 Hoosier
Backgammon
Club

October 1994

To Move or Not to Move?

Is it true that people resist change? We were asked in late August to leave SPATS. We did find another location but it meant moving to Monday evenings. We met the new manager at SPATS on September 22nd. He asked why we were leaving and when told, he asked us to stay. Players quickly expressed a desire to remain at SPATS and on Thursdays. Therefore, play on Thursdays will remain at SPATS. We also ran the first Monday evening as announced at Woodland Bowl. We will continue to play the first Monday of every month at Woodland Bowl. Fifteen players took part in October...results at the bottom of next column. Join us on Monday, November 7th.

Get your **Backgammon**
Fix on Your Time!

FreeTime
Knock-Out

Results: Open Division
Mick Dobratz over **Wendy Kaplan**
13-10 in 15 games.

We are taking sign-ups for the
next session. Deadline is October 31st.
New: Best 2-of-3 9-point matches.

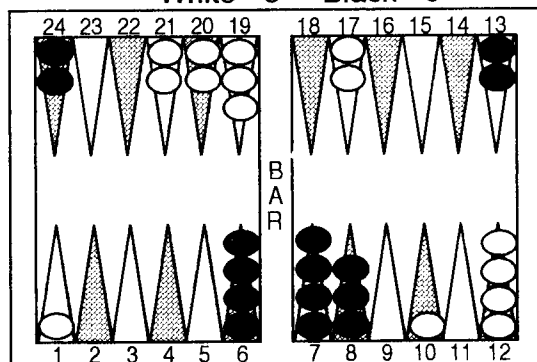
Open Division...\$50
Advanced Division...\$20

Gammon Points for
Player of the Year Awarded
90% Return.

Intermediate Pointer

7-Point Match

White - 5 Black - 0



Black is facing a better opponent and is behind. Black has not played poorly but still finds himself behind. Sometimes players push the panic button when in this situation, grabbing at anything that might turn the tide. But this strategy usually does not work. In this position, Black has a 2-1 to play.

Black hit the checker on the 10-point. Making the 5-point is clearly better. First, the hitting play exposes 2 blots in which one of them gets hit with 12 numbers and any hit puts Black in a hopeless position. A good rule when hitting is to have an equal home board. Black only has a 1-point home board versus White's 3-point home board.

Making the 5-point makes a 4-point prime and 4-point primes can win games. You can't make a 5-point prime without making a 4-point prime first. White surely does not want 2 checkers behind a 4- or 5-point prime, so White will most likely be moving the blot on the 10-point on his next move. You can win with only one checker primed.

Monday, October 3rd
McGreevy's Hop (Woodland Bowl)

1st..... Cyrus Moberd
2nd..... Woody Woodworth
2nd..... Kevin McLeaster

Join us Monday, November 7th
at **McGreevy's Hop (Woodland Bowl)**
7:00 PM

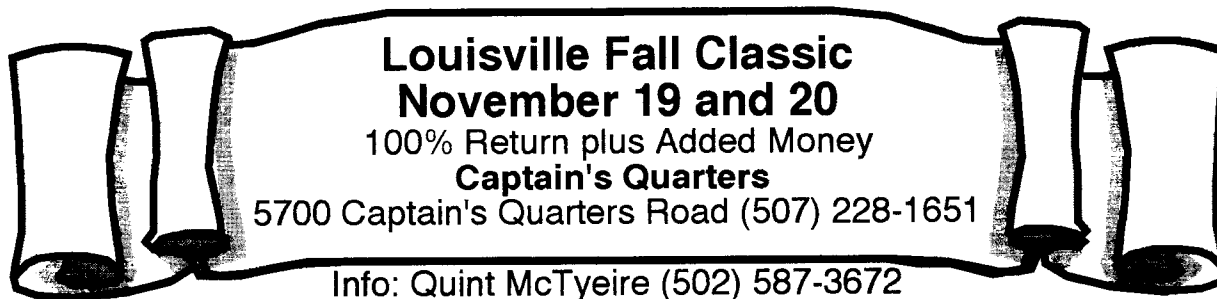
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1994 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings.
HBC Player of the Month for September is Woody Woodworth with 250 gammon points.

1) Chuck Stimming.....1682	Bill Gheen.....209	Dr. Bob Hill.....84	Dave Groner.....30
2) Butch Meese.....1357	Bill Julian.....205	Scott Richardson.....77	John O'Hagan.....20
3) Don Woods.....1219	John Brussel.....200	Lara Simsic.....72	Jeff Baker.....20
4) Ellis Bray.....1148	Brian Nelson.....160	Ed Pavilonis.....70	Jim Dooling.....20
5) Woody Woodworth.....814	Richard Heinz.....145	Rick Bieniak.....70	Donna Susens.....20
6) Jim Curtis.....645	Jon Stephens.....140	Craig Hampton.....68	Gino Agresti.....20
7) Larry Strommen.....636	Sean Garber.....140	David Smith.....64	Lou Ramer.....20
8) Jan Gurvitz.....621	Steve Perlman.....138	Gabe Stiasny.....60	J.A. Miller.....20
9) Cyrus Mobed.....588	Al Faller.....128	Lance Jenkins.....60	Marta Hilworth.....16
10) Mary Ann Meese.....518	Jon Vietor.....120	Stu Sherman.....60	John Klotz.....10
Neil Ezell.....412	Chuck Bower.....118	Alan Tavel.....50	Bob Cassell.....10
Alan Haas.....282	Marilyn Faller.....110	Andy Palumbo.....42	Jamie Curtis.....10
Mick Dobratz.....277	Rick Reahard.....90	Wendy Kaplan.....40	Krystal Shaffer.....10
Dragan Stevanovic.....237	Bill Hodes.....88	Frank Scott.....32	Angie Jones.....10
Kevin McLeaster.....212	Dave Cardwell.....84	Jill Ferdinand.....30	Peg Simsic.....10

	<u>September 1st</u>	<u>September 8th</u>	<u>September 15th</u>	<u>September 22nd</u>	<u>September 29th</u>
1st	Woody Woodworth	Jan Gurvitz	Don Woods	Ellis Bray	Chuck Stimming
2nd	Chuck Stimming	Don Woods	Woody Woodworth	Don Woods	Ellis Bray
2nd	Cyrus Mobed	---	Ellis Bray	Woody Woodworth	Woody Woodworth



Louisville Fall Classic
November 19 and 20
 100% Return plus Added Money
Captain's Quarters
 5700 Captain's Quarters Road (507) 228-1651
 Info: Quint McTyeire (502) 587-3672

The entry fee will be \$25. Re-entries will be allowed to fill a 32-player bracket. The fee for re-entries for each person will be \$20, \$15, \$10, \$5 and \$0 in order to fill bracket. (Note: if the tournament starts with 24 players, most players will only get 1 or 2 chances to re-enter). Pre - registration is encouraged and registration DOT begins at 10:00 AM. Play begins at 11:00 AM.

Format: Single elimination with consolation. A minimum of 4 rounds will be held on Saturday to ensure that only a few participants need to return on Sunday. Match length will be 9-points on Saturday and 11-points on Sunday.

The **Louisville Backgammon Club** will add \$200 to each tournament prize pool. The prize will be divided as follows: 1st...40% 2nd...20%, and the two consolation finalists will also receive 20% each.

If sufficient interest exists, an Intermediate Division will be run with a \$25 entry fee, but probably without re-entries.

Backgammon Tournament Schedule

Thursdays... 7:00 PM at **SPATS** (842-3465) Castleton Square between J.C.Penneys & L.S.Ayres.....845-8435
 Monday, November 7th..... McGreevy's Hop (Woodland Bowl) 96th & Keystone.....844-4099