

**Butch Meese Is
HBCs 1991 Player of Year**

The battle for the top spot has been intense all year. Don Woods held the #1 spot thru June when Butch Meese jumped ahead. By the end of September it was mainly a two player race. With an outstanding October, Butch forged ahead and had it locked up by the middle of December. Butch won **Player of the Month** honors 5 times while Don won twice. Players reaching the **Top Ten** for the first time are Judy McHale and Holly Stowe. HBC will honor the **Player of the Year** and **Top Ten Players of the Year** at the annual **Awards Tournament**, February 23rd. All are welcome to join in our celebration.

**40th Indiana Open
April 24-26, 1992**

Hotel Difficulties,
Full Details Next Month

**HBC 1991 Awards Tournament
February 23rd at SPATS 842-9731.**

Open \$70⁰⁰, Intermediate \$25⁰⁰, Novice \$5⁰⁰
Pre-register by phone 845-8435.
Final Registration 11⁰⁰-11⁴⁵ AM, Play at 12 Noon.

**Butch Meese and Bill Hodes
Climb to League Titles**

The league play-offs finished with both Butch and Bill taking similar routes to first place victories by starting from the bottom. Butch started with Chuck Stimming and battled Jim Curtis, Dave Cardwell and finally Wendy Kaplan to claim his second title in-a-row. Bill won over Larry Strommen, Scott Richardson and Mike Norman. Detailed results on Page 2.

Hoosier Pips: HBC welcomes new players *Rick Janov, Tom Helt and Ed Koolish...Holly Stowe* captured first place on December 12th for the first time, *Congrats...Get well wishes go out to Cyrus Mobed* who had open heart surgery in October and *Ellis Bray* who is recovering from eye surgery...*Rick Bieniak* announces a new club, **Backgammon Club of N.W. Florida**, info call (904) 763-8826...*Congrats and Best Wishes to Sharon Lennon-Smith and her new husband Graham* on their December 7th wedding...**Louisville Backgammon Club** reports that they are moving to Tuesday and to a new location-*The Delta Lounge* at 5th on Market Street starting in January.

December Results

December 5th	1st.....Mick Dobratz 2nd.....Butch Meese
December 12th	2nd.....Mary Ann Meese 1st.....Holly Stowe 2nd.....Butch Meese
December 19th	2nd.....Rick Janov 1st.....Ken Bruck 2nd.....Chuck Stimming
December 26th	2nd.....Don Woods 1st.....Ken Bruck 2nd.....Chuck Stimming 2nd.....Don Woods

HBC One-Day Tournament Results

Twenty-three players gathered at **SPATS** on December 15th for the last One-day Tournament of 1991. Larry Strommen captured 1st for the second time in a row. David Smith and Jeff Baker grabbed 2nd place. John Jennings of Springfield, IL won the Intermediate with Mary Ann Meese winning 2nd.

Open Division (16)	Intermediate Division (7)
1st...Larry Strommen	1st...John Jennings, IL
2nd...David Smith	2nd...Mary Ann Meese
2nd...Jeff Baker, Ft. Wayne	

Seasons Greetings

HBC received many warm Season Greetings from John & Jill Brussel (IL), Carol Joy Cole (MI), Jim Curtis (Indy), Malcolm Davis (TX), Bill Davis (IL), Jack & Salve Fagan (MO), Eric & Mabra George (IL), Mike & Laura Keener (MI), Jack & Geri Kissane (KY), Terry & Mary Kuchenbrod (KY), Gail Lorick (MI), Harald Milarch (Germany), Mark Mikolon (Indy), J. A. Miller (IL), Brian & Bev Nelson (Indy), Marie Roberts (Indy), Trudie Stern (IL), Glenn Theobald (CA), and Woody & Donna Woodworth (Indy).

HBC's newsletter for active HBC members and subscribers.

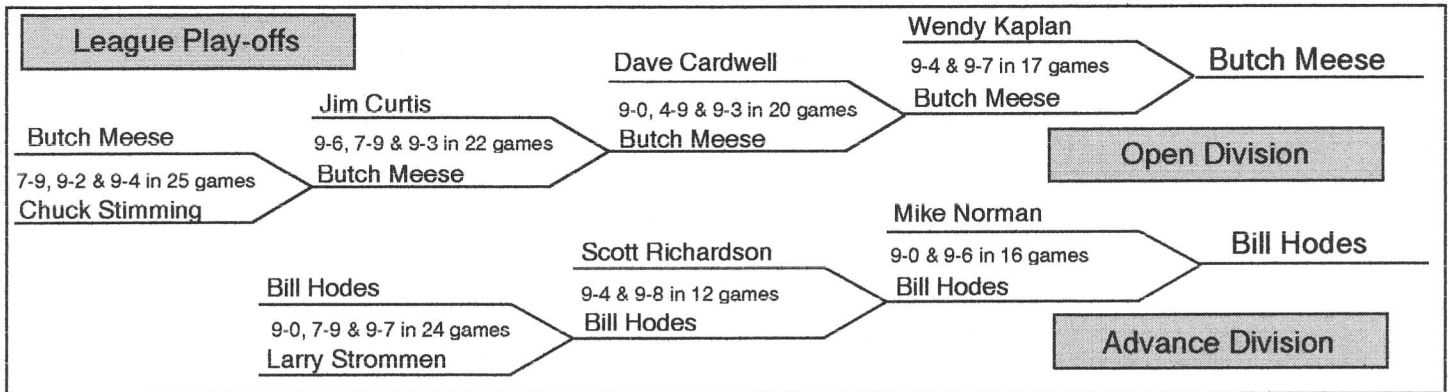
Subscription rate: \$10/year (Canada \$12 and overseas \$14). Let us know if your address changes.

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

1991 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Final Gammon Point Standings

HBC Player of the Month for December: **Larry Strommen** with 2.04 Gammon Points.

1) Butch Meese..... 18.90	Don Desmond..... 2.08	Bill Julian..... 0.38	Tony Tapp..... 0.12
2) Don Woods..... 17.82	Cyrus Mobed..... 1.50	Donna Susens.... 0.36	Glenn Theobald.... 0.12
3) Chuck Stimming..... 13.86	June Werner..... 1.40	Ed King..... 0.32	Stu Whitcomb..... 0.11
4) Ken Bruck..... 13.80	Frank Scott..... 1.24	George Crawford 0.32	Amber Wiesler..... 0.10
5) Larry Strommen..... 12.98	Monte Bowman.. 0.92	Scott Kaplan..... 0.30	Tom Lucerno..... 0.10
6) Judy McHale..... 11.56	Stu Sherman..... 0.82	John Danyluck... 0.30	Bob Burkhalter..... 0.10
7) Mary Ann Meese..... 10.14	Lara Simsic..... 0.80	Frank Frigo..... 0.28	LeeAnn Dobratz... 0.10
8) Holly Stowe..... 10.12	Bill Robertie..... 0.80	Carolyn Doyle... 0.28	Triston Wilbrandt.. 0.10
9) Wendy Kaplan..... 8.88	Emil Mortuk..... 0.80	Mike Marr..... 0.24	Margaret Roberts.. 0.10
10) Woody Woodworth.. 8.75	John Jennings.... 0.80	Walter Trice..... 0.24	Russ Hoser..... 0.10
Dave Cardwell..... 7.76	Rick Janov..... 0.78	Jim Wilson..... 0.20	Scott Roberts..... 0.09
David Smith..... 7.68	Kay Beck..... 0.70	Patt Drippe..... 0.20	Susie Henderson... 0.08
Mick Dobratz..... 7.62	Mark Mikolon... 0.66	Jay Mershon..... 0.20	Mary Franks..... 0.08
Jeff Baker..... 6.98	Peter Kalba..... 0.64	Mervin Berger... 0.20	Dave Williams..... 0.08
Kevin McLeaster.... 6.88	John O'Hagan.... 0.64	Doug Roberts.... 0.20	Jim Baroff..... 0.08
Gino Agresti..... 6.18	Cyndy White..... 0.64	Samra Hadden... 0.16	Jon Vietor..... 0.08
Jim Curtis..... 6.02	Linc Bedell..... 0.60	Ellis Bray..... 0.16	Patrice Robertie.... 0.06
Gabe Stiasny..... 5.94	Dennis Schulte... 0.56	Harold Branch... 0.16	Paul Franks..... 0.04
Terry Kuchenbrod... 5.58	Greg Varbanov... 0.52	Greg Tomlin..... 0.16	Sharon Lennon..... 0.04
Peg Simsic..... 5.52	Pete Ryder..... 0.48	Frank DeSandre.. 0.16	John Brussel..... 0.04
Brian Nelson..... 3.04	Bev Nelson..... 0.42	Jim Mieske..... 0.16	Don Moster..... 0.04
Dave Sandler..... 3.00	Dave Fey..... 0.42	Russ Osborne.... 0.16	Yamin Yamin..... 0.04
Scott Richardson.... 2.94	Tom Hendryx.... 0.42	Stu Katz..... 0.16	Dan Wesley..... 0.03
John Stryker..... 2.30	Ves Johnson..... 0.40	Melanie Foust... 0.15	Gary Deuser..... 0.02
Rick Reahard..... 2.28	Mike Wesley..... 0.40	Bill Hodes..... 0.14	
Howard Givel..... 2.10	Philip Degen..... 0.40	Marc Gray..... 0.12	



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

Jan 15-19.....	9th Nevada State BG Tournament, Peppermill Hotel, Reno, NV.....	(708) 470-9491
Feb 15th.....	D. I. Long Memorial Tournament, Holiday Inn, Louisville, KY.....	(502) 458-7468
Feb 16th.....	Fleet Underwood Memorial Tournament & Benefit, Flint, ML.....	(313) 232-9731
Feb 23th.....	HBC 1991 Awards Tournament, SPATS, Indianapolis.....	HBC Hotline
Feb 28-Mar 01...	14th Annual Charity Tournament, Greentree Marriott, Pittsburgh, PA.....	(412) 371-5844
Mar 20-22.....	9th Midwest Backgammon Championships, Oak Brook Marriott, Chicago.....	(312) 338-6380
Apr 8-12.....	1st International Backgammon Tournament of Costa Rica, Costa Rica.....	(312) 338-6380
Apr 24-26.....	40th INDIANA OPEN, Indianapolis.....	HBC Hotline
Jul 24-26	Michigan Summer Backgammon Championships, Holidome, Flint ML.....	(313) 232-9731
Sept 4-7.....	National Labor Day Backgammon Tournament, Radisson Hotel, Indpls.....	HBC Hotline
Oct 1-4.....	Illinois State Backgammon Championships, Hyatt Deerfield, Deerfield, IL.....	(708) 945-7801
Thursdays.....	7:00 PM at SPATS-Castleton Square between J.C.Penneys & L.S.Ayres.....	842-3465

**High-Noon Shoot Out Event
Jack Kissane vs Kent Goulding
9 Point Match**

The HBC Newsletter presents three 9-point matches from a High-Noon Shoot Out Event, 1987 Nevada State Championships. The third is Jack Kissane versus Kent Goulding.

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 be used. The home portion of the board is numbered 1 thru 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 5-2 with the 5-point made and the 2-point open.

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

In the doubling positions, Jack is the dark checkers and Kent the light. The positions are shown from Jack's side of the board; study them first before going through the games.



The Lady Luck Challenge.

Free Entry to all ladies playing in the Main Tournament. 1-point matches.

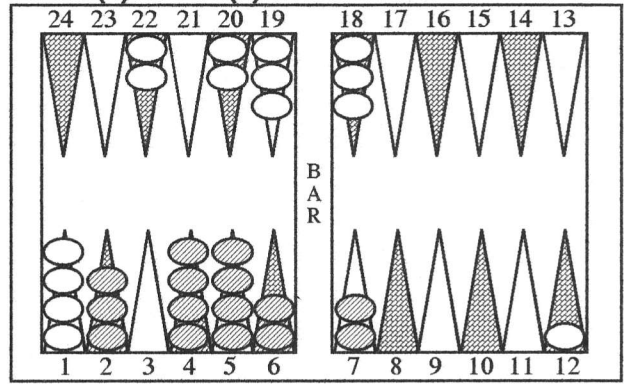
FIRST PRIZE: \$500 BILL

and a Satin Lady Luck Jacket.

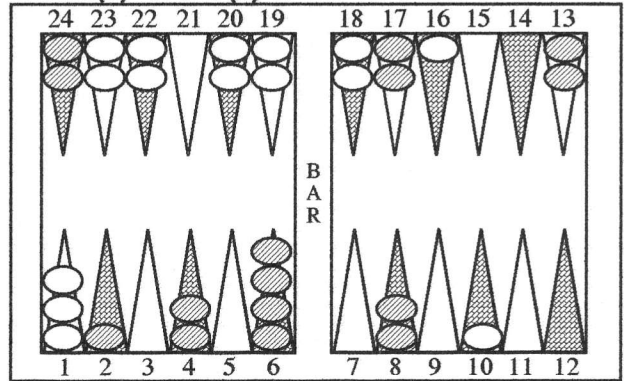
- 1 Midwest ●●●●●
- 9 Backgammon ●
- 2 Championships

20-22 March 1992
Chicago Marriott Oak Brook Hotel
Oak Brook, Illinois
Bill Davis: 312/338-6380

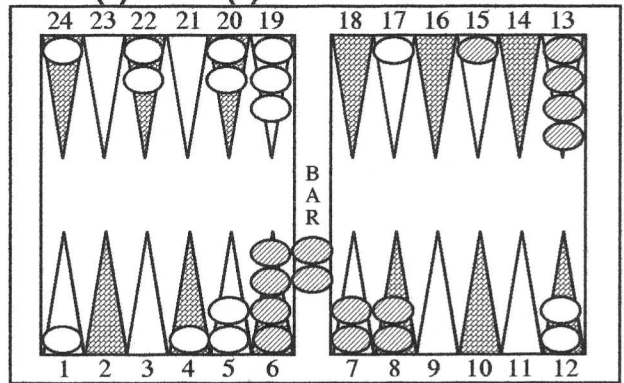
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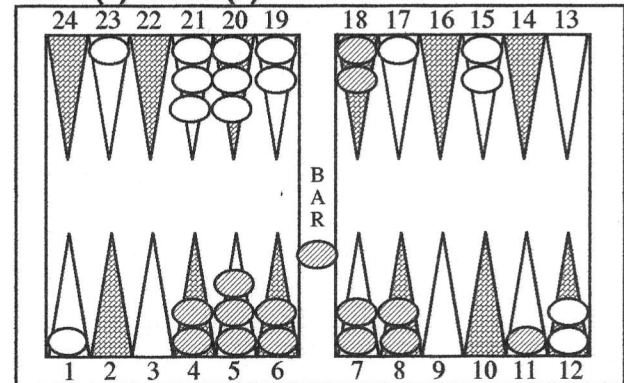
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Black(1) White(2) White doubles to 2?



Black(1) White(3) Black doubles to 2?



**High-Noon Shoot Out Event
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9 Point Match**

Game 1

Jack Kissane - 0		Kent Goulding - 0	
Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1) --	---	31	5 ²
2) 65	13	21	11 5
3) 22	11 ² 4 ²	61	7 ²
4) 63	5 ²	52	8 9
5) 54	4 ^{F13}	62	3 ²
6) 42	2 ²	31	4 ^{F8}
7) 32	21x 11	42	EF
8) 41	17x-16	61	24 EF
9) 66	7 ² 4	65	EF
10) 33	5 ² F11(2)	62	EF
11) 64	2 4	61	24 7
12)	dbl to 2?		pass

Game 2

Jack Kissane - 1		Kent Goulding - 0	
Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1) 61	7 ²	41	9 5
2) 32	10 4	55	3 ²
3) 43	20x 4	43	18x
4) 66	EF	31	5x ²
5) 53	EF	63	7 15x
6) 31	24 EF	64	2 ²
7) 44	21 ² -17x ²	61	24 7
8) 65	2 ^{F13}		dbl to 2?
9)	take	52	10 22
10) 51	3x-2	11	24 9 4 ²
11) 62	11 15	43	17x
12) 11	24 5 ² 10	21	15x-14
13) 32	EF	21	22 13
14) 42	EF	33	10x-7 6 ²
15) 65	20 EF	52	17 5x
16) 41	24 EF	32	4 5
17) 63	EF	31	13
18) 31	24 10	41	12x-8
19) 21	24 8	62	16
20) 65	13	32	11
21) 55	3 ² 1	54	6 4
22) 32	1	43	0 3
23) 11	2 4	61	0 5
24) 31	1 ²	22	0 ^{F6} 4
25) 62	16	43	0 2
26) 32	11	64	0 ²
27) 62	16	32	0 ^{F5}
28) 52	17	32	0 ²
29) 31	12	21	2 3
30) 54	6 13	65	0 ²

31) 32	10 22x	33	EF
32) 51	6	42	EF
33) 64	12	63	EF
34) 41	20 11	44	EF
35) 42	5	51	20x 1
36) 44	17 16 6	41	16 1
37) 66	4 5	51	10
38) 21	0 ²	44	game

Game 3

Jack Kissane - 1		Kent Goulding - 2	
Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1) 61	7 ²	65	7 8
2) 63	18x-15	53	20 10x
3) 31	22 5x	22	21 20x
4) 64	15x	55	20 3x ² 1x
5) 65	20 EF	31	5x ²
6) 66	EF		dbl to 2?
7)	pass		

Game 4

Jack Kissane - 1		Kent Goulding - 3	
Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1) 43	9 10	53	16x
2) 52	23 5	63	10 ²
3) 66	18 ² 7 ²	31	20x
4) 41	21 5x	54	20x 4x
5) 62	23 EF	62	14 4
6) 63	22 7	65	8 ²
7) 42	4 ²	52	6 ^{F13}
8) 41	18 5	21	5 ^{F8}
9) 62	10	31	3 5
10) 51	5 22x	64	EF
11) 42	18 5	41	24 4
12) 52	11	61	2x 5
13)	dbl to 2?		pass



THE
ALL TIME
GOOD TIME
GOOD FOOD & DRINK
PLACE

Castleton Square 842-3465

HBC's 1991 Awards Tournament

at **SPATS** Indianapolis, Castleton Square Between *J.C. Penneys & L.S. Ayres* **Sunday, February 23rd, 1992**

Final Registration 11:00, Awards at 11:45 and Play Begins at Noon

SPATS is offering breakfast specials for tournament players.

Open Division: \$70.⁰⁰

(Optional \$30 Side Pool)

Intermediate Division: \$25.⁰⁰

Novice Division: \$5.⁰⁰

Double Gammon Points

Open & Interm Format: Main-Consolation.

Novice Division: Round-Robin (no cube).

90% Return All Divisions

Late Fee: \$5.⁰⁰ Pre-Register by phone:

HBC 845-8435 and save the Late Fee.

Day of tournament: Players checked in

by 11:45AM will be eligible for bye(s).

If conditions arise that cause you to be

late please call us at **SPATS 842-3465**

to hold your spot. **Cash only.** Open

and Intermediate division results to

International Rating System.

HBC rating thru December 31st, 1991

Name	Rating (High-Low)	Expr	W-L(%Win)
1) Butch Meese.....	1910 (1970-1539)	1970	159-97(62.1%)
2) Chuck Stimming.....	1828 (1956-1748)	1616	130-82(61.3%)
3) Mick Dobratz.....	1772 (1885-1727)	758	55-43(56.1%)
4) Jeff Baker.....	1756 (1760-1596)	494	39-25(60.9%)
5) Wendy Kaplan.....	1722 (1854-1656)	935	61-54(53.0%)
6) Don Woods.....	1719 (1888-1627)	1862	133-113(54.1%)
7) David Smith.....	1675 (1678-1477)	740	49-45(52.1%)
8) Dave Cardwell.....	1671 (1701-1533)	862	57-57(50.0%)
9) Ken Bruck.....	1667 (1848-1595)	1287	95-78(54.9%)
10) Mike Norman.....	1666 (1726-1480)	522	38-20(65.5%)
11) Howard Givel.....	1661 (1741-1655)	273	20-19(51.3%)
12) Bill Hodes.....	1656 (1656-1432)	617	41-28(59.4%)
13) Larry Strommen.....	1635 (1691-1448)	1738	120-108(52.6%)
14) Woody Woodworth.....	1614 (1731-1543)	1154	82-72(53.2%)
15) Terry Kuchenbrod.....	1588 (1621-1493)	411	28-25(52.8%)
16) Jim Curtis.....	1581 (1707-1422)	1184	72-76(48.6%)
17) Gino Agresti.....	1579 (1626-1354)	458	35-29(54.7%)
18) Frank Scott.....	1567 (1579-1513)	84	8-4(66.7%)
19) Ellis Bray.....	1561 (1574-1496)	513	26-31(45.6%)
20) Holly Stowe.....	1556 (1594-1470)	1157	91-80(53.2%)
21) Bob Goodlett.....	1555 (1622-1513)	275	16-13(55.2%)
22) Sharon Lennon.....	1507 (1533-1507)	18	0-2(0.0%)
23) Eric George.....	1502 (1502-1502)	0	0-0(0.0%)
24) Rick Reahard.....	1499 (1641-1451)	722	38-50(43.2%)
25) Bill Gheen.....	1483 (1483-1483)	0	0-0(0.0%)
26) Monte Bowman.....	1474 (1601-1474)	306	17-19(47.2%)
27) George Crawford.....	1473 (1611-1466)	522	23-35(39.7%)
28) Gabe Stiasny.....	1457 (1593-1377)	1056	64-76(45.7%)
29) Judy Mchale.....	1457 (1520-1371)	1276	77-89(46.4%)
30) Mary Ann Meese.....	1455 (1658-1375)	1477	93-102(47.7%)
31) June Werner.....	1446 (1514-1446)	97	7-12(36.8%)
32) Mark Mikolon.....	1439 (1489-1404)	341	15-21(41.7%)
33) Scott Richardson.....	1434 (1554-1209)	716	41-45(47.7%)
34) Cyrus Moberd.....	1433 (1481-1433)	207	12-17(41.4%)
35) Kevin Mcleaster.....	1379 (1462-1321)	756	44-64(40.7%)
36) Glenn Theobald.....	1373 (1393-1373)	21	1-2(33.3%)
37) Philip Degen.....	1366 (1438-1366)	98	4-10(28.6%)
38) Brian Nelson.....	1355 (1441-1339)	364	20-32(38.5%)
39) Stu Sherman.....	1337 (1371-1337)	231	7-26(21.2%)
40) John Cinatl.....	1326 (1326-1326)	0	0-0(0.0%)
41) Kay Beck.....	1321 (1335-1223)	615	28-45(38.4%)
42) Jim Knauer.....	1318 (1318-1318)	0	0-0(0.0%)
43) Bill Julian.....	1300 (1346-1300)	84	4-8(33.3%)
44) Peg Simsic.....	1181 (1308-1146)	674	29-54(34.9%)
45) Cyndy White.....	1164 (1367-1164)	385	3-30(9.1%)

1991 RATINGS TRIVIA

by Don Woods

1. Butch and Chuck both broke past the all-time high rating of 1909 set last year by Wendy Kaplan. Butch's high for the year was 1970 and Chuck's was 1956.

2. Butch won the most matches 159 and I finished second with 113.

3. Butch had the most experience points - 1970, 256 matches.

4. Mike Norman had the highest match winning percentage - 65.5%, 50 matches minimum.

5. The stability awards go to Ellis Bray, Brian Nelson, and Holly Stowe. Their ratings only varied by 78, 102, and 112 points respectively throughout the year.

6. The roller coaster awards go to Butch Meese, Scott Richardson, and Jim Curtis. Their ratings varied 431, 345, and 285 points respectively throughout the year, 50 matches minimum.

7. Players showing improvement from 1990 are Butch Meese (+293), Gino Agresti (+196), Scott Richardson (+166), Jeff Baker (+160), Bill Hodes (+152), Larry Strommen (+139), David Smith (+139) and Jim Curtis (+135).