

 Hoosier  
Backgammon  
Club

April 1994



## She Wins

"A Very Mary Final"  
1994 Midwest Championships

If it's spring, it must be time for the **Midwest Backgammon Championships**. Six HBC members, Wendy Kaplan, Mary Ann Meese, Butch Meese, Scott Richardson, Dragan Stevanovic and Larry Strommen traveled to Chicago for the 11th edition of the event. Larry has attended all 11 Midwest Championships.

Scott Richardson was undefeated in the main flight of the overflow Open Division double-elimination format before losing twice against Ed Bauder (Peoria, IL) to finish 2nd.

But the BIG win of the weekend belongs to **Mary Ann Meese**, who won the Advanced Division. Although a strong field, Mary Ann had a slightly easy draw, but that does not mean all the matches were a breeze. In the first round against John Stryker, she trailed 4-8 Crawford in a 9-point match. She kept reminding herself never give up and she triumphed by winning the next 3 games. In round 2, she was down 5-7 when early in the next game, her opponent doubled. She saw this was an easy take and redoubled for the match and on to round 3. Looking back, she considers round 3 victory against Kevin Muench 9-7 Saturday's toughest match. Saturday ended playing for the money against Cliff Mayou. Cliff led 6-3 to 9 when she started her march. She won 3 one-point games and a 4-point game to be guaranteed money. Three or four years ago, she was in the same position winning her first 4 matches. Then, she and her opponent played Saturday evening after a long day and lost. Not this time! She waited until Sunday and, oh, what a difference. In the semifinals, she won 11-0 in 6 games against Marc Gray.

In the 13-point final, Mary Franks led 6-2 after 6 games. From that point, Mary Ann put on her competitive face. She won a double-drop, double-gammon, no double-gammon, double-

drop, no double-gammon and Crawford to win 13-6 and her first tournament win since early 1980 in Louisville. Way to go!

**Hoosier Pips:** HBC welcomes new player, Angie Jones.

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*Fix* on Your Time!

## FreeTime Knock-Out

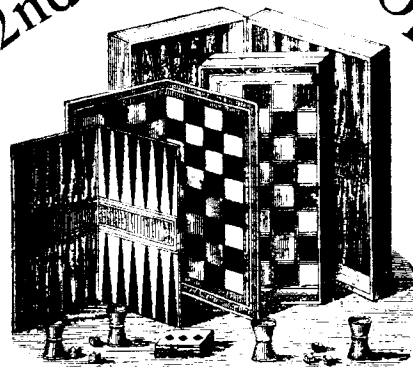
**Mick Dobratz** won the Open Knock-Out over **Chuck Stimming** 13-11 in 18 games.

**Bill Hodes** won the Advanced Knock-Out over **Woody Woodworth** 11-9 in 11 games.

We are taking sign-ups for the next session.  
Deadline for sign-up is April 25th.

Open Division...\$50  
Advanced Division...\$20

## 42nd INDIANA Open



July 29-31, 1994

at  
**Radisson Hotel**  
Keystone at the Crossing

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**1994 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings.**  
**HBC Player of the Month for March is Butch Meese with 212 gammon points.**

1) Chuck Stimming.....698	Kevin McLeaster.....132	Frank Scott.....32
2) Butch Meese.....654	Scott Richardson.....77	Wendy Kaplan.....30
3) Don Woods.....532	Craig Hampton.....68	J.A. Miller.....20
4) Ellis Bray.....390	Rick Reahard.....60	Jeff Baker.....20
5) Larry Strommen.....354	Mick Dobratz.....57	Dave Cardwell.....20
6) Mary Ann Meese.....250	Cyrus Mobed.....50	Krystal Shaffer.....10
7) Dragan Stevanovic...207	Alan Haas.....50	Stu Sherman.....10
8) Jan Gurvitz.....176	Bill Julian.....48	Angie Jones.....10
9) Neil Ezell.....168	Chuck Bower.....40	
10) Woody Woodworth...152	Jim Curtis.....40	

<u>March 3rd</u>	<u>March 10th</u>	<u>March 17th</u>	<u>March 24th</u>	<u>March 31st</u>
1st <i>Rick Reahard</i>	<i>Butch Meese</i>	<i>Mary Ann Meese</i>	<i>Chuck Stimming</i>	<i>Dragan Stevanovic</i>
2nd <i>Ellis Bray</i>	<i>Craig Hampton</i>	<i>Ellis Bray</i>	<i>Woody Woodworth</i>	<i>Butch Meese</i>
2nd <i>Woody Woodworth</i>	<i>Don Woods</i>	<i>Don Woods</i>	<i>Butch Meese</i>	---

**7 Point Match      2 Cube Action Problems?**

White - 0  
 Black - 0      Proper cube action?

White - 0  
 Black - 3      Proper cube action?

*Answer next issue!*

**Backgammon Tournament Schedule**

Apr 22-24...	15th Annual Granite State Open & NE Team, Woodbound Inn, NH.....	(603) 863-4711
Apr 27-May 1..	3rd Tournament of the Americas, Cariari Hotel, San José, Costa Rica.....	(312) 252-7755
May 27-30..	15th Chicago Open, Sheraton Suites Hotel, Elk Grove Village, IL.....	(708) 674-0120
July 1-4.....	Michigan Summer Championships, Novi Hilton, Novi, MI.....	(810) 232-9731
July 29-31..	<b>42nd INDIANA Open</b> , Radisson Hotel, Indianapolis.....	(317) 845-8435
Sep 5-10....	World Cup IV, Harvey's Addison Hotel, Dallas.....	(301) 299-8264
Thursdays...	7:00 PM at <b>SPATS</b> (842-3465) Castleton Square between J.C.Penneys & L.S.Ayres.....	845-8435