



HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB

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RESULTS from the February 19th All-Day Tournament

OPEN (8)

1) Butch Meese (Indpls)

INTERMEDIATE (8)

1) Greg Varbinov (Ft. Wayne)
2) Mark Fritz (Ft. Wayne)

NOVICE (8)

1) Bill Agner (Indpls)
2) Frank Scott (Anderson)

POINT STANDINGS (Weekly play included)

1) Larry Strommen	2.42	Jim Curtis	0.40	Dorisan Overbay	0.08
2) Mark Jones	1.99	Geo Szeszyski	0.36	Alan Tavel	0.08
3) Butch Meese	1.75	Frank Baldwin	0.32	Susie Robbins	0.08
4) Cyrus Mobed	1.68	George Crawford	0.32	Dan Sandler	0.08
5) Greg Varbinov	1.25	Frank Scott	0.29	Fred Bartz	0.08
6) Larry Strasberg	1.25	Mark Carlson	0.28	Sylvia Strasberg	0.08
7) Walter Trice	1.16	Steve Zenobia	0.25	Chuck Hedley	0.08
8) Betty Seashore	1.10	Judith King	0.20	Gino Agresti	0.08
9) Steve Bartz	1.04	Donna Susens	0.20	Diane Horscoft	0.08
10) Mark Fritz	0.97	Chuck Sowder	0.20	Grover Bengé	0.08
Rich Hottell	0.84	Linda Allen	0.16	Bill Gheen	0.08
Charlie Epstien	0.84	Margaret Roberts	0.16	Jeff Cousins	0.08
Doug Williams	0.78	Jim Mieske	0.16	Mike Hefling	0.08
Bill Agner	0.76	Mike Dewenter	0.13	Kevin Cockrill	0.08
Mike Norman	0.63	Damon Davis	0.12	Carol Russell	0.08
Don Burton	0.62	Kevin McLeaster	0.12	Bill McDonald	0.06
Paul Bickel	0.54	Lee Hill	0.12	Sue Epple	0.04
Ralph Roberts	0.50	Howard Leitz	0.12	Nancy Lindquist	0.02
Lou Ramer	0.42	Art Overbay	0.08	Mark Bartick	0.02
John Sullivan	0.40	Bob Hunt	0.08		

MARCH ALL-DAY TOURNAMENT with additional BONUS Prizes

The next monthly all-day tournament is set for Sunday, March 18th at CRAZY HORSE near Castleton. The winners of this warm-up tournament for the 32nd INDIANA OPEN will receive, in addition to the prize pool, free entry into their division for the Open. Thanks again to Susie Robbins and CRAZY HORSE for providing an ideal atmosphere for backgammon.

32nd Annual INDIANA OPEN - MARCH 30-31, APRIL 01

The final touches are being made for the 32nd INDIANA OPEN at the Adam's Mark Hotel near the airport. The Open will have a new face this year with a new director and format. The format for the individual events will be double-elimination with a progressive consolation. The two team events start Friday evening and the four individual events start Saturday. Save on the entry fee and advance register by March 26th. No new entries to the AAA & AA Divisions will be accepted after midnight Friday, March 30th. Hope you can join us.

LOST and FOUND DEPARTMENT >> Another small backgammon set was found after the February 19th tournament, call the HOTLINE to claim.

Schedule of Regional events...

Mar 02-04 8th Annual Bluegrass Regional, Louisville	(502) 451-3950/584-8419
SUNDAY, MARCH 18th CRAZY HORSE at Castleton	(317) 842-8519
MARCH 30-APR 01 32nd INDIANA OPEN, Adam's Mark Hotel	(317) 845-8435
Apr 13-15 Midwest Backgammon Championship, Rosemont IL	(312) 338-6380
May 11-13 MICHELOB Michigan Weekend, Saginaw Michigan	(517) 755-8341
May 25-28 Memorial Day Weekend Tournament, Chicago	(312) 271-8877
Jul 13-15 Michigan Summer Championships, Flint Michigan	(313) 732-8594

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Helpful Hints on Keeping Score..

The second most important thing to do during a match besides playing is keeping score. In fact, both you and your opponent should keep the score and compare after each game. If your opponent wishes not to keep score, he will be at a disadvantage if a dispute arises. Another way to prevent a dispute is to advance both the winner's and loser's scores for each game on the score sheet. You can then at a glance more easily keep track of the score.

HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB provides a score sheet with three columns. Two of the three columns are for you and your opponent's scores. The third column is for a notation of how the points were won. To improve your game and learn from your play, you need to reflect on the games you have played. With this notation, it will be a little easier to do that. The summary of the notation and how it is used in a match are below. You can use this notation or one of your own.

<u>Notation</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
+	You won game.
-	Opponent won game.
1,2,4,etc	Points won.
d or p	Refusing a double.(drop or pass)
↑	Opponent had cube at end of game.
↓	You had cube at end of game.
g	Gammon.
bg	Backgammon.
C	<u>Crawford Game</u>
MG	<u>Match Game.</u>

Sample Score Sheet Using Notation with a 13 Point Match.

<u>Game</u>	<u>You</u>	<u>vs</u>	<u>Oppo</u>	<u>Not</u>	<u>Reason</u>
1	1	0	+1p	opponent refuses a double at one level	
2	1	2	-2g	lost a gammon with cube at one	
3	3	2	+2↑	won a game with opponent having cube at two	
4	3	3	-1p	you lose one point by refusing cube	
5	7	3	+4g↑	gammon with opponent having cube at 2	
6	7	5	-2↓	lost a game with the cube at 2	
7	7	6	-1p	another refusal of cube	
8	7	8	-2d	you refused a re-double at the 2 level	
9	10	8	+3bg	won a backgammon	
10	10	9	-1p	another refusal	
11	12	9	+2↑	won a game at 2 level	
12	12	10	-1C	lost Crawford Game (no doubling allowed) NOTE*	
13	12	12	-2↓	lost a game at 2 level	
14	13	12	+1MG	won Match Game	

*NOTE - Circling the game number on the Crawford Game may help remind you that no doubling is allowed.

BACKGAMMON LITERATURE REVIEW

From time to time, HBC will review backgammon literature and we will start with Paul Magriel's BACKGAMMON. The 404 page book is considered the encyclopedia of backgammon and explains the fundamental concepts, ideas, and strategic principles on which anyone could build a strong winning style of play. Players of all skill levels rely on the basic concepts to govern their play and this book covers them with concise non-technical language that is enhanced by 600 clear and precise board diagrams. The list price is now \$25.00 and only comes in hardback. Most players read this books two or three times. With enough interest, the price can be lowered by \$4.00 if bought through the HBC. Contact the Backgammon Hotline if you are interested.