



**HOOSIER
BACKGAMMON
CLUB**

39th INDIANA Open
Backgammon Tournament
 Double-Elimination Format, MicroBlitz Events
 Wyndham Garden Hotel - Special Rate \$49

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1991 Midwest Backgammon Championships

More than 160 players enjoyed the first midwest tournament of the year at the Chicago Marriott, Oakbrook Terrace. Bill Davis, along with his efficient and friendly staff of Carol Joy Cole, Peter Kalba, Drew and John Heggan and Sue Will, provided a fun tournament for all in a delightful facility. \$1600 was raised for Anti Cruelty Society. HBC players attending the second non-smoking tournament included Butch and Mary Ann Meese, Scott Richardson, Larry Strommen, Don Woods and Woody Woodworth. Congratulations to all the winners including **MARY ANN MEESE**, who placed in the Advance Division.

Championship (61)

- 1st Frank Talbot (MI)
- 2nd Lenny Loder (IL)
- 3/4 Malcolm Davis (TX)
- 3/4 David Harth (WI)
- C1st Frank Frigo (CA)
- C2nd Joe Russell (CA)
- LC Hugh McNeil (CAN)

Advanced (64)

- 1st Lucky Nelson (IL)
- 2nd Milad Doueihi (IL)
- 3/4 **MARY ANN MEESE (IN)**
- 3/4 Marcy Sloan (IL)
- C1st Tim Serges (IL)
- C2nd Gary Schechter (IL)
- LC Ed Simms (CAN)

Limited (34)

- 1st Rene Wojtysiak (IL)
- 2nd Dan Wesley (MI)
- 3/4 Fred Gehlhoff (WI)
- 3/4 Mike Wesley (MI)
- C1st Pete Gehlhoff (WI)
- C2nd Cliff Mayoh (IL)
- LC Sylvia Huddleston (MI)

Open (11)

- 1st Brian Vance (MI)
- 2nd Steve Guevara (IL)

Doubles (32)

- 1st Cinda King/Tak Morioka (IL)
- 2nd Paul & Mary Franks (IL)
- 3/4 Beverly Klene & Lenny Loder (IL)
- 3/4 Hal Heinrich (CAN) & David Winn (TX)

Satellite Doubles (8)

- 1st Dean Adamian & Brian Vance (MI)



Bazooki-Gammon (32)

- 1st Gary Kay (IL)
- 2nd Larry Lau (IL)

Blitz (128)

- 1st Antonio Ortega (Costa Rica)
- Beaver Baseball** - Mike Wesley (MI)
- Wheel of Fortune** - John Stryker (OH)
- Dice Scramble** - Joe Sylvester (MI)
- Pig Rolling** - Matt Anshus (WI)
- Backgammon Exam** - Joe Sylvester (MI)

1991 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings as of March 31st.
 HBC Player of the Month: **Mary Ann Meese** with 1.52 points.

1)	Don Woods	5.08	Gabe Stiasny	1.16	John Stryker	0.20
2)	Ken Bruck	4.94	June Werner	1.10	Mark Mikolon	0.20
3)	Judy McHale	3.40	Monte Bowman	0.92	Dave Fey	0.20
4)	Mary Ann Meese	3.36	Dave Sandler	0.80	Frank Scott	0.20
5)	Wendy Kaplan	3.30	Brian Nelson	0.78	Scott Kaplan	0.20
6)	Kevin McLeaster	2.94	Holly Stowe	0.74	Philip Degen	0.20
7)	Butch Meese	2.92	Howard Givel	0.72	Russ Osborne	0.16
8)	David Smith	2.88	John O'Hagan	0.64	Frank DeSandre	0.16
9)	Mick Dobratz	2.66	Kay Beck	0.56	Donna Susens	0.12
10)	Chuck Stimming	2.08	Gino Agresti	0.42	Cyndi White	0.10
	Terry Kuchenbrod	2.00	Ves Johnson	0.40	Amber Wiesler	0.10
	Rick Reahard	1.88	Jim Curtis	0.40	Triston Wilbrandt	0.10
	Larry Strommen	1.86	George Crawford	0.32	Lee Ann Dobratz	0.10
	Jeff Baker	1.68	Lara Simsic	0.30	Stu Whitcomb	0.08
	Don Desmond	1.60	John Danyluck	0.30	Russ Hoser	0.08
	Peg Simsic	1.54	Greg Varbanov	0.28	Susie Henderson	0.08
	Dave Cardwell	1.24	Scott Richardson	0.24	Tom Hendryx	0.08
	Woody Woodworth	1.19	Cyrus Mobed	0.24		

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

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March Results	Mar 7th	Mar 14th	Mar 21st	Mar 28th
Open 1st	Don Woods	Ken Bruck	Mary Ann Meese	David Smith
2nd	Wendy Kaplan	Woody Woodworth	Judy McHale	Judy McHale
2nd	Mary Ann Meese	- - -	Mick Dobratz	Dave Cardwell
Intermediate	- - -	June Werner	- - -	Peg Simsic

More Reflections Of Ralph Roberts

I was saddened by the passing of Ralph Robert. I hadn't spoke with Ralph for several years, and then only briefly, since the period twelve years ago when I talked with him frequently. My remarks about Ralph will seem naive to any who knew him well. My contacts with him revolved mostly around a project I undertook to develop an electronic backgammon game named Aristotle.

I sought Ralph's help because he was THE identifiable figure in Indianapolis Backgammon. I told Ralph I wanted to contact the moneyed players in Indianapolis to seek their support for my venture. He introduced me to the Indianapolis Athletic Club group and tutored me in the requisite social graces. Ralph became my mentor as I practiced to participate in a world in which I had no experience and few qualifications.

Ralph was a cultured gentleman, a seasoned public relations pro and a man I remember as a friend. Although he was many years my senior, he always reflected an enthusiasm and energy I envied. As my involvement in the game waned, my memory of the unselfish help Ralph offered and lasting image of the game and its players which he crafted for me remained clear. Now, from the perspective of the time which has passed and the reflections I have made, it is easy to judge that Ralph was among the most important people I have ever known.

Kim J. Brand

The **Reflections Of Ralph Roberts** in your March issue were inspiring. As I lived in Indy and attended many of Ralph's tourneys in the late 1970's I was saddened to hear of his death but have many memories of that generous and unselfish man.

Roger Blaine, President, Indiana State Chess Association

Same Time Weekly - 7 PM Thursdays

New Location - **SPATS**

Castleton Square Mall between
J.C.Pennys & L.S.Ayres

HOOSIER PIPS: HBC is now playing weekly on Thursdays at **SPATS**, Castleton Square Mall between J.C. Penneys and L.S.Ayres. Be sure to ask our waitress, Linda, for SPATS Frequent Diner Card...Control of NNBA (Northern Nevada Backgammon Association) has been passed to Howard Markowitz (Chicago) and will be known as NBA (Nevada Backgammon Association)...New backgammon book, **...But Only Hogs Win Backgammons** is available from Danny Kleinman for \$37 plus air mail charges for oversea orders. Order from Danny Kleinman, 5312 1/2 Village Green, Los Angeles, CA 90016...Be sure to send in your entry for the **39th INDIANA Open** by April 28th to avoid the late fee...According to a report by University of Illinois veterinarians, wild raccoons are usually healthy, but those that hang around humans can acquire rotten teeth and high cholesterol because they eat human leftovers.

The 12th Annual **Chicago Open**

Memorial Day Weekend May 24-27, 1991

Westin Hotel O'Hare - (708) 698-6000

Open - Double Elimination w/Consol.

Interm - Continuous Play Format

Special \$500 Event

Joann Feinstein - (708) 674-0120

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

May 03-05	39th INDIANA Open - Wyndham Garden Hotel, Indianapolis	HBC Hotline
May 24-27	12th Chicago Open - Westin Hotel, Rosemont, IL	(708) 674-0120
Jul 5-7	Michigan Summer Championships - Ramada Inn, Flint, MI	(313) 232-9731
Aug 13-19	Vermont Backgammon Festival - Ascutey Mt. Resort	(305) 527-4033
Au30-Sep2	National Labor Day Backgammon Tournament, Indianapolis	HBC Hotline
Oct 25-27	1st Chicago Fall Classic - Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Rosemont, IL	(708) 674-0120
Nov 01-03	Granite State - New Hampshire	(603) 863-4711
THURSDAYS	7:00 PM at Spats-Castleton Sq between J.C.Penneys & L.S.Ayres	842-3465

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

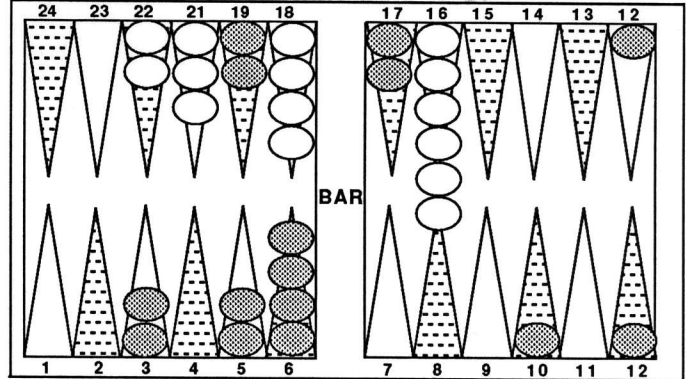
The HBC Newsletter presents a match from the 1990 Colossus Event at the Lake Tahoe Tournament between Neil Kazaross and Mika Lidov.

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. 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.

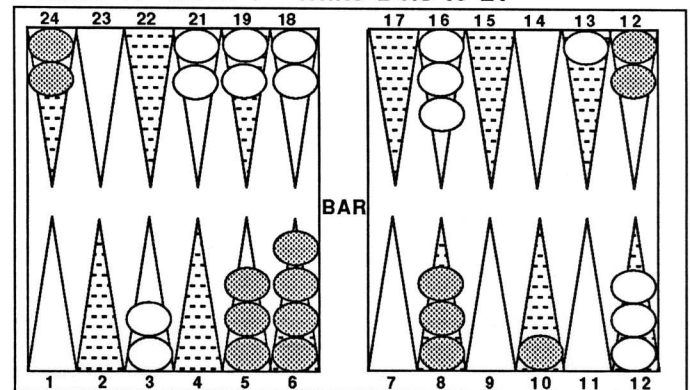
Abbreviations used are CB - Closed Board, EF - Entry Failure, MP - Misplay, NP - No Play Possible, x - opponent's piece was hit, 5² - superscribe denotes 2 or more pieces moving to the same point; this example has 2 pieces moving to the 5 point.

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.

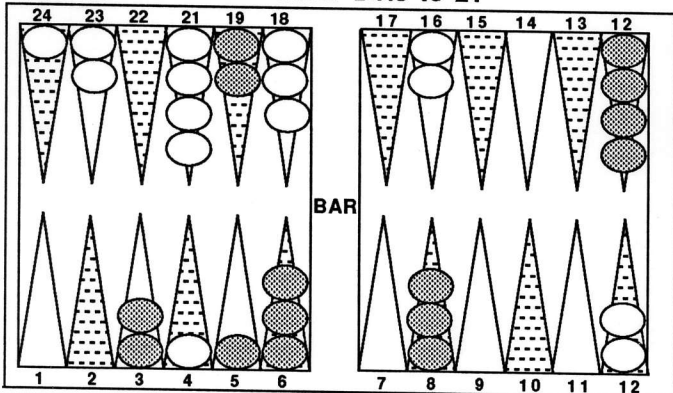
Game 9 Move 8 White Dbls to 2?



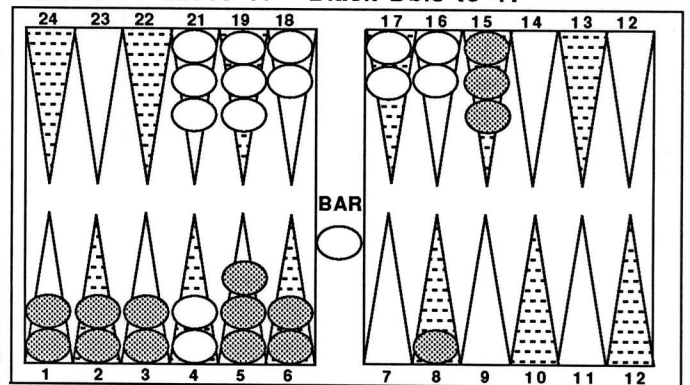
Game 10 Move 4 White Dbls to 2?



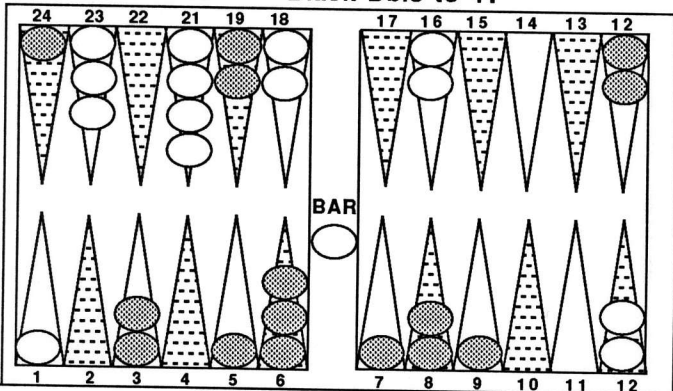
Game 8 Move 9 White Dbls to 2?



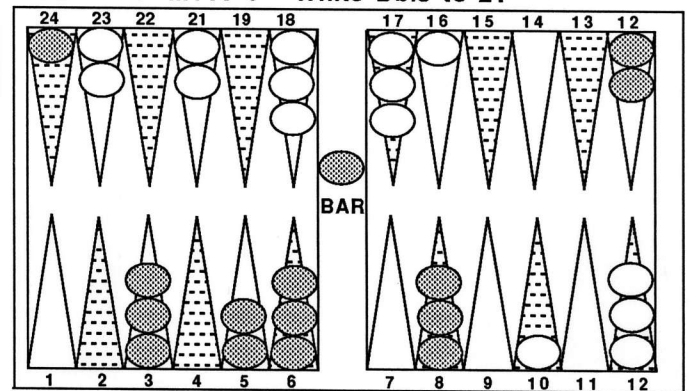
Game 10 Move 16 Black Dbls to 4?



Game 8 Move 13 Black Dbls to 4?



Game 11 Move 6 White Dbls to 2?



Lake Tahoe Colossus Event

15 Point Match

Game 8				
Neil Kazaross - 5/15			Mika Lidov - 6/15	
	Roll	Play	Roll	Play
1)	--	---	63	18 10
2)	33	7x 3 ²	43	18x
3)	44	21 20 ² 9	32	10 16x
4)	52	23 16	66	4 ² 2x ²
5)	32	20	54	9x-4
6)	65	14	53	11x-8
7)	65	14	54	1 20
8)	54	5x	42	21 4
9)	52	13		dbl to 2?
10)		take	54	16 2
11)	64	7 9x	41	20x
12)	31	24x 5x	61	24 EF
13)		dbl to 4?		pass

Game 11				
Neil Kazaross - 9/15			Mika Lidov - 7/15	
	Roll	Play	Roll	Play
1)	21	11 5	61	7 ²
2)	55	3 ² F13(2)	66	18 ² 7 ²
3)	42	5	32	4 ²
4)	54	15	64	2 ²
5)	53	10 ^{F15} 3	53	13 15x
6)	62	EF		dbl to 2?
7)		pass		

Game 9				
Neil Kazaross - 7/15			Mika Lidov - 6/15	
	Roll	Play	Roll	Play
1)	63	18 10	63	15x
2)	41	24 9	44	16x 7x
3)	33	22 ² 18x	54	16
4)	43	18 5	53	3x ²
5)	43	21 5	66	4x ²
6)	54	20 ²	63	4
7)	53	3 ²	55	8 ⁴
8)	31	10 12		dbl to 2?
9)		pass		

Game 10				
Neil Kazaross - 7/15			Mika Lidov - 7/15	
	Roll	Play	Roll	Play
1)	--	---	31	5 ²
2)	52	8 11	22	4 ² 11 22
3)	31	5 ²	52	8 22
4)	63	5 10		dbl to 2?
5)		take	63	5 10
6)	51	4 ^{F10}	11	21x ² 7 ²
7)	64	EF	65	7 8
8)	63	16	62	4 3
9)	62	22x-16	65	EF
10)	55	3 ² F13(2)	31	21
11)	61	2 5	52	16 5
12)	31	2 23	63	7
13)	32	1 ^{F6}	31	3 ^{F7}
14)	21	1 ^{F3} 22x	62	EF
15)	65	16 3	52	EF
16)		dbl to 4?		pass

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Open 3 PM to 2 AM Daily

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1991 National Labor Day Backgammon Tournament



Radisson Suite Hotels - Indianapolis
August 30, 31 - September 1, 2 1991

Swiss Movement Format
Amateur and Master Jackpots
MicroBlitz and Fast Break Events

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