

40th INDIANA Open

Louisville Final in Championship Division

Terry Kuchenbrod of Louisville guaranteed himself a piece of the pie by becoming the main flight undefeated against a strong Midwest field in the popular true double-elimination format. Terry waited for the second chance challenger knowing that he would have to be defeated twice to be denied the top prize. Quint McTyeire, also of Louisville, gained momentum by marching through the second chance bracket that carried him into the first match against Terry. That match ended 13-5 in Quint's favor. In the 13-point final match Quint's momentum continued to a 10-2 lead before Terry staged a comeback to tie the match at 11 all. In the next game, an early cube put the match and championship on the line. The game developed with Quint hoping for any kind of a shot as Terry started to bear-off. Quint got and hit the shot with a closed board. After Quint cleared his 6-point without any checkers off, Terry popped right out with 6-3. Both players dice turned hot with doubles, but Quint got the upper hand by back-to-back double 5's to capture the **40th INDIANA OPEN** crown. John O'Hagan of South Bend, IN won the Championship consolation. Milad Doueihi of Peoria, IL won the Advanced Division undefeated. Local players cashing were **Holly Stowe** in the Intermediate Division and **Cassie** and **Jim Curtis** in the Doubles.

Championship Division (32)

1st..... Quint McTyeire (Louisville, KY)
2nd..... Terry Kuchenbrod (Louisville, KY)
Cons 1st..... John O'Hagan (South Bend, IN)

Advanced Division (32)

1st..... Milad Doueihi (Peoria, IL)
2nd..... Larry Deckel (Richmond, IN)
Cons 1st..... Jim Mieske (Cincinnati, OH)
Cons 2nd..... Fred Gehlhoff (Racine, WI)

Intermediate Division (8)

1st..... Reggie Porter (Chicago, IL)
2nd..... **Holly Stowe** (Indianapolis, IN)

Novice Divison (4)

1st..... Marjorie Kirchoff (Sterling, VA)

Masters' Jackpot (8)

Winner..... Howard Markowitz (Chicago, IL)
Finalist.... Chris Kènik (Chicago, IL)

Open MicroBlitz (64)

Winner..... Yamin Yamin (Chicago, IL)
Finalist.... John Brussel (Chicago, IL)

Limited MicroBlitz (16)

Winner..... Reggie Porter (Chicago, IL)
Finalist.... Josh Smyth (Union Lake, MI)

Sunday Jackpot (16)

Winner..... Carl Severino (Peoria, IL)
Finalist.... Yamin Yamin (Chicago, IL)

Doubles (16)

1st.. Bobbie Shifrin/Dave Cramer (Chicago, IL)
2nd.. **Cassie & Jim Curtis** (Indianapolis, IN)

Hoosier Pips: HBC welcomes back Eric George...Through donated entry fees by HBC and the **Flint Backgammon Club**, *Operation Feed* in Ohio was able to raise \$1571, an increase of \$426 over last year...Mary Ann and Butch Meese took their first non-backgammon vacation in many years when Mary Ann won a trip for two to Las Vegas from a local radio station.

April 5th One-Day

Open Division (7)

1st..... Don Desmond (Chicago)
2nd..... Terry Kuchenbrod (Louisville)

Intermediate Division (12)

1st..... **Mary Ann Meese** (Indianapolis)
2nd..... Larry Deckel (Richmond, IN)
2nd..... **Holly Stowe** (Indianapolis)

Novice Division (3)

1st..... **June Werner** (Carmel, IN)


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**1992 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings as of April 30th.
HBC Player of the Month for March is Larry Strommen with 238 gammon points.**

1) Chuck Stimming.....	606	Don Desmond.....	140	Bill Hodes.....	36
T2) Don Woods.....	592	Jeff Baker.....	128	Marge Lewandowski.....	34
T3) Ken Bruck.....	592	Frank Frigo.....	128	Greg Varbanov.....	32
4) Larry Strommen.....	480	Dean Adamian.....	120	Dennis Schulte.....	30
5) Holly Stowe.....	470	Peg Simsic.....	115	Ellis Bray.....	24
6) Jim Curtis.....	450	Judy McHale.....	114	Dick Nelson.....	22
7) Gabe Stiasny.....	430	Reggie Porter.....	112	David Smith.....	20
8) Terry Kuchenbrod.....	376	Jan Gurvitz.....	95	Dave Fey.....	20
9) Woody Woodworth.....	318	Eric George.....	90	Rick Reahard.....	20
10) Mary Ann Meese.....	310	Ralph Dietz.....	90	Mike Marr.....	20
Kevin McLeaster.....	302	Walter Trice.....	87	Cassie Curtis.....	15
John O'Hagan.....	288	Scott Richardson.....	78	Stan Gurvitz.....	10
Stu Sherman.....	254	Ed Koolish.....	70	Shimi Dadon.....	10
Butch Meese.....	244	John Brussel.....	60	Stu Whitcomb.....	10
Cyrus Mobed.....	209	Bob Zavoral.....	60	Philip Degen.....	10
Dave Cardwell.....	202	Gino Agresti.....	50	June Werner.....	10
Wendy Kaplan.....	190	Joe Miller.....	48	Donna Susens.....	10
Larry Deckel.....	160	Randall Witt.....	46	Lara Simsic.....	5
Brian Nelson.....	153	Jon Stephens.....	40		
Mick Dobratz.....	148	Tom Helt.....	38		

	<u>April 2nd</u>	<u>April 9th</u>	<u>April 16th</u>	<u>April 23th</u>	<u>April 30th</u>
Open 1st	Jim Curtis	Holly Stowe	Eric George	Dean Adamian (MI)	Don Woods
2nd	Larry Strommen	Joe Miller (OH)	Gabe Stiasny	Larry Strommen	Woody Woodworth
2nd	...	Woody Woodworth	Larry Strommen	Walter Trice (MA)	Mary Ann Meese
2nd	Dave Cardwell	...
Interm 1st	Holly Stowe	...
2nd	Judy McHale	...



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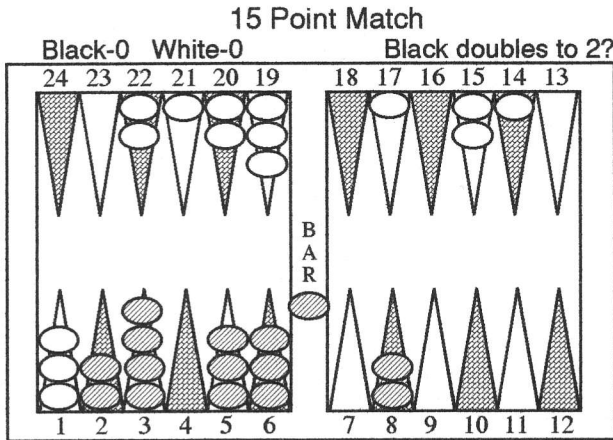
**Chuck Stimming Wins
1st HBC Club Championship**

The results of the first HBC Club Championship are final. Players qualified by being **Player of the Month** during 1991 or by placing in the **1991 Final HBC Top Ten**. The final was between Butch Meese and Chuck Stimming; they were #1 and #3 respectively in the **1991 Top Ten**, and #1 and #2 in the **1991 Final Rating List**. Chuck won the 13-point final match to collect the \$200 top cash prize and award certificate. Congratulations, Chuck!

Open Forum

It has been suggested by a reader that space be provided for open discussion on the doubling positions presented in this newsletter. Below is the first contribution. Enjoy!

The first cube decision in the April 1992 issue struck me as remarkable. Nack offered a powerhouse double. Bill took it.



Consider: Black has a tremendous lead in the race 90-149! He has one direct shot plus extras - actually 16 hitting numbers. White has three blots total. Three of his checkers are huddle on the 24 point. And Black has a bigger board.

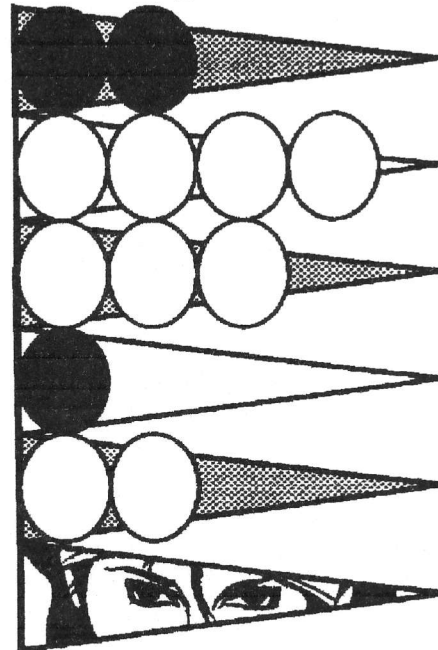
However, White notices a hole in Black's board. And he does have an anchor. All his checkers are in play. A couple of Black's checkers have outrun themselves. He has some priming and even blitzing potential of his own - but these prospects are a bit remote at the moment.

I wouldn't take it. But that doesn't mean it isn't a take. I did 200 [roll-outs] with no more than the usual number of errors and here is what I came up with:

	Plain wins	Gammons	Backgammons.
Black	55	45	13!
White	83!	3	1

This is 184 points net to Black, instead of 200. If correct, these figures would suggest a take by about 8%. I think Bill is entitled to some big credit for his courage and judgment. He saw it as takeable and he took it. Well done.
Harold Branch, Louisville

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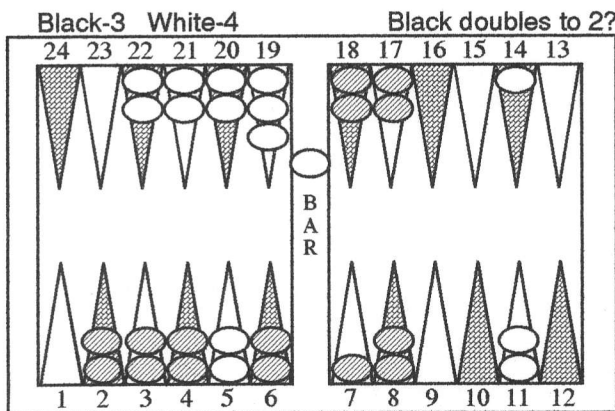
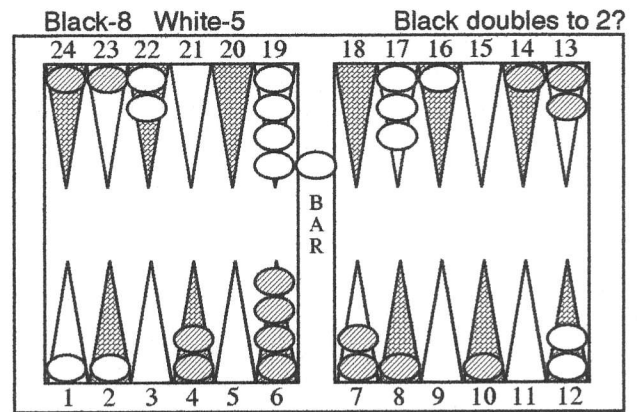
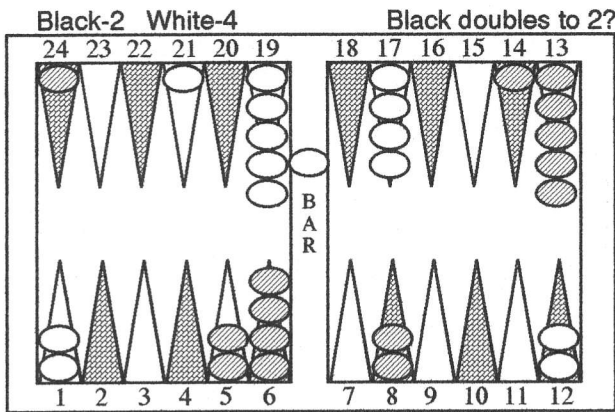
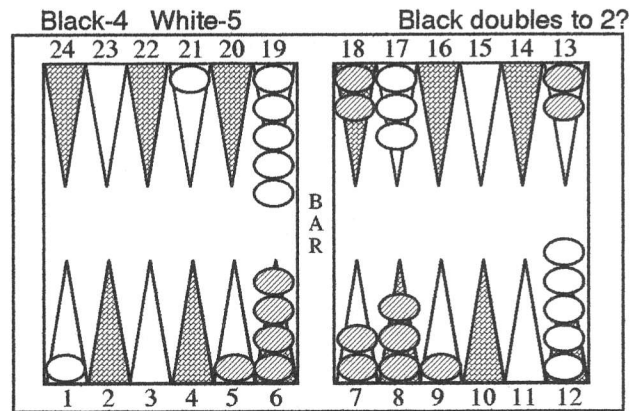
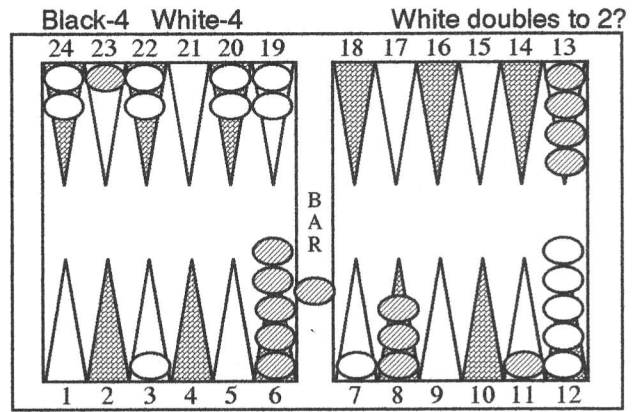
Masters' Invitational
Nack Ballard vs Bill Robertie
 21 Point Match

The HBC Newsletter presents a 21-point match between **Nack Ballard** and **Bill Robertie** from the **Masters' Invitational, 4th Nevada State Championships, June 1987.**

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(5²) denotes 2 or more pieces moving to a point; this example has 2 pieces moving to the 5 point.

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



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Masters' Invitational
Nack Ballard vs Bill Robertie
 21 Point Match

Game 5

Nack Ballard - 2		Bill Robertie - 4	
roll	played	roll	played
1)	52	8 11
2) 31	5 ²	54	4 ^{F13}
3) 64	14x	65	EF
4)	dbl to 2?		pass

Game 6

Nack Ballard - 3		Bill Robertie - 4	
roll	played	roll	played
1) 63	18 10	42	7x
2) 61	18x	63	22 7x
3) 61	18x	53	20 21
4) 44	5x 4x ²	52	20x 23
5) 64	21 18	64	17x 4x
6) 62	23 EF	63	15x
7) 52	20 23	64	11 ²
8) 52	15 21x	54	20 18
9) 61	7x 22	21	24 4x
10) 63	22 7	43	4 10x
11) 52	23 17x	31	24 3x
12) 52	20 15x	31	24 3
13) 52	15 11	51	14x
14) 43	EF	54	9 ^{F14} 20
15) 21	24 4	51	4 23
16) 51	18 ^{F24}	31	20 ^{F24}
17) 31	3 ²	62	15
18) 55	10x ² 13 ^{F23}	52	20 2
19) 11	8 ²	62	12x
20) 32	23x-20	32	20
21) 53	13x 17	11	23 12x ²
22) 21	23 17	66	14 ² 5 ²
23) 52	18 4	61	6 11
24) 52	2x ²	43	EF
25)	dbl to 2?		pass

Game 7

Nack Ballard - 4		Bill Robertie - 4	
roll	played	roll	played
1)	31	5 ²
2) 64	14	55	3 ² 1x ²
3) 21	23 13	51	18
4) 62	7x 11	63	22 18x
5) 11	EF		dbl to 2?
6)	pass		

Game 8

Nack Ballard - 4		Bill Robertie - 5	
roll	played	roll	played
1) 41	9 5	63	15
2) 66	18 ² 7 ²	65	4
3)	dbl to 2?		take
4) 32	5 4	52	8 4
5) 42	9 4	51	8 12x
6) 51	24 13x	42	23 4
7) 53	10 ^{F18}	51	8 12x
8) 31	22 23	11	7 ² 5 ²
9) 53	5 6	51	3x ²
10) 21	23 7 ^{F9} (MP)	64	1 3
11) 66	2x ² 1x ²	52	EF
12) 65	12	65	EF
13) 65	6 18	42	EF
14) 64	8	66	EF
15) 32	3 ²	--	CB
16) 62	2 5	--	CB
17) 33	3 ³ 2	32	EF
18) 65	0 ²	52	20 EF
19) 64	0 ²	21	EF
20) 32	0 ²	62	19 6
21) 41	0 ²	11	17 ^{F20} 18
22) 53	0 ²	21	6 11
23) 11	0 ^{2F3,1}	65	6 ^{F17}
24) 32	0 ²	22	gammon

Game 9

Nack Ballard - 8		Bill Robertie - 5	
roll	played	roll	played
1)	53	3 ²
2) 32	10 11	52	8 11
3) 42	4 ²	54	15x
4) 32	23 10x	64	EF
5) 41	7 ²	42	23 9
6) 64	14x	64	EF
7)	dbl to 2?		pass

