 20/16, 13/9\*, 8/4(2).

However, ten men do not offer the long-range trapping potential that twelve do. If you convert to a positional game, you should not try to maintain two anchors. For this reason, I favor 13/9\*, 20/16(3), a play which brings more ammunition to the front, enhances your outfield control, and leaves all your men connected. the 4s that you need to escape are a scarce commodity; you should not squander the 4s you rolled doing anything else with them.

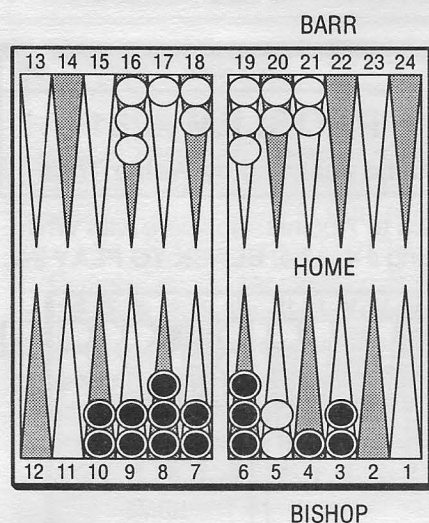
By the way, I sympathize with the dilemma you faced. The decision whether to switch from one game plan to another is as hard as any in backgammon. Though this reply to your question expresses my opinion, like you, I am really not sure.—Yours, Danny Δ

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## BISHOP...

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13-point finals. Bob Bishop (Black) leads George Barr (White) 5-1. Black doubles. **SHOULD WHITE TAKE?**



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to the wind. In the next game, the sequence went Bishop: 5-3 [8/3, 6/3], Barr: 6-6 [24/18(2), 13/7(2)], Bishop: 5-4 [13/8, 24/20], Barr: Double.

It was Christmas in February with George giving all the gifts. Chalk up two more eventual points for Bob.

With Bishop ahead 11-2, Barr made another impulsive double. This exchange went Bishop: 5-1 [24/18], Barr: 4-4 [24/20(2), 13/9(2)], Bishop 5-4 [18/13, 6/4], Barr: Double.

**"We differentiate ourselves from New York City players; the better players are in Long Island."—Bob Bishop**

The dice gods punished Barr as another game was easily turned around to give Bishop game and match

The one bright point of all this: George made his plane!

In the end, Barr admitted, "I felt rushed during that match, but as it turned out I really had plenty of time before my flight home."

The moral of this story: DON'T BOOK EARLY FLIGHTS HOME!

**CONGRATULATIONIS** to Steve Hast and his staff for another wonderful party. See for yourself next year! Δ

Down 104-125 in the race with very little shot potential, this is a clear drop. George scooped, Bishop rolled a few sets and never looked back. Score: Bishop-9, Barr-1.

From that point, George threw caution

## 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
Neil Kazaross	10	19 Sep 95
Neil Kazaross	11	12 Dec 95
Herb Roman	10	11 Aug 96
Andy Krenitz	12	5 Nov 96
Neil Kazaross	10	23 Dec 96
Wendy Kaplan	10	7 Jan 97
Phil Simborg	12	6 May 97
Phyllis Smolinski	10	6 Jan 98
Laila Leonhardt	10	27 Jan 98
Steve Mellen	12	1 Feb 98
Tak Morioka	12	17 Mar 98
Don Jayhan	10	14 Dec 99

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 (courtesy of Larry Strommen) to honor their achievement.



# HASTY PLAYS

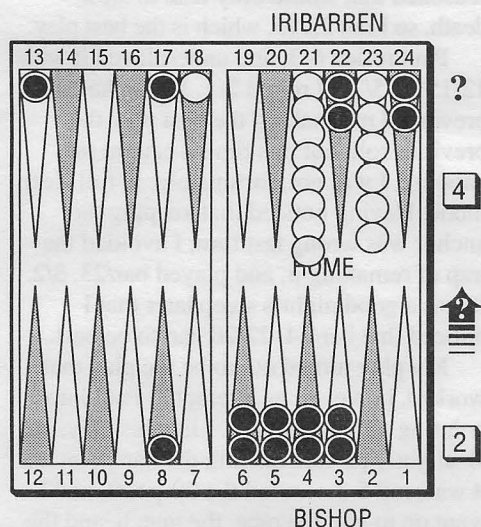
by Duane Jensen



If you watch enough backgammon, you will witness many miracle wins and heart-breaking losses. The losers of such matches often feel they were victimized by a "one-in-a-million" rolling sequence. With that in mind, I'd like to share an episode from a money game between Dorn Bishop and Fernando Iribarren.

I've watched Dorn play many money games. He's a solid player and often an aggressive cuber. Dorn doesn't like losing his market and will sometimes double volatile positions. That's not a criticism; it's part of the fun of watching him play.

## Pos. 1. Dorn Bishop (Black) on roll. SHOULD BLACK REDOUBLE?

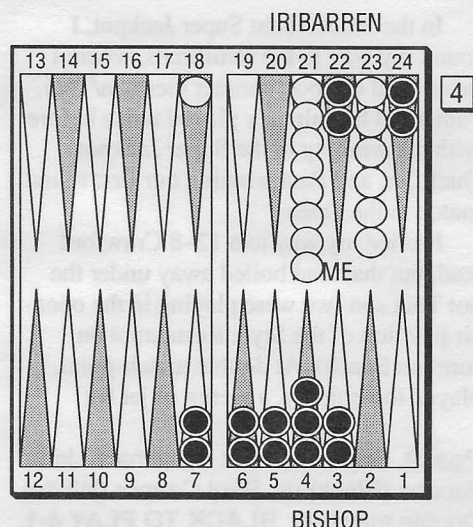


Imagine how tempting this recube is for Dorn. He has 25 shots at Fernando's blot. Of course, the downside is that many of his losses will be gammons. He chose not to redouble.

This position is "Chapter 1" of our little rolling episode. There's nothing especially unusual about the position. It's a little strange to have 14 men stacked on the 2- and 4-points, but that's what happens to a 5-prime when you roll double 4s.

If we jump ahead to "Chapter 2" of this rolling sequence you will see the strange checker position that grabbed my attention. Believe it or not, this second position occurred after *both players had rolled four times!*

## Pos. 2. BLACK TO PLAY 5-5.



Fernando rolled 6-6, 6-4, 4-4, and 6-4 and was unable to move a single checker as Dorn missed four consecutive double shots at the bulletproof blot! Imagine if this

game had been the finals of a major tournament. If the game had been televised, the crowd would have gone nuts with every roll. (Note that one thing has changed in Position 2; Dorn's itchy fingers recubed to 4.)

We've now arrived at Dorn's fifth attempt to hit the blot. In Position 2, he rolled 5-5 playing 22/12(2). Fernando redoubled to 8, and Dorn dropped. With the drop, we'll never know if Fernando would have rolled another 6-6. It would have been fun to see.

Dorn's failure to hit provides us with a hasty play. A better move for 5-5 would have been 22/12, 7/2(2). Leaving a blot on the 22-point would give Dorn more wins, thus allowing him to take a recube. The cubeless rollouts of this 5-5 play show it to be a take with an equity of -0.515.

In reality, Dorn's equity is greater than the one generated by the JellyFish™ rollout. This special edge is linked to human nature. When the cube value gets high, most players are eager to win "something" rather than lose. Were Dorn to get a shot, he could offer to give something as a settlement. The player who gets something will usually settle for a little less than the mathematical expectation. It's human nature for most people to take the "bird in the hand." You can usually be a bigger cube-taker in money games than match play because of this "settlement" edge.

Finally, let's take a look at the odds of this rolling sequence. Was this one of those "one-in-a-million" rolling sequences?

Fernando rolled a blocked number (6-6, 4-4, or 6-4) four times. Dorn rolled a non-hitting roll (11 of 36 shots) five times. The chance of this sequence is  $(4/36)^4 \times (11/36)^5 = 4.06E^{-7}$  or about 1 in 2.5 million. Δ

## LETTERS...

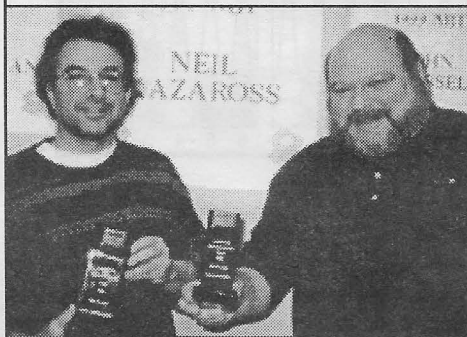
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information comparing JellyFish and Snowie? I haven't played in quite a few years and was wondering which would be a better learning tool for me to get reacquainted with the game.—*Marcy Sloan, Northbrook, IL*

## FOLLOWING THE FURRY ANIMALS

On the way back from the Pittsburgh tournament, my Madison cohorts and I took Route 60, northwest out of the city. We figured we were on the right track when we started seeing signs for the town of Beaver, and we were certain when we passed near Raccoon Creek State Park.—*Sam Pottle, Madison, WI Δ*

## 1999 ABT TOP 3 HONORED IN PITTSBURGH



Once again, last month's Pittsburgh Championships hosted the ABT awards presentation. 1999 winners from left: Gary Margosian (2nd) and John Brussel (3rd). Champion Neil Kazaross was unable to attend.



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# Thai 2K

by Jake Jacobs



**C**ongratulations! If you are reading this, the world did not end. If you are reading this, computers did not crash, and neither did my plane.

On the off-chance the world *was* going to end at New Year's, I thought it appropriate to head for the one spot where heaven and hell seemed to have achieved peaceful coexistence. That place, for readers not familiar with my dispatches of previous Januarys, is Pattaya, Thailand. This year the Thai Open 2000 (5-9 January), under the direction of two-time winner Goran Hasselquist, laid claim to being not just the first tournament of the international calendar, but the first tournament of the new millennium. (If you wish to argue that this year is not part of the new millennium, I sympathize, but warn you that it is already 2543 in these parts, and there is no one around who remembers how they resolved it last time.)

The final of the Thai Open pitted two German residents of Pattaya: Gerhard Schulze (Far Eastern Championship finalist last fall), and sentimental favorite Baby Burkhart. A price may have been put on sentiment, as many of the other players owned small pieces of Baby. Joy and disbelief were mixed, as Baby, much like the baby in the film *Baby's Day Out*, toddled his way, heedless of disaster, into the money.

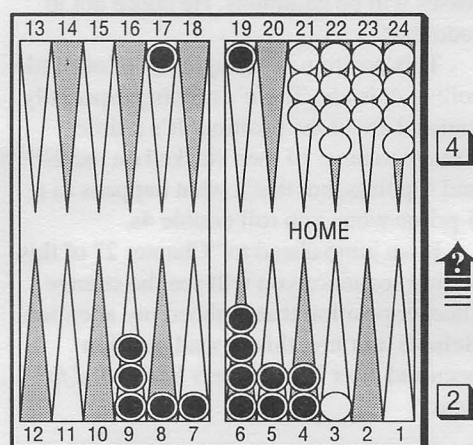
In the 19-point final, it appeared that Baby would once again have his way. He led 12-8, when he unfortunately demonstrated what happens when one puts dangerous cubes in the hands of babies.

If this were money, Black would have no double. Leading in the match, redoubling is more than optimistic.

[See Pos. 1, above right]

Shortly, Gerhard was able to redouble Baby out. Gerhard went on to win the match, and is the newest Thai Open Champion.

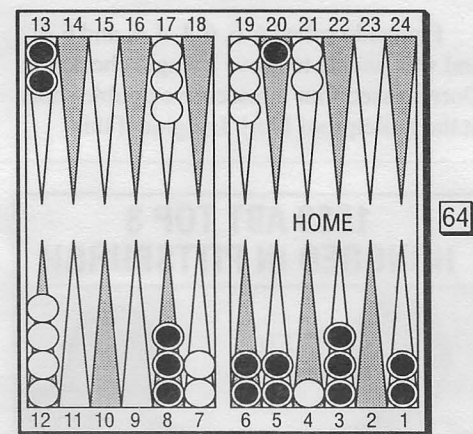
**Pos. 1.** 19-point Thai Open finals. Baby Burkhart (Black) leads Gerhard Schulze (White), 12-8. **RECUBE ACTIONS?**



In the 30,000 baht Super Jackpot, I found my way to the semifinals, where I faced Paul Czapor, another German/Thai. Paul and I had already played twice before, with me winning in the Super Jackpot Qualifier, and Paul winning our first round match in the Open.

I rolled my way to a 12-8 Crawford lead, but that lead boiled away under the hot Thai sun (we were playing in the open-air pavilion of the Style Restaurant on Jomtien Beach). At double match-point, I played too quickly, a victim of jet lag:

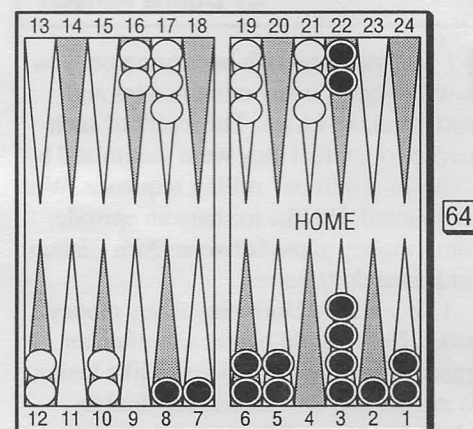
**Pos. 2.** Super Jackpot semifinals. Jake Jacobs (Black) vs. Paul Czapor (White). Double match-pt. **BLACK TO PLAY 4-1.**



I hit Paul's blot on my 4-point, then could see no better ace than lifting 4/3. As I picked up my dice, the alternative 8/4\*, 5/4 occurred to me. JellyFish™ prefers my play, slightly at money, but significantly at dmp. Shifting points wins more gammons, but the rollout has lifting winning 1.4% more games. This surprises me, as, with the cube out of play, it is usually right to make the play that will sew up the game. In any case, shifting would have led to an easy

win, but instead I drifted into this backwater:

**Pos. 3.** Super Jackpot semifinals. Jake Jacobs (Black) vs. Paul Czapor (White). Double match-pt. **BLACK TO PLAY 4-3.**



My plays to this and the next roll illustrate the insidious effects of jet lag. It seems natural to make the 4-point, but I reasoned that would only lead to slow death, so I ran 22/15, which is the best play.

Paul rolled 6-3, and underplayed it with 12/15\*, 15/21. I rolled 2-1. Jet lag had not prevented my making the best play the previous roll, but this time it caught me napping. I was not, fortunately, in full sleep mode. Having noticed that keeping the anchor was wrong last turn, I avoided the trap of remaking it, and played bar/23, 3/2. It was a good night's sleep later that I noticed that bar/24, 22/20 had to be best.

My play turned out to be the play that worked, however, as it tempted Paul into pointing on me with 6-1. I like his play, but JF slightly prefers making the bar-point. As it was, my 5-3 secured the 20-point, and I went on to win the race, the match, and the event, defeating Robin Swaffield of Hong Kong in the final. [Complete results shown on page 7.] Δ

## AMALGAMATION

It wouldn't be a bad idea to pack a pair of pajamas for the Midwest Championships (17-19 March). If you qualify for the \$500 Pajama Game, you'll need PJ's to enter!... Want to play backgammon by e-mail? For details on this new free service, go to [www.itsyourturn.com](http://www.itsyourturn.com). They also offer checkers and chess by e-mail... **Antonio Ortega & Danny Kleinman**, authors of the successful **Jerry Grandell** book, have begun work on a new book spotlighting the matches of our own **Neil Kazaross**... Former Bar Point Club player **Christopher**

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# WINNER'S CIRCLE



Jan.—Feb. 2000

•**5th Thailand Open** (Pattaya, Thailand, 5-9 Jan.)... OPEN (28): 1-Gerhard Schulze (Ger/Thai), 2-Baby Burkart (Ger/Thai), 3/4-Guy Michalet (France/Thai) / Robin Swaffield (Hong Kong); 1C-Vichai Kwatra (Thai), 2C-Paul Czapor (Ger/Thai); 1LC-Jurgen Herold (Ger). INTERMEDIATE (16): 1-Stefan Hanuman (Ger). SUPER JACKPOT (13): 1-Jake Jacobs (USA), 2-Robin Swaffield (Hong Kong).

•**Springfield Series #3** (Springfield, IL; 5 Feb.)... OPEN (18): 1-Greg Tomlin, 2-Cliff Mayoh; 1C-Dave Cornwall, 2C-Milad Doueih; 1LC-Dave Rockwell.

•**Bright 'n' Breezy** (Brighton, England; 8-9 Jan.)... OPEN (90): 1-David Levi, 2-Shaun Herd, 3/4-Ed Rogers / Dave Raynsford; 1C-Nick Check, 2-Brian Busfield; 1LC-John Thomas, 2LC-Ciara Bomford. TITAL WAVE (64): 1-Tim Mooring, 2-John Broomfield. FRIDAY KO (48): 1-Nick Check, 2-Helen Helm-Sagar. DOUBLES (25): 1-Incredible Ones, 2-Beaver & Butthead.

•**NEBC Sunday Monthly** (Somerville, MA; 9 Jan.)... EXPERT (17): 1-Herb Gurland, 2-Jerry Padova, 3/4-Jim Pascoe / David Solomon; 1C-Belle Pronman, 2C-Ernesto Adrienzen. A/B DIV. (11): 1-Rob Papp, 2-Jim Glover, 3/4-Dan Moskowitz / Paul G. Farrand; 1C-Andrew Shuman, 2C-Larry Yeager.

•**South Pattaya Cup** (So. Pattaya, Thailand, 22-30 Jan.)... OPEN (16): 1-David Brown (UK, Thai); 2-Bernard Schmude (Ger/Thai); 1C-Gerhard Schulze, 2C-Bruno Orsuni (Italy/Thai); 1LC-Vichai Kwatra (Thai). SUPER JACKPOT (10): 1-Gerhard Schulze (Ger/Thai), 2-Paul Konigshaven (Holland). CHOUETTE TOURNEY (12): 1-Joachim Johanssen (Sweden/Thai), 2-Jake Jacobs (USA), 3-Andreas Martens (Ger.).

•**Milwaukee Bimonthly** (Milwaukee, WI; 23

Jan.)... OPEN (8): 1-Gary Hines, 2-Marv Arnol. •**2nd Principe Leopoldo Cup** (Lugano, Switzerland; 27-30 Jan.)... CHAMPIONSHIP (40): 1-Guido Flamigni (Italy), 2-Vittorio Castro (Italy), 3/4-Michel Serrero (France) / Aris Hadjiaslanis (Greece); 1C-Johannes Levermann, 2C-Giovanni Saladino; 1LC-Carlo Facchetti (Italy), 2LC-Ralf Jonas (Germany). INTERMEDIATE (36): 1-Martin Schubert (Germany), 2-Marc Van Damme (Belgium), 3/4-Werner Süssli (Swiss) / Halil Tulan (Swiss); 1C-Chiva Tafazzoli (Iran/Ger.), 2C-Marcel Liechti (Swiss); 1LC-Fabiano Ceresa (Swiss), 2LC-Francoise Tribet (France). DOUBLES (14): 1-Verena Mancarella & Werner Süssli (Swiss), 2-Rainer Witt & Ronald Reinhardt (Germany). CHOUETTE (20): 1-Aris Hadjiaslanis (Greece), 2-Dirk Schiemann (Germany), 3/4-Mario Sequeira (Portugal) / Gaetano Di Natale (Italy). WARM-UP: 1-Marcel Liechti (Swiss).

•**Ace Point Superbowl Tourney** (New York, NY; 30 Jan.)... OPEN (18): 1-Dennis Culpepper, 2-Steve Mellen; 1C/2C-Charlie Russell / Antoinette-Marie Williams. INTERMEDIATE (10): 1-Robert Regan, 2-Dan Constantinesco; 1C/2C-Salim Harfouche / Eydie Noble.

•**Superbowl Backgammon Invitational** (Pasadena, CA; 30 Jan.)... OPEN (16): 1-Judy Collins, 2-Art Moore; 1C-Ray Baker, 2C-Azzam Masarani... *Azzam & Nicole Masarani host this annual event for friends at their home.*

•**Springfield Series #4** (Peoria, IL; 5 Feb.)... OPEN (25): 1-Mark Kaye, 2-Chris Wilson; 1C-Linda Rockwell, 2C-Cliff Mayoh; 1LC-Abi-Akar Ramez.

•**Jarvis Trophy** (Coventry, England; 5-6 Feb.)... OPEN (78): 1-Jeff Ellis, 2-Simon K. Jones. TOP INTERMEDIATE: Stefani Rohan. FRIDAY KO (15): 1-Raj Jansari, 2-Lionel Wright. DOUBLES (16): 1/2-Lady & the Tramp / Barf.

•**Bar Point Sunday** (Oakbrook Terrace, IL; 6 Feb.)... OPEN (18): 1-Tim Mabee, 2-Bob Zavoral, 3/4-John Brussell / Bill Bartholomay; 1C-Peter Kalba, 2C-Rodney Bell. INTERMEDIATE (9): 1-Ed Buerger, 2-Roger Blaine, 3/4-

Mark Rosset / Tom Machaj (WI); 1C-Richard Stawowy, 2C-Jon Sion.

•**Paris Open** (Paris, France; 15-20 Feb.)... MASTER (41): 1-Donald Kahn (Austria/UK), 2-Johannes Levermann (Germany), 3/4-Abraham Eitan (Israel) / Najib Sallamazy (Germany). CHAMPIONSHIP (104): 1-Mario Sequeira (Portugal), 2-Johannes Levermann (Germany), 3/4-Michel Serrero (France) / Nick Ballard (USA); 1C-Mario Kuhl (Germany), 2C-Christensen, 3C/4C-Rageb Shadallah / Christian Hanessel; 1LC-Alan Steffen (USA), 2LC-Kaji Yoshitaka (Japan). Lady's Prize: Martine Oules (France/USA). INTERMEDIATE (49): 1-Luisa Sequeira (Portugal), 2-Marc Van Damme (Belgium), 3/4-Jacques Elbilis (France) / Jürgen Orłowski (Denmark); 1C-Rene Van Der Pluym (Holland), 2C-Eric Lambert (France), 3C/4C-Alexander Li (Russia) / Chiva Tafazzoli (Iran); 1LC-Christian Raith (Denmark), 2LC-Timo Vaatainen (Finland). Lady's Prize: Luisa Sequeira (Portugal). SUPER JACKPOT (32): 1-Ralf Jonas (Germany), 2-Thierry Manouck (France), 3/4-Jes Bondo (Denmark) / Amschel Nadjar (France). DOUBLES (32): 1-Michael Meyburg & Mario Kuhl (Germany). BLITZ (256): 1-Steve Sax (USA), 2-Cyril Torok (France).

•**Vegas Backgammon Madness** (Las Vegas, NV; 19 Feb.)... OPEN (47): 1-Raymanz-2000 (Carol Manzi), 2-Tilly; 1C-Justaman, 2C-SmartCookie... *47 Yahoo online backgammon aficionados gathered in Vegas for this social event. Pat Gibson directed.*

•**Milano Master Cup** (Milano, Italy; 26-27 Feb.)... CHAMPIONSHIP (31): 1-G. Flamigni, 2-D. Plesec (Slovenia); 3/4-C. Melzi / L. Rubbi; 1C-L. Pazzani, 2C-C. Facchetti. INTERMEDIATE (25): 1-C. Faccio, 2-L. Dianu, 3/4-A. Domeniconi (Swiss) / O. Bollinger (Swiss); 1C-F. Boscari, 2C-I. Sirtori.

•**Ace Point Monthly** (New York, NY; 28 Feb.)... OPEN (14): 1-Mads Anderson, 2-Gene Gold; 1C-Mark Megalli. INTERMEDIATE (10): 1-Salim Harfouche, 2-Marc Freeman; 1C-Mike Battaglia. Δ

## AMALGAMATION

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**Stanford** (TX) had back-to-back 75s to win a golf tourney in Houston last month, including a hole-in-one!... Sad to report on the December passing of **Gail Achtenberg** (MO). She was 81. Gail, a regular at MBC events for many years, won Pig-Rolling in 1988... Besides his monthly POINT columns, **Danny Kleinman** is a regular contributor to the "Master Pointers" section of the *American Contract Bridge League Bulletin*... **Scott Richardson** (847/705-6369) has started his own catering business. "Waiting For You" caters romantic dinners, private parties and other functions... **Gary Daniels** tells us the

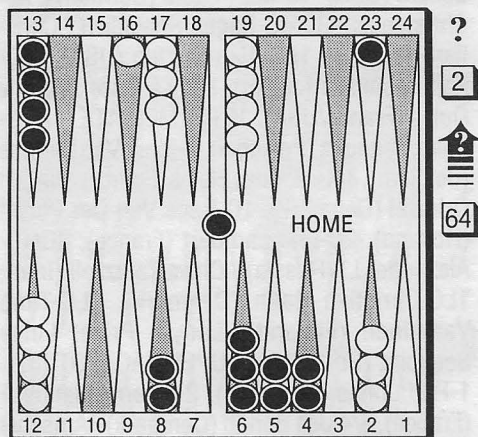
Bloomington Backgammon Club (IL) has relocated back to Ride the Nine... **Yamin Yamin** will present the Top-32 Giants of Backgammon certificates for the 1997 and new 1999 winners at the Worldwide Twin Championships this April in Las Vegas. Look of the 1999 winners in the next issue of *Flint Area BackgammonNews*... Best wishes to BPC players **Marty Tatosian** and **Gary Kay** who are both battling serious illnesses... Chicago to Springfield, Illinois (State Capitol): **Laila Leonhardt**. If all else fails, she can go into politics! Maryland to California: Beltway BG Club director **David Montgomery**. Dave tells us subscribers to his one-issue BBC newsletter will receive full refunds. A new BBC

director has yet to be named... The Hoo-sier Backgammon Club has moved back to Wildcat Brewing Company for their Thursday weekly events (**Butch & Mary Ann Meese**—317/255-8902)... **Timothy Jaxon** announces a new backgammon club one hour north of San Francisco. The Redwood Empire Backgammon Association meets on the 2nd and last Tuesday (6:30 p.m.) of each month at Clo's Ice Creamery & Grill, 557 Summerfield in Santa Rosa. Sunday monthly events are set to begin in April. Details to follow from Tim (707/824-9715)... There's hope for those who shun match equities. Victorian novelist **Edward Bulwer-Lytton** is a firm believer that "Fate laughs at probabilities." Δ

## PROBLEM #260 ANALYZED

by Kit Woolsey

Match to 7 points. Black and White are tied at 3 to 3. Black (on the bar) to roll. **CUBE ACTIONS?**



The first question to be answered in any cube decision is "Is it a take?" If the answer is unclear, then it is definitely a double. On the other hand, if it is definitely a take, then it is a double only if the position is very volatile.

What's going on here? Obviously Black has the advantage. His board is

considerably stronger, he is well ahead in the race, and White has those ugly three checkers stuck on the 2-point. On the other hand, other than those three stuck checkers, there is nothing organically wrong with White's position. All her men are in play, she has a well-placed builder on the 9-point and a spare on the 8-point, so she will have a good chance of making an inner board point next roll. Also, Black still has two men back. Hence, White has several ways to win this game.

Does the match score with each side needing four points make any special difference? I don't think so. If Black doubles and wins a gammon he wins the match. Since there will be some gammons in this position, that is an argument in favor of White having to pass.

On the other hand, White will have huge recube potential. If she redoubles, Black will have the choice between passing (32% equity) or playing for the match. Black will have to be able to win over 32% cubeless to justify a take. Also if White is likely to get gammoned and she gets a game-winning shot, she may be able to profitably double on the come. These factors pretty much balance each other out in my opinion, so the match score isn't too relevant.

Despite Black's advantage, it looks to me as though White's position has enough

play to justify a take. I have a general philosophy that if you aren't in immediate danger of being blitzed, crunched, primed, or outraced, then it is probably a take. This position is a good example. While Black has a solid advantage, White's position just has too much play to let it go without a fight. The roof isn't likely to cave in immediately, and White will have plenty of winning chances. I'm pretty confident that this is a take.

Given that it is a take, what about the double?

In practice, it is definitely correct to turn the cube. While I might think it is a take, it wouldn't shock me at all if others may feel differently. If there is any doubt about whether or not your opponent will take, then a double is correct, since there is the possibility that he might (correctly or incorrectly) pass the double.

What about the correct cube actions posed as a theoretical question?

Suppose you knew for certain that your opponent would take. This is not a very volatile position. Black is unlikely to make any huge gains on the next exchange, so he probably won't lose his market by much if at all even on his favorable sequences. Therefore, I believe Black (in theory) is supposed to wait.

At the table, however, I would definitely turn the cube. Δ

### 2000 illinois state challenge cup

## PUB CLUB DOES IT AGAIN!

Wins Illinois Cup On Home Turf

For the fifth time since 1992, the Pub Club, has won the Illinois State Challenge Cup. The 7-team event made up of the top Illinois club master point achievers of the previous year, was held 13 February at Danny's Grill in Villa Park, home base of Monday night Pub Club play.

Competition was the closest ever with the Pub Club, Bloomington and Games People Play (Chicago) tied at 17 wins going into the final round of play. But GPP faltered and the Pub Club and Bloomington both won four matches. This was highlighted by Pub Clubber Mike Sutton's exciting victory over Bloomington's Dave Cornwall.

With the Pub Club and Bloomington tied at 21 wins, a playoff would be required to decide who would take possession of the coveted Challenge Cup. As is the custom, three doubles matches decide the winner. Before the third match could be completed,

the Pub Club had another Challenge Cup victory making them the hottest team of the last decade. Congratulations to their team members in order of 1999 master point finish: Joe Wollick (captain), Rodney Bell, Mark Murray, Earl Risch, Tim Mabee and Mike Sutton.

On an individual basis, congrats to all these players who managed a record of 5-1: Bob Zavoral, Glenn Martells, Mike Plog, Leslie Lockett, Rodney Bell, Mike Sutton and Randy Reiff. Complete results: Δ



Three of the Pub Club 20th Challenge Cup champs. From left, Mike Sutton, Joe Wollick and Tim Mabee.

### 20th ILLINOIS STATE CHALLENGE CUP

**1. PUB CLUB (21-15):** Rodney Bell (5-1), Mike Sutton (5-1), Joe Wollick (3-3), Earl Risch (3-3), Tim Mabee (3-3), Mark Murray (2-4).

**2. BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL (21-15):** Randy Reiff (5-1), William Hutchison (4-2), Ed Bauder (4-2), Mike Flohr (3-3), Jim Zimmerman (3-3), Dave Cornwall (2-4).

**3/4. GAMES PEOPLE PLAY (19-17):** Glenn Martells (5-1), Femi Owiku (4-2), Ken Tibbs (3-3), Reginald Porger (3-3), Brian Barber (2-4), Paul Lombardo (2-4).

**3/4. SANGAMON VALLEY (19-17):** Greg Tomlin (5-1), Mike Plog (5-1), Jeff Anderson (4-2), Mark Kaye (3-3), Randy Armstrong (1-5), John Jennings (1-5).

**5. CHGO BAR PT. CLUB (17-19):** Bob Zavoral (5-1), Jake Jacobs (4-2), Laila Leonhardt (4-2), Herb Roman (2-4), Tim Carroll (1-5), Carter Mattig (1-5).

**6. WINNETKA (16-20):** Leslie Lockett (5-1), Mark Ryan (4-2), Aaron Ashmann (3-3), Ed Buerger (2-4), Trudie Chibnik (1-5), Joe Ausmann (1-5).

**7. PEORIA (13-23):** Fouad Malouf (3-3), Doc Rushford (3-3), Milad Doueihy (2-4), Cliff Mayoh (2-4), Ed Zell (2-4), Dick Nelson (1-5).





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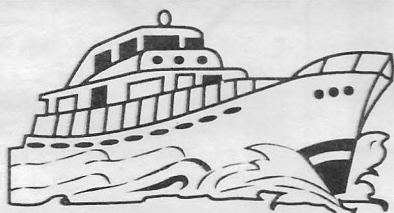
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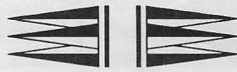
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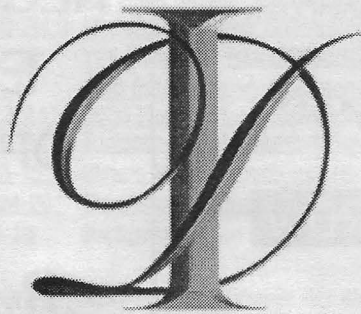
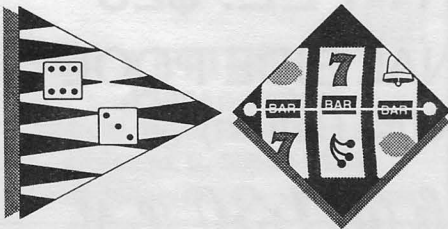
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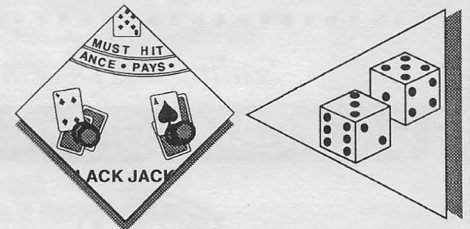
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