

Gammon Associates is donating \$1 to the USBGF for each main-division player who competes in our ABT event.

"OPEN" division winners, over 35 years

(See the website for the complete list)

1st	Jay Frydman	(1981)
5th	Famarz Borna	(1983)
10th	Bahman Fathi	(1985)
15th	Elli Nache	(1987)
20th	Bob Glass	(1989)
25th	Paul Gedigian	(1991)
30th	Joe Harris	(1993)
35th	Joe Russell	(1995)
40th	Steve Sax	
41st	Doug Mayfield	(1998)
42nd	Tom Zarrinam	
43rd	Jeff Burdsall	(1999)
44th	Odis Chenault	
45th	Mike Ungerleider	(2000)
46th	Mike Sharp	
47th	Bob Wachtel	(2001)
48th	Sho Sengoku	
49th	Ray Fogelrund	(2002)
50th	Norm Wiggins	
51st	Mike Ungerleider	(2003)
52nd	Art Grater	
53rd	Wayne Jeffcoat	(2004)
54th	Jona Alexander	(CA State Champ.)
55th	Jason Lee	(2005 L.A. Open)
56th	Stepan Nuniyants	(CA State Champ.)
57th	Bob Glass	(2006 L.A. Open)
58th	Kenneth Fischer	(CA State Champ.)
59th	Bart Brooks	(2007 L.A. Open)
60th	Adrian Costa	(CA State Champ.)
61st	Ray Fogelrund	(2008 L.A. Open)
62nd	Hugh Sconyers	(CA State Champ.)
63rd	Ray Fogelrund	(2009 L.A. Open)
64th	Joe Russell	(CA State Champ.)
65th	Richard Munitz	(2010 L.A. Open)
66th	Malcolm Davis	(CA State Champ.)
67th	Harvey Gillis	(2011 L.A. Open)
68th	Todd Crosner	(CA State Champ.)
69th	Howard Markowitz	(2012 L.A. Open)
70th	Steve Sax	(CA State Champ.)
71st	Ed O'Laughlin	(2013 L.A. Open)
72nd	Ray Fogelrund	(CA State Champ.)
73rd	Ray Fogelrund	(2014 L.A. Open)
74th	Odis Chenault	(CA State Champ.)
75th	Cliff Pappas	(2015 L.A. Open)
76th	Al Hodis	(CA State Champ.)
77th	Paul Baraz	(2016 L.A. Open)
78th	Steve Sax	(CA State Champ.)
79th	2017 c/b you?	(CA State Champ.)

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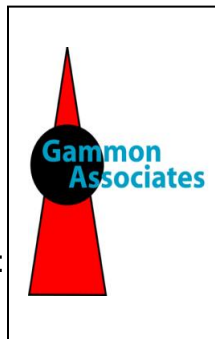
- Ted Chee
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Eligibility Consultants:

- Carol Joy Cole & Barry Silliman

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DEPOSITS: see amounts on the Entry Form; must be postmarked by **NOV. 16, 2017**, the remainder is due at final registration [9 PM Friday night], in **Cash only**. (All deposits are refundable prior to doing the draws on Friday & Saturday.)

RULES:

We will be using the **July 2017 USBGF Tournament Rules & our options**. You can view it or print it from our website:

GammonAssociates.com



We are a **U.S. Backgammon Federation** "Prime Tournament" with **\$900 added money into our "DMP" event**. You can become a member to be eligible to win it. Please support our growing **USBGF.org** backgammon player's organization.

Limited division: each new entrant receives: a USBGF 1-year Introductory Membership, plus a Bill Robertie book. \$100 will be added to the prize monies.

HOTEL

Our venue is **The HILTON at Los Angeles Airport**. Preferred group rate of **\$137/night**. Includes complimentary sleeping room Wi-Fi, fitness center & discounted parking rate of \$12/day with in/out privileges. Or, Valet at \$26/day.

Our event hotel has a cut-off date of **NOV. 16th**. Make your hotel reservations early, to insure you get our group rate. **RESERVE NOW** and cancel later, if necessary.

Make your reservations directly at the phone numbers below. Please use the

group-code = "BKG"

(Backgammon Championship)

RESERVATIONS:

Direct: **310.410.4000**
Toll Free: **1.800.HILTONS**

The HILTON at LAX
5711 West Century Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90045

LAX Transportation

Free 5-minute shuttle ride from LAX to the hotel every 10-15 min. Wait under the **RED (hotel shuttles)** sign outside terminal Baggage Claim.

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December 1-3, 2017

The **HILTON-LAX** Hotel

5711 West Century Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90045
Phone: (310) 410.4000

Please bring your
Backgammon Board



Registration Closes On Friday night at 9:00 pm (For the Open and Advanced divisions only)

TOURNAMENT EVENTS

Our Tournament is on the “**2017 American Backgammon Tour.**”

SUPER-32: High equity, single elimination, all matches **CLOCKED**, 3-rounds on Friday.

Early start 2:00 pm, Late start 6:30 pm.

Paul Dingwell Amateur: for players **not of high championship caliber**; single elimination.

(5% to charity, the “Ronald McDonald House”)

OPEN:** Open to all players. All matches

CLOCKED (see Game clocks).

ADVANCED:** Our middle division. No entrant will be allowed to play below his/her level.

LIMITED:** is for minimal skill level & tournament experience. → **Register or call for approval.**

DMP-(DoubleMatchPt): Continuous entries; If you are a **USBGF member** there's **\$900 added money.**

1st-Rnd

	Entry	% ret.	MxLn	Starts
SUPER-32	\$450	90%	11 pts	Fri. (<i>max 48</i>)
P.D.Amateur	\$220	85%	9 pts	Fri. (<i>max 32</i>)
OPEN **	\$300	85%	11 pts	Sat. (<i>max 64</i>)
Advanced**	\$150	80%	9 pts	Sat. (<i>max 64</i>)
LIMITED **	\$ 60	80%	7 pts	Sat.
DOUBLES	\$200	80%	7 pts	Fri./Sun.
BLITZes	\$ 40	80%	5 pts	all weekend
SENIORS	\$ 50	80%	7 pts	all weekend
DMP (1-Pt)	\$ 20	80%		USBGF added \$900
Jackpots	\$100/\$50	80%	7 pts	Sun. pm

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

Note: side events (e.g. Doubles, BLITZ, DMP, SENIORS) are for players registered in the SUPER-32, P.D.Amateur, OPEN, ADV, or LIMITED, others must pay a one-time tournament fee of \$20.

Please Bring Your Backgammon Board

Gammon Associates reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone, whether to play or to observe.

Mochy's Proficiency Exam: \$20, take it on **Saturday morning, @ 8:30am** (60 minutes). Mochy & Phil lecture the answers on Sunday.

SIDE POOLS: There will be side pools available in Super-32, Open, PD-Amateur, Doubles, & Advanced: 100% return going to the two players in each pool who go the furthest in the event (2/3 to 1st & 1/3 to 2nd). [Side Pool **payout-hierarchy** will be posted for the main divisions.]

GAME CLOCKS: All matches **will be CLOCKED** in the **OPEN, & Super-32** (13sec/2min), & **Doubles** (18sec/2.5min). Digital Clock Rules will be in use (see website). At the Tournament Director's discretion, a clock may be required for any match.

Calcutta Auction: We will AUCTION the OPEN & ADVANCED players to allow you to predict & participate in their successes (85% return, 5% is to charity). Starts 10am Saturday.

2017 American Backgammon Tour: The prize winners (Open/Advanced/Limited) will garner ABT Master Points. This event is a **Non-Smoking Tournament.**

CELL PHONES must be **silent** while matches are in progress. Infractions may cost a penalty point. Please leave the room before answering a **vibrating** phone call.

VIDEO-FRIENDLY: we are supportive of those who want to “record” Open or Advanced level matches. If conflicts, the Director's decision is final.

HOSPITALITY FEE: all players, \$25 includes: Snacks on all three days; coffee & tea on both Sat/Sun mornings, as well as catered goodies.

SENIORS: Continuous entries at \$50 each, 7-point matches. Open to all players 55 years and older. **JUNIORS** \$40 (under 55 years), if there's interest.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday (DEC. 1st)

12:30 pm registration opens (—**Cash only**—)
1:00 pm **DMP & BLITZes. 4-player brackets.**
(5 pts) ---available all three days

"SUPER-32" (limited to 48 players); **"Paul Dingwell Amateur"** (limited to 32 players)

2:00 pm **'Early start', 3-rounds Friday**
3:00 pm **SENIORS 7pts continuous entry**
6:30 pm **'Late start', SUPER-32 3-rounds Fri.**
7:00 pm **'Late start', DINGWELL 3-rounds Fri.**

7:30 pm **DOUBLES** (separate brackets of 8).
(plus, new entries Sunday)

9:00 pm **FINAL registration** closes for OPEN and ADV divisions.
No match started past 11:45 pm.

12:30 am Expected end of play for Friday

Saturday (DEC. 2nd)

8:30 am Mochy's **PROFICIENCY EXAM** 60 min.
9:30 am **Registration: Final cash payments**
10-11:15 am **CALCUTTA AUCTION & buybacks**

"OPEN & ADVANCED" divisions

11:15 am Public drawings both divisions
11:30 am (OPEN) 1st-3rd rounds of play with automatic 2nd Chance and Consolation as matches are completed in the main draw.

5-7:00 pm **Dinner Break (2 hours)**
7:00 pm PLAY continues
MAIN rounds # 4-thru-6,
SECOND CHANCE and Consolation matches as available..
BLITZes & DMP can be played between matches
No match started past 11:45 pm.

"LIMITED" division

12:00 Noon 1st - 4th rounds of play with automatic 2nd Chance & Consolation matches as available.

5-7:00 pm **Dinner Break (2 hours)**
7:00 pm PLAY continues; (the LTD event might **complete** on Saturday night)

12:30 am Expected end of play for Saturday

Sunday (DEC. 3rd)

8:30 am Mochy+Phil **LECTURE on THE ANSWERS**
10:00 am Play continues for all divisions
10:30 am BLITZ's /SR's /DMP cont'd.

12:30 pm **Depending upon interest:**
-**DOUBLES** (8 teams, \$200 per team)
-**Jackpots** \$50, 100, 300

1:00 pm **Semis & Finals for SUPER-32 & Paul Dingwell Amateur**

1:30 pm **BLITZ -- Playoffs** will begin
3:00 pm **FINALS** for all divisions should begin.
7:45 pm Consol., Dbls & Jackpots should be over.

Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Deposit In Full

SUPER-32 \$80 \$450
2pm start **OR** **6:30pm start**
--side pool \$150

PAUL DINGWELL AMATEUR
 \$40 \$220
2pm start **OR** **7pm start**
--side pool \$ 70

OPEN \$60 \$300
--side pool \$100

ADVANCED \$30 \$150
--side pool \$ 50

LIMITED \$10 \$ 60

HOSPITALITY Fee **\$ 25**
(required of all players)

Total submitted: **\$25+**

In order to prepare the Draw & Calcutta (Open & Adv):
Registration must be completed by
Friday night (Dec. 1st) 9:00 pm
(LIMITED players may still register on Saturday)

Payable to:
Gammon Associates-West

Mail to: Candace Mayeron
8117 W Manchester Ave. #284
Playa Del Rey, CA 90293
(Must be postmarked by Nov. 16, 2017)