

SPECIAL EVENTS

BMAB: Starts and finishes on Wednesday, December 2. Contact Ben Friesen to register. benjamin.a.friesen@gmail.com or cell/text (810) 348-1695.

SUPER JACKPOT - \$1200 entry, \$300 Side. Only start is Thursday at 3:00pm.

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. 5 points. A magnificently WONDERful trophy will be awarded the WONDERful winner. **Clocked.**

SPEEDGAMMON: Always a spectator favorite. Sunday start. Open only to those no longer alive in ABT or Jackpot. \$100 entry, 90% return. \$50 Side Pool. 5pts, **Clocked.** 2 min total/8 sec delay.

ROOMMATE PROGRAM: We 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. Earlier the better.

CALCUTTA AUCTION: Starts 10:00am Friday. We will auction the OPEN & ADVANCED players to allow YOU to participate in their success. (85% return, 5% to charity) **LIGHT BREAKFAST served at 9:30am. Players are strongly encouraged to buy back their % from the Owner.**

FREE FABULOUS LECTURE: TOPIC: TBA. Saturday morning at 9:00am.

PLUS: ZEN CENTER with puzzles, masseuse and other kool stuff. :) Light merchandise will be available for purchase.

STAFF AND RULES

Producer & Organizer: Candace Mayeron
Executive Tournament Director: Patrick Gibson
Tournament Director: Frank Talbot
Intermediates Director: Nelly Jalilvand
Side Events Manager & Finances: Ceci Pedroza
Streaming / Commentary: Nicholas Peters
Associate Producer: John Kinkad
Tournament Committee: Ted Chee, Neil Kazaross, Ben Friesen
Eligibility Consultants: Rory Pascar, Ben Friesen
Calcutta Host & Auctioneer: Ben Friesen

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

DEPOSITS: We accept Zelle to PipGal@ca.rr.com until November 27; or check in the mail by November 24. Mail to: Candace Mayeron, 8601 Falmouth Ave #417, Playa del Rey, CA 90293. Cash only (US \$) thereafter at event. Registrations may be submitted without deposit.

REFUNDS: **Registration Fee** is refundable until 5pm, Tuesday, December 1. **Jackpot entry deposits** refundable until 9am, Thursday Dec 3. **ABT entry deposits** are refundable until 3pm Thursday, December 3. All times Pacific.

RULES: We use 2025 USBGF Tournament Rules. At the CALIFORNIA STATE: Legal moves, Two dice only, Die on checkers is valid (not cocked). Baffle boxes are PER PLAYER (you may use but cannot force.) **English only during all matches except doubles.** **DOUBLES:** With opponent consent, 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.

HOTEL INFORMATION

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

- ❖ **GROUP RATE: \$166** Single or Double
- ❖ **DISCOUNTED GUEST PARKING:** \$35/day with in & out privileges; Valet is \$41/day
- ❖ **DISCOUNTED LOCALS PARKING:** \$27/DAY with in & out privileges; Valet is \$41/day

The cut-off date for the Group Rate is the earlier of Wednesday, Nov 18 or Sold Out. Call Candace if problems or after 11/18
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: **CSCB**

ROOMMATES AVAILABLE!
Email request to Candace

LAX Transportation

Free 5 minute shuttle ride from LAX to the hotel every 20-ish minutes. Wait at the **RED sign** (Hotel Shuttles) curbside every terminal, **Upstairs level 2.**

Gammon Associates West

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WHAT'S HAPPENING! WHO'S PLAYING!



California State BACKGAMMON Championship

**Thursday – Sunday
December 3–6 2026**

Open / Advanced / Intermediates

HOLLYWOOD

Tour LA with your BG friends!

Tuesday
December 1

**Last ABT
of 2026**



Wednesday
December 2



MAIN & FIGHTERS BRACKET

PROGRESSIVE CONSOLATION
2 Chances to win - 3 Chances to cash

MASTERS & AMATEUR JACKPOTS
Calcutta Auction
Side Events

Tournament Events

OPEN Open to all players. **CLOCKED**.
ADVANCED Experienced players, **CLOCKED**. Finals for both Open & Advanced will be 1 match only.
INTERMEDIATES Low level players with little or no ABT tournament experience. Format TBD
No entrant will be allowed to play below his/her level. See website for guidance. Talk to Candace.

MASTERS JACKPOT High equity, single elimination, all matches **CLOCKED**, 3 rounds on Thursday. **Early start 11:00am**. Late start 6:30pm.
AMATEUR JACKPOT For players not of high championship caliber; single elimination. (5% to charity). Early start 1:30pm. Late 7pm. **CLOCKED**
SUPER JACKPOT High equity, single elimination, all matches **CLOCKED**. Only start time is 3:00pm on Thursday. Must complete 2 rounds.
ALL JACKPOTS - Bye equity will be adjusted mathematically for equitable \$\$\$ payouts.

HOLLYWOOD STARS: 12:00 Thurs, 7 pts, \$50 continuous entry all weekend. Replaces Jr & Sr.
WARM-UP: 2pm Thurs, 5 pts, \$50. Starts and finishes Thursday.
KNOCKOUTS: 2pm Fri, 7 pts, Brackets of 4, \$100, \$200 entries.

WONDER WOMAN & SPEEDGAMMON See **SPECIAL EVENTS**, this brochure. **CLOCKED**.
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. Reg closes when full**. Partners may play solo. **CLOCKED**.
DMP: Continuous entries.
BLITZ: Continuous entries.

	Entry	% ret.	1stRnd	Starts
OPEN	\$400	85%	11 pts	Fri
ADVANCED	\$200	80%	9 pts	Fri
INTERMED	\$100	80%	5 pts	Sat
MASTERS	\$500	90%	11 pts	Thurs
AMATEUR	\$240	85%	9 pts	Thurs
SUP JKPT	\$1200	95%	13 pts	Thurs only
WARM-UP	\$50	80%	5 pts	Thurs only
HLLYWD STARS	\$50	80%	7 pts	all weekend
KNOCKOUTS	\$ var	80%	7 pts	all weekend
WOMEN'S	\$ 50	90%	5 pts	Sun
SPEEDGMN	\$100	90%	5 pts	Sun
DOUBLES	\$200	80%	7 pts	Thurs only
DMP	\$20	80%	1 pt	all weekend
BLITZ	\$40	80%	5 pts	all weekend

Tournament Details

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

SPORTSMANSHIP: All players (+ spectators and guests) must 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.

CALCUTTA AUCTION: 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 strongly encouraged to buy back their percent share from their Owner.**

SIDE POOLS: There will be side pools available in all ABT events, Jackpots, Speedgammon and Doubles. 100% return going to the two players in each pool who go the furthest (2/3 to 1st & 1/3 to 2nd). Side pools carry over.

GAME CLOCKS: **CLOCKS ARE REQUIRED** for Open, Advanced and Jackpot matches, (2min/12sec). Doubles (3min/15sec), Wonder Woman (2min/15sec) and Speedgammon (2min/8sec delay). The Tournament Director may require a clock for any match in any division or event.

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

ENGLISH ONLY: Only English may be spoken during a match (except Doubles), including by spectators. **This is strictly enforced.**

SPECTATORS welcome at no charge!

****ABT Players must be USBGF members **prior** to start of event. Join or renew **NOW** at www.USBGF.org. (see website for further details.)

Tournament Schedule

BMAB – WEDNESDAY, December 2, 2026

THURSDAY, December 3, 2026

10:00 am	Doors open - REGISTRATION OPENS
11:00 am	Masters Jackpot "Early" (2-3 rounds)
12:00 pm	HOLLYWOOD STARS - all levels, continuous entry. DMP & Blitzes
1:30 pm	Amateur Jackpot "Early" (3 rounds)
2:00 pm	Warmup starts and finishes on Thursday
3:00 pm	Super Jackpot (2 rounds ending by 6:30pm)
6:30 pm	Masters Jackpot "Late" (3 rounds)
7:00 pm	Amateur Jackpot "Late" (3 rounds)
7:30 pm	Doubles (brackets of 16) (3 rounds or 9am Fri)
11:30 pm	No match starts after 11:30 pm
12:30 am	End of play for Thursday

FRIDAY, December 4, 2026

9:00 am	Unfinished 3rd round matches resume & FINAL CASH REGISTRATION PAYMENTS
9:30 am	Registration for OPEN & ADVANCED is closed
9:30 am	Light breakfast served
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 6:30 pm
12:30 pm	Advanced - 1st Round play. Re-entries same as Open
2:00-5:00	Knockouts - 7pts, 4 players, \$100, \$200. DMP & Blitzes continue all day.
5-7:30 pm	Dinner break – room remains open, play continues
7:30 pm	Round 2 - Open & Advanced. 2nd Chance begins
9:45 pm	Round 3 - Open & Advanced
1:00 am	End of play & all matches must be completed

SATURDAY, December 5, 2026

9:00 am	Free FABULOUS Seminar – TBA
10:00 am	Open & Advanced continue – Consolation matches begin. DMP & Blitzes may be played between matches all day.
10:30 am	Intermediates - Registration and payment close. Matches begin at 11:00 am.
5-7:15 pm	Dinner Break – Room will be closed. No matches.
7:15 pm	All divisions continue
12:30 am	End of play for Saturday

SUNDAY, December 6, 2026

10:00 am	Open & Advanced & Intermediates continue
10:30 am	Blitz, DMP & Hollywood Stars continue
11:00 am	FINALS - Doubles (16 bracket)
12:00 pm	SEMIFINALS for Masters & Amateur Jackpots + FINALS of Super Jackpot
1:00 pm	WONDER WOMEN JACKPOT begins
1:00 pm	Blitz 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 - See you in Dec 2027

Registration Information

California State Championship

BMAB

Contact Ben Friesen to register & pay
benjamin.a.friesen@gmail.com (810) 348-1695

ABT MAIN EVENT

Open \$400	Side Pool \$150
Advanced \$200	Side Pool \$100
Intermediates \$100	Side Pool \$30

JACKPOTS

Masters Jackpot \$500	Side Pool \$150
Amateur Jackpot \$240	Side Pool \$80
Super Jackpot \$1,200	Side Pool \$300

DOUBLES

Entry fee \$200 (per team)	Side Pool \$100
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PRO-AM TEAMS: Intermediate or low Advanced pays for team, will be paired with Elite player. See website for details. Arrange directly with Candace

PLUS \$80 registration fee (\$130 after Nov 24)
Intermediates \$50 registration fee
\$10 ABT fee for everyone registered
\$50 fee if not USBGF current by Nov27

TO REGISTER SCAN QR CODE

OR VISIT

www.GammonAssociatesWest.com



PAYMENT INFORMATION

We take **only** Zelle, checks in the mail (by 11/27/26), or cash at the event. Mail to Candace Mayeron, 8601 Falmouth #417, Playa del Rey, CA 90293. Full Zelle account activation instructions on the website.

After November 27, Cash Only at Event

TO REGISTER OVER PHONE, CALL

Candace Mayeron Phone: 310-422-1646