

SPECIAL EVENTS

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WEST: The USBGF-sponsored event is a blitz format with eight-player brackets of 5 points. Bracket winners play off Sunday the 9th in 7 point matches until there is an overall Western winner. All players regardless where they live, including overseas, are eligible to play for the Western title. Trophy event.

The Eastern event will be held in May at the Cherry Blossom Championship in Virginia. Anyone may participate in either or both events and the two event winners will play for the title "USBGF Grand Champion."

First entry is FREE to all USBGF members, non-members pay \$50. Re-entries are \$50 for everyone. Any level of expertise may participate. 85% return on the entries as prize money, optional side pools with 100% return. Once a player has entered the side pool, s/he keeps that equity across all re-entries. **USBGF sign-ups available all weekend.**

NIGHT AT MAGIC CASTLE: As part of our "magic" theme this Los Angeles Open, 12 people will be able to attend a special dinner and magic programme at Hollywood's iconic Magic Castle on Wednesday evening, June 5th. (It really is a castle!) Home to the Academy of Magical Arts, our host is Art Benjamin, who has been performing there for 18 years. No entrance fee for us, but you'll pay for your own dinner and drinks. You must be able to leave the hotel at 5:00 pm on Wednesday night. See their website for dress code & menus. Reserve space by email with Candace.

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 any requirements (same gender, non-smoker, etc.) plus your check-in date. The earlier the notification, the better.

SHAKE, RAFFLE & ROLL: For the first time ever, we will have a **SUPER RAFFLE**. A \$5 ticket could get you: a brand new FTH board, an original Jon Vietor painting, rare wines, a WEEK AT A BEACHFRONT CONDO IN FLORIDA, a basket of skin-care products and more!! Watch for future Gammon Associates West emails for updates.

**** RESERVE HILTON HOTEL EARLY, GET FREE RAFFLE TICKETS! **** Raffle tickets will be sold at the event: \$5 for one, \$10 for three and \$20 for ten tickets. Early Hilton hotel reservations earn free tickets! (You know you're coming, so you might as well reserve NOW.) All free tkts handed out at event.

Reserve hotel by March 31 for TWENTY free tickets!
Reserve hotel by April 15 for TEN free tickets!
Reserve hotel by May 15 for ONE free tkt!

Raffle drawings will be held Sunday afternoon. You do not need to be present to win. Details at Calcutta.

Staff and Rules

Producer: Candace Mayeron
Director: Patrick Gibson
Tournament Staff: Ben Friesen, Jean Magone, Ceci Pedroza
Tournament Committee: Ted Chee, Neil Kazaross, Frank Talbot
Eligibility Consultants: Carol Joy Cole & Barry Silliman
Auctioneer: Phil Simborg
Video/Streaming: Ben Friesen
Guest Lecturer: Art Benjamin

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

Hospitality Fee is refundable until 9 pm Wednesday, June 5. Entry Deposits are fully refundable prior to doing the draws on Friday. Novice entry fee is refundable till 10am Saturday.

RULES: We use USBGF Tournament Rules effective January 2019. Complete rules are on our website: GammonAssociates.com.

At the Los Angeles Open:

OBLIGATION: Legal moves, Two dice only, Die on checkers is valid (not cocked).

PER PLAYER: Baffle box.

PREFERENCE: Cups with baffle box.



We are a U.S. Backgammon Federation "Prime Tournament" with added money into our "DMP" event.

You can **become a member at the event**. We support the USBGF backgammon players' organization.

Novice division: each new entrant receives a USBGF 1-year Introductory Membership. \$100 will be added to the prize money.

Hotel Information

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

- ❖ GROUP RATE: \$137 Single or Double
- ❖ DISCOUNTED PARKING: \$15+tax/day with in & out privilege; Valet is \$25+tax/day

The cut-off date is **Wednesday MAY 15 for the Group Rate**. Reservations are available NOW. Make your reservations early!

ROOMMATES AVAILABLE!
(See **SPECIAL EVENTS** page)

Make your reservations directly at the phone numbers below. Use group code: BKGM

PHONE RESERVATIONS:
Direct: 310-410-4000
Toll Free: 1-800-HILTONS

LAX Transportation

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

Gammon Associates West

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FACEBOOK page: **California Backgammon Championships**

Gammon Associates West & Gammon Associates present



An ABT Prime Tournament!

featuring . . .

MAIN: Championship, Advanced & Novice minimum 3 chances to cash!

JACKPOTS: Master & Amateur!

USBGF National Championship West

SIDE EVENTS: Doubles, DMP

Screen Legends (Seniors 66+)

Understudies (Juniors born after 1-1-1954)

Knockouts (4-person brackets, winner take all, no playoffs)

FREE lecture by **Art Benjamin**, Backgammon's Mathemagician "Backgammon Shortcuts: Counting Shots, Determining Take/Drop points and more!"

PLUS: a night at the Magic Castle hosted by Art Benjamin!

PLUS: Largest raffle in the history of backgammon--**MULTIPLE WINNERS!!**



Tournament Events

2019 American Backgammon Tour PRIME TOURNAMENT

SUPER-32 MASTERS JACKPOT: High equity, single elimination, all matches **CLOCKED**, 3 rounds on Friday. Early start 2:00pm. Late start 6:30pm.

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

CHAMPIONSHIP:** Open to all players. **CLOCKED**. **ADVANCED**:** Our middle division. No entrant will be allowed to play below his/her level.

NOVICE:** For minimal skill level & tournament experience. →Register or call for approval.

KNOCKOUTS: NEW! \$50 brackets of 4, 80%, 5 pts, no playoffs. Win bracket (2 matches) get \$160.

NAT'L CHAMPIONSHIP WEST: See SPECIAL EVENTS

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

DOUBLES: Brackets of 8 teams, \$200/team. Must be **CLOCKED**. Doubles start time is Friday night at 7:30 pm. Overflow Doubles @ 12:30 pm Sunday if interest. Sunday Doubles not a trophy event.

SENIORS: Continuous entries at \$50 each, 7 pt matches. Open to all players **66** and over.

JUNIORS \$40 (**65** and under - born after 1-1-54.)

	Entry	% ret.	1stRd	Starts
SUPER-32	\$ 450	90	11 pts	Thursday
P.D.Amateur	\$ 220	85	9 pts	Thursday
Championship **	\$ 300	85	11 pts	Friday
ADVANCED**	\$ 150	80	9 pts	Friday
NOVICE **	\$ 60	80	7 pts	Saturday
DOUBLES	\$ 200	80	7 pts	Thurs/Sun
USBGF - NCW	\$ 50	85	5 pts	all weekend
KNOCKOUTS	\$ 50	80	5 pts	all weekend
SENIORS	\$ 50	80	7 pts	all weekend
JUNIORS	\$ 50	80	7pts	all weekend
DMP	\$ 20	80	1pt	all weekend

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

Note: Side events (e.g. Doubles, Knockouts, USBGF-NCW, DMP, SENIORS, JUNIORS) are for players registered in the ABT or Jackpot events. All others must pay a one-time tournament fee of \$20.

SPECTATORS welcome

Tournament Details

Please Bring Your Backgammon Board & Clock

SPORTSMANSHIP: All players (and spectators) should 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 Art Benjamin, backgammon's premier mathematician. An accomplished and witty speaker, Art will speak on backgammon shortcuts for counting shots, determining take/drop points, et al. Sat morning.

SIDE POOLS: There will be side pools available in Super-32 & PD Jackpots, Championship, 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 Nat'l Cps West: Side pool pays two places each (Championship & Advanced) for a total of four side pool payouts in the NCW.

GAME CLOCKS: All matches will be **CLOCKED** in the Championship, Super-32 (12sec/2min+1minOT), & Doubles (15sec/3min). 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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS: We will auction the CHAMPIONSHIP & ADVANCED players to allow you to predict & participate in their successes (85% return, 5% is to charity). Starts 10:30am Saturday.

2019 AMERICAN BACKGAMMON TOUR: Prize winners (Championship/Advanced/Novice) will earn ABT Master Points.

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

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

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

This event is a **NON-SMOKING TOURNAMENT!**

Tournament Schedule

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019

12:30 pm	Doors open - REGISTRATION OPENS
1:00pm	DMP & Knockouts
2:00pm	Super 32 Masters Jackpot "Early" (3 rounds)
2:30pm	Dingwell Amateur Jackpot "Early" (3 rounds)
3:00pm	Juniors & Seniors begin
6:30pm	Super 32 Masters Jackpot "Late" (3 rounds)
7:00pm	Dingwell Amateur Jackpot "Late" (3 rounds)
7:30pm	Doubles (brackets of 8)
9:00pm	REGISTRATION CLOSES for Championship & Adv
11:45pm	No match starts after 11:45 pm
12:30am	End of play for Thursday

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2019

9:00am	Unfinished Jackpot matches resume
9:15am	FREE SEMINAR - Art Benjamin "Shortcuts to Counting Shots & Determining Take/Drop Points"
9:30am	Final cash payments
10:30am	CALCUTTA AUCTION, Announcements & Buy-backs
12:00pm	ABT Championship - 1st Round play - Re-entries until 4:00pm - must complete Round 1 by 7pm
12:30pm	ABT Advanced - 1st Round play - Re-entries same as Championship
5-7:30 pm	Dinner break - room will remain open
7:30pm	Round 2 - Championship & Advanced 2nd Chance begins - Championship & Advanced Consolation matches to follow
10:00pm	Round 3 - Championship & Advanced
12:45am	End of play & all matches must be completed

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019

11:00am	Championship & Adv continue (Main #4) - DMP & KNOCKOUTS played between matches all day
11:30am	Novice Begins
5-7:30 pm	Dinner break - room will be closed
7:30pm	Championship & Advanced continue
12:30am	End of play for Saturday

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019

11:00am	Championship & Advanced continue
11:30am	Knockouts, DMP & Juniors, Seniors continue
12:00pm	Doubles continue & new entries
1:00pm	SEMI-FINALS for Masters & Dingwell Jackpots
1:30pm	\$50 / \$100 / \$300 Knockouts - if interest
2:00pm	NCW and DMP Playoffs
2:30pm	FINALS for all divisions should begin
3:00pm	CONSOLATION FINALS should begin
7:00pm	Expected END OF PLAY
	THANK YOU! See you December 5-8, 2019 for the California State Championship!!!

Entry Form

LOS ANGELES OPEN

Thursday June 6th - Sunday June 9th 2019

Make checks payable to: Gammon Associates West

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

You may send entry form with or without a deposit. All fees must be paid by 10:00 am Friday June 7th - CASH ONLY at the event.

You may snail-mail this form or go online to GammonAssociatesWest.com and register.

Checks in envelopes postmarked after May 30th will not be accepted.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Phone () _____

eMail _____

	Deposit	In Full
SUPER-32 MASTERS JACKPOT	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80	<input type="checkbox"/> \$450
2pm start	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:30pm start	<input type="checkbox"/>
	--side pool	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150
DINGWELL AMATEUR JACKPOT	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$220
2:30pm start	<input type="checkbox"/> 7pm start	<input type="checkbox"/>
	--side pool	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 70
ALAN MARTIN CHAMPIONSHIP	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300
	--side pool	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
ADVANCED	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> 160
	--side pool	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50
PAUL MAGRIEL NOVICE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 60
HOSPITALITY FEE <i>required of all players</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 30
TOTAL SUBMITTED	\$	_____