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Proper Etiquette for Backgammon Spectators By Phil Simborg

Since I haven't seen this in writing, and I have seen many problems and abuses at live tournaments, I thought I would take a shot at providing what I think are the rules that spectators should be expected to follow. I would like to request the ABT, WBA and all backgammon organizations to adopt these rules, or similar ones, and make them a part of tournament policy.

1. Be quiet. Obviously, noise is distracting, but also be careful not to gasp when someone rolls a joker or makes a mistake, as that might alert the player to correct a move or to notice that he has rolled a number that hits or makes a prime or does something wonderful.
2. Remember that in tournaments we don't play "legal moves," so don't say ANYTHING if a player moves illegally

or reads the dice incorrectly.

3. If there is a question or dispute amongst the players as to what the dice were or what the score is, or if a move was legal, DO NOT OFFER YOUR OPINION or make any remarks unless you are asked to BY BOTH PLAYERS or the tournament director.
4. Eating, talking on the phone, dancing to music in your head phones, or anything else that could be distracting is, well, distracting. Sit still, and don't keep coming up to watch and then walking away and then coming back.
5. Do not walk up to a game and ask the score, or make an obvious point of looking at the score sheet. You might be alerting one of the players that he should be doubling (post-Crawford) or should be playing his checkers differently (to go for or prevent gammons, for example).
6. Do not cheer or openly root for a player. That can also be distracting and rude. Save your celebrations for after the match, and do it with grace and sympathy for the loser. Δ

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS Information: 773/583-6464

Aug. 19	Summer Sizzler, Ned Kelly's Steak House, Bloomington, IL
Oct. 7	Bar Point Sunday, Ramada Plaza, 5615 N. Cumberland, Chicago, IL
Oct. 19-21	Illinois State Championships, Holicay Inn-City Centre, Peoria, IL
Nov. 9	Bar Point Club Fall Trophy Tourney, Holiday Inn (formerly Ramada Plaza), 5615 N. Cumberland, Chicago, IL
Dec. 2	Bar Point Sunday, Holiday Inn, 5615 N. Cumberland, Chicago, IL
2/29-3/2	2008 Midwest Backgammon Championships, Wyndham Lisle; Lisle, IL



CHICAGO BAR POINT CLUB 2007 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

COMPILED
THRU 31 JULY

David Rockwell	23.72	Michael Ginat	5.76	Eric Johnson	2.40	Steve Klene	0.72
Rory Pascar	17.26	Steve Klesker	5.76	Paul Franks	2.28	Glenn Martells	0.72
Herb Roman	16.00	Christopher Shanova	5.04	Allen Tish	2.24	Keith Hanson	0.72
Phil Simborg	14.88	Bill Bartholomay	4.64	Linda Rockwell	1.80	Henry Gray	0.72
Bob Zavoral	13.92	Peter Kalba	4.48	Felix Yen	1.68	Ron Wagner	0.64
Tak Morioka	12.48	Gary Kay	4.16	Ken Bond	1.68	Arline Levy	0.64
Albert Yakobashvili	12.24	Alice Kay	4.08	Adrian Rios	1.60	Sargon Benjamin	0.56
Mike Wolock	11.28	Mark Murray	4.04	Richard Stawowy	1.44	James Roston	0.56
Oleg Raygorodsky	10.36	Ken Tyszko	4.00	Kendra Wesley	1.32	Elaine Kehm	0.56
Bill Keefe	9.78	Nora Luna Righter	4.00	Dan Simborg	1.28	John Poulos	0.56
Bill Davis	9.12	Larry Goldstein	3.96	Denise McDermott	1.16	Jerry Brooks	0.48
Roger Hickman	7.72	Dave Settles	3.80	Neil Kazaross	1.12	Tim Stoddard	0.48
Jacob Moreno	7.44	Georgina Flanagan	3.60	Tim Rockwell	1.04	Charles Melidosian	0.48
Tim Mabee	7.24	Wayne Wiest	3.56	Bob Koca	1.04	Bev Loder	0.48
Willis Elias	6.56	Alex Owen	3.48	Paul Baraz	0.96	David Araiza	0.48
Mike Pufpaf	6.52	Royal Robinson	3.44	Les Moshinsky	0.96	Jordan Sanders	0.40
Carter Mattig	6.48	Lucky Nelson	2.96	Dick Nelson	0.84	Wendy Kaplan	0.32
Mike Sutton	6.08	Shaw Dogan	2.88	John Jennings	0.84	Mark Penacho	0.32
Bob Steen	5.84	Lenny Loder	2.56	Harold Elgazar	0.80		

HERB ROMAN won points in four out of five July playdates to collect 5.60 points and top monthly honors. Tak Morioka (3.84) and Bill Davis (3.32) finished second and third respectively.



ILLINOIS ACTION



Bill Davis
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Tuesday, 6:30 P.M. at Ramada Plaza, 5615 N. Cumberland Ave., Chicago. 773/693-5800.

Sunday Bimonthly, 12:00 NOON at Ramada Plaza, 5615 N. Cumberland Ave., Chicago. 773/693-5800

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL BG CLUB: Tournaments Tuesday, 6:00 P.M. at Ned Kelly's Steak House, 1603-A Morrisey Drive, 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).