



HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB

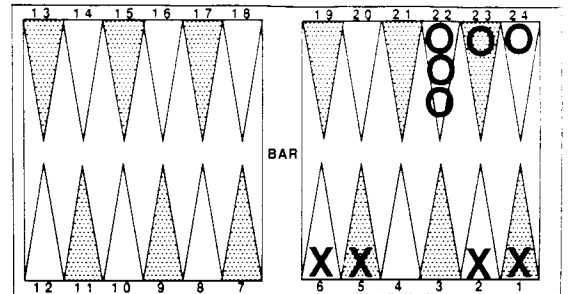
Hoosier Backgammon Club
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From suggestion to reality: Double's Tournament.

One of HBC's players asked one day "Why don't you have a Double's Tournament?" Well, on December 4th, HBC is holding its first one-day Double's Tournament at the **Bombay Bicycle Club**, 9111 North Michigan Road (317) 872-3446. The format will be either main with consolation or double-elimination depending on the number of entries. Please call the HBC Hotline if you plan to attend so we can get a good count save the late fee - be sure to let us know who your partner will be. The Open Doubles entry fee is \$100/team. If there is enough interest, a Limited Doubles will also be run - \$40/team. Final registration will start at 11 AM on day of tournament with public draw at 11:50 AM and play beginning at Noon (we are on EST now). Four-player knock-outs will start about 2PM and will run throughout the day. Entry for Open KO is \$25, Intermediate \$10 and Novice \$5. All events will be 90% return. No gammon points was be awarded for the double events.

Answer to key position in last month's newsletter.

In this position Bob Holyon (X) leads Kathy Bauder (O) 11 to 9 in a 13 point match. Does X have a double? If X doubles, does O have a take? What do you think? This answer was submitted by Dean Muench of Chicago. Dean states that X's give point is 72.9% and X is favored by 84.5% so it is a double at this score. He further said O's take point is 17% and is a drop with only 15.5%. Dean has developed formulas to calculate give and take points which were presented in HBC's February 1988 newsletter. Anyone who did not receive that newsletter, can request one and we will send it to you. HBC thanks Dean and the others who submitted an answer.



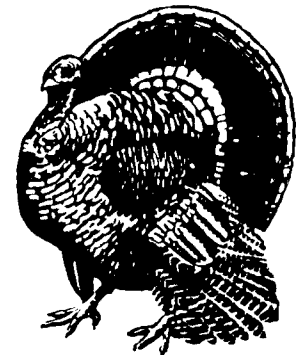
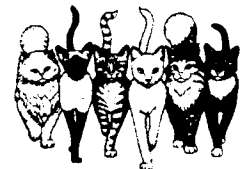
A proposed function of a National Backgammon Association

One function would be a way for players to give unbiased and anonymous feedback about tournaments they go to. Lincoln Bedell of New Hampshire is heading-up a serious drive to start a national backgammon association and it is still in the definition phase. Do you have other functions of a national association? Let Lincoln know - write him at P. O. Box 81, East Lempster, NH, 03605.

HBC Weekly Results for October				
	October 6th	October 13th	October 20th	October 27th
Open 1st	Kevin McLeaster	Cyrus Mobed	Mark Mikolon	Cyrus Mobed
2nd	Woody Woodworth	Don Burton	Kevin McLeaster	Jim Curtis
3rd	Linc Bedell	Mary Ann Meese	Ken Bruck	Butch Meese
Interm	Mark Mikolon	---	---	---

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1988 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings as of October 31st.						
1)	Larry Strommen	13.90	Jim Knauer	1.82	Jim Wilson	0.40
2)	Mick Dobratz	12.31	Jeff Baker	1.78	Don Watkins	0.32
3)	Rick Reahard	12.11	Ellis Bray	1.76	Don Swanson	0.26
4)	Butch Meese	11.97	Frank Baldwin	1.62	Cassie Curtis	0.24
5)	Mary Ann Meese	11.56	Glenn Theobald	1.60	Randy Floit	0.21
6)	Woody Woodworth	10.50	Ed Wright	1.48	Larry Buckingham	0.18
7)	Howard Givel	9.73	John Brussel	1.24	Mark Carlson	0.16
8)	Ken Bruck	9.32	Bill Julian	1.14	Paul Balog	0.14
9)	Mark Mikolon	8.32	Gino Agresti	1.12	Gabriel Muller	0.12
10)	Chuck Stimming	8.26	Kay Beck	1.00	Alex Somerville	0.12
	Cyrus Mobed	7.32	Jo Delano	0.96	Walter Trice	0.08
	Don Burton	7.22	George Crawford	0.96	Bob Burchhalter	0.08
	Donna Susens	6.19	Ves Johnson	0.90	Harold Branch	0.06
	David Smith	4.31	Richard Delfuria	0.72	Linda Seamon	0.06
	John Ritzert	3.99	Bill Hodes	0.70	Chris Graves	0.06
	Jim Curtis	3.97	John O'Hagan	0.70	Lee Hren	0.04
	Brian Nelson	3.76	Stu Whitcomb	0.68	Frank Voirol	0.04
	Kevin McLeaster	3.35	Tom Hendryx	0.56	Doty Somerville	0.02
	Bob Green	2.23	Linc Bedell	0.50	Dennis Schultz	0.02
	Frank Scott	2.22	Rick Stannard	0.50	John Leusing	0.02
	Ralph Roberts	2.08	Jay Nelson	0.48		
	Mike Norman	2.08	Margaret Roberts	0.47		



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CONCEPTS in ACTION by Joe Sylvester

Very often I am confronted by players who ask about doubling positions and **what** the right action should be. Instead, they should be asking **how** to work out the answer. They should be weighing the main components of the situation in order to make a wise decision. Just what are components?

Concept-In-Actions #2: Every position can be evaluated in terms of pips (race), position (checker distribution), and vigorish (threats).

Basically, if a player has an advantage in two of these three components, then he should double. If the player doubled has an advantage in one the these components, he usually has a take. It's when the player doubled has a disadvantage in two components and is equal in the third that borderline decisions occur.

Here are some simple examples:

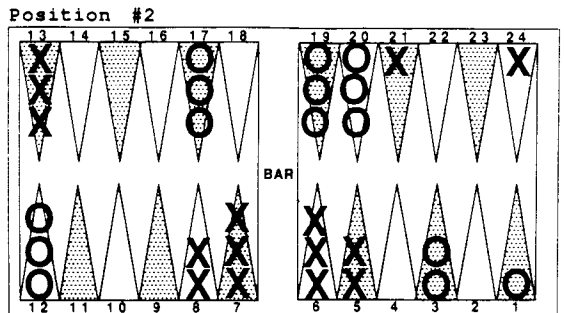
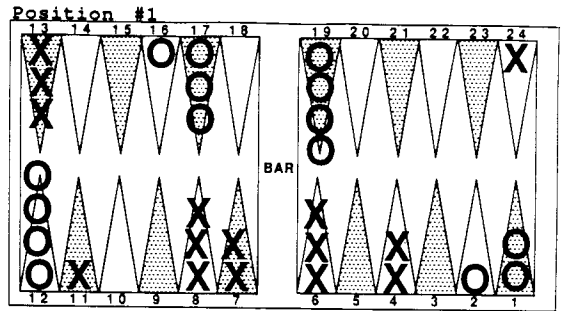
In Position #1, O is down in pips, his position is undeveloped and his vigorish is very minimal. All he has is an anchor. X has a strong double and O should drop. This is a sucker double.

In Position #2, X has a slightly better position than O and X is ahead in the race. O has something to fight back with, however. O has an advanced anchor, good checker distribution, comparable board strength and some small priming possibilities. Here, X should double and O should take.

Keep in mind that in evaluating these component factors, the component must be relevant. For example, a player with 14 men on his ace-point and a checker caught behind a prime is clearly ahead in pips. Just as clearly, he has a drop.

So next time you're faced with a difficult cube decision, utilize C.I.A. #2 to aid your analysis. Perhaps it will simplify your choices.

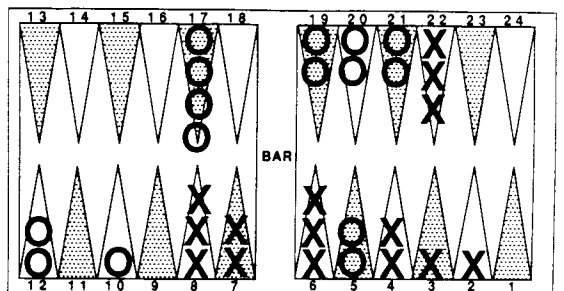
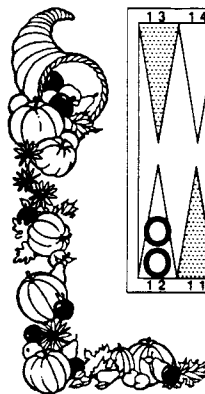
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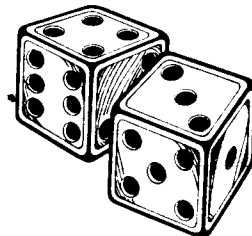
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This month problem:
 9 Point Match,
 Score 0-0.
 O has cube at 2.
 X to play 4-4?



Hoosier Pips: HBC thanks Terry and staff at **DOOLEY'S O'TOOLE'S** for accomodating our club and giving us a fine place to play...Butch and Mary Ann Meese have an anniversary - it was 8 years ago this month that they met where else but playing backgammon at a HBC event...The 37th INDIANA OPEN is scheduled for March 17th to the 19th, 1989 - details in next month's newsletter.

Schedule of BACKGAMMON Events (Information and entry forms available thru IIBC)		
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	6th Nevada State Championship - Peppermill Hotel, Reno, NV	(702) 826-1984
Feb 03-05	11th Annual Charity Tournament - Pittsburgh, PA	(412) 241-1301
Feb 24-26	Bluegrass Regional - Louisville, KY	(502) 458-5439
MAR 17-19	37th INDIANA Open - ??????????	HBC Hotline
Apr 14-16	Midwest Championship - Chicago	(312) 338-6380
THURSDAYS	7PM at Dooley O'Toole's - Behind Castleton Sq on 86th St	849-7355