

**Hoosier
Backgammon
Club**



February 1993

**Special Day of Backgammon Offered
for New Players & 4-Player
Knock-Outs Available for All Others**

Sunday, February 21st, at SPATS in Castleton.

In an effort to introduce new players to backgammon, HBC is sending invitations to new players for A Special Day of Backgammon on Sunday, February 21st at SPATS. Knock-outs for the experienced players will be available with entry fees from \$5 to \$50. Play starts at noon.

1993 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB
Gammon Point Standings as of January, 1992
HBC Player of the Month for January
is **Mary Ann Meese** with 112 Gammon Points.

1) Mary Ann Meese.....112	Larry Strommen.....70
2) Kevin McLeaster..... 110	Gabe Stiasny.....60
2) Butch Meese..... 110	Ellis Bray.....58
4) Cyrus Mobed..... 94	Mike Marr.....50
4) Don Woods.....94	Jan Gurvitz..... 30
6) Steve Perlman..... 84	Tom Hendryx.....20
7) Ken Bruck.....80	Jim Curtis.....20
7) Woody Woodworth.... 80	Bill Gheen.....20
9) Bill Julian..... 74	Eric George..... 10
10) Chuck Stimming..... 72	Tom Helt..... 10

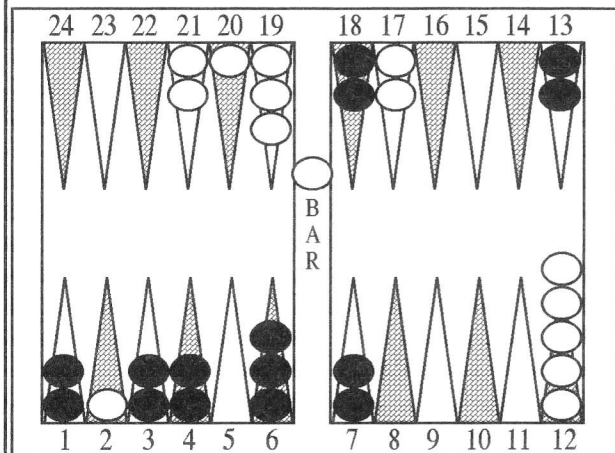
**Two HBC Players Cash in
Nevada State Championships**

A total of 307 players competed in the Nevada State Championships. Rick Reahard won the Doubles with partner Carol Joy Cole (Flint, MI). Butch Meese finished tied for 5th in the Intermediate Main. Wendy Kaplan and David Smith also attended, and Mary Ann Meese was on staff.

Hoosier Pips... Steve Perlman cashed for the first time by finishing second on January 28th...Two proud dads definitely have bragging rights. 1) Kevin McLeaster announced the birth of Molly Grace McLeaster on January 11th. Kevin reports mother and baby are doing fine but the night feeding routine is a new experience. 2) George Crawford's son, Loren, is one of 25 boys in the country chosen to try out for a national youth soccer team. He will be traveling to San Diego in late February and if he makes the 18-member team, he will be going to France in April. Congratulations and Good Luck, Loren!...Condolences to Cyrus Mobed on the loss of his mother.

Intermediate Pointer

7 Point Match, Crawford Game
Black-5 White-6, Black to Play 5-1?



Starting with this issue we will feature an **Intermediate Pointer Problem**. This problem comes from weekly play between two intermediate players.

Black has the opportunity to gammon White for the needed two points to win the match. In backgammon, as in life, you must sometimes take chances. Black must hit here and put White's second checker back on the bar. Some intermediates would play safe by moving the one to the one-point. Black has a better chance for the gammon if (s)he closes White out, so leaving the blot in the home board is the chance Black must take. Even if hit, Black could pick up White's checker on the 20-point increasing the gammon chances. So what does Black do with the one? The obvious play is to move from the 7 to 6 point. But the correct play is to move the one from the 3 to the 2-point. This gives Black 8 more (17 versus 25) cover numbers if White does not hit.

Submit an **Intermediate Pointer** Write-up and if it is selected for publication in the newsletter, you received a free weekly play.

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 HBC Rating From 1992

Name	Rating (High-Low)	Expr	W-L	(%Win)
1) Jim Curtis.....	1866 (1876-1581)	1502	118-76	(60.8%)
2) Chuck Stimming.....	1857 (2028-1797)	1539	133-70	(65.5%)
3) Don Woods.....	1845 (1847-1659)	1639	128-93	(57.9%)
4) Ken Bruck.....	1800 (1827-1667)	1034	86-58	(59.7%)
5) Jeff Baker.....	1790 (1824-1727)	486	34-24	(58.6%)
6) Wendy Kaplan.....	1774 (1795-1704)	501	35-26	(57.4%)
7) Dave Cardwell.....	1732 (1751-1671)	182	17-9	(65.4%)
8) Mick Dobratz.....	1714 (1783-1674)	461	30-29	(50.8%)
9) Butch Meese.....	1682 (1910-1570)	1575	99-108	(47.8%)
10) Mike Norman.....	1666 (1666-1666)	0	0-0	(0.0%)
11) David Smith.....	1653 (1692-1653)	27	1-2	(33.3%)
12) Terry Kuchenbrod.....	1631 (1650-1559)	139	10-7	(58.8%)
13) Bill Hodes.....	1606 (1656-1576)	189	10-11	(47.6%)
14) Holly Stowe.....	1593 (1712-1505)	980	73-61	(54.5%)
15) Tom Helt.....	1585 (1591-1558)	238	21-13	(61.8%)
16) Scott Richardson.....	1582 (1582-1376)	641	37-40	(48.1%)
17) Mary Ann Meese.....	1578 (1610-1385)	1236	81-88	(47.9%)
18) Larry Strommen.....	1569 (1712-1557)	1559	100-107	(48.3%)
19) Woody Woodworth.....	1566 (1625-1460)	1217	81-87	(48.2%)
20) Gino Agresti.....	1562 (1603-1545)	259	18-19	(48.6%)
21) Bob Goodlett.....	1555 (1555-1555)	0	0-0	(0.0%)
22) Eric George.....	1547 (1609-1480)	476	35-33	(51.5%)
23) Bill Gheen.....	1523 (1534-1483)	85	6-5	(54.5%)
24) Ellis Bray.....	1521 (1654-1469)	450	22-28	(44.0%)
25) Sharon Lennon.....	1507 (1507-1507)	0	0-0	(0.0%)
26) Kevin Mcleaster.....	1497 (1584-1370)	917	66-65	(50.4%)
27) Gabe Stiasny.....	1493 (1668-1417)	1136	80-76	(51.3%)
28) Rick Reahard.....	1489 (1517-1489)	42	2-4	(33.3%)
29) George Crawford.....	1485 (1485-1390)	419	17-30	(36.2%)
30) Monte Bowman.....	1474 (1474-1474)	0	0-0	(0.0%)
31) Mark Mikolon.....	1439 (1439-1439)	0	0-0	(0.0%)
32) Cyrus Mobed.....	1429 (1486-1352)	862	55-69	(44.4%)
33) June Werner.....	1429 (1446-1395)	265	19-20	(48.7%)
34) Philip Degen.....	1427 (1518-1337)	325	19-20	(48.7%)
35) Preston Breunig.....	1423 (1455-1423)	224	5-16	(23.8%)
36) Judy Mchale.....	1422 (1506-1375)	336	21-27	(43.8%)
37) Frank Scott.....	1399 (1578-1399)	237	8-19	(29.6%)
38) Stu Sherman.....	1395 (1495-1337)	315	23-22	(51.1%)
39) Brian Nelson.....	1384 (1436-1344)	416	27-33	(45.0%)
40) Glenn Theobald.....	1373 (1373-1373)	0	0-0	(0.0%)
41) John Cinatl.....	1326 (1326-1326)	0	0-0	(0.0%)
42) Jim Knauer.....	1318 (1318-1318)	0	0-0	(0.0%)
43) Kay Beck.....	1315 (1333-1315)	21	1-2	(33.3%)
44) Jan Gurvitz.....	1260 (1337-1190)	951	44-93	(32.1%)
45) Bill Julian.....	1242 (1322-1207)	224	10-22	(31.2%)
46) Peg Simsic.....	1233 (1273-1157)	530	31-45	(40.8%)
47) Cyndy White.....	1164 (1164-1164)	0	0-0	(0.0%)

	January 7th	January 14th	January 21st	January 28th
1st	Kevin McLeaster	Ken Bruck	Woody Woodworth	Butch Meese
2nd	Bill Julian	Don Woods	Chuck Stimming	Steve Periman
2nd	Mary Ann Meese	Cyrus Mobed	Ellis Bray	Mary Ann Meese

Earn Free Play

You can earn a free weekly play by introducing a new player to HBC. If the new player becomes a HBC member, you will earn a free weekly play.

1992 PERFORMANCE RATINGS TRIVIA

1. Chuck Stimming extended the **All-Time Highest Rating** to 2028.
2. Chuck also won the most matches - 133. Butch finished second in more matches than anyone else - 108.
3. Don Woods had the most experience points: 1639 from 221 matches.
4. Chuck (who is this guy) also had the highest match winning percentage of 65.5% (50 matches minimum). This is the same winning percentage that led the club last year. Sorry Larry, you didn't win 50% of your matches in 1992.
5. The **Stability Awards** go to Wendy Kaplan, Brian Nelson (2nd year in a row), and Jeff Baker. Their ratings only varied by 91, 92, and 97 points respectively throughout the year (50 matches minimum).
6. The **Roller Coaster Awards** go to Butch Meese (2nd year in a row), Jim Curtis (2nd year in a row), and Gabe Stiasny. Their ratings varied 340, 290, and 251 points respectively throughout the year (50 matches minimum).
7. The **Upset Awards** go to:

Peg Simsic during Thursday Night Play: Peg over Chuck Stimming on 5/21/92 for a 23 point swing. Peg also won against Ken Bruck and Butch Meese on the same night, these two matches were the 9th and 10th largest Thursday night upsets of the year. Go get 'em Peg.

George Crawford during league play: George over Chuck Stimming on 10/28/92. One 9-point match for a 28 point swing.

Philip Degen during Intermediate League play: Philip over Holly Stowe on 10/3/92 three 9-point matches for a 60 point rating swing.

Butch Meese during Open League play: Butch over Chuck Stimming on 11/1/92 three 9-point matches for a 69 point rating swing.

Don Woods

HBC thanks Don Woods for his contribution in maintaining the rating list. He does a very fine job and the rating list is a welcome addition to the club atmosphere.