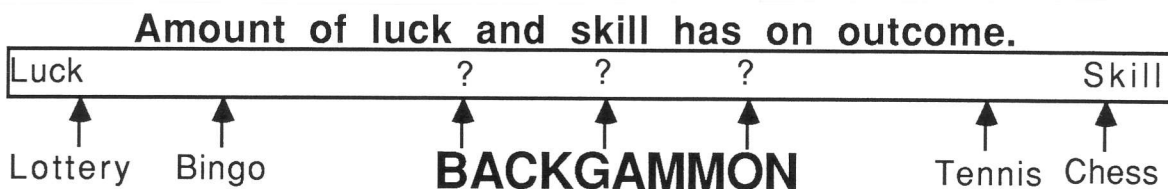




Holland Rule - A View From The Source: Tim Holland

The controversy over the Holland Rule continues and before the rule gets "dumped" by majority vote, it is important to provide the history of the rule. The Holland and the Crawford Rules were introduced some 20 years ago and most active players today have no idea why the rules were created. HBC was able to contact Tim Holland and in a telephone conversation on March 13th, he explained his reasons for the inception of the Holland and Crawford Rules.

Tim Holland played backgammon before there was a Crawford or a Holland Rule. He saw a disadvantage for a leader in a match as the leader approached match score. The trailing player had no restrictions on the use of the cube and could double at any time, including his first move in a game. The trailing player would double because of score only and not because of **the philosophy of the cube in tournament play** which is doubling because of position and score. To remedy this, the rule now known as the Crawford Rule was introduced first. Tim noted that he originated the rule but Mr. Crawford implemented the rule therefore it was named the Crawford Rule. Even after the Crawford Rule was in effect, Tim continued to see a disadvantage for the leader after the Crawford Game. The trailer could still use the cube to his advantage after the Crawford Game; doubling again because of score only. The Holland Rule was introduced to remedy this situation. By having at least 2 moves on both sides, the decision to take or drop is based on "some" position and score and not just score. Tim pointed out that without these rules, the trailer could double without restriction therefore increasing the luck factor in the game. Tim saw backgammon without these rules as a negative aspect to an otherwise beautiful game. Tim still believes in both rules today as he did when the rules were introduced 20 years ago.



Editorial-Holland Rule

The introduction of the doubling cube to backgammon has been hailed as the single most element that makes backgammon what it is today. The addition of the Holland Rule as well as the Crawford Rule increases the value of the cube by keeping intact the philosophy of the cube. The Crawford Rule seems to be firmly established and currently the Holland Rule is not. The Holland Rule should be added to the *U.S. Backgammon Tournament Rules and Procedures*, at minimum, as a option. We, the players, control how much luck and skill there is in backgammon by the rules we abide by.

38th INDIANA Open - Omni-Severin Hotel, Indianapolis - April 6-8, 1990

A great time was had by all as 120 players mingled with celebrities at the 38th INDIANA Open held at the newly remodeled Omni Severin Hotel. Farm Aid IV participants competed with backgammon players for overnight rooms and room service. The Indianapolis winners included Don Woods, John Cinatl, Fred Brooks and Curtis & Co. (Cassie, Jamie & Jim). The 39th INDIANA Open will be scheduled after tax day, April 15th.

Open Division (52)

- 1st Ali Zaltash (Pittsburgh)
- 2nd Don Desmond (Chicago)
- 3rd Paul Franks (Chicago)
- C1st Frank Talbot (Detroit)
- C2nd Karen Davis (Washington, DC)

Advanced Intermediate (49)

- 1st Ron Stur (Chicago)
- 2nd Terry Kuchenbrod (Louisville)
- 3rd Don Woods (Indianapolis)
- C1st Ron Genter (Pittsburgh)
- C2nd Peter Kalba (Chicago)
- C3/4 Sylvia Huddleston (Farmington, MI)
- C3/4 Jay Ward (Chicago)

\$50 Jackpot (8): Emil Mortuk (Detroit)

World Cup Qualifier: Neil Kazaross (San Diego)

Open MicroBlitz(64): Yamin Yamin (Chicago)

Limited MicroBlitz(64): John Cinatl (Indianapolis)

Novice Division (16)

- 1st G. B. Lunday (Chillicothe, IL)
- 2nd Fred Brooks (Indianapolis)
- C1st Carol Levine (Swartz Creek, MI)
- C2nd Joshua Lantto (Ann Arbor, MI)

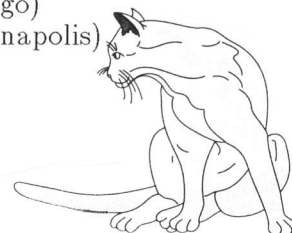
Doubles (32)

- 1st Mark Anshus/Bob Holyon (Wauwatosa, WI/ Milwaukee, WI)
- 2nd Cassie, Jamie and Jim Curtis (Indianapolis)
- 3/4 Quint McTyeire/Rich Emmett (Louisville)
- 3/4 Jeane Eggenberger/Tom Weaver (Plymouth, MI/Dallas)

Fine Print Winner: Tami Sylvester (Warren, MI)

\$25 Jackpot(16): 1st Lucky Nelson (Chicago)

2nd Bobbie Shifrin (Chicago)



HBC March Weekly Results					
	Mar 1st	Mar 8th	Mar 15th	Mar 22th	Mar 29th
Open 1st	Mary Ann Meese	Chuck Stimming	Chuck Stimming	Butch Meese	Ken Bruck
2nd	Don Woods	Mary Ann Meese	David Smith	Cyrus Mobed	Woody Woodworth
2nd	Ken Bruck	-----	Kevin McLeaster	Philip Degan	-----
Intermediate 1st	Frank Scott	Frank Scott	-----	Gabe Stiasny	Jay Ward
2nd	Kay Beck	John Cinatl	-----	Frank Scott	Glenn Theobald
Novice 1st	-----	-----	June Werner	June Werner	Christine Riha
2nd	-----	-----	-----	Peg Simsic	Jay Mershon

1990 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings as of March 31st.						
1)	Ken Bruck	3.84	Kay Beck	1.02	Amber Wiesler	0.20
2)	Butch Meese	3.72	Peg Simsic	0.96	Carol Doyle	0.20
3)	Don Woods	3.68	Scott Richardson	0.85	Don Waltons	0.12
4)	Chuck Stimming	3.54	Gabe Stiasny	0.83	Stu Whitcomb	0.12
5)	Mick Dobratz	3.15	Ralph Roberts	0.72	Lara Simsic	0.10
6)	Mary Ann Meese	2.94	Brian Nelson	0.64	Teri Ivey Long	0.10
7)	Kevin McLeaster	2.86	Howard Givel	0.60	Jamie Curtis	0.10
8)	Larry Strommen	2.84	Larry Buckingham	0.56	Kevin Garrison	0.06
9)	David Smith	2.70	June Werner	0.50	Eric George	0.04
10)	Woody Woodworth	2.53	Margaret Roberts	0.40	Bill Gheen	0.04
	John Cinatl	2.47	Cindy White	0.40	Ismet Demirel	0.04
	Glenn Theobald	2.41	Jay Ward	0.40	George Crawford	0.04
	Frank Scott	2.34	Jay Mershon	0.40	Jim Knauer	0.04
	Wendy Kaplan	2.18	Pete Ryder	0.32	Bob Goodlett	0.04
	Cyrus Mobed	1.56	Jeff Baker	0.32	Bill Hodes	0.04
	Jim Curtis	1.48	Bob Zavoral	0.32	Scott Arche	0.04
	Marty Lindenmayer	1.28	Jim Gatesman	0.30	John O'Hagan	0.04
	Sharon Lennen	1.20	Mark Mikolon	0.20	Lou Ramer	0.02
	Philip Degan	1.05	Christine Riha	0.20		

Hoosier Pips: HBC welcomes new players Carol Bolton, Carolyn Doyle, Jim Gatesman, Christine Riha and June Werner....HBC welcomes back Fred Brooks, Teri Ivey Long and Don Waltons.... Good luck to Glenn Theobald who has moved to sunny California.... Sincere condolences to Brian and Bev Nelson in the loss of their son, Mark Brood....Joann Feinstein has added a World Cup Qualifier to the Memorial Day Tournament to be held in Chicago May 25-28. You can call for details (708) 674-0120....Is it true that Carol Joy Cole has seen *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* 3 times....Congrats and best wishes to Wendy Kaplan and David Smith on their marriage April 15th.

Full House at the Midwest Championships

A record attendance of 158 enjoyed backgammon and games at the Midwest Championships, March 23-25. \$2100 was raised for the Anti-Cruelty Society of Chicago. Of the HBC players attending, only Wendy Kaplan was able to cash. She captured 3rd/4th in the Championship Division. The 1991 Midwest Championships is scheduled for March 22-24, 1991 at the Marriott Hotel.

Championship Division (64)	Professor of BG: Jake Jabobs (IL)	Nackgammon (64)
1st Howard Markowitz (IL)	Blitz (128): Frank Talbot (MI)	1st Howard Levine (MI)
2nd Joe Sylvester (MI)	MiniBlitz (32): Tony Siegel (CO)	2nd Mark Harlan (CA)
3/4 Wendy Kaplan (Indy)	Pig-rolling: Mark Zyber (MI)	3/4 David Levine (CAN)
3/4 Bob Zavoral (IL)	BG Blockhead: Ben Zemaitis (IL)	3/4 Charles Morrison (CAN)
C1st Drew Giovonis (FL)	Raccoon Poker: Dave Rockwell (IL)	Limited Division (30)
C2nd Duane Jensen (MN)	BG Wheel of Fortune: Mark Anshus (WI)	1st Tom Roach (TX)
LC Rich Sweetman (NH)	Doubles (32)	2nd George Kirkby (IL)
Advanced Division (64)	1st Mark King/Randall Witt (IL/TN)	C1st Frank Callea (IL)
1st Riley Harrison (MN)	2nd Dave Cramer/Bobbie Shifrin (IL/IL)	C2nd Glenn Swanson (IL)
2nd David Levine (CAN)	3/4 Dave Heffner/Dean Muench (NV/IL)	LC Sylvia Huddleston (MI)
3/4 Linda Ross (MI)	3/4 Jeff Kane/Bob Holyon (WI/WI)	
3/4 Rick Zyber (MI)	Satellite Doubles (8)	
C1st Ron Stur (IL)	Jonathan Bennetts &	
C2nd Mark Zyber (MI)	Jeane Eggenberger (CAN/MI)	
LC George Barr (IL)		



CHICAGO BAR POINT CLUB



HBC's monthly newsletter for active HBC members and subscribers.

Subscription rate: \$7/year (Canada \$8 & overseas \$12). Let us know if your address changes.

HBC Hotline: Butch & Mary Ann Meese: (317) 845-8435. 7620 Kilmer Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46256-1634

WORLD CUP Match

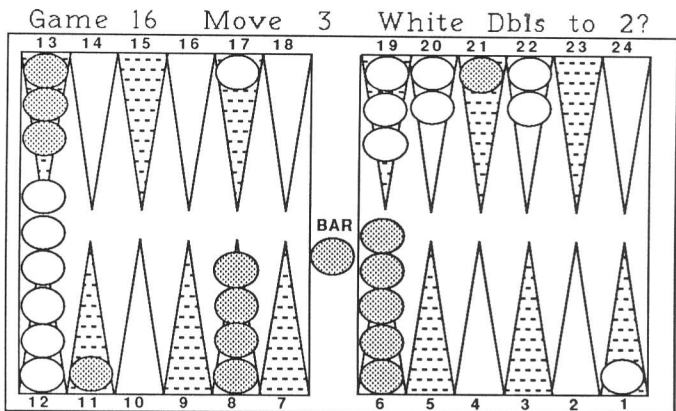
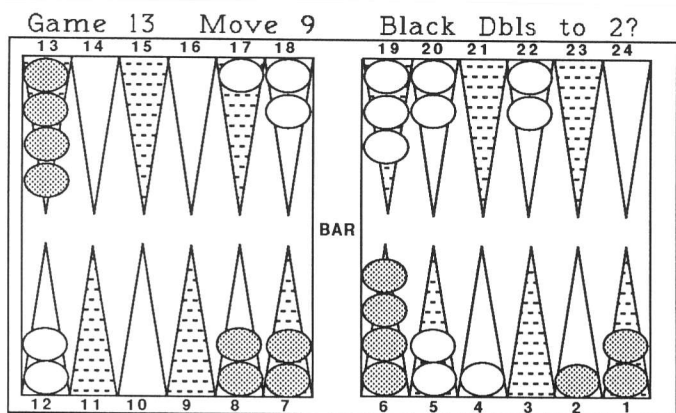
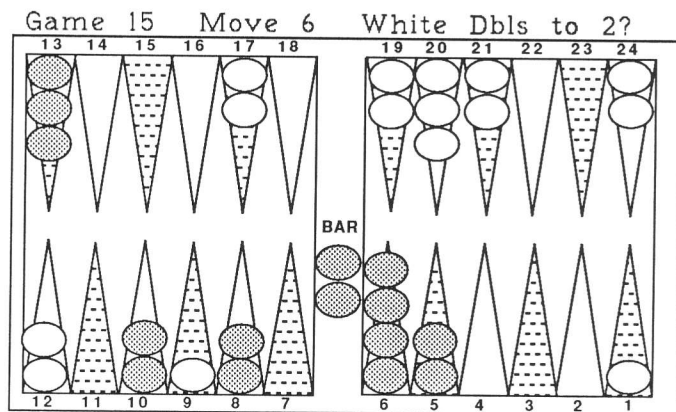
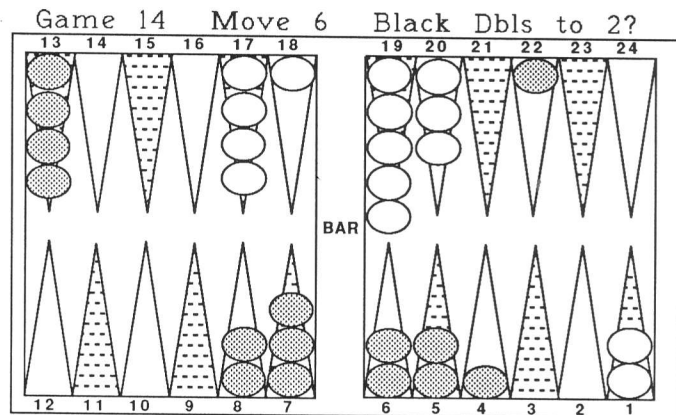
Bill Robertie vs Ray Glaeser

33 Point QuarterFinal Match

This year the **HBC Newsletter** presents one of the quarter final matches from the first World Cup between twice world champion Bill Robertie and Ray Glaeser. World Cup II will be held in Boston, August 7-12. Qualifiers for World Cup II will be held across the country, including Michigan Summer Championships (June 29-July 1).

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 be 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, Bill is the dark checkers and Ray the light and the board is shown from Bill Robertie's side. Study those first before going through the games.



Schedule of BACKGAMMON Events (Information and entry forms available thru HBC)		
Apr 29	Spring Fling Tournament - Grisanti's, Indianapolis	HBC Hotline
May 04-06	12th Annual Charity BG Tournament - Airport Marriott, Pittsburgh	(412) 391-6363
May 04-06	11th Granite State Open, Tory Pines Golf Resort, NH	(603) 863-4711
May 06	CIBC Backgammon Tournament, Sly Fox Pub, Lacon, IL	(309) 692-6909
May 25-28	10th Chicago Open - Westin Hotel O'Hare, Rosemont, IL	(708) 674-0120
June 29-July 01	Michigan Summer Championships - Sheraton Inn, Flint, MICH	(313) 232-9731
July 05-08	Champion of Great Britain, Palace Hotel, Douglas - Isle of Man	(0624) 851045
Aug 07-12	WORLD CUP II & Eastern Open - Sheraton-Commander Hotel, Boston	(301) 299-8264
Aug 31-Sep 3	National Labor Day Backgammon Tournament - Louisville	HBC Hotline
THURSDAYS	7:00 PM at Grisanti's - Northside of Castleton Square on 86th St	842-8323

Game 13			
Bill Robertie (8)		Ray Glaeser (14)	
Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	--	---	51 8 5
2)	41	20x 23	42 23 20
3)	55	1x ² 13	32 20 ^F Bar
4)	54	15 2x	41 21 5
5)	11	13 6	41 9 5
6)	43	6	61 7 ²
7)	32	8	41 3 ^{F8}
8)	61	7 ²	62 3 6
9)		dbl to 2?	take
10)	64	7 2	61 2 20
11)	31	3 ^{F7}	42 2 5
12)	62	7 1	61 13
13)	43	3 ²	54 4
14)	31	4 6	31 4 ²
15)	53	1 ²	31 1 ²
16)	54	8 9	21 11 12
17)	64	3 4	42 6
18)	22	game	

Note: All games between the scores of Bill (10) - Ray (14) and Bill (17) - Ray (24) were not recorded.

Game 14			
Bill Robertie (17)		Ray Glaeser (24)	
Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	61	7 ²	62 5
2)	65	13	65 7 8
3)	11	5 ² 22	32 21 5
4)	64	7 18	62 7x 11
5)	32	22 4x	61 24 5
6)		dbl to 2?	pass

Game 15			
Bill Robertie (18)		Ray Glaeser (24)	
Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	63	18 10	43 4 10
2)	41	13	42 9 4
3)	31	5 ²	43 5 ²
4)	43	9 10	55 1x ² 5 8
5)	41	EF	62 16x
6)	61	EF	dbl to 2?
7)		pass	

Game 16			
Bill Robertie (18)		Ray Glaeser (25)	
Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	52	8 11	65 13
2)	43	20 21	33 5x ² 3 ²
3)	53	EF	dbl to 2?
4)		pass	
BR - 18		RG - 26	

From the Tournament Comment Box

A comment box was provided at the 38th INDIANA Open with the following comments received - name was optional. 1) The backgammon room was excellent, well lit and ventilated and off the beaten path. The (hotel) service was particularly good considering the problems by Farm Aid - George Barr (Chicago). 2) Eliminate Holland Rule, hotel shuttle was non-existent, hotel is good, good playing area, tournament directors deserve kudos and use moral suasion instead of chess clocks - Doug Roberts (NY). 3) Hotel was great, tournament format great and we love your tournament - Mary & Paul Franks (Chicago). 4) A non-smoking room or even a non-smoking tournament would be a great idea. Us non-smokers have a hard time dealing with the irritations that smoke causes and does affect our playing i.e. headaches, congestion and keeping up with medications to relieve the symptoms - no name. 5) My 5th Hoosier tournament. Very well run and a lot of nice people. Both the OMNI and the Radisson (hotels) are fun locations - Ron Whitney (NJ). 6) We love your dearly but never never go back to the OMNI - JFB & JFB. 7) RADISSON!! Labor Day plus forever - Howard Markowitz. 8) Consider having the HBC/LBC Labor Day Backgammon Tournament in Indianapolis. Location would be better for over 50% of participants. (Radisson Suites Hotel was great) - no name. 9) Designated no-smoking room would be desirable. I prefer no Holland Rule - Ed King (Ohio). 10) I prefer the Radisson Hotel but I enjoy all of your tournaments. Had a great time and enjoyed the tournament - Marjean Streitmatter (Peoria). 11) Great hotel! Have it here next year! (Brilliant to hold the tournament at the same time as Farm Aid) - Marianna. 12) Have non-smoking rules, but in any event prohibit pipes & cigars - no name.



<p>Full Color and Sound BACKGAMMON VIDEOS VHS 1990 Nevada State Open Finals A 19 Pt. Match Bill Davis, IL vs Doug Roberts, NY for \$11,632.00 <i>Narration and Match Analysis by</i> Kent Goulding - Joe Sylvester - Kit Woolsey - Mike Senkiewicz Two Tapes (approx. 4½ hrs.) \$59.95 — shipping & handling \$3.50</p>
<p>1990 Nevada State Bonanza Finals A 11 Pt. Match Stuart Hosen, TX vs Mark Richardson, NV for \$9,000.00 <i>Narration and Match Analysis by</i> Kent Goulding assisted by Josh Russell One Tape (approx. 2½ hrs.) \$29.95 — shipping & handling \$2.50</p>
<p>SPECIAL OFFER While They Last — All Three Tapes including shipping & handling \$79.50</p>
<p>TO ORDER Make check payable to: NNBA Productions. Place your check along with your name, address and tapes requested and mail to: NNBA Productions, Box 70101, Reno, NV 89570 (Allow 2 weeks for delivery).</p>