

CAN TIM CARROLL BE CAUGHT?

Five months remain in the 2000 Bar Point Club Player of the Year race. Only 6.08 points separate the top seven players. Can the leader Tim Carroll be caught?

Of course he can, but it's not as wide open as it might appear. Ken Bond (currently number 4) will leave for Florida before the end of the year. And Jake Jacobs (number 5) will spend at least one month away from the club in Asia. So the race is really between five players.

Herb Roman is Tim's toughest competition. But Tim, last year's runner-up, might be more hungry. And although Herb finished second in 1997, Tim outpointed him 21.04 to 13.68 last season.

What about Tim Mabee? He was fifth last year and will likely play enough to have a good shot at the top spot.

The last five months will tell. Δ

AMALGAMATION

Laila Leonhardt, has left Illinois for Pennsylvania. She'll be working on an Internet project with **Matt Reklaitis**, her partner on the **Kent Goulding** Rating List. Laila plans to return to Chicago before the end of the year... Speaking of Kent, congratulations on his victory in Prague over **Johannes Levermann** last month... No Hawthorne Backgammon Classic this summer due to the return of Arlington racing. We are working on rescheduling the event at Hawthorne on the last Saturday evening in January (Super Bowl eve)... The upcoming Summer Sizzler Picnic on August 19 in Peoria has been moved back to the **Zell's** house. The annual event precedes the Summer Sizzler tourney in Lacon, Illinois. To register, call Ed at 309/674-0557... The September Chicago Point will be out on Tuesday, 12 September and include results from Monte Carlo and the Indiana Open. Δ

FUN AT THE PUB CLUB

The Pub Club attendance is up over 16 players Mondays at Danny's Grill (345 W. North Ave., Villa Park; 7:00 pm). It's a fun evening of backgammon highlighted by 75¢ draft beers and sandwiches under \$3 in a bar atmosphere that will remind you of Chicago backgammon circa 1979.

If you're lucky, Jake Jacobs will be in attendance. Jake "controls" the juke box with a great variety of tunes ranging from Metallica to Frank Sinatra.

Try the Pub Club this Monday! Δ

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Information: 773/583-6464

- Aug. 6 Bar Point Sunday Tourney, Anyways, Oakbrook Terrace
- Aug. 19 2000 Summer Sizzler Picnic, The Zell's House, Peoria
- Aug. 20 2000 Summer Sizzler Tournament, Sly Fox Pub, Lacon
- Oct. 8 Bar Point Sunday Tourney, Anyways, Oakbrook Terrace
- Oct. 13-15 Illinois State Championships, Hilton Hotel, Springfield
- Nov. 26 Bar Point Sunday Tourney, Anyways, Oakbrook Terrace



2000 BPC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

COMPILED
THRU 31 JULY

Tim Carroll	15.28	Ed Buerger	3.54	Andy Natale	1.12
Herb Roman	13.36	Paul Friedman	3.52	Chris Wilson	1.12
Tim Mabee	11.40	Steve Klesker	3.52	Mike Cyrkiel	0.88
Ken Bond	10.64	Paul Klein	3.44	Dave Cramer	0.88
Jake Jacobs	9.92	Bob Steen	3.44	Scott Richardson	0.88
Harold Elgazar	9.80	David Araiza	3.36	Bridget McCoy	0.80
Phyllis Smolinski	9.20	Marc Rosset	2.92	Jill Ferdinand	0.80
Paul Franks	7.28	Joann Feinstein	2.84	George Marasas	0.64
Joe Wollick	7.04	Alice Kay	2.80	Brian Barber	0.64
Tak Morioka	6.96	John Jennings	2.80	Bobbie Shifrin	0.64
Sinan Yoyen	6.88	Mike Sutton	2.48	Phil Simborg	0.64
Carter Mattig	6.00	Georgina Flanagan	2.32	Keith Kuigowski	0.60
Joe Ausmann	5.60	Rodney Bell	2.28	John Brussel	0.48
Gary Kay	5.44	Bill Keefe	2.16	Dimitri Giannakopoulos	0.48
Bob Zavoral	5.28	Harry Cohn	1.92	Roger Blaine	0.36
Mary Franks	5.12	Matt Surekci	1.92	Howard Chow	0.36
Richard Lloyd	4.56	Wendy Kaplan	1.60	Jerry Brooks	0.24
Don Jayhan	4.56	Reginald Porter	1.34	Richard Stawowy	0.20
Bill Bartholomay	4.56	Elaine Kehm	1.32	Joe Szvedo	0.20
Paul Baraz	4.00	Ralph Byrns	1.28	Ann Thomas	0.16
Norma Shyer	3.96	Peter Kalba	1.28	Brian Kozin	0.16
Romeo Kap	3.76	Val Zimnicki	1.20	Tom Machaj	0.12
Paul Lombardo	3.68	Bill Davis	1.16	Jon Sion	0.08

Congratulations to **JOE AUSMANN** (2.88), July 2000 Player of the Month. An impressive finish for Joe, who has been a BPC player for only about a year. Placing was second was Gary Kay (2.56). Tim Carroll increased his lead in the overall standings by finishing 3rd in July with 2.16 points.



ILLINOIS ACTION



Bill Davis
773/583-6464

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773/252-7755

Tuesday, 6:00 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.

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY: Tournaments Monday, 6:30 P.M. at Chatham Computers; 8119 S. Cottage Grove, Chicago. Reginald Porter (708/715-2917).

PUB CLUB: Tourn. Mon., 7:00 P.M. at Danny's Grill and Bar, 345 W. North Ave., Villa Park. Joe Wollick (847/755-0887).

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

SANGAMON VALLEY BACKGAMMON ASSOC.: Tournaments Wed., 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).