

June 1995

Cool Yourself at the HBC Summer One-Day Tournament

Sunday, July 30th
 Registration 11:00-11:45 AM
 Play Begins 12 Noon

Open Division \$60
 (100% Return \$20 Optional Sidepool Available)
Advanced Division \$20
Intermediate Division \$10
 Double Gammon Points
 All Divisions 90% Return
 Format: Main-Consolation

SPATS 842-3456
 Indianapolis, Castleton Square between
 J.C.Penneys & L.S.Ayres

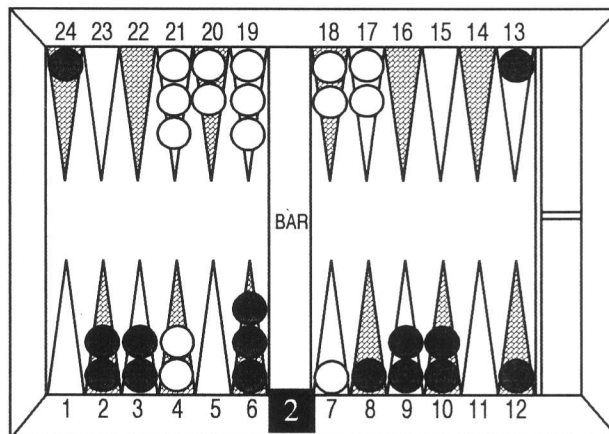
Fine Print: **Pre-Register** by phone **845-8435** and save the \$5 Late Fee. Day of Tournament: Players checked in by 11:45 AM will be eligible for bye(s). If conditions arise that cause you to be late, please call us at **SPATS** (842-3456) to hold your spot. Cash Only. Open and Advanced results to **KG International RatingSystem**.

North American Club Championship

You can represent the HBC in the **North American Club Championship** as a part of the Illinois State/America Cup tournament October 11-15, 1995. First round is at 7PM, Friday October 13th. Entry fee is \$150 for a 3-player team. Event is single elimination without consolation, 9 point match, 100% return. All players interested, please call HBC.

Risk versus Gain

7 Point Match Black-3 White-3
 Black to play 5-2?



This tough play was encountered during a weekly tournament. Black owns a 2 cube with one checker behind a 5-prime. There are 4 plays that we need to look at:

- 1) 13/8 12/10
- 2) 24/22 13/8
- 3) 12/7x 9/7
- 4) 24/22 12/7x

At this score, White would love to win a gammon of which this position has the potential of producing. Black is the underdog but can risk turning the game in his favor. The no risk play 13/8 12/10 cleans up the blots this move. The other somewhat safe play 24/22 13/8 doesn't look to be much better. White will be free to move the checker from the 18-point around or make the 3-point if he gets one of the those rolls.

The 2 hitting plays put White on the BAR: the good news. The bad news is that you have to leave blots for White to shoot at from the air. But is the risk worth it? Over the board, one can only guess. So JELLYFISH was used after the fact to find out.

	<u>Wins</u>	<u>G/BG</u>	<u>BG</u>	<u>Equity</u>
Before Move.....	36.4%	7.8%	0.2%	-0.372
13/8 12/10.....	38.0%	7.3%	0.2%	-0.311
13/8 24/22.....	51.2%	9.2%	0.3%	-0.006
12/7x 9/7.....	43.2%	9.5%	0.3%	-0.168
12/7x 24/22.....	53.9%	11.4%	0.4%	+0.076

JellyFish indicates moving 24/22 with the 2 as a must. Putting White on the Bar with 5 is worth the risk. Playing totally safe risks nothing and gains little. Lesson learned!

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

Subscription rate: \$12/year (Canada \$14 and overseas \$16). Let us know if your address changes.

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1995 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings.

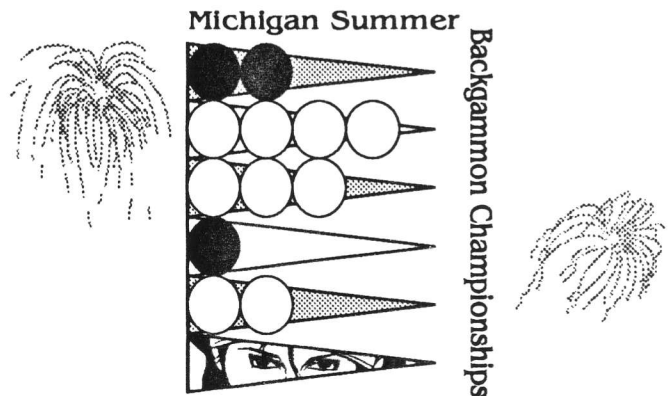
HBC Player of the Month for May was **Woody Woodworth** with 204 gammon points.

1)	Ellis Bray.....	638	Chuck Bower.....	238	Reggie Porter.....	32
2)	Chuck Stimming.....	630	Sean Garber.....	210	Dave Cardwell.....	30
3)	Don Woods.....	594	Kevin McLeaster.....	150	Peter Kalba.....	20
4)	Butch Meese.....	592	Rick Reahard.....	110	Bob Cassell.....	20
5)	Woody Woodworth.....	576	J.A. Miller.....	80	David Smith.....	20
6)	Gabe Stiasny.....	534	Brian Nelson.....	78	Elijah Miller.....	16
7)	Dave Groner.....	508	Steve Perlman.....	64	Richard Heinz.....	16
8)	Larry Strommen.....	478	Bill Gheen.....	60	Lance Jenkins.....	16
9)	Jan Gurvitz.....	328	Wendy Kaplan.....	60	Tom Helt.....	10
T10)	Mick Dobratz.....	260	Scott Richardson.....	48	Dave Fey.....	10
T10)	Neil Ezell.....	260	Stan Gurvitz.....	46	Paul Ruterma.....	10
T10)	Mary Ann Meese.....	260	Bill Hodes.....	40		

Top Ten Reasons
to attend the
43rd Indiana Open
Labor Day Weekend
Indianapolis

10. Home Grown Backgammon
9. Swiss Movement Format
8. Directors' Cup (new)
7. All Divisions: 85% Return
6. \$300 Masters Jackpot
5. \$100 Amateur Jackpot
4. ABT & KG
3. MicroBlitzes
2. more later...

Catch the fireworks in Michigan!



100% return of Open entry fees

June 30 – July 3, 1995



Novi Hilton Hotel
Novi, Michigan
810/349-4000
(near Detroit Metro Airport)

Carol Joy Cole
810/232-9731



Hoosier Pips: Visitors on the Thursday before the race were Dave Cardwell (GA) and Steve Perlman (FL)...Congratulations to David Smith who graduated from IUPUI with a Bachelors in Psychology. He will start working on his PhD in Neuroscience at the University of Illinois beginning in August.

	<u>May 4th</u>	<u>May 11th</u>	<u>May 18th</u>	<u>May 25th</u>
1st	Bill Gheen	Woody Woodworth	Mick Dobratz	Ellis Bray
2nd	Butch Meese	Butch Meese	Neil Ezell	Steve Perlman
2nd	...	Larry Strommen	Woody Woodworth	Woody Woodworth

Backgammon Tournament Schedule

Jun30-Jul03..	Michigan Summer Championships , Novi Hilton, Novi, MI.....	(810) 232-9731
July 30.....	HBC Summer One-Day Tournament , SPATS, Castleton Square.....	842-3465
Aug 16-20.....	Las Vegas Open , Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV.....	(702) 893-6025
Sep 01-04.....	43rd INDIANA OPEN , Ramada Inn East, Indianapolis.....	(317) 845-8435
Oct 11-15.....	5th Illinois State Championships & America Cup , Bloomingdale, IL.....	(708) 945-7801

Thursdays..... 7:00 PM at **SPATS** (842-3465) Castleton Square (between J.C.Penney's & L.S.Ayres)... 845-8435