

HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB

Hoosier Backgammon Club
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Wednesday evening play has moved to

96th & Keystone 844-4099



Use the entrance to the Sports Lounge just below the BIG bowling pin.

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.

We Learn.....

It has been determined scientifically that on an average we learn 15% of what we hear, 25% of that we read, 55% of what we see and 90% of what we do. So come out and join us and get the most of your backgammon enjoyment.

HOW OLD IS BACKGAMMON?

Backgammon is the oldest game in recorded history. It is believed to have originated in Mesopotamia in ancient times. Excavated relics and literary references also indicate the game's popularity among the ancient aristocrats of Greece, Rome, Persia and the Far East.

The ancient Romans called the game tabula, probably with reference to the board on which the game is played. When the Romans invaded Britain, tabula went with them.

Tables, the English form of the ancient Roman name, was played throughout the Middle Ages. Elsewhere also, various forms of the game entranced the leisure classes. In Italy, backgammon was called "tavola reale" and in Spain it was "tablas reales," both meaning "royal tables." In France, the game was called "trictrac," presumably an imitation of the sound of rattling dice.

By the 17th century in England the game had been refined into an approximation of today's game, except for doubling, a modification that was added in 1925.

The name "backgammon" was coined about 1645. The word came from combining the Middle English words "bac" (back) and "gammon" (game) and referring to the re-entry of counters onto the table.

Backgammon remained a popular aristocratic pastime and about 1743 the English writer on games, Edmond Hoyle, codified the rules of play. These rules were modified in 1931 in the United States.

Since the 1960s, backgammon is generally played by two people. Alternate rules allow any number but only two people actually roll the dice and move the counters, but they may have partners for consultation and advice.

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

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

Open Division 1st Paul Strasberg - Louisville

Intermediate 1st Greg Varbinov - Ft. Wayne

2nd Larry Strasberg - Louisville

Indianapolis BACKGAMMON Hotlines

Larry Strommen, 6866 Meadow View Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46226 (317)545-0224

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

HBC Contest Continues for Discount Entry to 2nd INDIANA CLASSIC until Oct 28!

Here is your chance to win and all you have to do is to make a list. Like most games, backgammon 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 - 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 the 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 28th. 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.

Weekly	Open Division		Interm. Division	
Results	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Sept 04	Jim Curtis	Larry Strommen	Mike Fairfax	
Sept 11	Cyrus Mobed		Mike Mills	
Sept 18	Jim Curtis	Butch Meese	Mary Ann Boleman	R. C. Robins
Sept 25	Cyrus Mobed	Larry Strommen	R. C. Robins	Mike Fairfax

1985 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings as of September 30st.

1) Mary Ann Meese	5.65	Paul Strasberg	0.60	Vickie Anderson	0.12
2) Butch Meese	4.81	Mike Fairfax	0.56	Mark Mikolon	0.12
3) Larry Strommen	4.66	Bob Hodes	0.55	Dan Morris	0.10
4) Lou Ramer	3.70	Margaret Roberts	0.52	Ken Brock	0.08
5) Jim Curtis	3.65	Alan Tavel	0.50	David Kane	0.08
6) R. C. Robins	3.61	Mike Norman	0.47	Linda Schultz	0.08
7) Chuck Stimming	3.06	Ralph Roberts	0.44	Dean Adamian	0.08
8) Cyrus Mobed	3.05	Bill Julian	0.40	Howard Leitz	0.06
9) George Crawford	2.91	Larry Strasberg	0.35	Betty Seashore	0.05
10) Jim Wilson	2.21	Kim Schafer	0.32	Barbara Knauer	0.04
Lou Newport	2.00	Mary Ann Boleman	0.32	Jerry Birck	0.04
Frank Scott	1.94	Ed Wright	0.28	Josie Lawrence	0.02
Grover Bengé	1.65	Larry Frefz	0.28	Barb Messersmith	0.02
Sylvester Johnson	1.39	Jerry Ungar	0.25	Susie Robbins	0.02
Susie Henderson	1.38	Tom Hendryx	0.24	Todd Stanley	0.02
Donna Susens	0.98	Jack Pittsley	0.24	Barb Messersmith	0.02
Walter Trice	0.89	Sue Epple	0.20	Bill Russell	0.02
Perry Lucas	0.74	Mike Mills	0.19	Diane Rademaker	0.02
Monte Borman	0.61	Claude Davis	0.16	Stu Whitcomb	0.02
Jim Knauer	0.60	Sylvia Strasberg	0.16		
Greg Varbinov	0.60	Bob Lappin	0.16		

Backgammon Rules To Live By.....When in doubt, clear from the rear!!

Schedule of BACKGAMMON Events (Entry forms available thru HBC)

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*
Nov 22-24	Children's Hosp Benefit - Sheraton Commander, MA	(617)862-3162
WEDNESDAYS	7:00PM at WOODLAND BOWL Sport Lounge - 96th & Keystone	844-4099