



The National Labor Day Backgammon Tournament

featuring the National Club Team Challenge



September 1-4, 1989 in Indianapolis directed by Butch Meese.

Details: The tournament will take place at the **Radisson Hotel Plaza at Keystone at the Crossing** which received overwhelming approval from the players who attended the **37th INDIANA OPEN**. The main event in 3 divisions will be the 10-match format with no time limit. The scheduled events include Doubles, Super Doubles, a \$500 event and 3 MicroBlitzs. The tournament flyer will be sent out next month.

The **National Club Team Challenge** is a special invitational event limited to 32 clubs of 3 members each. The special format devised for this event will guarantee each member 3 matches. The entry fee is \$225/team (90% return) with a \$75 optional side pool (95% return). The event will run concurrently with the doubles events on Friday evening and Saturday morning with the Finals on Monday. **Special Notice:** In many areas of the country, backgammon is played but not identified as a club. If you are active in one of these groups and would be interested in entering your "group" in this special event, call Butch Meese (317) 845-8435 for information.

1989 Midwest Backgammon Championships

A record crowd (141) enjoyed a well run tournament by Bill Davis and staff. \$1500 was raised for the Anti-Cruelty Society of Chicago. Players also competed in the unique events of Pig Rolling, Liar's Dice, BG Pinball and Backgammon "Rainman". A real positive sign was the strong showing (32 players) in the limited division for these players are the future of backgammon. Everyone was presented a lottery ticket upon registration and Mary Ann Meese hit 4 of 6 numbers for her share of the then record payout. Next year's tournament is scheduled for March 23-25.

Championship Division (49)

- 1st Don Desmond (Chicago)
- 2nd Jack Kissane (Albany, NY)
- 3/4 Emil Mortuk (Michigan)
- 3/4 Cliff Pappas (Arizona)
- C-1 Sandy Glassman (MI)
- C-2 Gary Keyes (IL)
- LC1 Joe Sylvester (Michigan)

Limited Division (32)

- 1st John Kelsey (IL)
- 2nd C. B. Sauer (IL)
- C-1 Marc Schoenecker (IL)
- C-2 Bill Kelley (IL)
- LC1 Fred American (NYC)
- LC1 G. B. Lunday (IL)

Nackgammon (3)

- #1(16) Yamin Yamin (Deerfield, IL)
- #2(16) Ron Stur (Chicago)
- #3(8) Deeb Shalati (Chicago)
- Blitz (136) Mark King (IL)

Advanced Division (60)

- 1st Mark King (Chicago)
- 2nd Greg Varbanov (Ft. Wayne, IN)
- 3/4 Arnold Zousmer (IL)
- 3/4 Sue Will (Peoria, IL)
- C-1 Stu Katz (Chicago)
- C-2 John Bashian (OH)
- LC1 Ed Buerger (IL)

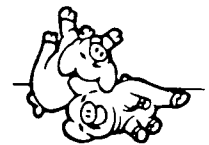


Doubles (32)

- 1st Dan Judd/Dave Rockwell (IL)
- 2nd Linc Bedell/Joan Ross (NH/MI)
- 3/4 Jim Opre/Tom Walthes (IL)
- 3/4 Deeb Shalati/Ron Stur (IL)

Satellite Doubles (8)

- 1st Cinda King/Ralph Dietz (IL/MI)



Pig Rolling: Matt Anshus (WI)

Liar's Dice: Greg Varbanov (IN)

BG Pinball: David Libchaber (IL)

Backgammon "Rainman": Woody Woodworth (Indy)

Unanswered Questions in Backgammon!?!

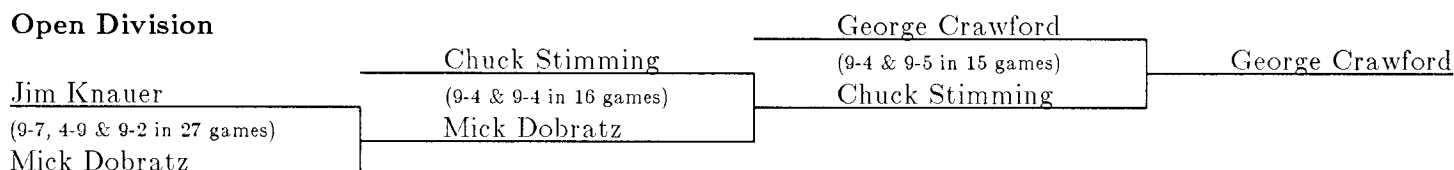
Is it really true you can't misplay double 4's?...Who is Flash Gammon (columnist for the Louisville Gazette newsletter)?...Is it true that those who can't play - direct?... Is it true there is going to be a new fraternity at the University of Michigan for students majoring in backgammon known as *Beta Gamma*?...Would you believe that Jim Hickey's moving company in Atlanta is called "Prime Movers"?...Why are all backgammon matches played to a odd number of points? Do you have any answers to those questions or more unanswered questions in backgammon?

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

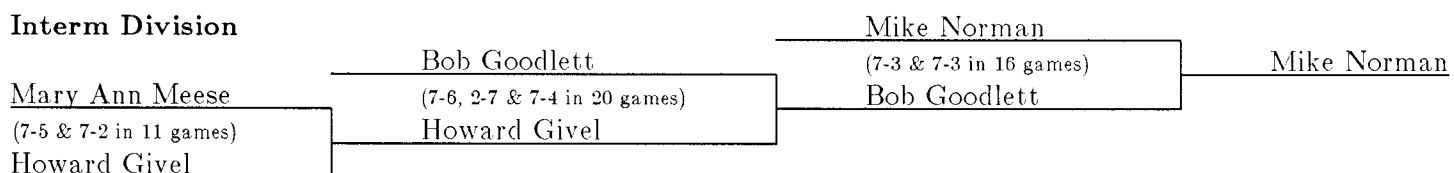
HBC Weekly Results	April 6th	April 13th	April 20th	April 27th
1st	Chuck Stimming	Frank Scott	Howard Givel	Mary Ann Meese
2nd	Ken Bruck	Ken Bruck	Woody Woodworth	Butch Meese
3rd	Kevin Bryan	- - -	Chuck Stimming	Mick Dobratz

Winter League Results: League play provides flexible scheduling, longer matches and ladder play-offs. The winter league is completed after 3 months of regular play with play-offs results below. League play will take the summer off and start again in the Fall. Call if you are interested.

Open Division



Interm Division



1989 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings as of April 30th.						
1)	Chuck Stimming	8.84	Mike Norman	2.08	Jamie Curtis	0.24
2)	Mick Dobratz	7.71	Rick Reahard	2.04	Eric George	0.24
3)	Woody Woodworth	7.26	Glenn Theobald	2.02	Cassidy Dobratz	0.18
4)	Butch Meese	6.95	Bob Goodlett	1.77	Amber Wiesler	0.16
5)	Mary Ann Meese	5.03	Don Burton	1.66	Ves Johnson	0.16
6)	Howard Givel	4.85	Marty Lindenmayer	1.40	Jim Mieske	0.16
7)	Larry Strommen	4.78	Bill Gheen	1.40	Donna Susens	0.16
8)	Frank Scott	3.35	Kevin McLeaster	1.22	Larry Buckingham	0.16
9)	George Crawford	3.12	Ralph Roberts	1.02	Bob Calhoun	0.14
10)	David Smith	3.12	Gino Agresti	0.86	Jay Nelson	0.10
	Ken Bruck	3.06	Michael Shanas	0.80	Mike Hellmer	0.08
	Cyrus Mobed	2.78	Ellis Bray	0.78	Walter Trice	0.08
	Jim Curtis	2.74	Bill Julian	0.66	John Leusing	0.08
	Jeff Baker	2.40	Kevin Bryan	0.58	John Ritzert	0.08
	Jim Knauer	2.20	Ron Black	0.48	Tom Hendryx	0.02
	Kay Beck	2.14	John Brussel	0.32	Bob Kemerly	0.02
	Greg Varbanov	2.12	Don Trapp	0.32	Wendy Kaplan	0.02
	Brian Nelson	2.08	Cassie Curtis	0.32	Linc Bedell	0.02

Hoosier Pips...HBC welcomes new players Kevin "Catfish" Bryan and Eric George...Do you want to represent the Hoosier Backgammon Club in the up-coming **National Club Team Challenge**? Let us know if you are interested!...David Smith had this truck broken into and one of the items stolen was his hand-made backgammon set, so if you hear of a unique backgammon set for sale - notify HBC...HBC has written an introduction sheet to backgammon called "The Fundamentals of Backgammon". If you would like a copy to help someone get started, just send a self addressed stamped envelope.

U.S. Open Backgammon Tournament - June 21-25, 1989 - Reno	
Featuring The Fourth Annual MASTERS INVITATIONAL - \$12,500 Added	
	Scheduled Events - MegaBlitz, Amateur Shoot Out - US Doubles
	High Noon Shoot Out - International Team Challenge - Jackpots
	Info: Mark Richardson (702) 826-1984 or (702) 852-1221
	

Schedule of BACKGAMMON Events (Information and entry forms available thru HBC)		
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
Jun 21-25	U. S. Open & MASTERS Invitational - Reno	(702) 852-1221
Jul 28-30	Michigan Summer Championship - Flint, MI	(313) 232-9731
Sep 01-04	National Labor Day Backgammon Tournament - Indianapolis	HBC Hotline
THURSDAYS	7PM at Dooley O'Toole's - Behind Castleton Sq on 86th St	849-7355

Wordsearch Contest

The following wordsearch has a number of words common to backgammon. The winner will be determined by the most complete list. Your list should include the number and list of words found. In case of ties, a drawing will be held to determine the winner. Send your entry to HBC Wordsearch Contest, %Butch & Mary Ann Meese, 7620 Kilmer Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46256 by the deadline of May 31st. The winner will receive either \$40 off their entry fee to the National Labor Day Backgammon Tournament or \$20. If the tie-breaker drawing is needed, it will be held during the June 1st Thursday weekly play. The solution will appear in next month's newsletter. **Helpful hint:** There is nothing backwards about this contest. Good luck!

Backgammon Wordsearch Contest																			
A	R	I	M	I	D	P	O	I	N	T	D	E	P	A	S	S	O	A	U
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WORLD CUP Match

Joe Sylvester vs Alan Steffen

37 Point SemiFinal

During 1989, this match will be presented in its entirety in this newsletter, 1 to 4 games each month. This month games 12 and 13 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. An errors were found in Game 11 and is presented correctly here.

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.

• Game 11 - Corrected

Joe Sylvester - 9		Alan Steffen - 14		
Roll	Played	Roll	Played	
1)	21	11 5	66	18 ² 7 ²
2)	63	5 21	54	4x ^{F13}
3)	31	21x	22	21 4x ²
4)	51	20 5	42	5x-1x
5)	21	23 24x	31	21
6)	63	18x 20	63	16
7)	55	5 13	32	5 14
8)	42	9 11x	11	24 7 ² 5
9)	61	5 8	52	6 ^{F13}
10)	51	1x 12x	33	22 ² 4 3
11)	65	1 ^{F13}	63	1 ²
12)	42	1 6	53	10
13)	61	7x ²	61	EF
14)		dbl to 2?		take
15)	54	2 ²	41	21 9
16)	63	7 2	31	5 ^{F9}
17)	54	1 2	44	2 ² 1 ²
18)	61	2 7	66	3 ^{F21} 15
19)	51	1 ^{F7}	32	10
20)	61	1 6	51	5 21
21)	21	0 5	11	1 ^{F5}
22)	33	2 ⁴	66	game

