



# Hoosier Backgammon Club



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## 13th Chicago Open

The Championship Division Final was a rematch from the Michigan Summer Championships two years ago. Then Ralph Schaffner was the undefeated and Don Desmond beat Ralph twice to capture the title in the double-elimination format. Revenge is sweet. This time with the same type of format, Don Desmond was the undefeated and Ralph, the second chance challenger, returned the favor to win the top prize. **Larry Strommen** placed in the Doubles with partner John Bashian.

### Championship Division (37)

- 1st..... Ralph Schaffner (Canada)
- 2nd..... Don Desmond (Chicago, IL)
- 3rd..... Jeff Acierno (Brooklyn, NY)
- Cons 1st..... Joe Russel (Studio City, CA)
- Cons 2nd..... Yamin Yamin (Chicago, IL)

### Intermediate Division (44)

- 1st..... Bob Zavoral (Chicago, IL)
- 2nd..... Fred King (Port Neches, TX)
- 3/4..... Jeff Baker (Ft. Wayne, IN)
- 3/4..... David Orman (WI)
- Cons 1st..... Jill Ferdinand-Brussel (Chicago, IL)
- Cons 2nd..... Al Meinecke (Chicago, IL)

### \$500 Jackpot (4)

- Winner..... James Colen (Cambridge, MA)

### \$50 Jackpot (32)

- Winner..... Don Desmond (Chicago, IL)
- Finalist..... John O'Hagan (South Bend, IN)

### Doubles (16)

- 1st... Dean & Kevin Muench (Chicago, IL)
- 2nd... Larry Strommen/John Bashian (IN/OH)

## Press Release - December 1976

Backgammon aficionados from London to Los Angeles have been talking about this event for four years. Here at last is the most innovative, comprehensive, and definitive book on backgammon ever published. **BACKGAMMON** by *Paul Magriel*, the world's leading theoretician of backgammon strategy, is the only book about the game the backgammon player will ever need.

Paul Magriel, an international backgammon champion who has spent years analyzing and developing methods of teaching the game, reveals for the first time in his new book the closely guarded winning techniques until now known only to the world's top players. **BACKGAMMON** builds step-by-step from a complete beginner's section to the most advanced tactics and betting combinations. Players learn not just what opening move to make, but why. Magriel teaches when to play safe, when to play bold, when to play a running game, a holding game, a priming game, an attacking game. Also included are detailed sections on middle game strategy, endgame and advanced positional play.

This elegant 400-page volume with over 650 two-color diagrams has already been recognized as a groundbreaking study and invaluable reference book. Prince Alexis Obolensky, the man behind the backgammon revolution, calls **BACKGAMMON** "A masterfully skillful work...essential reading for those of us who are sincerely interested in the game...". Lewis Deyong, editor of *International Backgammon News*, enthusiastically concurs, adding "The care and thoroughness of preparation of this work cannot be praised too strongly, and every player (from beginner to expert) will benefit from Paul Magriel's painstaking efforts."

This was the original press release for Paul Magriel's book, **BACKGAMMON**. Although press releases are hyped, 16 years later the book is still considered the encyclopedia of backgammon. The original price of \$20<sup>00</sup> now is a steal since the demand for the book has grown so that the going price is anywhere from \$50<sup>00</sup> to \$100<sup>00</sup>.



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**Hoosier Pips:** HBC welcomes back Lou Ramer and Kevin Garrison...Carol Joy Cole has good reason to be proud of son, Chris, after he won the Racquetball Nationals, Memorial Day Weekend, to become the #1 Player in the Country...No backgammon Thursday, July 23rd, HBC staff will be in Flint, MI at the **Michigan Summer Backgammon Championships**...Chuck Stimming has won the 1992 Winter Session of the League. Chuck battled **Don Woods** in a grueling 6-hour final. Complete play-off results on Page 2...Congrats and Best Wishes to HBC's Cassie Curtis as she graduates from high school and makes plans for college in Florida...Players joining the growing ranks of non-smokers are Phyllis Smolinski (Chicago), Jeff Acierno (NY), Gary Kay (Chicago) and Mary Ann Meese (Indianapolis).

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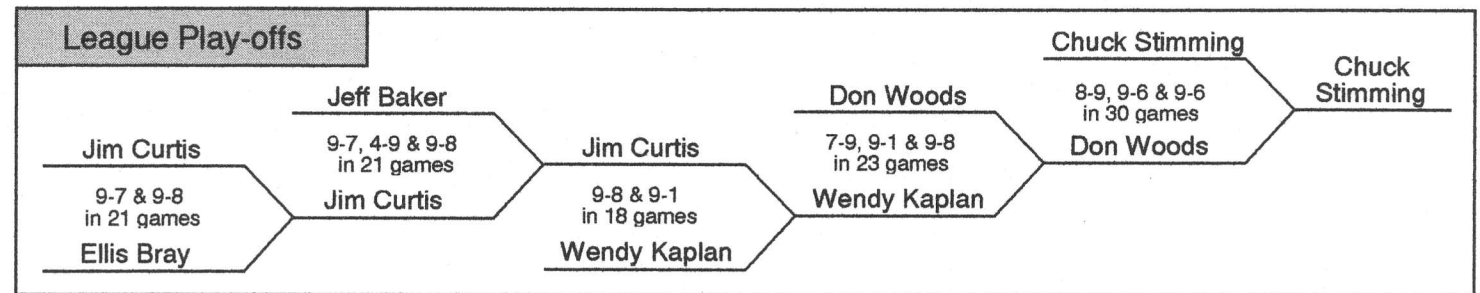
**1992 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings as of May 31st.**  
**HBC Player of the Month for May is Chuck Stimming with 252 gammon points.**

1) Chuck Stimming..... 858	Cyrus Mobed.....229	Ralph Dietz.....90	Ellis Bray..... 24
2) Don Woods..... 736	Brian Nelson.....203	Walter Trice.....87	Dick Nelson.....22
3) Ken Bruck.....732	Dave Cardwell.....202	Scott Richardson.....78	Dave Fey..... 20
4) Holly Stowe..... 534	Wendy Kaplan..... 190	Ed Koolish.....70	Rick Reahard..... 20
5) Larry Strommen..... 530	Larry Deckel..... 160	John Brussel..... 60	Mike Marr..... 20
6) Jim Curtis..... 470	Peg Simsic..... 145	Bob Zavoral.....60	David Smith.....20
7) Gabe Stiasny.....450	Don Desmond..... 140	Joe Miller..... 48	Kevin Garrison..... 20
8) Butch Meese..... 418	Eric George..... 140	Randall Witt.....46	Cassie Curtis.....15
9) Woody Woodworth..388	Frank Frigo.....128	Jon Stephens.....40	Stu Whitcomb.....10
10) Kevin McLeaster.... 386	Jeff Baker..... 128	Bill Julian..... 40	Philip Degen.....10
Terry Kuchenbrod... 376	Judy McHale..... 124	Tom Helt..... 38	June Werner.....10
Mary Ann Meese.....340	Dean Adamian.... 120	Bill Hodes.....36	Donna Susens..... 10
John O'Hagan..... 288	Reggie Porter..... 112	Marge Lewandowski. 34	Stan Gurvitz..... 10
Stu Sherman..... 254	Jan Gurvitz..... 105	Greg Varbanov.....32	Shimi Dadon.....10
Mick Dobratz..... 232	Gino Agresti..... 100	Dennis Schulte..... 30	Lara Simsic..... 5

Open 1st	<u>May 7th</u> Ken Bruck	<u>May 14th</u> Butch Meese	<u>May 21st</u> Don Woods	<u>May 28th</u> Chuck Stimming
2nd	Chuck Stimming	Kevin McLeaster	Holly Stowe	Mick Dobratz
2nd	Butch Meese	Chuck Stimming	Chuck Stimming	Don Woods

**BACKGAMMON Schedule - Information and entry forms available thru HBC.**

Jun 17-21.. Las Vegas Open Backgammon Tournament, Sands, Las Vegas..... (708) 470-9491  
**June 28th..Summer One-Day Tournament, SPATS, Indianapolis..... HBC Hotline**  
 Jul 24-26 ...Michigan Summer Backgammon Championships, Holidome, Flint MI.....(313) 232-9731  
 Aug 3-9..... World Cup III & U.S. Open, Dallas, TX.....(617) 641-2091  
**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



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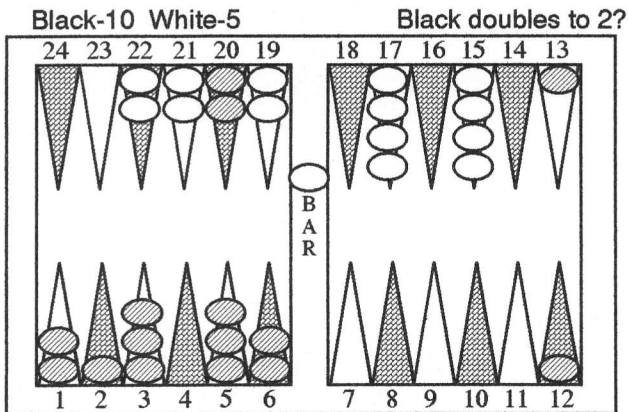
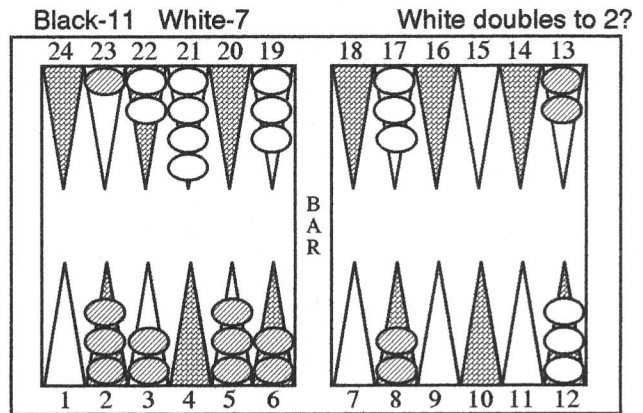
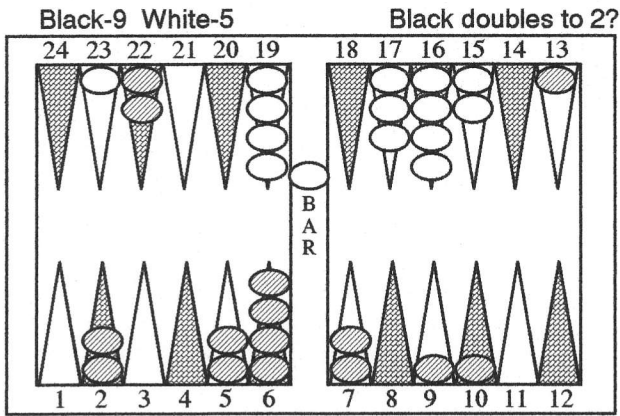
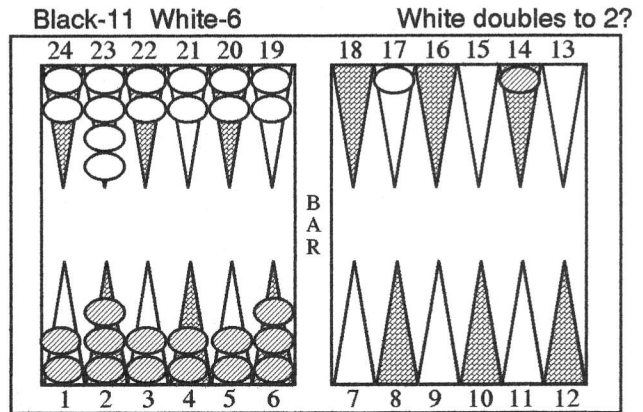
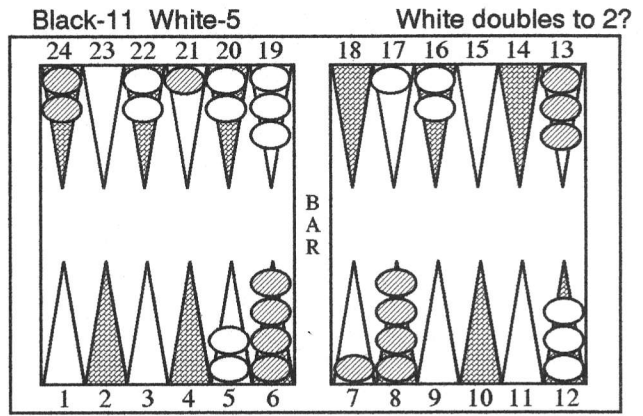
**Masters' Invitational**  
**Nack Ballard vs Bill Robertie**  
 21 Point Match

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(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, 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**  
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 21 Point Match

Game 10

Nack Ballard - 9			Bill Robertie - 5		
	roll	played	roll	played	
1)	--	---	65	13	
2)	41	9 5	32	10 11	
3)	65	13	41	20x 10	
4)	33	22 5x <sup>2</sup> 10	42	23 9	
5)	52	8 <sup>F13</sup> 22	44	9 <sup>3</sup> 2	
6)	66	7 <sup>2</sup> 2x <sup>2</sup>	22	EF	
7)		dbl to 2?		pass	

Game 11

Nack Ballard - 10			Bill Robertie - 5		
	roll	played	roll	played	
1	54	8 20	42	4 <sup>2</sup>	
2	53	3 <sup>2</sup>	63	18 5x	
3	32	20x	52	18	
4	42	20 11	41	8	
5	51	5 <sup>F11</sup>	52	8 4	
6	51	8 5	61	18 3	
7	53	1 5	62	10	
8	31	1	33	10 <sup>3</sup> 3	
9	62	2 6	21	16 17x	
10	53	20 3	54	8	
11	44	9x-5 12	11	EF	
12		dbl to 2?		pass	

Game 12

Nack Ballard - 11			Bill Robertie - 5		
	roll	played	roll	played	
1)	51	8 5	44	20x <sup>2</sup> 9 <sup>2</sup>	
2)	21	23 7	33	5 <sup>2</sup> 3 <sup>2</sup>	
3)	52	8 21		dbl to 2?	
4)		pass			

Game 13

Nack Ballard - 11			Bill Robertie - 6		
	roll	played	roll	played	
1)	65	13	62	18 11	
2)	62	7x 11	32	22 <sup>2</sup>	
3)	65	7 8	21	11 5	
4)	42	20x-18	41	21 7x	
5)	53	22 1	31	3x 20	
6)	54	21 1	64	14x 3	
7)	33	EF	52	9 <sup>F14</sup> 4x	
8)	52	20 23	55	8 6 <sup>2</sup> 4	
9)	31	20 7	33	7 <sup>2</sup>	
10)	52	8 11	11	20 <sup>2</sup>	
11)	66	14 <sup>2</sup> 2 <sup>2</sup>	61	14x 7	
12)	65	14	61	14 5	
13)	31	5 <sup>2</sup>	51	2 5	
14)	51	9 6	51	2 6	
15)	32	4 <sup>2</sup>	51	1 7	
16)	61	3 <sup>2</sup>	51	1 <sup>F7</sup>	
17)	63	2 4	66	2 <sup>2</sup> <sup>F14(2)</sup>	
18)	53	6		dbl to 2?	
19)		pass			

Game 14

Nack Ballard - 11			Bill Robertie - 7		
	roll	played	roll	played	
1)	--	---	42	4 <sup>2</sup>	
2)	43	9 10	63	15x	
3)	62	23 18	52	8 <sup>F15</sup>	
4)	33	5 <sup>2</sup> 3 <sup>2</sup>	52	8 4	
5)	54	18 5	52	6 <sup>F13</sup>	
6)	63	2 <sup>2</sup>	43	4 21	
7)	21	4x-3	31	21	
8)	55	8 <sup>2</sup> <sup>F18(2)</sup>	64	11	
9)	54	15	61	10x-4	
10)	42	23 9	31	3 <sup>2</sup>	
11)	41	5 2		dbl to 2?	
12)		take	64	2x <sup>2</sup>	
13)	63	EF	53	8 10	
14)	52	20 6	21	10	
15)	31	10 12	42	6 8	
16)	22	4 <sup>2</sup> <sup>F10,6</sup>	22	6 <sup>4</sup>	
17)	53	15 5	42	0 <sup>2</sup>	
18)	62	6 13	63	0 <sup>2</sup>	
19)	41	8	63	0 <sup>2</sup>	
20)	55	3 0 <sup>3</sup>	31	3 5	
21)	54	0 <sup>2</sup>	63	0 <sup>2</sup>	
22)	63	0 <sup>2</sup>	31	0	
23)	65	0 1	42	0 <sup>2</sup>	
24)	65	0 <sup>2</sup>	65	0 <sup>2</sup>	
25)	22	0 <sup>3</sup> 1	63	game	

Nack Ballard - 13

Bill Robertie - 7

