



Results TOP TEN Awards Tournament

Open Division (15)	Intermediate Division (6)	Novice Division (6)
1st Chuck Stimming	1st Mike Shanas (St Louis)	1st Glenn Theobald
2nd Jeff Baker (Ft Wayne)	2nd Mary Ann Meese	2nd Don Trapp (Loveland, OH)

Hoosier Pips... Bring in a new player and receive a free entry to weekly play...HBC will have out-of-town visitors on March 16 for weekly play- the eve of the **37th INDIANA OPEN**...HBC thanks **Dooley O'Toole's** manager, Jim Thompson, and our excellent waitress, Esther, for accommodating us and making us feel "at home" - the service and atmosphere could not be better...HBC has made restaurant reservations for the Saturday dinner break during the **37th INDIANA OPEN**, some restaurant have a dress code so plan accordingly...The Radisson Hotel is expected to be sold out during the **37th INDIANA OPEN**-if you are having problems-gave us a call-we can help.

HBC Weekly Results for February

	February 2nd	February 9th	February 16th	February 23th
1st	Woody Woodworth	Cyrus Mobed	Chuck Stimming	Woody Woodworth
2nd	Mick Dobratz	Brian Nelson	Frank Scott	Ken Bruck
3rd	Butch Meese	Chuck Stimming	Howard Givel	Chuck Stimming

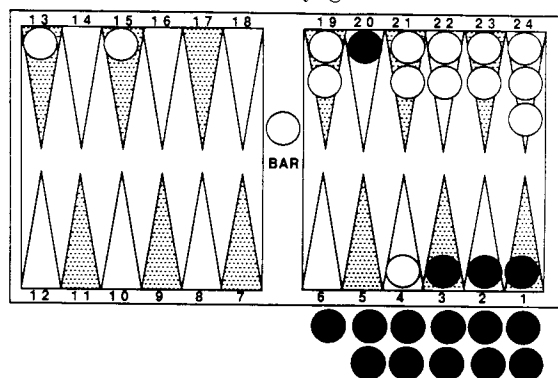
Definition of **Chouette**: "The French Chouette, or screech owl, is always attacked by all the other birds; therefore one player who is *in the box* is opposed by all the others." This comes from the book, **BACKGAMMON OF TODAY**, first published in 1930 by John Longacre. HBC will present some more interesting tidbits from this book next month.

New Club

A new private club, **ACE POINT Backgammon Club and Chess Studio**, has opened in New York City, 144 East 57th Street. The hours are 3PM to 2AM, 7 days a week. Call 753-0842 or 223-9369 for more information.



This month's Problem: 7 Point Match, Black-4, White-4. White doubles to 4?
Does Black have a take?
Is it a take in a money game?



1989 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings as of February 28th.

1)	Chuck Stimming	5.40	Howard Givel	0.82	Amber Wiesler	0.16
2)	Woody Woodworth	4.23	Bill Gheen	0.80	Jamie Curtis	0.16
3)	Mick Dobratz	2.79	Michael Shanas	0.80	Donna Susens	0.16
4)	Butch Meese	2.22	Ken Bruck	0.72	Larry Buckingham	0.16
5)	Cyrus Mobed	1.76	David Smith	0.68	Gino Agresti	0.16
6)	Larry Strommen	1.68	Marty Lindenmayer	0.64	Jim Mieske	0.16
7)	Kay Beck	1.58	Don Burton	0.62	John Ritzert	0.08
8)	Jeff Baker	1.50	Kevin McLeaster	0.42	Mike Hellmer	0.08
9)	Mary Ann Meese	1.38	Greg Varbinov	0.40	Cassie Curtis	0.08
10)	Brian Nelson	1.18	Jim Curtis	0.32	Bob Calhoun	0.04
10)	Glenn Theobald	1.18	George Crawford	0.32	Tom Hendryx	0.02
	Rick Reahard	1.08	Don Trapp	0.32		
	Frank Scott	0.90	Cassidy Dobratz	0.18		

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Louisville - Bluegrass Regional

Open Division (16)

1st Ed Petrillo (FL)
2nd Yamin Yamin (IL)
C-1 Mike Nelson (MA)
C-2 Quint McTyeire (KY)

Intermediate Division (24) Doubles(16)

1st Harold Branch (KY)
2nd Don Guss (NY)
C-1 Mark King (WI)
C-2 Stu Katz (IL)

1st Tom Walthes/John Cox (IL/KY)
2nd Quint McTyeire/Stuart Billington (KY)

Open MicroBlitz (8) - Yamin Yamin (IL)

Limited MicroBlitz (16) - Sharon Lennon (KY)

Club Spotlight

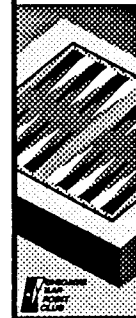
The **Chicago Bar Point Club** was formed in May, 1983 by Bill Davis and Peter Kalba and currently meets every Tuesday at **Pat's Pub**, 4343 North Harlem at 7:00 PM and bimonthly on Sunday's at **Bagwells**, 4636 North Cumberland at 12:30 PM. Entry fee is \$10 (80% return) with an optional \$5 side pool (100% return). The average attendance is 30 with no membership or guest fee required. The club provides free lessons for beginners and beginners are spotted one or two points in a 7-point match to give them a sporting chance. All players compete through master points for Player of the Year and over \$600 in cash and merchandise awarded to the TOP 20. The club strongly promotes tournament play - an individual may play on the side only 3 times a year without entering the tournament.

Each year, **BPC** directs the **Midwest Backgammon Championship**, scheduled this year for April 14, 15 and 16. The tournament features some unique side attractions - backgammon pinball, pig rolling and liar's dice and this year a new event, **NACKGAMMON**. Ten percent of the calcutta auction proceeds benefits the **The Anti-Cruelty Society of Chicago**.

Bill Davis is the editor of the **Chicago Point**. The **Chicago Point** is much more than a newsletter and borders on being a full-feature backgammon magazine. It features backgammon problems, a coming events calendar, tournament results, interesting articles and much more. This 8-page monthly is definitely worth the \$10/year subscription rate.

You can get information on the **Midwest** tournament or the **Chicago Point** by writing to Bill Davis, 2726 West Lunt Avenue, Chicago, IL, 60645 or calling Bill at (312) 338-6380.

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1989 MIDWEST BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Schedule of BACKGAMMON Events (Information and entry forms available thru HBC)

MAR 17-19	37th INDIANA Open - Radisson Hotel	HBC Hotline
Mar 24-27	Nordic Open Championship - Denmark	45 122 46 00
Apr 01-02	The Tournament of Fools - Atlanta	(404) 257-0567
Apr 14-16	Midwest Championship - Chicago	(312) 338-6380
May 18-21	Backgammon & Blackjack Tournaments - Douglas, Isle of Man	(0624) 851045
May 26-29	10th Annual Chicago Open - Westin Hotel O'Hare, Chicago	(312) 674-0120
Jul 28-30	Michigan Summer Championship - Flint, MI	(313) 232-9731
THURSDAYS	7PM at Dooley O'Toole's - Behind Castleton Sq on 86th St	849-7355

**WORLD CUP Match
 Joe Sylvester versus Alan Steffen
 37 Point SemiFinal Match**

During 1989, this match will be presented in its entirety in this newsletter, 1 to 4 games each month. This month games 6 thru 9 are on the next page. Along with the 34 games, all the doubling positions will be presented. There are some both interesting and exciting games in this match between two of the best.

Instructions:

You will need a backgammon board to follow along. The board is numbered 1 to 24 with all points numbered based on the view of the player on roll. The home portion of the board is numbered 1-6. Bearing off is denoted as moving to the 0 'zero' point. Each player will always be moving from a higher to lower point with only the point(s) moved to used. To make it easier to follow, the larger number rolled is denoted first. In some situations where the smaller number rolled is forced, it will be presented first. An example: being on the BAR with a roll of 52 and the 5-point make and the 2-point open.

Abbreviations used are CB - Closed Board, EF - Entry Failure, NP - No Play Possible, x - opponents piece was hit, 5² - superscribe denotes 2 or pieces moving to the same point; this example has 2 pieces moving to the 5 point.

In the doubling positions, Joe will be 'X' and Alan 'O' and are shown from Joe Sylvester's side of the board. Study those first before going through the games.

Match Comments

This match has many interesting positions and plays. If you have any comments, send them in and we will include them in upcoming newsletters. One comment received so far comes from Wendy Kaplan about the 2-2 play in Game 1, Move 8 by Joe. "I never saw the play Joe made and would have not considered it but agree it was the right play."

1 2 3 4 5 6						7 8 9 10 11 12						
		O		O	O				O		O	X
		O						O		O	X	
					O						X	
					O						X	
					O						X	
												X
		X	X	X	X							O
		X	X	X	X			X				O
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	

Game 6 O: 9
 Move 9 X: 2
 X dbls to 2?

1 2 3 4 5 6						7 8 9 10 11 12						
		X	O	O	O				O	O	X	
		X	O	O	O						X	
					X							O
		X		X								O
		X		O	X			X				O
		X		O	X			X				O
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	

Game 7 O: 9
 Move 6 X: 4
 O dbls to 2?

1 2 3 4 5 6						7 8 9 10 11 12						
		X		O	O				O		O	X
			O		O				O			X
					O							
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					O							
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		X		X	X				X			O
		X		X	X				X	X		O
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	

Game 8 O:10
 Move 7 X: 4
 X dbls to 2?

1 2 3 4 5 6						7 8 9 10 11 12						
		X		O	O				O			X
		X		O	O				O			X
		X			O							X
					O							
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					X				X			O
			X	X	X				X	O		O
			X	X	X				X	O		O
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	

Game 9 O:10
 Move 3 X: 5
 O dbls to 2?

Game 6

Joe Sylvester - 2			Alan Steffen - 9	
Move	Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	--	---	62	18 11
2)	53	3 ²	32	13
3)	65	13	54	15
4)	41	9 5	42	11 ²
5)	55	3 ^{F13} 8 4	54	8 9
6)	41	4 ^{F8} 5	51	6 8
7)	61	2 ²	64	2 ²
8)	65	13	43	4 5
9)		dbl to 2?		take
10)	55	8 ⁴	31	10 ^{F13} 5
11)	31	5 7	32	5 9
12)	65	2 3	51	4 12
13)	41	4 6	63	6 5
14)	32	0 ²	33	5 4
15)	43	0 ²	63	0 3
16)	33	0 ² F6(2)	52	0 ²
17)	63	0 ²	54	0 ²
18)	61	0 3	64	0 ²
19)	55	game		

Game 7

Joe Sylvester - 4			Alan Steffen - 9	
Move	Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	41	9 5	33	21 ² 5 ²
2)	64	7 5	21	11 5
3)	54	3 ²	32	3 ²
4)	54	8 2	42	4 ²
5)	11	23 ² 5 2	41	9 10
6)	31	5 2		dbl to 2?
7)		pass		

Game 8

Joe Sylvester - 4			Alan Steffen - 10	
Move	Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	21	11 5	51	8 5
2)	21	9 5	52	3 ²
3)	65	13	31	5 ²
4)	52	4 ²	63	15
5)	66	1x ² F13(2)	43	22 11
6)	54	3x 9	41	EF
7)		dbl to 2?		pass

Game 9

Joe Sylvester - 5			Alan Steffen - 10	
Move	Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	42	4 ²	61	7 ²
2)	41	9 5	44	20x-16x 4 ²
3)	41	24 EF		dbl to 2?
4)		take	65	7 11
5)	51	20 23	64	5x 2x
6)	64	EF	41	2 5
7)	52	EF	66	18 7 ³
8)	41	24 EF	32	4 5
9)	61	24 7x	32	20
10)	43	3 ²	64	10
11)	62	7 22	43	3x ^{F10}
12)	42	EF	43	3 4
13)	53	EF	51	2 6
14)	44	EF	44	2 ³ 0
15)	32	EF	54	0 ²
16)	54	EF	21	3 4
17)	65	14	53	0 ²
18)	65	18 9	53	0 ²
19)	64	7 5	53	0 ²
20)	42	18	43	0 ²
21)	61	gammon		

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