



HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB

Hoosier Backgammon Club
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3rd Indiana Classic Dates...November 07-09, 1986...Best Western at the Airport
SPECIAL TOURNAMENT NOTES: By popular demand, a special event "The Indy \$500" has been added to the tournament schedule. Entries will be limited to 16 players with an entry fee of \$500 and 100% return. The format will be single elimination with first place winning \$5500 and second \$2500. Some players signed-up at the Louisville Labor Day Tournament. If you are interested call Butch Meese. The format for the Open, Intermediate and Novice divisions will be the now popular double-elimination with progressive consolation.

BACKGAMMON *with* the CHAMPIONS

Cambridge, Massachusetts
August 07-09, 1986

U. S. Invitational (16)

1st Joey Mirzoeff (New York)

2nd Paul Weaver (Calif)

3rd Joe Sylvester (Mich)

Open Division (80)

1st Dennis Culpepper (VA)

2nd Wendy Kaplan (NY)

3/4 Al Tesoro (FL)

3/4 Jim Roderick (NV)

C1 Frank Blaydes (GA)

C2 Gino Scalamandre (NY)

C34 Garbis Zerdelian (MA)

C34 Steve Brown (MN)

Interm Division (50)

Rick Barabino (MA)

Richard Gruen (RI)

Rick Cutler (MI)

Mark Merado (NY)

Gary Fries (VA)

Evan Diamond (MA)

Rich Sweetman (CO)

Mark Harlan (CO)

Doubles (64)

1st Alan Steffen (WA)/

Emily Fisher (CA)

2nd Sid & Dave Golub (MA)

3/4 Perry & Norma Gartner (NY)

3/4 Frank Talbot (MI)/

Wanda Mortuk (MI)

Sunday \$500 Jackpot (8)

1st Steve Moffitt (PA)

2nd Gino Scalamandre (NY)

Sunday \$200 Jackpot (16)

Howard Markowitz (IL)

Alan Steffen (WA)

Sunday \$50 Jackpot (32)

Chas Hesser (FL)

Les Boyd (FL)

Louisville Labor Day Tournament

Everyone enjoyed a lot of backgammon at the Louisville Labor Day Tournament. The continuous play format allows everyone to play 10 matches with the 4 players having the best win-loss record advancing to the play-offs. The two finalist, Kent Goulding and Mike Corbett, had to come from behind in the semifinals. Mike Corbett won by rolling boxes in the match game bearoff. Kent Goulding scored a backgammon in the first post Crawford game while down 6 to 10 in a 11 point match. Two local players, WOODY WOODWORTH and RON BLACK placed first, second respectively in the A Division. If you need to get to the airport quickly, ask Carol Joy Cole or Duane Jensen if they would recommend the Meeses' Prompt Limousine Service.

AAA Division (46)

1st Kent Goulding (Kensington, MD)

2nd Mike Corbett (Ft. Lauderdale)

3/4 Jim Painter (St Louis)

3/4 Konstantin Kogan (Atlanta)

C1 Ernest Klein (Houston)

C2 Yamin Yamin (Chicago)

AA Division (46)

Larry Whittenburg (Carbondale, IL)

Raymond Suto (Orlando)

David Blatte (Atlanta)

Joanne Feinstein (Chicago)

David Thomas (Deland, FL)

Samra Hadden (GA)

\$500 Invitational (16)

1st Ray Glaeser (NJ)

2nd Ed O'Laughlin (VA)

Doubles (32)

1st Dean Muench/Mike Nelson (Chicago/Boston)

2nd Carol Joy Cole/Duane Jensen (Flint/St Paul)

3/4 Alice Gerard/Jim Bowman (Orlando)

3/4 Phyllis LePack/Sid Schneider (NJ)

A Division (11)

1st WOODY WOODWORTH (Indianapolis)

2nd RON BLACK (Indianapolis)

C1 Jeanne Eggenberger (Plymouth, MI)

Pips & Bits

R. C. Robins will hear wedding bells September 20th..Indianapolis will host the 1987 PAM-AM Games August 3rd to 23th...Which Chicago player refers to the checkers as "cookies"?...Look for the 3rd US (possibly World) Invitational and Eastern Open to be held back in Boston, November 1987...Kent Goulding had a late entry for the bumper sticker contest - "Backgammon Players Do It Their Prime"...The HBC newsletter is available for \$5.00 a year.

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***** 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 ****



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.

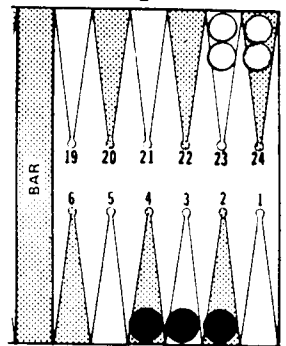
1986 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings as of August 31st.					Weekly Results	
1) Butch Meese	10.36	Rick Reahard	0.70	Bob Campbell	0.16	August 05
2) Mary Ann Meese	7.25	Brenda Turner	0.65	Bill Gheen	0.16	1st Larry Strommen
3) Larry Strommen	6.72	Frank Baldwin	0.65	Tony Giordano	0.15	2nd Peter Duetsch
4) Jim Curtis	6.31	Ed Wright	0.62	Mike Norman	0.12	3rd Walter Wallace
5) Cyrus Mobed	5.03	Arch Turner	0.58	Pat Drippe	0.12	
6) Walter Wallace	3.40	Bob Burkhalter	0.56	Kim Schafer	0.12	August 12
7) Roy Gearhart	3.29	Dennis Schulte	0.56	Bob Calhoun	0.10	1st Ralph Roberts
8) Ralph Roberts	2.09	Gerald Williams	0.56	Ed Welky	0.10	2nd Roy Gearhart
9) Chuck Stimming	2.08	Mike Fairfax	0.53	Cassie Curtis	0.10	3rd Butch Meese
10) Ron Black	1.95	Art Overbay	0.50	Durb Oldham	0.08	
Peter Deutsch	1.90	Tom Walker	0.50	Frank Alexander	0.08	August 19
Alan Tavel	1.70	Tim Dailey	0.48	Chuck Mariner	0.08	1st Jim Curtis
Dave Taggart	1.52	Grover Bengel	0.45	Steve Rubenstein	0.08	2nd Butch Meese
Lou Ramer	1.51	Tom Hendryx	0.44	Nancy Sachs	0.08	3rd Mary Ann Meese
Jim Knauer	1.30	Glenn Crawford	0.42	John Schulte	0.08	
R. C. Robins	1.28	Stu Whitcomb	0.40	Jim Wilson	0.08	August 26
Woody Woodworth	1.06	Betty Seashore	0.39	Dorisan Overbay	0.08	1st Butch Meese
Greg Adamavich	1.05	Bill Julian	0.32	Bob Varbinov	0.06	2nd Peter Duetsch
Gordon Smith	1.05	Chris Stanford	0.32	Susie Henderson	0.02	3rd Mary Ann Meese
George Crawford	1.05	Elle Walker	0.28	Barb Messersmith	0.02	
Scott Arche	1.00	Ves Johnson	0.28	Joe Sauter	0.02	
Frank Scott	0.93	Lynn Bennett	0.23	Jim Schneider	0.02	
Greg Varbinov	0.90	Deborah Salzberg	0.20	Don Watkins	0.02	
Lou Newport	0.84	Lee Burton	0.18	Mike Morrcroft	0.02	
Margaret Roberts	0.80	Todd Stanley	0.16			

"Slow down, you move too fast...."

The lyrics from a Simon & Garfunkel song have some meaning in backgammon also. The bearoff is usually the fastest part of the game. For the novice and some intermediate players, the fast pace can lead to some misplays. The advanced player can quickly spot the positions which require some thought and make the correct play. Although the difference between the correct play and the incorrect play may be small, the advanced player will "cash-in" more often by making the correct play. Here are two positions which in a bearoff would require some thought. See if you can make the correct play. Answers are below.

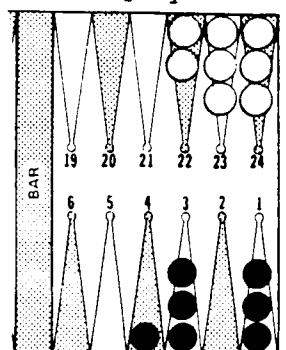
Position One. In making your play, you should always be comparing your position to your opponent's side. In this position, your opponent will win 5 out of 36 with doubles 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6's on his next roll. You want to maximize your chances, when he does not roll the doubles. With a one to play, you have three choices and realizing that only doubles will win for you, you must try to make as many doubles do the job. Double 6's, 5, 4, and 3's work no matter which one you move. But can you make double 2's work? By moving 3 to 2, yes you can!

Position #1
● to play a 1?



Position Two. In bearing off, most of the time you remove the numbers rolled. But when you roll a small number that can not bear off, you have to make a choice of which higher number to move. In Position Two, the novice player often quickly plays 4-off & 3-1 without giving thought to the other play of 4-2 & 3-off. The key to this position is making the most numbers work for you. By playing 4-off & 3-1 rolling any number with a 2 besides double 2's on the next two rolls will cause you to need another roll to bearoff. These numbers force you to move from the 3 to the 1-point again. But if 4-2 & 3-off is played then you are making 2's good. You only get punished if you roll a 2 two times out of the last 3 rolls. By moving 4-2 & 3-off, the chances of winning would be 72% over 60% for moving 4-off & 3-1. This means by making the 2's good, you will win 12 more games out of 100!

Position #2
● to play 52?



Schedule of BACKGAMMON Events (Entry forms available thru HBC)
 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 New Hampshire International Fall Classic (603) 924-7076
 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