

SPECIAL EVENTS

WONDER WOMAN'S JACKPOT: - Our Ladies Event. All FIERCE, FABULOUS & WONDERFUL WOMEN who are available to play at 1:00pm on Sunday are welcome. \$50 entry, 90% return. 7 points. A magnificently WONDER-ful trophy will be awarded the WONDER-ful winner. Not clocked.

SPEEDGAMMON: Always a spectator favorite. We will start on Sunday. Open only to those no longer alive in ABT or Jackpot. \$100 entry, 90% return. \$50 Side Pool. 5pts, 8 sec/24 sec.

ROOMMATE PROGRAM: The tournament producer will attempt to pair any requesting attendee with a roommate to cut the cost of the hotel. Please email request to Candace at PipGal@ca.rr.com.

FREE LECTURE: TBD. Light breakfast served to those attending. Friday morning at 9AM.

RAFFLE: A gorgeous, custom FTH board will be raffled off. *Anyone* can win it!

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

PLUS: ZEN CENTER with puzzles to work. MERCHANDISE and MEMORABILIA tables.



STAFF AND RULES

Producer & Organizer: Candace Mayeron
Executive Tournament Director: Patrick Gibson
Tournament Director: Frank Talbot
Events Director & Finances: Ceci Pedroza
Results Director: Jean Mangone
Side Events Manager: Denise Duncan
Tournament Committee: Ted Chee, Neil Kazaross
Eligibility Consultants: Ben Friesen, Neil Kazaross,
Host & Auctioneer: TBD
Onsite USBGF Representative: Julius High / Ed Corey
Video/Streaming: Michael Mesich (USBGF)
Commentator Coordinator: Antoinette Williams

This event is by invitation only. Any registration may be refused for any reason or for no reason.

DEPOSITS: We accept Zelle (to PipGal@ca.rr.com) or check in the mail. Mail to: Candace Mayeron, 8601 Falmouth Ave #417, Playa del Rey, CA 90293.
AFTER JUNE 6: Cash only at the event.
Registrations may be submitted without deposit. Due to tax changes, **WE NO LONGER ACCEPT PAY-PAL or VENMO.**

REFUNDS: **Registration Fee** is refundable until 9pm Wednesday, June 7. **Jackpot & Doubles Entry Deposits** refundable until Noon Thursday, June 8. **ABT Entry Deposits** are refundable until 9pm Thursday, June 8. All times Pacific.

RULES: We use USBGF Tournament Rules. At the Los Angeles Open: Legal moves, Two dice only, Die on checkers is valid (not cocked). Baffle boxes are PER PLAYER (you may use but cannot force.)
DOUBLES: Either player may strike the clock (but not both).

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

—  *Special gratitude to our Angels and Sponsors for their assistance in making this a memorable event.*
— Candace

HOTEL INFORMATION

THE HILTON AT LAX
5711 West Century Blvd, LA, 90045

- ❖ **GROUP RATE: \$150 Single or Double**
- ❖ **DISCOUNTED GUEST PARKING:** \$15/day with in & out privileges; Valet is \$25/day
- ❖ **DISCOUNTED LOCALS PARKING:** \$20/DAY with in & out privileges; Valet is \$25/day

The cut-off date for the Group Rate is the earlier of Wednesday, May 24 or Sold Out.

Check with Candace if problems
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: BGMT

ROOMMATES AVAILABLE!
Email request to Candace

LAX Transportation

Free 5 minute shuttle ride from LAX to the hotel every 10-15 min. Wait at the **RED sign** (Hotel Shuttles) curbside every terminal, *Upstairs* level 2.

Gammon Associates West

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Thursday - Sunday
June 8-11, 2023

MAIN & FIGHTER'S BRACKET

PROGRESSIVE CONSOLATION



*2 chances to win;
3 chances to cash*

MASTERS & AMATEUR JACKPOTS

Ladies, Blitzes, Doubles, DMP, Juniors, Seniors SpeedGammon

Side Pools & Calcutta Auction



Tournament Events

OPEN * Open to all players. **CLOCKED**.
ADVANCED * Experienced, but not ready for Open.
INTERMEDIATES: ** Players with little ABT tournament experience.
No entrant will be allowed to play below his/her level. See website for guidance.

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 7pm.

WONDER WOMAN & SPEEDGAMMON See **SPECIAL EVENTS**, this brochure.

DOUBLES: Brackets of 8 or 16 teams, \$200/team. \$100 SP. *Only* Doubles start time is Thursday night at 7:30 pm. Sign up onsite Thursday. **NO SUNDAY STARTS**. Partners may play solo. **CLOCKED**.

DMP: Continuous entries.

SENIORS: Continuous entries. **60-ish** and over.

JUNIORS **59-ish** and under - born after 1-1-64.

| | Entry | % ret. | 1stRnd | Starts |
|--------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------------|
| MASTERS *** | \$500 | 90% | 11 pts | Thurs |
| PD Amateur | \$240 | 85% | 9 pts | Thurs |
| OPEN * | \$400 | 85% | 11 pts | Fri |
| ADVANCED * | \$180 | 80% | 9 pts | Fri |
| INTERMED ** | \$100 | 80% | 5 pts | Sat |
| DOUBLES | \$200 | 80% | 7 pts | Thurs only |
| WOMEN'S ** | \$ 50 | 90% | 7 pts | Sun |
| SPEEDGMN | \$100 | 90% | 5 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. FINALS will be ONE match only.

** **INTERMEDIATES** -Format will be determined by the number of entrants. May continue to Sunday.

*** A beautiful Gammon Guys doubling cube will be awarded the Intermediate winner. Wonder Woman will receive a Gammon Guys travel board.

*** **JACKPOTS (BOTH)** Bye equity will be adjusted mathematically for equitable \$\$\$ payouts.

Tournament Details

Please bring your backgammon board, precision dice & clock if you have them. Loaners 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". Violators may be penalized -- from penalty points to expulsion with **NO RETURN OF ENTRY FEES**.

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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).

GAME CLOCKS: **CLOCKS ARE REQUIRED** for all matches in the Open & Masters (12sec/2min), Doubles (15sec/3min), and Speedgammon (8sec /24sec). Digital Clock Rules will be in use (See *GA website*). The Tournament Director may require a clock for any match, including INTERMEDIATES.

COVID - At present there is no mask requirement. See "FAQ" on website for up-to-date requirements.

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

VIDEO FRIENDLY: We support recording of matches. Reserve a table near outlets by arrangement with Candace.

SPECTATORS welcome at no charge!

ABT Players must be USBGF members prior to start of event. Join or renew at USBGF.org. Also there is a mandatory \$10 ABT fee per person.

Tournament Schedule

THURSDAY, June 8, 2023

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| 12:30 pm | Doors open - REGISTRATION OPENS |
| 1:00 pm | DMP & Blitzes |
| 2:00 pm | Masters Jackpot "Early" (3 rounds) |
| 2:30 pm | Dingwell Amateur Jackpot "Early" (3 rounds) |
| 3:00 pm | Juniors & Seniors begin |
| 6:30 pm | Masters Jackpot "Late" (3 rounds) |
| 7:00 pm | Dingwell Amateur Jackpot "Late" (3 rounds) |
| 7:30 pm | Doubles (brackets of 8 or 16) (2 or 3 rounds) |
| 11:45 pm | No match starts after 11:45 pm |
| 12:30 am | End of play for Thursday |

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2023

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| 9:00 am | Unfinished Jackpot & Doubles matches resume & FINAL CASH PAYMENTS |
| 9:00 am | Light breakfast / FREE lecture! (Topic TBD) |
| 9:30 am | Registration for OPEN & ADVANCED is closed |
| 10:00 am | CALCUTTA AUCTION Announcements & Buy-backs |
| 12:00 pm | Open - 1st Round play. Re-entries until 4:00 pm. Must complete Round 1 by 7:30 pm |
| 12:30 pm | Advanced -1st Round play. Re-entries same as Open |
| 5-7:30 pm | Dinner break - room will remain open |
| 7:30 pm | Round 2 -Open & Advanced. 2nd Chance begins Consolation matches follow. |
| 9:45 pm | Round 3 - Open & Advanced |
| 1:00 am | End of play & all matches must be completed |

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023

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| 10:00 am | Open & Advanced continue - DMP & Blitzes may be played <i>between matches</i> all day. |
| 10:30 am | Intermediates - Registration closes. Matches begin at 11:00 am. |
| 5-7:30 pm | Dinner break Room will be closed. |
| 7:30 pm | All divisions continue |
| 12:30 am | End of play for Saturday |

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

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| 10:00 am | Open & Advanced & Intermediates continue |
| 10:30 am | Blitz, DMP & Juniors, Seniors continue |
| 11:00 am | Doubles continue |
| 12:00 pm | SEMIFINALS for Masters & Dingwell Jackpots. |
| 1:00 pm | WONDER WOMEN JACKPOT begins |
| 1:00 pm | Blitz and DMP Playoffs |
| 1:30 pm | SPEEDGAMMON begins. Buy-backs to 2:30 pm. |
| 2:00 / 2:30 pm | FINALS : ABT Open & Advanced, Intermed |
| 4:00 / 4:30 approx | FINALS : Masters & Amateur Jackpots |
| 7:00 pm | Estimated END OF PLAY |

Registration Information

Los Angeles Open Thursday June 8 - Sunday June 11,

ABT MAIN EVENT

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| Open \$400 | Side Pool \$150 |
| Advanced \$180 | Side Pool \$60 |
| Intermediates \$100 | No side pool |

JACKPOTS

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| Masters Jackpot \$500 | Side Pool \$150 |
| Dingwell Amateur Jackpot \$240 | Side Pool \$80 |

DOUBLES

Entry fee \$200 (per team) Side Pool \$100
 There will be one bracket of 16 & one bracket of 8
 Make sure you choose the **EARLY START** (Jackpot) (2:00 / 2:30) if you wish to play both a Jackpot *and* the Doubles.

PRO-AM TEAMS: Intermediates or low Advanced pays for team, will be paired with Elite player. See website for details. Arrange directly with Candace. (This is not a separate event.)

PLUS \$30 registration fee (\$50 after May 30th)
\$10 ABT fee for at all ABT events.

TO REGISTER SCAN QR CODE



OR VISIT

www.GammonAssociatesWest.com

IMPORTANT PAYMENT INFORMATION

Due to new tax reporting requirements, we can no longer accept Paypal or Venmo. **We take Zelle, checks in the mail or cash at the event.** Zelle is fast, easy, and always free! Full Zelle registration instructions on the website.

After June 6th Cash Only at Event

TO REGISTER OVER PHONE, CALL

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