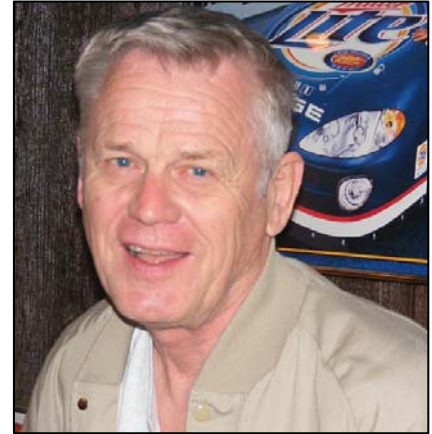


# THE RED BARON SPEAKS

## May 2008

I entered the woods looking for a performance based rating system and came out of the woods in the same place where I entered. So back into the woods I go but this time I take the other fork in the trail.

The Bowers rating system is liked and understood by all. The new fork in the trail will hopefully lead to an enhancement to the system by providing information to the raters to provide some consistency in the different parts of the country. Also, the time necessary and the apparent complicated procedure was a stumbling block.



So I now propose we completely ignore the last method I proposed and try another approach. All that is required is to take the tournament chart and to count the number of wins a player obtains. A record would be kept of the total wins and tournaments played and the average number of wins per tournament. One or two persons per state or area could do it with minimum time and the record could be done by hand if a computer was not available. The information could then be supplied to the raters to assist in the ratings.

Now again for naysayer's the third place team can end up with more wins then the second place team, but after six or eight tournaments things would even out. It has been suggested to take the score of every game and use this as a method of rating. That will have to wait until a future date and a method is determined. Also tournament directors could use the ratings to change a players rating for a tournament or in the case of an unrated player establish a rating for a particular event.

I started in Indiana with Bourbon spring on May 2-3 and after four events it looks good. Now it's off to the Michigan Open.

So, again I ask someone in every state or area to come up with something.

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