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# 40th Indiana Open April 24-26, 1992

RAMADA INN South

After resolving problems with the first hotel, we were able to find the RAMADA INN South with nicer overnight rooms at a lower rate. One or two **World Cup Qualifiers** will be run. **USAir** discounts are available for our friends who travel by air. A no smoking section will be available at the non-smoker preference. Four divisions of main play will be provided (see article on bottom of this page).



Chicago Point Newsletter is going bimonthly due to a job reassignment for its editor, Bill Davis. Bill hopes this is a temporary situation and would like to return to monthly again some time in the future.

Inside Backgammon has moved into its second year of technical articles. Each issue includes quizzes and rewards a yearly winner; for 1991 the winner was **John O'Hagan** of South Bend, IN. This bimonthly 24-page publication runs \$40/yr in the US, \$45/yr in Canada, Mexico and for overseas surface mail, and \$60/yr overseas air mail.

The Backgammon Calendar is a new monthly magazine providing complete details of all upcoming major events. The information provided includes divisions, fee structure, hotel information and travel tips. Each issue will include at least one problem while other sections cover tournament results, clubs and the scheduling of regular local tournaments for travelers. A one-year subscription runs \$20/year in USA and \$35/year overseas air.

## Advanced Backgammon (2nd edition)

by Bill Robertie

The second edition of Advanced Backgammon comes in two volumes and contains over 400 positions. Volume One covers positional plays and Volume Two covers technical checker and cube plays. This version is a complete revision of Advanced Backgammon first published in 1984. The cost is \$30 per volume with shipping/handling of \$3/USA, \$4/foreign surface, \$10/air Europe and \$. America and \$13/air Pacific.

To order or get information for Inside Backgammon, The Backgammon Calendar or Advanced Backgammon write The Gammon Press, P.O. Box 294, Arlington, MA 02174 or call (617) 641-2091.

**LeadingEdge Backgammon** has suspended publication after one full year until further notice. Its editor, Roy Friedman, will be devoting his time to personal matters.

#### 4 Divisions

The Flint Area Backgammon Newsletter ran an article proposing a move to 4 divisions from the current 3 divisions with subsequent responses. The initial responses for and against seems to be divided between some open division players and all others. Because of the responses, the 40th INDIANA Open Backgammon Tournament will offer 4 divisions of main play.

In the responses, there were counter proposals to 4 divisions and it is hoped that someone will provide a tournament with that type of format so players can compare. The only way to move forward is to try new ideas.

HBC's newsletter for active HBC members and subscribers.

Subscription rate: \$10/year (Canada \$12 and overseas \$14). Let us know if your address changes. **HBC Hotline:** Butch & Mary Ann Meese: (317) 845-8435. 7620 Kilmer Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46256-1634

# 1992 **HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB** Gammon Point Standings as of January 31st. HBC **Player of the Month** for January is **Chuck Stimming** with 248 gammon points.

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1)	Chuck Stimming	248 9)	Butch Meese	80	Terry Kuchenbrod20
2)	Ken Bruck	. 234 10)	Ed Koolish	70	Woody Woodworth20
3)	Don Woods	172	Gabe Stiasny	60	Cyrus Mobed20
	Wendy Kaplan		Holly Stowe		Mike Marr 10
5)	Dave Cardwell	112	Larry Strommen	50	Donna Susens10
	Jim Curtis		Tom Helt	30	Judy McHale10
7)	Kevin McLeaster	94	Mary Ann Meese	20	Peg Simsic10
8)	Brian Nelson	84	Gino Agresti		

## **New Gammon Point System**

The biggest change in the gammon point system is the use of whole numbers instead of decimal type numbers. With this in mind, we will review. Ten points are awarded for each match won and bonus points are awarded for placing in an event. For example: during weekly play, the player who captures first will receive 2.0 times the match points won. A player finishing second receives 1.6 times the match points won.

Intermediate Division will receive 6 points and the Novice 3 points for each match won. Double gammon points will be awarded during Sunday One-day and weekend tournaments with the bonus points working the same.

Open 1st 2nd	January 2nd Chuck Stimming Dave Cardwell Ken Bruck	January 9th Wendy Kaplan Ken Bruck Kevin McLeaster	January 16th Ken Bruck Don Woods	January 23rd Jim Curtis Brian Nelson Chuck Stimming	January 30th Butch Meese Dave Cardwell Chuck Stimming
	Don Woods				Chuck Stimming



## New Backgammon Program from Hal Heinrich

Hal Heinrich has a new program, MATCHQIZ, which combines the recorded matches between top players with expert annotations by **Kit Woolsey**.

The program runs on the IBM PC or compatibles.

Each match costs \$20 US or six for \$100 US.

The matches available so far are Magriel vs O'Laughlin, Ballard vs Sylvester, Greiner vs Marmorstein and Heinrich vs Lidov.

Mail orders to: Hal Heinrich
402, 1122 15th Avenue SW
Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2R 1K5
Telephone orders: (403) 229-2024
No Credit Card Order at this time.
Please specify size and density of diskette.

Schedule of BACKGAMMON Events (Information and entry forms available thru HBC)
Feb 15thD. I. Long Memorial Tournament, Holiday Inn, Louisville, KY(502) 458-7468
Feb 16thFleet Underwood Memorial Tournament & Benefit, Flint, ML(313) 232-9731
Feb 23thHBC 1991 Awards Tournament, SPATS, IndianapolisHBC Hotline
Feb 28-Mar 01 14th Annual Charity Tournament, Greentree Marriott, Pittsburgh, PA(412) 371-5844
Mar 20-229th Midwest Backgammon Championships, Oak Brook Marriott, Chicago(312) 338-6380
Apr 8-12 1st International Backgammon Tournament of Costa Rica, Costa Rica(312) 338-6380
Apr 24-2640th INDIANA OPEN, Ramada Inn South, Indianapolis
Jul 24-26 Michigan Summer Backgammon Championships, Holidome, Flint ML(313) 232-9731
Sept 4-7National Labor Day Backgammon Tournament, Radisson Hotel, IndplsHBC Hotline
Oct 1-4Illinois State Backgammon Championships, Hyatt Deerfield, Deerfield, IL (708) 945-7801
Thursdays 7:00 PM at SPATS-Castleton Square between J.C.Penneys & L.S.Ayres

## High-Noon Shoot Out Event Jack Kissane vs Kent Goulding 9 Point Match

The HBC Newsletter presents three 9-point matches from a High-Noon Shoot Out Event, 1987 Nevada State Championships. The third is Jack Kissane versus Kent Goulding.

Instructions: You will need a backgammon board to follow along. The board is numbered 1 to 24 based on the view of the player on roll. Each player will always be moving from a higher to lower point with only the point(s) moved to used. The home portion of the board is numbered 1 thru 6. Bearing off is noted as moving to the zero (0) point. To make it easier to follow, the larger number rolled is noted 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 5-2 with the 5-point made and the 2-point open.

Abbreviations used: Closed Board(CB), Entry Failure(EF), Misplay(MP), No Play Possible(NP), opponent's piece was hit (x), superscript(5²) denotes 2 or more pieces moving to a point; this example has 2 pieces moving to the 5 point.

In the doubling positions, Jack is the dark checkers and Kent the light. The positions are shown from Jack's side of the board; study them first before going through the games.

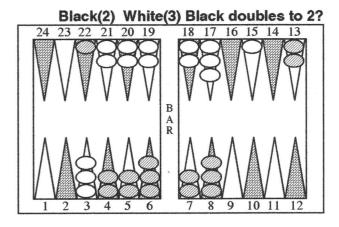
## **HBC 1991 Awards Tournament**

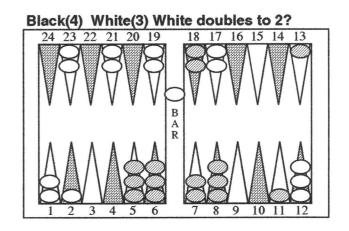
February 23rd at SPATS 842-9731.

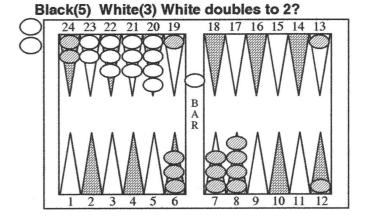
Open \$70<sup>.00</sup>, Intermediate \$25<sup>.00</sup>, Novice \$5<sup>.00</sup>
Pre-register by phone 845-8435.
Final Registration 11<sup>00</sup>-11<sup>45</sup>AM, Play at 12 Noon.

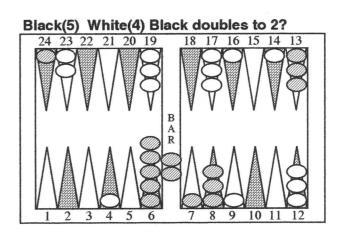
Hoosiers Pips: HBC welcomes new players Stan and Jan Gurvity and Shimon and Marcia Dadon...Congrats and Best Wishes to Howard Markowitz and Leslie Lockett who plan to *tie the knot* March 28th...HBC is providing free lessons on Thursday evening starting at 6:30 PM, all you have to do is call us by 5:00 PM and let us know you are coming.











## High-Noon Shoot Out Event Jack Kissane vs Kent Goulding 9 Point Match

#### Game 5

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Jac		sane - 2		oulding - 3	
	Roll	Played	Roll	Played	
1)			63	18 10	
2)	11	$7x^2 5^2$	32	22 <sup>2</sup>	
3)	63	15x	22	$21   4^2$	
4)	22	$4x^{2}$ 13	21	22	
5)	61	6 <sup>F13</sup>	22	9 <sup>2</sup>	
6)	41	8	21	$7^2$	
7)	52	8 22	41	$5^2$	
8)	32	8	53	8 10	
9)		dbl to 2?		take	
10)	42	7	53	3x 7	
11)	42	23 4	31	3 <sup>F6</sup>	
12)	54	4 <sup>F13</sup>	21	6 7	
13)	64	13	65	11	
14)	11	10 5	41	6 <sup>F11</sup>	
15)	65	1 5	21	3	
16)	41	4 7	55	$12 \ 2^2$	
17)	64	$1^2$	62	4 <sup>F12</sup>	
18)	54	1 2	41	1 <sup>F6</sup>	
19)	32	4 5	11	1 <sup>F3</sup> 5	
20)	66	$\mathbf{O}^4$	66	4 0	
21)	66	$\mathbf{O}^4$	62	$\mathbf{O}^2$	
22)	51	$\mathbf{O}^2$	21	$\mathbf{O}^2$	
23)	41	game			

## Nevada State Backgammon Championship

Championship (87) 1st Diane Haley (TX) 2nd Jay Kurzet (WA)

Intermediate Division (101)
1st Ron Bruns (CA)
2nd George Foster (CA)

Beginners (31) 1st Reid Vogelman (CA) 2nd Tami Sylvester (MI)

Masters (16)
1st Joe Sylvester (MI)
2nd Wilcox Snellings (CA)

<u>Kick-off(512)</u> - Mike Senkiewicz (NY)
<u>Bonanza(32)</u> - James Colen (MA)
<u>Championship Jackpot(16)</u> - Howard Shapiro (NJ)
<u>Intermediate Jackpot(32)</u> - Mike Rezai (OH)
Doubles (64) - Mike Horri(WA)/Jim Wark(WA)

#### Game 6

Jacl	Jack Kissane - 4			ulding - 3
	Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	63	18 10	65	7x 1x
2)	11	$24x^2 5^2$	52	23 8
3)	52	5 11	44	$4^2 \ 2^2$
4)	66	$18x^2 7^2$	66	EF
5)		dbl to 2?	pass	

#### Game 7

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Jac	Jack Kissane - 5			Goulding - 3	
	Roll	Played	Roll	Played	
1)	-	AND 1000	43	20 10	
2)	61	$7^2$	53	$5^2$	
3)	63	15	21	10x	
4)	21	23 5x	53	20x 10	
5)	41	21 5x	44	$21 4x^2 20x$	
6)	41	24 EF	63	$7^2$	
7)	65	EF	66	2x 4	
8)	51	24 EF	53	13	
9)	51	24 8	43	2 3	
10)	52	8 22x	41	21 3x	
11)	64	EF	54	16 3	
12)	32	EF	31	9	
13)	65	EF	44	$5^2 \ 3$	
14)	54	EF	66	$4 0^2$	
15)	66	$19x 12^{F24} 7$		dbl to 2?	
16)		pass			

## Game 8

Jack Kissane - 5			Kent Goulding - 4		
	Roll	Played	Roll	Played	
1)	64	14	64	18 9	
2)	65	13	32	15 11x	
3)	31	24 10x	61	18	
4)	43	9 7x	65	20 18x	
5)	62	23 7x	44	$21 16x 2x^2$	
6)	22	EF		dbl to 2?	
7)		pass			



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