



HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB

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HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

WHO IS the best Backgammon Player in the Indianapolis area? During the summer months, HBC will conduct it's first ever Club Championships to find out! Qualifying will be conducted during regular Wednesday and Thursday evening play. Everyone will get four chances to qualify and can qualify up to four times. The more times you qualify, the better your chances. Each "Qualifying Group" will consist of 4 players. The 2-0 winner will win back his qualifying fee and be the qualifier for that group. Each chance to qualify will be \$15 for the Open Division and \$8 for the Intermediate Division. The remaining money will go to a prize pool. With 16 qualifiers, one place will be paid in the Open and two in the Intermediate. Qualifying will start now and continue thru the end of July. The matchs in the Qualifying Rounds will be 9 points for the Open Division and 7 points in the Intermediate. To the WINNERS goes a traveling TROPHY. If there is no way for you to make our Wednesday or Thursday evening play, call Butch Meese to schedule another time.

New Location WEDNESDAY Evenings.....The Bazaar is going by way of the wrenching ball to make way of a executive hotel. So we're moving across I465 to JONATHON'S RESTAURANT & PUB(next to Bob Evans). The entry is off 96th Street and Keystone. We'll have a room to ourselves with plenty of light all evening. <<< Additional Note >>> A couple of times play has run past 11PM. We have taken steps to insure it doesn't happen again.

Weekly WEDNESDAYS
 Play 96th And
 Keystone
 844-1155

JONATHON'S
 restaurant&pub

THURSDAYS
 21st Street &
 Shadeland Avenue
 352-1231

Marriott
 HOTELS•RESORTS

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 play free.

BOX SHOT PRIZE WON: Mary Ann Meese won the BOX SHOT PRIZE by rolling four fives on April 17. Stay tuned for a new BOX SHOT PRIZE!

April	Apr 03 1st Lou Ramer	Apr 17 1st Lou Newport
	2nd Jim Wilson	2nd Mary Ann Meese
Weekly	Apr 04 1st Lou Ramer	Apr 18 1st Lou Newport
	Apr 10 Open 1st Butch Meese	2nd Lou Ramer
Results	2nd Lou Newport	Apr 24 1st Cyrus Mobed
	Int 1st Mary Ann Meese	2nd Mary Ann Meese
	2nd Larry Frefz	Apr 25 1st R. C. Robbins
	Apr 11 1st Walter Trice	

Tournament Results: JOE SYLVESTER made it two in a row in April. First at the MIDWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS, Joe won a close final match over DEAN MUENCH(Chicago). Two weeks later at the MICHELOB BACKGAMMON WEEKEND, Saginaw Michigan, JOE defeated Chicagoland Backgammon Newsletter Editor, Bill Davis.

Indy players making their mark: WALTER TRICE tied 3rd/4th in the Advance Division and LARRY STROMMEN / WALTER TRICE tied 3rd/4th in the MIDWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS DOUBLES. At the MICHELOB tournament, GREG VARBINOV and JOHN O'HAGAN placed in the Intermediate Division while SUSIE HENDERSON won the Consolation in the Novice Division. WAY TO GO!

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1985 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings as of April 30th.

1) George Crawford	2.59	Monte Borman	0.61	Sue Epple	0.20
2) Mary Ann Meese	2.47	Jim Knauer	0.60	Bob Lappin	0.16
3) Butch Meese	2.35	Bill Hodes	0.55	Mark Mikolon	0.12
4) Jim Curtis	2.34	Sylvester Johnson	0.51	Dean Adamian	0.08
5) Larry Strommen	2.32	Alan Tavel	0.50	Vickie Anderson	0.08
6) Chuck Stimming	2.00	Ralph Roberts	0.44	Kim Schafer	0.08
7) Grover Bengé	1.65	Bill Julian	0.40	David Kane	0.08
8) Lou Ramer	1.58	Frank Scott	0.38	Howard Leitz	0.06
9) Cyrus Mobed	1.23	Larry Frefz	0.28	Betty Seashore	0.05
10) Lou Newport	1.20	Margaret Roberts	0.28	Mike Mills	0.04
Jim Wilson	1.03	R. C. Robbins	0.25	Jerry Birck	0.04
Donna Susens	0.98	Jerry Ungar	0.25	Linda Schultz	0.04
Walter Trice	0.89	Tom Hendryx	0.24	Bill Russell	0.02
Susie Henderson	0.76	Jack Pittsley	0.24	Susie Robbins	0.02

CHUCK STIMMING wins Spring League

The Spring League was anti-climatic with CHUCK STIMMING taking an early lead and holding on all the way. The order of finish: 1st CHUCK STIMMING, 2nd GEORGE CRAWFORD, 3rd LARRY STROMMEN & 4th GROVER BENGÉ. Congrats.

HBC NOTES: WALTER TRICE has moved back to Massachusetts. Good luck WALTER. HBC thanks DEAN ADAMIAN for dropping in on April 17th.

Backgammon Literature and Equipment Available through HBC.

The books available are Bill Robertie's ADVANCED BACKGAMMON, Jeff Ward's THE DOUBLING CUBE, Vol I, and all of Danny Kleinman's books. Equipment available includes cubes in different sizes, engraved and colored Lucite, precision dice and backgammon boards. Also available are Danny Kleinman's reference cards. If interested in these or other materials, call Larry Strommen.

Backgammon Literature

The club is seeing new players of different skill levels and some questions have come up about backgammon literature. There is a lot of literature for the novice and intermediate level players, but it is sometimes difficult to know which book is best. Hopefully, the information here will clear that situation. Most experienced players have read PAUL MAGRIEL'S BACKGAMMON and some have read it two or three times. It is considered the encyclopedia of backgammon. Backgammon books in general are technical, meaning there is a lot of material. So, it is usually best to read only a chapter at a time and combine that with your regular play. Another good book is PARADOXES AND PROBABILITIES by Barclay Cooke. The book contains 168 positional problems covering opening, middle and end phases of the game. These two books are still available thru the book stores, although they probably will have to be ordered. For players wanting a book on the doubling cube, Jeff Ward's THE DOUBLING CUBE, Vol I, is a good place to start. This book is available thru the club. Next time, we'll cover some advanced reading material. Good reading!

Free Entry To Weekly Play! Submit a backgammon position to be analysis and if it is printed in the Newsletter, you will receive FREE entry to either Wednesday or Thursday Evening Play.

Schedule of BACKGAMMON Events (Entry forms available thru HBC)

May 24-27 1985 Chicago Classic (312)583-9224 or (312)878-1212
May 31-Jun 02 1st Annual Backgammon Championships - Minneapolis (614)544-6865
Jun 18-23 10th World Amateur Championship - Sands Hotel, LV (212)935-1878
Jul 26-28 Michigan Summer Championships - Flint, MI (313)232-9731
* NOV 15-17 2nd Annual INDIANA CLASSIC - Indianapolis HBC Hotlines*
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