

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 WONDERful trophy will be awarded the WONDERful winner. Not clocked.

SPEEDGAMMON: Always a 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.

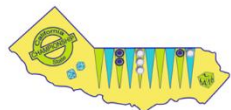
FREE LECTURE: TBD. Light breakfast served to those attending. Friday morning at 9AM.

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, before Nov 24. **AFTER DEC 4: Cash only at the event.** Registrations may be submitted without deposit. Due to tax changes, **WE NO LONGER ACCEPT PAYPAL or VENMO.**

REFUNDS: **Registration Fee** is refundable until 9pm Wednesday, Dec 6. **Jackpot & Doubles Entry Deposits** refundable until Noon Thursday, Dec 7. **ABT Entry Deposits** are refundable until 9pm Thursday, Dec 7. All times Pacific.

RULES: We use 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.) **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: \$140** Single or Double
- ❖ DISCOUNTED GUEST PARKING: \$20/day with in & out privileges; Valet is \$30/day
- ❖ DISCOUNTED LOCALS PARKING: \$20/DAY with in & out privileges; Valet is \$30/day

The cut-off date for the Group Rate is the earlier of Wednesday, Nov 14 or Sold Out.

Check with Candace if problems - she ALWAYS makes it work!

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: BGAM**

ROOMMATES AVAILABLE!

Email request to Candace

LAX Transportation

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

Gammon Associates West

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46th California State Championship

**Thursday - Sunday
December 7-10 2023**

Open / Advanced / Intermediates

Last ABT of 2023!



MAIN & FIGHTERS BRACKET

PROGRESSIVE CONSOLATION

2 Chances to win - 3 Chances to cash

MASTERS & AMATEUR JACKPOTS

**Calcutta Auction
Side Events**

Can you find Wonder Woman?

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 1:00pm. Late start 6:30pm.
DINGWELL AMATEUR JACKPOT*** for players not of high championship caliber; single elimination. (5% to charity). Early start 1:30pm. Late start 7pm.

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

DOUBLES: Brackets of 16 teams, \$200/team. \$100 Side Pool. **Only** Doubles start time is Thursday at 7:30 pm. Sign up onsite Thursday. 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 *	\$200	80%	9 pts	Fri
INTERMED **	\$120	80%	7&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** - ABT event. Format will be determined by the number of entrants. May continue to Sunday.

*** **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, Intermediates, Doubles, Wonder Woman & Speedgammon**. 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, December 7, 2023

12:00 pm	Doors open - REGISTRATION OPENS
1:00 pm	DMP & Knockouts
1:00 pm	Masters Jackpot "Early" (3 rounds)
1:30 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 16) (3 rounds or 9am Fri)
11:45 pm	No match starts after 11:45 pm
12:30 am	End of play for Thursday

FRIDAY, December 8, 2023

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
5-7:00 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 9, 2023

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

SUNDAY, December 10, 2023

10:00 am	Open & Advanced & Intermediates continue
10:30 am	Knockouts, 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	Knockout 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

CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP Thursday Dec 7 - Sunday Dec 10, 2023

American Backgammon Tour (ABT) EVENTS

Open \$400	Side Pool \$150
Advanced \$200	Side Pool \$100
Intermediates \$120	Side Pool \$30

JACKPOTS

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

PLUS \$30 registration fee (\$50 after Nov 30th)
\$10 ABT fee for 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 December 4th Cash Only at Event

No checks after Nov 24th

TO REGISTER BY PHONE, CALL

Candace Mayeron

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