

**Hoosier  
Backgammon  
Club**

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**HBC T-Shirts???**

We are always looking for new ideas to get new players. We run ads in the News, Star and NuVo newspapers. Well, we have another idea: HBC t-shirts. They only work if members wear them. Players will only wear them if there is something catchy on them. One idea is **I play with the Hoosier Backgammon Club** with the logo or some other graphics. Another is **I play backgammon when I'm awake and sometimes when I'm not!** What do you think? What ideas do you have?

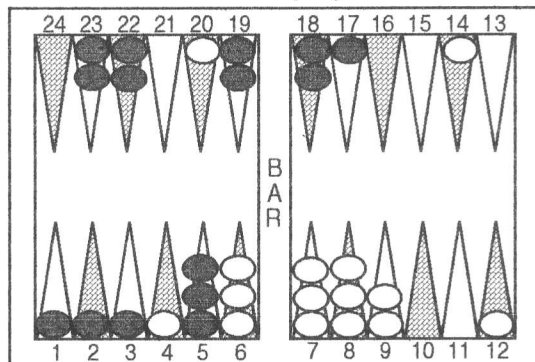
**Top Ten Reasons  
to attend the  
43rd Indiana Open  
Labor Day Weekend  
Indianapolis**

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. Great Hotel Rates: \$55 single and \$57 double
1. Naked Lady in the Elevator

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**Problem of the Month**

9-Point Match  
White - 3 Black - 6  
White to play 3-1?



Black's armies are split and has 4 checkers almost out of play. White has a 4-point prime, but no points in his home board. White has a few choices with 3-1 here:

- 1) 20-17x, 4-3x
- 2) 6-3x, 4-3
- 3) 7-4, 14-13
- 4) 8-4
- 5) 14-11, 12-11
- 6) 20-17x-16
- 7) 20-17x 14-13

Over the board, a person could have a hard time choosing one play over another. The individual style of a player may guide the play of choice. I prefer the double hit (#1) or making the 11-point (#5). The double hit play may have more gammons for White which would be most useful considering the score. Making the 11-point constructs a broken 5-prime hopefully creating some bad numbers for Black. Let's run the problem through JellyFish.

Play	Wins/G/BG	G/BG	BG	Equity
1)	72.6%	28.2%	1.9%	+0.699
2)	71.4%	27.2%	1.6%	+0.662
3)	71.6%	25.7%	1.4%	+0.642
4)	71.2%	25.8%	1.5%	+0.633
5)	69.4%	19.6%	1.2%	+0.522
6)	68.0%	21.3%	1.3%	+0.508
7)	66.9%	21.3%	1.3%	+0.482

JellyFish tells us that hitting 2 checkers (#1) produces the best winning chances. This is most likely because sending back the extra checker increases the gammon chances and putting 2 checkers up minimizes the chances of letting Black anchor up on the 4-point.

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**1995 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings.**

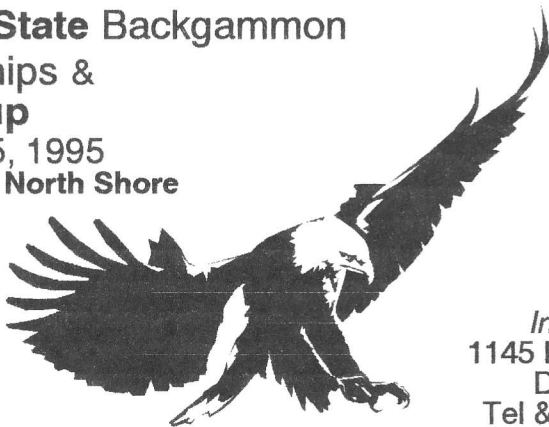
**HBC Player of the Month for July was Mary Ann Meese with 202 gammon points.**

1)	Butch Meese.....	996	Kevin McLeaster.....	150	Reggie Porter.....	32
2)	Woody Woodworth.....	892	Peter Kalba.....	116	Dave Cardwell.....	30
3)	Chuck Stimming.....	862	Rick Reahard.....	110	Fred Badagnani.....	30
4)	Don Woods.....	856	Brian Nelson.....	88	David Smith.....	20
5)	Ellis Bray.....	742	G.L. Harvey.....	84	Bill Julian.....	20
6)	Larry Strommen.....	698	J.A. Miller.....	80	Bob Cassell.....	20
7)	Dave Groner.....	636	Bill Gheen.....	70	Lance Jenkins.....	16
8)	Gabe Stiasny.....	534	Philip Degen.....	68	Elijah Miller.....	16
9)	Mary Ann Meese.....	492	Steve Perlman.....	64	Richard Heinz.....	16
10)	Sean Garber.....	462	Wendy Kaplan.....	60	Paul Ruterman.....	10
	Jan Gurvitz.....	368	Scott Richardson.....	48	Tom Helt.....	10
	Mick Dobratz.....	260	Stan Gurvitz.....	46	Dave Fey.....	10
	Neil Ezell.....	260	Bill Hodes.....	40		
	Chuck Bower.....	248	Jim Curtis.....	40		

**5th Illinois State Backgammon Championships & America Cup**

October 11-15, 1995  
at the Sheraton North Shore  
Northbrook, IL  
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crossing  
the ocean.

**Lessons:** We have a suggestion that lessons be given before weekly play. Butch Meese will be willing to do it once a month. Are there others who can do it from time to time? Lessons would start no earlier than 6:00 PM and last about 45 minutes.

**Hoosier Pips:** Visitors for July were *Peter Kalba* (Chicago), *Fred Badagnani* (MN) and *G. L. Harvey* (VT)...*Fred Badagnani* travels around opening Walgreens drug stores. He comments that **HBC** has the best return of all the clubs he has played with...*G. L. Harvey* is working here in Indianapolis this summer at Glendale Mall...This is the first year that the leader in the Gammon Point Standings has not won Player of the Month honors...Best wishes to *Wendy Kaplan* and *David Smith* who are moving to the Chicago area.

	July 6th	July 13th	July 20th	July 27th	July 30th
1st	Larry Strommen	Butch Meese	Woody Woodworth	Butch Meese	Mary Ann Meese
2nd	Chuck Stimming	Chuck Stimming	Sean Garber	Don Woods	Peter Kalba
2nd	Mary Ann Meese	...	G. L. Harvey	Sean Garber	Dave Groner

**Backgammon Tournament Schedule**

Sep 01-04.....	43rd INDIANA OPEN, Ramada Inn East, Indianapolis.....	(317) 845-8435
Oct 06-08.....	Nation's Capital Fall Championships, Promenade, Bethesda, MD.....	(301) 530-0604
Oct 11-15.....	5th Illinois Championships & America Cup, Sheraton, Northbrook, IL.....	(708) 945-7801
Oct 27-29.....	Autumn Gran Prix, Embassy Suite Hotel, La Jolla, CA.....	(619) 294-2007
Nov 3-5.....	New England Backgammon Championships, Oak n' Spruce Resort, South Lee, MA..	(603) 863-4711
Nov 10-12....	NY/NJ BG CO-OP Big Apple Series, Oritani Hotel, Hackensack, NJ.....	(201) 833-2915
Nov 24-26....	Georgia Backgammon Championships, Atlanta, GA.....	(770) 441-2074

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