

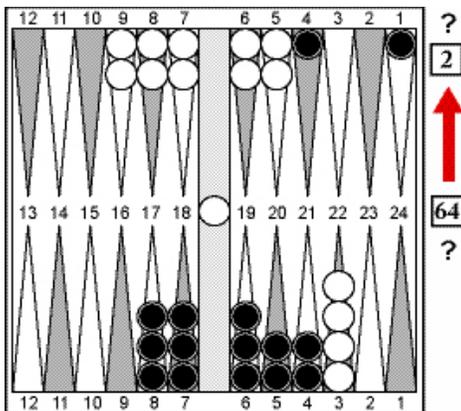
"TRI" THESE THREE

By Phil Simborg

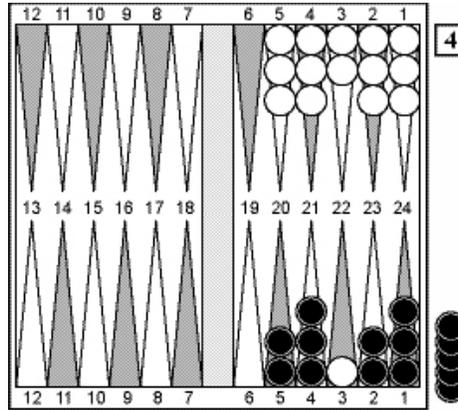
Phil Simborg is a true student of the game. In his online and live competition, he reviews many of his checker plays and cube actions using Snowie. Then Phil shares what he has learned via daily emails.

Here are three of Phil's recent positions where he erred. Certainly Phil learned something from his mistakes. Now perhaps you will, too.—Ed.

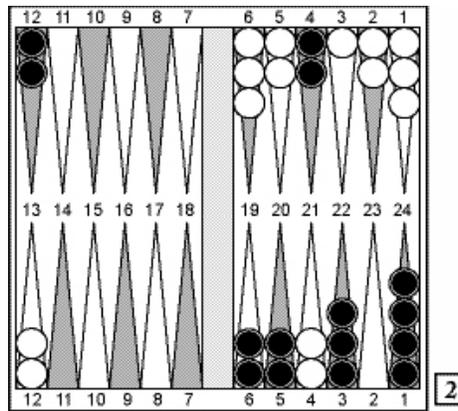
1. Money game. Black on roll. **CUBE ACTION(S)?**



2. Match to 9 points. White leads Black 5 to 2. **BLACK TO PLAY 5-2.**



3. Match to 3 points. No score. **BLACK TO PLAY 3-1.**



Answers:

1. The Snowie analysis says, it's a close double and easy take, but I dropped. I thought there were too many gammons if things go wrong.
2. I was surprised to see that it was right to hit. I thought the extra checker off and the no-repeaters outweighed the few gammons you might get with a hit. Evidently, I was wrong. What about you?
3. I played 6/3, 6/5: third best. Second was $5/2, 3/2, 2/1/17$ is correct.—Phil Simborg. Δ

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Information: 773/583-6464

- Feb. 12 Bar Point Club Doubles Championship, Champs Bar, 17 W. 517 Roosevelt Rd., Oakbrook Terrace, IL
- Feb. 26 Illinois Challenge Cup, Champs, 17 W. 517 Roosevelt Rd., Oakbrook Terr., IL
- Mar. 11 Springfield Series, Peoria Pizza Works, Peoria, IL
- Mar. 17-19 2006 Midwest Backgammon Championships, Wyndham Lisle; Lisle, IL
- Apr. 2 Bar Point Sunday Tournament, Champs Bar, 17 W. 517 Roosevelt Rd., Oakbrook Terrace, IL
- May 26-29 26th Chicago Open, Oak Brook Hills Resort, Oak Brook, IL



2006 BPC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

COMPILED
THRU 31 JAN.

Gary Kay	3.12	Vlad Genkin	1.44	Kwong Chan	0.72
Herb Roman	3.12	Linda Rockwell	1.44	Eric Johnson	0.72
Steve Klesker	2.52	Carter Mattig	1.32	Richard Stawowy	0.72
Tak Morioka	2.46	Boris Dekhtyar	1.12	Dave Settles	0.60
Bill Bartholomay	2.20	Albert Yakobashvili	1.08	Michael Ginat	0.56
Bill Davis	2.20	Jerry Brooks	1.08	Mark Murray	0.48
Georgina Flanagan	2.12	Tim Mabee	0.96	Arline Levy	0.48
Bill Keefe	2.10	Russ Lyutek	0.96	Doug Rodgers	0.48
David Rockwell	2.00	Oleg Raygorodsky	0.84	Larry Goldstein	0.48
Phyllis Smolinski	1.92	Paul Baraz	0.72	Bob Steen	0.32

GARY KAY & HERB ROMAN tied for first in the January points race with 3.12 points each. Steve Klesker placed third with 2.52 points.

If you finish in the top 20 for 2006, you will 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 2007 Illinois State Challenge Cup.



ILLINOIS ACTION



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Tuesday, 6–7 p.m. at The Purple Hotel, 4500 W. Touhy Avenue, Lincolnwood. 847/677-1234.

Sunday Bimonthly, 12:00 noon at Champs Sports Bar, 17 W. 517 Roosevelt Rd., Oakbrook Terrace. 630/691-1888.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL BG CLUB: Tournaments Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Fiesta Ranchera, 2103 N. Veterans Parkway 212, Bloomington. Michael Flohr (309/662-7967).

SANGAMON VALLEY BACKGAMMON ASSOC.: Tournaments Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. at Capitol Teletrack, 1766 W. Wabash Ave., Springfield. Randy Armstrong (217/528-0117).

WINNETKA BG CLUB: Tournaments Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. at Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln, Winnetka. Trudie Chibnik (847/446-0537).

PUB CLUB: Tournaments Thurs., 6:45 p.m. at Playoffs Bar, 720 E. North Ave., Carol Stream. Tim Mabee (630/606-2388).

PEORIA BG CLUB: Tourn. Thurs., 6:30 p.m. at Peoria Pizza Works, 3921 Prospect, Peoria. Ed Zell (309/689-1964).