HBC New Year's Resolution: To provide a more competitive and enjoyable backgammon atmosphere.
To fulfill this resolution, the following changes will take place starting Thursday, February 1st. First we will be playing at Grisanti's, just across the street from Dooley's, with a new starting time of 7:30 PM.
Second, we will diversify weekly play by offering 4 events. The social round-robin format will return with an entry fee of $\$ 5.00$. This format is a great vehicle to bring brand new players on board and bring former players back who enjoyed this format.
We will also offer an Open Division with an entry fee of $\$ 20$ and an Intermediate Division with an entry fee of $\$ 10$. The format for both events will be main flight with consolation to allow for completion by midnight. All matches will be to 7 points, including the consolation.
At the other end, some players want a higher action event and their desires are being fulfilled. We will run a Championship level single elimination $\$ 100$ entry event directed by Wendy Kaplan. The match length will be 9 points. It will be limited to 8 players with a pay-out of $\$ 750$ to a single winner with option to hedge.
We also plan more one-day tournaments; look for 5 to 6 this year with at least one to be a team or doubles tournament. The next scheduled one-day is February 18th at Grisanti's (details below).
These changes were formulated by talking to different players and have been received quiet favorably. Look for more new ideas in the coming months. Be sure to bring your board!

## HBC's TOP TEN Awards Tournament - Sunday, February 18th

Grisanti's - Northside of Castleton Square on 86th Street
Championship $\$ 150$ (single elimination) 11:00 AM Registration Opens
Open \$80 (main-consolation)
Intermediate $\$ 30$ (main-consolation)
Round-Robin $\$ 5$
$90 \%$ Return Cash only - no checks.
11:30 AM Final Registration Closes
11:45 AM 1989 TOP TEN Awards Ceremony 12:00 Noon Play Begins

Walk-in Fee: $\$ 5.00$ Preregister and save the walk-in fee by calling 845-8435.
Day of tournament: Players checked in by 11:30 AM will be eligible for bye(s) (if any).
Championship event will play to 13 points and be limited to 16 players.
If conditions arise that delay your arrival please call us at Grisanti's 842-8323 to hold your spot.

| HBC December Weekly Results |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
|  | Dec 7th | Dec 14th | Dec 21st | Dec 28th |  |
| 1st | Woody Woodworth | Woody Woodworth | Ken Bruck | Ken Bruck |  |
| 2nd | Glenn Theobald | Chuck Stimming | Mary Ann Meese | Larry Buckingham |  |
| 3rd |  | Gino Agresti | Larry Strommen | Howard Givel <br> Hoosier Quad |  |
|  |  |  |  | Dave Cardwell |  |

## HBC Player of the Year \& TOP TEN Results

The spot for the Player of the Year was up for grabs through the last event of the year. Woody started off hot in December with two first place finishes in a row to try to overcome being down just less than a point in second place behind Butch. The big showdown came in league play where they played for second and a chance at first. After 32 games, Butch won in the best 2 of 39 -point matches. Neither managed to place in the last two weeks of regular play (despite Woody leaving his sick bed the 28 th in a last futile attempt to pass Butch). Butch won the top spot by only 0.22 gammon points (see final gammon point standing page 2). Newcomers to the TOP TEN are Wendy Kaplan who has been only competing since August, Brian Nelson and David Smith. To celebrate, HBC will have a TOP TEN Awards Tournament February 18th.

HBC's monthly newsletter for active HBC members and subscribers.
Subscription rate: $\$ 7 /$ year (Canada $\$ 8$ \& overseas $\$ 12$ ). Let us know if your address changes.
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| Open Division League Play-offs |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ellis Bray | Bill Gheen | Butch Meese | Woody Woodworth Wutch Meese |  | Wendy Kaplan |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Butch Meese | (9-3 \& 9-7 in 16 games) |  |
|  |  | Bill Gheen | (9-7, 7-9, 9-5 in 32 |  |  |
|  | Ellis Bray | (7-9, 9-5, 9-5 in 27 |  |  |  |
| Mick Dobratz | (1-9, 9-5, 9-7 i |  |  |  |  |
| (9-2, 9-5 in 18 gam |  |  |  |  |  |


| Intermediate Division League Play-offs |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Howard Givel | Howard Givel |
|  | Mary Ann Meese | Mary Ann Meese |  |
| Bob Goodlett | Bob Goodlett | ( $7-4,7-2$ in 13 games) |  |
| Kay Beck | (3-7, 7-3, 7-0 in 15 games) |  |  |
| (7-2, 7-5 in 18 games) |  |  |  |

Hoosier Pips....The Farm Aid concert is scheduled for the same weekend as the 38th INDIANA OPEN in the Hoosier Dome. At this point, we believe there will be no impact on hotel rooms, but I wouldn't take any chances.... HBC received Christmas greetings from Mark Anshus, Bill Bowser, John Brussel and Jill Ferdinand, Dave Cardwell, Carol Joy Cole, Dennis Cupp, Jim Curtis, Bill Davis, Malcolm Davis, Mike and Veronioa Mooney, Jack and Salve Fagan, Joann and Jerry Feinstein, Judy Field, Eric George, Wendy Kaplan and David Smith, Laura and Mike Keener, Teri Long, Ralph and Marie Roberts, Trudie Stern, and Woody and Donna Woodworth.... Look for Margaret Roberts (Go, Go, Go!!!) in the Kroger commercial with the Colts player running through the store.... Visitors for the month of December were Dave Cardwell (Atlanta), Larry Buckingham (Dayton, OH), Mark Woods (Don Woods brother from CA), Sharon Lennon (Frankfort, KY), Jim Mieske (Cincinnati), Tom Gartner (Loveland, OH), Russ Osborne (Columbus, OH), John Stryker (Columbus, OH), Jim Fredrickson (Springfield, IL) John O'Hagan (South Bend, IN).... The Meeses' brought in the new decade the right way by having an allnight chouette party on the eve of New Year's Eve starting with Wendy's lasagna and Mary Ann's salad and ending with pancakes for the diehards.

| 1) | Butch Meese | 21.66 | Greg Varbinov | 2.12 | Rick Bianiak | 0.16 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2) | Woody Woodworth | 21.44 | Mike Norman | 2.08 | Amber Wiesler | 0.16 |
| 3) | Howard Givel | 18.28 | Ralph Roberts | 1.82 | Mark Mikolon | 0.16 |
| 4) | Chuck Stimming | 17.91 | Don Burton | 1.66 | Bob Calhoun | 0.14 |
| 5) | Larry Strommen | 17.61 | Bill Hodes | 1.66 | Ron Becker | 0.14 |
| 6) | Mick Dobratz | 12.21 | Bill Julian | 1.56 | Russ Osborne | 0.12 |
| 7) | Mary Ann Meese | 11.58 | Herb Roman | 0.98 | Tom Hendryx | 0.12 |
| 8) | Brian Nelson | 10.80 | Dave Cardwell | 0.80 | R. C. Robbins | 0.12 |
| 9) | Wendy Kaplan | 10.75 | Michael Shanas | 0.80 | Jay Nelson | 0.10 |
| 10) | David Smith | 9.58 | Catfish Bryan | 0.72 | Dan Batts | 0.10 |
|  | Frank Scott | 9.09 | Cassie Curtis | 0.64 | John Leusing | 0.08 |
|  | Cyrus Mobed | 8.88 | Mervin Berger | 0.60 | Sharon Lennon | 0.08 |
|  | Ken Bruck | 8.84 | Fred Badagnani | 0.60 | Scott Arche | 0.08 |
|  | Glenn Theobald | 7.86 | John Cinatl | 0.56 | Walter Trice | 0.08 |
|  | Jim Curtis | 7.44 | Ves Johnson | 0.50 | Mike Hellmer | 0.08 |
|  | Eric George | 6.66 | Ron Black | 0.48 | John Ritzert | 0.08 |
|  | Kay Beck | 6.25 | Jamie Curtis | 0.40 | Scott Musser | 0.06 |
|  | Kevin McLeaster | 5.92 | Mark Woods | 0.32 | Peg Simsic | 0.06 |
|  | Marty Lindenmayer | 4.32 | Don Trapp | 0.32 | John Stryker | 0.04 |
|  | Jeff Baker | 4.30 | John Brussel | 0.32 | John O'Hagan | 0.04 |
|  | Gino Agresti | 4.26 | Larry Lesniak | 0.32 | Mike Mills | 0.04 |
|  | Bill Gheen | 4.20 | Scott Richardson | 0.30 | George Barr | 0.02 |
|  | Don Woods | 3.86 | Jim Fredrickson | 0.24 | Stu Whitcomb | 0.02 |
|  | Bob Goodlett | 3.75 | Donna Susens | 0.24 | Bob Kemerly | 0.02 |
|  | Rick Reahard | 3.56 | Dick Nelson | 0.24 | Linc Bedell | 0.02 |
|  | Jim Knauer | 3.50 | Jim Mieske | 0.20 | Jim Wilson | 0.02 |
|  | Larry Buckingham | 3.20 | Cassidy Dobratz | 0.18 | Bev Nelson | 0.02 |
|  | George Crawford | 3.12 | Jim Smythe | 0.16 |  |  |
|  | Ellis Bray | 2.58 | Tom Gartner | 0.16 |  |  |

## WORLD CUP Match

Bill Robertie vs Ray Glaeser
33 Point QuarterFinal Match

This year the HBC Newsletter presents one of the quarter final matches from the first World Cup between twice world champion Bill Robertie and Ray Glaeser. World Cup II will be held in Boston, August 7-12. Qualifiers for World Cup II will be held across the country, including the 14th Bluegrass Regional (March 2-4), 38th INDIANA OPEN (April 6-8) and Michigan Summer Championships (June 29-July 1).
Instructions: You will need a backgammon board to follow along. The board is numbered 1 to 24 with all points numbered based on the view of the player on roll. The home portion of the board is numbered $1-6$. Bearing off is denoted as moving to the 0 'zero' point. Each player will always be moving from a higher to lower point with only the point(s) moved to used. To make it easier to follow, the larger number rolled is denoted first. In some situations where the smaller number rolled is forced, it will be presented first. An example: being on the BAR with a roll of 52 with the 5 -point made and the 2 -point open.
Abbreviations used are CB - Closed Board, EF Entry Failure, NP - No Play Possible, x - opponents piece was hit, $5^{2}$ - superscribe denotes 2 or more pieces moving to the same point; this example has 2 pieces moving to the 5 point. In the doubling positions, Bill will be the dark checkers and Ray the light and are shown from Bill Robertie's side of the board. Study those first before going through the games.



Schedule of BACKGAMMON Events (Information and entry forms available thru HBC)

Jan 17-21 $\quad 7$ th Nevada State - Peppermill Hotel, Reno
Feb 11
Feb 18th
Mar 02-04
Mar 23-25
Apr 06-08
May 25-28
June 29-July 01
July 05-08
Aug 07-12
Aug 31-Sep 3 THURSDAYS

7th Fleet Underwood Memorial \& Benefit - Sheraton Flint, MI
HBC's TOP TEN Awards Tournament - Grisanti's
14th Bluegrass Regional - Seelbach Hotel, Louisville
Midwest Championships - Holiday Inn, Oakbrook Terrace, IL
38th Indiana Open - Omni Severin Hotel, Indianapolis
10th Chicago Open - Westin Hotel O'Hare, Rosemont, IL
Michigan Summer Championships - Flint
Champion of Great Britain - Isle of Man
WORLD CUP II - Sheraton-Commander Hotel, Boston
National Labor Day Backgammon Tournament - Louisville 7PM at Dooley O'Toole's - Northside of Castleton Sq on 86 th St
(702) 852-1221
(313) 232-9731

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(502) 429-0153
(312) 338-6380

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(708) 674-0120
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(0624) 851045
(301) 299-8264

HBC Hotline
849-7355

Game 1

| Bill Robertie (0) |  |  | Ray Glaeser (0) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Roll | Played | Roll | Played |
| 1) | 51 | 85 | 54 | 20x-15 |
| 2) | 32 | 23 10x | 61 | 18 |
| 3) | 62 | $7 \times 22$ | 63 | $2218 x$ |
| 4) | 52 | $20^{2}$ | 51 | 1321 |
| 5) | 61 | $4 \times 7$ | 21 | 2411 |
| 6) | 32 | $5^{2}$ | 63 | 21x-15 |
| 7) | 65 | $14 \times$ | 64 | 15 |
| 8) | 53 | 93 | 44 | $4^{2} 2 x^{2}$ |
| 9) | 51 | 243 | 41 | 8 |
| 10) | 64 | 320 | 63 | 4 |
| 11) | 65 | 13 | 61 | 8 |
| 12) | 53 | $10 \mathrm{x}-5$ | 53 | EF |
| 13) | 11 | $4^{2} 7$ | 21 | 233 |
| 14) | 64 | 79 | 44 | $9^{3} 4$ |
| 15) | 52 | $2 x^{\text {F9 }}$ | 64 | EF |
| 16) |  | dbl to 2 ? |  | pass |

Game 2

| Bill Robertie (1) |  |  | Ray Glaeser (0) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Roll | Played | Roll | Played |
| 1) | 54 | 820 | 63 | 185 x |
| 2) | 41 | $20 x$ | 53 | $205 x$ |
| 3) | 11 | $245 x^{2} 7 x$ | 64 | 21 EF |
| 4) |  | dbl to 2? |  | pass |



Game 3

| Bill Robertie (2) |  |  | Ray Glaeser (0) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Roll | Played | Roll | Played |
| 1) | -- | --- | 31 | $5^{2}$ |
| 2) | 32 | 1011 | 52 | 811 |
| 3) | 21 | $10^{\text {F13 }}$ | 53 | $3^{2}$ |
| 4) | 32 | 1011 | 65 | 13 |
| 5) | 53 | $5^{2}$ | 31 | $10^{2}$ |
| 6) | 53 | $3^{2}$ | 61 | $17 \times$ |
| 7) | 61 | 18 |  | dbl to 2? |
| 8) |  | take | 52 | 10 |
| 9) | 31 | 85 | 62 | $7 \mathrm{x}-5$ |
| 10) | 32 | 238 | 42 | 63 |
| 11) | 61 | 423 | 54 | 89 |
| 12) | 53 | 16 x | 54 | $21 \mathrm{x}-16$ |
| 13) | 64 | 2110 | 62 | $4 x^{2}$ |
| 14) | 53 | EF | 51 | 119 |
| 15) | 32 | 237 | 21 | $7^{2}$ |
| 16) | 64 | $4^{2}$ | 21 | 110 |
| 17) | 53 | $2^{2}$ | 61 | 3 |
| 18) | 42 | $2^{\text {F8 }}$ | 51 | 37 |
| 19) | 11 | $3^{\text {F6 }} 1$ | 53 |  |
| 20) | 66 | 517 | 22 | $2 x^{2 F 6(2)}$ |
| 21) | 51 | EF | 11 | $6^{2} 1^{\text {F3 }}$ |
| 22) | -- | CB | 43 | $0^{2}$ |
| 23) | -- | CB | 52 | 14 |
| 24) | 32 | EF | 63 | 02 |
| 25) | 44 | EF | 64 | $0^{2}$ |
| 26) | 66 |  | 51 | game |

Game 4

| Bill Robertie (2) |  |  | Ray Glaeser (2) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Roll | Played | Roll | Played |
| 1) | 42 | $4^{2}$ | 51 | 85 |
| 2) | 52 | 811 | 53 | $5^{\text {F13 }}$ |
| 3) | 51 | 823 | 51 | 85 |
| 4) | 52 | 16 | 32 | $3^{2}$ |
| 5) | 61 | $5^{2}$ | 41 | $9 \times 23$ |
| 6) | 53 | EF | 51 | 188 |
| 7) | 42 | 216 | 62 | 186 |
| 8) | 41 | $12 \mathrm{x}-8$ | 54 | EF |
| 9) | 54 | 169 | 65 | EF |
| 10) |  | dbl to 2? |  | take |
| 11) | 53 | $3{ }^{2}$ | 42 | 234 |
| 12) | 64 | $2 x^{2}$ | 54 | EF |
| 13) | 54 | $3^{\text {F8 }} 5$ | 65 | EF |
| 14) | 61 | $2^{\text {F8 }} 15$ | 42 | EF |
| 15) | 55 | $51^{2}$ | 51 | EF |
| 16) | 64 | 14 | 43 | EF |
| 17) | 62 | 83 | 52 | EF |
| 18) | 52 | $3^{2}$ | 33 | EF |
| 19) | 52 | 03 | 54 | 16 |
| 20) | 54 | $0^{2}$ | 62 | 126 |
| 21) | 22 | $0^{3} 1$ | 31 | 57 |
| 22) | 65 | $0^{2}$ | 64 | $6^{\text {F16 }}$ |
| 23) | 64 | $0^{2}$ | 44 | 68 |
| 24) | 44 | 04 | 41 | gammon |

