HBC Spring Fling - Grisanti's, Indianapolis - April 29th, 1990		
Twenty-eight players took a break from spring cleaning and yard work for a little backgammon although some found it more work to win a match or two. Grisanti's outside terrace provided the sun that some would otherwise miss. The new main-consolation format allowed for a timely finish.		
Open Division (14)	**Intermediate Division (7)**	**Novice Division (7)**
1st Chuck Stimming (Indy)	1st Philip Degan (Lebanon)	1st Peg Simsic (Muncie)
2nd Jeff Baker (Ft Wayne)	2nd Frank Scott (Anderson)	2nd June Werner (Indy)
2nd Larry Strommen (Indy)	---------	3rd Cindy White (Indy)

Feedback on Holland Rule

The historical perspective has always been interesting to me so reading about Tim Holland's comments on his name sake rule was great. The general gist of what I read was that the play in "the good old days" needed the formation of effective rules. But modern play with a greater understanding of the game can shed new light on old rules and established customs. Sometimes this means reexamining a part of a game. Such is the case regarding the "Holland Rule."

The key question is: Do we want to play this game at its highest skill level even when it means the possible abolishment of a custom or rule? If the answer is yes - if we want to increase the skill level where it can be done without upsetting any major element, then eliminating the use of the Holland Rule has to be considered. Many players have recently opted in that direction. Even directors who just a year ago were advocating the Holland rule in their tournaments have made an about face and stopped their support of same.

With the Holland Rule in effect at a tournament, the leader in a match has a certain level of concern about achieving the Crawford game. This concern is minimal because his lead is protected after the Crawford game. That is, if his opponent survives the Crawford game, the leader will see at least four rolls into any game before having to face a cube decision. Thus even the weakest of players can do reasonably well when the Holland Rule is in effect.

Without the Holland Rule, there is a different level of concern for the leader in a match. That concern begins at the start of a match. Playing at the highest skill level, a person will seek cube actions to achieve and then maintain an ODD score so the cube can be used effectively to win the match. This matter can be called MANAGING the cube. Also an effort will be made to avoid a Crawford game, for following that game, a cube decision will have to be made in all likelihood, after seeing only one or two rolls into the game. Thus there is an element of MANAGING the use of the cube as well as the proper application of the Match Winning Chance tables.

Perhaps the most important place where the use of the cube becomes critical when the Holland Rule is not in effect is with 2 points to go. The leader would like to use the cube when the opponent will still take, but he has to judge the cube decision more closely because if taken, he will experience a reship immediately. Yet if a delay is made in giving the cube, there is the risk of a drop with the result of having to play the Crawford game. Thus timing the last double and evaluation of when to make the last double can be critically important to the leader when the Holland rule is not in force. Players not skilled in this aspect of cube use will of course want to support the Holland rule, while the skilled player will want to avoid same.

It is clear to me that the skill level of backgammon is increased when the Holland rule is not used. So the U.S. Tournament Rules committee should continue to not include any mention of the Holland Rule. Some might think of allowing it only for the intermediate division where skills are still being formed by the players. But remember, the intermediate level is the training ground for the OPEN division. Don't corrupt it!

Larry Strommen - Indianapolis

Note: HBC welcomes feedback on the Holland Rule or any other subjects.

HBC April Weekly Results				
	Apr 5th	*Apr 12th*	*Apr 19th*	*Apr 26th*
Open 1st	*John Brussel (NY)*	*Cyrus Mobed*	*Larry Strommen*	*Chuck Stimming*
2nd	*Linc Bedell (NH)*	*Woody Woodworth*	*Butch Meese*	*Cyrus Mobed*
2nd	*Frank Scott*	*Chuck Winters (KY)*	*Chuck Stimming*	*Mary Ann Meese*
Intermediate 1st	-------	*Fred Brooks*	*Frank Scott*	-------
2nd	-------	*June Werner*	-------	-------
Novice 1st	*Christine Riha*	-------	*June Werner*	-------
2nd	*June Werner*	-------	-------	-------

1990 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings as of April 30th.

1)	Chuck Stimming	7.82	Gabe Stiasny	1.47	Bob Zavoral	0.32
2)	Butch Meese	7.12	Brian Nelson	1.32	Lara Simsic	0.30
3)	Wendy Kaplan	6.30	Marty Lindenmayer	1.28	Mark Mikolon	0.20
4)	Don Woods	6.04	Cindy White	1.10	Amber Wiesler	0.20
5)	Larry Strommen	5.40	Bob Goodlett	1.08	Christoper White	0.20
6)	Woody Woodworth	5.37	Pete Ryder	1.00	Terry Kuchenbrod	0.16
7)	Ken Bruck	4.92	Bill Hodes	1.00	Don Waltons	0.12
8)	David Smith	4.66	Chuck Winters	0.92	Stu Whitcomb	0.12
9)	Frank Scott	4.36	Scott Richardson	0.85	Teri Ivey Long	0.10
10)	John Cinatl	3.81	Bill Gheen	0.84	John O'Hagan	0.08
	Mary Ann Meese	3.80	John Brussel	0.80	Jeane Eggerberger	0.08
	Mick Dobratz	3.45	Ralph Roberts	0.72	Mark King	0.08
	Jim Curtis	3.40	Christine Riha	0.72	Cassie Curtis	0.08
	Kevin McLeaster	3.22	Ellis Bray	0.64	Kevin Garrison	0.06
	Cyrus Mobed	3.08	Linc Bedell	0.60	Ismet Demirel	0.04
	Glenn Theobald	2.65	Howard Givel	0.60	Eric George	0.04
	Philip Degan	2.05	Larry Buckingham	0.56	Scott Arche	0.04
	June Werner	1.98	Jim Gatesman	0.50	Jim Smyth	0.04
	Fred Brooks	1.73	Jay Ward	0.40	George Crawford	0.04
	Sharon Lennon	1.68	Jay Mershon	0.40	Jim Knauer	0.04
	Kay Beck	1.64	Carolyn Doyle	0.40	Lou Ramer	0.02
	Jeff Baker	1.52	Margaret Roberts	0.40		
	Peg Simsic	1.50	Jamie Curtis	0.38		

Hoosier Pips: Thanks to waitress Dee Dee, and managers Bob and Randy at *Grisanti's* for making us feel at home. Ask Dee Dee about her special delicious strawberry drink.... HBC welcomes new player Preston Bruenig.... Chicago's Joann Feinstein has been keeping busy - husband, Jerry had quintuple bypass surgery a couple of weeks before their daughter, Jamie, was married last month. Congrats to the newlyweds and we hope Jerry is feeling better so Joann can concentrate on the 11th Chicago Open with Wolrd Cup Qualifier Memorial Day Backgammon Tournament. Joann, what do you do in your spare time?

New players and lessons
Our new novice players have requested group lessons every week before tournament play to watch and learn from "the better players". Two players play a game with verbal input then 2 novice players play a game with criteque by "the better players." We hope everyone will take their turn to help our Novice players.

HBC also offers lessons for beginners to learn the basics of backgammon. David Smith has kindly offered his time to teach the 1st classes for 3 nights in May. Those students will be allowed to play free for 2 Thursday night tournaments. Others will be needed to give lessons, so if you are available to donate your time for basic instructions, it would be greatly appreciated.
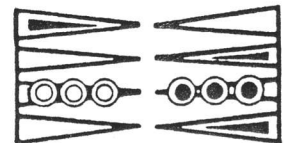
The 11th Annual
Chicago Open
& World Cup
Qualifier

May 25-28, 1990
Memorial Day Weekend

Westin Hotel O'Hare
Rosemont, Illinois
1/800/228-3000

RSVP by May 21:
Joann Feinstein
708/674-01210

Wendy Kaplan captures 2nd league session in a row!

The results of the winter league play-offs are below and the winner for the second session in a row is Wendy Kaplan. The league operates a round-robin format over a 3-month period where players schedule at a time and place convenient to both players. For each round, the players play 3-9 point matches. At the end, the players with the best win-loss record qualify for the ladder play-offs. Congratulations to all the winners.

Open Division League Play-offs				
			Wendy Kaplan	Wendy Kaplan
		Butch Meese	Butch Meese	
	Woody Woodworth	Chuck Stimming	(9-7 & 9-4 in 16 games)	
Chuck Stimming	Chuck Stimming	(7-9, 9-6, 9-7 in 31 games)		
Bob Goodlett	(9-3, 9-5 in 19 games)			
(9-5, 9-0 in 10 games)				

HBC Ratings thur April 30, 1990								
	Name	Rating	High	Low	Expr	Win-Lose	%Win	Last Match
1)	Chuck Stimming	1823	1823	1644	643	49-31	61.3	4/29/90
2)	Wendy Kaplan	1805	1849	1711	454	36-20	64.3	4/29/90
3)	Mick Dobratz	1751	1769	1640	164	16-6	72.7	3/22/90
4)	Howard Givel	1690	1813	1690	165	9-16	36.0	4/12/90
5)	Butch Meese	1683	1853	1653	691	49-40	55.1	4/29/90
6)	Woody Woodyorth	1657	1751	1647	623	43-38	53.1	4/26/90
7)	George Crawford	1655	1683	1655	18	0-2	0.0	2/18/90
8)	Larry Strommen	1637	1641	1533	473	36-31	53.7	4/29/90
9)	Ken Bruck	1636	1681	1524	346	30-20	60.0	4/26/90
10)	Frank Scott	1580	1585	1455	301	33-18	64.7	4/29/90
11)	Jeff Baker	1565	1565	1496	81	6-3	66.7	4/29/90
12)	Bob Goodlett	1563	1634	1563	277	14-17	45.2	4/11/90
13)	Cyrus Mobed	1544	1544	1433	302	24-24	50.0	4/26/90
14)	Jim Curtis	1538	1553	1371	384	22-19	53.7	4/29/90
15)	Rick Reahard	1520	1520	1520	0	0-0	0.0	12/03/89
16)	Don Woods	1514	1625	1514	388	28-28	50.0	4/29/90
17)	Brian Nelson	1506	1607	1506	137	8-13	38.1	4/29/90
18)	Bill Hodes	1504	1538	1409	261	12-17	41.4	3/31/90
19)	Eric George	1502	1526	1502	14	0-2	0.0	3/01/90
20)	Bill Gheen	1483	1572	1437	252	10-18	35.7	4/03/90
21)	Mary Ann Meese	1464	1537	1426	358	24-28	46.2	4/29/90
22)	Ralph Roberts	1448	1448	1412	39	4-1	80.0	2/18/90
23)	Ellis Bray	1418	1523	1418	243	8-19	29.6	4/03/90
24)	David Smith	1413	1500	1353	565	30-43	41.1	4/29/90
25)	John Cinatl	1385	1480	1376	355	26-31	45.6	4/29/90
26)	Glenn Theobald	1381	1398	1322	264	22-22	50.0	3/29/90
27)	Kevin McLeaster	1380	1435	1363	308	23-25	47.9	4/26/90
28)	Bill Julian	1351	1351	1351	0	0-0	0.0	12/09/89
29)	Marty Lindenmayer	1320	1344	1270	132	12-10	54.5	2/08/90
30)	Scott Richardson	1312	1344	1312	160	10-18	35.7	3/29/90
31)	Gino Agresti	1300	1300	1300	0	0-0	0.0	12/31/89
32)	Jim Knauer	1278	1300	1278	14	0-2	0.0	2/15/90
33)	Kay Beck	1221	1297	1187	277	18-29	38.3	4/29/90

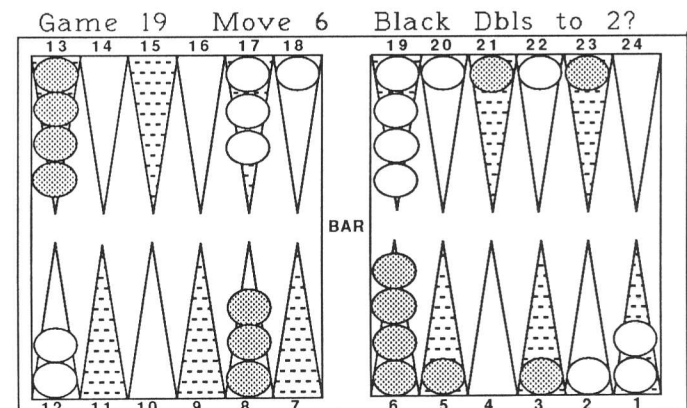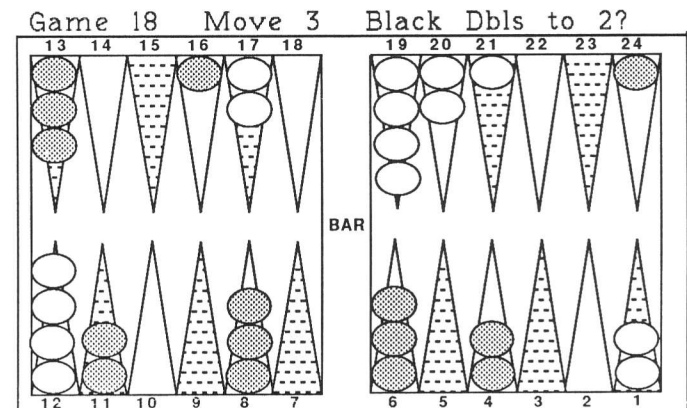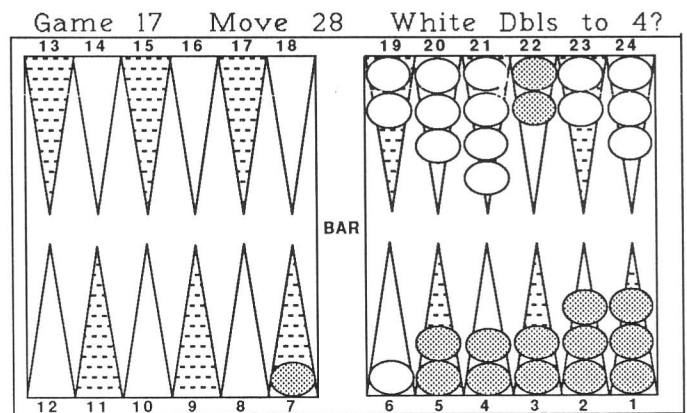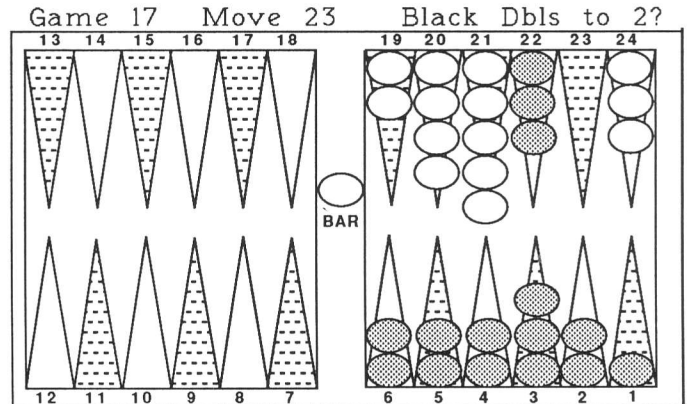| Schedule of BACKGAMMON Events (Information and entry forms available thru HBC)		
May 25-28	10th Chicago Open - Westin Hotel O'Hare, Rosemont, IL	(708) 674-0120
June 29-July 01	Michigan Summer Championships - Sheraton Inn, Flint, MICH	(313) 232-9731
July 05-08	Champion of Great Britain, Palace Hotel, 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

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 10th Chicago Open (May 25-28) and 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 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, 5^2 - 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.

Game 17   Move 23   Black Dbls to 2?

Game 17   Move 28   White Dbls to 4?

Game 18   Move 3   Black Dbls to 2?

Game 19   Move 6   Black Dbls to 2?

Game 17

	Bill Robertie (18)		Ray Glaeser (26)	
	Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	41	9 5	42	20x 11
2)	41	21 5x	52	20x 4x
3)	51	20 24	52	4^{F11}
4)	33	$5x^2$ 10^2	53	17x
5)	21	23^{F} Bar 8x	44	17x 5x
6)	11	$23x^{2}$ F Bar(2)	62	5
7)	53	8x 10	66	EF
8)	54	18 6	32	22^2
9)	43	11	62	14x
10)	22	23 22^3	54	9^2
11)	31	3x 9	61	18
12)	44	10 4	66	6 1
13)	21	4 22	51	4 8
14)	62	16 8	11	5^2 F6,8
15)	32	3	62	6 NP
16)	65	5^{F16}	62	4 NP
17)	41	6 8	31	1^{F5}
18)	64	2^2	21	4 5
19)	32	2^{F5} 4	61	1
20)	63	17x-14	32	EF
21)	61	8 22	54	EF
22)	11	6 3 1	62	EF
23)		dbl to 2?		Take
24)	11	5^2 1^{F3}	52	EF
25)	32	2 3	44	EF
26)	53	14	62	19 2
27)	11	12 1^{F3}	21	2^{F5}
28)	41	7		redbl to 4?
29)		pass		

Game 18

	Bill Robertie (18)		Ray Glaeser (28)	
	Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	62	18 11	31	5^2
2)	22	4^2 11 16	63	4
3)		dbl to 2?		Take
4)	52	9^{F16}	32	10 4
5)	11	5^2	53	3^2
6)	21	7^2	64	7 6
7)	61	18x-17x	65	EF
8)	51	8 10	44	EF
9)	41	7 9	61	24 EF
10)	54	3^2	64	EF
11)	31	10 8	63	EF
12)	65	7 5	62	23 7
13)	21	2x	64	EF
14)	11	13	21	$23x^2$
15)	53	EF	21	12x-10
16)	32	23 EF	51	4
17)	65	EF	65	1^2
18)	52	18	62	4 NP
19)	43	19x 15	55	EF
20)	31	16 14	52	23 NP
21)	52	9^{F16}	11	2^{F5} 4
22)	65	8 4	32	2^{F5} 1
23)	31	3^{F7}	21	1
24)	33	5^2 4^2	44	NP
25)	63	5 0	33	1^2 NP
26)	64	0^2	31	2 NP
27)	64	0^2	54	14
28)	31	0^{F4}	52	7
29)	65	0^2	54	18 3
30)	32	2x 3	55	20-10 13
31)	22	0^2	31	23x-20
32)	42	19	32	10 18
33)	63	10	31	15x-14
34)	32	EF	54	15
35)	53	17	63	8x 12
36)	41	20	21	5x
37)	65	20x-14	21	23 11x
38)	41	20	41	19 10
39)	55	NP	52	5x-3
40)	42	19	52	14 1
41)	65	8	42	6 12
42)	44	0^3	54	5 8
43)	54	gammon		

Game 19

Bill Robertie (22)   Ray Glaeser (28)

	Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	63	18 10	64	7x 9
2)	65	20 18x	31	22 5x
3)	51	20x 9	55	20-5x
4)	43	21 3x	65	20 7x
5)	42	23 5x	62	23 3
6)		dbl to 2?		take
7)	53	18x^{F23} 5	53	22x 3
8)	32	20x	65	EF
9)	51	3x 5	42	21 23
10)	63	4x	43	21x 5x
11)	54	20x 21	54	21 8
12)	41	12x-8	41	21 22x
13)	22	23 3x 14	31	22x 5x
14)	54	20x 21	44	21 10
15)	65	15x^2	31	22^2
16)	22	9^2	41	2x 23
17)	41	24 2x	53	22 3
18)	63	9 11	65	10x
19)	65	20 15x	21	23x^2
20)	64	21 14	64	11x
21)	41	21 14x	54	21 18
22)	22	7x^2 ^{F9,11} 12	51	24 1x
23)	43	18	32	21^{F24} 6
24)	51	16 17	21	21^{F23} 2
25)	44	13^2 $^{F21(2)}$	54	1 2
26)	42	10^{F16}	66	15x^2 9^{F21}
27)	11	EF	52	13x-8
28)	52	20 EF	61	15^{F22}
29)	64	19 21	22	6x-4x 11
30)	55	20^2-10x	21	24 9
31)	66	14^2 1x^{F13}	61	24x 15x
32)	53	20 EF	31	12x 21
33)	61	19 EF	64	15 5x
34)	21	EF	53	4 21
35)	41	EF	53	10 9
36)	43	EF	63	15 6x
37)	63	19x EF	64	15
38)	65	19 20x	53	22 5x
39)	63	16	51	9x
40)	43	EF	41	5 21
41)	51	EF	53	7
42)	62	17	31	4 21
43)	44	10^2 13 15	32	2 3
44)	53	5^{F13}	62	1 NP
45)	51	9^{F15}	33	1^3 NP

	Roll	Played	Roll	Played
46)	51	3^{F9}	32	1 NP
47)	41	6^{F10} 18	44	NP
48)	61	3^{F10}	11	1^3 F2(2),3
49)	32	2^{F5} 16	62	13
50)	22	12x 7^2	32	23x NP
51)	43	18	55	11^2
52)	63	6 4	21	21x 10
53)	42	21 4x	65	EF
54)	65	15x-10	43	21x EF
55)	43	21 4x	61	24 EF
56)	32	7 4	42	23 7x
57)	52	18x	62	23 NP
58)	22	4^{F8} 6 5	11	23 1^2 NP
59)	11	14	51	NP
60)	62	15 3	41	NP
61)	62	7	43	NP
62)	32	1^2	65	12
63)	51	13x-8	51	EF
64)	32	4^{F7} 6	54	EF
65)	43	3 4	53	EF
66)	43	0^2	52	18
67)	43	0 3	62	10
68)	41	1	43	3
69)	54	0 1	43	16
70)	32	3 4	51	18 15
71)	64	0^2	61	12 14
72)	43	0^2	63	6 11
73)	52	0 1	41	7 5
74)	43	0^2	64	game

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