

 Hoosier
Backgammon
Club

December 1994



1994 Club Championship Begins in January

Players become eligible for the **Club Championship** by winning **Player of the Month** honors or making the **HBC TOP TEN**. The **12 Players of the Month** enter the single elimination format in the round of 32. The **TOP TEN** start in the round of 16. Because some players win both **Player of the Month** and **TOP TEN** honors, separate draws will be done for the first 3 rounds to minimize repeat match pairings. The prize pool is \$200 for the winner and \$100 for the finalist. If any **Player of the Month** or **TOP TEN Player** is unable to compete in the Championship, the next player in order will play. The current **HBC TOP TEN** is on Page 2. The **1994 Players of the Month** so far this year are below:

January..... Chuck Stimming
February..... Chuck Stimming
March..... Butch Meese
April..... Woody Woodworth
May..... Cyrus Mobed
June..... Jim Curtis
July..... Butch Meese
August..... Woody Woodworth
September..... Woody Woodworth
October..... Woody Woodworth
November..... Butch Meese
December..... To Be Determined

HBC Awards Tournament Sunday, February 19th at SPATS.

It's time to think about awarding the **Best of 1994**. As in past years, the **1994 TOP TEN** will be awarded engraved doubling cubes along with cash prizes and gift certificates.

Open Division \$60 (Optional \$20 Sidepool)
Advanced Division \$20
Format: Main-Consolation
90% Return

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

FreeTimeKnock-Out

We are taking sign-ups for the next session. Deadline is December 31st.
13-point matches.

Open Division...\$50
Advanced Division...\$20
Gammon Points for Player of the Year Awarded
90% Return.

Hoosier Pips: Cyrus Mobed, a long time friend of HBC, has moved to San Diego...HBC is looking into a group package for a **Pacer Game**. HBC members along with family and friends will be invited. Games being considered are Cleveland on Saturday, February 4th at 7:30 PM or Boston on Saturday, March 4th at 7:30 PM. Let us know if you are interested.

Special Mondays Continue
Join us Monday 7 PM, January 9th at
McGreevy's Hop (Woodland Bowl)



1995 HBC Membership Drive

It's membership drive time again! Membership entitles members to be eligible for **Player of the Month** and **HBC's Top Ten** for the year and therefore, the **Club Championship**. Members also receive the **HBC's** international newsletter in addition to the local newsletter on alternating months. Postage rates are going up in January, but the membership fee for 1995 will remain at only \$10⁰⁰ per household.

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

Subscription rate: \$12/year (Canada \$14 and overseas \$14). Let us know if your address changes.

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1994 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings.
HBC Player of the Month for November is Butch Meese with 208 gammon points.

1) Chuck Stimming.....1886	Gabe Stiasny.....250	Bill Hodes.....88	Frank Scott.....32
2) Butch Meese.....1749	Dragan Stevanovic.....237	Dr. Bob Hill.....84	Jill Ferdinand.....30
3) Don Woods.....1399	Bill Gheen.....229	Dave Cardwell.....84	Jeff Baker.....20
4) Ellis Bray.....1298	Bill Julian.....215	Scott Richardson.....77	Jim Dooling.....20
5) Woody Woodworth.....1102	John Brussel.....200	Lara Simsic.....72	Donna Susens.....20
6) Cyrus Mobed.....828	Rick Reahard.....174	Rick Bieniak.....70	Gino Agresti.....20
7) Jan Gurvitz.....818	Brian Nelson.....160	Ed Pavilonis.....70	J.A. Miller.....20
8) Larry Strommen.....740	Steve Perlman.....148	Craig Hampton.....68	John O'Hagan.....20
9) Mary Ann Meese.....692	Richard Heinz.....145	David Smith.....64	Marta Hilworth.....16
10) Jim Curtis.....645	Sean Garber.....140	Stu Sherman.....60	John Klotz.....10
Kevin McLeaster.....514	Jon Stephens.....140	Lou Ramer.....60	Bob Cassell.....10
Neil Ezell.....506	Al Faller.....128	Lance Jenkins.....60	Jamie Curtis.....10
Mick Dobratz.....449	Jon Viotor.....120	Alan Tavel.....50	Krystal Shaffer.....10
Alan Haas.....282	Chuck Bower.....118	Andy Palumbo.....42	Angie Jones.....10
Dave Groner.....272	Marilyn Faller.....110	Wendy Kaplan.....40	Peg Simsic.....10

	<u>November 3rd</u>	<u>November 7th</u>	<u>November 10th</u>	<u>November 17th</u>
1st	Kevin McLeaster	Butch Meese	Don Woods	Don Woods
2nd	Neil Ezell	Larry Strommen	Mick Dobratz	Mary Ann Meese
2nd	Butch Meese	---	Butch Meese	Dave Groner

13 Point Match (Crawford Game)
White - 11 Black - 12
Black to Play 6-2?

64

I'd play 11/5, 15/13. Black continues to compete for the outfield by remaking the 13-point, and provides another builder for the 4- or 3-point. I'm not too worried about the blot on the 21-point because White doesn't have the builders in place to cover the point. White is going to try to escape the checker on the bar, plus the builder on White's 18-point, before breaking any other points. My plan is to build my board and force White to leave a blot, while extricating the checkers in White's home board. I'll certainly try to establish the 21-point in favor of the 23-point, but this isn't the roll to accomplish that goal...anonymous.

JellyFish

was also asked and played 21/15 13/11.
 Who or what is JellyFish?
 Answer in the next issue!

As Black, a win on this game will capture the match. If things go downhill, you want to protect against a gammon. At this point, luck has shined on you. After you hit White he danced. What is your play considering that you have 4 blots. This problem was posted to the Internet for comments. Below is one reply...

*Merry Christmas
 and
 Happy New Year*

Backgammon Tournament Schedule

Feb 7-12.....	2nd World-Wide Twin Championships, Eldorado Hotel, Reno, Nevada.....	(702) 893-6025
Feb 17-19.....	17th Annual Pittsburgh Championships, Greentree Marriott, Pittsburgh, PA.....	(412) 823-7500
Mar 24-26.....	1995 Midwest Championships, Marriott Hotel, Oak Brook, Illinois.....	(312) 338-6380
Thursdays... 7:00 PM at SPATS (842-3465)	Castleton Square between J.C.Penneys & L.S.Ayres.....	845-8435
Monday, January 9th.....	McGreevy's Hop (Woodland Bowl) 96th & Keystone.....	844-4099