





HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB

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1989 Michigan Summer Backgammon Championships

A record crowd (212) converged on Flint, Michigan for the MICHIGAN Summer Backgammon Championships sponsored by EF Hutton and Michelob. Despite the mediocre accommodations, difficult air travel and packed playing area, Carol Joy Cole and staff, HBC's Mary Ann Meese and Woody Woodworth and Flint's John Carrico and Judy Field, ran the 2nd largest tournament in the country this year - a true compliment to one of the best directors in backgammon today. A special double-elimination grid was developed to handle the record 87 players in the Open Division. Overflow Intermediate and double events were added to accommodate the large crowd. HBC players who attended were Mick Dobratz, David Smith and Larry Strommen, but only Larry with partner Neil Kazaross was able to cash in the main doubles.

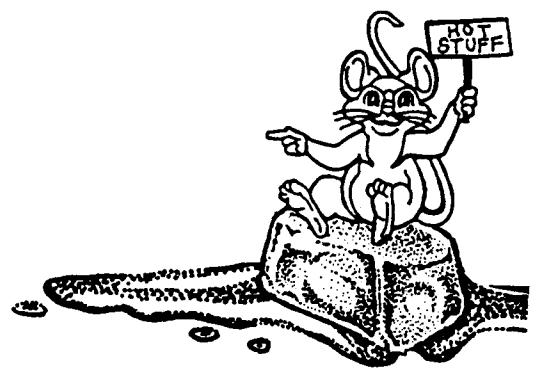
Open Division (87) 1st Gary Kay (IL) 2nd Wilcox Snellings (PA) 3rd David Pettypiece (MI) 4/5 Jim Mieske (OH) 4/5 Basil Farah (MI) C1 David Libchaber (IL) C2 Joanie Ross (MI) C34 Don Desmond (IL) C34 Rick Todd (MI)		Intermediate (63) 1st Pete Ryder (OH) 2nd V. W. Zimnicki (IL) 3rd Stu Katz (IL) C1 Steve Hast (PA) C2 Alice Kay (IL) C34 Sharon Lennon (KY) C34 Ed Simms (CAN) Interm Overflow (30) 1st Trish Hegland (CA) 2nd Jonathan Bennetts (CAN) C1 Scott Arche (KY) C2 Ralph Schaffner (CAN) Overflow Doubles (16) 1st Duane Jensen/Shel Segal 2nd Badei Khoury/George Farah	Novice (32) 1st Mark Gough (CAN) 2nd Mike Fisher (OH) C1 Gail Lorick (Flint) C2 Carrie Morris (Flint) C34 Janet Genter (PA) C34 Judy Schaffner (CAN) Blitz 128(16x8) 1st Stu Thomson (CAN) Freeze-out (16) 1st Marilyn McMasters (MI) 2nd Kati Pratt (TX) \$100 Sunday Jackpot (16) Sp1 Linc Bedell (NH) Sp1 Robbie Roberts (MI) \$50 Sunday Jackpot (16) 1st Lee Genud (FL) 2nd Carol Falk (MI) \$25 Sunday Jackpot (16) 1st Robert Van Stone (CAN) 2nd Sandy Grassel (MI)
Flint \$500 (16) 1st Ray Glaeser (NJ) 2nd Ed Petrillo (FL) Doubles (32) 1st Vito D'Alessandro/Ralph Schaffner 2nd Kathy Rudnick/Ron Stur 3/4 Neil Kazaross/Larry Strommen 3/4 Al Demirjian/Jim Roderick Limited Doubles (16) 1st Steve Hast/Howard Shirey 2nd Arline Levy/Marcy Sloan		MICHELOB.  Sanford T Kaplan SHEARSON LEHMAN HUTTON	

The National Labor Day Backgammon Tournament
 featuring the **National Club Team Challenge**
 September 1-4, 1989 at The Radisson Hotel in Indianapolis.
 9-Match Format in 3 divisions. MicroBlitz in 3 levels. \$500 Masters Jackpot.
 Information: HBC (317) 845-8435 or LBC (502) 429-0153

NLD Tournament Update

A new feature has been added to the main events of the **National Labor Day Backgammon Tournament**. All players who survive 9 matches without 4 losses and do not cash in their division will receive a free entry into a microblitz event. Complete details available at the tournament.

There is a typo in the flyer for the **National Labor Day Backgammon Tournament**. The phone number for the **Radisson Hotel** is incorrect on the hotel information page but correct on the front of the flyer. The correct number is (317) 846-2700.



HBC's monthly newsletter for active HBC members and subscribers.
 Subscription rate: \$6/year (Canada \$7 & overseas \$10). Let us know if your address changes.
HBC Hotline: Butch & Mary Ann Meese: (317) 845-8435. 7620 Kilmer Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46256-1634

HBC July Results	July 6th	July 13th	July 20th	July 27th
1st	<i>Butch Meese</i>	<i>Woody Woodworth</i>	<i>Howard Givel</i>	<i>Kevin McLeaster</i>
2nd	<i>Larry Strommen</i>	<i>David Smith</i>	<i>Chuck Stimming</i>	<i>Eric George</i>
3rd	<i>Chuck Stimming</i>	<i>Mick Dobratz</i>	<i>Cyrus Mobed</i>	
Hoosier Quad		<i>Butch Meese</i>	<i>Eric George</i>	

Hoosier Pips....HBC welcomed out-of-towner George Barr on July 13th....thanks to Mick Dobratz for running July 27th weekly play while the Meeses were in Flint....HBC welcomes new students of the game, Peg Simsic and Carol Harrison....For those who are going to the *Caesars Tahoe Tournament* be sure to schedule some time for sight-seeing. Lake Tahoe is one of the naturally beautiful areas in the world....Californian Joe Russell has won the title of 1989 World Champion over Mika Lidov (NYC) in a record championship division (248) and *The Chicago Connection*: Howard Markowitz, Greg Shore and Alan Steffen won the World Team Championship....There is a new backgammon book *World Class Backgammon, Move by Move* by Roy Freidman which is highly recommended by Joe Sylvester. It can be ordered directly from the author - 18 Ponter Pond, Lexington, MA, 02173. The cost is \$30 plus \$3 postage and handling for USA, Canada and Mexico and for all other countries \$4 per book surface.

1989 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings as of July 31st.						
1)	Butch Meese	12.58	Greg Varbinov	2.12	Cassidy Dobratz	0.18
2)	Chuck Stimming	12.16	Mike Norman	2.08	Larry Buckingham	0.16
3)	Woody Woodworth	11.72	Rick Reahard	2.04	Amber Wiesler	0.16
4)	Larry Strommen	9.35	Bob Goodlett	1.77	Larry Lesniak	0.16
5)	Howard Givel	9.22	Don Burton	1.66	Jim Mieske	0.16
6)	Mick Dobratz	8.91	Bill Gheen	1.40	Bob Calhoun	0.14
7)	Mary Ann Meese	6.65	Ralph Roberts	1.02	Ron Becker	0.14
8)	Frank Scott	5.57	Herb Roman	0.98	R. C. Robbins	0.12
9)	Cyrus Mobed	5.42	Gino Agresti	0.86	Dan Batts	0.10
10)	David Smith	4.66	Michael Shanas	0.80	Jay Nelson	0.10
	Brian Nelson	4.50	Ellis Bray	0.78	Walter Trice	0.08
	Ken Bruck	4.36	Wendy Kaplan	0.76	John Ritzert	0.08
	Eric George	4.12	Bill Julian	0.76	Mike Hellmer	0.08
	Glenn Theobald	3.44	Catfish Bryan	0.62	John Leusing	0.08
	Jim Curtis	3.38	Ron Black	0.48	Scott Musser	0.06
	Kevin McLeaster	3.30	Ves Johnson	0.34	Bev Nelson	0.02
	George Crawford	3.12	Don Trapp	0.32	George Barr	0.02
	Jeff Baker	2.98	Cassie Curtis	0.32	Tom Hendryx	0.02
	Kay Beck	2.66	John Brussel	0.32	Bob Kemerly	0.02
	Marty Lindenmayer	2.40	Donna Susens	0.24	Linc Bedell	0.02
	Jim Knauer	2.20	Jamie Curtis	0.24		

Fall League

HBC is taking sign-ups for its Fall League in Open and Intermediate Divisions. Call the HBC Hotline by August 20th to sign-up or to receive more information.

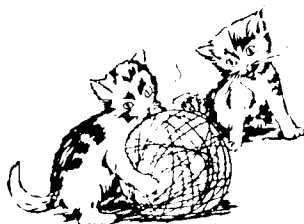
HBC Mailbox - Looking for BG Table

I'm a new backgammon addict and have enclosed my check for a year's subscription to your excellent newsletter.

I'd like to acquire a quality backgammon table with about 2 inch checkers as a permanent fixture for my family room. If you know of a good source for such an item, please include the data in a future edition of your newsletter.

Thanks much, Duane Fuller, Foster City, CA

P. S. Compliments are also in order for Mrs. [Mary Ann] Meese for her spectacular performance as manager at the recent tournament in Reno.



Those Old Rules

To give some appreciation for the rules we now follow, let's review some rules from the past. These come from the book, *Backgammon of Today* by John Longacre copyrighted 1930.

Rule #2) The men are set up so that the inner tables shall be nearest the light. Decision of position of light and choice of men shall be made by the player throwing the highest single die.

Rule #3) If, at any time during the game it is discovered that the men have been wrongly set up, play ceases, and that game is void.

Rule #7) The player must leave his dice upon the board until his play is complete. Should he pick them up before the completion of his play, the opponent may, at his option, declare the play void, and require the offender to replace the man or men moved, and to throw again.

Rule #11) Whenever a man has been moved from its position upon a point it must be played if possible.

Editor's note: Besides some of the rules being vague, there were no rules on tournament play.

WORLD CUP Match

Joe Sylvester vs Alan Steffen

37 Point SemiFinal

During 1989, this match is being presented in this newsletter, 1 to 4 games each month and this month games 17, 18 and 19 are presented. Along with the 34 games, all the doubling positions will be included. 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 with the 5-point made 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 more pieces moving to the same point; this example has 2 pieces moving to the 5 point. In the doubling positions, Joe will be dark checkers and Alan the light and are shown from Joe Sylvester's side of the board. Study those first before going through the games.

HBC Mailbox - World Cup Match Feedback

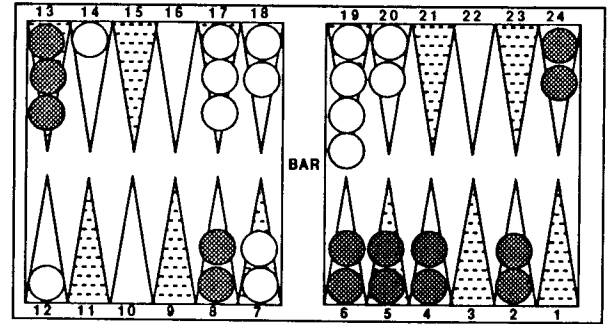
I really like your bulletin - with the features - especially the matches. We get to see how the best players play, even complete with mistakes. If it isn't irreverent to even think about such a thing!

For instance, July issue, Game 15, Move 15, Joe sez "TAKE"!? Aggression paid off. I usually do 200 [rollouts] - sometimes more - when I study a position. But here, the first 50 suggested that black lost 74 instead of 50 points - the break even point. Then, the second 50, he lost 80 (!) instead of 50. QUIT rolling. Big DROP!.

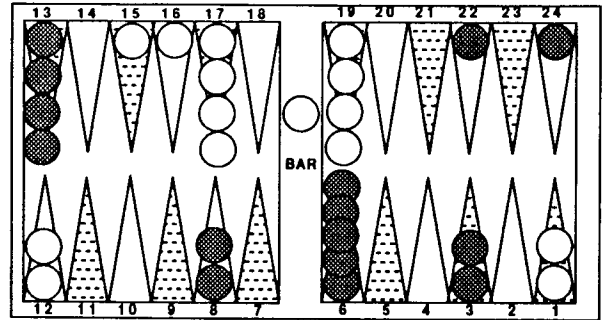
Then when Joe redoubles - next diagram - aggression paid off again! It is scary, but preliminary work suggests it is a not-too-hard Take!.

Best regards, Harold Branch, Louisville

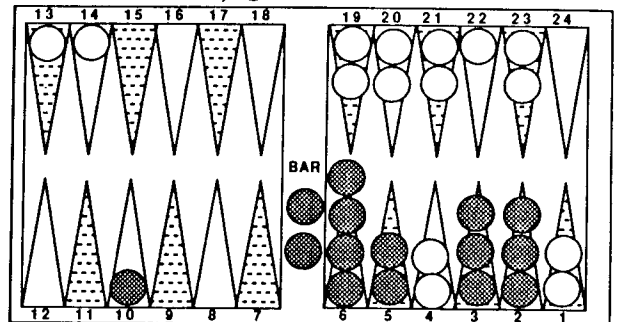
Game 17 - Move 4, ○ doubles to 2?



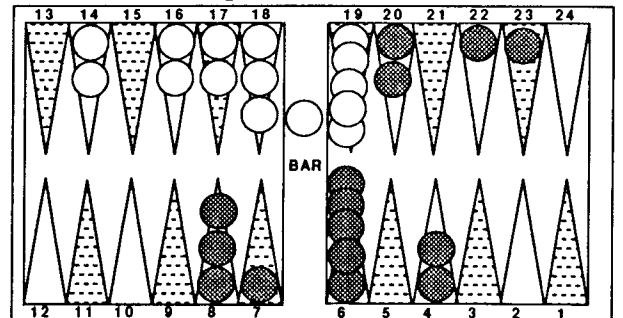
Game 18 - Move 7, ● doubles to 2?



Game 18 - Move 23, ○ doubles to 4?



Game 19 - Move 7, ○ doubles to 2?



Schedule of BACKGAMMON Events (Information and entry forms available thru HBC)		
Aug 07-13	Green Mountain Festival - Ascutney Mt Resort	(305) 527-4033
Sep 01-04	National Labor Day Backgammon Tournament - Indianapolis	HBC Hotline
Sep 29-30	8th All Georgia Championship - The Beef Cellar, Atlanta	(404) 357-0567
Oct 04-08	Caesars Tahoe Backgammon Tournament	(702) 852-1221
Oct 27-29	7th New Hampshire Fall Classic	(603) 863-4711
Nov 17-19	Children's Hospital Benefit - Sheraton-Commander Hotel, Boston	(617) 547-4800
Jan 17-21, 1990	7th Nevada State - Peppermill Hotel, Reno	(702) 852-1221
Aug 07-12, 1990	WORLD CUP II - Sheraton-Commander Hotel, Boston	(301) 299-8264
THURSDAYS	7PM at Dooley O'Toole's - Backside of Castleton Sq on 86th St	849-7355

World Cup

SemiFinal

37 Point Match

Game 17

Joe Sylvester (21)		Alan Steffen (24)		
Roll	Played	Roll	Played	
1)	42	4 ²	21	11 5
2)	52	8 11	62	5 ^{F13}
3)	61	5 ²	66	18 ² 7 ²
4)	64	2 ²		dbl to 2?
5)		pass		

Game 18

Joe Sylvester (21)		Alan Steffen (25)		
Roll	Played	Roll	Played	
1)	--	---	54	8 20
2)	62	5x	63	16
3)	52	3 ²	54	11 9
4)	62	16x	21	24 9x
5)	64	15	53	1x 10x
6)	31	22 24x	66	EF
7)		dbl to 2?		take
8)	33	21 10 5 ²	32	23 3x
9)	61	24 15x	53	EF
10)	65	2x	33	EF
11)	21	22x 5	21	23x 24
12)	52	20 ²	22	21 ² 6
13)	52	10 3	65	13
14)	42	16x-14	43	21 5x
15)	31	22 13	54	4 ^{F13}
16)	65	11	43	4 5
17)	51	5 ^{F11}	42	2 4
18)	43	2 ²	62	7 11
19)	43	6 ^{F13}	55	16-6 2
20)	65	2	63	12x
21)	63	22 4x	43	21x 3x
22)	32	22x EF	41	21 3x
23)	55	EF		dbl to 4?
24)		pass		

Game 19

Joe Sylvester (21)		Alan Steffen (27)		
Roll	Played	Roll	Played	
1)	54	8 9	66	18 ² 7 ²
2)	53	4 21	21	11 7
3)	41	20 ²	42	9 11
4)	54	4 ^{F13}	63	9
5)	21	11 7x	52	18x
6)	62	23 7x	43	18x
7)	43	22 7x		dbl to 2?
8)		take	52	18x
9)	42	21 ²	65	7
10)	52	15 ^{F22}	41	1
11)	62	9 4	31	2 ^{F6}
12)	52	3 7	62	3 7
13)	64	2 ²	61	1 ^{F7} 2
14)	44	16 ² 4 3	52	3 6
15)	33	1 ² 10	51	1 ^{F7}
16)	43	3 ^{F10}	53	2 3
17)	62	8	32	6
18)	42	4 ²	42	7 1
19)	21	1 ^{F4}	53	2 3
20)	64	11	21	4x-3
21)	65	20 5	11	6 ² 0 ²
22)	62	12	42	0 ^{F6}
23)	31	9 5	62	0 ²
24)	42	5 0	33	3-0 ³
25)	42	0 ²	44	game

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