

## A Celebration for the Best of '91.

On Sunday, February 23rd, HBC held its' 1991 Awards Tournament at SPATS, Castleton. Besides the annual awarding of the engraved wooden doubling cubes, \$250 in cash and SPATS gift certificates were awarded to the 1991 Top Ten. HBC has been awarding the cubes to the Top Ten for 8 years and below is the history. To the right are the results of the tournament. HBC thanks Dave Cardwell for directing the event.

### Open Division (11)

- 1st John O'Hagan
- 2nd Frank Frigo
- 2nd Jeff Baker

### Intermediate Division (6)

- 1st Gabe Stiasny
- 2nd Scott Richardson

### 1984 Top Ten

- 1st Larry Strommen
- 2nd Jim Curtis
- 3rd George Crawford
- 4th Butch Meese
- 5th Cyrus Mobed
- 6th Chuck Stimming
- 7th Grover Bengé
- 8th Chris Stanford
- 9th Mary Ann Meese
- 10th Lou Ramer

### 1985 Top Ten

- 1st Mary Ann Meese
- 2nd Butch Meese
- 3rd Larry Strommen
- 4th Jim Curtis
- 5th Lou Ramer
- 6th R. C. Robins
- 7th Cyrus Mobed
- 8th George Crawford
- 9th Chuck Stimming
- 10th Jim Wilson

### 1986 Top Ten

- 1st Butch Meese
- 2nd Jim Curtis
- 3rd Mary Ann Meese
- 4th Larry Strommen
- 5th Cyrus Mobed
- 6th Chuck Stimming
- 7th Woody Woodworth
- 8th Ron Black
- 9th Walter Wallace
- 10th Ed Wright

### 1987 Top Ten

- 1st Butch Meese
- 2nd Woody Woodworth
- 3rd Larry Strommen
- 4th Jim Curtis
- 5th Mary Ann Meese
- 6th Howard Givel
- 7th Mick Dobratz
- 8th Rick Reahard
- 9th Ed Wright
- 10th Chuck Stimming

### 1988 Top Ten

- 1st Larry Strommen
- 2nd Butch Meese
- 3rd Woody Woodworth
- 4th Mary Ann Meese
- 5th Mick Dobratz
- 6th Ken Bruck
- 7th Rick Reahard
- 8th Howard Givel
- 9th Chuck Stimming
- 10th Cyrus Mobed

### 1989 Top Ten

- 1st Butch Meese
- 2nd Woody Woodworth
- 3rd Howard Givel
- 4th Chuck Stimming
- 5th Larry Strommen
- 6th Mick Dobratz
- 7th Mary Ann Meese
- 8th Brian Nelson
- 9th Wendy Kaplan
- 10th David Smith

### 1990 Top Ten

- 1st Don Woods
- 2nd Chuck Stimming
- 3rd Jim Curtis
- 4th Butch Meese
- 5th Ken Bruck
- 6th Mary Ann Meese
- 7th Larry Strommen
- 8th David Smith
- 9th Woody Woodworth
- 10th Mick Dobratz

### 1991 Top Ten

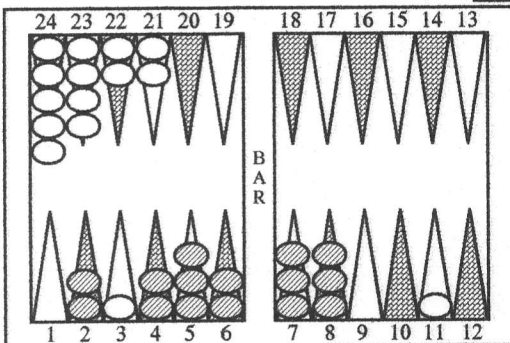
- 1st Butch Meese
- 2nd Don Woods
- 3rd Chuck Stimming
- 4th Ken Bruck
- 5th Larry Strommen
- 6th Judy McHale
- 7th Mary Ann Meese
- 8th Holly Stowe
- 9th Wendy Kaplan
- 10th Woody Woodworth

### 9-Point Match, Black(3), White(4)

Black to Play 6-5?

White owns a 2-cube.

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In addition to owning the cube, blockade.

White has a 21 pip lead in the race. If we play safe here with 8-2, 7-2, we will be ahead in crossovers and should start bearing off first. In 100 trials, this play achieved only a 48% win ratio and a net loss of 4 points. The reason for this low yield is obvious considering the advance nature of White's inner board.

There is a play that will turn White's racing edge against him. What about playing 8-3x, 7-1? This play sends White to the rail, while maintaining the 5-point

Should White fail to enter with his next roll, Black will be in excellent shape indeed. If White rolls any 3 other than 6-3, Black will be able to hit the outfield blot when it comes into range. In 100 trials, Black won 69% including 8 gammons. On the down side, of the 31 losses, 3 were gammons. To fully appreciate the results of the 100 games played out, lets assume that this is a money game. After 100 games, Black won an astonishing 92 points!

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**1992 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB** Gammon Point Standings as of February 29th.  
**HBC Player of the Month for February is Ken Bruck with 154 gammon points.**

1) Ken Bruck..... 388	Frank Frigo..... 128	Stu Sherman..... 60
2) Chuck Stimming..... 338	Cyrus Mobed..... 124	Scott Richardson..... 52
3) Don Woods..... 322	Kevin McLeaster..... 124	Woody Woodworth..... 40
4) Gabe Stiasny..... 182	John O'Hagan..... 120	Tom Helt..... 30
5) Wendy Kaplan..... 170	Butch Meese..... 100	Gino Agresti..... 20
6) Larry Strommen..... 164	Mary Ann Meese..... 96	David Smith..... 20
7) Holly Stowe..... 158	Brian Nelson..... 94	Rick Reahard..... 20
8) Dave Cardwell..... 142	Terry Kuchenbrod..... 80	Mike Marr..... 20
9) Jim Curtis..... 140	Ed Koolish..... 70	Donna Susens..... 10
10) Mick Dobratz..... 138	Peg Simsic..... 70	Judy McHale..... 10
Jeff Baker..... 128	Jan Gurvity..... 60	

	February 6th	February 13th	February 19th	February 26th
1st	<i>Don Woods</i>	① <i>Stu Sherman</i>	<i>Ken Bruck</i>	<i>Terry Kuchenbrod</i>
2nd	<i>Larry Strommen</i>	① <i>Peg Simsic</i>	<i>Don Woods</i>	<i>Ken Bruck</i>
2nd	<i>Cyrus Mobed</i>	② <i>Mick Dobratz</i>	<i>Mick Dobratz</i>	<i>Holly Stowe</i>
2nd	---	② <i>Chuck Stimming</i>	---	---



**Take the NLD Challenge at the National Labor Day Backgammon Tournament**  
 For Qualifying Players, Information in Tournament Flyer Available in June.

**National Labor Day Backgammon Tournament**

**1992 - Indianapolis Radisson Hotel**

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

Mar 20-22.....	9th Midwest Backgammon Championships, Oak Brook Marriott, Chicago.....	(312) 338-6380
Arp 5th.....	<b>HBC Spring One-Day, SPATS, Indianapolis.....</b>	<b>HBC Hotline</b>
Apr 8-12.....	1st International Backgammon Tournament of Costa Rica, Costa Rica.....	(312) 338-6380
Apr 24-26.....	<b>40th INDIANA OPEN, Ramada Inn South, Indianapolis.....</b>	<b>HBC Hotline</b>
May 1-3.....	13th Granite State Open, Woodbound Inn, Jaffrey, NH.....	(603) 863-4711
May 22-24.....	13th Chicago Open, Westin O'Hare Hotel, Rosemont, IL.....	(708) 674-0120
Jun 17-21.....	Las Vegas Open Backgammon Tournament, Sands, Las Vegas.....	(708) 470-9491
Jul 24-26.....	Michigan Summer Backgammon Championships, Holiday Inn, Flint MI.....	(313) 232-9731
Aug 3-9.....	World Cup III & U.S. Open, Dallas, TX.....	HBC Hotline
Sept 4-7.....	<b>National Labor Day Backgammon Tournament, Radisson Hotel, Indpls.....</b>	<b>HBC Hotline</b>
Oct 1-4.....	Illinois State Backgammon Championships, Hyatt Deerfield, Deerfield, IL.....	(708) 945-7801
Thursdays.....	7:00 PM at SPATS-Castle 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 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(5<sup>2</sup>) denotes 2 or more pieces moving to a point; this example has 2 pieces moving to the 5 point.

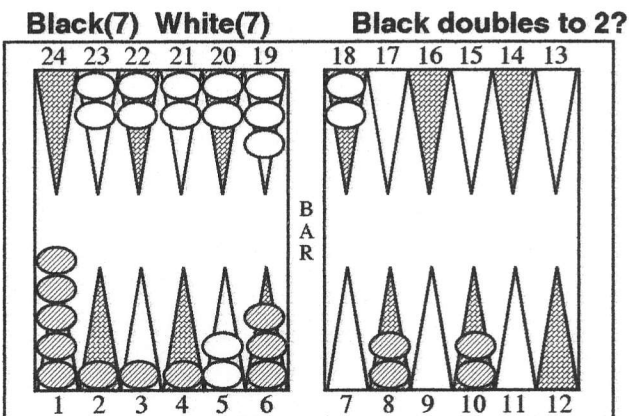
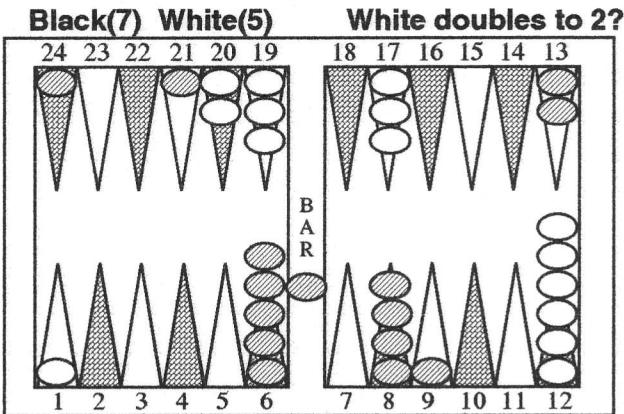
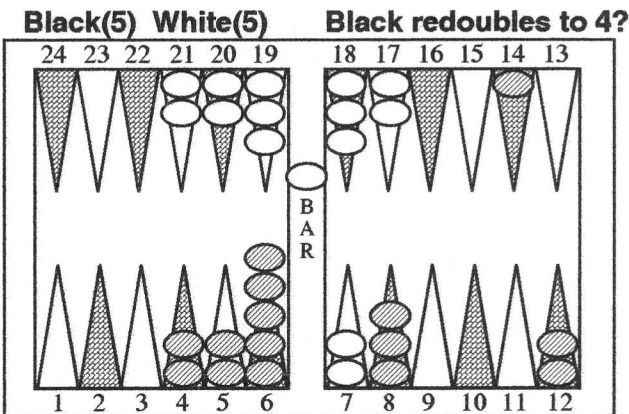
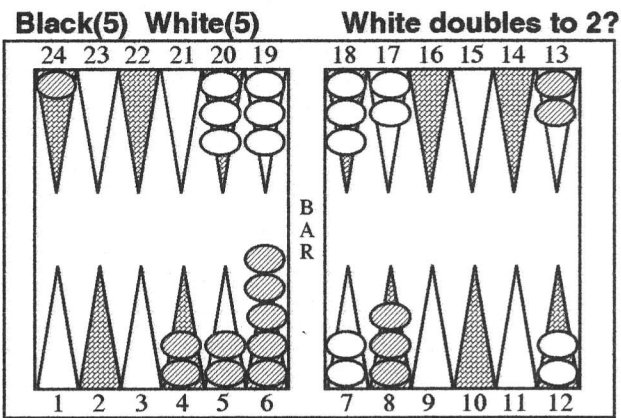
In the doubling positions, Jack is the dark checkers and Kent the light. The positions are shown from Jack's side of the board; study them first before going through the games.

Game 9

Jack Kissane - 5      Kent Goulding - 5

	Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	64	14	66	18 <sup>2</sup> 7 <sup>2</sup>
2)	22	11 <sup>2</sup> 4 <sup>2</sup>	43	6
3)	44	6 5	11	5 <sup>3</sup> 7
4)	65	5 6		dbl to 2?
5)		take	51	7 <sup>F13</sup>
6)	62	16	11	4 <sup>2</sup> 6
7)	11	12x <sup>2</sup> 14	64	EF
8)		redbl to 4?		pass

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 GOOD TIME  
 GOOD FOOD & DRINK  
 PLACE.

Castleton Square 842-3465

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

Game 10

Jack Kissane - 7      Kent Goulding - 5

	Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	--	---	65	13
2)	53	8 21	62	16
3)	42	9x 11	21	24 4x
4)	53	20 21x	51	20 5x
5)	61	24 5x	55	20x-5
6)	65	EF		dbl to 2?
7)		take	22	4x <sup>2</sup> 22
8)	62	23 EF	64	16x 9
9)	44	EF	66	2x <sup>2</sup> 1x
10)	51	24x EF	51	24 8
11)	32	22 EF	21	7 <sup>F9</sup> 15
12)	21	24 EF	53	3x 10
13)	44	EF	64	3 <sup>F13</sup>
14)	43	EF	54	15
15)	43	EF	11	7 14
16)	41	24 EF	41	11 13
17)	61	24 2	22	9 <sup>2 F13(2)</sup>
18)	64	7 9	32	6 7
19)	66	1 2 <sup>2</sup> 3	41	6 <sup>F11</sup>
20)	54	1 4	42	3 4
21)	43	2 3	52	2 5
22)	33	3 <sup>2</sup> 1 NP	42	0 <sup>2</sup>
23)	21	1 <sup>2</sup>	55	0 <sup>3</sup> NP
24)	41	20 1	32	0 4
25)	32	15	66	0 <sup>4</sup>
26)	42	18	62	2 <sup>F4</sup> 0
27)	52	22x-17	61	18
28)	52	19 15	61	11
29)	64	13 14x	42	19
30)	42	7	44	11x-3
31)	33	22x 12 <sup>2</sup> 19	53	17
32)	41	8x-7	53	17
33)	43	8x 16	21	EF
34)	64	2 12	31	EF
35)	41	7	54	16
36)	41	3 6	65	5
37)	63	game		

Game 11

Jack Kissane - 7      Kent Goulding - 7

	Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	42	4 <sup>2</sup>	42	4 <sup>2</sup>
2)	52	8 11	43	9 10
3)	44	20 <sup>2</sup> -16x <sup>2</sup>	22	23 22 <sup>2</sup> 8
4)	32	11 <sup>F16</sup>	63	7 20
5)	42	10	21	20 5
6)	21	10 <sup>F13</sup>	65	11
7)	63	2 3	33	5 <sup>2 F8,11</sup> 3
8)	21	1 <sup>2</sup>	21	3 7
9)	43	2 1	32	2
10)	53	8 10	63	2 10
11)	54	1 <sup>F10</sup>	61	6 <sup>F13</sup>
12)	55	6 <sup>2</sup> 3 1	21	7
13)		dbl to 2?		pass

Game 12 - Crawford Game

Jack Kissane - 8      Kent Goulding - 7

	Roll	Played	Roll	Played
1)	42	4 <sup>2</sup>	54	8 9
2)	31	5 <sup>2</sup>	55	3 <sup>2 F13,8</sup> 4
3)	51	8 5	53	8 10
4)	31	21x-20	42	23 4
5)	61	14 12	33	4 5 <sup>2</sup>
6)	66	7 <sup>2</sup> 12	22	22 <sup>2</sup> 2
7)	33	9 <sup>2</sup> 7	31	3 22
8)	63	5	42	2 <sup>F8</sup>
9)	43	5 6	54	1 2
10)	61	2 7	11	4 <sup>F6</sup> 1 <sup>F3</sup>
11)	44	2 1 <sup>3</sup>	63	13
12)	31	4 6	41	8
13)	42	2 <sup>2</sup>	52	1
14)	32	4 5	54	13
15)	31	2 0	31	9
16)	51	1 5	54	17 5
17)	22	0 <sup>4</sup>	43	10
18)	54	0 <sup>2</sup>	22	6 0 <sup>2</sup>
19)	52	0 <sup>2</sup>	53	0 <sup>2</sup>
20)	61	0 <sup>2</sup>	52	0 <sup>2</sup>
21)	32	game		

JK - 9  
Match

KG - 7