

Illinois State Challenge Cup

The Illinois State Challenge Cup is a trophy that has been competed for since 1981. That's when Jeff Henry founded the tournament for the three Chicagoland clubs in existence at the time. Eventually the competition expanded to include all of the downstate backgammon clubs to make it truly a State Championship.

Each year the top six players from each club in Illinois are invited to participate. Each person plays a match against someone from all of the other teams. Usually the person will play someone who is ranked in the same spot as they are on their team. At the end of the day, the team with the best record takes home the trophy and revels in the glory that they are the #1 backgammon club in the state of Illinois for that year.

A special thanks go to Bar Point Club director Bill Davis. His active participation in the event has made it into what it is today, one of the most exciting tournaments of the year for Illinois Backgammon players.

Ed Zell - Director Emeritus, Peoria Backgammon Club

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Team	# of wins	Years played
Bar Point Club	12	27
Pub Club	6	29
Gammons	4	5
Peoria	4	25
Bloomington-Normal	3	19
Sangamon Valley	1	24
Winnetka	0	21
Games People Play	0	6
Prime	0	5
Tuley Park	0	4
Pub Club West	0	2
Chicago BG Assoc	0	1



Year	Winning Team	# of teams	Year	Winning Team	# of teams
1981	Gammons	3	1997	Pub Club	8
1982	Gammons	3	1998	Bar Point Club	7
1983 *	Gammons	2	1999 *	Bloomington-Normal	5
1984	Gammons	3	2000 *	Pub Club	7
1985	Bar Point Club	3	2001	Peoria	7
1986	CIBC / Peoria	3	2002	Pub Club	8
1987	Bar Point Club	4	2003	Bloomington-Normal	7
1988	Bar Point Club	6	2004	Bar Point Club	6
1989 *	Bar Point Club	5	2005	Bar Point Club	5
1990	Bar Point Club	6	2006	Bar Point Club	6
1991	CIBC / Peoria	5	2007	Bar Point Club	5
1992	Pub Club	7	2008 *	Peoria	6
1993	Pub Club	7	2009	Sangamon Valley	6
1994	Bloomington-Normal	7	2010	Bar Point Club	7
1995	Pub Club	7			
1996	Bar Point Club	7			

* Playoff Required

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Most Cups Won in the Fewest Years

Player Name	Years	Cups Won	Wins	Loses	Win %
Tak Morioka	24	13	77	28	0.733
Bill Davis	13	6	31	29	0.516
Tim Mabee	17	6	57	36	0.612
Sarg Serges	6	5	14	17	0.451
Herb Roman	7	5	23	14	0.621
Howard Markowitz	8	5	11	13	0.458
Gary Kay	9	5	30	16	0.652
Yamin Yamin	10	5	28	18	0.608
Harry Cohn	6	4	19	7	0.730
Kurt Schurecht	7	4	27	15	0.642
VW Zimnicki	12	4	34	32	0.515
Mark Murray	13	4	33	40	0.452
Phil Martorelli	4	3	2	6	0.250
Deeb Shalati	5	3	16	7	0.695
Phyllis Smolinski	7	3	18	20	0.473
Lucky Nelson	8	3	21	11	0.656
David Rockwell	9	3	29	15	0.659
Bob Zavoral	9	3	32	17	0.653
Doc Rushford	9	3	29	18	0.617
William Hutchison	12	3	38	33	0.535
Jim Zimmerman	17	3	46	46	0.500
John Damien	2	2	5	6	0.454
Lou Salzman	3	2	14	4	0.777
Gene Chait	3	2	3	1	0.750
Ira Hoffberg	4	2	10	9	0.526
Don Desmond	4	2	5	5	0.500
Dave Cramer	5	2	10	12	0.454
Jake Jacobs	6	2	23	11	0.676
Carter Mattig	7	2	18	21	0.461
Steve Tennant	8	2	19	16	0.542
Gary Daniels	8	2	17	29	0.369
Joe Wollick	8	2	16	29	0.355
Linda Rockwell	9	2	24	24	0.500
Randy Reiff	11	2	32	32	0.500
Fouad Malouf	14	2	39	35	0.527
Mike Flohr	16	2	46	43	0.516
John Jennings	16	2	45	45	0.500
Ed Zell	17	2	51	43	0.542

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Most Years Played

Player Name	Years	Cups Won	Wins	Loses	Win %
Tak Morioka	24	13	77	28	0.733
Ed Bauder	22	1	55	47	0.539
Greg Tomlin	18	1	50	47	0.515
Tim Mabee	17	6	57	36	0.612
Jim Zimmerman	17	3	46	46	0.500
Ed Zell	17	2	51	43	0.542
Randy Armstrong	17	1	45	47	0.489
Milad Doueihi	17	1	43	47	0.477
Mike Flohr	16	2	46	43	0.516
John Jennings	16	2	45	45	0.500
Ben Zemaitis	16	0	43	42	0.505
Ed Buerger	15	0	36	49	0.423
Trudie Chibnik	15	0	29	54	0.349
Fouad Malouf	14	2	39	35	0.527
Mark Kaye	14	0	34	41	0.453
Bill Davis	13	6	31	29	0.516
Mark Murray	13	4	33	40	0.452
Cliff Mayoh	13	1	35	37	0.486
VW Zimnicki	12	4	34	32	0.515
William Hutchison	12	3	38	33	0.535
Randy Reiff	11	2	32	32	0.500
Sue Will	11	1	29	27	0.517
Michael Plog	11	1	30	30	0.500
Dick Nelson	11	1	25	34	0.423
Yamin Yamin	10	5	28	18	0.608
Gary Kay	9	5	30	16	0.652
David Rockwell	9	3	29	15	0.659
Bob Zavoral	9	3	32	17	0.653
Doc Rushford	9	3	29	18	0.617
Linda Rockwell	9	2	24	24	0.500
Faddoul Khoury	9	1	25	22	0.531
Jena Jennings	9	1	24	23	0.510
Howard Markowitz	8	5	11	13	0.458
Lucky Nelson	8	3	21	11	0.656
Steve Tennant	8	2	19	16	0.542
Gary Daniels	8	2	17	29	0.369
Joe Wollick	8	2	16	29	0.355
Kathy Bauder	8	1	14	11	0.560
Earl Risch	8	1	16	16	0.500
Marty Tatosian	8	0	23	19	0.547
Reggie Porter	8	0	17	30	0.361

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Best Winning Percentage Minimum 4 Years

Player Name	Years	Cups Won	Wins	Loses	Win %
Tak Morioka	24	13	77	28	0.733
Harry Cohn	6	4	19	7	0.730
Deeb Shalati	5	3	16	7	0.695
Neil Kazaross	4	1	15	7	0.681
Jake Jacobs	6	2	23	11	0.676
David Rockwell	9	3	29	15	0.659
Lucky Nelson	8	3	21	11	0.656
Bob Zavoral	9	3	32	17	0.653
Gary Kay	9	5	30	16	0.652
Kurt Schurecht	7	4	27	15	0.642
Herb Roman	7	5	23	14	0.621
Marcy Sloan	4	0	13	8	0.619
Doc Rushford	9	3	29	18	0.617
Peter Kalba	5	1	16	10	0.615
Tim Mabee	17	6	57	36	0.612
Yamin Yamin	10	5	28	18	0.608
Josh Riddell	4	0	14	9	0.608
Mark Ryan	4	0	14	9	0.608
JA Miller	6	0	22	15	0.594
Cinda King	5	1	13	9	0.590
Dave Cornwall	4	1	12	9	0.571
Kathy Bauder	8	1	14	11	0.560
Marty Tatosian	8	0	23	19	0.547
Rory Pascar	4	1	12	10	0.545
Steve Tennant	8	2	19	16	0.542
Ed Zell	17	2	51	43	0.542
Ed Bauder	22	1	55	47	0.539
William Hutchison	12	3	38	33	0.535
Faddoul Khoury	9	1	25	22	0.531
Fouad Malouf	14	2	39	35	0.527
Ira Hoffberg	4	2	10	9	0.526
Sue Will	11	1	29	27	0.517
Mike Flohr	16	2	46	43	0.516
Bill Davis	13	6	31	29	0.516
Greg Tomlin	18	1	50	47	0.515
VW Zimnicki	12	4	34	32	0.515
Jena Jennings	9	1	24	23	0.510
Ben Zemaitis	16	0	43	42	0.505

<i>Player Name</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Cups Won</i>	<i>Wins</i>	<i>Loses</i>	<i>Win %</i>
Aaron Ashmann	1	0	3	3	0.500
Adrian Rios	1	0	4	2	0.666
Al Meinecke	2	0	8	2	0.800
Albert Yakobashvili	1	0	2	3	0.400
Ali Malik	2	0	7	6	0.538
Alice Kay	3	0	9	7	0.562
Allen Zimmerman	1	0	1	5	0.166
Andrew Smith	1	0	4	2	0.666
Andy Bittman	2	0	5	7	0.416
Andy Krenitz	3	0	9	9	0.500
Arline Levy	2	0	4	8	0.333
Barbara Levinson	3	0	7	9	0.437
Barbara Lewis	1	0	2	4	0.333
Ben Schneider	1	0	2	3	0.400
Ben Zemaitis	16	0	43	42	0.505
Bill Bartholomay	1	0	2	4	0.333
Bill Chibnik	4	0	5	16	0.238
Bill Davis	13	6	31	29	0.516
Bill Gradl	1	0	2	3	0.400
Bill Shragel	1	0	0	4	0.000
Bob Ebbler	1	0	3	3	0.500
Bob Pietras	1	0	2	4	0.333
Bob Steen	1	1	2	4	0.333
Bob Zavoral	9	3	32	17	0.653
Bobbie Shifrin	3	0	7	9	0.437
Boris Mindich	2	0	6	7	0.461
Brad Steimel	1	0	4	2	0.666
Brian Barber	3	0	9	10	0.473
Bruce Wittert	1	0	2	2	0.500
Camille Ghantous	1	0	2	4	0.333
Carl Severino	4	1	9	11	0.450
Carter Mattig	7	2	18	21	0.461
Chris Knik	1	1	4	1	0.800
Chris Stanford	4	1	6	6	0.500
Chris Wilson	1	0	2	4	0.333
Chuck Hughes	1	0	4	1	0.800
Cinda King	5	1	13	9	0.590
Cliff Mayoh	13	1	35	37	0.486
Cookie Frazin	3	0	8	7	0.533
Dale Barker	2	0	1	3	0.250
Dan Eatherington	7	0	13	24	0.351
Dave Cornwall	4	1	12	9	0.571
Dave Cramer	5	2	10	12	0.454

<i>Player Name</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Cups Won</i>	<i>Wins</i>	<i>Loses</i>	<i>Win %</i>
Dave Detrich	1	0	?	?	?
Dave Milner	1	0	2	2	0.500
Dave Utermark	1	0	?	?	?
David Libchaber	1	1	3	1	0.750
David Rockwell	9	3	29	15	0.659
David Rubin	6	0	16	17	0.484
David Settles	1	0	3	4	0.428
Dean Morehouse	5	1	10	11	0.476
Dean Muench	1	1	4	1	0.800
Deeb Shalati	5	3	16	7	0.695
Dick A Nelson	1	0	2	3	0.400
Dick Nelson	11	1	25	34	0.423
Doc Rushford	9	3	29	18	0.617
Don Desmond	4	2	5	5	0.500
Don Jayhan	4	1	11	11	0.500
Don Marek	7	0	16	19	0.457
Don Muellner	1	0	3	1	0.750
Don Schiller	1	0	1	5	0.166
Dujuan Meekis	1	0	3	3	0.500
Earl Risch	8	1	16	16	0.500
Ed Bauder	22	1	55	47	0.539
Ed Buerger	15	0	36	49	0.423
Ed Zell	17	2	51	43	0.542
Eli Miller	1	0	2	4	0.333
Eric Johnson	2	0	6	7	0.461
Faddoul Khoury	9	1	25	22	0.531
Femi Owiku	7	0	17	25	0.404
Fouad Malouf	14	2	39	35	0.527
Frank Dickerson	1	0	4	2	0.666
Fred Leinweber	1	0	?	?	?
Fredrick Grand	1	1	?	?	?
Gary Besler	3	0	7	9	0.437
Gary Daniels	8	2	17	29	0.369
Gary Kay	9	5	30	16	0.652
Gary Schecter	4	0	6	14	0.300
Gene Chait	3	2	3	1	0.750
George Barr	7	1	17	18	0.485
George David	1	0	2	5	0.285
Glen Martells	2	0	9	4	0.692
Greg Feller	3	0	7	10	0.411
Greg Michaels	6	0	9	21	0.300
Greg Tomlin	18	1	50	47	0.515
Harry Cohn	6	4	19	7	0.730

<i>Player Name</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Cups Won</i>	<i>Wins</i>	<i>Loses</i>	<i>Win %</i>
Henry Gray	2	0	5	8	0.384
Henry Sur	1	1	4	2	0.666
Herb Roman	7	5	23	14	0.621
Howard Markowitz	8	5	11	13	0.458
Ira Hoffberg	4	2	10	9	0.526
Isa Weil	1	1	?	?	?
Jake Jacobs	6	2	23	11	0.676
Jay Bauder	2	0	3	6	0.333
Jay Robinson	2	0	5	6	0.454
Jay Ward	4	0	11	11	0.500
Jeff Anderson	6	0	12	20	0.375
Jeff Eisner	1	0	0	5	0.000
Jeff Henry	2	0	?	?	?
Jena Jennings	9	1	24	23	0.510
Jim Dammeyer	6	0	12	17	0.413
Jim Zimmerman	17	3	46	46	0.500
Jim Zinkhon 2	1	1	3	2	0.600
Jm Roland	1	0	2	5	0.285
Joe Auszmann	4	0	6	15	0.285
Joe Szwedo	5	0	12	12	0.500
Joe Wollick	8	2	16	29	0.355
John Bare	1	0	1	3	0.250
John Brussel	3	0	10	8	0.555
John Damien	2	2	5	6	0.454
John Jennings	16	2	45	45	0.500
John McCabe	7	0	17	19	0.472
John Rowley	1	1	1	3	0.250
John Spatafora	5	0	9	13	0.409
John Stryker	1	0	1	5	0.166
Jolie Rubin	7	0	18	18	0.500
Josh Crain	1	0	1	4	0.200
Josh Riddell	4	0	14	9	0.608
Judy Feinstein	2	0	2	7	0.222
June Steinberg	2	0	1	10	0.090
JA Miller	6	0	22	15	0.594
Kathy Bauder	8	1	14	11	0.560
Kathy Posner	1	1	?	?	?
Keith Kuligowski	2	1	4	9	0.307
Kelly Nelson	1	0	1	3	0.250
Ken Gerber	1	0	3	2	0.600
Ken Slou	1	1	2	2	0.500
Ken Tibbs	2	0	6	6	0.500
Ken Tyszko	1	0	4	2	0.666

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Kent Williams	2	0	5	8	0.384
Kim McCollom	1	0	2	4	0.333
Kurt Schurecht	7	4	27	15	0.642
Kwong Chan	1	0	2	2	0.500
Laila Leonhardt	1	0	2	4	0.333
Lane O'Conner	3	1	12	6	0.666
Larry Clark	1	0	0	5	0.000
Larry Goldstein	3	0	8	7	0.533
Larry Whittenberg	2	0	3	9	0.250
Laurel Patkes	2	0	3	9	0.250
Leonard Kaufman	1	0	2	2	0.500
Leslie Lockett	5	0	15	15	0.500
Linda Rockwell	9	2	24	24	0.500
Lou Salzman	3	2	14	4	0.777
Lucas Bauer	1	0	3	3	0.500
Lucky Nelson	8	3	21	11	0.656
M D'Alexander	1	1	3	1	0.750
Marc Rosset	1	0	2	4	0.333
Marcy Sloan	4	0	13	8	0.619
Marjean Strietmatter	2	0	7	5	0.583
Mark Kaye	14	0	34	41	0.453
Mark King	5	0	10	12	0.454
Mark Murray	13	4	33	40	0.452
Mark Ryan	4	0	14	9	0.608
Mark Schwerman	1	1	3	2	0.600
Marty Tatosian	8	0	23	19	0.547
Mary Franks	2	0	7	5	0.583
Mary Vitale	1	0	3	3	0.500
Michael Flohr	1	0	1	3	0.250
Michael Peters	1	0	3	3	0.500
Michael Plog	11	1	30	30	0.500
Michel Khouri	1	0	1	4	0.200
Mike Cyrkiel	2	0	7	3	0.700
Mike Flohr	16	2	46	43	0.516
Mike Hueson	2	0	2	7	0.222
Mike Seigel	2	1	3	1	0.750
Mike Sutton	2	1	7	5	0.583
Mike Wolock	2	0	6	5	0.545
Milad Doueihi	17	1	43	47	0.477
Neil Banoff	5	0	11	16	0.407
Neil Kazaross	4	1	15	7	0.681
Nick Fady	1	0	3	3	0.500
Nora Luna Righter	1	0	3	2	0.600

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Oleg Raygorodsky	2	0	6	5	0.545
Patrick Jaeggi	2	0	6	4	0.600
Paul Baraz	1	1	3	2	0.600
Paul Franks	3	1	11	7	0.611
Paul Friedman	6	0	11	26	0.297
Paul Lombardo	1	0	2	4	0.333
Paul Ruterma	1	0	4	2	0.666
Peaches Stewart	1	0	2	4	0.333
Peter Kalba	5	1	16	10	0.615
Phil Barrett	6	0	16	19	0.457
Phil Martorelli	4	3	2	6	0.250
Phil Simborg	1	0	2	3	0.400
Phyllis Smolinski	7	3	18	20	0.473
Ralph Levy	2	0	4	6	0.400
Ramez Abi-Akar	6	1	11	18	0.379
Randy Armstrong	17	1	45	47	0.489
Randy Peterson	3	1	9	9	0.500
Randy Reiff	11	2	32	32	0.500
Reggie Porter	8	0	17	30	0.361
Richard Lloyd	1	0	1	5	0.166
Rick Jackson	1	0	1	4	0.200
Rob Farmer	2	0	10	3	0.769
Rodney Bell	1	1	5	1	0.833
Rodney Gonzalez	2	0	6	5	0.545
Roger Hickman	6	0	15	22	0.405
Roger Tuttrup	1	1	4	0	1.000
Roman Sikaczowski	1	0	2	2	0.500
Rory Pasca	4	1	12	10	0.545
Rossie Porter	1	0	3	3	0.500
Roy Cohen	1	0	3	3	0.500
Roz Ferris	2	1	5	8	0.384
Sarg Serges	6	5	14	17	0.451
Scott Rudebeck	2	0	6	5	0.545
Sean Garber	4	0	10	10	0.500
Sharon Lefferts	2	0	3	6	0.333
Steve Burke	1	0	?	?	?
Steve Katz	1	0	3	3	0.500
Steve Klesker	1	1	3	1	0.750
Steve McGuire	3	1	7	9	0.437
Steve Mellen	1	0	3	1	0.750
Steve Neidecker	1	0	1	3	0.250
Steve Tennant	8	2	19	16	0.542
Stu Katz	6	1	13	18	0.419

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Tak Morioka	24	13	77	28	0.733
Terry Leahy	3	1	12	3	0.800
Tim Carroll	3	0	7	12	0.368
Tim Mabee	17	6	57	36	0.612
Tim Serges	2	0	8	3	0.727
Tom Fahland	2	1	8	4	0.666
Tom Holmberg	1	0	4	1	0.800
Tom Meyer	3	1	13	5	0.722
Tom Teague	3	0	3	10	0.230
Tom Walthes	3	1	3	6	0.333
Tony Siegel	1	0	2	2	0.500
Trudie Chibnik	15	0	29	54	0.349
Vinton Knarr	1	0	2	3	0.400
VW Zimnicki	12	4	34	32	0.515
Wally Kuester	1	0	3	2	0.600
William Hutchison	12	3	38	33	0.535
Wright George	1	0	0	5	0.000
Yamin Yamin	10	5	28	18	0.608

