

SPECIAL EVENTS

ARDA CHALLENGE - The Arda Challenge will be a Speed Gammon and Super Speed Gammon combo. Limited to 32 players *who are no longer alive in the ABT Main Division at start time Saturday night at 10:00pm.* Elimination format. Open to players of all levels. Each pairing plays two 5 point matches -- a Speed Gammon (2 minutes total time w/ 10 second delays) and Super Speed Gammon (30 seconds total time w/ 7 second delays). If result is 1-1, they play a DMP (24 & 10 secs). Winner moves on in the bracket. Entry fee is \$100 (90% return), plus \$100 optional Side Pool (100% return). SIGN-UPS ON SITE. Trophy event.

WONDER WOMEN'S JACKPOT - Our Ladies Event. Limited to eight FIERCE & FABULOUS



& WONDERFUL WOMEN who are available to play at 2:00pm on Sunday. \$50 entry, 90% return. A magnificently WONDER-ful trophy will be awarded the WONDER-ful winner.

INTERMEDIATES - NEW ABT CATEGORY!

Designed as a bridge between Novice & Advanced, this the first time in 41 years we will have this division. It is *not* an invitation for Advanced players to play down. Every Registration will be reviewed. See "What Level Do I Play?" on our website @ www.GammonAssociatesWest.com.

ROOMMATE PROGRAM: The tournament promoter will attempt to pair any requesting attendee with a roommate to cut the cost of the hotel. Please email request to PipGal@ca.rr.com. State your check-in date plus any requirements (same gender, non-smoker, etc.) The earlier the request, the better.

STAFF AND RULES

Producer: Candace Mayeron
 Exec Tournament Director: Patrick Gibson
 Tournament Director: Ben Friesen
 Guest Director: Arda Findikoglu
 Events Director: Ceci Pedroza
 Results Director: Jean Mangone
 Tournament Committee: Art Benjamin, Ted Chee, Neil Kazaross
 Eligibility Consultants: Neil Kazaross, Barry Silliman
 Auctioneer: Jonah Seewald
 Video/Streaming: Ben Friesen
 Guest Lecturer: Arda Findikoglu
 "Backgammon in Europe"

DEPOSITS: Registrations may be submitted without deposit. CASH ONLY at the event.

Hospitality Fee is refundable until 9 pm Wednesday, Dec 4. Entry Deposits are fully refundable until 9:30am Friday, Dec 6. Novice & Intermediate entry fees are refundable till 10am Saturday, Dec 7.

RULES: We use USBGF Tournament Rules. Complete rules are on GA website or: <http://usbgf.org/docs/rules.pdf>

At the California State Championship:
REQUIRED: Legal moves, Two dice only, Die on checkers is valid (not cocked).
PER PLAYER: Baffle box.
PREFERRED: Cups with baffle box.

We are a U.S. Backgammon Federation "Prime Tournament" with added money into our "DMP" event. You can **become a USBGF member at the event.** We support the USBGF players' organization.

Novice & Intermediate division: first time entrants receive a complimentary USBGF 1-year Introductory Membership. \$100 will be added to the prize money for Novices, compliments of the USBGF.

HOTEL INFORMATION

THE HILTON AT LAX

5711 West Century Blvd, LA, 90045

- ❖ GROUP RATE: \$117 Single or Double
- ❖ DISCOUNTED PARKING: \$15/day with in & out privilege; Valet is \$25/day

The cut-off date for the Group Rate is the **earlier of Wednesday NOV 13, or Sold Out.** Reservations are available NOW

Make your reservations through the event website (link is below in blue) or by phone:
Direct: 310-410-4000
Toll Free: 1-800-HILTONS (800-445-8667)
 For Phone, use group code: BCK

ROOMMATES AVAILABLE!
 Email request to Candace

LAX Transportation

Free 5-minute shuttle ride from LAX to the hotel every 10-15 min. Wait under the **RED sign** (Hotel Shuttles) outside every terminal, Arrival level.

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California Backgammon Championships



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42nd CALIFORNIA STATE
 CHAMPIONSHIP
 December 5 - 8, 2019



Arda Findikoglu

Guest Director
 Backgammon Tournament Director
 Merit Int'l Hotels & Resorts
 Monte Carlo, Northern Cyprus,
 Montenegro, et al

ABT MAIN EVENT: **NEW**
Open, Advanced, Intermediate, Novice
 Double Elimination - Progressive Consolation!
 2 chances to win!
 Minimum 3 chances to cash!

JACKPOTS: Master & Amateur!
 High Equity, Single Elimination!

SIDE EVENTS: Doubles, Ladies, Jr/Sr,



Tournament Events

MASTERS JACKPOT: High equity, single elimination, all matches **CLOCKED**, 3 rounds on Thursday. Early start 2:00pm. Late start 6:30pm.

DINGWELL AMATEUR JACKPOT: for players not of high championship caliber; single elimination. (5% to charity). Early start 2:30pm. Late start 7:00pm.

OPEN * Open to all players. **CLOCKED**.

ADVANCED * Experienced players. See website "What Level Do I Play?" No entrant will be allowed to play below his or her level.

INTERMEDIATE * Players with some experience. See website "What Level Do I Play?"

NOVICE * Players with little or no experience.

ARDA CHALLENGE: SpeedGammon. See **SPECIAL EVENTS** panel, this brochure.

WONDER WOMEN: For Ladies. See **SPECIAL EVENTS**

DOUBLES: Brackets of 8 teams, \$200/team. Must be **CLOCKED**. Only Doubles start time is Thursday night at 7:30 pm. Sign up onsite Thursday. **NO SUNDAY STARTS**. Partners may play solo.

DMP: Continuous entries; Added prize money for USBGF members. **USBGF reg avail all weekend**.

SENIORS: Continuous entries. 60 and over.

JUNIORS 59 and under - born after 1-1-60.

	Entry	% ret.	1stRnd	Starts
MASTERS	\$500	90%	11 pts	Thurs
P.D.Amateur	\$240	85%	9 pts	Thurs
OPEN *	\$400	85%	11 pts	Fri
ADVANCED *	\$180	80%	9 pts	Fri
INTERMED *	\$100	80%	7 pts	Sat
NOVICE *	\$ -0-	NA	7 pts	Sat
DOUBLES	\$200	80%	7 pts	Thurs nite only
ARDA CH	\$100	90%	5 pts	Sat nite
WOMEN'S	\$50	90%	7 pts	Sun
SENIORS	\$50	80%	7 pts	all weekend
JUNIORS	\$50	80%	7 pts	all weekend
BLITZ	\$40	80%	5 pts	all weekend
DMP (1-Pt)	\$20	80%	1 pt	all weekend

* **ABT Events = "Main and Second Chance plus Progressive Consolation";** you have *three chances* to win cash prizes. A 64-player field will pay 9 places. The **FINALS** will be ONE match only.

Note: Side events are for players registered in the ABT or Jackpot events. All others are welcome to play Side Events for a one-time tournament fee of \$20.

By attending event you consent to be photographed and/or video-taped and grant GAW & USBGF the right in perpetuity to use & display such for backgammon-related purposes

SPECTATORS welcome!

Tournament Details

Please bring your backgammon board, precision dice & clock if you have them. Rentals available.

SPORTSMANSHIP: All players (and spectators) will participate in a spirit of good sportsmanship and fair play. Players should be familiar with the USBGF's "Standards of Ethical Practice", available for viewing on the USBGF website. Violators may be penalized -- from points penalties all the way to expulsion with **NO RETURN OF ENTRY FEES**.

FREE LECTURE: Presented by our Guest Director, Arda Findikoglu. Topic: "Backgammon in Europe" presented Friday morning. **Free Continental breakfast for seminar attendees.**

CALCUTTA AUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS: We will auction the **OPEN & ADVANCED** players to allow YOU to participate in their success (85% return, 5% is to charity). Starts 10:00am Friday. **Players are encouraged to buy back their % from Owner.**

SIDE POOLS: There will be side pools available in Masters & Amateur Jackpots; Open, Advanced and Doubles. 100% return going to the two players in each pool who go the furthest (2/3 to 1st & 1/3 to 2nd). In the Arda Challenge: \$100 SP / 100% return

GAME CLOCKS: **CLOCKS ARE REQUIRED** for all matches in the Open & Masters (12sec/2min), and Doubles (15sec/3min). Digital Clock Rules will be in use (See GA website). The Tournament Director may require a clock for any match.

2019 AMERICAN BACKGAMMON TOUR: Prize winners will earn ABT Master Points.

CELL PHONES must be silent while matches are in progress. Infractions may incur a penalty point. We permit **HEADPHONES**.

VIDEO FRIENDLY: we are supportive of those who want to record Open or Advanced level matches.

This event is a **NON-SMOKING** tournament!
There is **NO SMOKING** anywhere in the hotel.

Tournament Schedule

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019

12:30 pm	Doors open - REGISTRATION OPENS
1:00pm	DMP & Blitzes
2:00pm	Masters Jackpot "Early" (3 rounds)
2:30pm	Dingwell Amateur Jackpot "Early" (3 rounds)
3:00pm	Juniors & Seniors begin
6:30pm	Masters Jackpot "Late" (3 rounds)
7:00pm	Dingwell Amateur Jackpot "Late" (3 rounds)
7:30pm	Doubles (brackets of 8) (2 rounds)
9:00pm	REGISTRATION CLOSES for Open & Advanced
11:45pm	No match starts after 11:45 pm
12:30am	End of play for Thursday

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019

9:00am	Unfinished Jackpot matches resume & FINAL CASH PAYMENTS
9:15am	FREE SEMINAR - Arda Findikoglu "Backgammon in Europe" FREE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST for seminar attendees.
9:30am	Registration for ABT Divisions is closed
10:00am	CALCUTTA AUCTION, Announcements & Buy-backs
12:30pm	Open - 1st Round play; Re-entries until 4:00pm. Must complete Round 1 by 7:30pm
1:00pm	Advanced-1st Round play-Re-entries same as Open
5-7:30 pm	Dinner break - room will remain open
7:30pm	Round 2 -Open & Advanced. 2nd Chance begins. Consolation matches to follow
10:00pm	Round 3 - Open & Advanced
12:45am	End of play & all matches must be completed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019

11:00am	Open & Advanced continue (Main #4) - DMP & BLITZ played between matches all day
11:30am	Intermediates & Novice begin
5-7:30 pm	Dinner break - room will be closed until 7:00pm
7:30pm	All divisions continue
10:00pm	ARDA CHALLENGE - 1st Round play
12:30am	End of play for Saturday

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

11:00am	Open & Advanced continue; Arda Ch continues
11:30am	Blitz, DMP & Juniors, Seniors continue
12:00pm	Doubles continue
1:00pm	SEMI-FINALS for Masters & Dingwell Jackpots
2:00pm	WONDER WOMEN JACKPOT begins
2:00pm	Blitz and DMP Playoffs
2:30pm	FINALS for all ABT & Jackpots should begin
3:00pm	CONSOLATION FINALS should begin
5:00pm	ARDA CHALLENGE FINALS should begin
8:00pm	Expected END OF PLAY

Entry Form

Register online @ www.GammonAssociatesWest.com

CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Thursday December 5th - Sunday December 8th 2019

Make Checks payable to: Gammon Associates West

Mail to: Candace Mayeron
8117 W. Manchester Ave. #284
Playa del Rey, CA 90293

MUST BE POSTMARKED BY THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____
STATE/ZIP _____
CELL PHONE _____
EMAIL _____

	Deposit	In Full
OPEN	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80 --Side Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100
ADVANCED	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30 --Side Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> \$180 <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 60
INTERMEDIATE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
PAUL MAGRIEL NOVICE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0
MASTERS JACKPOT	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> 2pm Start or <input type="checkbox"/> 6:30pm Start --Side Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> \$150
DINGWELL AMATEUR JACKPOT	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40 <input type="checkbox"/> 2:30pm Start or <input type="checkbox"/> 7pm Start --Side Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> \$240 <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 80
Jackpot Late Starts cannot play Doubles		
HOSPITALITY FEE (USBGF mbrs)		<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 30
Non-USBGF & USBGF after Nov 26		<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50
TOTAL SUBMITTED		\$ _____