



# South Florida Regional Backgammon Tournament Saturday - Sunday, May 21 & 22, 1983

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#### Saturday - 3:00 P.M., 6:00 P.M. & 9:00 P.M. STAGGERED STARTING TIMES:

This format enables participants to attend the tournament on a schedule which is the most convenient. A unique feature in these tournaments is second chance re-entries. Those eliminated in the preliminary rounds have a another chance at all the top prizes. A maximum of three (3) of the final eight (8) will come from second chance re-entries.

#### Sunday - 3:00 P.M. Play-off & Consolations Sunday - 8:00 P.M. Doubles Tournament

	Open	Intermediate	Novice	
Entrance Fees	\$100	\$50	\$25	
Second Chance Re-Entry	\$ 40	\$20	\$10	

# **FRONT COVER**

Lindsey and Leslie Boyd getting in practice on ferry from Spain to No. Africa. Background is the "real" Rock of Gibraltar.

# **BACK COVER**

L to R Mike Corbett, finalist, Emily Fisher, Jim Yesbick and Sea Shanty Restaurants owner Dave Kleiman at 1982 Monte Carlo World Championships.



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# SEVENTH ANNUAL BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIPS

# METROPOLITAN OPEN

# FRI - SAT - MAY 27-28, 1983

# NEW YORK OPEN

SUN., MAY 29, 1983

(Two (2) Separate Tournaments)



#### 51ST STREET & LEXINGTON AVENUE . NEW YORK, N. Y. 10022

Fri., May 27 - Metropolitan Open 4:00 P.M., 7:00 P.M., 10:00 P.M. Sat., May 28 - 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Staggered starting times. This is a special concept of the International Backgammon Association. Players may start playing in the tournament Friday or Saturday. This format enables participants to attend the tournaments on a schedule which is most convenient. Second chance re-entries will be allowed as time permits.

Sat., 8 P.M. - Metropolitan open play-offs commence after re-draw of qualified players and auction. Play will continue to conclusion.

	OPEN	INTERMEDIATE	NOVICE
Entrance Fees	\$150	\$80	\$30
Second Chance Fees	\$50	\$30	\$15

**Doubles Tournament** - Concurrent with other events. Fee \$150; re-entry \$100, \$10.00 Brunch & Beverage charge in Intermediate and Novice Divisions.

No charge in open. 100% of Entrance Fees returned to eventual winners. Winner 44%, Finalist 22%, Semi-Finalist (2) 11% each, Quarter finalist (4) 3% each. A unique feature in these tournaments is second chance re-entries. Those eliminated in the preliminary rounds have another chance at all the top prizes.

A Maximum of twelve (12) of the final thirty two (32) places will come from reentries.

Sunday, May 29 — Brunch 11:30 - 1:30 P.M. at Maude's NEW YORK OPEN

Sunday 2:00 P.M. - Play commences, conventional format

4:00 P.M. - consolations for losing players

9:00 P.M. - Doubles play-offs

**Monday 11:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M. -** Memorial Day, conclusion of all unfinished matches. Playing room available for private play.

	OPEN	INTERMEDIATE	NOVICE
Entrance Fee	\$150	\$80	\$40

80% OF ALL FEES RETURNED TO PLAYERS POOL Main event 80%, Consolation 20%,

Winner 60%, Finalist 20%, Semi-Finalist (2) 10% each. INTERNATIONAL BACKGAMMON ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES Life \$100 One Year Regular \$20 Two-Month Trial \$10

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Fri., June 3 - 4:00 P.M., 7:00 P.M., 10:00 P.M. Sat., June 4 - 1 P.M., 4 P.M. Staggered starting times. This is a special concer

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Saturday 9:00 P.M. - Doubles tournament \$100 per team Sunday June 5 - Breakfast Brunch 9 A.M. - 2 P.M. Rib Room, Holiday Inn Sunday 12 Noon - Play-offs and consolations in all divisions Sunday 4 P.M. - Jackpot Tournament

Entrance Fee	<b>OPEN</b> \$120	<b>INTERMEDIATE</b> \$60	<b>NOVICE</b> \$30
Second Chance Re-entry	\$40	\$20	\$10
100% OF EN	TRANCE FEES WILL	BE RETURNED TO EVENTUA	L WINNERS

THERE WILL BE A \$10 BRUNCH & BEVERAGE CHARGE IN ALL DIVISIONS

A special feature is second chance re-entries. A format similar to the one used in the Las Vegas Tournaments. Those eliminated in the preliminary rounds have another chance at all the top prozes. A maximum of three (3) of the final eight (8) players will come from reentries.

Southbound Directions - Exit 41 West to Trail, South to Inn.

# TOURNAMENT HOTEL RATE \$30.00 single \$35.00 double

# Add \$5.00 for Bay view

Children Free in room with adults

LATE CHECK OUT SUNDAY 3:00 P.M. FREE DOCKAGE FOR CONTESTANTS

# AMOUNT OF CHANCE IN KNOCK-OUT TOURNAMENTS

**Computer simulation by Pentti Karppanen** 



Everyone who has played backgammon, knows that the best player does not always win. Lady Luck quite often turns the cube for the weaker player to win occasionally, although in the long run the better eventually collects more wins.

How great is exactly the effect of chance or more presicely, what is the probability that the best player wins the tournament? Next follows the results of an experiment, which is based on some simplyfied hypothetical assumptions. Anyway, the results may give some clues for real competition probabilities.

Let us consider a 16 player knockout tournament and name the players A, B,..., P so that A is the strongest and P the weakest player. It is assumed that the player's single game winning probabilities differ by 2 % so that A's winning probability is 65 % (means that A's average of won games in this company is 65 %), B's 63 % and so on until P's winning probability in a single game is 35 %. The matches are played to 9 points. It is also assumed that half of the games are of 2 point value (gammon or doubled).

Under these assumptions were first the single match probabilities produced by simulating matches of every possible strength difference 1000 times each. They are presented in table 1.

Strengt ferend		Winning pro- bability %
2	2	54.5
4	1	59.6
(	5	64.4
8	3	69.3
10	)	73.4
12	2	77.4
14	1	81.0
16	5	84.0
18	3	87.0
20	0	89.2
22	2	92.0
24	4	94.0
20	5	95.6
28	8	96.8
30	0	97.8
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Table 1. Winning probability in9-point match

From the table we can see that A defeats B (strength difference 2 %) with a probability of 54.5 % and P (strength difference 30 %) with a probability of 97.8 %.

The assumed 16 players play now a conventional knock-out tournament at random draw. The question is, what is the probability that a given player wins the whole tournament.

### **Computer simulation**

The tournament was now simulated 10000 times by a computer drawing the selection (playing order) every time at random. The outcome of each pairwise match between players was produced using random numbers and the probabilities of table 1. The results are in table 2.

Player	Wins
А	2870
В	2131
С	1555
D	1138
E	824
F	524
G	360
Н	226
Ι	160
J	99
K	65
L	29
M	11
N	2
0	4
Р	2

Table 2. Results of 10000 simulated tournaments

We can see from the table that even the best player cannot expect to win more than every third or fourth tournament. This might give some consolation for previous champions when they do not win every tournament. Even the weakest player has a theoretical chance to win. The somewhat suprising figures can be explained by the knock-out system. One loss drops you out.

Player	Wins %		
Α	28.0		
В	23.3		
С	16.3		
D	13.7		
Е	6.8		
F	5.8		
G	3.3		
Н	1.7		
I	0.5		
J	0.3		
K	0.2		
L	0.1		
Μ	0.05		
N	0		
0	0		
Р	0		

Table 3. Results of seeded simulation

#### Effect of seeded draw

A question may arise, whether a seeded draw can increase the better player's probabilities. This was investigated by a second simulation experiment.

The eight best players were seeded to the cheme so that the better players need not play against each others on the beginning rounds. The other eight players were drawed at random. So were 2000 tournaments simulated giving the results in table 3.

#### Discussion

Comparing tables 3 and 2 it is found out, that the seed has not increased A's probability to win the tournament but improved B's, C's and D's possibilities. The luck element is still very high. How could we reduce the effect of chance and get the skill to play a more dominant role? One much used way is to lengthen the single match to 11 or more points. This reduces the variation in a single match but not very fast. Another maybe more efficient system is to play a complete serie where each player meets every other player. Less information is then lost compared to knock-out system.

When looking the results of this experiment one must keep in mind the assumptions made. Different assumptions would give different results. Playing longer matches would increase the final differences. In practice the players often are more even in strength which produces smaller final differencies. It should also be noticed that the figures in the tables are not exactly calculated but produced by simulation. This means a bit uncertainty in the figures. However, depending on the great number of simulations, the uncertainty is quite small, about 1 %.



STEVE AVERY PLAYING KEN COHEN AT THE SUMMIT IN NEW YORK.



BEAUTIFUL EILEEN BRENNER IS ONE OF THE WINNERS IN THE BAHAMAS.



ALFRED DUPONT DENT, JOEL SILVERMAN, MIKE CORBETT AT AWARDS PRESENTATION, HOTEL DE PARIS, MONACO.

8th ANNUAL

# World Backgammon Championship.

PRESENTED BY LA SOCIÉTÉ DES BAINS DE MER MONTE CARLO JULY 4-10, 1983

With the participation of La Direction Du Tourisme et des

Congrès de la Principauté de Monaco



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# MERIT

# CONDITIONS

I. PARTICIPATION IN THE MERIT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IS BY INVITATION ONLY. THE SPONSORS AND/OR THE COMMITTEE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY APPLICATION WITHOUT GIVING A REASON.

# 2. ENTRY FEES

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT INTERMEDIATE FLIGHT **BEGINNERS FLIGHT** SBM REGISTRATION FEES

\$500 \$200 \$100 \$ 50 Guests of SBM hotels \$100 All other players 100% OF ALL ENTRY MONEY WILL BE RETURNED TO THE

WINNERS.

# AUCTION DINNER

All players\* are invited to the Auction Dinner as guests of THE TERRACES AT TURNBERRY

- 3. THE FIXED ODDS BETTING SERVICE (ANTE POST) WILL BE IN OPERATION EVERY DAY.
- 4. CHILDREN AND PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE TOURNAMENT ROOMS.
- 5. SIXTY TROPHIES HAVE BEEN KINDLY DONATED BY COGNAC COURVOISIER.

# HOTEL RESERVATIONS

All reservations must be accompanied by \$100 deposit. Cheques should be made out to the Hotel of your choice and sent to one of the Regional Agents listed on this invitation. Due to very high seasonal demand players are advised to book accommodation as early as possible. Although a substantial number of rooms have been allocated for the World Championship, reservations a cannot be guaranteed after June 20, 1983. No deposit cheques will be refunded after June 20, 1983.

\* Other Dinner Guests \$50

# PAST WINNERS

1976	Joe Dwek (UK)
1977	Jean Noel Grinda (France)
1978	Richard de Surmont (France)
1979	Luigi Villa (Italy)
1980	Walter Coratella (Mexico)
1981	Lee Genud (U.S.À.)
1982	Jacques Michel (Switzerland)

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# BACKGAMMON TOURNAMENT PROGRAMME

Monday July 4th

10:00am – 6:00pm Registration of players in the Sporting d'Hiver, Place du Casino

8:00pm Opening Reception. Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres, Salle Blanche, Monte Carlo Casino. Hosted by Salle Americaine, Monte Carlo Casino 8:00pm Opening of Fixed Odds Book

8:00pm Warm Up Backgammon Tournament (limited re-entries) \$2,500 prize money donated by SBM, no entry fee

Tuesday July 5th 4:00pm Play commences all flights. Sporting d'Hiver

Wednesday July 6th

1:00pm Jackpot Tournament. \$750 entry fee. Sporting d'Hiver 4:00pm Play continues. Intermediates and Beginners. Sporting d'Hiver 9:00pm Auction Dinner. Compliments of the **Terraces at Turnberry** Salles des Etoiles. All players welcome (64 players to be sold)

Thursday July 7th 4:00pm Play continues all flights. Sporting d'Hiver

Friday July 8th 4:00pm Play continues all flights. Sporting d'Hiver

Saturday July 9th 4:00pm Jackpot Final 4:00pm Ist Consolation Semi-Final and Final 4:00pm 2nd Consolation Semi-Final and Final 4:00pm Championship Flight Semi-Finals (Closed Circuit TV)

Sunday July 10th 1:00pm Last Chance commences 3:00pm Merit World Championship Challenge Final (Closed Circuit TV) 9:00pm Prize Giving Reception. Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres, Salle Empire, Hotel de Paris

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N.E. Backgammon Club Benefits for Children's Hospital Medical center will be Fri-Sun, Sept. 9-11, 1983 at Hyatt Regency Cambridge.

## MONTE CARLO

#### By Rudy Maxa

In Monte Carlo one summer afternoon, a tanned, middle-aged woman stepped onto a private beach and spied an old friend. "Darling, you look so pale," she said with obvious concern. "You aren't **working** for a living are you?"

While the rest of the world works, Monte Carlo plays, and once a year, beginning around July fourth, Monte Carlo plays backgammon. That's when the elegant principality hosts the world's most prestigious and best-attended backgammon tournament. A bevy of countesses, princes, champions and other professional sharpies arrive to try their luck for the biggest tournament stakes backgammon offers — winners can take home tens of thousands of dollars.

This July's Eighth Annual Merit Backgammon Championship promises action under the direction of London's Lewis Deyong, and for six days, even the most jaded player will feel his or her pulse pound.

Some of the best players like Monte Carlo because they feel at home in a place where many of the residents don't hold regular jobs. (The absence of income, property and inheritance taxes makes Monaco a favorite nesting place for millionaires.) Big time players also feel comfortable in a locale where gambling is second nature. After all, it was gambling that changed Monaco in 1860 from a scrubby footnote on the Cote d'Azure to an elegant place where Rolls Royces joust for parking spaces outside the casino.

Which is not to say that you have to have a title or a fortune to enjoy the annual tournament in Monte Carlo. The beginner and intermediate divisions are well attended, too, and any boy from Cleveland might walk away a few thousand dollars richer than when he arrived. (I confess that for two years now, I've tried to be that boy from Cleveland, my birthplace, and have failed.)

#### But I have no regrets.

First of all, tournament play occurs late in the afternoon, beginning around 4 o'clock and lasting perhaps a couple of hours. Which leaves plenty of time for dinner at 9 or 10 o'clock, a customary hour for inhabitants of the French Riviera. The day can be spent sunbathing or sightseeing in the quiet hills behind Nice or Cannes; to make backgammon a round-the-clock pursuit - and some addicted players do with private games in smoke-filled hotel rooms is to miss the beauty of the setting. You might as well be in, well, Cleveland.

Play commences each afternoon in three, high-ceiling rooms in Monaco's "sporting palace," just steps away from the casino and Hotel de Paris. Wooden backgammon boards the color of a pack of Merit cigarettes line long rows of tables.

In the last couple of years, Yorkshire terriers as decorative accessories, clutched by women to their sides like handbags, have been the rage. The pets seemed comfortable in the crook of the arms of their mistresses, though I saw some impatient ones draw rebukes when they licked the faces of their owners' Cartier Santus sports watches, the heavy looking gold ones with the rivet-like stainless steel screws.

"The terriers' mistresses tend to be blonde, long and slinky, be they models, actresses or singers — or royalty, from the Duchess d'Orleans to Princess Caroline," reported the International Herald Tribune two summers ago when the rage began. In France, women pay \$700 for the pick of the litter that best matches their wardrobes.

Which is another reason to make the trip: people-watching is at its best. I remember eating dinner one night last summer at an Italian restaurant near the casino, Rampoldi's, when I spotted an exoticlooking blonde eating pasta with what, from a distance, appeared to be a small cat perched on her bare shoulder.

Curious, I weaved my way toward her booth. The closer I got, the more bizarre the pet appeared. When I arrived at their table, she and her companions gave me a withering stare.

"It ees a monkey," she said in a chilly tone of voice that seemed to suggest I was underdressed for not having a small primate of my own to nibble on my ear.

You can't buy that kind of scene in many other places.

At the black-tie auction dinner one evening, I noticed an elderly gentleman with silver hair, the

# LOUISIANA STATE NEW ORLEANS, LA. 2/16-2/18, 1983

WinnerJim Baroff
Finalist Lee Genud
Semi-Finalist Danny Mayfield
Semi-Finalist Howard Ring
Quarter Finalist Nat Beresin
Quarter Finalist Vlad Dobrich
Quarter Finalist Richard Katz
Quarter Finalist Ismet Demirel

#### LADIES PRIZE

Lee Genud

#### **OPEN CONSOLATION**

Winner ..... Carmen Tomlinson Finalist ..... Wendy Kaplan

#### INTERMEDIATE

Winner	 •	•	•	Rick Alpern
Finalist		•	•	Arnold Freeman
Semi-Finalist			•	. Ron Williamson
Semi-Finalist	 •		•	Martha Ghio
	 •		•	Larry Ryan
				Ronn Waller

#### INTERMEDIATE CONSOLATION

Winner ..... Merryman Russell Finalist .....Earl Schara Marquis d'Arcangues, of Biarittz, Switzerland, with his blond girlfriend, the Baroness von Meks. I remarked to a British gentleman seated next to me that the marquis seemed a good deal older than the baroness.

"Yes," said my dinner partner, "and he doesn't seem to mind at all, does he?"

Seated near the marquis and the baroness was a duke who told his tablemates that people ate like savages before his ancestors invented the dinner fork. I dubbed him the duke of Fork, a possible rival to the earl of Sandwich.

And no visit would be complete with stopping in Jimmy'z, the disco of the beautiful young people of Monaco. Wear white — it shows off your tan nicely — and be prepared to drop \$20 per drink. That's any drink, including milk and orange juice. You're paying for the show, not what's in the glass.

To get to Monte Carlo, fly to London or Paris and then on to Nice. There's public transportation to Monte Carlo, but I'd suggest a rental car for side trips during the week. If you want to stay in luxury, any of the Societe des Bains de Mer, or sea bathing society, hotels will fit the bill. That includes the posh Hotel de Paris (about \$125-a-night for a double) or the Hermitage (about \$100-a-night). If you want something that reminds you of America, the Loew's Hotel is right in the middle of the action, has its own casino and is modern rather than classic European. Reservations are a must before you depart.

As of this writing, the American dollar is fetching a record-breaking 7.2 francs. Can you afford, darling, to miss a single moment of the action? Of course not. But, please, if you're traveling from the United States, leave your terrier at home; it'll simplify things at customs. You can pick up a monkey as a companion after you arrive.



#### To Fellow Gammoners:

While enjoying a beautiful week at Les & Sue Boyd's Vermont/Canadian Tournament, a very special event each year for my children and myself. I had a few thoughts I want to share with you.

Before I departed for Vermont, someone commented about their distaste for the style of the Boyd's event. After all, seemingly unlimited buy-backs, rather random scheduling, deleted prize money (paying 8 or 16 per event) and the shocking news of being one of 3 finalists! What disaster!

So, I listened and recollected my own trials and tribulations with Les's style and considered my own views of "how things should be done."

But you know, bottom line I am grateful to Les and Sue for their enormous effort and contribution to Backgammon, a job few of us are doing!

They do deliver — a nice social atmosphere, pleasant surroundings, with 24 hours of backgammon and more opportunity for the average player to win a little money. Without the mid-level player we will have no growth in the tournaments.

For this, we should throw stones? I say bless them, and suggest that rules pickers should stay home.

Fondly, Lee



coke, grass, amys, ludes, speed or alcohol, and proceed at your own risk!

SEX! Does it really go better with coke? With alcohol? With grass?

It does and it doesn't. The real answer is knotted into a tangle of secondary questions — who's taking it? How much? And why? Whether you feel strongly for or against the use of drugs, one thing is certain: their use with sex is commonplace today.

As a sexually active adult, I remember just a few years back when a certain variety of the Cannabis plant began the revolution to turn you on make you feel good. It's been called by various names: grass, pot, marijuana, weed, and so forth. Very few younger singles can say grass has not been proffered them at one time or another by a prospective lover who may have subtly hinted at smoking a joint - or offered a direct "Hey baby, wanna get high?" Perhaps, excepting certain cloistered nuns, every active single around has heard of these or similar enticements.

With decriminalization for possession of small amounts, common usage, and more social acceptance, it looks like marijuana is here to stay. But what about the others? What are the new turn-ons?

Set drugs can be narrowed down to two categories: Uppers and Downers.

#### DOWNERS

Ask yoursen this question, "Why are single bars so popular?" If you place alcohol in its perspective as an aphrodisiac (a loaf of bread, a jug of wine and thou) you readily come up with the answer. If grass has been with us for generations, what about wine? Think of the images linked with alcohol. Demon rum makes you crazy. Too many drinks and respectable ladies may proposition the stranger in the corner or start taking their clothes off - or men become animals or try to pick a fight with anyone at all. Champagne and candle-light dinners - fraternity parties with chug-a-lug contests - and nubile coeds, tipsied, giggling their way to bed — all varied reactions to alcohol.

What does alcohol do exactly? It has different reactions — sometimes paradoxically contradictory. It can make you feel euphoric or depressed. It can relax you for sex or, in excess, lead to impotence. Some drinkers get loud and obstreperous — others quiet and timid. But alcohol, the aphrodisiac, releases inhibitions — lets the hair down so the shy reticent female now finds herself seducee. (Or seducer!) And frequently the guy at the bar finds a stiff drink can help him muster up enough courage to ask the blond next to him her name.

Besides alcohol, what about the other downers? There's the kaleidoscopic world of tranquilizers: Valium (the No. 1 pill seller in the world with over 57 million prescriptions a year), Librium (over 15 million prescriptions a year), Meprobamate, Thorazine, Serentil, Elavil, Triavil, Atarax, Serax, Sinequan, Tranxene and, of course,



DR.JIM YEZBECK, INTERMEDIATE WINNER 1382 WORLDS CHAMPIONSHIPS, MONACO those ever so popular Quaaludes or in street terms simply "ludes" or "714's."

The drug industry is spending millions of dollars to promote their solution to the anxiety market. Kathy, an old friend, came to my office angered with a physician who prescribed 10 mg Valiums for her. She felt belligerent enough to exclaim, "I'm going to sue that S.O.B. Doctor.' Feeling I might be next on the chopping block, I timidly asked why. "Because I'm more depressed now than I was and I can't get off of them," she cried. More doctors now realize that tranquilizers, anti-depressants, and mood elevators often cause more problems than those they were meant to cure.

Methaqualone, the generic name for Quaaludes or Parest, was simply a good sleeping pill until someone ingeniously noted it brought on relaxation for more sexual enjoyment. It quickly became the "in" drug often offered by the hopeful studs at the local disco with hope of quick sexual adventures. Like grass and alcohol, Quaaludes also act as depressants allowing one to lose his or, more frequently, her inhibitions, lay back and enjoy sex. However, too much can mean too loose - then no response - actually the problem that the "ludes" were meant to conquer. I nere are over a million prescriptions for Quaaludes written every year. I feel certain that very tew of these are used for sleeping.

#### UPPERS

The major sexual stimulants popular today are cocaine (the white lady), amphetamines (speed), and amyl nitrites (amys or poppers).

First, let's consider cocaine, variously referred to as coke, the lady, snow, toot, the queen, etc. "Coke adds life" is more than an ad for a soft drink. Its cost? Economic disaster! This may be part of the appeal. Haven't you ever wanted to try a small glass of wine from a \$500.00 bottle just to see what it tastes like? I have. Costly things (gold, diamonds, furs, champagne and caviar) turn people on, and so does coke. (An evening of coke for two can cost \$800.00!)

In any case, young, old, bohemian artists, school teachers, backgammon players, athletes, musicians, nurses and doctors are all sniffing the white powder. Coke is reported to be a great come on. "Just tell 'em you got some coke," the man sitting next to me in a local Fort Lauderdale disco confided, "and these broads will fall all over ya." Jet Set singles know they can probably catalyze more interest in prospective partners when a hint of coke is in the offing.

What does this white powder do? Medically it's been used by physicians to anesthetize the mucous membrane lining of the passages in the nose. A side reaction is the vasoconstriction or narrowing of the blood vessels in the nose. I had one patient in her early twenties who showed me she had no nasal septum as a result of snorting too much cocaine. But users claim it is The Lady, the queen of all recreational drugs. They say it removes all cobwebs from the mind so that creativity flows. Countless of people pay millions of dollars for this illicit sexual turn on. Grass and coke used together bring on a general euphoria and anticipation for that sexual no-no. (A no-no in the bedroom is apparently simply something you haven't tried yet. After you've tried it, it's no longer a no-no).

Less common is amyl nitrite, a prescription-only drug, which is used for a neart condition called angina. The popular use for amys, however, is really love-making, not the relieving of chest pain in an aged heart patient. Users claim when inhaled during an orgasm, the ecstacies of sexual delight are intensified.

Amphetamines (or speed) have been precribed by physicians for appetite control. This is no longer recommended as studies indicated people did not lose weight on a long term basis and abuse was widespread. Karen, a rather thin 21 year old, came into my office and asked for a prescription for Dexamyl. When I gave her a bewildered look she pleaded, "But please, Doctor, they make me feel good." Many amphetamines have already been taken off the market. Few doctors now prescribe them for weight control. Their popularity for getting high is waning, just as cocaine is thriving.

Quaaludes are also prescriptiononly. The last patient I prescribed them for was a 69 year old lady who related, "They're the only pills I can sleep with, Doctor." This was two years ago and on retrospect I'm more certain her grandson put her up to asking me for them. They sell for \$4.00 to \$6.00 a pill on the street with an approximate 'retail cost of ten cents each — a big enough profit to make selling counterfeit Quaaludes (bootleggers or "booties") a thriving business.

What about the drawbacks to these drugs? Aside from the legal ramifications (possession is no longer criminally prosecuted — dealing is another story), the physical and emotional aspects are multifaceted.

**Grass,** the increasingly popular Cannabis plant, has incurred to date no proven medical ill effects, although current research indicates that when used in excess there may be some genetic disturbances.

Coke, "The Lady," brings on the highs - unfortunately those lows are right behind. "Who gives a hoot if you take a toot?" True, it's non-addicting, but psychological dependence is possible. (Of course, this is true of any drug). Depression, loss of appetite, weight loss, and lethargy are all side effects from too frequent use of cocaine. Nasal membrane damage with constant sniffing is frequently observed. Most street cocaine is cut with impurities which include mannitol, xylocaine, amphetamine, strychnine, and a slew of other compounds. While the coke you toot may not get you, the fillers can be lethal.

Amys can cause a severe headache by cerebral vasodilation, a dilating of the blood vessels in the brain. The tachycardia (fast heart beat) can be dangerous for those with weak hearts. I know of no actual studies done on this drug as a recreationa vehicle.

Butyl nitrite (not the same as pres cription – only amyl nitrite) is sold in local head shops under brand names such as Locker Room, Rush, or Pop pers. I would certainly advise anyone to distrust these substitutes for inha lation.

**Speed** can be habit forming and a certain depression or let down feeling is noted after the amphetamine wears off. It can elevate blood pressure and, in high doses, mimic schizophrenic reactions.

Alcohol is still a favorite aphrodisiac - socially accepted almost everywhere. Still, dependence or addiction (the difference is really just a matter of semantics), cirrhosis of the liver, gastritis and malnutrition are alcohol related ailments seen everyday by the practicing physician. Alcohol is two-faced as overuse leads to impotence whereas small quantities relax one for sexual encounters. Crashing before ever "getting it on" is a common occurrence with the totally inebriated. And with prolonged indulgence, out-and-out alcoholism is always a threat.

So whether it's grass, speed, coke, amys, ludes, or Cutty Sark-and-water, it can be overdone. Use often leads to overuse, then abuse.

Like it or dislike it but you cannot ignore the fact that drugs are a very real part of American culture today.

One wonders — why? Sex by itself is great exercise and probably the best remedy around for emotional stress. Sex by itself is normal, natural and wholesome. Sex by itself satisfies basic needs and besides being fun, it's great for the complexion. Recently a friend who was "heavy into drugs" came to me excited about a new high he had "discovered: deep breaths of fresh air." I would be happy to prescribe this high for everyone.

This Rx may be renewed prn.



X to Play 5-4. by Paul Magriel

#### What's Your Play?

The correct play is 24/20 and  $6/1^*$  (splitting your back runners with a 4 to the twenty point, and hitting on your one point with a 5).

The key question is, why do we hit on our one point? Let's first dismiss the usual reasons. Clearly, there is little hope that your opponent will stay out. Also, we hardly gain at all in the race — if we are hit back by a 1, in fact, we will lose considerable ground. Furthermore, even if 0 should miss our blot on the one point as he reenters, it would be premature to cover since the one point is too far advanced in our inner board.

Before we can explain the hit, let's look at the other half of the play splitting the back runners. In the position in the diagram we are seriously behind in development. To compensate for this, we would like to establish an advanced point in 0's inner board — especially the twenty point (0's five point). This point is usually considered by experts to be the single most valuable point to own in the early stages of the game. As much as we want this point, however, we are reluctant to put a man on it. There are many opposing builders bearing on the twenty point, and the danger of being pointed on is too great.

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Now the reason for hitting in our inner board becomes clear. Hitting on the one point serves as covering fire to protect the man we split to the twenty point. By distracting our opponent momentarily, we greatly increase our chances of surviving and making the twenty point. Even if 0 hits us on the one point, this may increase the number of ways to re-enter and establish the twenty point. Since 0 must use half of his roll to re-enter, there is no way (barring doubles) that he can immediately make the twenty point.

Such a play, where you hit for the purpose of creating a momentary distraction, is called a tempo play.



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	Open	Intermediate	Beginner
Entrance Fee	\$200	\$100	\$40
Another Chance Re-Entry	\$ 50	\$ 25	\$10

No registration fees 100% of entrance fees. 90% auction will be returned to players. (Checks may be made payable to Multiple Scierosis) Winner 40%, Finalist 20%, Sem Finalist (2) 10% each. Quarter Finalist (4) 2% each. Woman's Bonus 4% Prize Distri-bution may be changed depending on number of entrants.

**EIGHTH ANNUAL** 

# CANADIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Conventional format

SATURDAY - AUG. 6 - 4 P.M. - Canadian Open commences. SUNDAY - AUG. 7 - Noon - Canadian Open continues to conclusion

Intermediate Beginner Consolations in all divisions Open \$200

\$100 \$60



Doubles concurrent with other events \$100.00 per team

NOTE: Space is limited call immediately for Hotel Reservation



