

HBC 1991 Tournament Events

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| 39th INDIANA OPEN Backgammon Tournament May 3-5, 1991 Wyndham Garden Hotel Great Special Rate \$49 single or double | National Labor Day Backgammon Tournament August 30, 31-September 1, 2, 1991 Radisson Suite Hotels Popular 9-Match Format |
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| Final 1990 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings. | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| Don Woods is HBC's Player of the Year for 1990. | | | | | | |
| 1) | Don Woods | 20.19 | Scott Richardson | 1.46 | Stu Whitcomb | 0.26 |
| 2) | Chuck Stimming | 18.84 | Terry Kuchenbrod | 1.30 | Randall Witt | 0.24 |
| 3) | Wendy Kaplan | 17.64 | Marty Lindenmayer | 1.28 | Rick Reahard | 0.24 |
| 4) | Butch Meese | 17.20 | Jim Gatesman | 1.25 | Bev Nelson | 0.20 |
| 5) | Ken Bruck | 15.62 | Bill Julian | 1.19 | Christopher White | 0.20 |
| 6) | Mary Ann Meese | 12.79 | Pete Ryder | 1.00 | Amber Wiesler | 0.20 |
| 7) | Larry Strommen | 12.50 | George Crawford | 1.00 | Mark Mikolon | 0.20 |
| 8) | David Smith | 11.88 | Bill Hodes | 1.00 | Ben Elliott | 0.16 |
| 9) | Woody Woodworth | 11.45 | Chuck Winters | 0.92 | Dave Fey | 0.16 |
| 10) | Mick Dobratz | 8.58 | Jim Knauer | 0.84 | Marc Gray | 0.16 |
| | John Cinatl | 7.87 | Bill Gheen | 0.84 | Harold Branch | 0.16 |
| | Cyrus Mobed | 7.80 | John Brussel | 0.80 | Doug Johnson | 0.16 |
| | Gabe Stiasny | 6.37 | Christine Riha | 0.72 | Lenny Loder | 0.16 |
| | Kevin McLeaster | 6.06 | Teri Ivey Long | 0.70 | Tom Hendryx | 0.12 |
| | Frank Scott | 5.96 | Carolyn Doyle | 0.60 | Don Watkins | 0.12 |
| | Kay Beck | 4.82 | Scott Roberts | 0.60 | Gloria White | 0.10 |
| | Jim Curtis | 4.72 | Linc Bedell | 0.60 | John Stryker | 0.08 |
| | Jeff Baker | 4.72 | Rick Bieniak | 0.60 | Larry Lesniak | 0.08 |
| | Brian Nelson | 4.55 | Preston Breunig | 0.60 | Greg Tomlin | 0.08 |
| | Sharon Lennon | 4.06 | Larry Buckingham | 0.56 | John O'Hagan | 0.08 |
| | Dave Cardwell | 3.38 | Bob Burkhalter | 0.48 | Mark King | 0.08 |
| | Philip Degen | 3.29 | Jay Ward | 0.42 | Jack Esselman | 0.08 |
| | June Werner | 2.72 | Margaret Roberts | 0.40 | Jeane Eggenberger | 0.08 |
| | Howard Givel | 2.68 | Beverly Klene | 0.40 | Ed King | 0.08 |
| | Monte Bowman | 2.66 | Jay Mershon | 0.40 | Kevin Garrison | 0.06 |
| | Glenn Theobald | 2.65 | Bob Zavoral | 0.36 | Jim Smyth | 0.04 |
| | Ralph Roberts | 2.43 | Quint McTyiere | 0.32 | Eric George | 0.04 |
| | Peg Simsic | 2.39 | Doug Roberts | 0.32 | Ismet Demirel | 0.04 |
| | Cyndi White | 1.99 | Lara Simsic | 0.30 | Scott Arche | 0.04 |
| | Bob Goodlett | 1.98 | Dennis Schulte | 0.28 | Peter Kalba | 0.04 |
| | Ellis Bray | 1.84 | Jamie Curtis | 0.28 | Lou Ramer | 0.02 |
| | Fred Brooks | 1.73 | Judy McHale | 0.28 | | |
| | Gino Agresti | 1.66 | Cassie Curtis | 0.28 | | |

| Weekly Results | Dec 6th | Dec 13th | Dec 20th | Dec 27th |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|
| Open 1st | Dave Smith | Mary Ann Meese | Mick Dobratz | Don Woods |
| 2nd | Butch Meese | Wendy Kaplan | David Smith | Ken Bruck |
| 2nd | Don Woods | Ken Bruck | Chuck Stimming | - - - |

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Open Division League - For the third time in a row, Wendy Kapan has won.

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| | | | Wendy Kaplan | Wendy Kaplan |
| | | Chuck Stimming | Don Woods | |
| | Don Woods | Don Woods | | (9-7 & 9-5 in 15 games) |
| Ellis Bray | Ellis Bray | | | (9-5, 7-9, 9-5 in 25 games) |
| David Smith | | | | (9-3 & 9-5 in 27 games) |
| | | | | (3-9, 9-4, 9-3 in 28 games) |

Advance Division League Play-offs

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| | | | Mick Dobratz | (See Note) |
| | | Mary Ann Meese | Howard Givel | |
| | Howard Givel | Howard Givel | | (9-2, 6-9 in 19 games) |
| Woody Woodworth | Woody Woodworth | | | (9-6, 9-0 in 16 games) |
| Bob Goodlett | | | | (9-4 & 9-6 in 22 games) |
| | | | | (9-5, 3-9 & 9-7 in 23 games) |

Note: Has not been played due to Ralph Roberts ill health.

HBC rating thru December 31, 1990

| Name | Rating (High-Low) | Expr | W-L(%Win) |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------|----------------|
| 1) Mick Dobratz | 1847 (1878-1536) | 651 | 58-25(69.9%) |
| 2) Wendy Kaplan | 1845 (1909-1711) | 1301 | 108-61(63.9%) |
| 3) Don Woods | 1829 (1853-1449) | 1565 | 119-94(55.9%) |
| 4) Chuck Stimming | 1794 (1891-1644) | 1619 | 126-84(60.0%) |
| 5) Ken Bruck | 1750 (1750-1524) | 1205 | 100-71(58.5%) |
| 6) Howard Givel | 1694 (1813-1609) | 579 | 37-38(49.3%) |
| 7) Butch Meese | 1617 (1853-1551) | 1684 | 118-104(53.2%) |
| 8) Jeff Baker | 1596 (1643-1496) | 421 | 32-25(56.1%) |
| 9) Dave Cardwell | 1586 (1623-1586) | 240 | 16-13(55.2%) |
| 10) Mary Ann Meese | 1581 (1658-1405) | 1340 | 93-91(50.5%) |
| 11) George Crawford | 1567 (1709-1567) | 234 | 10-16(38.5%) |
| 12) Woody Woodworth | 1563 (1751-1551) | 1465 | 97-94(50.8%) |
| 13) Bob Goodlett | 1548 (1675-1548) | 547 | 30-31(49.2%) |
| 14) Ralph Roberts | 1547 (1547-1412) | 273 | 19-12(61.3%) |
| 15) Rick Reahard | 1540 (1562-1511) | 63 | 5-4(55.6%) |
| 16) David Smith | 1536 (1544-1297) | 1411 | 84-101(45.4%) |
| 17) Sharon Lennon | 1533 (1553-1530) | 260 | 17-15(53.1%) |
| 18) Frank Scott | 1525 (1605-1455) | 530 | 47-37(56.0%) |
| 19) Ellis Bray | 1514 (1535-1418) | 531 | 25-34(42.4%) |
| 20) Bill Hodes | 1504 (1538-1409) | 261 | 12-17(41.4%) |
| 21) Eric George | 1502 (1526-1502) | 14 | 0-2(0.0%) |
| 22) Larry Strommen | 1496 (1641-1461) | 1380 | 91-99(47.9%) |
| 23) Gabe Stiasny | 1485 (1572-1482) | 618 | 42-48(46.7%) |
| 24) Bill Gheen | 1483 (1572-1437) | 252 | 10-18(35.7%) |
| 25) Cyrus Mobed | 1462 (1571-1433) | 904 | 62-72(46.3%) |
| 26) Jim Curtis | 1446 (1553-1371) | 674 | 34-41(45.3%) |
| 27) Philip Degen | 1424 (1519-1424) | 330 | 19-23(45.2%) |
| 28) Brian Nelson | 1410 (1607-1388) | 724 | 41-57(41.8%) |
| 29) Kevin McLeaster | 1394 (1455-1338) | 781 | 53-62(46.1%) |
| 30) Gino Agresti | 1383 (1394-1291) | 189 | 15-12(55.6%) |
| 31) Glenn Theobald | 1381 (1398-1322) | 264 | 22-22(50.0%) |
| 32) Bill Julian | 1331 (1387-1319) | 328 | 15-25(37.5%) |
| 33) John Cinatl | 1326 (1480-1326) | 751 | 50-65(43.5%) |
| 34) Marty Lindenmayer | 1320 (1344-1270) | 132 | 12-10(54.5%) |
| 35) Jim Knauer | 1318 (1326-1270) | 257 | 10-19(34.5%) |
| 36) Kay Beck | 1275 (1312-1187) | 906 | 50-80(38.5%) |
| 37) Scott Richardson | 1268 (1344-1268) | 245 | 14-27(34.1%) |

1990 Rating Trivia

- Six players have occupied the top spot in the rating system - Wendy, Mick Don, Chuck, Howard and Butch.
 - The six lucky players above are also the only ones to have cracked the 1800 barrier.
 - Wendy has the all-time high rating of 1909 and the only player to break the magic 1900 level.
 - Chuck won the most matches (126).
 - Butch had the most experience points (1684) from 222 matches and also lost the most matches (104).
 - Mick had the highest match winning percentage (69.9%). Sorry Larry, maybe you can win over 50% of your matches this year.
 - The STABILITY AWARD goes to Gabe. His rating only varied 90 points up and down the whole year.
 - The ROLLER COASTER AWARD was won by Don. His rating varied 404 points over the year (50 matches minimum).
 - The most improved goes to Don with a gain of 296 points over last year. Ken Bruck finished second (+226) and Mick third with 207 points.
- Don Woods

**Lake Tahoe Colossus Event
Neil Kazaross vs Mika Lidov
15 Point Match**

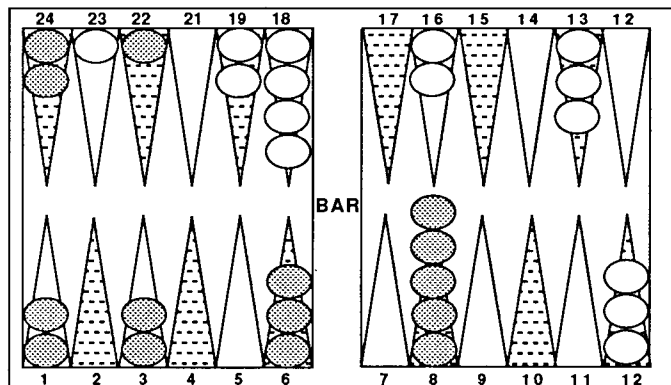
The **HBC Newsletter** presents a match from the 1990 Colossus Event at the Lake Tahoe Tournament between Neil Kazaross and Mika Lidov.

Instructions: You will need a backgammon board to follow along. The board is numbered 1 to 24 based on the view of the player on roll. Each player will always be moving from a higher to lower point with only the point(s) moved to used. The home portion of the board is numbered 1-6. Bearing off is noted as moving to the zero "0" point. To make it easier to follow, the larger number rolled is noted 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.

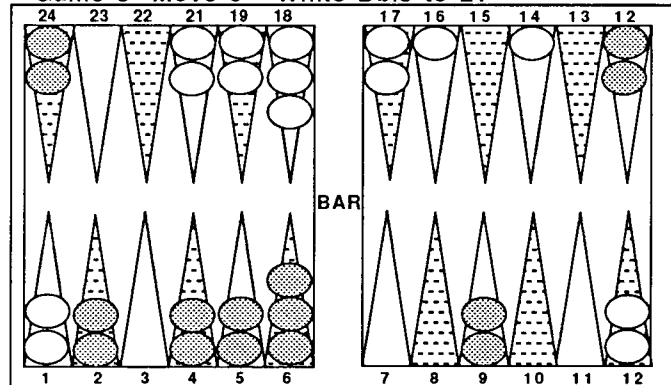
Abbreviations used are CB - Closed Board, EF - Entry Failure, NP - No Play Possible, x - opponent's piece was hit, 5² - superscribe denotes 2 or more pieces moving to the same point; this example has 2 pieces moving to the 5 point.

In the doubling positions, Neil is the dark checkers and Mika the light checkers and the positions are shown from Neil's side of the board. Study the doubling positions first before going through the games.

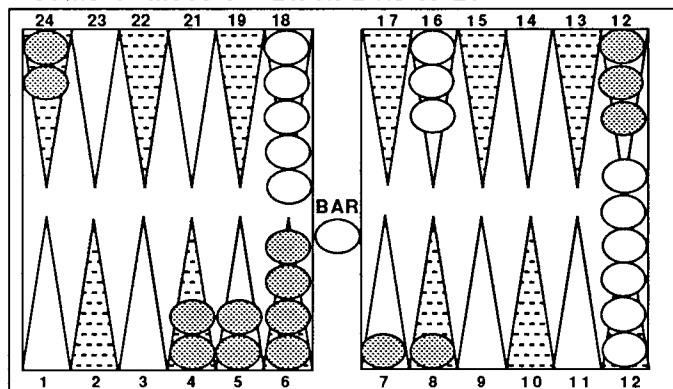
Game 2 Move 6 White Dbls to 2?



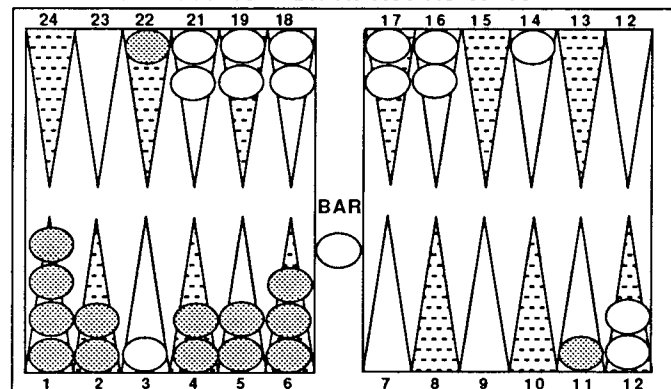
Game 3 Move 5 White Dbls to 2?



Game 1 Move 7 Black Dbls to 2?



Game 3 Move 19 Black Redbls to 4?



Schedule of BACKGAMMON Events (Information and entry forms available thru HBC)

| | | |
|------------------|---|--------------------|
| Jan 19th | 1st Annual D. I. Long Backgammon Tournament - Louisville | (502) 429-0153 |
| Jan 26-27 | The 1991 Georgia Backgammon Championships - Atlanta, GA | (404) 921-0672 |
| Jan 30-Feb3 | 8th Nevada State Championship - Nugget, Reno | (702) 826-1984 |
| Feb 9-10 | 9th Annual Valentine Backgammon Tournament - Houston, TX | (713) 784-6622 |
| FEB 10th | HBC 1990 Awards Tournament - Grisanti's, Indianapolis | HBC Hotline |
| Feb 17th | Fleet Underwood Memorial Tournament - Flint, MI | (313) 232-9731 |
| Feb 22-24 | 13th Annual Charity Backgammon Tournament - Pittsburgh | (412) 371-5844 |
| MAR 10th | HBC One-Day Doubles Tournament - Grisanti's, Indianapolis | HBC Hotline |
| Mar 22-24 | 1991 Midwest Championships - Marriot Hotel, Oak Brook, IL | (312) 338-6380 |
| Apr 19-21 | 12th Granite State Backgammon Tournament | (603) 863-4711 |
| May 03-05 | 39th INDIANA Open - Wyndham Garden Hotel, Indianapolis | HBC Hotline |
| Jul 5-7 | Michigan Summer Championships - Ramada Inn, Flint, MI | (313) 232-9731 |
| Au30-Sep2 | National Labor Day Backgammon Tournament, Indianapolis | HBC Hotline |
| THURSDAYS | 7:00 PM at Grisanti's - Northside of Castleton Square on 86th St | 842-8323 |

Lake Tahoe Colossus Event

15 Point Match

| Game 1 | | | |
|----------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| Neil Kazaross - 0/15 | | Mika Lidov - 0/15 | |
| Roll | Play | Roll | Play |
| 1) | -- | 65 | 13 |
| 2) | 42 | 62 | 16 |
| 3) | 63 | 51 | 10 |
| 4) | 33 | 43 | 18x |
| 5) | 61 | 62 | 17 |
| 6) | 61 | 64 | EF |
| 7) | | | pass |

| Game 2 | | | |
|----------------------|------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Neil Kazaross - 1/15 | | Mika Lidov - 0/15 | |
| Roll | Play | Roll | Play |
| 1) | -- | 32 | 21 11 |
| 2) | 54 | 43 | 21x ^{F13} |
| 3) | 51 | 55 | 11 ^{F21} (2) |
| 4) | 55 | 43 | 2x 5x |
| 5) | 31 | 53 | 5 ^{F13} |
| 6) | 55 | | dbl to 2? |
| 7) | | | pass |

| Game 3 | | | |
|----------------------|------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Neil Kazaross - 1/15 | | Mika Lidov - 1/15 | |
| Roll | Play | Roll | Play |
| 1) | 31 | 11 | 7 ^{F2} 5 ^{F2} |
| 2) | 32 | 41 | 8 |
| 3) | 42 | 43 | 9 10 |
| 4) | 64 | 54 | 4 ^{F2} |
| 5) | 64 | | dbl to 2? |
| 6) | | 32 | 8 ^{F13} |
| 7) | 53 | 65 | 13 |
| 8) | 64 | 42 | 18 |
| 9) | 11 | 31 | 24 3x |
| 10) | 53 | 51 | 24x EF |
| 11) | 65 | 54 | EF |
| 12) | 41 | 53 | 22 EF |
| 13) | 54 | 63 | EF |
| 14) | 22 | 42 | EF |
| 15) | 63 | 43 | 22 EF |
| 16) | 21 | 32 | 22 EF |
| 17) | 52 | 22 | EF |
| 18) | 65 | 52 | EF |
| 19) | | | pass |

HOOSIER PIPS: HBC extends get well wishes to Ralph Roberts (founder of HBC) who became ill over the holidays while vacationing in Florida... Welcome back to Indy, Dave Cardwell... Thanks to Don Woods on his creation and dedication to the HBC Rating list for 1989 and 1990... Congrats to Chuck Stimming's son and his son's partner on winning the Indiana State Boys High School tennis title this past fall... A concentrated effort to reinstitute the novice and intermediate play for Thursday evenings is under way. If you have anyone interested or have any suggestions, let us know.

LeadingEdge Backgammon

The first issue, December 1990, of **LeadingEdge Backgammon** is out. The eight page technical newsletter is professional looking and contains two indepth articles - *The 18-point Split as the Opening Response* and *Cube Action in "Pip vs. Roll" Races*. It is edited by Roy Friedman and a one-year subscription (six issues) is \$30 in the USA and Canada, and US\$45 in other countries. Order from Roy Friedman, 18 Potter Pond, Lexington, MA 02173.

Christmas Greetings

HBC received many warm Christmas greetings from Kay Beck (INDY), Jill & John Brussell (NYC), Carol Joy Cole (MI), Jeanette & Dennis Cupp (OH), Jim Curtis (INDY), Bill Davis (Chicago), Malcolm Davis (TX), Jack & Salve Fagan (MO), Eric & Mabra George (IL), Mike & Laura Keener (MI), Teri Ivey Long (INDY), Mark Mikolon (INDY), J. A. Miller (IL), Mike & Veronica Mooney (AZ), Brian & Bev Nelson (INDY), Marie & Ralph Roberts (INDY), Cheryl Silvers & Windy (CA), David Smith & Wendy Kaplan (INDY), Marcy Sloan (IL) and Trudie Stern (IL).

From The Mail Box

Enclosed is \$7.00 to renew my annual subscription. The published matches in your newsletter with the doubling positions shown makes your publication excellent. Have a Good New Year.

Francis Charney, Alexandria, Va

Enclosed is \$7.00 to extend my HBC newsletter subscription for another year. I am encouraged by your expanded slate of one-day tournaments, and hope to make it in for some of them, weather permitting. I hope Santa was as good to you as he was to me.

John Stryker, Columbus, OH

