

1992 Player of the Year: Don Woods

The race for the **1992 Player of the Year** was mainly a two player race with "Lucky" Chuck Stimming leading most of the year. Don Woods took over in November and held on to capture his second title in three years. Jim Curtis made a move towards the end of the year that was good enough to grasp second. Kevin McLeaster and Gabe Stiasny made the **TOP TEN** for the first time. **TOP TEN** trophies (engraved doubling cubes) will be awarded at the **Annual Awards Tournament** on February 7th at SPATS.

HBC 1992 TOP TEN	(Player of the Month)
1st...Don Woods	(2 Times)
2nd...Jim Curtis	(3 Times)
3rd...Chuck Stimming	(3 Times)
4th...Ken Bruck	(1 Time)
5th...Gabe Stiasny	(1 Time)
6th...Butch Meese	
7th...Holly Stowe	
8th...Larry Strommen	(1 Time)
9th...Kevin McLeaster	(1 Time)
10th...Mary Ann Meese	

Annual TOP TEN Awards Tournament

February 7th, SPATS in Castleton

2nd Annual Club Championship

The Club Championship rewards the top competitors from the past year. It will begin on January 7th and the format will be the same as last year. The **12 Players of the Month** start play in the round of 32. The **Top Ten** finishers start in the round of 16. Because players qualify for both **Player of the Month** and the **Top Ten**, the grid will be drawn in two stages. Matches will be played to 13 points at a time and place convenient to both players. The winner will receive \$200 cash and a personalized certificate.

Fall League Results

Open Division	1st	Chuck Stimming
	2nd	Larry Strommen
Advanced Division	1st	Scott Richardson
	2nd	Mary Ann Meese
Intermediate Division	1st	Tom Helt
	2nd	Jan Gurvitz
	3rd	June Werner

Season Greetings were received from Harold & Beulahmae Branch, Jill & John Brussel, Carol Joy Cole, Dennis & Jeanette Cupp, Bill Davis, Malcolm Davis, Ben Elliott, Jack & Salvø Jagan, Brian, Bev & Jay Nelson, Tony & Lynda Siegel, Trudie Stern and Wally & Gayle Wolfe



We would like to wish all of our backgammon friends and their families the very best for 1993.

New Years Backgammon Resolutions

- To always make correct cube decisions.
- To show good sportsmanship both as a loser or a winner.
- To listen to better players and learn from them.
- To help less experienced players.
- To be kind and patient with tournament staff and the staff will return the favor.
- To avoid the late fees and to be guaranteed a hotel room by registering early.
- To introduce friends to backgammon and restore its popularity.
- To offer constructive criticism to improve tournaments instead of avoiding them.

Hoosier Pips... Tom Helt cashed for the first time by finishing second on December 10th...Cassie Curtis is attending college in Florida, majoring in marine biology.



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

Subscription rate: \$10/year (Canada \$12 and oversea \$14). Let us know if your address changes.
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Final 1992 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings.
HBC Player of the Month for December is Don Woods with 176 gammon points.


1) Don Woods..... 1756	Stu Sherman..... 324	David Smith..... 80	Kevin Garrison..... 20
2) Jim Curtis..... 1516	Judy McHale..... 264	Richard Arbuster..... 80	Jill F.-Brussel..... 20
3) Chuck Stimming..... 1486	Mick Dobratz..... 262	Linc Bedell..... 80	Paul Franks..... 20
4) Ken Bruck..... 1326	Dave Cardwell..... 252	Ed Koolish..... 70	Joann Feinstein..... 20
5) Gabe Stiasny..... 1102	Scott Richardson..... 222	Jon Stephens..... 60	June Werner..... 20
6) Butch Meese..... 1018	Peg Simsic..... 210	Richard Heinz..... 60	Doug Roberts..... 20
7) Holly Stowe..... 998	Gino Agresti..... 188	Philip Degen..... 60	Frank Scott..... 20
8) Larry Strommen..... 896	Larry Deckel..... 160	Bob Zavoral..... 60	Steve Perlman..... 20
9) Kevin McLeaster..... 894	Don Desmond..... 140	Joe Miller..... 48	Sharon Baker..... 18
10) Mary Ann Meese..... 854	John Brussel..... 138	Randall Witt..... 46	Cassie Curtis..... 15
Woody Woodworth..... 832	Frank Frigo..... 128	Ellis Bray..... 44	Stan Gurvitz..... 15
Cyrus Mobed..... 617	Dean Adamian..... 120	Bill Hodes..... 36	Arlene Levy..... 10
Jeff Baker..... 470	Reggie Porter..... 112	Marge Lewandowski..... 34	Dennis Culpepper..... 10
Eric George..... 444	Bill Gheen..... 104	Greg Varbanov..... 32	Shimi Dadon..... 10
John O'Hagan..... 428	Bill Julian..... 100	Dennis Schulte..... 30	Kay Beck..... 10
Terry Kuchenbrod..... 396	Mike Marr..... 94	Dave Fey..... 30	Brent Bradshaw..... 10
Jan Gurvitz..... 395	Ralph Dietz..... 90	Art Overbay..... 30	Donna Susens..... 10
Wendy Kaplan..... 360	Walter Trice..... 87	Dick Nelson..... 22	Stu Whitcomb..... 10
Brian Nelson..... 358	Tom Helt..... 86	Rick Reahard..... 20	Lara Simsic..... 5

	December 3rd	December 10th	December 17th	December 24th	December 31st
1st	Jim Curtis	Ken Bruck	Jim Curtis	Merry	Happy
2nd	Don Woods	Tom Helt	Don Woods	Christmas	New
2nd	Mary Ann Meese	Don Woods	Mary Ann Meese		Year

41st INDIANA OPEN Backgammon Tournament

April 16-18, 1993

Omni North Hotel



National Labor Day Backgammon Tournament

Sept 3-7, 1993

Radisson Hotel

Indianapolis




BACKGAMMON Schedule

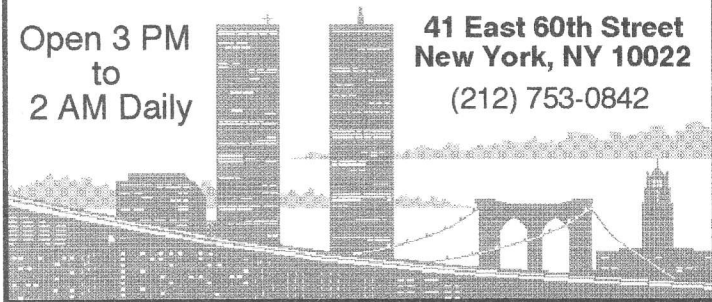
Jan 20-24...	10th Annual Nevada State Backgammon Tournament, SANDS, Las Vegas.....	(708) 470-9491
Feb 19-21...	15th Annual Pittsburgh Charity Backgammon Tournament, Greentree Marriott, Pitts....	(412) 823-7500
Mar 19-21...	Midwest Backgammon Championship, Marriott Oak Brook Hotel, Oak Brook, IL.....	(312) 338-6380
Apr 16-18...	41st INDIANA Open, Omni North Hotel, Indianapolis.....	HBC Hotline
Apr 30-May 2...	14th Granite State Open, Woodbound Inn, Jeffery, NH.....	(603) 863-4711
Jul 02-04....	Michigan Summer Championships, Novi Hilton, Novi, MI.....	(313) 232-9731
Sep 03-07..	National Labor Day Backgammon Tournament, Radisson Hotel, Indpls.....	HBC Hotline
Thursdays.....	7:00 PM at SPATS -Castleton Square between J.C.Penneys & L.S.Ayres.....	842-3465

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A Director's Reply

Dear Wendy, Mary Ann and Butch,

First, thanks for Wendy's wonderful report on our tournament.

Second, on behalf of the Advisory Council, the Committee, and Staff of the Illinois State Backgammon Championships and America Cup, I thank all players, supporters, and volunteers Stu Katz, Marty Sloan, and Linda Ring for making our party successful. Particularly, we are grateful to Bill Davis for his continual overall help and Kent Goulding for his multiple entries in every high stake event.

Third, here are some changes for next year. The Last Chance events will be part of the Championship and Advanced divisions without additional fees. The America Cup Byzantine auction/dinner will be held on Thursday. The Teams event will be replaced by the dreadful Doubles. MicroBlitz or MiniBlitz will be eliminated and variable jackpots will be held.

Fourth, Wendy misunderstood my indication that the tournament was more suitable for championship level players. I did not mean we cater less for intermediate players. I apologize if this is the impression I gave. With variable jackpots, free last chance, and other activities we hope intermediate players also will be satisfied.

Cordially Yours,
(signed) Yamin Yamin

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1993 MIDWEST BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIPS

10th Anniversary Edition

19-21 March 1993
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Oak Brook, Illinois

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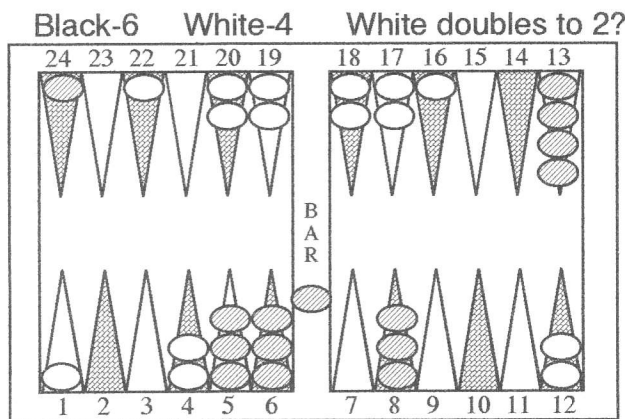
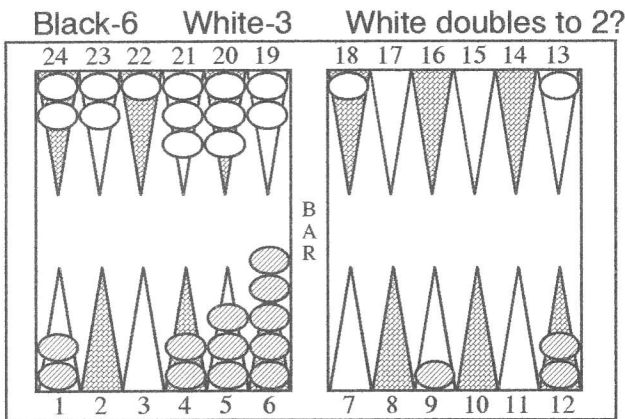
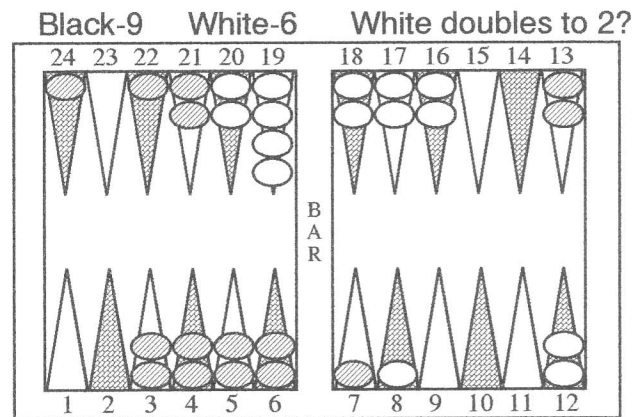
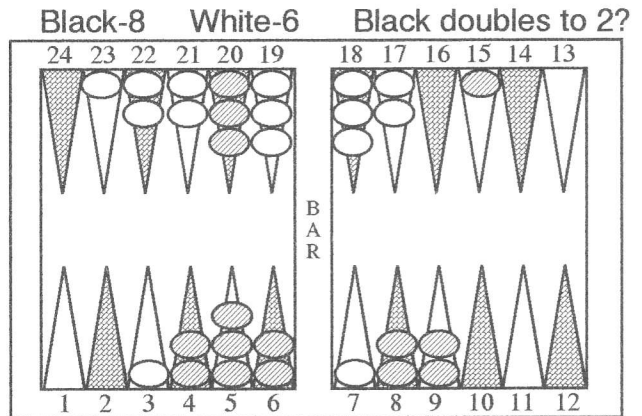
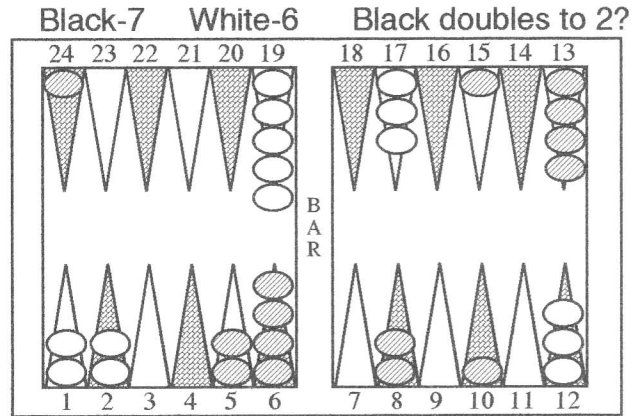
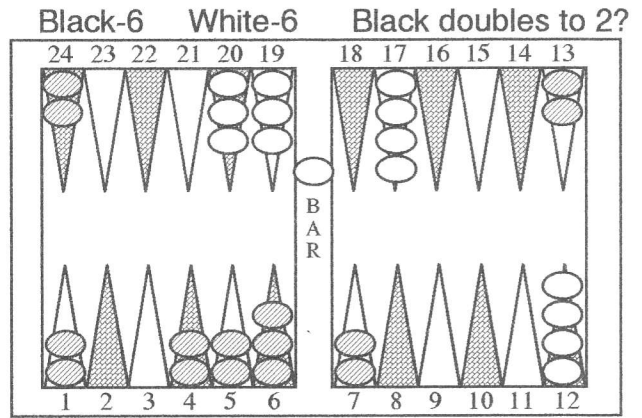
**SANDS Super Jackpot
Wilcox Snellings vs Joe Russell
17 Point Match**

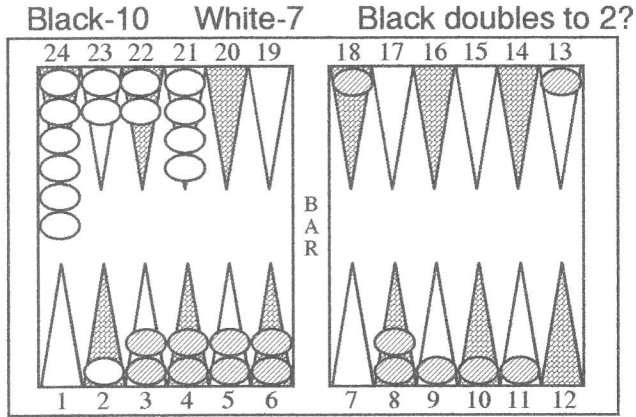
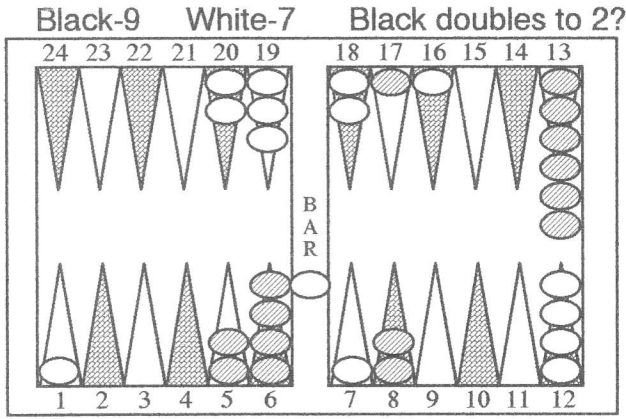
The **HBC Newsletter** presents a 17-point match between **Wilcox Snellings** and **Joe Russell** from the **SANDS Super Jackpot, Las Vegas Open, June 1992**.

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, **Wilcox** is the dark checkers and **Joe** the light. The positions are shown from Wilcox's side of the board; study them first before going through the games.





SANDS Super Jackpot
Wilcox Snellings vs Joe Russell
 17 Point Match

Game 9

Wilcox Snellings - 6		Joe Russell - 3	
roll	played	roll	played
1)	21	11	5
2)	11	23 ²	
3)	52	18	11
4)	63	22	EF
5)	62	23x	18
6)	52	18x	
7)	22	21 ²	22
8)	31	21	
9)	11	5 ²	11
10)	61	16x	12x
11)	66	15	10 ²
12)	33	5 ^{F11}	10 12
13)	65	15	16
14)	54	11 ²	
15)	21	6	4
16)	65	5	6
17)	54	1 ²	
18)	51	4	
19)	32	5	6
20)	41	6	9
21)		pass	

Open Forum
 Do you find any doubling positions or plays presented in the match interesting? Your comments are welcomed. Prefer write-ups on DOS disk.

Game 10

Wilcox Snellings - 6		Joe Russell - 4	
roll	played	roll	played
1)	..	41	9 5
2)	64	20x-14	21 5
3)	33	5 ^{2F11,8}	7 5
4)	21	4x	5
5)	53	22	8
6)	55	EF	
7)		take	41
8)	63	EF	52
9)	32	23	10
10)	11	24	10x
11)	32	21 ²	64
12)	62	23	7
13)	41	9	23
14)	44	21	4x ² 3
15)	43	21	5
16)	53	1	3
17)	51	1	4
18)	64	1	NP
19)	61	15x	3
20)	31	11	
21)	21	8	
22)	43	4	2
23)	54	1	NP
24)	54	12	
25)	11	10	2
26)	44	2	NP
27)	66	9 ²	
28)	31	5	
29)	65	12	
30)	61	5	
31)	41	21	8
32)	52	16	6
33)	44	game	

Game 11

Wilcox Snellings - 6		Joe Russell - 6	
roll	played	roll	played
1)	..	21	11 5
2)	61	7 ²	61
3)	31	5 ²	63
4)	31	10x	5
5)	64	4 ²	64
6)	44	1x ²	44
7)		double to 2?	pass

Game 12

Wilcox Snellings - 7			Joe Russell - 6	
	roll	played	roll	played
1)	43	20 10
2)	31	5x ²	62	23 7
3)	33	18x-15x 10	21	23 24
4)		double to 2?		pass

Game 13

Wilcox Snellings - 8			Joe Russell - 6	
	roll	played	roll	played
1)	52	8 11	22	4 ² 11 22
2)	11	5 ² 7 ²	53	3 ²
3)	33	4 ² 3x 10	32	22x ²
4)	54	20 ²	62	14x
5)	32	20	64	7 ²
6)	21	11x 23	55	EF
7)	31	9 ^{F13}	21	22
8)	42	6 ^{F10} 9	42	7
9)	53	15 ^{F23}	31	10x 6
10)	21	23 5	22	7 8
11)	53	15 ^{F23}	64	2 ^{F8} 18
12)		double to 2?		pass

Game 14

Wilcox Snellings - 9			Joe Russell - 6	
	roll	played	roll	played
1)	21	11 5
2)	53	3 ²	32	5 9
3)	33	21 ² 5 ²	62	7 ²
4)	61	7 5	65	18x-13
5)	41	24 9	22	9 ²
6)	11	4 ² 8	61	17x
7)	63	22 7		double to 2?
8)		pass		

Game 15

Wilcox Snellings - 9			Joe Russell - 7	
	roll	played	roll	played
1)	65	13	64	18 9
2)	31	5 ²	11	5 ² 7 ²
3)	61	17x	65	EF
4)		double to 2?		pass

Game 16

Wilcox Snellings - 10			Joe Russell - 7	
	roll	played	roll	played
1)	32	10 11	42	4 ²
2)	65	5 ²	41	9 5
3)	54	20x-15	43	21 10x
4)	61	18	52	1x 7x
5)	62	23 EF	53	8 21
6)	33	22 5 3 ²	54	3x ²
7)	66	EF	43	1
8)	64	EF	22	2x ² 9
9)	21	EF	66	7 9 15
10)	66	EF	62	7 ^{F15}
11)	31	EF	63	4 ²
12)	41	EF	55	4 ² 3 2
13)	42	EF	22	2 ² F ⁶⁽²⁾
14)	53	20 EF	42	1 NP
15)	53	20 10	11	23 1 ³
16)	21	4 ²	54	14
17)	62	11x 14	54	EF
18)	52	9 ^{F14} 18	22	23 NP
19)		double to 2?		pass



**A
Backgammon
Oddity**

Why do some players have more difficulty with weaker players than players of equal or better skills?

Do you have any oddities that you would like to share with us?

HBC Offers Reprints of Matches

HBC has been presenting quality matches of the top players for over 3 years. Some new subscribers have missed some matches. Each match is complete with doubling positions. The available matches are listed below. Domestic orders add \$1.00 for postage. Overseas orders add \$1.00 plus 50¢ per match for postage.

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Jack Kissane vs Kent Goulding	4th Nevada State	9 Points	12	\$1.50
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