

Hoosier Backgammon Club NEWS LETTER August '80

AUGUST SCHEDULE

Every Wednesday at Le Club in Holiday Inn, North at the Pyramids. Round-Robin for novice and intermediate players Match Play for advanced players. Instruction for beginners and challenge matches with Mark Jones for all. 7 - 10pm.

Every Friday afternoon. 4 - 7 pm. at the Ritz Saloon in Ramada Inn, East. 3500 No. Shadeland. "Beat The Expert" challenge matches and free instruction. Van Vandivier was the July "Expert" and he proved extremely hard to beat. Butch Meese will be the expert on August 1st. Art and Dorisan Overbay will split the job August 8th and Donna Susens will perform on the 15th

WIN A FREE DRINK just by beating the expert one game at the Ritz or Le Club. Both host clubs offer discount drinks during the "happy hour" and a bountiful buffet FREE.

WIN AN EXTRA \$25-\$50 in the HBC regular tournaments at Le Club. Janie Schuller, manager, offers a Holiday Inn gift certificate every Wednesday to the lucky winner of the Match Play or round robin tournaments. (Winners draw a card for it). And there are Freebie Drinks by the HBC for a variety of players and reasons!

Music, soft and low? NO! But Mark Hogan keeps it reasonable during the backgammon at the Ritz and Le Club uses dinner music until about 9:30 when the Boom-Boom-Boogy starts.

NEW MEMBERS who joined the HBC during June and July are paid up thru September '81. Included are Nick Nichols, Dean Bridge, Kevin Bryan, Jay Server, Tom Sprague, Pete Drippe, Don Caron and Sam Profeta.

THE TOP TEN MASTER POINT LEADERS--Mark Jones-32points. He probably could have added to his lead in July but was unable to compete because HBC had him working as the "Expert" at Le Club. Frank Baldwin -27; Van Vandivier-26; Donna Susens-16; Art Overbay-14; Rick Reahard-14; Gino Agresti-13; Rich Hottell-12; Gene Elkovits-11; Lloyd Baatz-11; Alan Tavel-11; Butch Meese-10; Jim Curtis-10.

IT WAS A NEAR MISS in the Chicago Open for Mark Jones July 13. He was the finalist in a tournament that brings in all the biggies between Los Angeles and New York. He lost two to one in the 3 nine-point-match playoff with Fred Chamanara of Chicago. It was a good match between two very popular players. (Fortunately, Mark bought himself alone in the Calcutta and the 2nd place prize money was substantial.) Bill Hodes won some prize money as a semi-finalist in the Intermediate division. Frank Baldwin, Dave Groner, Jim Curtis, Butch Meese and Ralph Roberts went along for the ride.

UP-COMING TOURNAMENTS - Larry Strasberg and the Louisville Backgammon Club go all out on Labor Day weekend with something for everyone from Friday night thru Monday. Les Boyd runs a biggie at the same time in the Turnberry Isle Yacht Club in Miami. Orrill Martin offers a \$25,000 Open championship September 11-14 in Clearwater Beach, FL. For more information and entry forms call Ralph Roberts at 846-0332