

2001 illinois state challenge cup

PEORIA WINS CLOSEST CHALLENGE CUP EVER

Bar Point Club and Winnetka Tie for 2nd

Hail Peoria! The backgammon club from Central Illinois has captured the 2001 Illinois State Challenge Cup in an incredibly close battle. Seven teams converged on Bloomington, Illinois at Ride The Nine to fight 4 February. Their mission was to



Peoria Challenge Cup victors clockwise from left: Cliff Mayoh, John Jennings, Fouad Malouf, Doc Rushford, Milad Doueihy, Ed Zell.

win the 21-year-old massive trophy and claim Illinois backgammon club superiority.

Trailing the Chicago Bar Point Club by three wins after five rounds of play, Peoria captured 7 out of 10 matches to edge both the BPC and Winnetka by one victory: 22 to 21 to 21.

A 3-way tie was averted in the final round when Fouad Malouf tossed a timely set of double 6s in the bearoff of the deciding match to win it for Peoria.

Special congratulations to Tak Morioka of the BPC who was the only player to go undefeated (6-0). Complete results:

1. PEORIA (22-14): John Jennings (3-3), Ed Zell (4-2), Fouad Malouf (4-2), Milad Doueihy (4-2), Cliff Mayoh (3-3), Doc Rushford (4-2).

2/3. CHGO BAR PT. CLUB (21-15): Tim Carroll (3-3), Tim Mabee (3-3), Jake Jacobs (4-2), Phyllis Smolinski (3-3), Tak Morioka (6-0), Marc Rosset (2-4).

2/3. WINNETKA (21-15): Dave Rockwell (5-1), Joe Ausmann (2-4), Mark Ryan (5-1), Linda Rockwell (3-3), Josh Riddell (5-1), Ed Buerger (1-5).

4. BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL (18-18): Ed Bauder (2-4), Mike Flohr (3-3), Rob Farmer (5-1), William Hutchison (2-4), Jim Zimmerman (2-4), Dave Cornwall (4-2).

5. GAMES PEOPLE PLAY (17-19): Reginald Porter (2-4), Femi Owiku (2-4), Roger Hickman (2-4), Brian Barber (3-3), Kenneth Tibbs (3-3), Bill Davis (5-1).

6. SANGAMON VALLEY (16-20): Randy Armstrong (4-2), Greg Tomlin (3-3), Michael Plog (1-5), Ben Zemaitis (4-2), Mark Kaye (1-5), Jeff Anderson (3-3).

7. PUB CLUB (11-25): Joe Wollick (2-4), Mark Murray (4-2), Val Zimmnicki (0-6), Mike Sutton (2-4), Keith Kuligowski (1-5), Chris Wilson (2-4).

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- Mar. 3 Springfield Series #5, Parker's Sports Bar, Springfield, IL
- Mar 23-25 2001 Midwest Championships, Radisson Hotel, Lisle, IL
- Apr. 7 Springfield Series #6, Ride The Nine, Bloomington, IL
- Apr. 8 Bar Point Sunday Tourney, Anyways, Oakbrook Terrace
- Apr. 21 Springfield Series Grand Finale, Parker's Sports Bar, Springfield, IL



2001 BPC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

COMPILED
THRU 31 JAN.

Bob Steen	3.44	Scott Richardson	1.28	Bob Katz	0.88
Lucky Nelson	2.88	Brian Barber	1.28	J.A. Miller	0.88
Joann Feinstein	2.80	Steve Klesker	1.28	Jake Jacobs	0.88
Bill Bartholomay	2.56	David Araiza	1.28	Wayne Weist	0.80
Tak Morioka	2.56	Norma Shyer	1.28	Brian Leventhal	0.64
Herb Roman	2.16	Leo Campos	0.88	Paul Friedman	0.64
Carter Mattig	1.92	Phyllis Smolinski	0.88	Mike Sutton	0.64
Bob Zavoral	1.92	Tim Mabee	0.88	Bill Davis	0.56
Glenn Martells	1.28	Alice Kay	0.88	Georgina Flanagan	0.32
Howard Chow	1.28				

BOB STEEN's 3.44 points earns him January 2001 Player of the Year honors. Lucky Nelson (2.88) finished second and Joann Feinstein (2.80) was third. Special congratulations to Bill Bartholomay who completed a Bar Point Club streak of 12 victories in a row.

If you finish in the Top 20 for 2001, 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 2002 Illinois State Challenge Cup.



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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. Thur., 6:30 P.M. at Peoria Pizza Works, 3921 N. Prospect, Peoria. Ed Zell (309/674-0557).