

Season's Greetings!
 Best wishes for a happy
 holiday season and a
 prosperous New Year to
 all our friends and families...
 Butch & Mary Ann Meese



**HOOSIER
 BACKGAMMON
 CLUB**



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Buckingham, Theobald & Cinatl win One-Day

Thirty-one players gave up a day of Christmas shopping for a day of backgammon and fun. This tournament saw the welcome return of the novice round-robin which will continue. Our next one-day tournament is being planned for February to award our TOP 10 players of 1989. Details in next month's newsletter.

	Open (14)	Intermediate (10)	Novice (7)
1st	Larry Buckingham (Dayton, OH)	Glenn Theobald	John Cinatl
2nd	Wendy Kaplan	Howard Givel	Scott Richardson

The controversy begins.....

Joe Sylvester suggested in an article in Flint's November newsletter that both the Holland and Crawford Rules be eliminated. Currently the Holland Rule is used by 30-50% of the clubs with no side effects either way so the elimination of that rule would not have a big impact. But the Crawford Rule is used world wide and has been for many years. The elimination of this rule may have some ill effects. What do you think? Let us know - we welcome your input. A minute poll with comments was taken during the December 10th one-day tournament.

	Keep	Eliminate	Do not know
Holland Rule	(6) 25%	(14) 58%	(4) 17%
Crawford Rule	(17) 71%	(5) 21%	(2) 8%

Comments: #1-ANARCHY! (voted to eliminate both). #2-Both rules keep a fairness to players who have worked hard to build a lead (voted to keep both). #3-Holland rule is absurd for it makes match play approach money play. Crawford is needed because it increases the logic of cube use at the end of a match which is well known by open players.

Interesting Data: Average Games versus Match Length

Ever wondered how many games on an average it takes to complete a 9-point match or a 15-point match? It has been estimated that the number of games is the same as the length of the match - that's real close! The table below gives you the answer. The data was taken from a list of Open level recorded matches. The table also includes the maximum and minimum games to complete a match. For you math types, the standard deviation and the sample size is included.

Average Games versus Match Length									
Match Length	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21
Maximum	8	12	15	17	20	27	27	30	31
Average	4.43	6.69	7.96	9.94	12.71	14.23	17.09	19.02	20.26
Minimum	1	1	1	2	3	3	6	9	12
Std Dev	1.61	2.75	2.76	3.52	4.07	4.71	4.79	4.73	4.96
Sample Size	51	35	117	106	51	124	67	65	35

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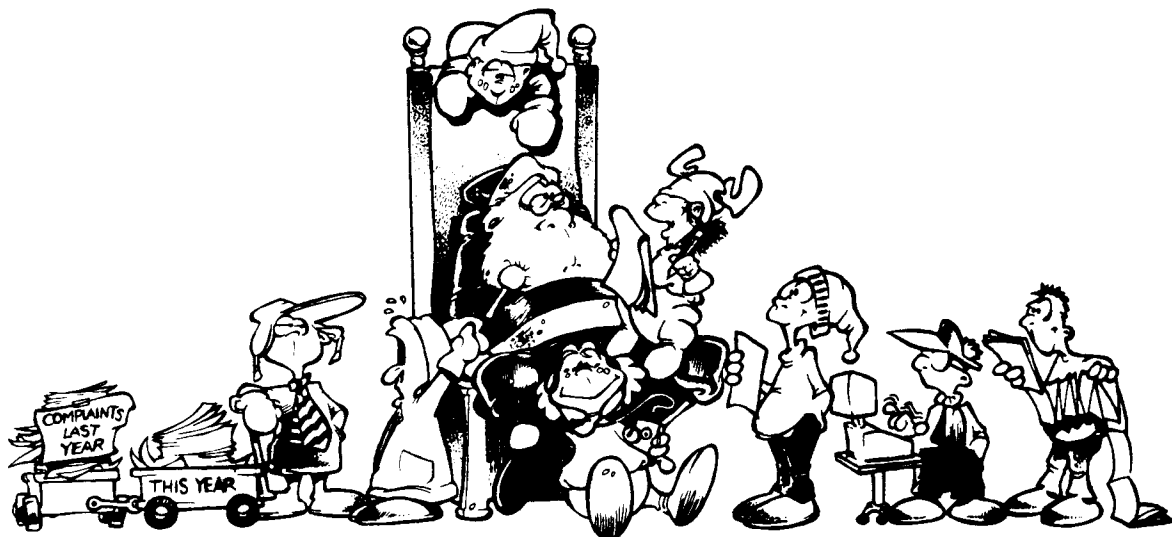
League Play

Twenty-four players in two divisions have been competing in league play for 3 months. Each player plays 27 matches and players with a winning record advance to the ladder play-offs. The players ready to climb in the Open Division are Ellis Bray, Mick Dobratz, Bill Gheen, Butch Meese, Woody Woodworth and Wendy Kaplan. In the Intermediate Division, the players reaching the play-offs are Kay Beck, Bob Goodlett, Mary Ann Meese and Howard Givel. Results in next month's newsletter. If you are interested in league play for the winter session, schedule to begin in January, call the HBC Hotline.

HBC November Weekly Results				
	Nov 2nd	Nov 9th	Nov 16th	Nov 30th
1st	Larry Strommen	Cyrus Mobed	Ken Bruck	Larry Strommen
2nd	Chuck Stimming	Don Woods	Woody Woodworth	Butch Meese
3rd	Frank Scott	Larry Strommen	Larry Strommen	Frank Scott
Extra	Howard Givel (H Quad)			Kay Beck (Interm)

Hoosier Pips....HBC will continue to play weekly throughout the holidays.... Congrats to Wendy Kaplan for winning two events at the Backgammon Co-op Fall Championships....Mary Ann Meese rubbed her way to \$500 in the Hoosier Millionaire Lottery....November wedding bells were heard by Jack and Geri Kissane (NY) and Mike and Laura Keener (MI), best wishes to both couples....We can't promote the *Twin Cities Backgammon Newsletter* since we have not see it yet, but hear thru the grapevine it should be good since the editor is the sometimes bizarre Duane Jensen....The dates for the 14th Bluegrass in Louisville are set for March 2-4 at the chic Seelback Hotel....John Brussel (NY) and Jill Ferdinand (IL) have set their wedding for June 24th, 1990.

1989 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings as of November 30th.						
1)	Butch Meese	17.12	Mike Norman	2.08	Jim Smythe	0.16
2)	Woody Woodworth	16.14	Bob Goodlett	1.77	Amber Wiesler	0.16
3)	Chuck Stimming	16.03	Don Burton	1.66	Jim Mieske	0.16
4)	Larry Strommen	15.67	Bill Gheen	1.40	Larry Buckingham	0.16
5)	Howard Givel	14.28	Ralph Roberts	1.02	Rick Bianiak	0.16
6)	Mick Dobratz	10.41	Herb Roman	0.98	Bob Calhoun	0.14
7)	Brian Nelson	9.60	Michael Shanas	0.80	Ron Becker	0.14
8)	Mary Ann Meese	8.31	Ellis Bray	0.78	Tom Hendryx	0.12
9)	Cyrus Mobed	8.26	Bill Julian	0.76	R. C. Robbins	0.12
10)	Frank Scott	8.05	Catfish Bryan	0.72	Jay Nelson	0.10
	David Smith	7.62	Cassie Curtis	0.64	Dan Batts	0.10
	Eric George	6.66	Mervin Berger	0.60	Walter Trice	0.08
	Ken Bruck	6.60	Fred Badagnani	0.60	Mike Hellmer	0.08
	Jim Curtis	6.22	Ves Johnson	0.50	Scott Arche	0.08
	Kevin McLeaster	5.56	Ron Black	0.48	John Ritzert	0.08
	Glenn Theobald	5.06	Jamie Curtis	0.40	John Leusing	0.08
	Wendy Kaplan	5.01	Bill Hodes	0.36	Peg Simsic	0.06
	Kay Beck	4.48	John Cinatl	0.36	Scott Musser	0.06
	Jeff Baker	3.30	Larry Lesniak	0.32	Linc Bedell	0.02
	George Crawford	3.12	John Brussel	0.32	Stu Whitcomb	0.02
	Marty Lindenmayer	3.12	Don Trapp	0.32	Mike Mills	0.02
	Don Woods	2.98	Donna Susens	0.24	George Barr	0.02
	Gino Agresti	2.42	Dick Nelson	0.24	Bob Kemerly	0.02
	Rick Reahard	2.36	Scott Richardson	0.20	Jim Wilson	0.02
	Jim Knauer	2.20	Cassidy Dobratz	0.18	Bev Nelson	0.02
	Greg Varbinov	2.12	Mark Mikolon	0.16		



WORLD CUP Match

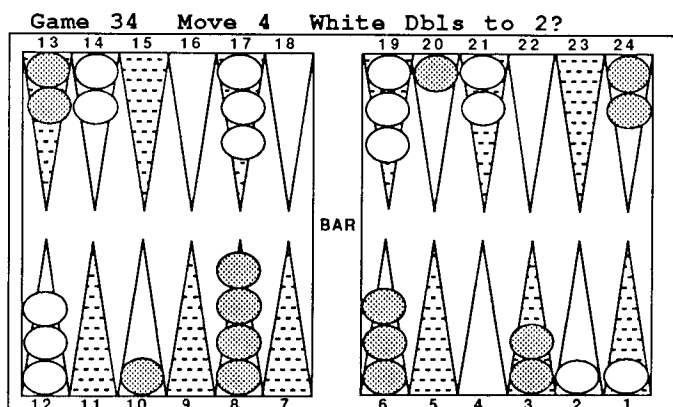
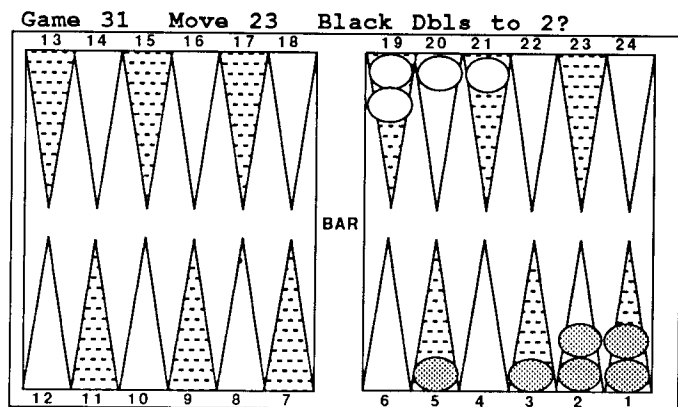
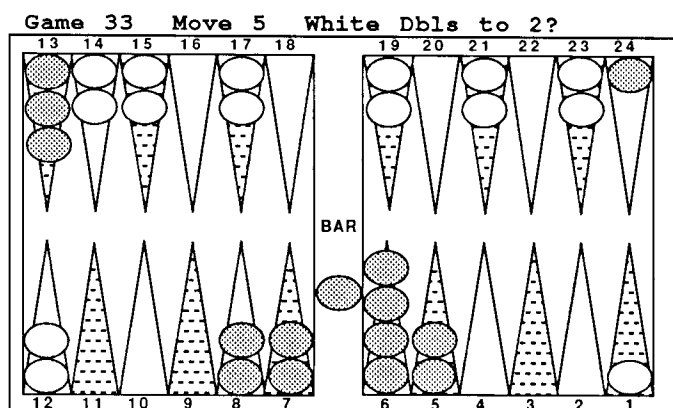
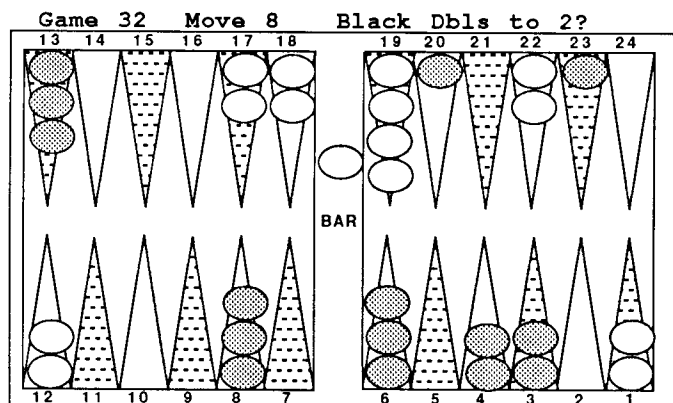
Joe Sylvester vs Alan Steffen

37 Point SemiFinal

The remaining games of the Sylvester/Steffen match are presented this month. Who's matches would you like to see for next year? Let us know!

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.



Schedule of BACKGAMMON Events (Information and entry forms available thru HBC)		
Jan 17-21	7th Nevada State - Peppermill Hotel, Reno	(702) 852-1221
Feb 11	7th Fleet Underwood Memorial & Benefit - Sheraton Flint, MI	(313) 232-9731
Mar 02-04	14th Bluegrass Regional - Seelbach Hotel, Louisville	(502) 429-0153
Mar 23-25	Midwest Championships - Holiday Inn, Oakbrook Terrace, IL	(312) 338-6380
Apr 06-08	38th Indiana Open - Omni Severin Hotel, Indianapolis	HBC Hotline
May 25-28	10th Chicago Open - Westin Hotel O'Hara, Rosemont, IL	(708) 674-0120
June 29-July 01	Michigan Summer Championships - Flint	(313) 232-9731
Aug 07-12	WORLD CUP II - Sheraton-Commander Hotel, Boston	(301) 299-8264
Aug 31-Sep 3	National Labor Day Backgammon Tournament - Louisville	HBC Hotline
THURSDAYS	7PM at Dooley O'Toole's - Backside of Castleton Sq on 86th St	849-7355

World Cup

SemiFinal

37 Point Match

Game 31

Joe Sylvester (33)		Alan Steffen (34)	
Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	21	11	5
2)	54	15x	
3)	54	20 ²	
4)	54	21	8
5)	64	7 ²	
6)	21	23	7
7)	31	20	7
8)	55	3 ²	2 ²
9)	65	9	
10)	54	1	5
11)	64	7	9
12)	51	4	5
13)	64	14	16
14)	64	6	
15)	31	4	6
16)	63	8	4
17)	31	5	0
18)	64	0 ²	
19)	42	0 ²	
20)	52	0 ²	
21)	62	0	1
22)	44	0	2 ² 1
23)		dbl to 2?	

Game 32

Joe Sylvester (34)		Alan Steffen (34)	
Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	64	14	
2)	52	9	11
3)	61	17x	
4)	63	EF	
5)	65	20	3x
6)	22	23	4x ² 11
7)	44	3x ²	
8)		dbl to 2?	

Game 33

Joe Sylvester (35)		Alan Steffen (34)	
Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	61	7 ²	
2)	41	9	23
3)	41	5 ²	
4)	42	EF	
5)	64	EF	
6)		pass	

Game 34

Joe Sylvester (35)		Alan Steffen (35)	
Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	54	8	9
2)	52	1x	11x
3)	51	20	10
4)	63	3 ²	
5)		take	
6)	43	20	5
7)	63	4	5
8)	43	4	10
9)	54	20	9
10)	62	1x	
11)	64	2 ²	
12)	42	6	18
13)	61	5	NP
14)	55	15 ²	8
15)	53	7	
16)	22	1 ^{F7}	13
17)	42	9	6
18)	31	6	4
19)	66	0 ⁴	
20)	51	0	4

JS - 37
Match

AS - 35



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