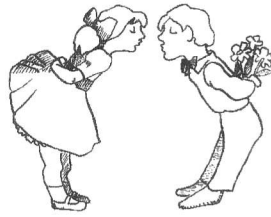


**Hoosier  
Backgammon  
Club**

February 1995



## HBC 1994 Awards Tournament

Sunday, February 19th at **SPATS**.  
Registration 11AM - Awards 11:40 AM

Master of Ceremony: **Chuck Stimming**  
3 Divisions All Divisions 90% Return

### 1995 HBC Gammon Point Standings as of January 31st.

**HBC Player of the Month for January is  
Gabe Stiasny with 202 gammon points.**

1)	<b>Gabe Stiasny</b> .....	202
2)	Butch Meese.....	196
3)	Mick Dobratz.....	180
4)	Dave Groner.....	150
5)	Ellis Bray.....	132
6)	Rick Reahard.....	100
T7)	Mary Ann Meese.....	80
T8)	Kevin McLeaster.....	80
9)	Jan Gurvitz.....	60
10)	Don Woods.....	58
	Larry Strommen.....	40
	Chuck Stimming.....	40
	Sean Garber.....	30
	Wendy Kaplan.....	20
	Neil Ezell.....	20
	Bob Cassell.....	20

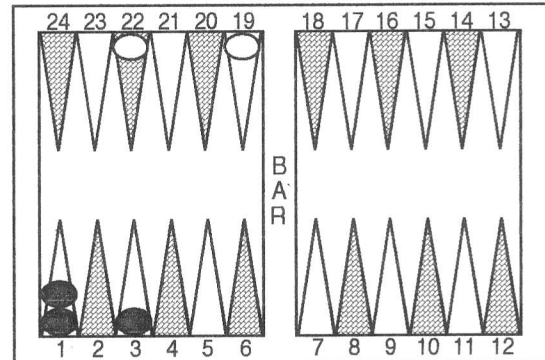
### Slow Play is Back

Yes, it's back...7-point matches taking 2 hours. A 7-point match should not take more than 50-55 minutes. The time to study is not over the table on Thursday evening. We are not pointing fingers, but we will warn offending players if their match is taking too long. We will shorten matches when necessary.

## Intermediate Pointer

When is good enough *not* good enough?

7-Point Match  
White - 3 Black - 5



As White, Black doubles you. What do you do? In most situations in the position above, it is a double and a drop. In a money game, White would drop. In most match situations, it is also a double and a drop. But in this situation, match equity comes into play. **Match equity** is the winning percentage according to the match score.

Let's look at match equity depending on the cube decision. If White drops, the score will be 3-6 Crawford with a match equity of 17%.

So, how does this position come into play with match equity? Let's look at White's winning chances. This position is easy to figure compared to most other positions. For White to win, Black must not roll double 2's or better (31 rolls) and White must bear-off both checkers (10 rolls), which is  $(31 \times 10 = 310/1296 = 23.9\%)$ .

If White takes and re-doubles when Black does not roll one of the winning doubles, White will increase its winning chances from 17% to 23.9%. **JellyFish** (the new PC/Windows backgammon program) suggested that Black should not double in this situation.

Learning about match equity is one way to improve your game. There are many match equity tables available. Find one and learn the match equity for all the scores of a 7-point match.

### 1995 HBC Membership Drive

It's membership drive time! Membership entitles players to be eligible for **Player of the Month** and **HBC TOP TEN** for the year and therefore, Club Championship. Members also receive the HBC newsletter every month. The membership fee for 1995 is \$10<sup>00</sup> per household.

	<u>January 5th</u>	<u>January 9th</u>	<u>January 12th</u>	<u>January 19th</u>	<u>January 26th</u>
Open 1st	Mick Dobratz	Dave Groner	Mick Dobratz	Rick Reahard	Kevin McLeaster
2nd	Gabe Stiasny	Butch Meese	Gabe Stiasny	Gabe Stiasny	Ellis Bray
2nd	Butch Meese	...	Ellis Bray	Butch Meese	Don Woods

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

Subscription rate: \$10/year (Canada \$12 and overseas \$14). Let us know if your address changes.  
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### Final 1994 HBC Rating

	Name	Rating (High-Low)	Expr	W-L(%Win)
1)	WENDY KAPLAN.....	1836 (1836-1772)	217	18-11 (62.1)
2)	BUTCH MEESE.....	1834 (1940-1791)	1384	121-75 (61.7)
3)	CHUCK STIMMING.....	1826 (1901-1665)	1499	132-79 (62.6)
4)	WOODY WOODWORTH.....	1820 (1865-1665)	890	75-51 (59.5)
5)	JEFF BAKER.....	1819 (1838-1819)	27	1-2 (33.3)
6)	MICK DOBRATZ.....	1812 (1877-1701)	479	39-28 (58.2)
7)	DAVE CARDWELL.....	1786 (1786-1752)	72	6-4 (60.0)
8)	DON WOODS.....	1768 (1917-1701)	1368	108-84 (56.2)
9)	DAVID SMITH.....	1745 (1745-1719)	35	4-1 (80.0)
10)	ELLIS BRAY.....	1719 (1781-1642)	1177	92-75 (55.1)
11)	JIM CURTIS.....	1711 (1813-1669)	523	38-35 (52.1)
12)	GINO AGRESTI.....	1670 (1682-1662)	28	2-2 (50.0)
13)	DAVE GRONER.....	1619 (1669-1530)	427	34-27 (55.7)
14)	LARRY STROMMEN.....	1612 (1695-1518)	1206	81-89 (47.6)
16)	SCOTT RICHARDSON.....	1586 (1606-1571)	70	5-5 (50.0)
17)	CYRUS MOBED.....	1571 (1620-1459)	954	65-71 (47.8)
18)	GABE STIASNY.....	1565 (1635-1554)	336	22-26 (45.8)
19)	HOLLY STOWE.....	1557 (1557-1557)	0	0-0 (0.0)
20)	TOM HELT.....	1557 (1557-1557)	0	0-0 (0.0)
21)	RICK REAHARD.....	1537 (1561-1489)	284	21-19 (52.5)
22)	KEVIN McLEASTER.....	1535 (1556-1352)	655	43-50 (46.2)
23)	ALAN HAAS.....	1525 (1561-1504)	343	20-29 (40.8)
24)	BILL GHEEN.....	1478 (1575-1478)	121	4-13 (23.5)
25)	DRAGAN STEVANOVIC.....	1476 (1494-1419)	313	21-24 (46.7)
26)	JUDY McHALE.....	1451 (1451-1451)	0	0-0 (0.0)
27)	NEIL EZELL.....	1426 (1583-1426)	722	46-58 (44.2)
28)	PETER KALBA.....	1424 (1445-1424)	18	0-2 (0.0)
29)	FRANK SCOTT.....	1399 (1399-1399)	14	1-1 (50.0)
30)	MARY ANN MEESE.....	1396 (1671-1385)	1145	64-99 (39.3)
31)	BRIAN NELSON.....	1385 (1398-1343)	84	5-7 (41.7)
32)	STEVE PERLMAN.....	1356 (1398-1301)	245	13-22 (37.1)
33)	BILL JULIAN.....	1252 (1356-1228)	299	15-28 (34.9)
34)	JAN GURVITZ.....	1238 (1369-1163)	960	50-88 (36.2)
35)	STU SHERMAN.....	1226 (1244-1187)	140	6-14 (30.0)

### 1994 Thursday Evening Results Trivia by Butch Meese

- Most 1st Place Finishes ...**1st Chuck Stimming (11)**  
...**2nd Butch Meese (10)**
- Most 2nd Place Finishes ...**1st (tie) Butch Meese (12)**  
...**1st (tie) Woody Woodworth (12)**
- Most Times Cashing (finishing 1st or 2nd)  
...**1st Butch Meese (22)**  
...**2nd Chuck Stimming (20)**
- Most 1st Places Finishes in a Row  
...**1st (tie) Don Woods (2)**  
...**1st (tie) Butch Meese (2)**  
...**1st (tie) Woody Woodworth (2)**
- Most Times Cashing (finishing 1st or 2nd) in a Row  
...**1st (tie) Chuck Stimming (4)**  
...**1st (tie) Woody Woodworth (4)**

Interesting Note: *Mary Ann Meese* only won first once during 1994...the Thursday before going to the **Midwest Backgammon Championships** and winning the Advanced Division.

### 1994 PERFORMANCE

#### RATINGS TRIVIA

by *Don Woods*

- 1.) *Butch Meese* had the highest rating (1940) of the year, but did not break the record (2028) held by *Chuck Stimming* in 1989.
- 2.) *Chuck Stimming* won the most matches (132) while *Mary Ann Meese* took it on the chin more often (99) than anyone else.
- 3.) *Chuck Stimming* was the most active player (most experienced points of 1499). These retired guys!
- 4.) *Chuck Stimming* also had the best match winning percentage (62.6%) but not breaking the record (over 65%) he set in 1992. (50 matches min.)
- 5.) The **Stability Awards** go to *Ellis Bray*, *Dave Groner* (tied) and *Jim Curtis* (you've gotta be kidding). Their ratings only varied by 139, 139 and 144 points for the whole year. (50 matches min.)
- 6.) The **Roller Coaster Awards** go to *Mary Ann Meese*, *Chuck Stimming* and *Don Woods*. Their ratings varied by 286, 236 and 216 points for the whole year. (50 matches min.)
- 7.) **Mountain Climbing Award** (most improved) goes to *Chuck Stimming* who gained 150 gammon points during 1994. Second was *Woody Woodworth* with 110 gain.
- 8.) The **Down Hill Skier Award** goes to *Mary Ann Meese* who dropped 250 points. Coming in second was *Don Woods* with 110 point slide followed closely by *Mick Dobratz* with 97.
- 9.) *Wendy Kaplan* finished as **1994 Number One Player** climbing up from #9 at the end of November due to a hot December (14 wins and 5 losses) and a gain of 61 gammon points.



**Don't forget! Monday Night at Woodland Bowl this Monday the 6th of February.**