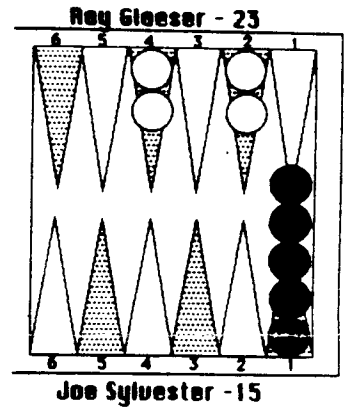


HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB

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"SLY" wins WORLD CUP

Joe Sylvester found a great tournament to end his dry streak, **THE WORLD CUP** hosted by Kent Goulding and Bill Robertie. The strong international field of 45 players read like the who's who's in backgammon. Joe had to win 6 matches against, in order, Billy Horan, Mike Corbett, Australian Bill Marczar, Texan Malcolm Davis, Alan Steffen, and Ray Glaeser in the final to capture the prestigious cup. In the 41 point match, Ray had a commanding lead 23-15 after 24 games and 4½ hours of play. As it turned out game 25 was the pivot point of the match. Ray had the cube at 2 with Joe bearing-off against a 2-4 backgame. Joe had beared-off 5 checkers when Ray got a shot and hit it. Ray managed to close his home board and recubed to 4 - **JOE TOOK**. The game progressed to the position to the right in which Joe took over ten minutes to ponder a redouble to 8. Joe stated afterwards that his give point was 45% and estimated his winning chances at 56%. Joe knew Ray had a take but would only double if Ray did not have a redouble. Joe doubled - Ray took - Joe rolled 62 (2-off) - Ray rolled 63 (4-off, 4-1) and without doubles rolled on either side, Joe won the 8-cube to tie the score at 23 - **BREAK**. In the next 17 games, Joe out scored Ray 14 to 8 and Game 43 below looked like the game for Ray to get back in the match.



WORLD CUP FINAL --- 41 Point Match --- Game 43							
Joe Sylvester - 37		Ray Glaeser - 31		Joe Sylvester - 37		Ray Glaeser - 31	
1)	--	----	51	8 5	26)	31	22x EF 54 EF
2)	64	20x-14	33	22 5 ² 21	27)	52	EF 43 EF
3)	53	3x ²	42	21 11x	28)	21	EF 61 18
4)	21	22	31	3x 10	29)	41	EF 64 8
5)	65	EF		dbl to 2?	30)	61	EF 31 3x ²
6)		take	22	4 ² 1x	31)	52	EF 42 4 ²
7)	55	EF	66	1 4 7	32)	62	19 EF 44 1 ² NP
8)	32	22 23	52	2x ²	33)	64	19-15 63 1 NP
9)	21	EF	43	9 18	34)	54	10 ^{F19} 21 1 ^{F4}
10)	52	EF	21	18	35)	61	4 14 53 18 1
11)	44	EF	64	3x 14	36)	61	2x 7x 54 EF
12)	33	22x ² 7x	62	23 EF	37)	51	2 9 22 EF
13)	52	17x 11x	54	20 21	38)	62	8 ^{F14} 7 62 EF
14)	42	4x ²	42	23 EF	39)	31	7 ² 44 EF
15)	21	5x ²	44	EF	40)	31	3 ^{F7} 51 24 EF
16)	42	17 11	11	23 ²	41)	52	1x ² -- CB
17)	53	6 8	55	8x 18	42)	64	1 3 -- CB
18)	61	EF	53	10	43)	32	0 2 -- CB
19)	62	EF	51	6 7x	44)	42	2 4 41 EF
20)	33	22 ² 10 ²	31	4 23	45)	11	0 ² 3 51 EF
21)	54	17 18	52	18 4	46)	65	0 ² 3 63 19 EF
22)	65	7x	61	18x	47)	42	0 2 42 21 17
23)	54	EF	22	10	48)	65	0 ² 64 11 ^{F21}
24)	51	EF	21	8x-7	49)	66	0 ⁴ 65 6 ^{F17}
25)	32	22 EF	43	4x 1	50)	51	0 ² 44 saves gammon

Joe won the next two games to receive his largest prize since the **Plimpton Cup** in 1983. The Eastern Open turned out to be a special event for repeat winner Dennis Culpepper (Va). Dennis won over a strong field of 76 (25 from the World Cup). Congratulations to Joe, Dennis and all the winners.

WORLD CUP (45)		Eastern Open (78)		Intermediate (34)	
1st	Joe Sylvester	1st	Dennis Culpepper	1st	Robert Mathes
2nd	Ray Glaeser	2nd	Al Hodis	2nd	Mike Rezai
3/4	Alan Steffen	3/4	Paul Magriel	3/4	Eden Windish
3/4	Mike Svobodny	3/4	Walter Trice	3/4	Eddie Pavolonis
C1	Bill Robertie	C1	Laura Petrillo	C1	Derek Payne
C2	Tino Leichish	C2	Evan Diamond	C2	Andrew Costigan
\$1000 EF Best 2 of 3 - 3 Pt Matches		\$500 EF One Pt Matches		Doubles Knock-outs	
#1	Mike Senkiewicz	1st	Joey Mirzoeff	#1 (8)	Steve Brown/Riley Harrison
#2	Chuck Papazian/Jason Lester (split)	2nd	Dean Muench	#2 (8)	Fred Kalantari/Linc Bedell

Survey SAYS!

A survey was conducted during the **38th INDIANA OPEN** with the results to be used to help mold the future of the INDIANA tournaments. The results are included with this mailing. To summarize, the survey said players on the whole enjoy the INDIANA tournaments. The dislikes included the hotel (the Atkinson), long waits, length of matches and smoke. The dislikes plus suggestions for changes included comments general to all tournaments like the smoke and slow play. The part of the survey which generated the most controversy was on the **Holland Rule**. The survey provided space for general comments and interesting reading for everyone.

HBC has responded to some of the items. The **5th INDIANA CLASSIC** is being held at **The Viscount Hotel**, rated 4 STARS by AAA (only 1 of 4 in the state of INDIANA). The HBC staff received a lot of negative flack when this was announced by players who enjoyed having the tournament downtown close to Union Station. HBC will try very hard to move the tournament back downtown for the spring tournament. The Atkinson Hotel was sold and will reopen as the Omni Severin Hotel November, 1989 after a \$40 million renovation. For the players who had long waits, HBC has added an event to give the players something to do. *The MicroBlitz* (details in flyer).

The vote on the *Holland Rule* was close 30-Yes, 26-No and 12-No opinion. But when looking at the all reasons given why, it did not look close at all. A person (outside the survey) stated his reason for it this way - "In all doubling positions before the Crawford Game, the cube is used by taking in account a position and the score. In post Crawford games and not using the Holland Rule, the cube is used only because of the score". This seems to go against the philosophy of the cube. Read the responses and let HBC what you think. HBC will add the *Holland Rule* to it's rules on a trial basis starting with the **5th INDIANA CLASSIC**.

Side Note This part of the survey generated a lot of talk which included the Crawford Rule. One player explained why it came about. In some situations during a match and without the Crawford Rule, the cube has no leverage; example tied 7-7 in a 9 point match. The underdog will drop easily because he can double early next game.

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Summer Fun Fling in Flint 1988 Michigan Backgammon Championships

Over 200 players enjoyed another summer weekend at the Michigan Backgammon Championships in Flint, Michigan. Carol Joy Cole and staff kept players busy which included the Open division playing in a special grid designed by Butch Meese for 80 plus players. The Intermediate Division topped 64 warranting a 16 player overflow grid. A variety of side events filled the weekend with lots of action for the national crowd. HBC members enjoying the weekend were Mick Dorbatz, Mark Mikolon, David Smith, Larry Stromman, Woody Woodworth and the Meeses' who were on staff. Woody placed in the Intermediate consolation while Larry Stromman placed first in the Doubles with partner Neil Kazaross. 100% return was offered in the Open division thanks to Shearson Lehman Hutton (Sandy Kaplan) and Michelob.

Open (80) 1st Neil Kazaross (CA) 2nd Walter Trice (MA) 3rd Duane Jensen (MN) 4/5 Dean Adamian (MI) 4/5 Ralph Stowell (MN) C1 Dean Muench (IL) C2 Rick Barabino (MA) C34 Joan Ross (MI) C34 Yamin Yamin (IL)	Intermediate (64) 1st Oscar Schon (CAN) 2nd Ed Bauder (IL) 3rd Dick Hunt (MI) C1 Ira Hoffberg (IL) C2 Gary Dunn (MI) C34 WOODY WOODWORTH (IN) C34 Riley Harrison (MN)	Novice (22) 1st George Doucette (CAN) 2nd George Farah (MI) C1 Rick Presley (MI) C2 Donna Fisher (OH)	World Cup #1 (16) 1st Howard Markowitz (IL) 2nd Gerry Kane (NJ)
\$50 Jackpot (8) 1st John Brussel (NY)	Interm Overflow (16) 1st Bob Neumann (MI) 2nd Dan Smith (MI) C1 Sandy Grassel (MI)	Blitz (128) 1st Bill Kane (MI) 2nd Mike Giordano (MI)	World Cup #2 (8) 1st Ami Tennenbaum (NJ)
Open Double (32) 1st Neil Kazaross/LARRY STROMMAN (CA/IN) 2nd Dean Adamian/Rick Cutler (MI/MI) 3/4 Robbie Roberts/Mike Shadkin (MI/MI) 3/4 Rick Zyber/Bill Kane (MI/MI)		\$25 Jackpot (16) 1st Bob Holyon (WS) 1st Jim Hickey (GA)	Flint \$500 (8) 1st Carl Sellars (CAN)
		Overflow Doubles (8) 1st Basil Farah/Rick Todd (CAN/MI)	Freeze-Out (16) 1st Tom Walthes (IL) 2nd Danny Marcus (MI)
		Limited Doubles (16) 1st Bob Gladfelter/Dennis Cupp (OH/OH) 2nd Denny & Carol Leatherman (PA)	

Hoosier Pips...Mark Mikolon won the HBC contest for predicting the WORLD CUP Final match total playing time. Mark won \$40 off his entry fee to the 5th INDIANA CLASSIC...HBC welcomes back Kevin McLeaster after a three year absence...Planning a business, pleasure or backgammon trip, call HBC's travel agent Celebrity Travel 1(800)742-8036...VANGAMMON - Definition: Chouette on wheels, the only way to travel to and from a tournament - just be sure not to lose your entry fee money before you get to the tournament...HBC thanks Woody Woodworth, Rick Reahard and Mark Mikolon for running weekly play while the Meeses were out-of-town enjoying other tournaments.

HBC Weekly Results for July				
	July 7th	July 14th	July 21st	July 28th
Open 1st	Chuck Stimming	Ken Bruck	Jim Knauer	Larry Strommen
2nd	Cryus Mobed	Woody Woodworth	Larry Strommen	Mick Dobratz
3rd	Don Burton	Mary Ann Meese	Donna Susens	Jim Wilson

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New event added to Thursday weekly play

Weekly play has 15 to 16 players consistently and sometimes over 16. Since there is no grid to handle 17 plus without tons of byes or playing much later because of the extra rounds, a new event, **HOOSIER QUAD**, will be added to weekly play. The format will be double elimination with 9 point matches. The final will be an 11 point match with the undefeated starting with 4 points. Gammon points will be slightly larger because of the longer matches. The entry fee will vary from \$15 to \$25 at over 90% return and with 4 players your winning chances are 25% compared to 6% in a group of 16. Let us know how you like it?

1988 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings as of July 31st.						
1)	Larry Strommen	10.62	Jim Knauer	1.82	Tom Hendryx	0.48
2)	Rick Reahard	9.12	Ellis Bray	1.76	Margaret Roberts	0.47
3)	Butch Meese	8.95	Frank Baldwin	1.62	Jim Wilson	0.40
4)	Mary Ann Meese	8.44	Jeff Baker	1.62	Don Watkins	0.32
5)	Mick Dobratz	8.41	Ed Wright	1.48	Randy Floit	0.21
6)	Howard Givel	7.73	Frank Scott	1.42	Larry Buckingham	0.18
7)	Chuck Stimming	7.54	David Smith	1.22	Kevin McLeaster	0.16
8)	Woody Woodworth	7.23	Gino Agresti	1.12	Paul Balog	0.14
9)	Ken Bruck	6.36	Bill Julian	1.10	Gabriel Muller	0.12
10)	Don Burton	5.61	John Brussel	1.00	Alex Somerville	0.12
	Mark Mikolon	5.24	George Crawford	0.96	Harold Branch	0.06
	Donna Susens	4.93	Ves Johnson	0.82	Linda Seamon	0.06
	Cyrus Mobed	4.74	Richard DelFuria	0.72	Chris Graves	0.06
	John Ritzert	3.11	John O'Hagan	0.70	Frank Voirol	0.04
	Bob Green	2.23	Stu Whitcomb	0.68	Kay Beck	0.04
	Jim Curtis	2.18	Glenn Theobald	0.60	Lee Hren	0.04
	Brian Nelson	2.12	Bill Hodes	0.60	Doty Somerville	0.02
	Mike Norman	2.08	Rick Stannard	0.50		
	Ralph Roberts	2.08	Jo Delano	0.50		


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Editorial

There is a thorn in the side of backgammon which is plaguing tournaments. Directors may in time be put in a position to take action if the thorn is not removed. Backgammon is an intense game and some matches will take longer than average to complete. But it's the player who takes longer than everyone else repeatedly that is the thorn - the slow player. Having a slow player at a tournament is like driving high performance car on the interstate highway in second gear.

It's up to the player to realize that if the pattern continues, a director at some point will have to refuse his/her entry because it can jeopardize the completion of the tournament in a timely matter. A director has no means of accommodating a 'slow player' and the for the good of the tournament, he/she will refuse the entry. It's also up to the director to warn a player of this situation.

The bottom line is - everyone goes to a tournament to have a good time. To have one player cause everyone else to wait and then play into the wee hours of the morning to catch up or play late on Sunday is not fun.

Schedule of BACKGAMMON Events (Information and entry forms available thru HBC)		
Aug 19-20	7th Annual All Georgia Championship - Atlanta, GA	(404) 257-0567
Sep 02-05	Labor Day Weekend Tournament - Ramada Inn, Louisville	(502) 584-8419
Se02-Oc02	Caribbean Backgammon Championship - St. Maarten	(702) 852-1221
OCT 07-09	5th INDIANA CLASSIC - Viscount Hotel, Indianapolis NE	HBC Hotline
Dec 02-05	3rd Annual Backgammon On Board - Tropical Cruise	(312) 338-6380
THURSDAYS	7PM at Dooley O'Toole's - Behind Castleton Sq on 86th St.	849-7355

