

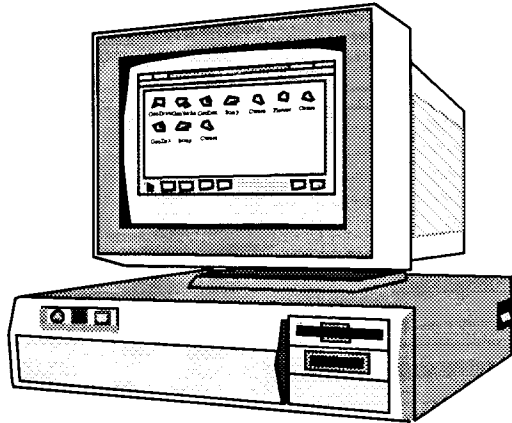


Hoosier
Backgammon
Club



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Internet Resources: Part One



The Best of Rec.Games.Backgammon
by Butch Meese

The Internet has helped spread the word of backgammon. Many great sites have been created. From time to time, we will explore the sites and the services they provide.

One of the first services available on the Internet to backgammon players was the newsgroup: rec.games.backgammon. A newsgroup operates like an open forum: a place to ask for information, make announcements, discuss the best play for a position and much more. The only downside to newsgroups is that the messages are stored for a limited time (7-21 days depending on the service provider). So, no matter how important or useful the information is, messages get deleted within three weeks.

Tom Keith has created a website: **Backgammon Galore** with the address of www.bkgm.com. One service on his site is the best of Rec.Games.Backgammon called **Newsgroup Archive**. From the main page, click on **Newsgroup Archive**. The Backgammon Newsgroup Archive Page is very nicely laid out. The user can select one of the 15 categories which includes: Backgames, Books, Cheating, Checker Play, Cube Handling Equipment, FIBS,

Fun & Frustration, Jellyfish, Learning, Match Archives, Match Play, Miscellaneous, Opening Rolls, Pip Counting, Programming, Puzzles, Racing Bearoffs, Rules, Servers, Software, Snowie, Terminology, Theory and Variations.

If you are only interested in the articles archived during the past three months, you can choose *Recent Additions to the Archive*.

Finally, the entire archive can be viewed by the following three ways: *Archive by Topic*, *Archive by Author* and *Archive by Date*. You might even find two archived messages written by the author of this article.

Many thanks to Tom Keith for providing this great service.

Don Woods wins 1998 Club Championship

By winning the Club Championship, **Don Woods** has done something that will never be repeated: winning the **Triple Crown** of HBC: winning Player of the Year, Awards Tournament and the Club Championship two years in a row. Winning the Championship was not easy this year. He first faced Chuck Stimming winning 13-9 in 10 games. The next match was tighter against Dave Groner 13-11 in 18 games. Believe it or not, the finals were even closer against Butch Meese. Don jumped out of the starting gate winning a 4-point game. The match was close all the way with the score tied at 7, 10, 11 and 12. Butch missed winning a gammon in the Crawford Game by one roll. The Double Match Point game (game #18) developed into prime versus prime which Don won capturing the Club Championship again.

Don will be giving others a chance to win **Player of the Year**, as he is working many hours to start up his new company. We wish Don much success with the new company.

HBC Sunday Tournament

May 16 1999

1st...**Jim Curtis**

2nd...**Peter Kalba** (Chicago)

2nd...**Dave Groner**

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Gammon Point Standings.

The HBC **Player of the Month for May** was **Jim Curtis** with 258 gammon points.

- 1) Jim Curtis..... 620
- 2) Don Woods..... 594
- 3) Sean Garber..... 546
- 4) Dave Groner..... 494
- 5) Larry Strommen..... 488
- 6) Butch Meese..... 482
- 7) Chuck Stimming..... 436
- 8) Mary Ann Meese..... 410
- 9) Gino Agresti..... 210
- 10) Al Gomez..... 206
- Alan Tavel..... 128
- Peter Kalba..... 128
- David Smith..... 60
- Cathie Benneth..... 50
- David Schwind..... 48
- Jan Gurvitz..... 40
- Bill Julian..... 40
- Terry Haffner..... 40
- Gabe Stiasny..... 40
- Randy Foster..... 30
- Julia Boyle..... 20
- Luke Clippinger..... 20
- John Peek..... 20
- Michael O'Cain..... 20
- Roman Karbiak..... 20
- Kevin Ward..... 20
- Rick Reahard..... 10
- John Henn..... 10
- Terry Bateman..... 10
- Bill Yancey..... 10
- Brian Nelson..... 10
- Woody Woodworth..... 10

47th INDIANA Open

Backgammon Tournament



Labor Day Weekend
September 3-6, 1999

featuring **Indy Swiss Format**,
\$300 Master Jackpot,
\$100 Amateur Jackpot,
Labor Day Jackpots,
Directors' Cup, On-Line, Open and
Limited MicroBlitz Events and
Free See You In September JP

See You In September

	<u>April 1st</u>	<u>April 8th</u>	<u>April 15th</u>	<u>April 22nd</u>	<u>April 29th</u>
1st	Mary Ann Meese	Dave Groner	Dave Groner	Butch Meese	Chuck Stimming
2nd	Jim Curtis	Chuck Stimming	Jim Curtis	Dave Groner	Butch Meese
2nd	---	Larry Strommen	---	---	---

	<u>May 6th</u>	<u>May 13th</u>	<u>May 20th</u>	<u>May 27th</u>
1st	Sean Garber	Jim Curtis	Don Woods	Chuck Stimming
2nd	Dave Schwind	Mary Ann Meese	Larry Strommen	Larry Strommen
2nd	Alan Tavel	---	---	Jim Curtis

July 2-5.....	Michigan Summer Championships , Novi Hilton, Novi, MI.....	(810) 232-9731
Aug 13-15.....	Minnesota State Championships , Thunderbird Hotel, Bloomington, MN.....	(612) 378-1536
Sep 3-6.....	47th Indiana Open , Sheraton-Westin Hotel, Indianapolis.....	(317) 255-8902
Sep 24-26.....	1st Ohio State Championship , Comfort Inn, Canton, OH.....	(330) 498-9801
Oct 8-10.....	Nation's Capital Championship , Promenada, Bethesda, MD.....	(301) 530-0504
Oct 15-17.....	1999 Florida State Championship , Days Inn, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.....	(954) 938-4304
Oct 27-31.....	1999 Las Vegas Open , Harrah's Casino & Hotel, Las Vegas, NV.....	(702) 893-6025
Nov 26-28.....	5th Thanksgiving Weekend , Belden Village Holiday Inn, Canton, OH.....	(330)-966-2811

Thursdays..... 7:00 PM at **Wildcat Brewing Company** (872-3446) 92nd & North Michigan Road 255-8902