

HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB

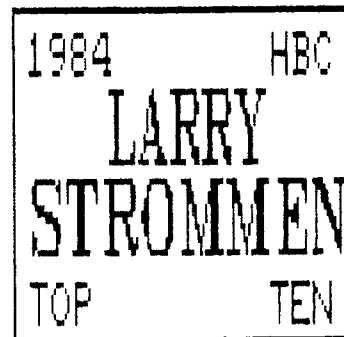
Hoosier Backgammon Club
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33rd INDIANA OPEN set for March 22, 23 & 24.

The 33rd INDIANA OPEN will be held at the Holiday Inn East (21st & Shadeland), March 22-24, 1985. The INDIANA OPEN may be the longest annual tournament in the country if not the world. Hope you can join us for a weekend of Backgammon.

1984 Hoosier Backgammon Club TOP TEN receive Awards.

LARRY STROMMEN received Bill Robertie's new book, ADVANCED BACKGAMMON for capturing the HBC Player of the Year title. LARRY plus JIM CURTIS, GEORGE CRAWFORD, BUTCH MEESE, CYRUS MOBED, CHUCK STIMMING, GROVER BENGE, CHRIS STANFORD, MARY ANN MEESE and LOU RAMER received personalized doubling cubes as trophies. The cubes were engraved with the players name so shown at the right. The race for the 1985 TOP TEN has already begun with JIM CURTIS having the early lead.



1985 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings

Jim Curtis	1.00	Sue Epple	0.20	Cyrus Moberd	0.08
George Crawford	0.74	Bob Lappin	0.16	Ralph Roberts	0.08
Donna Susens	0.50	Butch Meese	0.16	Betty Seashore	0.05
Mary Ann Meese	0.33	Mark Mikolon	0.12	Vicky Anderson	0.02
Jerry Ungar	0.25	Susie Henderson	0.11		

Round-Robin Returns

HBC is dedicated to providing the opportunity to play backgammon and an environment for improving ones skill levels. To expand this opportunity, a round-robin format will be added to the weekly events.

Weekly Play expanded to Wednesdays at CHARLIE & BARNEYS' (Keystone at the Crossing - Door #2, next to TGIF)

Weekly Play....WEDNESDAYS -



Keystone at
the Crossing

THURSDAYS -

Marriott
HOTELS•RESORTS

21st Street &
Shadeland Avenue

Play Begins at 7:00 PM * Open Division \$15.00 * Intermediate Division \$7.00
Novice Division \$5.00 (Round Robin) Bring a NEW Player and you can play free.
BOX SHOT PRIZE: The prize has increased to \$32.00. Everyone attending a HBC weekly event will have a chance to win the BOX SHOT PRIZE. All you have to do is roll four(4) of any number and you win. This prize will increase every month until someone wins. Good Luck!!

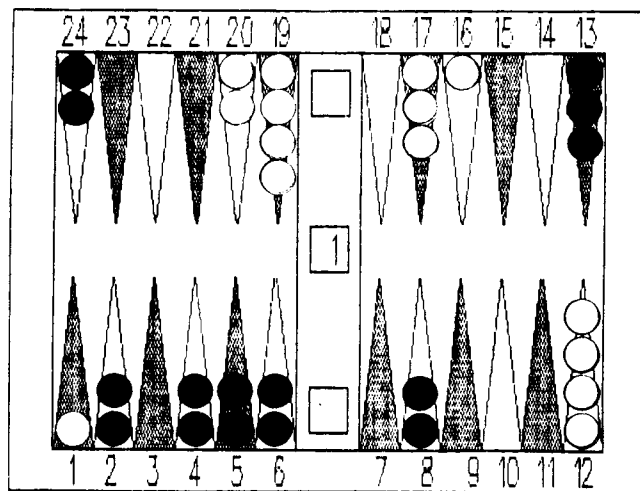
HBC would like to welcome two new players, VICKY ANDERSON and SUSIE HENDERSON, plus welcome back an old friend, MARK MIKOLON.

Schedule of BACKGAMMON Events (Entry forms available thru HBC)

Feb 15-17 Eighth Annual Charity BG Tournament, Pittsburgh	(412)221-4368
Feb 28-Mar 3 Nevada State BG Championship w/\$8500 Added Reno,NV	(702)825-1984
Mar 1-3 9th Annual Bluegrass Regional Louisville	(502)584-8419
* MAR 22-24 33rd Annual INDIANA OPEN Backgammon Championship	HBC Hotlines*
Apr 12-14 Midwest Championships, Oakbrook Holiday Inn, Chicago	(312)338-6380
Apr 26-28 Michigan MICHELOB BG Weekend, Saginaw Michigan	(517)755-8341
Weekly: WEDNESDAYS 7:00PM CHARLIE & BARNEYS' - Keystone at the Crossing & THURSDAYS 7:00PM MARRIOTT INN 21st & Shadeland Avenue	HBC Hotlines*

Intermediate Corner Black to play 5-5?
5 Point Match Black-1 White-0

This position occurred during the Final match of a Thursday evening HBC event. This is called an Intermediate problem because all of the experienced players I have asked have played it the same way. Before I get the answer to the play, let us look at the position again. Black has the innerboard advantage of four points to White's two points. The pip count is even at 137, but Black will be ahead by 20 pips after the move. The only disadvantage is that Black has two pieces back to White's one.



Now consider the rules you have learned to govern your play.

- 1) Do not break your mid-point unless you have escaped your back pieces or at least have an advanced anchor.
- 2) Build your innerboard points from the 6 point down in order.
- 3) More....

Now before the answer, let us look at how many good rolls White has if it was his turn. His thoughts are to escape his last piece or trap your two back pieces. 6-6,6-5,6-4,6-3,6-2,6-1,5-5,5-4,5-3,5-2, 4-4,4-3,4-2,4-1,3-3,3-1,2-2,2-1,1-1 for a total of 32 rolls.

Now the move is 8-3(2) and 6-1x(2). This move puts White on the bar against a five point board, so White's good rolls are reduced to 11 (any 6). The experienced player has learned to weigh the rules that governs his play. He realizes that he has to find a way to escape his back pieces by limiting White's good rolls. If White fails to enter, Black has a chance for a gammon. The question is "Should Black double if White dances?" If Black picks up the blot on the 16 point, White would have a hard time escaping a gammon. And of course, if White is gammoned with the cube on 2, he loses the match.

Report from the North American Backgammon Championships

The tournament was split into two events with 61 in each event. The first event ran from Wednesday to Friday which saw LEE GENUD defeating R. GIANNINI in the final. The second tournament ran from Friday to Sunday with KENT GOULDING winning over PAUL MAGRIEL.

BILL ROBERTIE'S book ADVANCED BACKGAMMON (****) is available through the club at the reduced price of \$28.00. Call Larry Strommen if you are interested.

Some MURRAY'S BACKGAMMON by Bob Leibel (from LVBG, Spring 1982)

COFFEE DRINKER'S LAMENT: Going to the bathroom changes your luck, but only if you are hot - this does not work in reverse.

CRAWFORD'S PRINCIPLE: If a gammon is needed by your opponent while at the Crawford game, chances are he will get one.

AZZAM'S COMMENT: When the final criteria for accepting a double is, "At least I won't be gammoned," you will be gammoned.

OPENING PRECEPT: Slotting on your five-point on opening roll will be hit more often than the law of averages should allow.

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