

HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB

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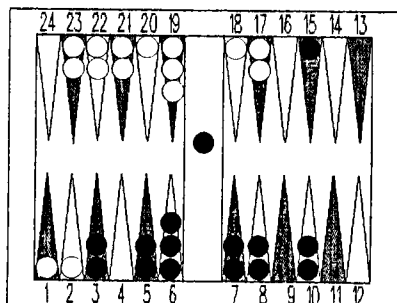
Over 172 said YES to MICHIGAN

The Michigan Summer Backgammon Championships pulled in over 172 players from all over the country, Canada and Japan. The attendance was so overwhelming that a 16-player overflow was used in the intermediate division. Carol Joy Cole and staff handled the crowd well and everyone had a good time. And for those of you who still think your chances are slim if you lose your first or second round in a double-elimination, you can take a lesson from Jim Wilson of Detroit. Jim lost in the second round and won 10 straight matches including 2 matches in the finals to capture the Championship. LARRY STROMMEN placed in the Limited Doubles with Judy Field (Flint).

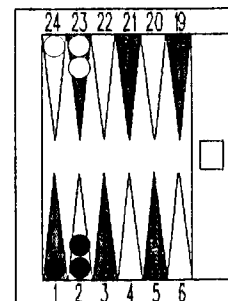


<p>Open Division (64)</p> <p>1st Jim Wilson - Detroit 2nd Duane Jensen - St Paul 3rd Sam Janjigian - Boston C1 Mike Labins - Calif C2 Howard Markowitz - Chi C34 Harry Cohn - Chicago C34 Dave Cramer - Chicago</p>	<p>Interm Division (64)</p> <p>Mike Cyrkiel - Crown Pt, IN J. A. Miller - Chicago Al Demerjian - Calif Mark Zyber - Flint Rill Rudiak - Canada Bill Kane - Flint Agnes Tokatljan - Detroit</p>	<p>Novice (28)</p> <p>Nancy Ishac - Northville Jan Dunn - Saginaw Dave Gladstone - Troy, MI Betty Murry - Toronto Laura Nuhn - Detroit Sue Will - Peoria</p>
<p>Open Double (32)</p> <p>1st Gary Fritzsche/Sid Schneider 2nd Jeff Kane/John Salomon 3/4 Sandy Kaplan/Howard Perlman 3/4 Mike Sudds/Frank White</p>	<p>Limited Doubles (16)</p> <p>Paul Anstett/Ralph Schaffer - Canada Bob & Evelyn Neumann - Flint Judy Field/LARRY STROMMEN - Flint/Indy Chris Owen/John Rohn - Freemond, MI</p>	<p>Super-8 Doubles (8)</p> <p>1st Basil Farah/ Alan Steffen - Flint/Seattle</p>
<p>Interm Overflow (16)</p> <p>1st Gil Tittley - Canada 2nd John Wilke - Rochester, MI</p>	<p>Sunday \$50 Jackpot (16)</p> <p>1st Bill Toth - Livonia 2nd Bob Holyon - Milwaukee</p>	<p>Sunday \$25 Jackpot (32)</p> <p>Ed King - Plain City, OH Gary Margosian - Ann Arbor</p>

Position #1
11 Point Match
X-10, O-10
X to Play 11?
(X has a piece
on the bar)



Position #2
11 Point Match
X-4, O-9
O doubles to 2?
As X what do you do?



Problem #1 - Match Game, X to Play 1-1?

Since it is match game, either side just needs to win the game to win the match. Double 1's is a good roll for X (16 numbers danced)! The first action is to enter on O's 1 point. With double 1's, in most positions there are a lot of options. In this position, X must find a way to reduce O's opportunities to cover his pieces on the 20 or 18 points and make this prime. Therefore X must hit O on the 2 point. This hit takes away half of O's next roll to reenter from the bar. Danny Kleinman points out that the 2-point is inferior to the 3-point, but the hit is more important. The last checker should be moved to the 14 point. Thanks to Tom Walthes(Chicago) for providing the problem and Danny Kleinman for his insight.

Problem #2 - 11 Point Match O-9, X-4 O Doubles to 2? As X, What do you do?

When way behind in a match score, when does one take and turn the cube right back? If you pass, you will be 4-10 (crawford game) or 8.3% to win the match. In this position, X will be (155/1296 or 11.9%) to win the game without the cube. If X takes and O does not roll doubles to win, he can redouble to 4. If this all happens, X would still be trailing 8-9 (or 40.3%). So what determines what is best for X? According to Danny Kleinman, the ratio of match equity risked (8.3%) to maximum win-loss swing if X takes (40.3%) is the minimum chance needed to justify the take (8.3/40.3 = 20.6%). So to take trailing 4-9 to 11, you need 20.6% equity in the game and since X is only 11.9% - it is a drop! Thanks to Jim Curtis(Indianapolis) for providing the problem and again to Danny Kleinman for his analysis.

Danny Kleinman's new book 'The Other Side of Midnight' is now available. It includes a fully annotated 9-point match with comments from the players plus numerous short items; 142 pages of good reading for the serious player. It is available from the author for \$20.00; write 8924 Hargis Street, Los Angeles, California 90034.

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

Fall League to Start in September...League play lasts from September to December
For more details on League Play call one of the Hotlines.

3rd Indiana Classic Dates...November 07-09, 1986...Best Western at the Airport

Wednesday evening play at



96th & Keystone 844-4099

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

** Open Division \$10.00 ** Intermediate Division \$5.00 **

Play Begins at 7:00 PM ** Bring a NEW Player and you play for free.

***** HBC Saturday Tournament - September 27th - Woodland Bowl *****
***** Open \$65 (Side Pool) Intermediate \$25 Novice \$8 *****
**** Regist. 12:00-12:45 PM Play Begins 1:00 PM Finals 7:00 PM ****

1986 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings as of July 31st.

Ten percent of fees collected during regular weekly play goes to a prize pool for yearly prizes for the TOP TEN Players of 1986. With 5 months left, everyone has can make the TOP TEN. Good luck to all.

1) Butch Meese	8.60	Brenda Turner	0.65	Bob Burchhalter	0.16
2) Mary Ann Meese	6.63	Greg Adamavich	0.65	Bill Gheen	0.16
3) Jim Curtis	5.56	Frank Baldwin	0.65	Bob Campbell	0.16
4) Larry Strommen	5.45	Ed Wright	0.62	Todd Stanley	0.16
5) Cyrus Mobed	4.87	Arch Turner	0.58	Tony Giordano	0.15
6) Roy Gearhart	2.79	Frank Scott	0.57	Kim Schafer	0.12
7) Walter Wallace	2.79	Gerald Williams	0.56	Pat Drippe	0.12
8) Chuck Stimming	2.00	Mike Fairfax	0.53	Cassie Curtis	0.10
9) Ron Black	1.95	Art Overbay	0.50	Ed Welky	0.10
10) Alan Tavel	1.70	Tom Walker	0.50	Frank Alexander	0.08
Dave Taggart	1.52	Tim Dailey	0.48	Dorisan Overbay	0.08
Lou Ramer	1.51	Grover Bengé	0.45	Steve Rubenstein	0.08
Ralph Roberts	1.39	Tom Hendryx	0.44	Chuck Mariner	0.08
Jim Knauer	1.30	Glenn Crawford	0.42	Jim Wilson	0.08
R. C. Robins	1.22	Betty Seashore	0.39	Bob Varbinov	0.06
Gordon Smith	1.05	Chris Stanford	0.32	Mike Norman	0.04
George Crawford	1.05	Bill Julian	0.32	Bob Calhoun	0.02
Scott Arche	1.00	Stu Whitcomb	0.32	Barb Messersmith	0.02
Greg Varbinov	0.90	Dennis Shultz	0.32	Joe Sauter	0.02
Lou Newport	0.84	Elle Walker	0.28	Don Watkins	0.02
Margaret Roberts	0.80	Ves Johnson	0.28	Mike Morrcroft	0.02
Peter Deutsch	0.75	Lynn Bennett	0.23	Susie Henderson	0.02
Rick Reahard	0.70	Deborah Salzberg	0.20	Jim Schneider	0.02
Woody Woodworth	0.66	Lee Burton	0.18		

	1st	2nd	3rd
Weekly Results	Jun 04 Butch Meese	Cyrus Mobed	
	Jun 11 Butch Meese	Cyrus Mobed	
	Jun 18 Cyrus Mobed	Butch Meese	
	Jun 25 Jim Curtis	Mary Ann Meese	
	Jul 02 Butch Meese	Larry Strommen	
	Jul 09 Butch Meese	Chuck Stimming	Mary Ann Meese
	Jul 16 Butch Meese	Chuck Stimming	Greg Adamavich
	Jul 23 Mary Ann Meese	Walter Wallace	
	Jul 30 Peter Deutsch	Larry Strommen	Chuck Stimming

Schedule of BACKGAMMON Events (Entry forms available thru HBC)

Aug 08-10	Eastern Open & 2nd Invitational - Cambridge, MA	(301)942-4365
August 9th	Castle Classic - Peoria, IL	(309)692-6909
Aug 12-17	Stratton Mt. Festival - Stratton Mt. Inn, VT	(305)527-4033
Aug 22-24	Toronto Internation Backgammon Classic - Ontario	(416)853-2375
Au 29-Se 01	11th Labor Day Weekend - Hilton Inn East, Louisville	(502)451-3950
Sep 26-28	Easter Seal Charity Tournament - Pittsburgh	(412)391-6363
* SEPT 27	HBC SATURDAY Tournament - Woodland Bowl	HBC Hotlines *
Oct 10-13	Backgammon on Board - Cruise to Nassau	(312)394-4999
Oct 24-26	Peoria Fall Classic - Peoria, IL	(309)682-9595
* NOV 07-09	3rd Annual INDIANA CLASSIC - Best Western, Airport	HBC Hotlines *
Nov 28-30	Plymouth Gammonfest - Livonia, Mich	(313)981-5706
Dec 03-07	International Backgammon Festival - Reno Hilton	(702)826-1984
WEDNESDAYS	7PM at WOODLAND BOWL Sport Page Lounge - 96th & Keystone - 844-4099	