



HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB

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1988 TOP TEN Celebration

Dooley O'Tooles

Sunday, February 19

There is no better way to celebrate the **1988 Top Ten** than by having a tournament. The 1988 TOP TEN will be awarded engraved doubling cubes and prizes. The tournament is open to all. There will be an optional side pool for the Open Division. Everyone who plays will have a chance to win \$40 off their entry fee into the **37th INDIANA OPEN**. The drawing will be at 12:45, you have to be present to win. Pre-register by phone (317) 845-8435.

1988 TOP TEN Awards Tournament

Noon-12:30 Registration	Entry Fees	Dooley O'Tooles
12:30-12:45 Awards Presentation	Open \$70	5771 East 86th Street
12:45- 1:00 Tournament Draw	Interm \$25	Cub-Osco Plaza
1:00 Play Begins - 90% Return	Novice \$10	Phone 849-7355

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OPEN DIVISION ENTRY RETURN

The Louisville Backgammon Club

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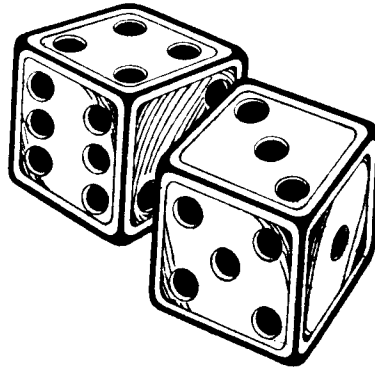
February 24-26, 1989

For More Information:

(502) 429-0153

Final 1988 HBC's TOP TEN.

- 1) Larry Strommen
- 2) Butch Meese
- 3) Woody Woodworth
- 4) Mary Ann Meese
- 5) Mick Dobratz
- 6) Ken Bruck
- 7) Rick Reahard
- 8) Howard Givel
- 9) Chuck Stimming
- 10) Cyrus Mobed



Weekly Play...

During 1988, weekly play has become much more competitive with a good group of players averaging 16 per week. The format continues to be true double-elimination; if you lose once you can still win 1st place. It takes 8 rounds to complete this grid and to play it out in 6 hours means an average of 45 minutes per match. So far, no time limit has been imposed and will not be as long as matches are complete in a timely manner. Gammon points are awarded at 0.08 points for each match won. Bonus gammon points are awarded for placing in an event; the player winning 1st receives 1.00 point, 2nd receives 0.70 points and 3rd receives 0.40 points. For week-end events, the gammon points are doubled. The club has been growing and eventually will not be able to run the double-elimination format, too many rounds to complete in a timely manner. We will move to a main-consolation format with all matches played to 7 points. Bring in a new player and receive a free entry to weekly play. Only one free entry will be allowed per week on a first come basic. The HBC staff is always open to suggestions and will answer any questions. Looking forward to another good year.

HBC Weekly Results for January

	January 5th	January 12th	January 19th	January 26nd
1st	Chuck Stimming	Rick Reahard	Mick Dobratz	Larry Strommen
2nd	Butch Meese	Chuck Stimming	Woody Woodworth	Woody Woodworth
3rd	Mick Dobratz	Glenn Theobald	Kevin McLeaster	Don Burton

1989 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings as of January 31st.

1)	Woody Woodworth	1.95	Howard Givel	0.42	Donna Susens	0.08
2)	Chuck Stimming	1.80	Kevin McLeaster	0.42	Cassidy Dobratz	0.02
3)	Mick Dobratz	1.59	Greg Varbinov	0.40	Marty Lindenmayer	0.02
4)	Larry Strommen	1.26	Brian Nelson	0.36	Frank Scott	0.02
5)	Butch Meese	1.10	Kay Beck	0.24	Tom Hendryx	0.02
6)	Rick Reahard	1.00	Mary Ann Meese	0.20		
7)	Ken Bruck	0.72	Bill Gheen	0.16		
8)	Don Burton	0.62	Cyrus Mobed	0.12		
9)	Glenn Theobald	0.54	John Ritzert	0.08		
10)	David Smith	0.52	Mike Hellmer	0.08		

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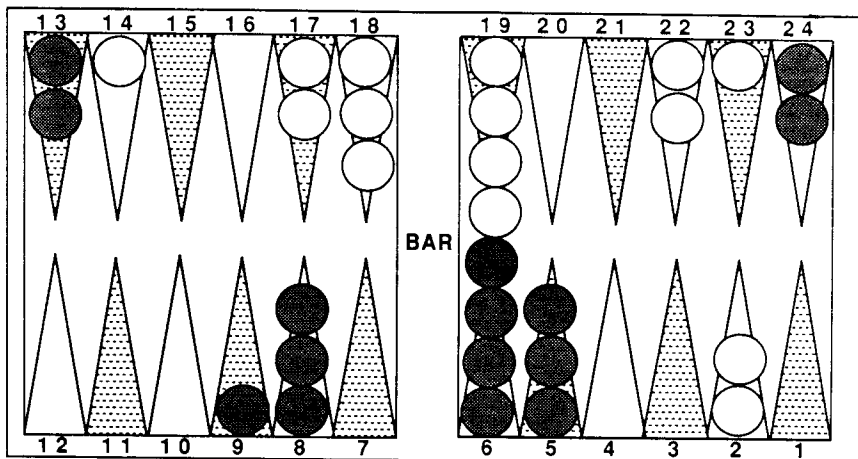
HBC's newsletter subscription rate \$6.00/year (overseas \$10/year). Let us know if your address changes.

Last Month's Problem

9 Point Match, Score: X-8 and O-8

X to play 2-1?

With the match score tied at 8, whomever wins this game wins the match. There is no need to take extra risks for a gammon, just the risks needed to win. Looking over the board, both sides are similar - both have 2 pieces back with a partial blockage that can be improved. At first glance, X has 3 obvious plays - making the 7-point, making the 4-point or hitting leaving a 2 to play. On further examination, X will find he is behind by 44 pips, 102 to 146. This fact alone mandates the hit. X has an additional benefit from hitting. With O on the bar, O will use part of his next roll to re-enter therefore minimizing his chances to improve his blockage. After hitting, X still has a 2 to play and can best be used to advance to the 21-point. The hope here is to make an advanced anchor or better yet escape.



6th Nevada State Championship - Reno

Open Division (111)

- 1st Doug Roberts (NY)
- 2nd Mike Mooney (AR)
- 3/4 Florrie Snyder (PA)
- 3/4 Scott McKenzie (CA)
- 5/8 Otis Chenault (CA)
- 5/8 Eliot Bean (CA)
- 5/8 Steve Robinson (PA)
- 5/8 Mike Corbett (FL)
- C-1 Kent Goulding (MD)
- C-2 Jack Singer (NY)
- C34 David Holm (MN)
- C34 Malcolm Davis (TX)

Open Last Chance (32)

- 1st Bernard Bergstein (CA)
- 2nd Al Jones (Canada)
- 3/4 Eliot Bean (CA)
- 3/4 Steve Robinson (PA)

Doubles (64)

- 1st Robert Faucon & Henry Kimble
- 2nd Dann DeRoche & Michael Derooge
- 3/4 Ed Chambers & Alan Sheeks
- 3/4 Gary Fritzsche & Carol Falk

Intermediate (125)

- 1st Stan Weiss (CA)
- 2nd Ken Bame (CA)
- 3/4 Paul Pavlides (NC)
- 3/4 Lincoln Bedell (NH)
- 5/8 Ed Chambers (TX)
- 5/8 James Lortz (CA)
- 5/8 Rick Cutler (MI)
- 5/8 Bobbie Shifrin (NV)
- C-1 Kalissa Maffeo (CA)
- C-2 Jim Allen (NV)
- C34 Tom Schmitz (TX)
- C34 Matti Haaksila (Finland)

Interm Last Chance (32)

- 1st Wally Wolf (MI)
- 2nd Jim Wark (CA)
- 3/4 Rick Todd (MI)
- 3/4 Michael Baxes (CA)

Mini Doubles (32)

- 1st Kent Goulding & Mike Senkiewicz
- 2nd Norm Wiggins & Steve Sax
- 3/4 Sirkka & Arne Stormbom
- 3/4 Edwardo Robles

Novice (54)

- 1st Stu Katz (IL)
- 2nd Russell Hoag (AZ)
- 3/4 Pete Gorns (NV)
- 3/4 Emil Sepasy (WA)
- C-1 George Foster (CA)
- C-2 David Cutter (CA)

Novice Last Chance (8)

- 1st Stu Katz (IL)
- 2nd Anita Paul (CA)

Interm Jackpot (64)

- 1st Howard Shapiro (NJ)
- 2nd Ted Houghton (CA)
- 3/4 Murray Work (CA)
- 3/4 Ralph Kassian (CA)

Interm Mini LC (16)

- 1st Edwardo Robles (Mexico)
- 2nd Miriam Bureson (MI)

Open Jackpot (84)

- 1st Ray Glaeser (NJ)
- 2nd Joel Schiff (FL)
- 3/4 Howard Ring (CA)
- 3/4 Arne Stormbom (Finland)

Kickoff (512)

- 1st Buddy Ashmore (Canada)
- 2nd Tom Leslie (CA)
- 3/4 Mike Corbett (FL)
- 3/4 Jim Gibbs (CA)

Bonanza (48)

- Tie 1st Kit Woolsey (CA)
- Tie 1st Ray Glaeser (NJ)
- Tie 1st Joel Schiff (FL)



Hoosier Pips...HBC welcomes new players Mike Hellmer and Marty Lindenmayer...A revised second printing of *Winning is More Fun* by Jeff Ward is available from Larry GAMMON Press (317) 542-0224...HBC has made restaurant reservations for the Saturday dinner break during the **37th INDIANA OPEN**. Some restaurants have a dress code so plan accordingly...HBC has a used copy of the book, *Championship Backgammon* by Barclay Cooke for sale for \$15.00.

Schedule of BACKGAMMON Events (Information and entry forms available thru HBC)		
Feb 12	Fleet Underwood Benefit - Flint, MI	(313) 232-9731
Feb 19	HBC's Awards Tournament - Dooley O'Tooles	HBC Hotline
Feb 24-26	Bluegrass Regional - Louisville, KY	(502) 458-5439
MAR 17-19	37th INDIANA Open - Radisson Hotel	HBC Hotline
Apr 01-02	The Tournament of Fools - Atlanta	(404) 257-0567
Apr 14-16	Midwest Championship - Chicago	(312) 338-6380
May 18-21	Isle of Man International Tournaments of BG & BJ	
Jun 21-25	U. S. Open - Nugget Hotel, Reno, NV	(702) 826-1984
Jul 28-30	Michigan Summer Championship - Flint, MI	(313) 232-9731
THURSDAYS	7PM at Dooley O'Tooles - Behind Castleton Sq on 86th St	849-7355

Game 3

Joe Sylvester - 1 Alan Steffen - 6

Move	Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	--	---	61	7 ²
2)	31	5 ²	53	16
3)	52	8 22	61	10 23
4)	63	15x	42	21 ²
5)	31	11	64	7 2
6)	65	11	32	4 ²
7)	63	5 ^{F11} 8	22	9 5 ²
8)	54	8 2	63	3 ²
9)	41	8	41	4 7
10)	52	3 ^{F8} 6	64	3 ^{F13}
11)	63	2 ^{F8} 3	61	7 2
12)	41	3 ^{F8}	64	1 3
13)	43	6	62	13
14)		dbl to 2?		pass

Game 4

Joe Sylvester - 2 Alan Steffen - 6

Move	Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	--	---	21	11 5
2)	11	7 ² 5 ²	51	8 5
3)	21	10	63	15x
4)	65	EF	41	7 ²
5)	41	21 23	62	7 ^{F15}
6)	54	8 9		dbl to 2?
7)		take	42	4x ²
8)	61	24 3	61	6 ^{F13}
9)	63	7 3	42	9 11
10)	62	16x	32	23 21
11)	32	4x 14x	54	21x EF
12)	61	24 7	31	21
13)	61	16	42	4 ^{F8} 21
14)	54	5 ^{F14}	31	3 ²
15)	21	5 23	65	2x ^{F8} 16
16)	61	24 10	51	2 15x
17)	51	24 3	43	17x 12
18)	52	EF	44	5 ^{F21}
19)	64	EF	51	7 16
20)	33	EF	11	4 ^{F7} 15
21)	44	EF	41	10
22)	31	24 4	51	5 3

23)	62	1 4	43	3 4
24)	33	3 2 ² 1	31	0 2
25)	53	1 NP	44	0 ³ 2
26)	52	19x-17	32	EF
27)	44	1 ^{F17}	62	17
28)	63	18 21	41	1x ²
29)	64	19 17	22	1 3 ²
30)	32	16 ^{F19} 1	22	9x
31)	52	20 16x	22	EF
32)	21	13	42	19
33)	55	2 ^{F17} 15	42	13
34)	63	7 12x	55	EF
35)	53	2 9	51	EF
36)	21	1 8	52	EF
37)	64	4 0	44	21x-9
38)	51	20 4	63	3-0
39)	21	game		

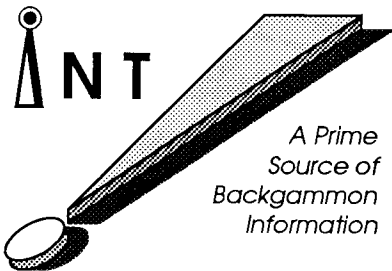
Game 5

Joe Sylvester - 2 Alan Steffen - 8

Move	Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	43	9 10	42	4 ²
2)	61	7 ²	52	8 22
3)	65	3x ²	54	20 ²
4)	31	4 ^{F8}	42	9 11
5)	22	20 ²	53	15x 8
6)	52	20 4	52	15 4
7)	63	11	61	3 ²
8)	41	3 5	66	9 ² 7 ²
9)	53	5		dbl to 2?
10)		pass		

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