

5th INDIANA CLASSIC

Great people, friendly atmosphere and lots of hungry players were the ingredients for another successful tournament from the host, the HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB. Over 100 players from 12 states enjoyed a well-run tournament and competed for the combined prize pool totaling over \$30,000. The new events, Open and Limited MicroBlitzs, were a hit and helped fill time gaps. The MicroBlitzs were a variation of the BLITZ created by Bill Davis of Chicago. Ten of the 21 entries in the Novice Division were Indy players - good showing Indy! The Indy players cashing were Woody Woodworth in the Intermediate Division, Brian Nelson in the Novice Division, Jim Curtis winning the Open MicroBlitz and team Alan Tavel and Chuck Stimming placing in the Doubles event. Thanks to the Bar Point Club and Flint Area Backgammon Club for supplying door prizes.

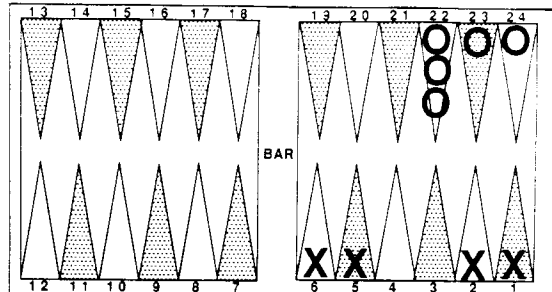
Note: A few of the players expressed interest in the one-piece backgammon boards used in the finals. The maker of those boards, Mike Keener, said that he has three more available at this time. The cost is \$225 and you can still choose the type of playing surface and colors. He can be reached at his toll-free work number 1(800)521-5668.

5th INDIANA CLASSIC - Results

Open Division (44) 1st) Steve Brown (Minneapolis, MN) 2nd) Bob Holyon (Wilwaukee, WI) C-1) Kathy Bauder (Woodridge, IL) C-2) John Carrico (Flint, MI) C3/4) Linc Bedell (East Lempster, NH) C3/4) Neil Kazaross (San Deigo, CA)	Intermediate (41) 1st) Dennis Hajewski (Milwaukee, WI) 2nd) Jim Airgood (Flint, MI) C-1) Carol Falk (Southfield, MI) C-2) Greg Tomlin (Springfield, IL) C3/4) Peter Kalba (Chicago, IL) C3/4) WOODY WOODWORTH (INDPLS)	Novice (21) 1st) Connie Price (Napoleon, OH) 2nd) Louis Steiner (Pittsburgh, PA) C-1) BRIAN NELSON (INDPLS) C-2) Jay Ward (Chicago, IL)
INDY \$500 (14) 1st) Frank Talbot (Sterling Heights, MI) 2nd) Jack Kissane (Albany, NY)	\$50 Sunday Jackpot (10) (1st) John O'Hagan (Mishawaka, IN) (1st) Rita Simon (Bellmore, NY)	\$25 Sunday Jackpot (10) 1st) Stuart Katz (Chicago, IL) 2nd) Mark King (Milwaukee, WI)
Open MicroBlitz Winner: JIM CURTIS Open MicroBlitz Qualifiers 1) JIM CURTIS (INDPLS) 2) Mike Nelson (Waltham, MA) 3) Jack Fagan (St Louis, MO) 4) Frank Talbot (Sterling Hts, MI) 5) Dave Cramer (Chicago, IL) 6) Walter Trice (Holden, MA) 7) Rita Simon (Bellmore, NY) 8) Yamin Yamin (Deerfield, IL)	Limited MicroBlitz Winner: Cinda King Limited MicroBlitz Qualifiers 1) Milad Doueihy (Peoria, IL) 2) DON BURTON (INDPLS) 3) Steve Hast (Pittsburgh, PA) 4) Bev Mulholland (Flint, MI) 5) Jay Bauder (Woodridge, IL) 6) Howard Shirey (Pittsburgh, PA) 7) Ed Kaulakis (San Diego, CA) 8) WOODY WOODWORTH (INDPLS)	9) Jay Ward (Libertyville, IL) 10) Sue Will (Peoria, IL) 11) Mike Rezai (Madison, OH) 12) Cinda King (Peoria, IL) 13) Al Imm (Valparaiso, IN) 14) John Ward (Englewood, FL) 15) Larry Deckel (Louisville, KY) 16) MARK MIKOLON (INDPLS)
Doubles (32) 1st) Jill Ferdinand/Dave Cramer (Mt. Prospect, IL/Chicago, IL) 2nd) Bill Davis/Bob Green (Chicago, IL/Cleveland, OH)	3/4) ALAN TAVEL/CHUCK STIMMING (INDIANAPOLIS) 3/4) Linc Bedell/Walter Trice (East Lempster, NH/Holden, MA)	

Key position on the way to the 5th INDIANA Classic Finals

In this position, Bob Holyon (X) leads Kathy Bauder (O) 11 to 9 in a 13 point match. How much does X have to be favored to double at this score? What is O's take point? So with this situation, does X have an initial double? If X doubles, does O have a take and a redouble? What do you think?


National Backgammon Association

It has been mentioned by a lot of players at different times that backgammon needs a national association. Lincoln Bedell of New Hampshire is initiating a serious drive to start one. Lincoln can use your help. The association is still in the definition phase. The association should be a benefit to both the players and the clubs. What do you think a national association should do? Let Lincoln know your ideas - write him at P. O. Box 81, East Lempster, NH, 03605.

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HBC's newsletter subscription rate \$6.00 a year (oversea \$10.00). Let us know of your address changes.

HBC's DOUBLES Tournament - Sunday, December 4th
Bombay Bicycle Club (872-3446) -- 9111 North Michigan Road
Main Events: Doubles (2 players per team) Open \$100 Limited \$40
Format: Main and Consolation Flights (Optional \$20 Side Pool in Open Division)
If you hunting for a partner, give the Hotline a call and we will help.
Pre-register by calling the HBC Hotline - let us know your team members and division.
Four-player Knock-outs will be available throughout the day (\$25, \$10 & \$5)

Hoosier Pips

HBC welcomes new players John Leusing, Jay Nelson, Don Swanson, and David Boxley and welcomes back Mark Carlson.... Out-of-towners visiting HBC October 8th were Lincoln Bedell, Walter Trice and John Brussel.... Since we are not playing in the bar, players under 21 can now play -- in fact play has picked up in the Intermediate weekly play -- To let those players gain experience, a round-robin type format will be used.... To make the new players feel welcome, it is up to the experienced players to help by giving some tips by playing a game with them before play begins or between matches....League play provides flexible scheduling of play, if you think you would be interested in league play, give the HBC Hotline a call.... A small set was left during weekly play in early August, call the HBC Hotline to claim....Congratulations to Woody Woodworth who heard wedding bells on October 21st....HBC expresses sincere condolences to Art and Dorisan Overbay for the death of their 33 year old daughter in September....The backgammon community mourns the deaths of fellow players Frank Blaydes (Georgia) in August and Bob Gladfelter (Ohio) in October.

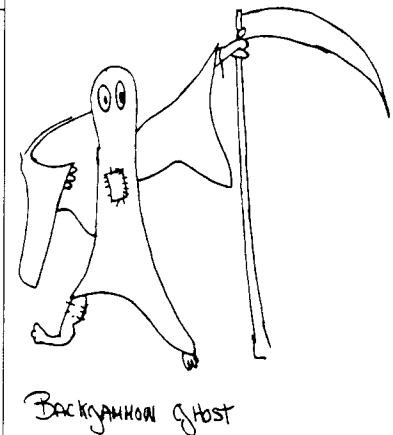
HBC Weekly Results for August and September					
	August 4th	August 11th	August 18th	August 25th	
Open 1st	<i>Ken Bruck</i>	<i>Mick Dobratz</i>	<i>Rick Reahard</i>	<i>Rick Reahard</i>	
2nd	<i>Mick Dobratz</i>	<i>Ken Bruck</i>	<i>Mary Ann Meese</i>	<i>Butch Meese</i>	
3rd	<i>David Smith</i>	<i>David Smith</i>	<i>Mick Dobratz</i>	<i>Mary Ann Meese</i>	
	September 1st	September 8th	September 15th	September 22nd	September 29th
Open 1st	<i>Larry Strommen</i>	<i>David Smith</i>	<i>Howard Givel</i>	<i>Rick Reahard</i>	<i>Larry Strommen</i>
2nd	<i>Butch Meese</i>	<i>Mary Ann Meese</i>	<i>Mick Dobratz</i>	<i>Donna Susens</i>	<i>Kevin McLeaster</i>
3rd	---	---	<i>Larry Strommen</i>	<i>Larry Strommen</i>	<i>Butch Meese</i>
Interm	<i>Kay Beck</i>	<i>Mark Mikolon</i>	---	<i>John Ritzert</i>	---



New event added to Thursday weekly play

Weekly play has had 15 to 16 players consistently and sometimes over 16. Since there is no grid to handle 17 thru 20 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. 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 September 30th.						
1)	Larry Strommen	12.90	Frank Scott	1.98	Margaret Roberts	0.47
2)	Rick Reahard	12.11	Jim Knauer	1.82	Kay Beck	0.46
3)	Mick Dobratz	11.63	Jeff Baker	1.78	Jim Wilson	0.40
4)	Butch Meese	11.13	Ellis Bray	1.76	Don Watkins	0.32
5)	Mary Ann Meese	10.66	Frank Baldwin	1.62	Randy Floit	0.21
6)	Howard Givel	9.33	Ed Wright	1.48	Larry Buckingham	0.18
7)	Ken Bruck	8.42	Kevin McLeaster	1.24	Paul Balog	0.14
8)	Chuck Stimming	8.26	Glenn Theobald	1.22	Mark Carlson	0.12
9)	Woody Woodworth	8.19	Gino Agresti	1.12	Gabriel Muller	0.12
10)	Donna Susens	6.11	Bill Julian	1.10	Alex Somerville	0.12
	Mark Mikolon	6.08	John Brussel	1.00	Jay Nelson	0.08
	Don Burton	5.69	George Crawford	0.96	Bob Burchhalter	0.08
	Cyrus Mobed	5.16	Ves Johnson	0.90	Chris Graves	0.06
	John Ritzert	3.59	Richard DeFuria	0.72	Linda Seamon	0.06
	David Smith	3.55	John O'Hagan	0.70	Harold Branch	0.06
	Brian Nelson	2.40	Stu Whitecomb	0.68	Frank Voirel	0.04
	Jim Curtis	2.34	Bill Hodes	0.60	Lee Hren	0.04
	Bob Green	2.23	Tom Hendryx	0.56	Dennis Schutz	0.02
	Ralph Roberts	2.08	Rick Stannard	0.50	Doty Somerville	0.02
	Mike Norman	2.08	Jo Delano	0.50	John Leusing	0.02



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Schedule of BACKGAMMON Events (Information and entry forms available thru HBC)		
Nov 1st	Bar Point Club Fall Trophy Tourney - Chicago	(312) 338-6380
Nov 11-13	NY/NJ Co-op Fall Tourney - Highland, NY	(516) 334-4565
Nov 20nd	10th Flint Birthday Club Championship - Flint, MI	(313) 232-9731
Nov 25-27	Children's Hospital Benefit - Cambridge, MA	(617) 547-4800
DEC 4th	HBC's Doubles Tournament, Bombay Bicycle Club, Indianapolis NW	HBC Hotline
Jan 11-15	Nevada State Championships - Peppermill Hotel, Reno, NV	(702) 826-1984
Feb 03-05	11th Annual Charity Tournament - Pittsburgh, PA	(412) 241-1301
THURSDAYS	7PM at Dooley O'Toole's - Behind Castleton Sq on 86th St	849-7355