



HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB

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2nd Annual INDIANA CLASSIC - November 15, 16 & 17, 1985

Mark your calendar for the last tournament in the Midwest before the Holidays. The Sheraton Motor Inn East, 42nd & Pendleton Pike, is providing special rates of \$38.00 a night, single or double. DANNY KLEINMAN will be making a rare appearance in the Midwest at this tournament as Honorary Chairman. This appearance means you have a chance to meet this well-known author of 9 backgammon books and respected backgammon analyst. The format for this tournament will be 'true' double elimination (DEF) with progressive consolation. A player can lose one match and still win his division. Some other advantages of this format are all wins advance a player closer to a winning position and 3 losses are required to be eliminated. Besides the familiar 64 and 32 DEF, 48 DEF has been devised to minimize the large number of byes with 33 to 48 players.

HBC One-day Warm-Up Tournament for the 2nd INDIANA CLASSIC



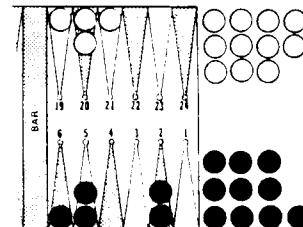
September 29th at Woodland Bowl 96th & Keystone (844-4099)

11:00 AM Registration Opens	Open Division \$75.00	} 90% Return
Noon Registration Closes	Interm Division \$35.00	
Calcutta Auction(90% Return)	Novice Division \$10.00	
12:30 PM Play Begins	** Side Pool in all divisions for Full **	
7:00 PM Finals	** Entry to 2nd INDIANA CLASSIC **	

Reservations are not required but greatly appreciated by calling one of the HOTLINES.

Louisville Labor Day Weekend Tournament Results

One hundred twenty-six players including Ron Black, George Crawford, Jim Curtis, Bill Hodes, Butch Meese, R. C. Robins and Larry Strommen took in the "Southern" hospitality at the Louisville Labor Day Weekend Tournament. Only RON BLACK placed by winning the consolation in the A Division. The format guaranteed 10 matches with the 4 players having the best win-loss record advancing to the semifinals. Most players reported they liked the guarantee of 10 matches but would like to see longer matches. A side note: in other formats, the seeds usually take high percentage of the win places, but in this format only one seed made it to the semifinals both times it has been used. In the semifinal, Joe Sylvester, after begin behind 5 to 10, fought back to tie the 13 point match 11 to 11. The next game produced a double and take which came down to the following bearoff position. Joe had a 6-1 to play. The 6 was moved off with a decision on which 1 to move. Joe was not rewarded for his play, because Jeff Hodges rolled double 4's and Joe could not answer with the double he needed. The answer for the best one to move is on the back page.



Division	Winner	Finalist
AAA (56)	Jeff Hodges (Largo, FL)	Van Vandivier (Herrin, IL)
AA (52)	Mark Tyrrell (N. Augusta, SC)	Frank Blaydes (Augusta, GA)
A (18)	Lorie Mitchell (Baltimore, MD)	Chris Stone (St. Louis, MO)
Doubles(33)	A. Williams/Alex Barsell (NY)	Dave Thomas/Brian Mendel (FL)

1985 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings as of August 31st.

1) Mary Ann Meese	5.55	Monte Borman	0.61	Vickie Anderson	0.12
2) Butch Meese	4.40	Jim Knauer	0.60	Dan Morris	0.10
3) Larry Strommen	4.06	Bob Hodes	0.55	Linda Schultz	0.08
4) Lou Ramer	3.46	Alan Tavel	0.50	Mike Fairfax	0.08
5) R. C. Robins	3.13	Margaret Roberts	0.48	Dean Adamian	0.08
6) Chuck Stimming	3.06	Mike Norman	0.47	David Kane	0.08
7) Jim Curtis	2.95	Ralph Roberts	0.44	Howard Leitz	0.06
8) George Crawford	2.59	Bill Julian	0.40	Betty Seashore	0.05
9) Cyrus Mobed	2.57	Ed Wright	0.28	Barbara Knauer	0.04
10) Lou Newport	2.00	Larry Prefs	0.28	Jerry Birck	0.04
Jim Wilson	1.99	Jerry Ungar	0.25	Mike Mills	0.04
Frank Scott	1.74	Kim Schafer	0.24	Josie Lawrence	0.02
Grover Bengé	1.65	Tom Hendryx	0.24	Susie Robbins	0.02
Susie Henderson	1.34	Jack Pittsley	0.24	Todd Stanley	0.02
Sylvester Johnson	1.27	Sue Epple	0.20	Barb Messersmith	0.02
Donna Susens	0.98	Bob Lappin	0.16	Stu Whitcomb	0.02
Walter Trice	0.89	Mary Ann Boleman	0.12	Bill Russell	0.02
Perry Lucas	0.74	Mark Mikolon	0.12		

Indianapolis BACKGAMMON Hotlines

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Butch & Mary Ann Meese, 7620 Kilmer Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46256 (317) 845-8435

HBC Contest for Discount Entry to 2nd INDIANA CLASSIC!!

Here is your chance to win and all you have to do is to make a list. Backgammon, like most games, has it's own vocabulary. Some words, like "back", appear repeatedly. A sample list for "back" is

- 1) "back"gammon - the name of the game.
- 2) "back"gammon - losing a game with piece(s) in opponent's home board.
- 3) "back" piece(s) - the piece(s) farthest from home board.
- 4) "back" game - a type of game holding point(s) in opponent's home board

The word that seems to appear most often in backgammon is "DOUBLE". The contest is to produce a list, like with "back", for the word "DOUBLE." The list must contain your phrases along with a short description for each phrase. The person sending in the longest accepted list will receive \$2 off their entry fee to the 2nd INDIANA CLASSIC for each phase. With a list of 10, the winner would receive \$20 off. Send your list to 'HBC - Double List' %Butch Meese by October 20th. As a starting point, HBC came up with a list of over a dozen. The winner, along with the winning list, will be announced in the November newsletter. The winner must attend the 2nd INDIANA CLASSIC to receive the reduced entry fee. It is not transferable. If the winner does not attend the 2nd INDIANA CLASSIC, he will receive a Lucite doubling cube.

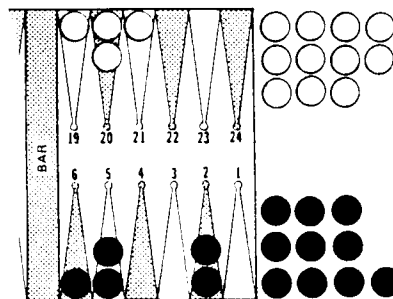
Joe Sylvester versus Jeff Hodges

A program 'Backgammon BEAROFF Simulator' was used to obtain the percentages and averages. The program runs on the IBM-PC, ATT-PC or compatible and will be available late this or early next year. If you are interested in obtaining information on this program, send your name and address to 'HBC - BEAROFF' %Butch Meese, 7620 Kilmer Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46256. Be sure to indicate which computer system you have if different than the IBM or ATT personnel computer.

Before Joe rolled 6-1, he was 59.7% to win. With a roll of 6-1, the 6 is moved off and there are two choices on the one. Both positions after moving the 1's were run with the same dice rolls to 30,000 games. The move of 5 to 4 produces a better chance to win (2.53 average rolls) than moving 2 to 1 (2.57 average rolls). To show how this relates to winning percentage in this game, both positions were run against Jeff's position with Jeff on roll. By moving 5-4, Joe's position would be 55.0% to win and moving 2-1, he would be 51.7%.

Backgammon BEAROFF Simulator Ver 1.2 to 30,000 games.

	Play 5 to 4	percent	Play 2 to 1	percent
Roll 1	1644	5.5%	1644	5.5%
Roll 2	11199	42.8%	9928	38.6%
Roll 3	16712	98.5%	18002	98.6%
Roll 4	445	100.0%	426	100.0%
Average Rolls:	2.53		2.57	



Weekly Results	Open Division	Interm. Division
	1st	2nd
August 07	Chuck Stimming	Cyrus Mobed
August 14	Mike Norman	R. C. Robins
August 21	Lou Ramer	Mary Ann Meese
August 28	Jim Curtis	Mary Ann Meese



Weekly Play at

96th & Keystone 844-1155

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 for free.

Looking for a Custom Backgammon Board?

The Midwest has two sources of fine backgammon boards. You can see examples of quality workmanship from both when you attend any tournament in the Midwest. For information call either AL IMM of Valparaiso, Indiana (210) 462-6342 or RICK TODD of Saginaw, Michigan (517) 777-9846.

Schedule of BACKGAMMON Events (Entry forms available thru HBC)

* SEPT 29th	2nd INDIANA CLASSIC Warm-Up	Woodland Bowl	96 & Keystone	HBC Hotlines*
Oct 20th	Peoria Fall Tournament			(309)682-0768
Oct 25-27	New Hampshire Fall Classic			(603)563-8549
Nov 03th	Flint Area Championship - Flint, Mich			(313)232-9731
* NOV 15-17	2nd Annual INDIANA CLASSIC - Indianapolis			HBC Hotlines*
Weekly:	WEDNESDAYS 7:00PM at JONATHON'S RESTAURANT & PUB - 96th & Keystone			