

## 1992 Las Vegas Open

Bright lights, glitter and backgammon drew over 270 players to Las Vegas for the 1992 Las Vegas Open. Four Hoosiers joined the party. *Mary Ann Meese*, while on tournament staff, was able to find time to win a Slots tournament and \$1300. Congrats to all the winners listed below.

### Championship Division (113)

- 1st... Drew Giovanis (FL)
- 2nd... Saeed Karimi (TX)
- 3/4... Jim Hickey (GA)
- 3/4... Mike Horri (WA)
- 5/8... Farzan Garmroodi (CA)
- 5/8... Eduardo Robles Gil (MEX)
- 5/8... Joe Russel (CA)
- 5/8... Tom Zarrinam (CA)

#### Consolation

- 1st... Yamin Yamin (IL)
- 2nd... Doug Mayfield (CA)
- 3/4... Kenneth Frey (MEX)
- 3/4... Kit Woolsey (CA)

#### Last Chance

- 1st... Danny Mayfield (TX)
- 2nd... Chuck Giallanza (NV)

### Intermediate Division (126)

- 1st... Michael Ginat (CO)
- 2nd... Richard Armbruster (CA)
- 3/4... Paul Albert (CA)
- 3/4... Emil Sepasy (WA)
- 5/8... Herb Avram (MD)
- 5/8... Ron Bruns (CA)
- 5/8... Virginia Kouleyan (CA)
- 5/8... Phil Laak (CA)

#### Consolation

- 1st... Scott Cole (CA)
- 2nd... Veronica Mooney (AZ)
- 3/4... Fred Dardashti (CA)
- 3/4... Bryan T. Wiz (NV)

#### Last Chance

- 1st... Jim Wark (WA)
- 2nd... Kati Pratt (TX)

### Beginners Division (32)

- 1st... John Brooks (OK)
- 2nd... Jim Mason (CA)
- 3/4... Marleen Michaels (NV)
- 3/4... Katherine Willoughby (FL)

#### Consolation

- 1st... Les Newcomb (CA)
- 2nd... Ralph Rubalcava (AZ)

#### Last Chance

- 1st... John Michael Rohr (NV)
- 1st... Alkis Pappas (CA)

### \$40 Blitz (256)

- 1st... Al Demirjian (CA)

### \$20 Blitz (256)

- 1st... George Photias (CA)

### Doubles (64)

- 1st... Ray Fogerlund & Patrick Gibson (CA)
- 2nd... Trish Hegland (CA) & Al Levine (FL)
- 3/4... Ray Baker & Clarine (CA)
- 3/4... James Colen (NJ) & Walter Trice (MA)

### SANDS Super Jackpot

- 1st... Ami Tennenbaum (NJ)
- 2nd... Clement Palacci (NY)
- 3/4... Harvey Huie (TX)
- 3/4... Wilcox Snellings (CA)

### Interm Jackpot (32)

- 1st... Jim Allen (NV)
- 2nd... Paul Albert (CA)
- 3/4... Ray Baker (CA)
- 3/4... Diane Hoag (AZ)



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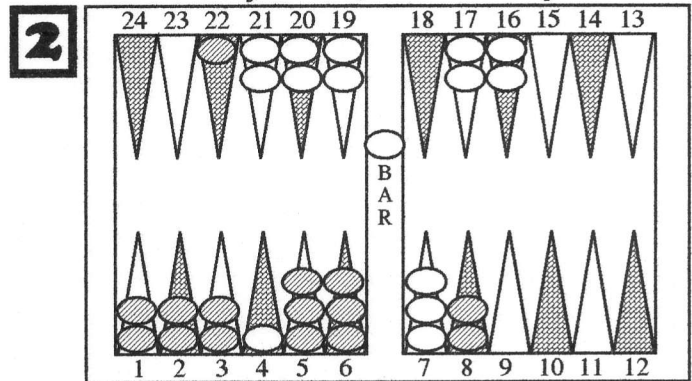
**WORLD CUP III  
and U. S. Open**

August 3-9, 1992  
Harvey's Bristol Suites Hotel  
Dallas, TX

Complete information:  
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Potomac, MD 20854

Kent Goulding (301) 299-8265  
Bill Robertie (617) 641-2091

### Money Game, Black to Play 4-2?



Answer in Next Month's Newsletter?

### HBC One-Day Summer Tournament - July 28, 1992

Open Division 1st.. Jim Curtis  
2nd.. Jeff Baker

Intermediate Division 1st.. Mary Ann Meese  
2nd.. Holly Stowe

**Hoosier Backgammon Club's Newsletter** for active HBC members and subscribers.

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**1992 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings as of June 30th.**  
**HBC Player of the Month for June is Jim Curtis with 210 gammon points.**

1) Chuck Stimming... 1002	Jeff Baker..... 206	Ralph Dietz..... 90	Dick Nelson..... 22
2) Ken Bruck..... 846	Brian Nelson..... 203	Walter Trice..... 87	David Smith..... 20
3) Don Woods..... 794	Dave Cardwell..... 202	Ed Koolish..... 70	Rick Reahard..... 20
4) Jim Curtis..... 680	Peg Simsic..... 195	Bob Zavoral..... 60	Mike Marr..... 20
5) Holly Stowe..... 676	Wendy Kaplan..... 190	Bill Julian..... 50	Kevin Garrison..... 20
6) Gabe Stiasny..... 620	Larry Deckel..... 160	Joe Miller..... 48	Jill F.-Brussel..... 20
7) Larry Strommen..... 618	Eric George..... 160	Randall Witt..... 46	Cassie Curtis..... 15
8) Butch Meese..... 508	Don Desmond..... 140	Jon Stephens..... 40	Shimi Dadon..... 10
9) Woody Woodworth... 504	John Brussel..... 138	Tom Helt..... 38	Stu Whitcomb..... 10
10) Mary Ann Meese..... 450	Judy McHale..... 134	Bill Hodes..... 36	June Werner..... 10
Kevin McLeaster..... 444	Frank Frigo..... 128	Marge Lewandowski. 34	Donna Susens..... 10
Terry Kuchenbrod... 396	Jan Gurvitz..... 125	Greg Varbanov..... 32	Stan Gurvitz..... 10
John O'Hagan..... 288	Dean Adamian..... 120	Dave Fey..... 30	Lara Simsic..... 5
Stu Sherman..... 254	Reggie Porter..... 112	Dennis Schulte..... 30	
Mick Dobratz..... 232	Gino Agresti..... 100	Philip Degen..... 30	
Cyrus Mobed..... 229	Scott Richardson... 98	Ellis Bray..... 24	

Open 1st	June 4th <i>Gabe Stiasny</i>	June 11th <i>Gabe Stiasny</i>	June 18th <i>Chuck Stimming</i>	June 25th <i>Jim Curtis</i>
2nd	<i>Chuck Stimming</i>	<i>Holly Stowe</i>	<i>Woody Woodworth</i>	<i>Woody Woodworth</i>
2nd	<i>Ken Bruck</i>	<i>Larry Strommen</i>	<i>Don Woods</i>	<i>Kevin McLeaster</i>

**National Labor Day  
Backgammon  
Tournament**



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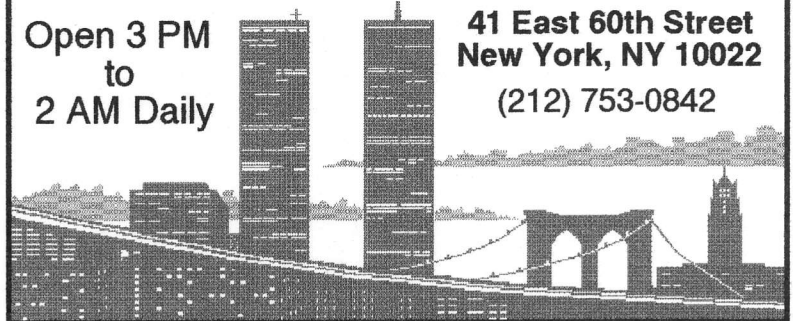
**September 4-7, 1992**

**Ace Point Backgammon Club**

Director: Michael Valentine

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to  
2 AM Daily

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**Hoosier Pips:** HBC will not play on Thursday, July 23rd with many local players heading for the **Michigan Summer Championships** where Mary Ann Meese, Dave Cardwell and Woody Woodworth will be on staff...Check out HBC's Margaret Roberts in the newest Hoosier Lottery commercial.

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

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
Aug 10-16... 19th Green Mountain Festival of Backgammon, Stratton Mt., VT.....	(305) 527-4033
<b>Sept 4-7..... 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-Castleton Square between J.C.Penneys & L.S.Ayres.....	842-3465

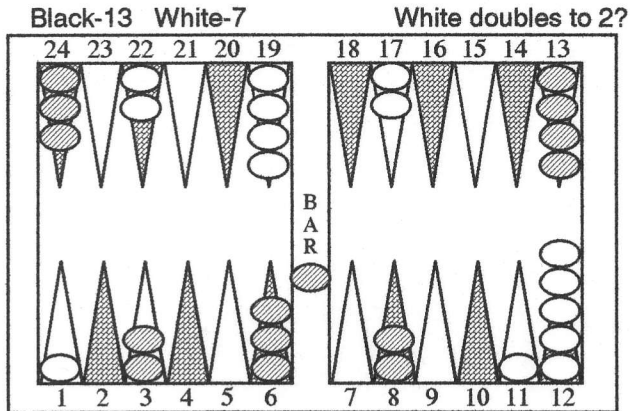
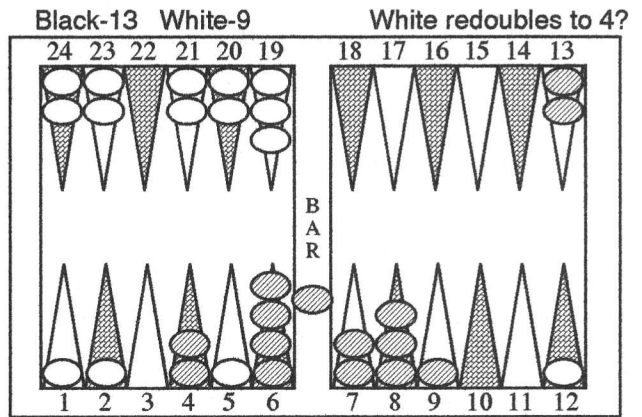
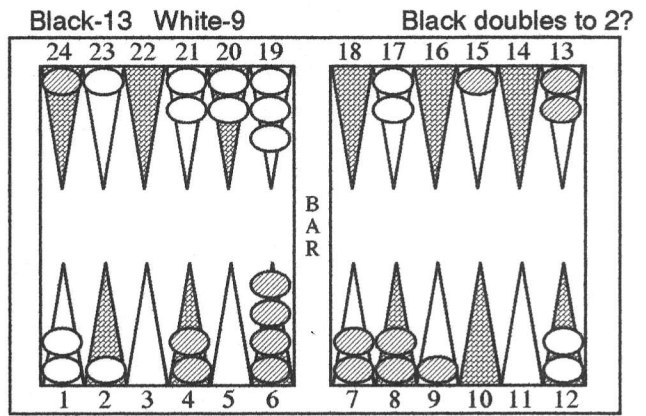
**Masters' Invitational  
Nack Ballard vs Bill Robertie  
21 Point Match**

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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america cup**

September 30  
to  
October 4, 1992



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**Don't miss the Battle of the States  
or the Parlay from Hell!**

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

Game 15

Nack Ballard - 13			Bill Robertie - 7		
	roll	played	roll	played	
1)	53	3 <sup>2</sup>	53	3 <sup>2</sup>	
2)	21	11 5	64	20x-14x	
3)	61	24 EF		dbl to 2?	
4)		take	32	11 <sup>2</sup>	
5)	64	21 18	44	4x <sup>2</sup> 7x 9	
6)	52	20 23	11	5x <sup>2</sup> 7	
7)	62	23 7	51	18x	
8)	21	23 7x	66	EF	
9)	11	4 <sup>F7</sup> 5	54	21x 8	
10)	53	EF	65	15 8	
11)	21	24 11	41	10 <sup>F15</sup> (No Hit)	
12)	52	4 <sup>F11</sup>	63	7 8	
13)	31	5 23	53	5 <sup>F10</sup> 4	
14)	43	9 10	42	4 3	
15)	52	4 8	44	4 <sup>2</sup> 3 <sup>2</sup>	
16)	51	18 7	52	0 3	
17)	44	2 <sup>F18</sup>	42	0 <sup>F6</sup>	
18)	32	20 5	52	4-0	
19)	43	19 2	21	2x <sup>2</sup>	
20)	44	EF	52	0 2	
21)	42	EF	53	0 <sup>2</sup>	
22)	31	24 17	11	2 <sup>2</sup> F4(2)	
23)	43	17	42	0 <sup>2</sup>	
24)	42	13 <sup>F19</sup>	52	0 <sup>2</sup>	
25)	44	16 9 <sup>F17</sup>	32	0 1x	
26)	21	24x 7	53	EF	
27)	65	7 11	21	24 NP	
28)	42	5	43	NP	
29)	33	8 2	31	1x NP	
30)	54	20 4	54	NP	
31)	65	9	62	NP	
32)	52	2 <sup>F9</sup>	62	NP	
33)	65	1x 2	51	24x NP	
34)	32	20	65	13	
35)	65	9	61	6	
36)	64	game			

Game 16

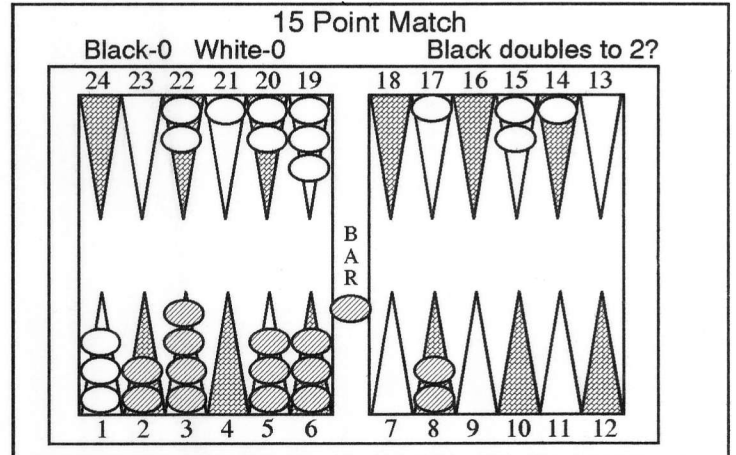
Nack Ballard - 13			Bill Robertie - 9		
	roll	played	roll	played	
1)	..	...	41	9 5	
2)	61	7 <sup>2</sup>	21	11 5	
3)	54	8 9	54	4 <sup>2</sup>	
4)	42	4 <sup>2</sup>	51	8 10	
5)	63	15x	62	23 2	
6)		dbl to 2?		take	
7)	43	8	41	20 1x	
8)	54	EF	66	1 2 <sup>2</sup>	
9)	62	EF		dbl to 4?	
10)		pass			

**Open Forum**

This space is provided for open discussion by the readers on the doubling positions presented in this newsletter.

Greetings!

I like the forum for readers to discuss doubling positions presented in the newsletter! Keep it going!



Here's my two cents worth for now. I refer to the analysis by Harold Branch in your May Newsletter.

Harold claims the rollouts suggest a take by 8%. I agree that a money take of this position is in order (according to Harold's rollouts), but disagree that it is a match take.

With a match score of 0-0 to 15, I think that the position (according to Harold's rollouts) is a marginal drop. Using MWP's (match winning percentage) from a table developed by Kit Woolsey and published in the March-April '92 issue of *Inside Backgammon*, I arrive at the following data:

Game Outcomes	Before Double		After Double				
Frequency	Score	MWP	Equity	Score	MWP	Equity	
Ws.... 83...	41.5%	1-0	54%	22.41%	2-1	58%	24.07%
Gs..... 3.....	1.5%	2-0	58%	0.87%	4-0	67%	1.01%
BGs..... 1.....	0.5%	3-0	62%	0.31%	6-0	76%	0.38%
Ls..... 55...	27.5%	0-1	46%	12.65%	0-2	42%	11.55%
LGs... 45...	22.5%	0-2	42%	9.45%	0-4	33%	7.43%
LBs... 13.....	6.5%	0-3	38%	2.47%	0-6	24%	1.56%
<b>Total Match Equity</b>			<b>48.16%</b>			<b>45.99%</b>	

I calculate that the receiver of the cube has a MWP of 48.19% before the double, 45.99% if he takes, but 46.00% if he drops. Obviously, 0.01% difference does not make a clear decision. My point is that the decision is NOT clear, as Harold claims it is.

Other match equity tables may yield different results, but I believe that the result of extending MWP's into a Total Match Equity will be very similar.

Lane O'Connor,  
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